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*Inquisitive minds
have a new place
to explore*



Celebrating successes and looking to the future

Fr. Gabriel Zeis, T.O.R. '75

We gathered together to give thanks to God who had blessed our labors. It is always with thankfulness that we come together for the dedication of a building, and that is what we did on a beautiful late summer afternoon this past September. We dedicated our new Science Center, a beautiful state-of-the-art facility that will allow our students and faculty to engage in dynamic learning, a place where students will come together from various disciplines of science to find a synergy in learning.

Buildings do not suddenly appear; they are envisioned, planned, dreamed about and finally funded. They are nurtured along, shepherded, with plans revised and altered, and they are finally made into a place of construction, where blood, sweat and even tears transform an idea into reality. On September 6, 2013, the University community, joined by friends and alumni, donors and students, celebrated a grand achievement of epoch proportion, the expansion of our academic vista at Saint Francis University. As you will note, I moved away from simply describing the cutting of a ribbon at a new building to the unveiling of new teaching, learning, and educational outcomes by our students and faculty. The building is only the means to a greater end, that being student success and accomplishment.

Over the last ten years there has been a concerted effort to envision the future of Saint Francis University. This plan engaged the powerfully strong vision and mission of the University as a Catholic and Franciscan institution of higher learning; it incorporated




and integrated the goals of Franciscan Higher Education in its curriculum and extra-curricular activities. This being the rock foundation upon which everything at Saint Francis University is built. It led us to a capital campaign that has focused on the advancement of the academic programs of the University through an aggressive plan to upgrade its academic facilities. This was accomplished first through the development of the DiSepio Institute for Rural Health and Wellness and is evidenced once more in the completion of the new Science Center. We will continue this strategic vision as we transform Schwab Hall into the home of our School of Business and renovate Sullivan Hall to become the home for the School of Health Sciences. This truly is the last and final phase of our Capital Campaign inaugurated shortly after I assumed the role of president.

Our new strategic plan continues to build a future that will enhance our academic programs, as it takes as its theme: Francis 2020. It's first and foremost expectation is to create

transforming experiences for our students. We will want them to find their lives transformed by the mission and values of our institution, we will want them to find the power of a vital faith-life as they come to know the person of Jesus Christ who was so significant in the life of St. Francis of Assisi. We will want them to have opportunities to grow through our ongoing and developing partnerships and collaborative relationships with businesses, alumni, and other institutions, such as hospitals and other educational institutions. We will want them to find places on campus where they will engage with one another and with faculty and staff to learn, to share, to grow. We will want them to have an affordable education, one that gives them every opportunity to learn free of the oppressive fear of high costs and imponderable debt. Yes, our new strategic plan will allow us to engage institutional planning and thinking out of the context of Francis the Educator, Francis the Collaborator, Francis the Builder and Francis the Steward.

Yes, we have much to celebrate and we have much to look forward to. I personally want to thank you, our readers, for your constant support of the University, through your financial contributions, time spent in service to the University, and through your prayers. All of these generous acts of support have made us strong and successful.

But again, we are most thankful for God's many blessings and constant grace that has allowed us to face our adversities with confidence and trust that God will always make Saint Francis University the right place for many, many students, now and in the future. 

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Inquisitive minds have **A New** **Place to Explore**

New Science Center increases student learning opportunities

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The first day of school was extra special for students whose classes were held in the newly opened Science Center. Situated on the campus mall, between Schwab Hall and the Immaculate Conception Chapel, the building is now home to the School of Sciences and also houses many foundation courses for the health sciences programs. As students entered the massive 70,000 square foot building, they encountered its modern design and seemingly limitless possibilities. “It’s a beautiful building that will make learning a lot more fun,” said Dallas Mosier, sophomore chemistry major.

Study, learn, and engage

The new, state-of-the-art classrooms will greatly enhance student learning. The labs and classrooms are arranged so that students move seamlessly from learning to application. They conduct experiments in spaces that are much larger than typical science labs. Dr. Edward Zovinka, professor of chemistry, helped to oversee the construction of the new building. He is passionate about the opportunities the building brings to students. “There’s more space in the new building. It enables us to do more research and enhance students’ learning experiences.”

Many of the labs are specialized and include a cell culture lab, multi-species animal rearing rooms, a dark room, a cold room, and a nuclear magnetic resonance lab. Students appreciate the work they are able to do in the new lab spaces. “These labs are very sophisticated and contain equipment relevant to our majors,” said Frank Youmbi, junior chemistry major.

Brandon Herman, junior chemistry major, finds the new labs easy to use. “Our lab instruments used to be scattered



Paige Mundy, biology major, is using dry ice to freeze plant cultures in one of the new biology labs. Students assigned to the lab zones are able to work on their individual experiments outside of class time.



Undergraduate Research: In one of the Science Center's informal gathering zones, students present their recent projects with the aid of posters they created. The posters are later displayed in the hallways outside of the classroom/lab zones.

“Space for faculty-led research, hands-on instruction and outreach formed the pillars of design for this building.”

—Dr. Charles MacVean

throughout the old building. Now they are all organized in the appropriate labs making it easier to set up experiments.”

Outside of the labs, science is on display throughout the building, allowing students to watch, learn, and experiment. A dynamic soil-strata display is located on the ground floor.

It models groundwater flow, environmental remediation, and pollution events. A 1,500 gallon salt-water aquarium is located on the first floor. Visitors to the building can watch fish swim around the beautiful tank, while marine biology students gain first-hand experience taking care of the tank and their finned friends.

The Science Center also brings improved learning opportunities for the community. There are classrooms designated for teaching and research for regional outreach programs. The new science outreach facilities will allow Saint Francis to be more involved with Pennsylvania teachers and school children in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) areas, helping to engage the best energy and talents.

Dr. Charles MacVean, dean of the School of Sciences, feels strongly that the building will meet students’ and the



Celebrating success: Donors and dignitaries visited the completed Science Center on September 6, to officially bless and dedicate the building that they helped make a reality.

community's needs. "Space for faculty-led research, hands-on instruction, and outreach formed the pillars of design for this building. With those components in place it is incumbent upon us to fully realize the vision of the building."

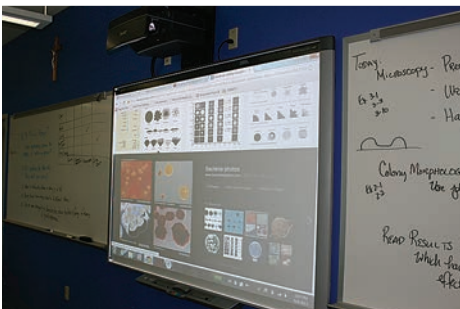
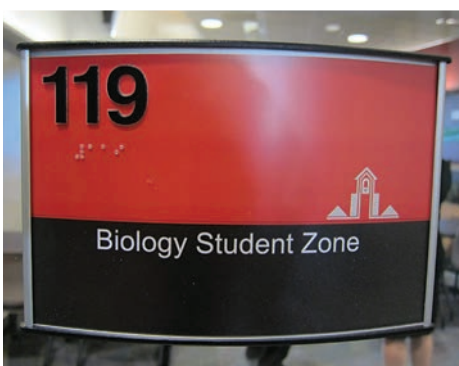
Beautiful, student-centric spaces

When students aren't in classes, they have plenty of space to make themselves at home. They can be found each day lounging on the large s-shaped couches in the common areas, chatting with other students, and reviewing notes from class. Surrounding them are the building's brightly colored walls and floors. Natural light streams in through all the windows and the building's atrium. The abundant number of windows

allow for spectacular views. Students can peer out windows on any of the four sides of the building for amazing views of campus, the DeGol football field, and Loretto.

Many students utilize the student study zones to work on problems and formulas with classmates. These special zones are located on each floor of the building and include comfortable chairs and desks, white boards to write out formulas, and secure space to store books and backpacks. Students gather in the rooms to study, research, and chat with other students studying the same discipline. "The study zones are great. They give us another place to be able to study together that isn't our room or the library," said Rachel Robinson, biology/ pre-medicine major.

Programs through our School of Sciences: Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Engineering/ Environmental Engineering, Mathematics, Pre-Professional (chiropractic, dentistry, medicine, pharmacy, veterinary), and coming soon: Petroleum and Natural Gas (2014)



Cross-discipline spaces:
Students in both the sciences and health sciences benefit from the new classroom/lab spaces. Many other majors will also find themselves using the state-of-the-art equipment as part of their general education curriculum.





Interaction is key: Dr. Ed Zovinka speaks with a student about a formula in his visitor-friendly office space.

Blessing and dedication


Science Center construction began in May of 2012, through the vision and energy of university president, Fr. Gabriel Zeis, T.O.R. He wanted a place that would encourage studying in STEM fields, but more importantly he wanted the building to be student and technology-centric. He made sure students and faculty had input on the design of the \$21.5 million building.

Fr. Zeis' vision came to life as the doors to the building were opened for the first day of classes for the 2013-14 year, and with the official blessing and dedication on September 6. More than 250 students, faculty, and dignitaries gathered to celebrate and tour the Center. Doors to the Center will continue to open for generations of inquisitive minds who want to explore the world around them.

The Science Center was the second phase of the three-phased capital campaign to invest in the sciences and health sciences. The first phase, The DiSepio Institute for Rural Health and Wellness, was completed in April 2009. The third phase, the renovation of Sullivan Hall, will better serve the needs of health sciences students and will commence shortly.

A similar plan to renew Schwab Hall, transforming it into the home for the School of Business, is currently underway.

Top 10 reasons to love the new Science Center

- 1. It's actually designed for science:** Each floor was constructed with discipline-specific spaces where students and faculty can work side-by-side. The classrooms are connected to discipline labs that hold new equipment to help enhance research. The rooms also have audio-visual equipment that allow students to view computer or Smart board projections as well as material the professor writes on a white board.
- 2. Plenty of natural light:** Students have a bright future in this building! Natural light streams in from the atrium atop the building and from the plentiful windows located throughout the Center. Light can also be maximized or minimized depending on the research need.
- 3. Science on display:** From the ground floor's soil-strata display, to the barometric pressure weather-coded LED lights on the roof, to the 1,500 gallon salt-water aquarium, students can watch science in action at every turn.
- 4. Student spaces:** Dedicated student study zones that were designed by the students make learning fun. They can securely store their belongings while they encourage each other's learning in collaborative work spaces.
- 5. Sustainability:** St. Francis would be proud of this! The building boasts three rain gardens that reuse rain water for plants. Lights in the building are on timers/ sensors so that lights will turn off when no one is in a room. Energy costs in the building are reduced by an energy recovery unit that extracts heat/ cool air before blowing it out of building. Speaking of energy use, screens on the ground floor show in real-time how much energy the building is consuming.
- 6. Focus on community:** The back of the building opens into the town of Loretto, making the Science Center the campus' new front doors to the community. The informal gathering zones and the Science Outreach Center rooms/ classrooms will better serve the community and STEM initiatives.
- 7. Lots of space:** Oversized classrooms and labs, plus a conference room on each floor helps give students in each discipline a chance to learn and engage.
- 8. You'll know where you are at all times:** In case the modern lab equipment doesn't tip you off, classroom walls are painted red while lab walls are painted blue.
- 9. Flexible design:** Instrument rooms are connected to chemistry labs, monitors pop out of desks in the computer science area. There are lots of fun ways the spaces were made flexible!
- 10. Collaborative research space:** Faculty have visitor-friendly desks and offices so that students can stop in to talk about research or a formula from class. 



Formal and informal spaces:

The Science Center promotes collaborative research and learning because students have formal and community spaces to gather and study.



We want to thank the following benefactors for their support to the Science Center: Peter and Suzy Shields; State Senator John N. Wozniak (PA-35); The DeGol Family and The DeGol Family Foundation; and Joseph '58 and Marguerite '60 (Scharpf) DiSepio, and more than 200 alumni and friends who supported the project. We also want to thank Lawrence Giannone '72, vice chairman of the board of trustees; The Very Reverend Richard Davis, T.O.R. '74, chairman of the board; Reverend Gabriel J. Zeis, T.O.R. '75, president; the Honorable Edward Rendell; and Pennsylvania Governor Tom Corbett for their support.

For information about the remaining Capital Campaign projects, the renovations of Schwab and Sullivan Hall, please contact Robert Crusciel '86, vice president for advancement, at 814-472-3021 or rcrusciel@francis.edu.



New Franciscan Studies Endowment



The Rev. Gabriel J. Zeis, T.O.R. Endowment

In Franciscan Studies and Roman Catholic Theology

Thanks to the commitment of a generous alumnus, the University recently established The Rev. Gabriel J. Zeis, T.O.R. Endowment in Franciscan Studies and Roman Catholic Theology.

The fund began as a result of the commitment of Lou DiCerbo '59, CLU, ChFC, of Manhasset, New York. DiCerbo supports his alma mater's Catholic Franciscan mission. DiCerbo partnered with the University to design an endowment that will reach out to those who share affinity with the distinct mission of the University's patron saints, St. Francis of Assisi and St. Clare, as well as Dorothy Day.

(Day was a Catholic social activist whose name adorns the university's peace and justice center. A proposal for Dorothy's Canonization for Sainthood was put in place by John Cardinal O'Connor in 1993. In 2012, Timothy Cardinal Dolan endorsed the cause which helped advance Dorothy on the local and national level.)

The goal of this endowment is to:

- promote activities that reflect the works of St. Francis, St. Clare and Dorothy Day
- attract national Franciscan and Roman Catholic scholars to campus
- develop a professor-in-residence program
- offer workshops for faculty, staff and students
- reach out to all people of good faith who promote shared values
- encourage faculty, staff, and students to journey to Assisi, Italy for a guided program to further their understanding of the University's mission through exposure to the roots and sources of Franciscan tradition.

For more information on how you may support this endowment, contact the Office of Advancement at 814-472-3021.

Suggested *Reading*

An Unbreakable Bond: The Brotherhood of Maurice Stokes and Jack Twyman

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The following excerpts are from Pat Farabaugh's forthcoming biography of Saint Francis legend Maurice Stokes.

Stokes led Saint Francis to National Invitation Tournament appearances in March of 1954 and 1955. As a senior in 1955, he captured Most Valuable Player honors at the event. "In 20 years of (Madison Square) Garden play, court greats of all eras have appeared on its polished boards," wrote sportswriter Lawrence Robinson of the New York World Telegram. "None could surpass the all-around perfection of the 6-6 western Pennsylvania giant."

The first game for the Frankies at the 1955 NIT was a Saturday night match-up with Seton Hall. The Pirates boasted one of the best backcourts in the country in Richie Gaines and Ed Petrie, but Gaines would miss the tournament because of a back injury. With the Pirates' leading scorer out, Saint Francis head coach Skip Hughes believed his team held an advantage on the perimeter. And on the inside, the coach knew that Honey Russell's squad presented no serious scoring or rebounding threat to rival Stokes. So did Russell, who had traveled to Altoona to scout Stokes and the Frankies in their regular-season finale at the Jaffa Mosque a week earlier. Odds-makers tabbed Saint Francis a five-point favorite.

It was Seton Hall, however, that jumped on the Frankies early, building an 11-2 lead just two minutes into the game. A three-point play by Stokes ended the Pirates' rally and a jumper by Jim McClellan with seven minutes to go before halftime spotted SFC to its first advantage, 25-24. With the

"An Unbreakable Bond" to be released later this year

Pat Farabaugh's book, "An Unbreakable Bond: The Brotherhood of Maurice Stokes and Jack Twyman," will be released in November. Published by St. Johann Press in Haworth, New Jersey, the book chronicles Stokes' life and accomplishments. It also details Twyman's selflessness and compassion following an accident in an NBA game in 1958 that left Stokes paralyzed and under hospital care until his death in 1970.

Farabaugh is an assistant professor of communications at Saint Francis and served as sports information director at the University from 1999 to 2005. The book's release coincides with the 60th anniversary of the Saint Francis men's basketball team's first National Invitation Tournament appearance (1953-54).

game tied at 28, Stokes scored seven points in a 10-0 SFC run. The Frankies' big man picked up his third foul shortly before halftime, however, and went to the bench for the remainder of the second period.

Seton Hall tied the game at 70 early in the fourth period,

but the Frankies made key plays down the stretch to win, 89-78. Stokes finished with 29 points, 20 rebounds and five assists, much to the delight of most of the 16,812 fans at the Garden. He did not get whistled for a foul in the second half. Gene Ward of the Newark News wrote that the "Pittsburgh boy staged a performance which gives him a running start for individual honors in the tourney."

Back at Saint Francis, two courageous students called on the Rev. Xavier Crowley, president of the College, moments after the game ended. They hoped that the Franciscan priest had stayed up to listen to the game on the radio (he had) and suggested to Crowley that he consider canceling classes on Monday of the following week so that students who were interested could travel to New York to cheer on the Frankies in their second-round NIT game that evening. Crowley liked

They blared car horns following the win and the College's chapel bells rang in unison with the sound of the automobiles.

the idea. There would be no classes in session at Saint Francis College on Monday, March 15, 1955.

Saint Francis' second-round opponent was eighth-ranked Holy Cross and the challenge for the Frankies was a daunting one. Head coach Buster Sheary's Crusaders had won the NIT a year earlier. The game pitted Stokes against Holy Cross' center Tom Heinsohn. The Crusaders' junior big man had scored 45 points in his team's three NIT games in 1954. Heinsohn led Holy Cross in scoring, rebounding and assists and, along with Stokes, would earn All-American honors at season's end. The future Boston Celtics star's presence, however, did not intimidate Hughes. "Let's see what he can do against Stokes," he told reporters.

Saint Francis built a 28-20 lead before the Crusaders figured out the Frankies' zone defense, outscoring SFC, 14-4, to take a 34-32 lead into the half. In the locker room at the intermission, Stokes suggested to Hughes that the team switch to man-to-man defensive coverage, which it usually played. He told his coach he wanted to guard Heinsohn. "We've got the worst zone defense in the country and we've used it only three times this year, but I had to gamble with it," said Hughes when asked about his first-half strategy. "I didn't want to use him (Stokes) to guard Heinsohn because Maurice would have had three or four fouls on him in the first half."

The switch allowed Stokes to settle into a more comfortable routine and establish more offensive rhythm. He played the last five minutes of the game with four fouls, but continued to attack the basket. Late in the game, Stokes and Heinsohn crashed to the floor while battling for a loose ball. "We saw Stokes enraged for the first time in his college career in the



SAINT FRANCIS' MAURICE STOKES COLLECTION

Head coach Skip Hughes (left) chats with his point guard, **Emil Wandishin**. Hughes coached the Frankies to the NIT three times (1954, 1955, 1958). Wandishin transferred to Saint Francis from Long Island University in 1952. He graduated from the College with Stokes in May of 1955 and was the team's starting point guard on the school's first two NIT squads.

Saint Francis was invited to participate in the National Invitation Tournament for the first time in school history in the spring of 1954. Stokes (third from right) and his teammates boarded a bus in Altoona on the morning of March 7, 1954, and arrived in New York City early that evening.



SAINT FRANCIS ATHLETICS

late stages,” wrote Altoona Mirror sports editor Phil Short. “Heinsohn, who had been giving Stokes some rough treatment with holding and pushing tactics throughout the hectic struggle, tangled with Maurice in a scrimmage for possession of the ball. For a few seconds, it appeared the audience was going to get a preview of tomorrow’s upcoming Garden fight.”

Heinsohn edged Stokes as the game’s high scorer (28 to 21) and rebounder (23 to 22), but the Frankies eliminated the defending NIT champs with a 68-64 victory. Back in Loretto, Saint Francis students were ecstatic. They blared car horns following the win and the College’s chapel bells rang in unison with the sounds of the automobiles. “Indescribable” was how one school official recalled the scene.



After graduating from Saint Francis in May of 1955, Stokes played three years (1955-58) in the National Basketball Association with the Rochester/Cincinnati Royals (now the Sacramento Kings). During the Royals’ final regular-season game in his third year in the NBA, Stokes fell awkwardly and hit his head hard off the floor against the Minneapolis Lakers. He was knocked unconscious, but returned to action at the Minneapolis Auditorium moments later. The Royals won the game behind 24 points and 19 rebounds from Stokes. The team then headed to Detroit for a first-round playoff game against the Pistons.

During the train ride to Detroit, Stokes began experiencing flu-like symptoms. He became nauseous during a workout Friday afternoon but continued to practice. That evening, he called his parents. “He told his mother that he was O.K., but she didn’t think his voice sounded the same,” said his father, Terro. Around midnight, Stokes woke up in a hot sweat and opened a window in his room at Detroit’s Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel to allow in some cooler air.

When he woke up the following morning, Maurice was feeling a little better. He and his teammates ate a late-morning breakfast at a coffee shop in the hotel and then relaxed in

their rooms before heading to a restaurant across the street for their pregame meal. The players then hailed taxis for the short trip from the Sheraton-Cadillac to the University of Detroit Memorial Building.

Stokes received his usual pregame muscle rubdown after arriving at the arena. He would request another at halftime, which was unusual. Less than an hour before tip-off, he and teammate Jim Paxson both became nauseous and vomited. Royals center Clyde Lovellette also complained of an upset stomach. Cincinnati head coach Bobby Wanzer assumed they were suffering from a stomach virus of some sort, or perhaps food poisoning.

Cincinnati’s “Big Three” – Stokes, Lovellette and forward Jack Twyman – never established any rhythm in a 100-83 loss to the Pistons. Twyman scored just 13 points and Lovellette netted 15, well below the 22.1 points he averaged against Detroit during the regular season. Stokes scored 12 points and grabbed 15 rebounds. He appeared sluggish throughout the game, bungling a number of passes and failing to run the court on several fast breaks. “Maurice wasn’t himself,” said Paxson. “After watching him play 70 some games, you knew what he could do and what he couldn’t do.” Royals owner Les Harrison also recognized that there was something wrong with his go-to player. “He looked very weak. He shot a few airballs, had no energy on the boards. This was a guy who could jump over Bill Russell and he wasn’t leaving his feet.”

In the locker room after the playoff loss, Stokes tried to lift his teammates’ spirits. “Well that’s one by the boards,” he told them. “Let’s forget about it and start thinking about how we’re going to lick them in Cincinnati tomorrow.” Game two of the playoff series was scheduled for the Cincinnati Gardens the following afternoon. After returning to the hotel, Stokes and several of his teammates walked across the street to the restaurant where they had eaten before the game and ordered steaks and some beers. Around 7:30, the team boarded a bus and headed for Ypsilanti-Willow Run Airport. Stokes appeared to be feeling better. “He didn’t say anything about

NBA introduces Twyman-Stokes Teammate-of-the-Year Award

By Pat Farabaugh

When Jack Twyman died in May of 2012, longtime civil rights activist Jesse Jackson challenged the NBA to introduce a humanitarian award to honor all that Twyman did to help Maurice Stokes following the accident that left the former Saint Francis basketball star paralyzed.

"Jack Twyman deserves huge respect high in the annals of sports history as a social transformer," said the two-time Democratic presidential nominee. "The Jack Twyman and Maurice Stokes story deserves a much higher level than it's ever received. What Jack Twyman did in 1958 was three years after Martin Luther King came on the scene, five years before the March on Washington and six years before the Civil Rights Act of 1964. He is a guy who embraces and adopts a black brother. Jack Twyman-Maurice Stokes is a huge story of decency and dignity. The NBA would do itself a favor to name a Jack Twyman-Maurice Stokes award."

Earlier this year, the NBA did just that. On June 9, NBA commissioner David Stern presented the inaugural Twyman-Stokes Teammate-of-the-Year Award to Detroit Pistons guard Chauncey Billups shortly before tip-off of game two of the 2013 NBA Finals between the Miami Heat and San Antonio Spurs. The award recognizes the NBA player deemed "the best teammate based on selfless play, on and off-court leadership as a mentor and role model to other NBA players, and commitment and dedication to his team."

"The relationship shared by Jack and Maurice is as profound an illustration of compassion and unconditional fellowship between two teammates



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NBA commissioner David Stern (left) and Jack Twyman's son, Jay (center), present the inaugural Twyman-Stokes Teammate-of-the-Year Award to Chauncey Billups.

that the NBA has ever seen," said Stern before presenting the award to Billups. "What better way to honor the lifelong bond that developed between them then by establishing an award in their honor that recognizes friendship and selflessness among teammates."

Billups was one of 12 finalists for the award. Finalists were selected by a panel of "NBA legends." This list of a dozen players was then presented to league players for voting. Players were not allowed to vote for their own teammates. "Older players like myself, and the younger guys, need to know this story," said Billups. "The story is the most unbelievable story that I have ever heard in sports."

being ill," said teammate Dick Ricketts. "It was just more or less talk about the game."

As the trip progressed, however, Maurice became light-headed. "Halfway out to the airport, he asked me if he could sit next to the window because he was feeling bad," said Ricketts. "He opened the window a little bit. He was woozy, just like a guy who was drunk." Twyman carried Stokes' bag

into the airport. Wanzer took Maurice's ticket and checked him in for the American Airlines flight to Cincinnati.

Ricketts accompanied Stokes into one of the airport's restrooms, where Maurice vomited twice. Several of his teammates suggested he stay in Detroit, go see a doctor, and catch a flight in the morning. The flight from Detroit to Cincinnati was roughly an hour and Stokes told them he thought he

could make it. “I figured I could stick it out until we got to Cincinnati.”

He took a seat in the rear of the plane, a turboprop Electra. Twyman and Richie Regan sat in the row of seats in front of Maurice and Ricketts sat next to him in an aisle seat. Minutes after the plane was airborne, Stokes asked Ricketts if he would change seats so that he could stretch out. Roughly 10 minutes into the flight, Maurice became violently ill. He began bleeding through his mouth and ears and vomited repeatedly. His body was also convulsing.

“He had broken out in a tremendous hot sweat,” recalled Twyman. “It was as if someone had grabbed him by the head and dunked him in a swimming pool. His Harris Tweed sports coat was soaking wet.” Stokes’ breathing also became shallow. “His eyes rolled back in his head,” said Paxson. “He was gagging and incoherent,” recalled Regan. “He couldn’t speak.”

Several of Stokes’ teammates carried him to the rear of the plane and stretched him out across the back seat. They loosened his tie, wrapped him in blankets, and placed wet towels on his forehead and neck. Stokes began gagging on the saliva and mucus that was collecting in the back of his throat. Flight attendant Jeanne Phillips rushed to give him oxygen through a mask.

Harrison, Wanzer and NBA president Maurice Podoloff,

“He was as close to being dead as any human could be and still be alive.”

—Jack Twyman

who was traveling with the team, discussed whether to return to Detroit or continue on to Cincinnati. They decided that the plane should proceed to Cincinnati because there was a hospital very close to the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Airport. The pilot radioed ahead and asked that an ambulance be standing by at the airport to transport Stokes to Saint Elizabeth’s Hospital.

When the plane landed, the ambulance was parked next to the team’s gate. Its red flashing lights reflected off the rain-soaked runway. It took eight of his teammates to carry the limp and feverish Stokes off the plane and load him into the ambulance. His legs dangled out of the back of the vehicle before paramedics folded them inside and closed the doors.



“I benefited much more from being associated with Maurice than Maurice benefited by being associated with me,” said Jack Twyman, who worked tirelessly for more than a decade to raise money for his friend and former teammate’s medical bills.

He was rushed to Saint Elizabeth’s, arriving shortly before midnight. Ricketts and Regan traveled with him in the ambulance and stayed with him at the hospital overnight.

Stokes’ brain had swollen as a result of the fall against Minneapolis, and the change in the airplane’s cabin pressure during the flight was believed to have worsened his condition. “When we got to the hospital,” said Regan, “the doctors said he might not last the night.” As the swelling increased, Maurice’s motor system shut down. “He couldn’t open his eyes, he couldn’t move,” said Twyman. “He was as close to being dead as any human could be and still be alive.”

Doctors packed Stokes in ice bags to battle a fever that had spiked to 106 degrees. They performed a tracheotomy, cutting an opening in his throat and inserting an air tube directly into his windpipe so he could breathe. Maurice, who had been semi-conscious up to this point, couldn’t swallow because of the fluid that had collected in the back of his throat. Another tube was inserted into one of his nostrils. It was pushed down through his esophagus and into his stomach in order to feed him. A third tube was placed in his mouth and suctioned out the fluid gathering in his throat. “It’s a case now of trying to keep him alive,” said Dr. Ben Hawkins. 🏠



Celebrating

five years abroad

*Abandoned 11th century French monastery
transformed into popular study-abroad destination*

WRITTEN BY | *Amanda Stoeckl Drumm '03, '08(M)*

Parlez vous Français? That may be the most French many of our students know prior to their travels to Ambialet, France; yet that has not been a deterrent for many of our collegiates who, for the past five years, have jumped continents to study at our site in Ambialet. Saint Francis students continue to fearlessly trek to the hilltop, castle-like monastery to learn, explore, and gain a broader understanding of the world.

The stone building they call home was lovingly restored by the University with hopes that our students seize the opportunity to spend part of their college days embracing another culture. This past spring the program celebrated its fifth anniversary. Since its inception, more than 200 students have called the turreted expanse home for at least a semester.

The road to France

At the beginning of his tenure, Fr. Gabriel Zeis, T.O.R., president, wanted to give our students a place to be able to study abroad. He wanted students to feel at home in the dwelling even though they would be an ocean and thousands of miles away. He enlisted the help of now retired Dr. Vincent Remillard, professor emeritus, to help him build a successful study abroad program. Dr. Remillard inquired about sites in France owned by the Franciscan Third Order Regular (T.O.R.s), and consequently visited France to get a first-hand glimpse of the locations.

When he entered the town of Ambialet for a site visit, Dr. Remillard felt an immediate connection to the village and

Opposite page: Students call this restored monastery home during their stay in Ambialet.

to the overgrown monastery. He saw the beauty that lurked beneath the stone building's squeaky hinges and deteriorating floors. He stepped out onto its courtyard and, perched from the hilltop, saw amazing views of the Tarn River and the small town of Ambialet below. "The site grabbed my soul, a spiritually uplifting, serene, and magnificent location at which I felt a divine presence that wanted to continue what the Franciscan TORs began at that location more than 150 years ago."

"The site grabbed my soul, a spiritually uplifting, serene, and magnificent location."

—Dr. Vincent Remillard

Dr. Remillard returned to Loretto to present his location findings to Fr. Zeis, who was eager to move forward with the restoration project. They both thought it would be imperative to have someone live on location to oversee the repairs to the 35,000 square foot expanse. They hired Tim Perkins to be the director of the Ambialet program.

Perkins took over the building's reins in October of 2006, and was charged with getting it in shape for the first set of student explorers that would converge on the site in March of 2008. It would have been easy to be overwhelmed at the initial sight of the building, but Perkins took it in stride. "The first time I saw the monastery, my first thoughts were: big... really big; dirty... really dirty; challenging... really challenging.



After dinner music and smiles fill the halls.

Oh, and drop-dead magnificent. The magnificence kept me focused; that and the fact that students were going to arrive for studies in a year-and-a-half."

Renovations for the building were sketched and Perkins had to quickly learn how to navigate the French construction project. "I learned that the labor laws weren't going to help my timetable. They work 35 hours work weeks with very little overtime, and in August they don't work at all (the trades suspend their operations for vacations)."

Even with these setbacks and an initial lack of local knowledge, Perkins steered the project that consisted of 14 different sub-contractors. He pushed and prodded the workers to complete the renovations on time. His encouragements worked; the last bathroom of the site was completed on a Friday afternoon at 4 pm, with students set to arrive Monday morning.

Signature study abroad program

The team's hard work paid off. The initial group of Ambialet travelers flourished abroad and returned to Loretto beaming with stories about their time away. Returning student testimonials combined with the guidance and recruitment from Juliana Horvath, director of the Center for International Education and Outreach, helped seats quickly fill for the next semester.

The flexibility of general education courses offered in Ambialet also helped to encourage sign ups because students of any major are able to participate. Each semester students have the ability to earn the nine general education credits in



Students and faculty routinely enjoy the fresh air in the courtyard while working on studies.



Amanda Fabian and Sara Benfer find adventure in Ambialet by kayaking on the Tarn River.

French, religious studies, and fine arts, plus credits in “flex courses” offered by visiting faculty. Students also have the option of taking online courses and additionally may set up independent study with professors in Loretto.

Saint Francis has kept the cost reasonable for students who wish to travel to Ambialet. Since financial aid applies, students pay the exact same room, board, and tuition rate for a semester abroad in Ambialet as they do for a semester studying in Loretto. Their home away from home is equipped with the necessities they have in Loretto: wireless internet, washers, driers, housekeeping, Mass (in the attached Chapel, registered as an historical monument), and even a resident chef!



The beauty and serenity of Ambialet make it a perfect place to hike and discover nature.

“I found such an inner peace as my semester in France progressed that I became fearless and open to all of the opportunities that greeted me.”

—Alyssa Phillips

It is easy to understand why students repeatedly sign up to study in Ambialet and how it rapidly became Saint Francis’ leading study abroad destination. Students continue to eagerly embark on the signature program because they know that it is a safe place to study. They also know the location affords them the opportunity to travel to other parts of Europe. Their coursework takes them on many excursions and on extended stays in Paris and Barcelona. Our students’ adventurous spirit helps them expand their global knowledge and gain practical travel skills.

Ambialet is good for the soul

If adventure and price aren’t adequate reasons for students to learn in Ambialet, student sentiments echo Dr. Remillard’s initial reaction, that the place is good for the soul. Occupational therapy major Alyssa Phillips remarked, “I found such an inner peace as my semester in France



Alyssa Phillips (front), *Blaken Geisel*, and *Aaron Vizzini* share a laugh while exploring their surroundings.

progressed that I became fearless and open to all of the opportunities that greeted me. Whether the opportunity was playing bingo with the local retirees or swimming across the Tarn River in February, it was all exciting, all new, and it gave me an eagerness about life that I never knew I had within me.”

Aaron Vizzini, senior computer science major, was deeply inspired by Ambialet, so much so that he spent two semesters studying there. “The community of Ambialet and the surrounding region are amazing. It’s a remarkable area filled with so much tradition and history. Out of all the places I’ve traveled to at this point there’s no place I could ever imagine enjoying more,” said Vizzini.

Ambialet has been a catalyst for our students to find inner peace and to gain a deeper appreciation for other cultures. In the stone castle that towers above the small town and the Tarn River, they have found a home. Much like Loretto, Ambialet is surrounded by lush, green mountains where

students can gain a deeper appreciation for the serenity and beauty of nature.

The ancient town’s setting allows them to breathe in and understand world history, attaining empathy for other cultures. The combined experience allows our students to grow in ways they couldn’t fathom prior to their travels. As Beth Wheeler ’13, who participated in the program in 2011 said, “Have you ever had a dream so vivid and beautiful that you never wanted to wake up? That’s what spending a semester in France is like. Every moment is a journey of growth, discovery, and wonder.”

Alumni travel opportunities

Saint Francis has opened Ambialet’s doors to alumni for several trips. The alumni office is hosting another trip in June to give alumni the opportunity to experience firsthand the magnificence, history, and culture of France. 🏰

Learn more about the Semester in France program by visiting francis.edu/semester-in-france.

“Finding *the Faith*”

Computer science students launch Faith Finder app

WRITTEN BY / *Amanda Stoehr Drumm '03, '08(M)*

Autumn brings colorful foliage, fall festivals, and football games to central Pennsylvania. It is a time when many people travel the counties in the Alleghenies to see the attractions and to attend athletics events during weekends. Dr. Dan Wetklow, professor of computer science, was similarly traveling around the region last year and knew he may miss mass at his hometown church. In a different city, and not knowing the location of the closest church or the time mass was offered, he used his smart phone to tediously peruse individual websites of nearby churches, looking for mass times and locations. He thought there should be a better way to do this. He

devised a solution: an application (app) to help busy or traveling folks easily find the faith.

A few days later Dr. Wetklow shared the app idea with his colleagues, John Lamertina, assistant professor of computer science, and Mike Shanafelt, senior programmer and analyst at the Center of Excellence for Remote and Medically Under-Served Areas (CERMUSA). They thought there would be synergy in developing an app to search churches in the local Altoona/Johnstown Diocese; the app would benefit the community and would give our students real-world experience.

Computer science students Matthew Warfel '13 of Clymer, and Aaron

Vizzini of Ebensburg, were approached about the project. They were excited to help develop the application, with Shanafelt leading the charge as project manager.

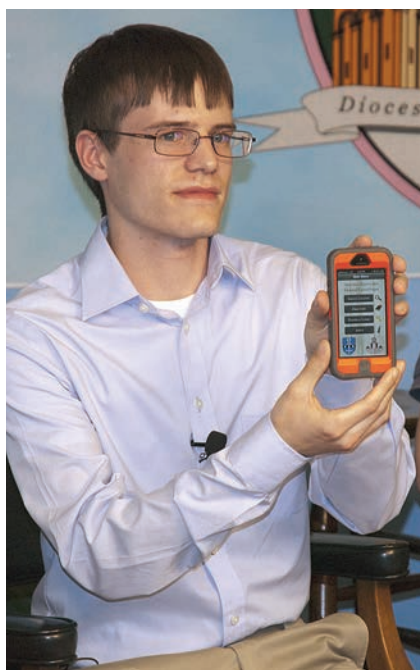
Building the app

The team met to narrow down the app's parameters. They wanted a user to be able to conveniently find churches in the Altoona/Johnstown Diocese by distance, mass time, and confession time. The students spent months writing the code and testing the application. “Aaron and Matt played pivotal roles in creating Faith Finder,” Shanafelt states. “From application development, to database design, to web service architecture, they created this product from the ground up.”

The app they developed was later called Faith Finder, and searches the 89 parishes located in the eight-county diocese. Masses and confessions are listed by church distance and by time. The students went a step farther than the original concept to include a parish



Left to right: Mike Shanafelt, Matt Warfel '13 (back), and Aaron Vizzini speak with Bishop Mark Bartchak about the Faith Finder App.



Matt Warfel showcases the Faith Finder app on his iPhone while Aaron Vizzini explains the app to the Bishop.

directory and a prayer guide on the app.

They shared their work with the staff of the Altoona/ Johnstown Diocese, who were pleased with the technology and helped to name the app. "The Faith Finder app is a welcome tool for Catholics throughout our Diocese searching for the most convenient Mass and Reconciliation times. We are grateful to Saint Francis for using modern technology to bring people closer to Jesus Christ," said Tony DeGol, Altoona/ Johnstown Diocese secretary for communications.

Practical application

Practical application of the students' studies and creation of Faith Finder was made possible by the Joseph '58 and Marguerite (Scharpf) '60 DiSepio Chair in Computer Science. Established in 2001, the endowment is committed to raising the level of excellence within the computer science department. The endowment funds faculty development, a distinguished lecture series, student

internship programs and research, and practices in the field of security and information assurance. The chair covered all of the development costs of the app.

Vizzini was thankful for the hands on experience the endowment enabled him to have. "Working to develop an iPhone application provided ample opportunities to experience real world project design and development. It was even more rewarding to know that the project would benefit the local community I live in," said Vizzini.

Warfel, a recent graduate, was also grateful for the opportunity. He thought the experience gave him an edge in the job interview process and remarked, "This project helped with my job interviews because it supplied me with examples to answer the interview questions I was faced with. I believe it played a major role in my hiring at Cerner because it made me

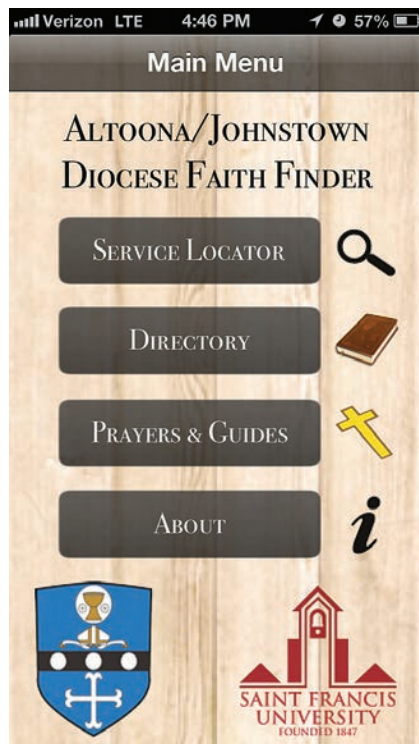
stand out among the other candidates." Warfel landed a job prior to graduation as a software engineer with Cerner Corporation in Kansas City, Missouri.

Find the app

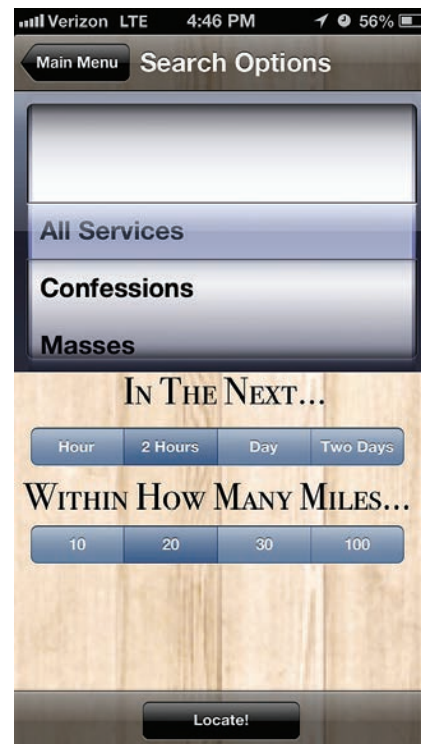
"Faith Finder" was launched on iTunes in July. The app is free to download, standard data usage rates apply. Users who have an iPhone, iPad, or iPod Touch may download the app at: <http://bit.ly/17Dy6A2>.

Vizzini is a senior this year and is working with the team to build a version of the Faith Finder app for Android phones. The team is also interested in expanding the app to other dioceses. 

To learn more about other projects by the computer science department, visit: francis.edu/computer-science-student-opportunities.



Above left: The home screen of the Faith Finder App.



Above right: The Faith Finder App searches church services, confessions, and masses in the Altoona/ Johnstown Diocese by distance, mass time, and confession time.

ON CAMPUS

our vibrant community

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for all the latest campus news.*

Get a first-hand look at the excitement of the day by visiting www.francis.edu/freshmen-welcome-13 to view the video view created by senior communications major Dustin Williams of Bedford.



Welcome Class of 2017

The Class of 2017 is here! On August 22, we welcomed 450+ freshmen and their families to campus. These students came to Saint Francis from 33 states and countries. They traveled

from places as far as California, Florida, Hawaii, Texas, Greece, Venezuela, and China. We look forward to the accomplishments of these students during the next four years!

Kudos to young entrepreneur

Running a lemonade stand provides great business lessons, but not without some major pitfalls as 10-year old Anthony Sanders, a Johnstown native, found this summer when he was robbed by a 12-year-old boy with a BB pellet gun. He battled the thief for the money box before the older youth ran off with \$30 in loot. Three older boys followed the robber home and authorities were able to apprehend him. However, the young entrepreneur's lemonade stand was destroyed by the altercation and his business was severely interrupted.

After hearing the boy's story, Dr. Randy Frye, dean of the school of business, and students from our award-winning Enactus chapter, conferred the School of Business/ Enactus Spirit Award to Sanders and presented him with small gifts at the August ceremony. According to Dr. Frye, Anthony's courage in the face of a personal threat embodies an entrepreneurial spirit that deserves recognition.



Community members brought their pets to the university on October 4, to help celebrate the Feast of St. Francis. This annual custom of blessing animals is conducted in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures. Fr. John Mark Klaus, director of campus ministry, blessed seven dogs and one horse at the ceremony. Fr. Joseph Lehman, director of mission integration, was also on hand to help welcome the group and their four-legged friends.

Environmental Engineering program receives accreditation

Congratulations to the Environmental Engineering program on its recent accreditation by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET.

After graduating its first class from the bachelor of science degree in environmental engineering in 2012, Saint Francis became eligible for ABET accreditation review. "Gaining ABET-accreditation of our program at this early stage is a testament to the hard work of our academic team as well as the first students to progress through this new program," said Dr. Charles MacVean, dean of the School of Sciences.

Developing a program that lives and breathes real-world experiences has been a top priority for department chair Dr. John Harris and faculty members Dr. Joel Bandstra, Dr. William Strosnider, and Dr. Rachel Wagner. "Our students put their education into action by doing design projects for class, paid internships, summer research, and engineering service projects both here in Pennsylvania and abroad," said Dr. Harris.

Learn more about the program:
<http://francis.edu/environmental-engineering/>



The "Classroom without Walls" approach is one of the hallmarks of the Environmental Engineering program at Saint Francis. In this photo students are conducting data logging activities.



To raise environmental awareness, students dressed entirely in recycled materials and strutted their creations as part of the first “Re-creation project” fashion show. Using materials they had on-hand, they created costumes out of Torvian Dining Hall napkins, cereal boxes, old games, bubble wrap, and much more!

Remembering our departed students

The Saint Francis Community mourned the loss of two gifted young minds this semester. Laurin Edwards, a 19-year-old physician assistant sciences major from Pittsburgh, died August 22 in a family tragedy that left her mother and brother critically injured. Ethan Sumner, 23, a 5th-year occupational therapy student from Loretto, passed away on October 17. We ask our extended Saint Francis family to remember these two young souls and their loved ones in their prayers.

Ethan’s family requests that donations be made to the Muscular Dystrophy Summer Camp near Pittsburgh where he volunteered. Visit francis.edu/in-memory-of-ethan-sumner/ for the form. Donations are also being collected to cover Laurin’s family medical expenses and may be made through the Edwards Family Fund through any First Commonwealth Bank location.



In happier times: (top photo) Laurin Edwards, front row, fourth from left, with her Phi Lambda Psi sorority sisters during her first semester on campus. (Bottom) Ethan Sumner in front of the library on campus.



Homecoming 2013

"A Legacy of Heroes"

View photos from this year's celebration (Oct. 24-26) at www.flickr.com/photos/saintfrancisuniversity/sets/



Reaching Higher Briefs

Abigail Blair, a marine biology major from Picture Rocks, PA, was the first student from Saint Francis University to be selected to participate in the prestigious NOAA Ernest F. Hollings Undergraduate Scholarship Program. Blair will receive \$8,000 in scholarship monies as well as a 10-week paid internship the summer of 2014 at the NOAA facility in Silver Springs, MD. She will choose a research project as well as a mentor in accordance with the program where she will research technology and education, improve her environmental literacy, and learn other crucial skills to prepare her for a career in marine biology.



Dr. Randy Frye, dean of the School of Business, was presented with The John L. Green Award for Excellence in Business Education at the Annual International Assembly of Collegiate Business Education's (IACBE) Conference in Orlando, Florida. The award honors individuals who advance the cause of academic quality in business education in a manner consistent with the IACBE's "Characteristics of Excellence in Business Education." The John L. Green Award for Excellence in Business Education is the most prestigious award that is given by the Association and is given to a member of the IACBE who is chosen for their contributions to excellence in business education.



Dr. Ivan Mulligan, associate professor of physical therapy, and Mark Boland, director of physical therapy at the campus' DiSepio Institute, are the recipients of the 2012 JOSPT Excellence in Research Award. Their article, "Prevalence of Neurocognitive and Balance Deficits in Collegiate Football Players Without Clinically Diagnosed Concussion" was published in the July 2012 issue of the *Journal of Orthopedic & Sports Physical Therapy*. The award recognizes the best

article in the JOSPT calendar year. Selection is based on the importance of the contribution to clinical or basic science related to orthopedic or sports physical therapy, the relevance of the article to clinical practice, the quality of the research, and the quality of the writing.



Dr. Pedro Muino, professor of chemistry, is one of 26 mid-level higher education administrators nationwide selected by the council of Independent Colleges (CIC) and the American Academic Leadership Institute (AALI) to participate in a year-long Senior Leadership Academy. Dr. Muino will undertake a mentoring program, experiential learning projects, and a series of readings and case studies while attending seminars located in Pittsburgh, PA, and Washington, DC.



Dr. Art Remillard published an article in August exploring Steelers Nation and the Seriously Religious Side of Football that has received some nice online play time. <http://themarginaliareview.com/archives/3631>



Paige Smith '12 and Molly Rogers '12, nursing graduates, returned to campus during the spring of 2013 to talk to current students about their experiences as young nursing professionals. Both women were recognized by the prestigious healthcare systems where they are now employed. Smith received the New Graduate Nurse of the Year Award at UCLA Medical Center. She is a staff nurse on the Cardiac-thoracic ICU at the Ronald Regan UCLA Medical Center. This award is given to one nurse in the entire UCLA Medical system. Rogers was nominated for UPMC Rookie of the Year Award at the UPMC Health System in Pittsburgh. She works on the Bone Marrow Transplant unit at UPMC Shadyside Hospital in Pittsburgh.

ATHLETICS

tales of the Red Flash

Field Hockey joins Atlantic 10 Conference

Saint Francis University has accepted an invitation to become an affiliate member of the Atlantic 10 Conference in the sport of field hockey, Director of Athletics Bob Krimmel announced in July.

The Red Flash becomes the league's eighth field hockey member, and the fourth based in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Saint Francis was 1-1 against A-10 competition last season, winning a 3-1 contest at Lock Haven and dropping a tight 1-0 decision at La Salle.

"It is a very special day for the Saint Francis Red Flash Family as we join the Atlantic 10 Conference as an affiliate member in Field Hockey," said Krimmel. "I wish to express my thanks to Commissioner Bernadette McGlade and Senior Associate Commissioner Debbie Richardson for their guidance through the process and support of our request for affiliate membership."

"Our Field Hockey program has made great strides under the direction of Coach Bean"

—Bob Krimmel

Massachusetts and Richmond have traded the Atlantic 10 field hockey title for the past four years, with each team winning two. The A-10 has won each of its NCAA Play-in games over the past three years as well.

"We are pleased to add Saint Francis as an affiliate member in field hockey," stated McGlade. "Their addition brings in a strong program that fits well within our footprint and they will be an asset and will further enhance A-10 field hockey." The Red Flash compiled its best season to date in 2012,

"We are also appreciative of the support provided by the Atlantic 10 Conference institutions who sponsor Field Hockey and their Presidents for approving our request. This is a fantastic opportunity for our student-athletes as we join outstanding academic institutions in a very prestigious Division I athletic conference."



rolling to a 12-6 record and winning a share of the Northeast Conference Regular Season Championship. Saint Francis returns 16 letterwinners and eight starters from that squad, including NEC Defensive Player of the Year Carissa Makea and NEC Rookie of the Year Selena Adamshick.

"This is an exciting step for our program, one that would not have been possible without the support of our administration and the effort of our student-athletes," said head coach Stacey Bean, who enters her sixth year at SFU in 2013.

"The Atlantic 10 is a conference that gives our student-athletes the opportunity to continue their pursuit of excellence academically and athletically. We're looking forward to forming some new rivalries on the field and stepping up to the challenges of competing in the Atlantic 10."

Bean – who was named the 2012 NEC Coach of the Year – is no stranger to her team's new home, having coached the University of Rhode Island from 2002 to 2006. The 15-year coaching veteran earned A-10 Coach of the Year honors in 2006.

"Our Field Hockey program has made great strides under the direction of Coach Bean and I know she shares my excitement in this new challenge for our student athletes," Krimmel said. "We look forward to this new home for our program and to welcoming the Atlantic 10 Field Hockey programs and their fans to our campus and to building new relationships as we visit their respective campuses."

DeGol Fieldhouse expansion begins

After only four years, The Red Flash has outgrown the DeGol Fieldhouse. Originally opened in 2009, the building located within the DeGol Field footprint, is now undergoing an expansion and renovation that will provide enhanced opportunities to SFU's over 450 student-athletes.

Phase II construction, which began in August, will include new offices for the football, field hockey and lacrosse teams and an expanded football locker room.

In all, the upgrade will add three head coaches' offices, assistant coaches' offices, a conference room, a concession stand and rest rooms. Phase III of the complex will include new track & field locker rooms and office space in addition to a storage area and on-site visiting football facilities.

McKibben named to MAC Hermann Watch List

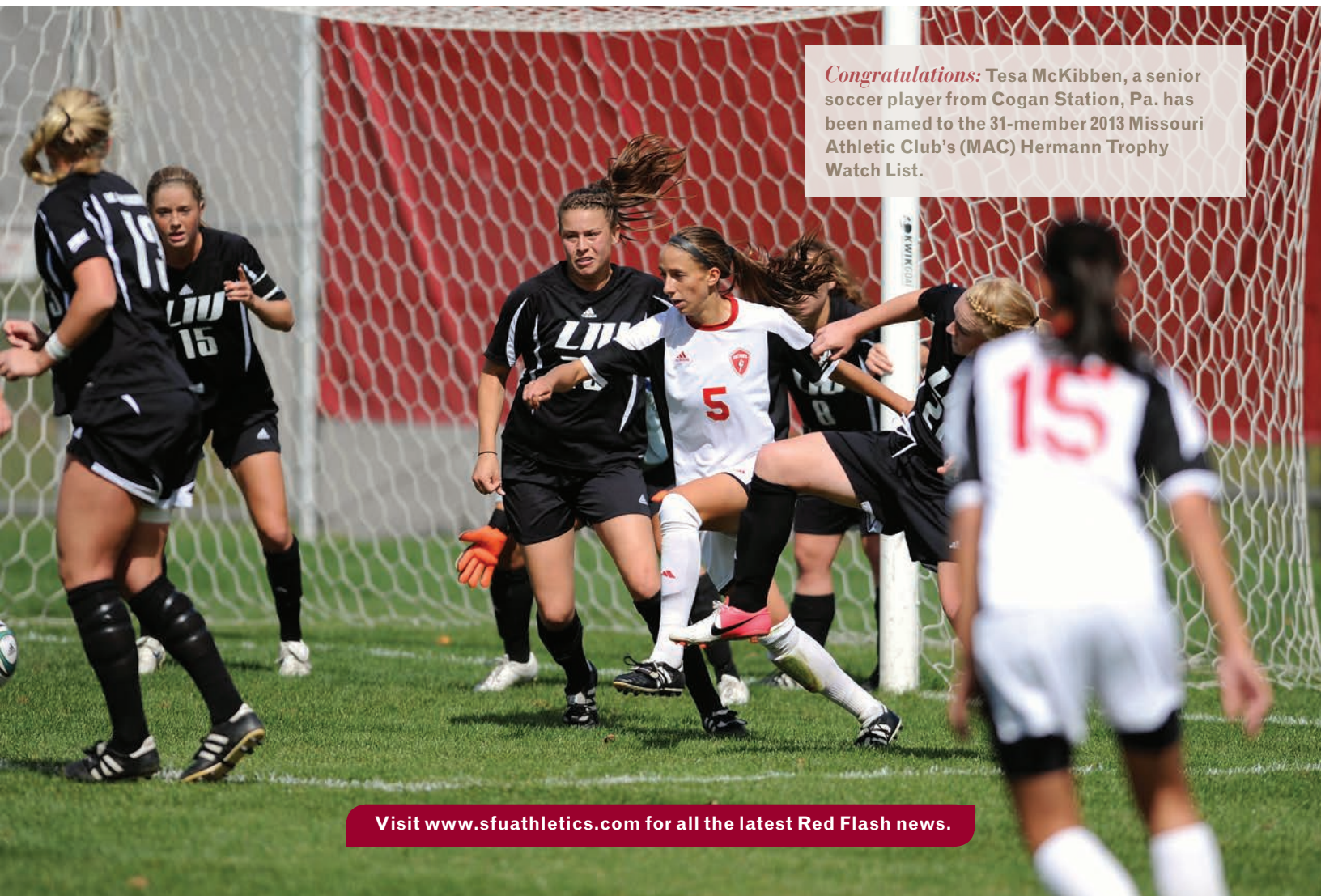
Saint Francis U senior forward Tesa McKibben (Cogan Station, Pa./Montoursville) – the NCAA's active leader in career points – has been named to the 31-member 2013 Missouri Athletic Club's (MAC) Hermann Trophy Watch List.



Expansion underway: The DeGol Fieldhouse, built in 2009, is expanding to meet the growing needs of our 450+ student athletes.

The first three-time Player of the Year in Northeast Conference history, McKibben ranked second in the country in points (49) and fifth in goals (19) in 2012. A strong All-America contender, she racked up eight game-winners while dishing out 13 assists in 21 games for the NEC regular season champion Red Flash.

The MAC Hermann Trophy is the highest individual award in college soccer presented annually to one male and one female athlete. The winners will be announced Friday, Jan. 10, 2014, at the trophy presentation banquet at the Missouri Athletic Club in St. Louis.



Congratulations: Tesa McKibben, a senior soccer player from Cogan Station, Pa. has been named to the 31-member 2013 Missouri Athletic Club's (MAC) Hermann Trophy Watch List.

ALUMNI

flashbacks

1960s

◆ **Don Appleman '68** writes, "I recently resigned as head girls basketball coach at Williamsburg High School in Williamsburg, Pa., finishing 29 years of head coaching with 474 career wins. I am still the assistant athletic director at the school. I am a member of the Blair County Sports Hall of Fame and the Pennsylvania Basketball Hall of Fame."

1970s

◆ **Charles (Chip) Riddle '70** was recognized with the "Guardians of History" award at the Red Mill Museum's 50th anniversary gala on March 22, 2013. Riddle, a retired teacher of 38 years, now volunteers his time at the museum. In addition to volunteering and lecturing on local history, he has authored two books, *Colonial and Revolutionary Bethlehem Township*, and the recently published, *New Jersey at the Alamo: Richard Stockton in the Alamo Journal*.



◆ **Steve Molnar '71** has been inducted into the 2013 Hall of Fame for the Pittsburgh Marathon because of his efforts as a runner and his contributions to the sport of long distance running. Steve is a 3-time champion



◆ A quick 40 years later: **Richard Fulcher '73** poses with his daughter, **Brooke M. Fulcher '12, '13 (M)** on the day she received her master's degree in occupational therapy from Saint Francis in May 2013.

of the Johnstown Marathon, winning in 1975, 1980 and 1985. He also owns the course record of 2:22:54. He turned in several sub-2:20 performances from 1980-1982 in major marathons, including New York, Jersey Shore and Grandma's. Steve, a resident of Johnstown, Pa., was a member of the Elite Allegheny/Nike Racing Team from 1980 to 1992.



◆ **Jean (Albrecht) Fabian '72** (second from left) and Bob Nyhuis got together with John and Kathleen Collins in Florida, reuniting for the first time after the November 2012 Alumni and Friends Trip to Italy. Kathleen and

John are the sister and brother-in-law of **Peter Koenig '67**, who also participated in the Italy trip along with his wife, **Ginny (Alrutz) Koenig '67**.



◆ **Mary Jean Hrbacek '72** writes, "What are the odds of meeting a Saint Francis alumnus sailing in the Adriatic Sea? It happened while I was on a cruise, sailing from our port call of Dubrovnik, Croatia to our final port, Venice, Italy. I was attending a meet-and-greet for veterans onboard the Ruby Princess on May 21, 2013, at which I met **Harold L. Gilmore '78 (M)**, a fellow veteran and retiree."



◆ Six alumni joined **Denise Stockton Reischl '77** to celebrate the wedding of her daughter Alyson. From left: **Denise (Corkery) Marbach '76**, **Terri Boyle-Meyreles '78**, **Marie (Galdieri) Mason '77**, Alyson (Reischl) Wasser, **Denise (Stockton) Reischl '77**, **Frances Szwec '77**, **Maryann (Daly) Solenberger '77**, and **Rachel (McElwain) Hessler '77**.



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◆ **Patti (Siedlecki) Zinsser '72** writes, "Members of the Class of 1972 traveled from near and far to celebrate the induction of **Joe Hazinsky** into the SFU Athletic Hall of Fame on June 29, 2013. Fellow teammates and classmates enjoyed three days of events and festivities to mark the occasion."
(L to R - row 1): **Janet Farrell '72** (N.Y.), **Sue (Driscoll) Coleman '72** (Md.), **Jim Wright '72** (Pa.), **Lynn Slattery Morsell '72** (Pa.), **Patti (Siedlecki) Zinsser '72** (N.J.), **Lynn Mullen Meredith '72** (Texas), **Diane (Scherer) Derescavage '72** (Pa.), **Tommie Meredith '72** (Texas). (L to R - row 2) **Ronnie Smith '72** (N.J.), **Allen Spencer '72** (Mich.), **Kevin Porter '72** (Ill.), **Phil Penston '72** (Fla.), Sam Slone (Ill.), **Joe Hazinsky '72** (Pa.), **Jim Hunter '72** (Pa.), **Dave Magarity '74** (N.Y.), **Art Hunter '72** (Pa.). Missing from photo: **Stephanie (Scholz) Kilcoyne '72** (Pa.).

◆ **Jim Griffin '74** and **Terrie (Frank) Griffin '74** have recently retired to western North Carolina, living in Hendersonville. Jim completed 36 years in public education in N.J., serving as a teacher, department chair and vice principal. In addition, he worked as a football, basketball and baseball coach; in 2009, Jim was inducted into the NJ Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Currently he is coaching football at West Henderson HS. Terrie is continuing her career in medical technology, working part-time at Mission Memorial Hospital in Asheville.

◆ **James "Abby" P. Abbatiello '79 (M)** has relocated to Indiana (near Notre Dame) from Long Island, New York. He practiced his education engaged as a labor negotiator at the Long Island and N.Y.C. Building Trades for 20 years. James subsequently was a teacher of world history/ American government/economics, director of athletics, varsity basketball and baseball coach and director of admissions at LaSalle Academy and the Academy of Saint Joseph in New York for ten years. James and his wife, Sarah, have one daughter, Jasmin.

1980s

◆ **James Nevins '81** is playing a Dallas reporter in the upcoming TV movie, *Killing Kennedy*. He also has written several screenplays, including *Say Something Funny*, under the name James Francis Nevins.



◆ Eight members of the class of 1982 and 1983 participated in the Pittsburgh Half-Marathon on May 5, 2013. They each completed the race with

ALUMNI | *flashbacks*

a personal best or second best time.

From left, front row: **Ann Rodgers '82**; **Vivian (Kelly) Coogan '82**; Terri Hessmann; **Valerie (Popma) Wood '82**. Back row: **Frank Birney '83**; **Steve Hessmann '82**; **Joel Grosso '82**; and **Dave Wood '82**.

◆ **Steve Hessmann '82** came in 2nd place in the 1500m Race Walk competition during the 2012 Florida Senior Games in the age 50-54 men's division. The finish qualified Steve for the same race at the 2013 National Senior Games, which was held in Cleveland, Ohio, in July 2013.

1990s

◆ **Noreen Brennan-Foley '91** completed her Ph.D. at New York University in nursing research and theory

development. She currently works at Norwalk Hospital in Connecticut as the director of medical/surgical and resource nursing. She resides in Pleasantville, N.Y. with her husband, Terry, and their four children, Aidan, Norah, Catie and Tiernan.



◆ This fall, **Nancy (Belgin) Gobert '90** will be spearheading a new science, technology, engineering, and math program for seventh and eighth

graders at Spring Cove Middle School in Roaring Spring, Pa. The program will use hands-on teaching strategies to build students' interest in STEM concepts and strengthen their skills in this high-demand field of study. She joins the SCMS faculty after serving as a chemistry, physics, microbiology and anatomy teacher at Glendale High School, as well as a biology and science teacher at Harmony High School. She recently received her certification in technology education. In recent years, Mrs. Gobert received a Christa McAuliffe Fellowship grant to launch a rural outreach chemistry program for local elementary students. She is also the recipient of the Milken Educator Award for her innovative curricula and teaching methods, including the use technology in teaching and learning.

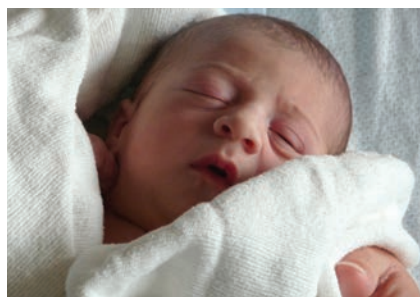
Births



◆ A daughter, Gabriella Elizabeth, to **Mary Kay (Quirk) Ciziunas '95** and husband, Pranas Ciziunas, on January 9, 2013.



◆ A daughter, Raegan Mary, to **Kimberly (Fuller) Nugent '01 '02 (M)** and husband, Charles, on January 15, 2013.



◆ A son, Isaac Paul Kanouff, to **Paul Kanouff '99** and **Amanda (Moyer) Kanouff '00 '01 (M)** on October 1, 2012.



◆ A daughter, Daelyn Anah Kalembe, to **Chiloh Ritchey-Kalembe '99**, and husband, Gregg, on March 5, 2013.



◆ A son, Jacob James "JJ" Ruddy, to **Christina (Miller) Ruddy '01** and husband, Dan, on March 15, 2013.



◆ A son, Patrick Russell, to **Ashley (Eckert) '07** and **Randall Harrington '06**, on February 21, 2013.



◆ **Brother Dennis Snyder, T.O.R. '92 (M)** successfully defended his dissertation at Immaculata University on November 15, 2012, and was awarded a doctorate in education in May 2013. The title of Brother Dennis' dissertation is "How Professional Learning Communities Empower Teacher Collaboration, Instructional Practices, and Accountability Within the School." As a member of the Franciscans, Third Order Regular, Brother Dennis is the first brother to receive a doctorate in the Province of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Loretto, Pa.



◆ **Timothy Henry, AWMA, CRPC '99** was recognized by the Rotary Club of Greensburg (Pa.) as the 2012 Rotarian of the Year. Currently serving as president-elect for the Rotary Club of Greensburg, Tim is active in a number of the Club's 30 community service projects. He assists with the distribution at the food pantry at Our Lady of Grace Parish, distributes dictionaries to third grade students in Greensburg, volunteers at the bi-annual health

screenings, participates in the Clean Highway project and works to maintain Route 130, rings bells for The Salvation Army of Greensburg, and serves on the scholarship committee. Henry founded, and serves as race director of, the Service Above Self 5k Run/Walk, which raised more than \$10,000 in its inaugural year. Through Henry's efforts, \$9,000 was donated to the Semper Fi Odyssey and Wound Warrior Project. Tim is a franchise owner and financial advisor with Ameriprise Financial in Greensburg and Somerset; his expertise lies in retirement planning strategies, executive compensation and benefit strategies, estate planning strategies and charitable giving.

2000s

◆ **Jason Petrusic '00** recently became a published author, contributing a fraud case to the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners publication, *Bribery and Corruption Casebook: The View from Under the Table*, which was published in 2012. The book a collection of actual cases written by fraud examiners who investigated them, and Jason's chapter is Chapter 19, "A Sweet Deal."

◆ **Ashley Parsons '06** recently completed her master of science in nursing from the Clarion University-Edinboro University combined nursing program. She is currently practicing in her hometown as a certified registered nurse practitioner in obstetrics and gynecology in Dr. Emil Dib's office at Punxsutawney Area Hospital.

◆ This May, **Kellie Skoner '09** earned her doctor of optometry degree with highest honors and clinical honors from the Pennsylvania College of Optometry at Salus University in Philadelphia. She also was inducted into the Beta Sigma Kappa Optometric Honor Society. She has accepted a position in private practice with South Penn Eye Care with offices in Westminster, Md.

and Hanover, Pa. She is the daughter of Pete and Diane Skoner. Though she is moving to Maryland, she will remain a loyal fan of the Penguins, Pirates, and Steelers!

◆ In May 2013, **Mary Therese Gallagher '07** completed the requirements for the designation of certified meeting professional (CMP), the highest level of certification for the meetings and event planning industry.

◆ **Brittany (Chmelik) Koehle '12** is working as a social worker at Blair Senior Services Inc., located in Altoona, Pa. Her husband, **Joseph Koehle '11**, is the account manager at Barkman Oil located in Woodbury, Pa. The couple currently resides in Ebensburg, Pa.

◆ **Paige Smith '12** received the New Graduate of the Year Award from the UCLA Medical Center and Santa Monica Medical Center in May. The awarded is presented to only one nurse in the UCLA medical system. Paige works as a registered nurse in the cardio-thoracic ICU at the Ronald Regan UCLA Medical Center in California.

Marriages

◆ **Kevin M. Sommers '02** and Lisa A. Mincin were married on September 25, 2012 in Altoona, Pa.



◆ **Theresa Scalzi Showalter '01** and David Showalter were married on July 27, 2012 on the 18th lawn of Harbour Town Golf Links, Hilton Head Island, S.C. They reside in Altoona, Pa.



◆ **Jill Marie Krempecki '07, 08 (M)** and James Vincent Natale were married on October 13, 2012, in Saint Paul Church in Greensburg, Pa.



◆ **Joseph Koehle '11** and **Britanny Chmelik '12** were married on September 22, 2012 and currently reside in Ebensburg, Pa.



◆ **Michael Stewart '11 (M)** and Annmarie Rinaldi in Saugerties, N.Y. on October 8th, 2012.

Thank you, Saint Francis!

The Office of Alumni Relations recently received this lovely thank you note from one of our alumni.

Dear Saint Francis University,

I wanted to write a quick note of thanks. My name is Kingsley A. Rowe. I was incarcerated ten years from 10.16.89 to 3.28.99. I spent the majority of my incarceration at SCI Smithfield. While at Smithfield I was a participant in the Saint Francis College program inside the institution. I attended the program from 1992 to 1996, graduating with an associate degree in business administration.

I was paroled to New York City in March 1999. With my release from prison, I applied and was admitted to New York University in the Bachelor of Science program in computer science. I was able to transfer all my credits from Saint Francis College to NYU, and I graduated in May of 2002, cum laude. In 2002 I applied and was admitted to the Master of Social Work program at New York University Silver School of Social Work where I distinguished myself as a Silver Scholar in Social Work and graduated with distinction in 2006.

I have worked as a social worker with many disenfranchised populations including LGBTQ youth and adults, impoverished families and adults living with serious mental illness. Currently, I work as a LMSW at the Center for Alternative Sentencing and Employment Services (CASES), an agency that provides alternatives for people ensnared in the criminal justice system. I work out of Manhattan's Central Booking helping people navigate their way out of the criminal justice system as part of CASES Day Custody Program (DCP). The DCP is a three-day sanction during which participants report to a secure DOC facility (Central Booking) each day to perform community service. As part of the DCP, I provide substance abuse education, individual and group counseling, and referrals to treatment providers addressing the underlying causes of their criminal activity.

I wanted to thank Saint Francis University from the bottom of my heart for the opportunity to obtain my college degree while I was incarcerated. I don't believe I would have had the successes I have had without Saint Francis. Saint Francis University allowed me, through education, to change the course of my life and put myself in a position to be successful. It also allowed me to help others change the course of their lives through my experience.

If there is ever an occasion that I can talk about my Saint Francis College Program at Smithfield and the undeniable factor of education in allowing me to become a productive and contributing member of society, please let me know. I owe a great debt of gratitude to the Saint Francis College. This thank you was long overdue. Although I have never been to your campus or Alumni Weekend, I count myself among one of the proudest Saint Francis alumni.

*Best,
Kingsley A. Rowe*

Deaths

Stephen M. Banholzer '62
George M. Banky Sr. '52
Ted Baranik '59
Dawn L. Black-Mattis '06
Herman J. Byrnes '58
Anthony Catalano '59
Jim Coan '72
Diane L. (Hamilton) Coltrin '75
Joseph D. Creedon '51
Rosemarie V. (Keck) Davison '69
Richard "Des" Desmond '56
Robert L. Dietrick '40
John A. Donohue III '59
John D. Eckinger '88
Fr. Simon Mary Engler, T.O.R. '45
Charles T. Evans '52
Arthur P. Fisher '88
Calvin B. Fowler Sr. '62
Fr. Joseph Barry Furey '69
Michael Gallela '66
Kevin Gannon '90
Dorene Giordano '96
Donald E. Gyenge '73

Lori (Lubinsky) Hannan '85
Kathleen (Robison) Herrin '70
James Hunter '52
William W. Jacobson Jr. '67
Richard Allen Job '70
Edgar L. Johnston '50
George F. Kane '74
Dorothy M. Keller
John B. Kelley '66
John E. Kelly Jr. '04
Winfield Kilgore '47, '71 (M)
L. Robert Kimball '41
Joseph F. Kirkpartick '54
J. Regis Kozusko '56
James J. Laurito '38
Alfred Luthy '62
Brennan Manning '59
Frances (Conderato) Molinaro '60
Joseph S. Moran '56
F. Gregory Neylan '69
John M. Nicolella '61, '62 (M)
Hugh O'Brien '57
Joseph J. O'Connor '57

Harry G. O'Neill '57
Edward E. Ott '65
Michael Paczak '51
Rev. Arnold J. Petrosky, T.O.R. '53
John J. Riordan '81
Tara (Horan) Ruddy '77
Barbara S. Rusnak '68
Edward "Ned" Russell
Anthony J. Schroyer, Sr. '89 (M)
George R. Sewak '51
Kevin P. Sherin '73
James Michael Sinnott '72
Joseph T. Sullivan '45
Loretta (Boyle) Sutcliff '62
Paul M. Sweda '61
Linda J. Taddei '70
Robert F. Terchek '59
Michael B. Tuk '79
Raymond R. Ward '70
Richard Joseph Wertheimer '70
Peter J. Wityk '79
Alfred J. Wolanin '49



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We welcome photos and will publish them as space permits. Digital files are best as long as they are high quality. A larger file size (300 dpi or higher) is better than a smaller file size. Photos submitted by mail will not be returned.

This issue includes information submitted to the Office of Alumni Relations between November 2012 and August 2013.

Our alumni admissions program

The Alumni Admissions Program works as an extension of the Enrollment Management Staff. The mission of this program is to increase awareness of Saint Francis University with prospective students and their families. The Alumni Admissions Program increases representation of the University at college fairs, high schools, and additional recruitment opportunities. By adding volunteer members to the Enrollment Management Staff, we can reach beyond our current recruitment territories and increase the scope of prospective students with whom the University comes into contact.

Throughout this past year, the Alumni Admissions Program has worked to cover over forty college fairs, talking with prospective students and families. All of the time and hard work that Alumni Admissions Volunteers have donated to the University are greatly appreciated. The Admis-

sions Office would like to highlight the Alumni Admissions Volunteers from the previous 2012-2013 academic year:

Platinum Volunteers

Al Scala '72

Bev Pavlick-Russell '66

Gold Volunteers

Brian Cooley '76

Ken Rowinsky '72

Mark Testa '87

Silver Volunteers

Francis Soltis '78

Jerome Laday '75

Steve Costello '95

If you are interested in assisting the Office of Enrollment Management with recruiting by sharing your experiences and pride in Saint Francis University, please feel free to contact Holli Urgolites, Coordinator of the Alumni Admissions Program by phone at 814-471-1199 or by email at HUrgolites@francis.edu.

The Legacy continues

This fall Saint Francis University welcomed over 20 Legacy Students as members of the Class of 2017. These students, children and grandchildren of Saint Francis alumni, come to Loretto from across the United States providing diversity and unique perspectives that contribute greatly to our campus community.

The Division of Enrollment Management is happy to support our Legacy prospects by offering the Legacy Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 per year to children and grandchildren of Saint Francis alumni who demonstrate financial need. Additionally representatives

of the Offices of Admission and Financial Aid are available to assist with questions regarding the application and financial aid process.

We welcome and encourage alumni and friends to visit campus.

Upcoming Open Houses

Saturday, April 26, 2014

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Friday, August 1, 2014

To learn more or to refer a Legacy prospect, contact the Office of Admissions at 1-866-342-5738 or admissions@francis.edu

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Campus News & Events

www.francis.edu/news-and-events

All Things Red Flash

www.SFUathletics.com

Social Media

Many departments on campus have social media accounts. Visit francis.edu/social-media to view a list. Here are a few of our favorites:

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