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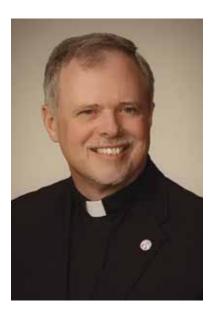
Celebrating our foundation; building our future

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

t Saint Francis University, our mission has been, and always will be, to prepare students who are able to use their knowledge and their Franciscan values to make their mark on the world. What happens inside (and outside) these walls changes lives.

In this issue, we celebrate the acts of charity and outreach performed by our current students, and we are so thankful to see that our core mission is embedded in the hearts of these students. These pages also reflect on the strong liberal arts foundation that helped to bring career success to alumni such as Bob Moore '70 and John Ingoldsby '76 in the field of sports communication, as well as to entrepreneurs Mem Miller '70 and Jonathan Miller '08, '10.

We also wish a blessed journey to our Class of 2012, while we welcome the Class of 2016. We can only imagine how their life stories will unfold. In order to



ensure a bright future for this incoming class, as well as the ones to follow, we have embarked on the largest Capital Campaign in our University's history.

You will read about our early success as we prepare to open a new, state-of-the art, Science Center in Fall 2013. Yet, even as we celebrate this moment, we continue to work hard to fulfill the other pieces of this campaign journey: the renovation and expansion of both Schwab and Sullivan halls.

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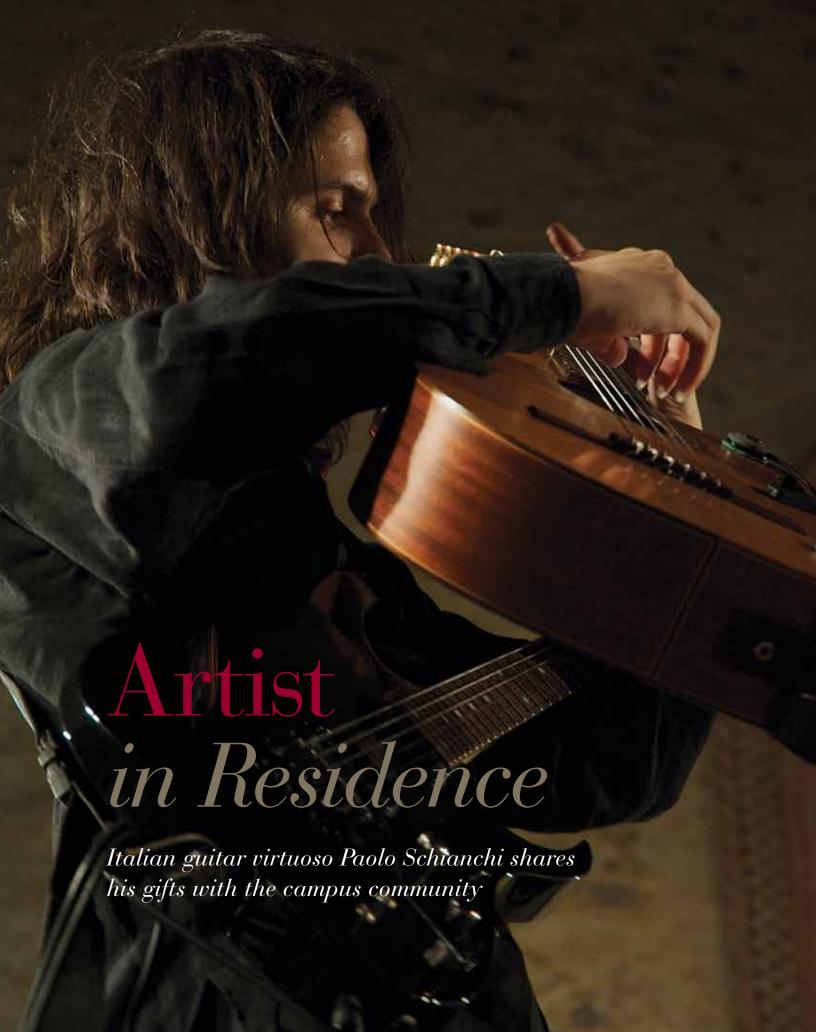
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His signature: Paolo Schianchi often performs without shoes. His bare feet help him to manipulate the foot pedal.

WRITTEN BY | Rachel Vasilko, '13

he fine arts program at Saint Francis is at the peak of its vivacity, according to Charles Olson, the department chairman. Recently students have really come to desire a fine arts experience within their disciplines. "The major isn't enough; they want more. They want to be a physical therapy student who plays guitar well," Olson said. This new energy and enthusiasm for the arts has inspired the department, as well as the entire university, to welcome and embrace Italian guitar virtuoso, Paolo Schianchi.

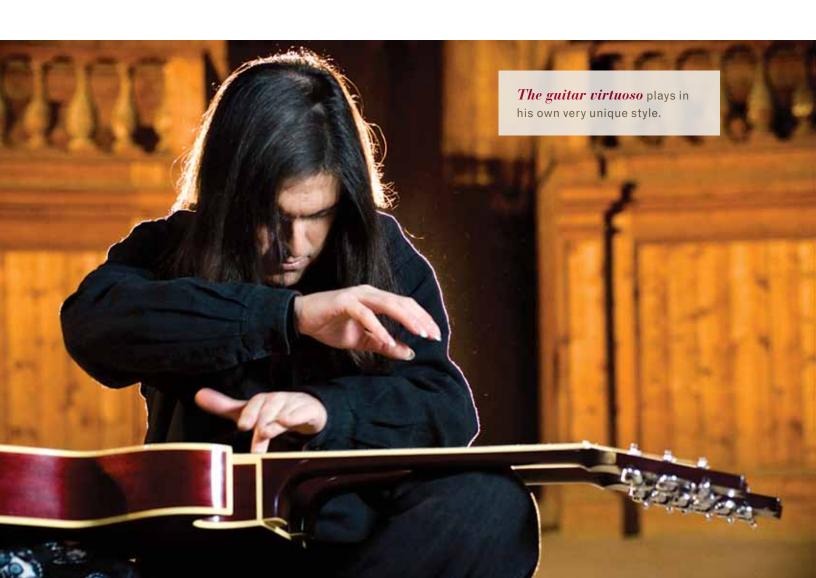
Schianchi, a native of Parma, Italy, spent the 2012 spring semester as the very first artist-in-residence at Saint Francis. The purpose of his residency was to perform, to work on his own music, and to be in contact with the students and faculty. "He has done that beautifully. It has been a great residency," Olson boasted.

Saint Francis first connected with Schianchi during the "Springtime in Italy" study abroad program. As the program's director, Olson insists that the Saint Francis students arrive in Italy with something to share, whether it is an art exhibition or music. He believes that study abroad experiences should help both the students and the natives to learn and inspire. During that particular spring in 2009, Jim Donovan, a professor and former drummer for the rock band, Rusted Root, was offering his drumming course, in which students would study and learn for ten days and then would perform their new techniques for the public. The students played at a concert that also included performances by students from a performing arts high school, instructed by Schianchi. Olson and Donovan were instantly impressed with Schianchi's talent. After seeing him play a second time they were convinced that he was the best they had ever heard.

At the time Schianchi was 28 years old and dreaming of coming to America. Olson and Donovan began to conjure up a way to bring him to Loretto. After years of work and funding from four different sources, Schianchi's presence at Saint Francis has affected students and faculty alike.

Playing to the tune of his own guitar

Music has always intrigued Schianchi. His mother loved music, and as a child he can remember listening to everything from Giuseppe Verdi to Elvis Presley. "My mother told me that when I was little she would put me on the couch and turn music on. She told me I would just freeze; I was fascinated





Paolo Schianchi in New York City. He hopes to make a name for himself in America.

with the music," Schianchi said. As a young boy he also had rock 'n' roll influences from his brother who listened to bands like Pink Floyd and Led Zeppelin, and he was encouraged in his curiosity by his grandmother who gifted him a toy guitar. At the age of 4 he asked to learn the violin and began taking lessons from an old man who he describes as being "not skilled with children." The lessons soon ended because, Schianchi admits, he was too young and not having much fun. He still loved music though, and would often be caught playing the air guitar to a Paul McCartney CD that had been given to him as a gift from his mother.

When Schianchi was about 8 years old his mother asked if he wanted to take guitar lessons, he agreed and she took much care in finding him a good teacher. Soon he was learning guitar and having fun doing it. Within a few years, he grew serious

about playing, becoming more and more interested in other genres of music. He began to stray from the classical guitar that he could play so well, and started to learn electric guitar, as well as resophonic guitar. When Schianchi was a young teenager he worked small, temporary jobs so that he could make enough money to buy new instruments.

Around the age of 14 he began to take masters classes, and thanks to his parents, had the opportunity to study with many great guitarists from all over the world. He began to play concerts as well, and it was then that guitar truly became Schianchi's lifelong profession.

While in high school Schianchi began to work toward his degree in music. In Italy it takes 10 years to earn a degree in guitar. When he finished high school he began to take university classes, studying communication sciences, but all the while

continuing to play and study guitar. Schianchi went back to school two more times, once to study music disciplines, and once more to study music didactics. He now has all of the music degrees attainable in Italy. Schianchi loves to learn and has had to stop himself from going back to school again and again.

"We never stop learning."

—Paolo Schianchi

"It's very enriching. You learn a lot of things, but at the same time it derives a time when you really understand that we always learn. We never stop learning, but to follow a path that is your own. I practice today. I study today," Schianchi explained.

At the age of 18 he left Italy for Ireland. He had heard of Grafton Street in Dublin, a sanctuary for street musicians, and was captivated by the idea of playing there. For a month he lived on nothing but the money he made performing in the street, spending his days moving from spot to spot to avoid the reprove of the authorities.

It was during his time in Ireland when Schianchi wrote his first song. In a crowded pub in Dublin one night he witnessed something that he had never seen before: a single man in the middle of the crowd started to sing and the whole place fell silent to listen. The event fascinated him, and that night at his home he picked up his guitar and began to play. Playing nothing in particular, the song just flowed out of him, and Schianchi realized that it was an interesting piece.

Creativity

The well-known guitar virtuoso has taken everything he has learned over the years and has put it to creative use. He has invented and patented a system that he calls "the octopus" that allows him to play two guitars at once. The system combines the most important elements of electric and acoustic guitars that are manipulated by a foot pedal. It sends a sound to a speaker in one direction and a different





Left: Paolo Schiachi plays his one-of-a-kind, three-neck guitar, made for him by a Peruvian luthier, on Italian television. Right: Paolo performs a piece on his patented invention, the 'octopus.'



Paolo Schianchi composes his own music. He used his time in Loretto as inspiration to write the music for his upcoming album.

sound to a different speaker in another direction. Every sound is live, and nothing is pre-recorded. Schianchi often performs without shoes because the manipulation of the sound is the most difficult part of the system. His bare feet allow him to change the levels with the foot pedal more easily.

What he's left behind

Schianchi's talent and purpose has gotten him far in life. In December of 2011, he was contacted by Red Canzian, the most famous music producer in Italy, who works with the top Italian rock musicians. It was something that Schianchi says "only happens in the movies." After two meetings, Schianchi was asked to write music for a solo album that he recorded this summer. During his time at Saint Francis he wrote the music for his new album, and he found that the scenery and silence of the mountain was very inspirational.

Schianchi's presence at Saint Francis has done much to enhance the arts at the university. He put together an ensemble of students that will perform in the future. He also gave guest lectures in a number of different art, music, and Italian classes, and he performed a number of concerts for students as well as the outside community. "It's been great for the school. It's great to be able to bring him back here so those who can't go to Italy can have part of that experience too," Olson said.

Schianchi's concerts on campus provided Saint Francis with a lot of publicity. His talent and notability brought to the university great musicians such as Davey Yarborough, the head of the music program at the Duke Ellington School of the Arts in Washington D.C. Yarborough, who is known for playing for presidents in the Oval Office, brought his students to Saint Francis just for the opportunity to play with Schianchi. In addition to the five concerts he played on campus, Schianchi also travelled to Manhattan, Pittsburgh, and Washington D.C. to perform. Schianchi hopes for the opportunity to come to America again, and he will always have a home at Saint Francis.



116 students spend spring break serving others

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

t. Francis of Assisi reached out to touch the poor and lepers and provided them with comfort when no one else would. He believed we could learn a lot from studying the world around us. And he understood that the beauty of God is everywhere in creation, and it is our duty to care for and protect all of His living creatures. SFU students are reminded that their vocations are opportunities to live these values- whether by being a compassionate physician assistant, by ensuring ethical decisions are made in business, by teaching values to future generations or by protecting the largest and smallest of God's creation.

One hundred sixteen SFU students reached out during spring break to apply St. Francis' mission worldwide. They shared their talents with those less fortunate and were guided on these excursions by volunteer faculty, administrators and alumni. Domestically, students traveled to Virginia, Florida and West Virginia. Internationally, they flew to the Dominican Republic, Nicaragua, London and Vietnam. Even students at our study abroad site in Ambialet, France, were able to further expand their global vision.

Service to the poor and needy

Dr. Tim Bintrim, associate professor of English, traveled with four students to a Remote Area Medical (RAM) Expedition site in Buena Vista, Va. They worked at the temporary medical station to assist professionals in delivering basic medical, vision and dental treatment to those unable to afford it. The group was invited by Stan Brock, founder of RAM and SFU's 2011 Assisi Award recipient.

Dr. Bintrim said he was humbled by what he saw. "People were lined up outside in the freezing rain waiting hours for health care. We were able to provide people with medical treatment most of us take for granted," said Bintrim. "It was like the broken and afflicted lining up to be touched by Jesus."

During the two-day period the team helped to treat more than 750 people, including a diabetic who had extracted 15 of his rotted teeth himself and a young man who finally has new lenses in complete eyeglass frames after living with broken frames for four years. A young woman was one of the last patients treated by dentists who stayed

"Every person who was cared for and each student who was taught was deeply grateful for our work."

—Tom Johnson, HUGS President

overtime to care for her; she could barely stand from the pain of an abscessed tooth.

Also providing healthcare to our brothers and sisters around the globe was a group of four teams of SFU students and faculty who went to Monte Christi, Dominican Republic, as part of the Hugs United mission. The teams volunteered by giving medical care to people in remote farm villages with the assistance of three Saint Francis physician assistant graduates, Christine (Roos) Bender, '08 '09 (M), Daniel Bender '08, '09 (M), and Becky Woomer '10, '11 (M). They also provided occupational therapy and physical therapy services at rehab facilities in two rural towns along with alumni Shannon Leyden '09, '11 (D), Nathan Barr '09, '11 (D), and Lauren (Smith) Sell '08, '10 (D). The other group taught English in public schools, which will give the natives an edge in being able to gain tourism jobs.

"Every person who was cared for and each student who was taught was deeply grateful for our work," said HUGS president, Tom Johnson "I think I speak for the group when I say that we were all changed in a way difficult to explain." Other SFU employees who went on the trip include Fr. Jonathan St. Andre T.O.R., chaplain; Dani Fry '10, '11 (M), assistant director of student engagement; Dr. William Hanlon, associate professor of physical therapy; Dr. Maria Colmer '04 (M), assistant professor of occupational therapy; and Dr. Laurie Rowles, associate professor of occupational therapy.

Another group of nine Saint Francis students taught English to students and provided service to children and families at a brand new mission site in the small, rural town of Jinotega, Nicaragua. The mission was led by **Shawn Lehman '10**, residence life coordinator.

"Our group brought 700 pounds of donations including clothing, food and school supplies to Jinotega," said Lehman. The students worked tirelessly all week at an elementary school and an

Alumni traveled to the Dominican Republic with the Hugs team to provide medical and educational services. Front row: Becky Woomer '10, '11 (M), Shannon Leyden '09, '11 (D), Nathan Barr '09, '11 (D) and Christy (Roos) Bender '08, '09 (M). Back row: Danielle (Maher) Fry '10, Daniel Bender '08, '09 (M) and Lauren (Smith) Sell '08, '10 (D).



after school program helping to teach the Nicaraguan students English. The English courses will help the Nicaraguan students gain skills that will give them an advantage in the job market and potentially help lift them out of poverty.

Back in the United States, seven more SFU

students volunteered with construction, cleaning and repairs to homes at Nazareth Farms, West Virginia. They assisted other colleges and the West Virginia Habitat for Humanity Chapter with the project. Student Leah Kessler, who led the group, said, "We all came back with our eyes opened and hearts enlightened."

Global vision

The annual School of Business excursion to London, was part of a threecredit business course on "The Role of Great Britain in the European Union" that details legal, competitive, economic, technological and social-cultural environments

of business. **Dr. Randy Frye '90 (M)**, dean of the school, and **Dr. James Logue**, professor of accounting, helped students gain a greater understanding of British culture as they toured famous historical and business sites. They also attended a lecture about the European Union at the University of London and about the British economy at the Bank of England. "Students got to experience British culture and see firsthand how environmental factors

influence the economy and the people touched by them," said Dr. Frye.

Also traveling overseas from the School of Business were **Ed Huttenhower**, associate dean and director of the Center for Global Competitiveness, and student **Quy Cao**. They participated in the

> Mining Vietnam trade show in Hanoi, Vietnam, where they represented six companies from west central Pennsylvania. Cao is a Vietnam native.

Using Paris as a launching pad, students already abroad at SFU's Ambialet site enriched their global vision by discovering the rest of Europe, collectively visiting fourteen locations.

Some traveled to Dublin to celebrate Saint Patrick's Day with the Irish before also visiting Edinburgh and London. Others traveled to Vatican City in Rome, Florence and Venice.

On a tour of central Europe, another group traveled by train to Munich and

continued their journey in the rich cultural cities of Vienna, and Prague. Other adventurers rented a car to drive along the beautiful Swiss countryside, taking a pilgrimage to the famous Matterhorn.

Devon Courtney, a physician assistant and Spanish major, traveled to Spain during break. "I was able to practice some of my Spanish on the trip, and I enjoyed learning the French language as well. I learned about the cultures of the different



Students "reached higher" on the Nicaragua service trip. They brought 700 pounds of donations with them, including clothing, food and school supplies for the students they taught.



This dilapidated home in Nazareth Farms, WV, was given some TLC by the participants of the Habitat for Humanity trip.

countries and will be able to better understand my future patients who may be from different regions of the world. I may also look for a job outside of the United States because my semester in France really inspired me to continue to travel," said Courtney.

Reverence for all life and the goodness of all humanity

Students and faculty who traveled to Crystal River in Florida visited a facility involved in manatee rehabilitation. They met with Saint Francis alumni, veterinarian **Dr. Kathy Heym '00** and director of husbandry, **Jenn Nero Moffatt '98**, both from the Florida Aquarium. They gave the students a tour of the aquarium along with a presentation on manatee medicine and answered career questions. The students also met with the city mayor, a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service biologist, and with a member of the Save the Manatee Club.

They explored the beauty and wonder of creation floating down the Rainbow River, where they swam with manatee, and canoeing through Ocala National Forest to discover the native habitat of Florida. Alumni Elizabeth Huey '09 and Michael

Bresnahan '11, both SeaWorld employees, joined the group on this leg of the adventure.

The trip was part of the students' field biology-manatee ecology course, directed by **Dr. Sue Morra**, professor of biology. "While studying the manatee, students learned about all of the issues that make it challenging to protect them. They followed in St. Francis's footsteps protecting all creatures on earth and better understanding the many challenges that must be met to do this. They utilized their knowledge of economics, political science, government and sociology, along with

"They really are living and fulfilling our Franciscan goals of higher education."

—Fr. Daniel Sinisi, T.O.R. '62

biology to propose solutions to saving the manatee. Not only did they learn, but they have shared their experiences with others upon returning to SFU," said Dr. Morra.

Former Vice President of Mission and Effectiveness Fr. Daniel Sinisi, T.O.R. '62 is proud SFU provides these meaningful opportunities to students. "In the spirit of Jesus, and in the spirit of his faithful follower St. Francis, our students have reached out in service to the needy, to people on the margins of society, and to persons of diverse cultures and countries. They really are living and fulfilling our Franciscan goals of higher education," said Fr. Sinisi.

Courtside Inspiration

For well-written careers

WRITTEN BY | Marie Young

aint Francis graduates, **Bob Moore '70**(Political Science) and **John Ingoldsby '76**(English/Journalism) combined their love of words with a passion for sports to build fulfilling careers in sports information long before the discipline ever showed up in college curricula.

Moore has spent a good part of his career as the director of public relations for the Kansas City Chiefs and a few years ago he became the team's official historian.

Ingoldsby has enjoyed tremendous career success in journalism investor relations, and sports communications. He is the president of IIR Sports and Entertainment, Inc. (IIRsports.com).

The two recently shared how they parlayed their

John Ingoldsby followed his family's legacy to Loretto in graduating with the Bicentennial Class of 1976.

Saint Francis education into multi-faceted careers that have landed them interviews with some of the biggest names in professional sports.

Basketball at the Jaffa Mosque

"My love of sports started with going to Saint Francis games at the Jaffa Mosque," Ingoldsby said recalling the "Golden Era" games of the mid-to-late 60s. In those years, the Altoona native reveled in his new found independence—walking the ten blocks from his house to the games. He would get to see his older brother and sister who were cheering in the Saint Francis student section before taking his seat to watch "The Greats" play: Norm Van Lier '69, Larry Lewis '69 and Kevin Porter '72.

Moore shared a strikingly similar recollection of his childhood, immersed in Saint Francis basketball at the Jaffa Mosque where he sold popcorn during the games. Eventually both men transitioned from Saint Francis spectators to students.

The path to Saint Francis College

Moore chose to attend Saint Francis based on some friendly advice from his mother's boss, dentist William "Skip" Hughes, who just happened to have coached basketball at Saint Francis. Basketball remained a passion for Moore during college.

In the classroom, Moore opted to pursue a political science major. He loved history, but felt politics would provide more career options. Moore's free time was split among watching basketball, lettering on the tennis team and enjoying all things TKE. Even today he is incredibly close to his TKE brothers. Nearly 50 of them gathered last spring at Dewey Beach, Del. for their annual festivities hosted by Joe Bak '70.

For Ingoldsby, it was a strong family legacy that

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brought him to Saint Francis. His father, two brothers, a sister and numerous other relatives are all graduates.

As a Saint Francis student Ingoldsby still walked to the games, now held on campus in the newly constructed Maurice Stokes Athletics Center, to watch a team that included his former Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School classmate, **Pat McGeary '76**. When Ingoldsby wasn't watching basketball he was clocking his own hours on the hardwood of Doyle Hall (now the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art), or fitting in some football or softball games, all at the intramural level.

Ingoldsby was naturally drawn to English as a major. His mother was an English teacher and he grew up in an environment that nurtured language and writing. Journalism, on the other hand, offered an exciting new adventure.

"I was studying at Saint Francis during the height of Watergate. In the mid '70s journalism was in vogue because of everything that was happening with Woodward and Bernstein, and Nixon's resignation. At that point Saint Francis, under Jerry Medley, was just starting its journalism program in the English department. I took the first courses they offered. I was hooked," Ingoldsby shared.

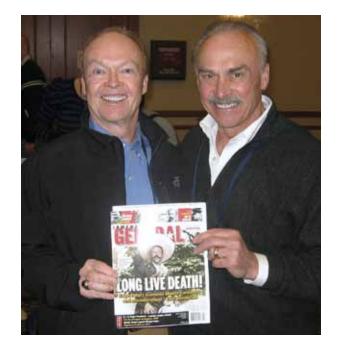
John Ingoldsby, left, talks with Rocky Bleier on Radio Row during Super Bowl Week 2011 in Dallas. The former Pittsburgh Steelers great and Vietnam veteran is holding the May 2011 issue of the Armchair General magazine containing the interview Ingoldsby conducted with Bleier.

Ingoldsby: Career play-by-play

After gradation Ingoldsby moved back to Altoona, not sure what he was going to do professionally, but within two weeks he landed a job at the local newspaper, the *Altoona Mirror*, writing for the news section with some sports on the side. The door to career success had opened.

One highlight of those early career days was covering the Pittsburgh Steelers. "I was a high school kid during the 'Steel Curtain' era. I listened to the 'Immaculate Reception' on the radio. It wasn't even on television in Altoona due to NFL blackout rules. Now, seven years later, I found myself covering the Steelers—interviewing players in the locker room. I was a 25-year-old kid, and I thought I'd reached the mountain top," he recalled.

For his first ten years after college, he worked to build a foundation in newspaper journalism and sports writing. Then he jumped over to the

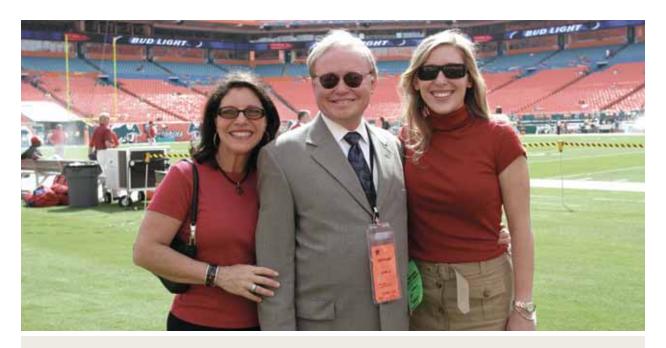


corporate world, building a business foundation. When the internet explosion hit in the '90s, he merged the skill sets into a career in investor relations where he communicated news on publicly traded organizations. "They were looking for a journalist who knew how to read a balance sheet. It was the perfect blend of the two careers." he said.

In 1999 Ingoldsby merged all of his passions into one career by launching his own full-service communications and writing agency, IIR Sports and Entertainment, Inc., that allows him to work in

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Bob Moore with wife, Maggie, and daughter, Mandy, at Miami's Sun Life Stadium prior to a Chiefs game with the Dolphins.

industries as diverse as entertainment, sports, public affairs, homeland security, and travel/tourism.

The common threads through all these different career turns have been writing and sports. Even during the years when he wasn't working in sports communications, he always found freelance sports writing jobs to keep those ties fresh.

Working in the "ultra-passionate sports town" of Boston, with the connections he has made there, has been a huge boon to his career. His weekly schedule often looks something like this: one day of Boston Bruins practice, two days at Radio City Music Hall for the NFL draft, before heading to Uncasville, Conn. for the WNBA media day at the Mohegan Sun, ending the week with Celtics practice back in Boston.

He has an open invitation to Celtics practices

in part because of his Saint Francis ties. As he tells the story, **Mike Iuzzolino '91**, a star Saint Francis player in the early 90s, was drafted by the Dallas Mavericks and was slated to play against the "Larry Bird-Era" Celtics at the Boston Garden. Ingoldsby contacted his former editor at the *Altoona Mirror* and asked if the *Mirror* would want him to cover the game if he could get press credentials. Of course, the answer was yes.

Ingoldsby contacted the Celtics PR director and sealed the deal. Those press credentials led to locker room interviews with Iuzzolini and Larry Bird. Ingoldsby even stuck around until the arena emptied and asked a janitor if he could take some photos. He then spent 15 minutes shooting both camera shots and jump shots on the "fabled parquet floor." For a kid from Altoona and a lifelong Celtics

fan, it was a dream come true. That first contact with the Celtics PR director has led to a long-standing professional relationship with the organization, culminating in his covering the Celtics home games in their epic series against the Miami Heat last spring.

The Saint Francis connection impacted his career again in 2007 when he reached out to Army Women's Basketball Head Coach **Dave Magarity**'74 during his first year coaching the team.
Magarity moved into the coaching role after Coach Maggie Dixon collapsed and died from a heart condition. She was 28. Her death left a stunned and heartbroken team of young women.

Magarity was a well-known Saint Francis grad who spent his early coaching career at Saint Francis. Ingoldsby requested an interview with Magarity after he took over for Dixon in the wake of the tragedy. The resulting piece is one of the most cherished in his portfolio, which most recently includes his article on NFL player engagement for a special advertising section in Bloomberg Businessweek's annual September sports issue.

It is hard to say what the next great story will be for Ingoldsby, but he feels incredibly lucky to be able to follow his passion every single day, and he is thankful for the Saint Francis education on which he has built such a rewarding career.

Moore: career play-by-play

As a college student, Moore worked in "sports information" before it was officially considered a career field. He traveled with the men's basketball team filling in anywhere that they needed a hand. For home games, he took on the role of announcer in the Stokes Center. As Moore's abilities grew, he was asked to take on more formal communications duties.

Moore continued his public affairs career with stints at Mount Aloysius College, the National Park Service and Drexel University. He found his way to professional sports through a position with the Philadelphia Stars, part of the now defunct United States Football League. Stars General Manager Carl Peterson recruited Moore to move on with him to work for the Kansas City Chiefs, where Moore has spent the majority of his career.

Moore knows that team inside and out. During his years as the director of public relations, he spent

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—Bob Moore '70

many long days making sure the Chiefs' story got to the right people in the media. Yet as interesting as the current season is to him, the past holds an even greater pull. He has parlayed his love of history into a new role with the team--historian.

As team historian, he is the chief curator of the Kansas City Chiefs Hall of Honor at Arrowhead Stadium. The museum contains the original papers of the team's founder, Lamar Hunt, including his notes on the AFL/NFL merger in the late 60s. Moore recently completed a documentary on Hunt's life for the Hunt family.

Moore carefully researches the pieces in the collection, helping to tell the story of the team's early



days. He points out that many of the artifacts in the collection reflect America's culture at different points in time. For example, Hunt's league was ahead of its time in the recruitment of black athletes when, as late as 1962, the NFL still had one team with no African-Americans. By 1969 and the Chiefs' first Super Bowl victory over the Minnesota Vikings half of Kansas City's starters were black.

"The thing that gets the most gasps in the collection," according to Moore, "is Chris Burford's \$35 paycheck for a pre-season game." Burford was named an AFL All-Star in 1961 while with the Texans and went on to enjoy a stellar professional career. Moore explained that people—including the players themselves—are shocked to see a check that small for an athlete.

In 2012 Moore was asked by Saint Francis
President Fr. Gabriel Zeis T.O.R. to combine his
passion for history and his passion for sports to
benefit the newly formed "Saint Francis University
Golden Era Hall of Fame" Through the Hall of
Fame, Moore plays a big role in honoring all of
those "greats" whom he watched growing up.

Sage advice to future professionals

Ingoldsby and Moore both found their strengths in an emerging profession thanks to a liberal arts education, persistence, and the ability to seize opportunities. Over the years, both Ingoldsby and Moore have seen many fresh-faced graduates eager to make their own mark on the field. So what is their advice to the next generation of sports information professionals?

"You don't have to be able to write a great treatise, but you have to be able to express yourself," Moore says. He encourages students to take a wide range of courses that focus on research, and most importantly, improving writing and speaking skills. He finds that too many students come out of well-respected universities with high GPAs, but with a poor writing ability.

Ingoldsby urges students to take advantage of summer internships with sports teams or marketing firms as a way to learn the business. "Internships can lead to great opportunities down the road," he said.

Dimples' Dynamic Duo

Mother and son invention saves money and the environment

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SIFE Students install Dimples: SIFE students Kayleigh Wolfhope, Dustien Garman, and Christina Daugherty assist Jonathan Miller with installing Dimples on SFU computers.

other and son team, Mem '70 and Jonathan Miller '08, '10 (M), beam with ear to ear grins when they showcase Dimples, the revolutionary font they invented to eliminate ink waste and save money. Both are SFU alumni employed in vastly different fields: Mem as a social worker and Jonathan as an adjunct instructor at SFU, teaching classes in pre-calculus, statistics and management information systems.

Dimples was born when the duo was busy printing documents and realized how expensive ink is and its negative environmental impact. They researched data from the Gartner Group and found office printing costs comprise 1% to 3% of total corporate revenues, with estimates indicated that printing costs will increase annually by 20%

"It is elegantly simple, reduces waste, and saves money without loss of quality."

—Dr. John Miko '92, '02 (M)

to 40%. They also found evidence of the harmful nature of ink. Volatile organic compounds and toxins that can cause respiratory problems and irritation are emitted by cartridges each time something is printed. Carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas, is also released into the environment during printing.

Armed with that knowledge, they concluded if they were able to put perforations, or dimples, into the font characters, they would concurrently save ink, save money and be green.

Mem and Jonathan hand perforated individual



Mem and Jonathan Miller take a break from helping to install the Dimples program on SFU computers.

font characters for their initial product tests. This proved to be time intensive and tedious. Jonathan used his math and computer savvy to develop an algorithm that automatically added dots to the font characters. The Millers quickly realized they created a unique product and applied for a non-provisional patent for Dimples, which is pending.

They wanted to expand Dimples' credibility beyond their home and took it to the Pennsylvania State University where it "graduated" with positive results from the university's Innoblue incubator. It also became the choice font for the Innoblue program.

Mem and Jonathan then asked Dr. John Miko '92, '02 (M), associate dean of business and associate professor of management information systems

at SFU, to review their product. "Dimples is my favorite type of technical innovation; it is elegantly simple, reduces waste, and saves money without loss of quality," he shared.

With positive results for Dimples, Mem and Jonathan concluded that they wanted to sell it. Knowing that capital would be essential for Dimples to enter the marketplace, they met with investors and legal counsel, but realized they wanted to self-fund it. Mem took a risk and committed her retirement savings to fund the release of their innovation. In addition, Saint Francis' Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) was awarded a "Women for Less Waste" grant from Johnson & Johnson to help the Millers fund the early growth of Dimples.

Save ink, save money, be green

Dimples' philosophy to "save ink, save money, be green" is confirmed by tests. It uses 31.8% less ink/toner than regular fonts and reduces toxic environmental impact by nearly a third.

The Millers are optimistic about the possibilities that may arise from Dimples. Jonathan said, "I want to be an inspiration to Central Pennsylvania and show that good things come from rural areas. I also want to show that parent and child teams can work well together."

According to Mem, she and Jonathan believe that, "Entrepreneurship is the sustainable means for helping many people."

To show their appreciation for the support Saint Francis has provided, the Millers donated the use of Dimples to SFU computers. In the fall of 2011, the information technology department began including Dimples' fonts on new student laptops. This past spring Jonathan, Mem and SFU SIFE students downloaded the program for free on other campus computers. Revised Dimples software will be

www.getdimples.com

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Alumni will also receive \$1 off the Dimples software price.

COUPON CODE: "SFUALUM"



*SFU donations are in addition to the Dimples' software that has been donated to all student and faculty computers.

included on new student laptops this fall.

Dr. Miko thinks that Dimples has a bright future, saying "We have used it with much success at Saint Francis and I believe it will soon become the default font for any practical, bottom-line-oriented organization." The software is currently available for purchase by individuals and enterprises at www. getdimples.com.

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Capital Campaign receives \$1 million gift

Pete and Suzy Shields of Boyne City, Mich., long-time friends and benefactors of the University, made a \$1 million gift in support of the University's capital



Pete and Suzy Shields

projects. Mr. Shields, an Ebensburg native, is chairman of the board of Flat Rock Metal, Inc.

In appreciation for the Shields' commitment, the University will name the first floor of the new Science Center the Ferdinand and Frances (Little) Shields Center for Biology, in memory of Pete's parents. In addition, the Little Family will be honored with a plaque in the genetics laboratory situated on the same floor.

The goal of the University's Capital Campaign is the construction/renovation of several campus academic facilities. Already under construction, the 70,000 square foot Science Center will become the new home to the School of Sciences. The complete restoration of Schwab Hall and Sullivan Hall.

which will house the School of Business and School of Health Sciences, respectively, is also planned.

Visit www.francis.edu/capital-campaign to learn how you can support The Capital Campaign: Called to Serve... Fulfilling the Promise.



2012 Mr. and Miss Frankie: The senior class, along with the staff and administration, selected Matthew Rittle '12 of Pittsburgh and Amber Latterner '12 of Ebensburg as the 2012 Mr. and Miss Frankie Award winners based on their academic achievements, commitment to Franciscan values and leadership in campus activities.





Six Degrees of Saint Francis: In 2008,
Dr. Jim Burke '88, chief of neurosurgery at
the Altoona Regional Health System, performed a seven-hour operation on Anita
Baumann '90 after a major car accident. The
two were reunited under better circumstances
at this year's commencement ceremony, where
Dr. Burke was the graduate commencement
speaker. Ms. Baumann, the director of alumni
relations, welcomed the new graduates to the
alumni family.

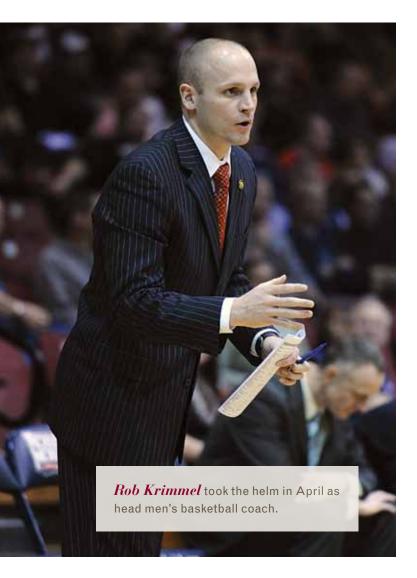


Sr. Paula Delgrosso (with University
President Fr. Gabriel Zeis, T.O.R.) received an
honorary degree for her work directing the St.
Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen in Altoona.
Sr. Paula, with the help of some 100 community
volunteers, serves a hot meal to close to 200
people in need every weekday.

ATHLETICS

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Rob Krimmel named head men's basketball coach

Rob Krimmel '00, '03 (M) took the helm in April as the 21st head men's basketball coach in school history.

The move follows a series of enhancements that the University has made to prioritize the program's competitiveness in the Northeast Conference and attract student-athletes who embody the program's commitment to faith, academics, values and winning basketball.

"Rob Krimmel is the right man to lead our men's basketball program," said University President Fr. Gabiel Zeis, T.O.R. "His career as both a coach and a student-athlete at Saint Francis demonstrates a long-standing commitment to his faith and to academic excellence, concern for student-athlete well being, as well as strong character and moral values, validate my belief that he will develop student-athletes who will serve as leaders on and off the court."

Krimmel will enter his 13th season as a member of the Red Flash coaching staff in 2012-13, and his first as head coach. A tremendous 3-point threat and a two-time ESPN The Magazine Academic All-

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3rd Straight NEC Championship: After nearly three days of staying within striking distance of Central Connecticut State, SFU swimmers finally pulled ahead of the Blue Devils in the second-to-last event of the 2011-12 Northeast Conference Championships. Over the course of the meet, seven NEC records were broken – four of those were by Red Flash swimmers.



America selection as a four-year Red Flash player, Krimmel enters his 16th season overall.

Krimmel has coached five players to lead the Northeast Conference in 3-point field goal percentage in his career, including 2009 graduates Marquis Ford and Grant Surprenant. Under Krimmel's guidance, Darshan Luckey '05 was a three-time all-Northeast Conference selection and Rookie of the Year. Luckey, Rahsaan Benton '06 and Devin Sweetney '09 became 1,000-point scorers, and former point guard Garrett Farha '06 led the NEC in assists, 3-point field goal percentage and assist-to-turnover ratio twice. Sweetney, who was an All-Northeast Conference First Team honoree in 2009-10, and Ford both earned NEC All-Rookie Team selections during their freshman seasons at SFU, under Krimmel's tutelage.

"I am humbled and honored to be named head coach at Saint Francis, an institution that has meant so much to myself and my family," Krimmel said. "I look forward to leading this team to new heights and helping to develop student-athletes of which our alumni as well as the University and local communities can be proud."

In addition to his on-court accomplishments, Krimmel received numerous awards as a student leader. He was the first-ever recipient of the Dr. Philip Benham Scholar-Athlete Award, which is given to Saint Francis student-athletes who exhibit outstanding academic and athletic excellence. He attended the NCAA Leadership Conference in Orlando, Fla., received a prestigious NCAA Post Graduate Scholarship and was the NEC Men's Basketball Scholar-Athlete of the Year in 2000. He also received SFU's Mr. Frankie Award, which is presented annually to the outstanding male student in the senior class.

Krimmel is well known in the community for his service.

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He has been a member of the Pennsylvania Special Olympics Management Team for the past 10 years, while also participating in Saint Francis University Leadership Development and NCAA Diversity Training, as well as serving on the DiSepio Asthma Basketball Camp Committee.

Krimmel received his Bachelor of Arts in Secondary Education and History (Pre-Law Concentration) from Saint Francis in 2000. In 2003 he earned his Masters of Education-Leadership.

Rob and his wife, Aileen '99, '01 (M) reside in Duncansville with their two young sons, Alex James and Thomas.



Strong National Showing: After earning an automatic bid into the finals following preliminary competition, the SFU cheerleading squad earned a ninth place finish at the 2012 NCA/NDA Collegiate Cheer and Dance Championship.

Flash earn record-high GPA: Extend 3.0 streak to 27 semesters

With the spring 2012 term officially in the books, SFU student-athletes have stretched their string of semesters with a GPA of 3.0-or-higher to 27 – a run spanning 13-and-a-half years.

The Red Flash posted a collective 3.215 gradepoint-average, marking a new department record and an increase of .051 over the fall term.

"I am so proud of all that our student-athletes have accomplished over this past semester in the community, in their respective sports and in the classroom," said assistant director of athletics for academic services John Krimmel. "Twenty-seven consecutive semesters is a testament to the hard work that they put into their studies each day. It is also a testament to the great faculty, staff and administration we have at the university."

Haigh named head women's basketball coach

Joe Haigh was named the head coach of the Red Flash women's basketball program in April. Haigh, who has spent the past four seasons as the top assistant on former coach Susan Robinson Fruchtl's staff, becomes the seventh head coach in the program's 45-year history.

"Joe Haigh emerged as the clear choice to lead our women's basketball program," said Fr. Gabriel Zeis. "Joe has the knowledge, passion and drive to guide our student-athletes to continued success on the court, in the classroom and in life. The entire university community congratulates Joe on his appointment, and we are blessed that he and his family will remain a part of the Saint Francis family."

The Red Flash reclaimed its status as a small-college dynasty during Haigh's time in Loretto, compiling an impressive 47-25 record against Northeast Conference opponents over the past four seasons. In 2009-10 and 2010-11, the Flash earned its two most recent NEC titles and NCAA Tournament berths.

A 14-year coaching veteran at the collegiate, high school and club levels, Haigh worked primarily with wing players under Robinson Fruchtl and also served as recruiting coordinator.

"I am absolutely thrilled for Joe and Sherri and their family," said Robinson Fruchtl. "Joe is a perfect fit for Saint Francis and has embraced it ever since stepping on campus four years ago. His family has really become a part of the community and that says a lot about him as a person."

"I am honored and excited to become the next



Joe Haigh moves into new role as head coach for the women's basketball program.

head coach at Saint Francis University," said Haigh. "I want to thank our current and former players for their hard work and commitment during the past four years – without that dedication and our recent successes, this opportunity would not have been available to me."

From 2005 to 2006, Haigh was a business teacher at Patrick Henry High School (Ashland, Va.) and coached the junior varsity boys' basketball team at tradition-rich Benedictine High School in Richmond, Va.

He served as an assistant at Randolph-Macon College for the men's basketball program under Mike Rhoades during the 2004-05 season when the Yellow Jackets won their fourth-consecutive regular season league championship.

Haigh also was an assistant coach for the 16U and 17U boys AAU programs in Richmond, Va. during the 2005 and 2006 summers, and was an assistant at Thomas Jefferson High School (Auburn,

Wash.) in the 2003-04 season. In addition to his season at Benedictine High School, Haigh was a head coach for the Puyallup Bulls/Irish (Puyallup, Wash.) AAU basketball team from 1997 to 2002.

As a player, he led the Green River Community College (Auburn, Wash.) squad in three-point and free throw percentage in 1991-92.

A native of Puyallup, Wash., Haigh received his bachelor of business administration in accounting from Notre Dame in 1995, and his masters of science in sport leadership from VCU in 2005. He also earned his teaching license through the University of Virginia in May 2006.

Haigh's wife, Sherri (Orlosky), played basketball for four years at the University of Notre Dame, and is ranked in the top ten all time in three-point and free throw percentage. Joe and Sherri have five children: Anna (11), Teresa (9), Patrick (7), Daniel (5), and Mary (2).

ALUMNI

flashbacks

Includes information shared with the Office of Alumni Relations between November 2011 and April 2012

1960s

- ◆ Fletcher Gately '64 writes, "In April 2012, we had another TKE gettogether at John '64 and Christine Stefani's house in Annapolis, Md. In attendance were John and Christine Stefani, Tom '64 and Fran Lane, Marge Betters, Charley Pennypacker '65, and my wife, Rosemary, and me. John arranged for a luncheon at a restaurant overlooking the Chesapeake Bay and a boat ride tour of the Bay. We all had a blast! We all agreed that our next gathering will be at my house on Long Island. We invite any other TKEs to get in touch with one of us to join in the fun."
- ◆ Robert Stier '67 recently was elected president of the Resident Council of Alamo Heights Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, one of the largest nursing homes in San Antonio, Tx. He writes: "I miss SFU. The SFU experience is one of the highlights of my 67 years on this earth. I am not Catholic (I am Jewish), but my education at SFU has been a hallmark of my volunteer activities over my many years of volunteering." Robert's volunteering experiences in San Antonio are



- ◆ American Legion Post #117 in Bogota, N.J., dedicated a monument to William C. Ryan '66 for his service to his country. William Ryan died on May 11, 1969 during the Vietnam War.
- ◆ Edmund Lvnch '63 writes. "Classmate Kevin Maddock '63 was off on a cruise to Europe with his wife Lee. My wife, Aud, and I arrived with a fruit basket and champagne to see them off." Kevin recently retired as an executive in the steel industry. He and Lee are the proud parents of four children and eight grandchildren. They reside in Mission Viejo, Ca. Ed and his wife reside in Englewood, Fla. but keep a small apartment in Silver Spring, Md. to help with grandchildren. Ed recently



retired from the private practice of law. He now volunteers as an instructor at Notre Dame University Law School and mediates cases in Washington D.C. and New Jersey. Ed and Aud are proud parents of three children and four grandchildren.

many as he was the manager of the cafeteria in the Center for Health Care for 10 years. He also served coffee in the dining rooms at Amber Oaks Assisted Living for five years. He pushed wheelchairs and went shopping for the residents.

1970s

♦ Jim (James) Begis '71 (M)

was named the Federal Personal Property Manager of the Year at the National Property Management Association. Before his retirement at the end of 2011, he was the director of logistics policy and programs, Division of Property Management, AOS. His team was able to incorporate property man-

agement information into the HHS
New Employee's Orientation, and
develop and implement an online
Motor Vehicle Operator's Training
and Certification Course through
HHS University. Jim has taught
both at the USDA Graduate School
and Strayer University's Rockville
Campus. He has professional
certifications as a Certified Hazard
Control Manager and Certified Professional Property Manager and is

recognized as a Consulting Fellow by the National Property Management Association. He and his wife reside in Rockville. Md.

◆ Dr. Gioacchino A. Patuto '74 traveled to Haiti in June 2011 to help with the ongoing relief effort. While there, he helped diagnose and treat patients who were dealing with a variety of medical problems. He hopes to return in 2012 to continue the work he began last summer.



- ◆ Martha (Guzzetti) Harrie '82 is now the finance director for Stanford Health Medical Center, located in Fargo, ND.
- ◆ Lisa Kay (Teats) Hartmann '85 spoke at the 17th Annual Maternal and Child Health Epidemiology Conference on Sudden Unexplained Infant Death Case Registry in New Orleans in December 2011. She also is a team leader in Pampered Chef.
- ◆ Andrew Lokuta '88 recently received The Chancellor's Hilldale Award for Excellence in Teaching at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

1990s

◆ April Mattix '97 received her Ph.D. from the University of Pitts-



burgh School of Education. She has accepted a teaching position at George Mason University in Virginia.



◆ Four graduates of the Class of '72 were reunited when Annmarie Poole, the daughter of Lois Keller-Poole, married David Fox in the summer of 2011 in Frederick, Md.

These graduates were Anne (Grande) Tunney, Patricia (Morroni) Speerstra, Lois Keller-Poole, and Joanne (Hanley) Resch.



◆ Some members of the Class of '73 celebrated together at the wedding of Jessica Dillon and Wes Bieligk in Bethany Beach, Del. From left are Michael Dillon, Joe Waterman, Jolly (Borden) Waterman, Paul E. Dillon, Sharon (Leccese) Dillon, Christine (Boylan) Carr, James Booth, and Kathleen (Gallagher) Booth.



◆ The 2011 Science Day at Saint Francis brought back several alumni who are teaching at schools in the area. Front row: Nancy (Belgin) Gobert '90 (Glendale High School), Christa (Moyer) Vasas '97, '06 (M), (Northern Bedford High School), and Maria (Steberger) Hoover '01. Back row: Rick Bishop '92 (M) (Northern Cambria High School), Paul Conway '80, and Leo Magulick '08 (Northern Cambria High School).

2000s

- ◆ Christopher G. Gvozdich, Esq.
- '07 has been accepted into the University of Alabama School of Law's Fall 2012 Master of Laws in Business Transactions class. He is a cum laude graduate of Widener University School of Law and is an associate with Gvozdich Law Offices in Ebensburg, Pa.
- ◆ Dr. Sean Simonds '10 (D) has written two books. A Healthier Life at Your Pace is a bare bones, nononsense book aimed at helping the reader make healthier decisions. Healthy for Life provides a month-bymonth framework for the reader to use to make slow, but lasting, lifestyle changes. Each month includes goals, charts to fill out, helpful information and many opportuni-



◆ Ashlei (Eckert)

Harrington '07 is currently teaching math at a college prep Catholic high school in Jacksonville, Fla., where she resides with her husband, Randall '06, and two children, Michael and Katherine.

ties to fit the plan to specific needs and purposes. Both books can be purchased from Amazon.com.

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Births



◆ A daughter, Cecelia Frances, to **Doug '94 and Nicole (Svencer) Schrift '96** on July 25, 2011



◆ A son, Nicholas Paul, to **Ryan Shola '00** and wife, Maria, on June 29, 2011



◆ A son, Carter, to Jamie (Bell)
Cortazzo '04 and husband,
Scott, on February 2, 2011



◆ A daughter, Ruby Eliza, to Elizabeth (Weiss) McGolerick '99 and husband, Robert, on January 24, 2011



◆ A daughter, Natalie Cecilia, to Annie (Chyle) Costlow '01, '02 (M) and husband, Dave, on September 7, 2011. Natalie has one brother, Zachary, who is 2.



◆ A daughter, Kelsey Noelle, to Amanda (Cammarata) Kulifay '05, '07 (M) and husband, Chris, on June 21, 2011



◆ A son, Dominic, to **Stephen Pyo '00, '01 (M)** and wife, Jodi,
on July 27, 2011



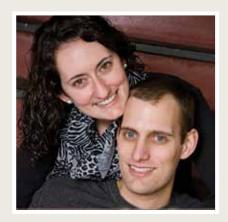
◆ A son, James Thomas, to Tom '02 and Maureen (Kilcoyne) Hoyne '03, '07 (M), on April 3, 2012. James and his sister, Shannon, are the grandchildren of Jim '71 and Stephanie (Scholz) Kilcoyne '72 and Tom Hoyne '71 and his wife, Brenda.



◆ A daughter, Mischa Leona, to Rhiana (Pettenati) Bodenshatz '09, '10 (M) and husband, Matthew on September 23, 2011

Engagements -

◆ Crystal Shumgart '08 and Shaun Witmer will be married in the summer of 2013, after announcing their engagement in November 2011. In June 2011, Crystal graduated with her master's degree in clinical psychology from The American School of Professional Psychology at Argosy University, Washington, D.C. and will graduate with her Psy.D. in clinical psychology in November 2014. Shaun is a 2008 graduate of The Pennsylvania College of Technology.



◆ Shelly Wasielewski '12 and Alexander Davidovich '11 announced their engagement on December 31, 2011. The couple will be will be married on September 7, 2013 in San Francisco, Calif. In 2013, Alexander will receive his doctorate in physical therapy, and Shelly will earn her master's degree in occupational therapy.

Marriages -



♦ Martha (Guzzetti) Rust '82 (center) and Greg Harrie were married on November 11, 2011 on North Captiva Island, Fla. They currently reside in Fargo, N.D. and Fort Myers, Fla. The 11-11-11 wedding was also attended by (from left) Lisa Piastrelli '82 and her husband, Gary, and Steve '82 and Jean (Payne) Rogers '82.



◆ The August 6, 2011 wedding celebration of Nicholas Baro '08 and Maureen Rogers '09 brought together two generations of SFU students. Friends of the couple were joined by friends of the bride's parents, Steve and Jean (Payne) Rogers, both '82 grads. In all, the 51 people featured in the photo were either present or former students. The couple was married at Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel in Loretto, Pa. The union was then blessed at the Immaculate Conception Chapel on campus.

Deaths

Heather Bainey '07 Michael J. Basarab '69 Robert J. Bearer '48 John R. Betters Jr. '64 Harry Becker '51 Robert Boak '86 (M) Edward G. Byrne III '78 Edmund J. Connelly Jr. '59 Joyce A. Cordek '91 Benjamin J. Delozier '07 (M) John P. Dirgo '67 Harry Felty '41 Lawrence J. Finnan III '61 Nancy M. Fiore Owen Flanagan Jr. '51 Kathryn Ann (Pankowski) Hix '70 Anthony R. Infante '72 Walter J. Keiss '68 Shannon (Grove) Klein '98 Donald Kingsley '81 Anne Marie (Petrovich) Lohin '72 Michael Macchia Elizabeth Ann (Lidell) Malleo '82 Joseph Maurer III '75 Betsy (Keating) Meehan '72 Michael Donald Murphy '69 Mary Jane Myers '58 Father Raymond Nedimyer, T.O.R. Paul Nugent '53 Virginia Lee (Meden) Oaif '66 Joseph Ozag Sr. '57 Michael A. Paduano Jr. '92 Kimberley (Vitt) Petro '83 Catherine M. (Grab) Powell '76 Timothy B. Ragan '66 Donald Roseberry '37 Ralph Sette '72 Bob Shepherd '55 Joseph Singer '52 William H. Stadtmiller '54 Walter J. Stapleton '51 Father Antonius William Yester, T.O.R.

In memoriam

My Hero, Jack Twyman

By Pat Farabaugh – Reprinted with permission from the Altoona Mirror

My stepson, Logan, loves sports. Like many young people, he admires his favorite players. LeBron James is one of them. We have watched almost all of the Miami Heat's playoff games over the last month. He has a LeBron poster hanging on his bedroom wall.

Do I mind that he admires LeBron? Not at all. He recognizes that James is a talented player and he admires his abilities on the basketball court. LeBron is not his hero, but rather a wonderfully gifted athlete who he enjoys watching.

Far too often, however, many young people (and adults) place star athletes on a pedestal. We assign them hero status because they can put a ball through a hoop or hit one coming at them at 90 mph. Athletic ability does not make someone a hero.

But every once in a very long while, a truly special sports figure comes along. Someone who is deserving of hero status. Not for what they can do between the lines, but because of their contributions beyond the athletics arena.

We lost one of these heroes last Wednesday (May 30) when Jack Twyman died in Cincinnati from complications from an aggressive form of blood cancer. He was 78.

Twyman was a star player in the NBA's early years. A member of the Rochester/Cincinnati Royals from 1955-66, the Pittsburgh native finished his professional career with 15,840 points and was inducted into the Naismith Basketball Hall of

Fame in 1983.

It was who he was off the court, however, that makes him a hero.

I first met Twyman in 2000. I was the sports information director at Saint Francis and we were retiring Red Flash legend Maurice Stokes' uniform number 26. Twyman was on hand for the ceremony. I saw him again in 2004, when Stokes was inducted into the Naismith Hall of Fame. Jack accepted the award on Stokes' behalf.

The last time I spoke with
Twyman was a little less than a
year ago. I am writing a biography
on Stokes and I called Jack to
pitch my idea to him. He reminded
me that Stokes did more for him
than he ever did for Maurice. And
he insisted that my book focus on
Stokes, not the lives of Stokes
and Twyman.

I tactfully attempted to explain that it would be impossible to tell Stokes' story without detailing their relationship. After some convincing, he agreed to cooperate with me.

Twyman literally changed the trajectory of Stokes' life. For those of you unfamiliar with Stokes' story, here's the CliffsNotes version:
Stokes led the Saint Francis basketball program to unprecedented success. The Rochester Royals selected him in the first round of the 1955 NBA Draft (Rochester's second-round pick was Twyman, who had starred at the University of Cincinnati). Stokes earned NBA Rookie-of-the-Year honors and all-star honors in each of his three seasons in the league.

Stokes' career ended abruptly in March 1958. He fell awkwardly in a game and his head struck the court violently, knocking him unconscious. Three days later, he lapsed into a coma, the result of swelling on his brain believed to be caused by the fall. Stokes emerged from the coma, but the swelling had caused extensive damage to his brain's motor control center.

While his mind was not affected, Stokes' body could no longer respond to commands delivered from his brain. He was paralyzed from the neck down and could not speak. Stokes spent the final 12 years of his life under hospital care in Cincinnati before dying in April 1970 at age 36.

The costs of Stokes' medical care were significant and Twyman came to his aid, becoming Maurice's legal guardian so he could make financial decisions on Stokes' behalf. He successfully sued the state of Ohio, arguing Maurice was entitled to worker's compensation benefits. The state picked up the costs of Stokes' care.

Twyman organized numerous fundraising ventures to help defray the costs of Stokes' other expenses, which included the medicines and drugs he needed following his accident. He organized an annual benefit game that was played at Kutshers Country Club in the Catskills. The game drew many of the NBA's top players each summer.

Closer to home, he cut a deal with Fred DelGrosso, the founder of DelGrosso Foods in Tipton.
Twyman helped DelGrosso get his company's spaghetti sauce into Cincinnati-area stores and profits from the first 700 cases of sauce sold in Cincy went toward Stokes' medical bills. Twyman was as creative as he was tireless in drumming up ways to raise money.

Stokes was black and Twyman



Maurice Stokes '55 and teammate Jack Twyman shared an uncommon brotherhood in the face of adversity.

was white, but their story transcended race. "Jack is a rare individual," Stokes' brother, Terro, told me. "In that period of time, things were very interesting in the United States (regarding race relations). The average person doesn't make the kind of commitment he made to Maurice."

Maurice became an extended member of Twyman's family. In addition to his regular visits to see Maurice, on the rare occasions that Stokes' doctors allowed him to leave the hospital, Jack shuttled him to and from his Cincinnati home. He was with Stokes on Maurice's two trips back to Saint Francis following the accident – in 1965 and '68. He brought Stokes'

body back to campus in 1970 when Maurice was laid to rest in the Franciscan Community Cemetery.

Twyman always insisted that he simply did "what anyone would have done" in a similar situation, but this is not true. To say he went above and beyond "what anyone would do" is a gross understatement.

Twyman helped provide Stokes with the opportunity to continue living his life.

This makes him my hero.

Pat Farabaugh is an assistant professor of communication arts at Saint Francis University and served as the school's sports information director from 1999-2005. His book, titled "The Rise and Fall and Rise of Maurice Stokes," will be released in 2013.



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