FROM THE PRESIDENT

If you have not visited Saint Joseph’s recently, I am sure you have heard about the dramatic physical changes to our campus and many of our facilities. There is no question that these multiple projects and priorities — the acquisition of the 38-acre James J. Maguire ’58 Campus; the expansion and renovation of the Alumni Memorial Fieldhouse, which will be renamed the Michael J. Hagan ’85 Arena; the future John R. Post ’60 Academic Center; and the Hawks’ Landing parking and retail facility that houses the University bookstore — are transforming Saint Joseph’s and the experience of our students in remarkable ways.

This transformation is an exciting testament to the hard work and devotion of our Board of Trustees, faculty, staff, administrators, alumni and friends. It has been immensely satisfying to see these many initiatives, which have been so long in the planning, come to fruition. But while we have been hard at work creating these significant upgrades, we have also been focused on something else of paramount importance, unassociated with bricks and mortar, but no less labor-intensive.

For the past five years, a group of dedicated faculty members and administrators has collaborated on a comprehensive review of our curriculum. Through critical thought, careful consultation and sometimes passionate debate, we have developed a revised general education curriculum that enlivens and brings new relevance to our time-honored mission of offering an unsurpassed Catholic and Jesuit liberal arts education. The result of this demanding process is an inspired reconfiguration of the intellectual experience of our students that is responsive to the world in which we live, and also strengthens our Catholic and Jesuit identity.

Over time, as we considered just what a Saint Joseph’s education ought to be, it became clear that we desired to demonstrate to our students the interrelated nature of human knowledge, and we sought ways to engage them in issues of diversity, globalization, non-Western studies and ethics. I am particularly delighted that we have drafted a required course in faith and reason that introduces our students to the dynamic interplay of a vibrant, living faith elucidated by intellectual inquiry. Another new required course will be Faith, Justice and the Catholic Tradition.

While our stunning new facilities and expanded acreage will add immeasurably to student life, enabling students to create meaningful memories of their time at Saint Joseph’s, I am tremendously gratified that we have constructed this dynamic liberal arts curriculum, built on a framework of high ideals, that will strengthen their spirits, inform their intellects and provide purpose for their futures.

It is my hope that the revitalized curriculum will support our students as enlightened, competent and compassionate men and women, in a powerful and unforgettable way.

The hard work of implementation awaits us, but I look forward to this labor of love. What is most important, after all, is not just the classrooms in which our students learn, but the quality of the education they take away with them.

God’s blessings,

Timothy R. Lannon, S.J.
President

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12 Channels of Discovery
By Sarah Whelehon Hennessey ’07 (M.A.)
With contributions from Patricia Allen, David King ’08 (B.A.) and Daniel Wisniewski ’08 (B.A.)
The days of pure textbook learning are long gone. Today’s students have virtually unlimited potential for academic discovery at Saint Joseph’s.

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—from the Editor

ON THE CALENDAR

ACADEMIC CALENDAR
First day of classes, Tue., Jan. 20.
Last day of classes, Fri., May 1.
Final examinations, Mon.-May 4-Sat., May 9.
Commencement weekend, Fri., May 15-Sat., May 16.
Online: www.sju.edu/sjuacademic_calendars.html.

ACADEMIC EVENTS
20th Annual African American Read-In, Mon., Feb. 2.
Students’ Reception and Exhibit, Thu., Feb. 19.
Mordecha Aniellwicz Creative Arts Competition Exhibit, Mar. 1-31.
The Regular Schedule for the Liturgy of the Word and

CATHOLIC INTELLECTUAL SERIES
“Reflections on the Sacred Council of Our Time: The 50th
Anniversary of Pope John XXIII’s calling for the Second
Teletorium, Mandeville Hall, Sun., Jan. 25 (7:30 p.m.).
“A Light Once Hidden: The Journey of Women since
Vatican II,” William Sandra Yocum Mize, Ph.D., chair
and associate professor of religious studies, University
of Dayton, Wolfington Teletorium, Mon., Mar. 2 (7:30 p.m.).
The Ever New Vatican II: Sharing and Living the
Teachings of the Council with a New Generation,
Maureen O’Connell, Ph.D. ’95, assistant professor of
theology, Fordham University, and Sean Sandforf’98,
executive director of Saint Joseph’s Seminary, Wolfington
Teletorium, Tue., Mar. 24 (7:30 p.m.).

DIVERSITY LECTURE SERIES
Patricia J. Williams, attorney, author and critical
theorist, fri., Feb. 6, lunch, Campus Student Center
(11 a.m.-1 p.m.). Co-sponsored by the Greater Philadelphia Women’s Studies Consortium. Online:
www.udel.edu/GPWSC.
25, Wolfington Teletorium, Mandeville Hall (4-6 p.m.).
Tom Martinez, former hate group member, Wed., Mar. 25,
Presidents’ Lounge, Campus Student Center (4-6 p.m.).

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES DEAN’S COLLOQUIUM
“The Objects of Modernity: Histories of Everyday
Technologies and Material Culture in India,” Ian Petrie,
Ph.D., assistant professor of history, Thu., Feb. 12,
Presidents’ Lounge (11:30 a.m.).
“Gender Differences in Depression: What We Know
About the Role of Stress,” Josephine Shih, Ph.D.,
assistant professor of psychology, Thu., Mar. 26,
North Lounge, Campus Student Center (11:30 a.m.).
Susan Fenton, M.F.A., assistant professor of fine and
performing arts, Tue., Apr. 7, Presidents’ Lounge (3 p.m.).

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Information Sessions:
• Main Campus, Mandeville Hall — Wed., Jan. 7 (6 p.m.),
Tues., Mar. 10, June 9, and Aug. 4 (6 p.m.). To register, call 888-SJU-GRAD or visit www.sju.edu/admissions.
• Ursinus College, Pfahler Hall (professional M.B.A., M.S.
in health administration, and M.S. in criminal justice) — Thu., Mar. 24 (6 p.m.); Thu., June 11 and Aug. 6
(5:30 p.m.). To register, contact: Ellen Matthews, emathews@ursinus.edu or 610-409-3400.
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UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS
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— Molly Crossan Harty

Ed. note: Diane Phillips, Ph.D., was incorrectly identified as an assistant professor of marketing in the Summer 2008 issue. She is an associate professor.
SJU USHERS IN NEW ERA
WITH ACQUISITION AND OPENING OF JAMES J. MAGUIRE ’58 CAMPUS

When historians look back on the annals of Saint Joseph’s University, 2008 will be remembered as the year it was forever transformed by the acquisition of the James J. Maguire ’58 Campus, former home of the Episcopal Academy.

The 38-acre property officially changed hands during an afternoon ceremony on August 8. University President Timothy R. Lannon, S.J., and Episcopal Head of School Ham Clark completed the transaction by signing the deed and exchanging the keys to the campus in front of a small gathering that included local government and civic leaders, current and past members of the University cabinet and the project’s lead benefactors James ’58 (B.S.) and Frances Maguire and Brian Duperreault ’69 (B.S.).

The campus was publicly opened during Family and Alumni Weekend with a ceremonial ribbon cutting on September 27. The highly anticipated event took place before a capacity crowd in the new campus commons and featured remarks from a number of key dignitaries.
Already lead donors in Saint Joseph's University's $150 million campaign, With Faith and Strength to Dare, James '58 and Frances Maguire increased their support of the University with an additional pledge of $5 million to the Maguire Campus. Fr. Lannon made the announcement at the ribbon-cutting ceremony during Family and Alumni Weekend on September 27, which served to publicly open the new property.

“This new commitment from the Maguires takes the form of a leadership challenge gift. The goal is to raise another $5 million, which the Maguires will match with their own gift. Their commitment raised the overall Campaign total to $114 million. With this new gift, the Maguire family increased their support of the project to $15 million and became the largest single donor in the University's history.

Not since relocating from downtown Philadelphia to City Avenue in 1927 has Saint Joseph’s made such a dramatic move as it has with the Maguire Campus acquisition. It will forever enhance the University experience and help position Saint Joseph’s to achieve its vision for the future.

“What we’re doing, most colleges and universities could not even imagine,” said Fr. Lannon. “To add 38 acres of land contiguous to our main campus is remarkable. Saint Joseph’s will change in so many ways. We use the phrase transformational change, which may sound trite, but in this case, it’s right on the mark when it comes to what’s happening at our University.”

“I’m honored and humbled to have my name permanently affixed to the new Saint Joseph’s University Campus. The new campus, however, is not about me. It’s about enhancing and enriching the educational experience of our students.”

— James Maguire ’58
SAINT JOSEPH’S EARN TOP RANKINGS AGAIN


The rankings placed Saint Joseph’s eighth in its category, marking the sixth time in the past eight years that the University has attained Top 10 status in its U.S. News cohort. Highlights of the college rankings were published in the September 1 issue of the magazine.

After tying for eighth last year, Saint Joseph’s solidly laid claim to the rank among 173 institutions in its regional category. “Saint Joseph’s continued strong performance in these rankings affirms the exceptional academic experience of a Saint Joseph’s education,” said University President Timothy R. Lannon, S.J. “Our place in the Top 10 of the nation’s most competitive region has become an annual occurrence. It reflects the excellence of our teaching, research and service and a University community dedicated to student success.”

The Erivan K. Haub School of Business was also ranked as having one of the nation’s best graduate programs by The Princeton Review. The Best 296 Business Schools handbook surveyed more than 19,000 students and ranked the Haub School’s overall academic experience among the country’s most outstanding.

The survey praised Saint Joseph’s “high attention to ethics” and lauded the master’s degree in financial services for its comprehensive preparation for the certified financial planning exam. One student described the master’s degree in human resource management as “the best program available to working adults in the region.”

NSF GRANT LENDS GREATER FOCUS TO SCIENCE AT SJU

The National Science Foundation (NSF) has awarded Saint Joseph’s a $413,000 grant to fund the purchase of a laser scanning confocal microscope and live cell observation chamber. The microscope will be used for faculty research and the research training of biology master’s students, as well as undergraduate students in biology and physics.

“Saint Joseph’s has offered exceptionally good microscopy training for many years, and this equipment will build on that tradition,” said Chair and Professor of Biology Karen Snetselaar, Ph.D., principal investigator of the grant.

“It will also strengthen our focus on interdisciplinary research and teaching efforts between the biology and physics departments, which is especially significant to Saint Joseph’s, given our current initiative to develop a biophysics emphasis,” she added.

Confocal microscopy increases the ability to visualize thick specimens by eliminating out-of-focus or blurry information that is a by-product of standard wide-field fluorescence microscopes, which flood the entire specimen in light. This floodlight illumination creates a large amount of visual static that can obscure important information. A confocal microscope uses a pinhole and precise point illumination (laser) that removes the extraneous information, and then digitally scans the specimen to reveal a much sharper, hyper-focused image of the molecular material. A computer then creates a 3-D image of the specimen.

“Essentially, the confocal technology will enable us to actually locate the ‘needle-in-the-haystack’ without disturbing the haystack, whereas our existing light and electron microscopes require us to take apart the haystack in order to find the needle,” explained Snetselaar. “This is especially useful in studies that require us to look at living cells.”

The faculty members in biology and physics whose research will benefit from the NSF award are addressing a wide range of topics, including, among others, the mechanism of plant-fungal interactions — Snetselaar; properties of glass-forming liquids — Piotr Habdas, Ph.D., assistant professor of physics and co-principal investigator; and the role of cytoskeletal proteins in intracellular motility and cell shape — Christina King Smith, Ph.D., professor of biology and co-principal investigator.

News Contributors: Kelly Welsh ’05 (M.A.); Patricia Allen; Phil Denne ’96; Harriet Goodheart; David King ’08 (B.A.); Jeffrey Martin ’04 (B.A.), ’05 (M.A.); Carolyn Steigleman; Sarah (Whelehon) Hennessey ’07 (M.A.); Daniel Wisniewski ’08 (B.A.); and Marie Wozniak.
RECENT GRAD WINS SERVICE FELLOWSHIP, 
BRINGS SJU VALUES TO THE CITY

It’s no secret that Saint Joseph’s University has a strong focus on service, continually shaping a student body that puts others first. One local organization that rewards recent graduates for their commitment to helping others — Philly Fellows — awarded Timothy Atwood ’08 (B.S.) a prestigious fellowship and a full-time position that will positively impact the city.

By pairing local nonprofit organizations with recent graduates for yearlong service projects, Philly Fellows helps young adults transition from college life into Philadelphia’s vibrant community, enriching the city’s various neighborhoods and strengthening local nonprofit agencies. Now in its third year, Philly Fellows chose Atwood — a sociology major originally from Vienna, Va. — as one of its 20 participants.

“The program so far has been fantastic; it has provided insight into Philadelphia’s nonprofit sector, but has also served as a great transition from college to the ‘real world,’” Atwood said. “Even within the first month, the fellowship allowed me to gain a wealth of experiences.”

Each fellow is awarded free housing, a stipend for living expenses, health insurance, and, upon completion of the program, an education award. As part of his fellowship, Atwood spends 35 hours a week as the youth program coordinator for After School Activities Partnerships, where he pairs local groups’ volunteers with schools and recreation centers in Philadelphia to lead after-school programs.

Online: www.phillyfellows.org

Music with a twist: Behind Rachel Hall, geometrical music theory models relationships between chords using exotic geometric objects called orbifolds. The set of two- and one-note chords forms the orbifold called a Möbius strip.

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT:
RACHEL HALL, PH.D. / ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

When most of us think about music, we are tempted to hear it as a purely artistic endeavor, the product of imagination, not science. Rachel Hall, Ph.D., associate professor of mathematics, knows that behind each note and every rhythm lie mathematical principles that in many ways are as elegant as the music itself.

The daughter of two accomplished musicians, Hall learned piano at six years old. She plays the piano, Indian tabla drums and concertina in her folk music trio, Simple Gifts.

In her research, Hall uses geometry to model the relationships between chords in music. These visual models are often wild-looking shapes that reveal the beauty of the math that underlies music.

Hall has worked with students on extracting basic properties of music, including tone and rhythm, using computer programs. This type of analysis is used to create databases that recommend new music to listeners based on their prior preferences.

“The connection between music and math fascinated the Ancient Greeks, going all the way back to Pythagoras,” Hall said. “There are still an awful lot of places that researching math and music can take us.”

Since arriving at SJU in 1999, Hall has introduced courses in mathematics and music and ethnomathematics, the study of math in different cultures throughout history. She is working on her first book, The Sound of Numbers, which will be published by Princeton University Press.

Hall will soon start working with a student to research the rhythms in which surgeons move while they operate.

“I’m excited about this project. It is an example of how studying the fundamentals of music — pitch and rhythm — gives us insight into basic human activities.”

— David King ’08 (B.A.)
FACULTY SPOTLIGHT:
AMY LIPTON, PH.D. / ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF FINANCE

Amy Lipton, Ph.D., assistant professor of finance, knows firsthand that managing corporate pensions can be a daunting responsibility, a lesson she passes on to her students. After years of handling multi-billion dollar investment portfolios in the corporate sector, she sought out a new career, bringing the knowledge she gained to students of the Erivan K. Haub School of Business.

“One of the nice things about having that experience is that I can give students real-world examples of the concepts we study,” said Lipton. “It really helps to pull together the theoretical and practical aspects of investing.”

Lipton spent a decade helping create portfolios for pension funds at companies including Aetna Life and Casualty and Deutsche Bank. She is also a CFA charterholder, having earned the certification of investment and portfolio management competence in 1991.

In her research, Lipton investigates for the rationale behind market behaviors she questioned while working with investments. She studies, for example, whether managers delay redeeming bonds based on company information only they would know and whether investors punish bond issuers who have this information by undervaluing the next bond issue.

Lipton attempts to engage students as both a teacher and a mentor. She is on the book selection committee for SJU Reads and leads freshmen in discussions at orientation. In class, her students create and analyze portfolios like those she created and makes sure they have a firm background in the ethical issues that come with handling others’ money.

“I tell my students that you can do all the analysis in the world, but if we’re not making investments that fit the client’s need, you’re not creating an optimal portfolio,” she said.

— David King ’08 (B.A.)

ARTS & SCIENCES DEAN TAPPED FOR INTERFAITH INITIATIVE

The American Jewish Committee (AJC) has named William Madges, Ph.D., dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, a Christian Leadership Initiative Fellow. The 13-month program fosters interfaith cooperation and understanding.

“I am honored and grateful to be deepening my knowledge and understanding of Judaism,” Madges said, “and for the ways this program can help me as a dialogue partner.”

Co-directed by the Shalom Hartman Institute, a research and leadership organization at the forefront of Jewish thought and education, the fellowship provides participants opportunities to learn more about significant historical and contemporary aspects of Judaism, including the central topics of God, morality and prayer. Discussions also address modernity, the Israeli-Palestinian issue and practical methods for Christian engagement with Jews.

The program began in July with an intensive 10-day seminar in Jerusalem where participants studied biblical and Talmudic texts with leading Jewish scholars at the Institute.

“It was such a wonderful experience to actually be a real student again, in a classroom every day for five to six hours, studying and interpreting texts,” Madges said. “I haven’t been a part of something like that since my days in grad school. This experience is a tremendous gift of learning.”

In the coming months, Madges and 11 other fellows nationwide will participate in videoconferences led by scholars from the Shalom Hartman Institute. Participants will conclude the program with another 10-day session in Israel next summer.

Madges is a co-creator of “A Blessing to One Another,” a traveling multimedia exhibit that chronicles the late Pope John Paul II’s life and legacy of improving dialogue between Catholics and Jews.

FACULTY BOOKS


Sean M. Conrey, Ph.D., assistant professor of English: Coming to Terms with Place: Toward a Topographic Technique of Language Use (DVM, 2007).


Nancy Fox, Ph.D., associate professor of economics and associate dean of the College of Arts & Sciences: Calculated Futures: Theology, Ethics and Economics (Baylor University Press, 2007) with D. Stephen Long and Tripp York.


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JEWISH-CATHOLIC INSTITUTE GAINS NEW LEADERSHIP

Saint Joseph’s has appointed Philip A. Cunningham, Ph.D., a noted leader and scholar in Jewish-Christian relations, as director of the Jewish-Catholic Institute and a theology faculty member. He will succeed founding director Donald G. Clifford, S.J., who guided the Institute for four decades and will continue his association with the Institute as director emeritus.

“Philip Cunningham is a renowned scholar in the theologies surrounding the relationship of Judaism and Christianity,” said William Madges, Ph.D., dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. “With his extensive experience in Christian and Jewish relations, he brings a wealth of talent and expertise to Saint Joseph’s and the Jewish-Catholic Institute.”

Cunningham is the founding executive director of the Center for Christian-Jewish Learning at Boston College and was instrumental in building the Center’s reputation as a world-class organization promoting mutually enriching relationships among Christians and Jews. Prior to that, he was director of the Ministry Institute and professor of theology at Notre Dame College in Manchester, N.H.

“The Jewish-Catholic dialogue has matured to the point where each community is coming to recognize that its own theological self-understanding is affected by its relationship to the other,” Cunningham said. “Now, more than ever, the theological resources of Catholic universities are needed, and the Jewish-Catholic Institute will make a vital contribution in this regard.”

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CATHOLIC INTELLECTUAL SERIES REMEMBERS VATICAN II

Gerhard Böwering, S.J., professor of religious studies and Islamic studies at Yale University, offered the first presentation of the 2008-09 Catholic Intellectual Series in September. His lecture was titled “Islam and Christianity: The Inner Dynamics of Two Cultures of Belief.”

Saint Joseph’s is observing the 50th anniversary of Vatican II through the series this academic year. In October, John O’Malley, S.J., university professor of theology at Georgetown University, continued the commemoration with “How to Get at What Happened at Vatican II.”

See calendar on page two for other Catholic Intellectual Series events.
PARSONS RETURNS TO DEVELOPMENT TEAM

A member of Saint Joseph’s development team from 1990 to 1999, Wendy Parsons has returned to the University as assistant vice president for development. She has more than 17 years of fundraising experience in higher education, health care and the arts.

“Wendy possesses tremendous energy and a broad range of fundraising experience,” stated Anthony A. Nichols Sr. ’67, chair of With Faith and Strength to Dare: The Campaign for Saint Joseph’s University. “Her existing relationships and knowledge of Saint Joseph’s will be critical to the success of the University’s ongoing comprehensive campaign.”

In the 1990s, Parsons served as campaign director during Campaign 21, which raised $42 million toward construction of Mandeville Hall and the naming of the Erivan K. Haub School of Business in 1998. She also played a pivotal role in the previous capital campaign, which funded the construction of the Chapel of St. Joseph-Michael J. Smith, S.J., Memorial in 1992.

Parsons spent the past six years at Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia, most recently as assistant vice president of development. During her tenure, Fox Chase raised more than $100 million.

A certified fundraising executive, Parsons has a master’s degree from Stanford University and is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Grinnell College in Iowa.

AFRICAN AUTHOR VISITS CAMPUS

Nigerian-born Jesuit priest Uwon Akpan appeared on campus this fall as part of the Diversity Lecture Series. He is the author of Say You’re One of Them, a collection of short stories about poverty and violence in Africa.

MACLEAN CHAIR EXAMINES CATHOLICISM IN AMERICAN POLITICS

It was fitting that during this election year, Thomas Massaro, S.J., held the Donald I. MacLean, S.J., Chair for the fall semester. An expert in Catholic social doctrine and its role in American political life, Fr. Massaro examined the interaction between politics and religion in the United States as he taught Religion and American Public Life, a third-level theology class.

“The course makes the case for religious people to make necessary compromises to account for the pluralism of religions in America,” said Fr. Massaro. “Only 25 percent of Americans are Catholic, and the course touched on making compromises with other religious groups and being civil to all people.”

In addition to teaching at Saint Joseph’s, Fr. Massaro and Rabbi Lance Sussman, Ph.D., president of the Delaware Valley Association of Reform Rabbis and senior rabbi at Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel, Elkins Park, Pa., presented a lecture titled “Religion, Politics and Moral Decision-Making.” Offered in conjunction with SJU’s Jewish-Catholic Institute, the presentation explored mainstream Catholic and Jewish views on taking political responsibility seriously and procedures for responsible citizenship in each speaker’s respective religion.

Fr. Massaro has spent the last 11 years teaching at the Weston Jesuit School of Theology in Cambridge, Mass., recently affiliated with Boston College as its School of Theology and Ministry. Fr. Massaro’s areas of interest include Christian ethics, sociology of religion, sociology of poverty in the United States, and the ethical dimensions of U.S. social welfare policy. He has published six books and numerous articles on these and other topics.
SERVICE-LEARNING STUDENTS TRAVEL TO CHINA

As part of the service-learning course Writing through Race, Class and Gender-China, Ann Green, Ph.D., associate professor of English, accompanied six students to China last spring to help university students there practice English for upcoming study abroad trips to the United States. It was the first time students from a service-learning course at Saint Joseph’s traveled to China.

The month-long excursion took the group through four major cities — Shanghai, Nanjing, Xi’an, and Beijing — and allowed the students to experience a valuable exchange of vocabulary, cultural ideas and new perspectives.

“My biggest concern about meeting the Chinese students was that I would take on a teacher role rather than a friend role,” explained Emily Wesley, a junior English major from Mountain Lakes, N.J., on the blog where Green and the students recorded their experiences (www.sju.edu/blogs/china). “After meeting them, I quickly learned that our relationships would not be one-sided. They easily became our friends and tour guides.”

“We’ve had an exceptional opportunity to learn from Chinese students about their country while we’re speaking English with them,” wrote Green on the blog, “but we’ve also had an exceptional opportunity to connect with different Chinese people as we’ve traveled from Nanjing to Tiantai and Nimbo and around Shanghai.”

For the fourth consecutive year, Saint Joseph’s hosted the Ignatian College Connection (ICC) Summer Enrichment Program, which helps rising high school seniors and juniors prepare for the transition into higher education and the successful completion of high school. The eight-day program attracted 18 students from Philadelphia Jesuit, public and parochial high schools.

Among the many activities was a mock turtle kidnapping in the Science Center that sent the visiting high schoolers on a mission for crime scene data that was later tested in the biology lab. Mariana Morris ’04 (M.S.), program manager for the National Science Foundation Graduate Teaching Fellows GK-12, helped organize the session. “Grad students set up the mock crime scene, then the campers had to draw the scene, record evidence and identify mystery substances,” said Morris. “Observations are very important for scientists, so it was helpful for the students to get the hands-on experience of collecting and testing evidence.”

Students also attended one-hour classes in different disciplines as well as SAT preparation classes in which common SAT vocabulary was incorporated into rap songs as a tool for increasing verbal acuity.

On the last day of camp, the rising juniors gathered to present their “life plans,” which detailed the college and career paths they wish to pursue. The rising seniors, led by Melissa Logue, Ph.D., assistant professor of sociology, presented statistical information and trends relating to their respective Philadelphia neighborhoods, which resulted in an ethnographic study shared in group presentations.
SERVICE IMMERSION PROGRAM INTRODUCES NEW HAWKS TO JESUIT MISSION

Forty-eight incoming Saint Joseph’s students moved to campus early to participate in the second annual Philadelphia Service Immersion Program (PSIP), an optional, five-day, pre-orientation learning and experiential program. “PSIP familiarizes students with our Jesuit mission in an intense way,” said Nancy Fox, Ph.D., associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and one of the program’s founders. “It immediately creates a community of students. For incoming freshmen, it is an excellent introduction not only to college life, but also to the principles that are the essence of Saint Joseph’s University.”

The program saw an immense leap in popularity between its first and second years, with applications nearly tripling. Student selection is random; incoming freshmen simply state that they wish to participate in the program. Students participated in three days of service activities at various locations including Inglis House and Saint Columba’s Project H.O.M.E. Accompanied by faculty and staff, they immersed themselves in Philadelphia culture, visiting sites such as Old St. Joseph’s Church, birthplace of the Hawks, the African American Museum of Philadelphia and the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. Students also enjoyed the Mural Arts Program Walking Tour in Center City.

SJU ATHLETICS HIRES THREE NEW COACHES

Saint Joseph’s University has welcomed three new coaches this year to the athletics staff for basketball, tennis and baseball.

Geoff Arnold ’86 (B.S.) returns to SJU as assistant coach for men’s basketball, a position he also held from 1993 to 1996. While a student, he was a key part of the 1986 basketball team that won the Atlantic 10 Championship. He has spent the last seven years as an associate head coach with his former Hawk teammate Bruiser Flint ’87 (B.S.) at Drexel University, where he helped lead the Dragons to postseason play four times.

Ian Crookenden, former two-time NCAA champion in doubles, has been named director and head coach of men’s and women’s tennis. Crookenden, a New Zealand native, paired with Arthur Ashe at UCLA to win the 1965 doubles championship and Charlie Pasarell to win in 1966. He served 12 years as a coach at Wake Forest University and spent the last 11 years as director of tennis at the Philadelphia Cricket Club.

Fritz Hamburg was named the head coach of men’s baseball after eight seasons as associate head baseball coach at the U.S. Military Academy. In 2007, Hamburg was named the American Baseball Coaches Association/Baseball America National Assistant Coach of the Year. He played collegiate ball with Virginia Tech and Ithaca College before beginning his 19-year college coaching career.

FINNESEY FIELD GETS A FACELIFT

Finnesey Field was upgraded last summer from artificial turf to a surface that more closely replicates a grass-playing surface. New markings on the field include an image of the University’s mighty mascot, the Hawk, gracing centerfield. The surrounding track was also re-covered with a new overlay.
Saint Joseph's students are discovering — before they graduate — what it's like to conduct meaningful, impactful research and reap the benefits of scholarly creativity in their fields of study.
When she enrolled in her first music composition class, Amanda Bono never suspected she’d unleash her inner Mozart.

But just a few semesters later, she found herself writing a woodwind quintet, delicately balancing and arranging the varied and complex melodies of five instruments — flute, oboe, clarinet, French horn and bassoon. As she worked, Bono discovered something unexpected about herself: an undeniable passion for composing. Now she’s dreaming of inspiring future generations of music students.

And Bono isn’t the only Saint Joseph’s student benefitting from unexpected discoveries.

For many, what starts as a project for the Summer Scholars program — through which they earn a small stipend, work closely and collaboratively with faculty members, and then write about and publicly present on their topic — develops into much more.

Michael Mungai ’09 and Brittany Keesling ’10 traveled to Kenya to document on film the plight of poor young girls trying to attend school. So affected by their stories, the pair are now editing the film while attempting to garner funds to improve health conditions for the schoolgirls.

Ed O’Brien ’09 and Maria Gaudio ’10, in conjunction with Phyllis Anastasio, Ph.D., associate professor of psychology, are studying what they believe to be a fundamental shift in American advertising over the last 10 years. What they have found is that commercials increasingly foster a sense of entitlement. A little-researched area, the group has moved to the lab to test the effects on human behavior.

With the guidance of Peter Clark, S.J. ’75 (B.A.), professor of theology and director of Saint Joseph’s Institute of Catholic Bioethics, Krysta Contino ’09 worked to develop a “health promoter” position to help migrant farm workers become aware of services available to them. This model is so promising as a paradigm for immigrant health that alumnus Luke Surry ’07 (B.S.) is working with Fr. Clark and the Mercy Health System to implement the program for the benefit of West Philadelphia’s African immigrant community.

And there are more.

Every day, in fact, Saint Joseph’s students are challenging themselves to initiate their own academic discoveries through innovative research projects and scholarly work in business, the social sciences, the humanities and the natural sciences. They are finding opportunities that stretch beyond the typical undergraduate experience, allowing them to indulge impressive dreams and future goals with unexpected discoveries. As they assume leadership roles within their fields of study, they tackle important endeavors usually left to professors.

Michael McCann, Ph.D. ’87 (B.S.), professor of biology and the associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, runs the research-focused Summer Scholars program and has observed students’ academic and artistic endeavors for the past few years. “The key is that these projects let students delve into a sort of apprenticeship within their discipline,” he says. “The students get to see what it means to be a true scholar or professional in their field.”

Following are the stories of four research projects and the students who lead them. The scholarly ambition, creativity, drive and intelligence of these individuals illustrate the exciting scholarship and enlightening discoveries being made by Saint Joseph’s most important constituency.

Amanda embarked on this ambitious and demanding composition project with the discipline, inspiration and creativity necessary for its success,” says Bono’s faculty mentor, Suzanne Sorkin, Ph.D., assistant professor of music and a prize-winning composer. “The tasks at hand for composing an engaging woodwind quintet in the 21st century are many, including creating distinctive melodies, driving rhythms, organized form and a rich, harmonic landscape.”

Sorkin’s passion for composing is matched by a love of teaching. “I really love writing music, and I want to be able to help students bring that out in themselves,” she emphasizes. “It is very satisfying to see them create their own music and become engaged in their own process.”

The benefits of working under the creative direction of such a recognized artist haven’t escaped Bono. She credits her recent composing success to Sorkin’s guidance and support. “Dr. Sorkin encouraged me to use any compositional techniques I wanted, which was very exciting,” says the Quakertown, Pa., native. “Although I had composed pieces before, this quintet was completely my idea — everything from orchestration to texture to form.”

Bono now plans to use the knowledge from her double major in fine and performing arts and psychology and her 10-minute, two-movement quintet as the foundation of her portfolio to apply for graduate school in music composition. And in the spring of 2009, Bono will watch and listen as musicians from the Opera Company of Philadelphia perform her quintet on campus as part of her senior recital.
As Bono continued to perfect her musical creation, countless other students, working on and off campus, were making discoveries of their own. Take sophomore Matthew Mawhinney, a physics major from Cinnaminson, N.J., and Laura Black, a junior biology major and health care ethics minor from West Grove, Pa. In a cross-disciplinary union, they joined forces to search for a less harmful treatment than chemotherapy for certain types of cancer. Though the project was far from the standard undergraduate science experiment, it still wasn’t good enough for Black and Mawhinney, who took their research one step further and experimented with an advanced therapy no researcher has used before.

“What’s great about this project is that you have a physics student doing cell biology and a biology student learning about photons and other aspects of physics,” said Christina King Smith, Ph.D., professor of biology, who, along with Piotr Habdas, Ph.D., assistant professor of physics, mentored the students. “There’s a crossover that they otherwise might not have been exposed to.”

Their project examined the effects that a new porphyrin — an organic compound used in cancer treatment — has on melanoma cells in mice. To better understand the importance of their work, it helps to know that porphyrin compounds accumulate in cancer cells and not in healthy ones. They used photodynamic therapy, where porphyrins are exposed to red light, which forms active oxygen and damages cancer cells, while leaving surrounding healthy cells unharmed. Photodynamic therapy is quite unlike chemotherapy, which kills healthy cells and often makes cancer patients feel sicker before they get well.
Mawhinney and Black weren’t the only aspiring professionals who made discoveries as they crossed disciplines. For junior psychology major Katy Yavorek, her research project took her out of the familiar College of Arts and Sciences, into the Haub School of Business, and to sites off campus. Last summer, Yavorek teamed up with David Allan, Ph.D. ’98 (M.B.A.), assistant professor of marketing, to come up with a more efficient business model for The Hawk student newspaper, and since implementing the new plan this past fall, the paper has seen dramatically positive results.

Before she became the business editor for The Hawk the year before, Yavorek, who hails from Selinsgrove, Pa., sat down with her predecessor to discuss changes that would have to happen before she took over the position. “The list just kept growing,” explains Yavorek. “As the school year progressed, all of us at The Hawk knew something had to change.” She created a project that allowed her to identify and implement modifications to the paper’s business model, starting with overhauling their old billing system — colored folders containing printouts of Microsoft Excel worksheets and e-mails — and developing a stronger marketing department.

Mawhinney and Black spent the 2008 summer and fall semesters experimenting with a selected, synthesized porphyrin to see if it was more efficient in destroying cancer cells employing smaller dosages than drugs already in use. They were the first to test this new porphyrin, which was synthesized by Habdas’ father, Jan Habdas, Ph.D., a founding member of the Society of Porphyrins and Phthalocyanines, and a professor at the University of Silesia, Poland. He coordinated the chemical part of the project.

“Tliir study is at the forefront of cancer treatment,” said Piotr Habdas. “Using photodynamic therapy is certainly the least invasive treatment.”

Through persistent and methodical experimentation, Mawhinney and Black are making important discoveries. The potential implications of their work are significant and could lead to key changes in treatment for specific types of cancer.
To bolster her project’s research component, Allan helped Yavorek land an internship with The Daily Local News of West Chester, Pa. When she wasn’t interning, she was out quizzing neighboring university newspapers on their ad rates and looking into their business models.

“We were completely outdated compared to all the other universities,” Yavorek states. To bring The Hawk up to speed, Yavorek and her editor-in-chief, Alex Nassar ’09, devised a new advertising rate card, a demographic profile of the University, and a list of policies and procedures for advertisers.

She also helped the office become virtually paperless by implementing an all-electronic billing system. In addition, she established advertising rates for The Hawk’s online edition and expanded the advertising department by reaching out to local and national advertisers — both of which bring in additional revenue the paper hadn’t previously realized. “We used to wait for advertisers to come to us, which was not at all efficient,” she observes.

The numbers prove Yavorek’s success and provide the payoff — literally — of her hard work. Ad sales for The Hawk’s first issue of Fall 2008 brought in more than $5,000; first-issue ad sales have previously generated only about $2,000 in profits.

“Katy’s work will have long-term positive effects on the way The Hawk operates for years to come,” attests Allan. “A lot of research projects tend to primarily impact the student researcher, but in Katy’s case, her project has benefited her, the University and the paper.”

Yet another research project led one food marketing major to discover something significant not just about himself, but about his entire generation. Under the mentorship of Richard George, Ph.D., professor of food marketing, junior Michael Cicalese examined the food shopping behaviors of his fellow Generation Y consumers — those born between 1980 and 2000 — and hit upon some very interesting results.

“My food-making decisions are based on convenience,” says Cicalese, a Turnersville, N.J., native. “I don’t think two weeks down the road and go to the supermarket with a shopping list. I think, ‘Can I grab a sandwich right now?’ That mindset was what I wanted to look into and see if it was prevalent in others.”

Last summer, Cicalese set out to analyze the food preferences of fellow Gen Yers. According to George, this analysis was important because it was the first of its kind and will serve as the groundwork for future reports. “There have been a lot of studies on Generation Y,” George says, “but no one has really looked at this group in terms of food consumption and preferences.”

To start his project, Cicalese pored over relevant research and opted to conduct an informal survey of his own. He found that, with their schedules devoted almost entirely to work or school, Generation Y consumers are largely convenience shoppers who rely on snack foods and quick meals. Despite this leaning, Cicalese also observed that Generation Y shoppers are attempting to be more health-conscious.

“In seeking convenience shopping, Generation Y is looking for quick, easy and affordable meals that they can consume without extensive preparation or cooking time,” says Cicalese. “This does not mean that young people will purchase quick meals with reduced quality. Instead, they will search for ready-to-go meals that are well-balanced and offer the same satisfaction provided by a home-cooked meal.”

Generation Y is the first of oncoming generations that some say will change how food is marketed and distributed. Specifically, Cicalese proposes that grocers set up a section at the entrance of their stores with all of the necessary components for preparing a full meal in one area. He also suggests supermarkets use viral marketing and online advertising to increase consumer knowledge of their establishment. Cicalese has shared his research with George, who plans to expand the study to the national level and subsequently present and publish his findings.

“Generation Y is the beginning of a new line of consumers,” Cicalese believes, “that will eventually reshape the entire food industry.”

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A star on the hardwood and former Olympic competitor, Mike Bantom ’73 has been equally successful as a National Basketball Association executive. And his world view is steeped in lessons first learned on Hawk Hill.

The view from National Basketball Association headquarters, high atop Manhattan’s Fifth Avenue, is spectacular. A visitor calls it a pretty good place to see the world.

But Mike Bantom doesn’t look. He doesn’t need to. Bantom has already seen enough to fill multiple passports.

As the NBA’s senior vice president for player development, Bantom is the highest-ranking former player in the league. The 1973 Saint Joseph’s graduate and Athletics Hall of Famer has achieved so much as an executive that a stellar playing career is almost an afterthought.

Almost.
The story begins more than four decades earlier at a Narberth, Pa., playground, home to legendary summer leagues, and for years, a local recruiting hotbed. For a 6’5”, 155-pound high schooler from 28th and Lehigh in Philadelphia, it was a basketball zenith.

“I’d never dreamed of the NBA,” Bantom recalls. “I never even thought that much about college.”

Yet those in the know had other ideas for the skinny, still-growing 11th grader with the perfect nickname: “Stick.” The roster of influencers in Mike Bantom’s early career reads like a “Who’s Who” of Philadelphia basketball.

Jim Lynam ’63 (B.S.), just a few years removed from his own Hall of Fame career at Saint Joseph’s, was the first to offer Bantom a college scholarship. Lynam, assisted by fellow Hawk and current SJU Associate Vice President and Director of Athletics Don DiJulia ’67 (B.S.), was the head coach at Fairfield.

“I was going to say ‘yes,’” Bantom says. “I didn’t know how these things worked.”

His coach at Roman Catholic High School, Speedy Morris, suggested a patient approach. Bantom, nothing more than a javelin player until then, had blossomed that summer in both passion and ability.

“I came from nowhere in that one year,” says Bantom, “and the next school to knock on my door was St. Joe.”

There would be others. Maryland, high-flying Duquesne, and just about every major program on the East Coast pursued the emerging All-Catholic center.

“But I had made up my mind,” Bantom smiles. “I knew I had to play in Philly. I wanted to be part of the Big 5 experience. I liked the way St. Joe’s played — as a team, with great spirit — and I had watched [Hawk basketball player] Cliff Anderson.

“[Head coach] Jack McKinney and [assistant coach] Paul Westhead made me feel welcome. By sophomore year, I knew I could compete with anybody.”

“Anybody” took on a whole new meaning in the summer of 1972. Bantom, heading into his senior season at Saint Joseph’s, was a key member of the U.S. Olympic men’s basketball team. Long before the era of professionals at the Games, the Americans had never lost a major international competition.

These were the Olympics of Mark Spitz and Jim McKay, Israeli wrestlers and Palestinian terrorists. The war in Vietnam raged. The Cold War was anything but. And the incredible tensions of the Cold War were manifest in a single moment, replayed — literally and figuratively — more than any other in Olympic history.

The gold medal game ends with the U.S. posting a one-point victory over a bruising Soviet squad. Suddenly there is commotion at the scorer’s table. The Russians are granted a retroactive timeout and possession of the ball with seconds to play. A desperation pass goes awry, however, and the Americans celebrate.

Except this time the game clock fails to start, and yet another replay is ordered. And, this time, the miracle pass is successful and the Russians convert a game-winning lay-up. Chaos and astonishment reign on both sides.

Bantom, who had fouled out late in the game, remains stoic to this day.

“When it ended, we all realized how much we wanted that gold medal,” he says. “It’s the same for every player. Magic and Bird on the (1992) Dream Team. LeBron and Kobe in China this year. Somewhere inside, it hits everybody.”

The 1972 team members refused their silver medals. Books and documentaries acknowledge how they were wronged. The medals remain locked away inside a Swiss vault.

“We won the game; they took it away,” says Bantom. “I don’t lose any sleep over it.”

A first-round draft pick in 1973, Bantom played nine seasons in the NBA — including his final one in Philadelphia — before deciding to continue his professional career in Italy. The 76ers had signed Moses Malone that summer to a $2 million contract, and it was more lucrative for Bantom to play overseas.


Who knew that a one-year experiment would turn into seven-plus years of personal enlightenment? Who knew, after retiring in 1989, that he would embark on a groundbreaking second career with NBA International? In dozens of countries, on just about every continent, Bantom was charged with growing the game he loved around the world. He reached back to his own teachers — “Dr. Jack” Ramsay ’49 (B.A.), Jack McKinney ’57 (B.S.), Jim Lynam, Paul Westhead ’61 (B.S.) and Hubie Brown — to conduct clinics and become a permanent ambassador, sharing America’s game with the world.

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“It was much more than an education. I learned how to look at life from multiple points of view.”

For Mike Bantom, that view — even 35 years later — remains spectacular.

Joe Lunardi is assistant vice president for marketing communications at the University and color analyst for the Saint Joseph’s Sports Network.
Much has been written about the tumultuous events of 1968, a year in U.S. history not easily relegated to the mists of nostalgia and selective memory. It was a big year, fraught with tragedy, pathos, violence and social upheaval.

In 1968: Americans witnessed the murder of two iconic national leaders, Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert F. Kennedy; watched U.S. troops pursue an elusive enemy during the Vietnam War; protested that war or protested the protesters; marched for civil and women’s rights, if not both; and experienced a divisive presidential campaign, during which the Silent Majority found its voice and elected Richard Nixon as president.

Forty years later, in the midst of another election cycle, 15 history majors studied 1968 in a fall semester seminar taught by American history expert Katherine Sibley, Ph.D., chair and professor of history. Sibley acknowledges that it might seem unusual to devote a whole semester to just one year. “1968 was such a pivotal year,” she explains. “Our country really wasn’t the same after. ... I thought it was important to look at it closely.”

Sibley also sees parallels between the youth of 1968 and current Saint Joseph’s students, and knew they would identify with their ’60s counterparts in certain ways. “They are living during a time of
war and are thinking about some of the same issues as their predecessors,” she says. “Many SJU students are idealists and activists — they volunteer their time for causes like Project Appalachia and the ongoing cleanup of the Gulf Coast. But I also thought the subject matter would be engaging, because young people were a big part of what was going on, especially in the protest movement.”

As any parent can attest, rebellion is a special dominion for young people. Adolescence into early adulthood is the time and place to question the way things are, to clear a space for the way they think things should be. But in 1968, young people were rebelling, en masse, against much more than the rules of their parents. There was strife between young and old, hawks and doves, the counter-culture and the establishment, men and women, and blacks and whites.

“In 1968, there were over 500,000 troops in Vietnam, which was more than we have ever had in any one country, at any time,” says Sibley. “The war galvanized college students, but that wasn’t the whole story. “Many demonstrators were, understandably, thinking of their own welfare, and presidential candidate Robert Kennedy detected this,” she continues. “He went to college campuses and asked, ‘Why should only blacks and the poor be going to war? Why should we have an exemption for college students? Shouldn’t everybody go? Or should nobody go?’ So he underlined the hypocrisy, and the social justice aspect struck a chord with the students and others, and the protests grew, in scope and substance. Kennedy’s death in June, along with that of Martin Luther King six weeks earlier, greatly alienated many Americans, contributing to the anger, as evidenced in violent confrontations, that was the consequence of much of the unfulfilled idealism these men had stirred.”

Sibley is quick to point out, though, that the unrest and upheaval that rocked America didn’t occur in a vacuum. “Was there something in the water?” she says, laughing. “There were massive protests all over the world — in Paris, in Prague, in Mexico. There seemed to be a critical mass of youth around the globe who were questioning and entering into the spirit of protest at the same time.”

Senior history major Colin Hedden of Cheverly, Md., says his mother, Kim, questioning U.S. politics at the time, was involved with the 1968 presidential campaign at a tragic juncture.

“My mother was a 14-year-old high school student, working for Sen. Eugene McCarthy’s campaign during California’s 1968 Democratic primary,” says Hedden. “She was at the Beverly Hills Hilton in Los Angeles with her fellow campaign workers when they heard about Kennedy’s shooting at the Ambassador Hotel. She doesn’t like talking about that night.”

Hedden says it was a time that never left his mother. “When I was growing up, she told me stories about 1968,” he recalls. “She was so young, and there was so much going on. Nineteen sixty-eight was as bleak for her as the terrorist attacks on 9/11 were for me.”

Because his mother’s accounts made such a deep impression on Hedden, he felt compelled to take Sibley’s class. “It was a legitimate opportunity for me to understand what she went through,” he says.

The desire to understand the past may be what drives students to register for history courses, but Sibley emphasizes that history is alive, and keeps changing, partly because we continue to find new materials that lead to new evidence, but also because we bring different perspectives from our own time period.

Even though the students have pored over and critiqued the assigned primary and secondary sources, and have developed their own views about the historical significance of 1968, Sibley thinks 40 years is still too recent to get a full picture.

“History needs perspective,” she says. “But through their analysis, I hope the students have learned that there is no ‘truth’ — there are, more or less, accurate and sometimes opposing assessments, and they change over time, too. I hope they learned there is no final word — we just keep wrestling with the questions. But in the meantime, they have really dug into a topic — in this case, 1968 — and have discovered something they are concerned about, or interested in, which will inspire them to continue the process: to stay in the spirit of inquiry, and to bring empathy to their understanding of the struggles of others, for the rest of their lives.”

Patricia Allen, associate director of university communications, writes regularly for SJU Magazine.

**MAJOR HISTORICAL EVENTS**

- President Lyndon Johnson signs Civil Rights Act of 1968
- Vietnam War protests
- Assassination of Martin Luther King Jr.
- Assassination of Sen. Robert Kennedy
- Richard Nixon elected president of the United States
- Democratic Convention in Chicago, Ill., is marred by riots
- Boeing 747 makes its maiden flight
- Apollo 8 is the first manned space mission to orbit the Moon
- U.S. explodes experimental hydrogen bomb

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– Kevin DePrinzio, O.S.A. ’98
When Kevin DePrinzio, O.S.A. '98 (B.A.), decided to become a priest, he was inspired in part by the good religious men he had as models growing up — at Monsignor Bonner High School in Drexel Hill, Pa., and at Saint Joseph's University. “I was attracted to community living and ministry, and to being part of a group with a common vision and mission,” Fr. DePrinzio says.

But by the time he was ordained in 2004, the world had changed. A nationwide clergy sexual abuse scandal had caused people — even Catholics — to view his vocation differently. Fr. DePrinzio, vocations director for the Augustinian Friars of the Province of St. Thomas of Villanova, knows he has to be ready to answer the curious — people who say he should have had a family, should have given up on a Church they question. “Some may say, ‘Why in the world are you doing this? You’re wasting your life,’” he says. Modern religious, he suggests, “have to be OK being uncomfortable or counter-cultural sometimes.”

But to him, the questions are an opportunity, a chance to tell others what the Church offers him and can offer them. “I can’t imagine being anything other than what I am, even in the midst of having to defend it at times,” Fr. DePrinzio says of his life as a priest. “It causes me great happiness and peace. It feels very natural to me. Leading people in the Eucharist on Sundays, talking with people about their journeys in life, their ups and downs, talking about faith matters and who God is to them — I can’t imagine not doing this.”

In many ways, the life of a priest in a complex, contemporary world is far different than it was in the past. Beyond saying Mass, administering sacraments and promoting parish life, increasingly, a large part of a priest’s job is linking a traditional institution to modern society.

“We’re constantly connecting what we do on Sundays with the real world,” Fr. DePrinzio says. “It can’t be isolated. We can’t live in a Catholic bubble. Eucharist cannot be separated from the rest of the week, it must interpret our lives.

“That’s hard at times, and we haven’t always been good at it. For us to remain active participants in the world as a Catholic community, we have to find ways to be engaged with it, to reach people.”

The very word “catholic” means universal, Fr. DePrinzio often reminds people, and that means a necessary focus on justice and peace for all, on connecting with everyone. “We have to reach out to all of our sisters and brothers, not just those who are Catholic,” Fr. DePrinzio says. “Jesus constantly reached out to the other, those who were not in the inside circle.”
Rocco Danzi, S.J. ’84 (B.A.), also relates Catholicism to a contemporary world, relying heavily on Jesuit principles: Jesus is at the center of everything, and Jesus loved the other.

“Thinking about what we deal with in postmodern times — the confusion, the conflict, the violence … to bring Christ into this situation is also to be very sensitive about cultures, difference. You step gently; you step reverently. You’re always both a student and a teacher before the reality of the world.”

That hit home very personally for Fr. Danzi, who is now vocations promoter for the New York Province of the Jesuits. His first parish was St. Ignatius, in Crown Heights, Brooklyn, N.Y. Having grown up in suburban Woodbury, N.J., Fr. Danzi was at first uncomfortable with a tough neighborhood, a parish full of people who looked different from him. But little by little, “the Lord was opening my heart,” he remembers. The families were poor, but they opened their houses and their lives to him. The young people had seen violence, but they trusted him, used the Church as a refuge. Many members of his parish were Haitian refugees, and Fr. Danzi made the decision to learn Creole rather than rely on a translator. Trips to Haiti and the Dominican Republic helped him see the world through new eyes.

“If you stay open,” Fr. Danzi says, “oh my gosh, your world can get rocked, and you become new. It should be a new Church, because it’s a new world, with new discoveries of how we can serve and who we can serve.”

As a parish priest, Fr. Danzi saw the pulpit not as a place to dispense dogma but as a place to help his congregation enter the scripture, relate it to their own complicated lives, and encourage them to walk with God. “My job was to inspire, teach, pray with people, show myself before them as a person of faith, although not perfect — still struggling,” Fr. Danzi says. “I have great respect for people’s intelligence and maturity. The more we inform our conscience and ensure our mind, I think people can really come to a sense of what is right and wrong.”

Fr. Danzi, whom some call “the smiling priest,” believes that simply displaying a cheerful countenance helps people relate to him as a priest and see the possibilities of a life with God. “I just want people to be comfortable,” he says. “A lot of people have an image of a priest that’s not positive. I should show joy, peace, welcome, hospitality and listening.”

Still, his own contentment with a religious life does not bridge all gaps. When he talks to people, either in confession or in the course of everyday life, Fr. Danzi often gets questions about how to reconcile modern concerns — the use of birth control, the role of women in the Church — with the teachings of the Church. Fr. Danzi is not daunted. He urges people to consider “informed conscience,” a notion that came out of Vatican II. “If a person has reflected on something with a robust faith, prayed, sought counsel from a priest and still made a decision that is not in line with official Church doctrine, then we have to respect that,” Fr. Danzi says. He also acknowledges a need for healing in the Church. Events like Saint Joseph’s 2004 conference, “A Day on Hope and Healing,” when survivors of clergy abuse discussed their painful stories and members of area faith communities gained insights on the fallout from the scandal, help mend rifts.

In his role as campus minister at Loyola College in Maryland, Chuck Frederico, S.J. ’95 (B.S.), deals with questioning Catholics routinely. That’s not a bad thing, Fr. Frederico says. “We work
with an intelligent crowd, and we really promote the intellect, the development of the mind, body and spirit.”

If a young woman approaches him, say, frustrated that she cannot consider becoming a priest, he reminds her of what St. Paul wrote in First Corinthians: that the body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So, too, it is with Christ. In this way, Fr. Frederico says, he encourages women to get involved in the Church and educate themselves theologically to become teachers of the Word and doctrine. Fr. Frederico says, “The women I know engaged in this way do a great service to the Church, one I could never do.” Still, it is a tension point, he admits, and he urges people to remember that the Church is a continually evolving 2,000-year-old institution, one which relies heavily on scripture and tradition.

He tells them, “Look, I’m a priest and I can’t make the changes you’re asking of the Church. I can listen to your pain or your struggle, but you really need to bring this pain and struggle to God in prayer; then, be free. Let God guide the whole system —you, the Church, the world.”

But even with its challenges, his priestly calling brings him great happiness. “There really is a freedom in this life of a priest that enables me to listen with a compassionate heart and walk with people through a time of difficulty or a time of joy,” Fr. Frederico says. “For me, these are sacramental moments, and those are the biggest joys of my vocation.”

From working with children suffering from cancer to teaching English in Poland and leading a class of Scranton Prep students in a month’s work at a Mexican orphanage, he has found myriad ways to serve. “Each time I move, I try to examine the experience and take something rich from it that can make me a better Jesuit priest,” he says. His current job has taken him to a place he never imagined he’d be again, living in a residence hall. Fr. Frederico has fond memories of his own days in Saint Joseph’s dorms, but now, at 36, it’s a much different view.

“I really don’t want to deal with students coming in boozed up on a Friday night,” he says, laughing. “I don’t want to deal with trash in the elevator, or loud exchanges. But I’ve been fortunate — there have only been two fire drills.” What renews him, though, is seeing the students he’s helped or the friendly “Hey, Father” in the hallway. “It’s challenged me,” he says, “but it’s also been a tremendous grace.”

Times have definitely changed, says Joseph P. McFadden ’69 (B.S.), auxiliary bishop of Philadelphia. He was ordained just after Vatican II, when clergy were automatically revered because of their vocation. “Now, you can’t just claim the title of ‘Father.’ You have to prove to people that you deserve it,” Bishop McFadden says. The clergy scandal “has been hurtful not only to laypeople but also to priests — so many of us feel the same outrage and the same disappointment in our brother priests as the laity do.”

In many ways, he says, priests are just the same as the people they serve. “I don’t see myself as any different from any person in a congregation,” Bishop McFadden says. “I may not have the same responsibilities as those, say, in the ministry of marriage, whose responsibility is to care for children. I just care for the family of God.”

Caring for God’s family, he attests, is a joy. “There’s no more exciting or worthy choice,” Bishop McFadden says. “The Lord has called me to places I never thought I’d be.”

Kristen Graham often contributes to SJU Magazine.
Dear Fellow Hawks,

In September, I had the opportunity, along with representatives from the Council of Presidents and the Office of Development and Alumni Relations, to meet the 2008 Shield of Loyola recipient, Andrew von Eschenbach, M.D. ’63, commissioner of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

We were honored to meet Dr. von Eschenbach for lunch in Washington, D.C. A distinguished research oncologist, surgeon and administrator, he had already established himself as a leader in our world’s medical community when President George W. Bush appointed him to his current position.

We anticipated a cordial meeting with a gifted intellectual leader. Imagine our surprise when we met “Andy.” He spoke warmly about his childhood in South Philadelphia and reminisced about his time as a student at St. Joseph’s Prep. Andy credited 12 years of Jesuit education for his intellectual and ethical formation.

During our luncheon, Andy spoke at length of his great affection for Saint Joseph’s University. He emphasized the ethical component of his education and its importance in forming the “whole person.”

Those of us who had the honor of joining Andy that day assured him that the Catholic, Jesuit influence at Saint Joseph’s is just as strong now as when he was a student. The emphasis on ethics remains at the core of the University’s educational program, touching students’ lives in a personal manner.

Any college or university can teach you how to think and educate your mind. What makes Saint Joseph’s unique is the fact that it goes beyond that dimension to educate the heart, as well. By the time we call ourselves “alumni,” we have been formed not just to explore the intellect, but also morals and ethics. Andy highlighted that fact in a way few others could, allowing me to reflect on how that moral and ethical formation has shaped my life as a lawyer, volunteer, husband and father.

Your loyal Hawk,

Dennis P. Sheehan, Esq. ’85 (B.S.)
President
Saint Joseph’s University Alumni Association

OVERBROOK HALL REDEDICATED TO HONOR FR. MOORE

Saint Joseph’s recognized the longtime service of James W. Moore, S.J., with the rededication of Overbrook Hall in his honor on October 1.

“Father Moore is the kind of individual who touches lives,” said Provost Brice Wachterhauser. “I think in many ways, he is the personification of cura personalis, and he combines that with the Jesuit ideal of Magis — seeking for himself and for others, always the more, always the greater.”

Fr. Moore retired in May after 45 years on Hawk Hill. He influenced thousands of students, faculty and staff during his tenure. He began his career as director of admissions in 1963 and later spent 30 years as associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. In 2002, he received the Rev. Joseph S. Hogan, S.J., Award in recognition of his “exemplification of Christian principles and outstanding loyal service to Saint Joseph’s University.”

Do you have a favorite memory of Fr. Moore? View others or submit yours at: www.sju.edu/moorememories.

PRESIDENT’S CUP RAISES SUPPORT FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

More than 100 golfers participated in the University’s ninth annual President’s Cup Golf Invitational on September 29 at Applebrook Golf Club in Malvern, Pa. Since its inception in 2001, the event has raised more than $1.4 million to support SJU’s Presidential Scholarship Fund. Presidential Scholarships are merit-based and play an integral role in the University’s ability to recruit and retain high-achieving students.

The winning low-gross foursome was led by Michael J. Hagan ’85 (B.S.), while the low-net foursome included Daniel Hilferty ’78 (B.S.), former men’s basketball coach John Griffin ’78 (B.S.), John Willcox, Esq. ’78 (B.A.), and Thomas Haggerty ’78 (B.S.).

To see more photos, login to MySJU for alumni.
FAMILY AND ALUMNI WEEKEND ATTRACTS LARGEST TURNOUT EVER

A record number of attendees visited campus during Saint Joseph’s Family and Alumni Weekend, September 26-28. This year marked the first time Reunion class celebrations were included during the fall festivities.

“I was excited that so many of our families and alumni were able to be a part of this historic weekend,” said Frank DeVecchis ’03 (B.A.), director of alumni relations. “We look forward to building on the success of this year’s event and working toward the establishment of a new Hawk tradition.”

The weekend’s signature activities began Friday and continued through Saturday, highlighted by the State of the University Address and Maguire Campus Ribbon Cutting (see pages three and four).

The weekend started with two events: SJU Night at the Philadelphia Phillies and the opening reception for Passion and Pride: The Alumni Experience, a display of archival photos and other items highlighting the experiences and remembrances of alumni from the 1950s through the ’90s.

Saturday’s schedule included campus tours, a student activity fair and a variety of panel discussions. Other notable happenings included the Affinity Groups breakfast, Family and Alumni Picnic, Alumni Athletics barbecue, Family and Alumni Weekend vigil Mass and family entertainment with comedian Lynn Trefzger.


The weekend concluded on Sunday with a two-mile Fun Run benefitting service immersion programs, followed by a Mass and the Family and Alumni Weekend Brunch, featuring keynote speaker and head men’s basketball coach Phil Martelli.
REGIONAL CHAPTERS KEEP GRADUATES CONNECTED

To foster the development of Saint Joseph's growing alumni population, the National Alumni Board recently formed regional alumni chapters in several major metropolitan areas, including Philadelphia, Boston, New York and Washington, D.C. Membership in a regional alumni chapter is a great way to maintain ties with the University following graduation. By connecting with alumni in their home cities, former students can have a Saint Joseph's family close to home.

A community of regional alumni offers many benefits. In addition to reuniting with old friends, alumni have the opportunity to form new relationships with others who share their Saint Joseph's background. Within the regional chapters, alumni can create a network of fellow alumni in their fields of work who may serve as resources for career development.

“We are excited to have these chapters up and running, and are working to plan a variety of events that will appeal to a wide range of alumni,” said Denise Ghisu ’92 (B.A.), regional officer for the New York and Washington, D.C., chapters. “The networking programs, cultural activities, and guest speakers are great ways for our alumni to boost their careers while maintaining their connection to SJU.”

Will Johnson ‘97 (B.A.), regional officer for the Philadelphia and Boston chapters, agreed. “Right now, about 40 percent of Saint Joseph’s alumni are under 40 years old, so it’s important for us to have a presence in the alumni community, and for the alumni to remain connected to the University,” he said.

In the upcoming months, Johnson will reach out to alumni on a one-on-one basis to explain the goals and purpose of the regional chapters and to gather alumni input. “We’re trying to arrange a diverse array of activities, and we’re asking alumni to help us generate ideas,” he noted. “We’ve had game watches, happy hours and networking events.”

This desire to connect with fellow alumni was a driving factor in the creation of the alumni chapters. “When I first came to D.C., it would have been nice to meet people with a common background, which was one of the reasons I reached out to Denise [Ghisu] in regards to getting something started,” stated Jill Stracko ’06 (B.A.), chair of the Washington, D.C., chapter. “I knew some alumni who graduated with me, and I sent e-mails to all of them asking if they would be interested in getting together. Everyone was really receptive. It’s just a matter of finding people, and that’s what we’re trying to do.”

Dillon Collins ’02 (B.S.), ’04 (M.S.), chair of the New York chapter, stresses the importance of reaching out to alumni who are new to the “big city.”

“For people who are coming to New York for the first time, the regional chapters give them the ability to get comfortable and acclimated to a new environment and a new social life.”

The members of the New York chapter take advantage of the unique recreational activities that the city has to offer, while remaining connected to SJU through contact with each other. They have arranged trips to the U.S. Open and concerts in Central Park, as well as coordinated events with the University, such as game watches and dinners with University President Timothy R. Lannon, S.J., and other administrators.

The New York group also participated in the SJU National Day of Service by volunteering at a soup kitchen, where they served more than 200 individuals in need.

Collins encourages everyone to become involved in their regional chapters or contact the Office of Development for help in locating alumni in their area. “Some people think that when they move away from SJU, they can no longer be a part of it,” observed Collins. “There is a life to be had with Saint Joseph’s beyond City Avenue, and the regional chapters provide this off-site community. We give everyone an opportunity to be involved, and to reconnect with a part of their life they enjoyed — their college experience at Saint Joseph’s.”

Once these new chapters are firmly established, the Office of Development hopes to expand to include more locations.

Members of SJU’s Philadelphia alumni chapter teamed with faculty, staff and friends to compete in the Philadelphia Dragon Boat Festival on the Schuylkill River in October.
CRAWFORD NAMED DIRECTOR OF GIFT PLANNING

David B. Crawford has joined the Office of Development and Alumni Relations as director of gift planning. He assists alumni and friends who seek to support the University through life income gifts, bequests, trust provisions or by naming Saint Joseph’s as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy or retirement plan.

Crawford, who holds an M.B.A. from New York University and a B.S. from Penn State University, previously served as a partner in The Planned Giving Company in Media, Pa., and as director of planned giving at George School in Newtown, Pa. In addition, he has over 20 years of experience in financial services. He can be reached at dcrawfor@sju.edu or 610-660-1968.

FLORIDA

SJU Destination Weekend 2009

Make plans now to join the leadership of Saint Joseph’s University for Destination Weekend in Naples, Fla., February 12-15, at the award-winning LaPlaya Beach and Golf Resort. There you will engage in exciting interaction with University trustees, faculty, administrators and alumni while participating in thought-provoking seminars. The resort also offers world-class golf, exclusive area dining, sandy white beaches and tours of local attractions.

For more information on this special event, contact Jeanne Riddagh at 610-660-1233 or jriddagh@sju.edu.

NOMINATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR ALUMNI SERVICE AWARDS

Alumni nominations are now being accepted for the Rev. Joseph S. Hogan, S.J., and Ignatius Awards. The Hogan Award is presented to an individual for “the exemplification of Christian principles and outstanding loyal service to Saint Joseph’s University.” The Ignatius Award is reserved for a graduate within the last 20 years who has devoted efforts to the service and promotion of Saint Joseph’s University, or who has lived a life of “service for others,” consistent with the principles of Saint Ignatius Loyola.

For information and to submit nominations, visit www.sju.edu/alumni/stay-connected or contact the Office of Development and Alumni Relations at 888-SJU-ALUM or alumni@sju.edu.

ALUMNI RETURN FOR DELTA SIGMA PI REUNION

Saint Joseph’s Delta Sigma Pi professional business fraternity hosted a reunion in September for alumni from the 1960s, ’70s and ’80s. Among those in attendance were Lou Krass ’79, Sal Grasso ’79, Lou Mayer ’79, Dan Campbell ’79, Joe Waldecker ’79, Mike McNamara ’79, John Brennan ’79, Charlie Spencer ’79, Vince Spiziri ’79 and Steve Enoch ’78.

SJU ALUMNI TRAVEL PROGRAM OFFERS EXCITING LOCALES

Take to the seas in 2009 with exclusive cruise and travel packages available to Saint Joseph’s University alumni and friends!

- Warm up this winter with a seven-day cruise to the Southern Caribbean, January 25-February 1.
- For springtime travelers, the University offers the 10-day Tulips and Windmills Cruise aboard the Viking Spirit, April 7-17. Don’t miss Holland’s unique and unforgettable floral splendor, along with Amsterdam’s cosmopolitan atmosphere and world-famous museums.
- Finally, take part in the Glacier Bay and Klondike Explorer Cruise Tour. This 12-day trip runs July 4-15.

For more information, visit www.sju.edu/alumni or call 800-506-7447 to book your reservation.

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1951

William J. Byron, S.J. (B.A., above, right), appeared on two programs this year telecast by Radnor Studio 21 in Wayne, Pa., In the series Man About Town, hosted by Charles Reilly Jr. (B.S. ’50, above, left), Fr. Byron is now a professor of business and society at SJU, after serving as president of St. Joseph’s Preparatory School.

1956

Joseph Standeven (B.S.) and wife Joanne celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last July. They live in Southport, N.C.

1962

Ralph W. “Jack” Hoerner Jr. (B.S.) is a former Air Force officer and retired railroad executive who has 28 years of management experience with former U.S. steel transportation companies. He and wife Andrea have been married for 46 years, and have two children and three grandchildren.

Joseph A. Lannon, Ph.D. (B.S.), director of the Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center (ARDEC) at Picatinny Arsenal, N.J., won the ARDEC 2007 Malcolm Baldrige Quality Award.

1965

Francis J. Reilly (B.S.), president of F.J. Reilly Communications in Vineland, N.J., serves as chairman of the Cumberland County College Board of Trustees and is in his eighth year as a trustee.

1966

John Wong (B.S.) received the Real Estate Entrepreneur of the Year 2008-09 Award from the Panama Awards Committee in Studio City, Calif., in May. The award is reserved for members of the Los Angeles community who display excellence of character and professionalism and who have made significant civic contributions as philanthropists and real estate developers.

1967

Joseph F. D’Angelo, Ed.D. (B.S.), was appointed principal of the Academy of Notre Dame de Namur in Villanova, Pa. He previously worked as a teacher and administrator for La Salle College High School.

1968

John M. “Chip” Davey (B.A.) operates and owns his own business, Chip Davey’s Media Services, a media sales and door-to-door distribution company. He and wife Aya live in Honolulu, Hawaii, with son Keoni.

Ronald R. Malanga (B.S.) was inducted into the Delphi Packard Electrical/Electronic Architecture Excellence Hall of Fame in June. Malanga, a former assistant finance director for Delphi Packard E/EA, played a significant role in developing and implementing the company’s excellence training program, which focuses on teamwork. Malanga retired in 2000 and resides in Warren, Ohio, with wife Rosemarie.

Joseph F. Wusinich III (B.S.) is a trustee and past chair of the membership and governance committee at Immaculata (Pa.) University. He and wife Catherine have three daughters, Joanna, Nicole and Catherine.

1970

Gabriel L. I. Bevilacqua, Esq. (B.A.), a partner in the litigation department of the Saul Ewing law firm in Philadelphia, was appointed to the disciplinary board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania for a term ending in May 2011.

1971

Michael R. Taylor (B.A.) is the newest president of the Delaware Valley Society of Association Executives, the region’s only professional association for leaders of not-for-profit business, industrial, professional, community service and philanthropic organizations.

1974

Jerry Oleksiak (B.A., M.A. ’85) was elected treasurer of the Pennsylvania State Education Association, the Commonwealth’s largest labor union and professional organization, after teaching for 32 years in parochial and public schools.
THREE HAWKS SOAR AT THE OLYMPICS

Three Saint Joseph’s alumni — Renee Hykel ’01 (B.S.), Mike Teti ’78 (B.S.) and Tim Mulqueen ’87 (B.S.) — made their mark in the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, China.

RENEE HYKEL ’01

Hykel, a five-time national team member, is considered one of the nation’s top female rowers. She paired with new SJU assistant coach Jen Golsack to win the lightweight double skulls at the 2008 U.S. Olympic Trials. They reached the semifinals in Beijing, just narrowly missing the medal round.

After joining SJU crew as a walk-on, Hykel rowed for the Hawks for four seasons and was team captain and MVP her senior season. Last September, the team dedicated its newest shell to her during a ceremony at the Robert M. Gillin Jr. Boathouse along the Schuylkill River in Philadelphia.

MIKE TETI ’78

A member of the U.S. Rowing Hall of Fame and SJU’s Athletics Hall of Fame, Teti was head coach of the U.S. men’s rowing team at the Olympics. He guided the men’s eight to a bronze medal. Teti has served on the U.S. coaching staff at the World Championships and the Olympic Games since 1996 and became the head men’s coach following the 2000 Olympics. At the 2004 Games in Athens, he directed the men’s eight to a world record in its heat, and an eventual gold medal, marking the first time the U.S. captured the men’s eight since 1964.

As a rower, Teti was a 12-time national team member and three-time Olympian, winning a bronze medal at the 1988 Olympics. He is head coach of men’s rowing at the University of California, Berkeley.

TIM MULQUEEN ’87

Mulqueen was goalkeeper coach for the U.S. men’s soccer team in Beijing. The team put forth a good fight but did not advance to the medal round. Mulqueen has played in the American Professional Soccer League and spent nine years with Major League Soccer, serving as an assistant coach and backup goalkeeper for the New York/New Jersey MetroStars and an assistant coach for the Kansas City Wizards. He joined U.S. Soccer in 2005 and was named to the National Team coaching staff in the fall of 2007.

At SJU, Mulqueen starred for the Hawks in goal, earning MVP honors in 1986 and 1987. He still ranks among the Hawks’ top 10 leaders in career goals against average and shutouts.

— Marie Wozniak

Assistant Athletic Director for Communications

1979

Norman Black (B.A.) has coached men’s basketball at Ateneo de Manila University in the Philippines for four years. In September he led his team, the Blue Eagles, to clinch the championship of the University Athletic Association of the Philippines.

Patrick J. Swanick (B.S., M.B.A. ’82) retired to Austin, Texas, with wife Diana after 26 years in the financial services industry. He is an investor, board member and chief executive officer of Gila Corp. in Austin, an accounts receivable management firm providing services to government entities nationwide.

1981

Vera Parenti-Ancone, Esq. (B.A.), was elected to the Chester County Estate Planning Council Board of Directors. An attorney with the West Chester, Pa.-based law firm of Gawthrop Greenwood, Parenti-Ancone specializes in estate planning and administration, real estate, and business and transactional matters.

1983

Harry P. Wills III (B.S.) was elected vice president of the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants for a one-year term beginning in June. He is a managing partner at Bowman & Co. in Voorhees, N.J. Wills and wife Alexandra have a son and two daughters.

1985

Bob Whiting (B.S., M.B.A. ’08) earned an SJU pharmaceutical marketing M.B.A. last May and was inducted into the Beta Gamma Sigma International Honor Society. He is a senior health systems manager with Takeda Pharmaceuticals. Whiting and wife Stacie (Clark, B.S. ’85), who is a customer relations manager with Ephrata Community Hospital, reside in Lititz, Pa.

1986

Francis McDonnell (M.B.A.) is senior vice president and chief financial officer for The Navigators Group, an international specialty insurance holding company.

Steven K. Mignogna, Esq. (B.A.), was named a “Top Attorney” in southern New Jersey in the August 2008 issue of SJ magazine. A partner in the Haddonfield, N.J., law firm Archer & Greiner and chair of the firm’s estate and trust litigation group, he was recognized for estate litigation.

Michael T. Prendergast (B.A.), vice president at TD Bank in Philadelphia, was awarded the ChFC® (Chartered Financial Consultant) designation from The American College in Bryn Mawr, Pa. He, wife Terri (Della Greca, B.S. ’87) and their two daughters live in Devon, Pa.

1988

Leonard N. Florio (B.A.) is a court attorney referee in the New York State Supreme Court, Queens County, where he presides over pretrial conferences and non-jury trials. He and wife Dawn reside in Syosset, N.Y., with their children, Christopher and Samantha.
SJU SALUTES THREE INFLUENTIAL INDIVIDUALS, PROFESSOR, FORMER STUDENT AND POLICE OFFICER

William F. Leahy

William F. Leahy, assistant professor of marketing and student advisor, passed away on August 15 at 87 years of age.

An influential faculty member and dedicated student mentor, he went to great lengths to provide counsel to young adults. Whether it was helping new students adjust to campus life, demonstrating to undergraduates their potential as future business leaders, or teaching others how to build their resumes, prepare for job interviews and find internships, Leahy made himself available at all times to assist students.

Throughout more than two decades on Hawk Hill, Leahy was also an avid basketball fan and frequently attended games. According to longtime friend Don DiJulia ’67 (B.S.), associate vice president and director of athletics, “He was a devoted husband and father; he was blessed with wisdom and wit — not sure which he had more of — and he was a force, a real presence, a mentor, and someone who lived his life. He was not a spectator at all.”

Never a bystander, the 1944 Naval Academy graduate participated in some of World War II’s most historic battles. On D-Day in June of the same year, he was stationed as a gunnery officer, directing fire at Omaha Beach. Months later, he was aboard the U.S.S. Texas when it provided gun support for the invasions of Iwo Jima and Okinawa.

Leahy returned home in 1948 and moved on to have a successful, 49-year career in merchandising and marketing at the former John Wanamaker department store in Philadelphia. He joined the Saint Joseph’s family in 1987. Two years ago, the Bill Leahy Scholarship Fund was established in his honor. He retired last July, just a month before his death.

Leahy and Jeanne “Lambie” Leahy were married in 1943 and have six children, 17 grandchildren and nine-great-grandchildren.

Madeleine (Redditt) Large ’50

Former Trustee Madeleine (Redditt) Large ’50 (B.A.), Saint Joseph’s first female graduate and the first person to earn a degree from the evening school, passed away on July 5 at 81 years old.

Large was working in the president’s office at “The College” when the night school first opened in 1943. She enrolled, along with 67 other students, 53 of whom were women, according to Saint Joseph’s: Philadelphia’s Jesuit University, 150 Years, with 67 other students, passed away on July 5 at 81 years old. Saint Joseph’s inaugurated a full-fledged evening program with 300 students, more than half of them veterans.)

During her time at Saint Joseph’s, Large helped establish the evening school’s debate team, participated in numerous Saint Joseph’s theatre productions and wrote for the evening school’s newsletter, The NightHawk, which is still in existence today. In June 1950, Saint Joseph’s held a special single-person graduation ceremony for Large, the first and only graduate of the night school that year. She would later serve a three-year term as a University Trustee, beginning in 1978.

“I remember her kindness, her perseverance, her energy. … She just was a nonstop person with pure dedication,” said her brother James Redditt, who was enrolled at Saint Joseph’s during the same era.

Large went on to the University of Maryland Law School after graduating from Saint Joseph’s and eventually opened her own law firm in New York City, where she often provided pro bono counsel to juvenile offenders. She and her husband, Edward, ultimately moved to Hartford, Conn., where she stopped practicing law to raise their five children.

— Sarah (Whelehon) Hennessey ’07 (M.A.)

Patrick McDonald ’05

On Tuesday, September 23, Philadelphia highway patrolman Patrick McDonald ’05 (B.S.) was killed in the line of duty. He was 30 years old. An eight-year veteran of the Philadelphia police force, McDonald was promoted posthumously to sergeant. He earned his bachelor’s degree from University College’s criminal justice program offered at the Philadelphia Police Academy.

According to Marie Miraglia, McDonald’s SJU student advisor, “Pat was an excellent student who was committed to his education. His many commendations demonstrate his bravery and commitment to serve and protect the people of Philadelphia.”

IN MEMORY

Paul Amitrani, father of Jill Amitrani-Welsh, Faith-Justice Institute Robert Jamal Battle, stepson of Stephen Clark, public safety officer Wieslaw Dziewloki, father of Halina, adjunct professor of criminal justice Joseph Harrison, formerly of the SJU treasurer’s office Joseph Kujawa, father of Barbara Conover, Center for Visualization William Leahy, former assistant professor of marketing (see top left)
Marguerite McGlenn, adjunct professor of English Bernard J. Murphy, brother of Peg Spross, accounting department Marie Zampino, mother of Fran Donnelly, Haub School of Business Robert Matt ’39, last surviving member of SJU’s famed “Mighty Mites” basketball team Terence J. “Ted” Anderson Sr. ’43B James L. “Skip” Freeman Jr. ’49 Madeleine (Redditt) Large ’50 (see bottom left)
Michael J. Aschenbrenner, brother of George A., S.J. ’54, and Henry J. ’56 Dolores Scian, wife of Michael ’55
Mary R. Harkins, mother of Lawrence G. ’60 and Michael J., M.D. ’65
Thomas P. Connally ’61, brother of John, adjunct professor of history
Robert E. Corbett ’65
Joseph P. Benson ’68
Anna R. DiCugno, mother of George A., S.J. ’65
Janice M. Kochmer, mother of John E. Karustis ’82
and James L. Karustis, Ph.D. ’85
Robert Longo, father of Kerry Williams ’97
Nemanja Petrovic ’97
Patrick McDonald ’05 (see above)
Christopher D. Trotto, Esq., father of John ’06 and David ’11
Deborah Kenney, mother of Nicholas Lumba ’09
Violet Aleksey, mother of Ashley ’10
Marilyn McMullen, mother of Nicole ’10

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Cmrd. Paul Bourgeois

(B.S.) has traveled the world with the U.S. Navy. He remembers his alma mater on his journeys by bringing his Saint Joseph’s flags and having pictures taken. Here he appears atop Mount Fuji.

Susan Harkness Regli

(B.A.) received an Award of Distinction, the highest honor granted for superior performance from Lockheed Martin Advanced Technology Laboratories in Cherry Hill, N.J. The award recognized her outstanding technical development and leadership in user interfaces, bridging from internal research innovation to a multiyear contract with the Office of Naval Research. She, husband William Regli (B.S. ’89) and their children, Dominique and Anthony, reside in Philadelphia.

John Lynch

(B.S.) is a sales representative for Kehe Food Distribution Services. He and wife Kathleen have three children, Mary, Christopher and Kaitlyn.

1990

Tamara (Fowler) Jermyn

(B.S.) was promoted to director of packaged goods for Wawa. She and husband Mark live in West Chester, Pa., with their children, Mark, Grace and Julia.

Jeffrey M. Scafaria, Esq. (B.S.), opened his own Philadelphia-based practice, Scafaria Law, where he focuses on business law and commercial litigation.

1991

Anthony Duldulao

(B.A., M.B.A. ’94), after working at the Jack in the Box corporate headquarters for the past four years, joined the marketing department’s extension program with the University of California, San Diego.

John M. Ford, Esq. (B.S.), a securities lawyer focusing on investment company and advisor regulatory matters with Pepper Hamilton, joined the firm’s investment management practice group as a partner in the Philadelphia office. He is listed in Chambers USA: America’s Leading Lawyers for Business, in recognition of the strength of his practice in registered investment funds.

Peter L. Johnston

(B.A.) launched a solo law practice in Center City Philadelphia and resides in Roxborough, Pa., where he is a Democratic city committee person.

MARGARET MCCAUSLAND, ESQ. ’84

Telling It Like It Is

Margaret McCausland, Esq. ’84 (B.S.), readily admits she is never at a loss for words. No good lawyer ever should be. Nor should any talented actress. McCausland has been both — as well as a mother, a secretary and a trombone player.

Never encouraged to attend college, she became a secretary for an insurance company after high school. At the age of 18, McCausland married her husband Paul, then a medical student. Not until Paul finished his studies, and their children, Joe and Trish, were in elementary school, did she even consider going to college.

“My husband has always been my biggest cheerleader,” she says. “He saw my intellect and convinced me, at age 27, to venture onto the SJU campus and begin the path that would eventually land me in law school.”

The path was anything but direct. McCausland took a detour when she discovered a knack for acting. At the suggestion of fellow student Mary (McSorley) Shertz ’83 (B.S., now deceased), she joined the Twilight Players, the night school’s drama club.

“It happened by accident, sort of like in high school when a friend suggested I join the band and next thing I know I’m playing trombone and acting as band president,” she remembers.

McCausland describes her Twilight Players days as a formative college experience. During a number of plays, she learned that she was excellent at remembering not only her own lines, but also everyone else’s.

McCausland had to ad lib for about two minutes when a fellow actor skipped a scene while performing in The Heiress. After taking out her frustrations on her colleague between acts, she found herself again filling in for the upset thespian as she blanked and forgot the next scene’s lines.

“I learned two valuable lessons from that experience,” McCausland says. “One, I’ll always find something to say, and two, indulging your temper never ends well.”

Her theatrical skills translated successfully into her legal career. After graduating from SJU — and delivering the commencement speech — McCausland completed her law degree at Villanova University. Her acting skills were called upon often during her time at the Philadelphia law firms Dechert Price & Rhoads and Blank Rome, when she would suddenly be sent into court because of her ability to think on her feet.

In 2006 she opened her own firm and began training programs for employers on discrimination and harassment in the workplace. The author of numerous articles on labor and employment law, McCausland has been named “One of Pennsylvania’s Top 50 Female Super Lawyers” by Law and Politics and Philadelphia magazines.

But perhaps it’s the pro bono work she has done on behalf of abused and neglected children that has been the role of McCausland’s lifetime. The daughter of parents who struggled with alcohol addiction, she was always grateful to neighbors and relatives who looked out for her as a child. She has done the same and more for many children victimized by drug-addicted parents. The Philadelphia Bar Foundation rewarded these efforts in 2004 when she received the Citizens Pro Bono Award.

“The world is not fair,” McCausland reflects. “If I can be that adult who eases the burden on these kids and gives voice to their struggle, why would I pass up that opportunity?”

— Kelly Welsh ’05 (M.A.)
Maria (Kniesler) Flynn (B.A.) became vice president of Jobs for the Future, a nonprofit research, consulting and advocacy organization based in Boston, Mass. Previously, she was a senior executive with the U.S. Department of Labor. Flynn and her family live in Weymouth, Mass.

1992

David Benglian (M.B.A.) is executive director of the Academy of Risk Management and Insurance at SJU. An adjunct faculty member in SJU’s Haub School of Business since 1992, he most recently served as director of the school’s graduate programs in finance, human resources and business intelligence. Benglian is a graduate of the Wharton School as well as SJU’s first EMBA class.

Susan (Mulrine) Crosdale (B.S.), husband Chad and son Charlie, residents of Dallas, Texas, were featured in the September 11 Philadelphia Daily News article “Young Eagles Fan Invades Texas Stadium and Dances on Star.” While attending a birthday party in the stadium, they snapped a picture of Charlie sporting a jersey of Philadelphia Eagle Brian Westbrook and dancing on the star painted at midfield.

Nicole (Muraro) Teasdale (B.A.) teaches Spanish in Boulder, Colo. She and husband Peter reside in Golden, Colo.

Fred Opere (B.A.) is a marketing analyst with Chevron in Nairobi, Kenya.

Russ Procopio (B.S.) was promoted from executive director of business development to vice president of sales at AmerisourceBergen in Chesterbrook, Pa.

1993

Glenn Brunette (B.S., M.S. ’99) is a Sun Microsystems Distinguished Engineer. In July, he and his team were recognized with the Sun Innovation Award, the highest honor granted for technical achievement. The award acknowledged their accomplishments related to the Sun Systematic Security framework, a holistic framework for information security and assurance.

Robert S. Dolansky Jr., D.O. (M.B.A.), received the 2008 Frederick J. Solomon, D.O., Award of Merit for his significant contributions to osteopathic education in Pennsylvania. He is director of medical education and the osteopathic family medicine residency program at St. Luke’s Hospital in Allentown, Pa. Dolansky is also network director of osteopathic medical education for St. Luke’s Hospital and Health Network.

1994


Hal W. Willard (B.S.) was appointed an exclusive Allstate Insurance agent and opened the Hal Willard Insurance Agency in Abington, Pa. This year, he also celebrated the 10th anniversary of Avant Garde National Abstract, a multistate title insurance agency in Abington, Pa. This year, he also

Linda Aquilino, D.O. (B.S.), became a partner in her internal medicine practice in 2007. She, husband Steven, and their sons, Andreas and Matteo, live in Laurel Springs, N.J.

Randall Boynton (B.S.) was promoted to executive director of marketing at Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino in Las Vegas, Nev.

Mary (Scanlan) Bagnell (B.A.) and husband John reside in Lansdale, Pa., with children Jack, Colleen, Shannon, Jesse and Sam.

Joseph Tagliaferro (B.S.) was named coordinator of student support services at Abington Senior High School. He, wife Kelly and their three children reside in Drexel Hill, Pa.

1996

Lisa (Lutz) Bono (B.S.) and husband William have two children, Ashlyn and Kaden.

1997

Matt Byrne (B.S.), a member of the 2008 Teva USA Mountain Running Team, competed in the World Mountain Running Trophy Race in Switzerland on September 14 (www.usmrt.com). He helped his team win a bronze medal, their first-ever team medal. Byrne placed 34th overall of the 161 runners who competed.

Sheila Erespe (B.S.) received her master’s degree in technical communications from Drexel University in 2008. She is an associate publication specialist with Merck & Co. in North Wales, Pa., where she edits manuscripts before they are submitted to biomedical journals.

Lt. Com. Christian P. Goodman (B.A.) is enrolled at the Naval War College in Newport, R.I., where he is scheduled to earn his master’s degree in February 2009. He and wife Amy have three children, Ryan, Ben and Caitlin.

Tera Ann (Helfrich) Bajek (B.S.) is a marketing technology manager at Day Pitney in Florham Park, N.J.

Thomas McDermott (B.S.) is a prosecutor with the Maricopa County Attorney’s Office in Phoenix, Ariz. He specializes in the prosecution of vehicular manslaughter, aggravated assaults by impaired drivers and felony DUI.

Larry Szapor (M.S.), a 2006 graduate of the FBI National Academy, #227 Session, was promoted to chief of detectives with the Atlantic County, N.J., Prosecutor’s Office last March.

1998

Kerry Kilduff (Gibbons) Bender (B.A.) of Chestnut Hill, Pa., is counsel and assistant vice president at Lockwood Advisors in Malvern, Pa.

Donna (Kelly) Romero (B.A.) presented a workshop, “The Play’s the Thing: Teaching Hamlet in the Secondary Classroom,” at the New York University’s Shakespeare Forum last April. She teaches at Villa Maria Academy and Upper Darby Summer Stage, and writes for the online women’s magazine Philadelphia Maven. She, husband Nick and their son, T.J., reside in Drexel Hill, Pa.

Shana L. Maier (B.S., M.S. ’99) is a professor of criminal justice at Widener University. She and husband Paul F. Winnington (B.A. ’98) live in Drexel Hill, Pa., with son Gabriel.
The Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) is a national lay service organization with regional programs across the country. It was founded by the Jesuits at Old Saint Joseph’s Church in 1995.

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Nicole (Marturano) McCann (B.S., M.B.A. ’07) has worked for AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals as a cardiovascular sales specialist for five years. Last year, she received her M.B.A. and was inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma and Alpha Epsilon Lambda national honor societies. McCann and husband Joe reside in Havertown, Pa., with children Joseph Jr. and Reilly.

Gabrielle Monaco (B.A.) is scheduled to graduate from SJU with an M.B.A. in May 2009.

Andrea (Ryan) Rihl (B.A.) and husband Tony moved to Doylestown, Pa., with children A.J. and Avery.

Melissa Sessler (B.S.) was promoted to district manager for national supermarket chain Hannaford Bros., where she handles the southwestern New Hampshire and northern Massachusetts areas.

Samuel J. Slimmer (B.S.) graduated from Temple University School of Medicine in May and is a second-year emergency medicine resident at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, Pa.

Kristin (Whiteman) Austin (B.S.) and husband Casey live outside of Baltimore, Md., where Kristin is a senior account manager for a national employee assistance program.

Greg T. Kupniewski (B.A.) joined Flaster/Greenberg as an associate attorney and member of the financial restructuring, bankruptcy and risk management practice group. Working out of the firm’s Philadelphia office, he focuses on business bankruptcy.

Maura (Sabatos) DeVito (B.S.) and husband Anthony moved back to the United States from England. She is enrolled in a doctoral program in developmental psychology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she studies autism and child cognitive development.

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BIRTHS

University President Timothy R. Lannon, S.J., enjoys a moment with his namesake, Lannon Joseph Boyd, son of Carley (Wood) ’04 and Vincent Boyd ’04.

Sean David to Kathleen (Sholette, B.A. ’89) and David Burns (B.S. ’87)
Chiara Maryanne to Rosemarie (Finn, B.A. ’90) and Christopher Torchia
Scott Michael to Jennifer (Snedeker, B.S. ’91) and John Cacciatore
William Hayden to Claire Allamby (B.A. ’93) and William Rossi III
Rebecca Jean to Lisa (Breton, B.A. ’93) and Steven Sear
Courtney Evan to Alison (Courtney, B.S. ’93) and Tom Barrett
Brody Gerard to Susan (DeVuono, B.S. ’93, M.S. ’95) and Michael McDyer (B.S. ’93)

Bridget Violet to Alison (Everson, B.S. ’93) and Ed Malloy
Emma Renee to Deirdre (Naughton, B.A. ’94) and Marc Normand (B.A. ’94, M.S. ’97)
Matteo Romeo to Linda Aquilino (B.S. ’95) and Steven Dimitriou
Dermot Ryan to Jennifer (French, B.S. ’95, M.S. ’97) and Brian Hogan (B.A. ’93)
Albert to Maryann (Loefler, B.S. ’95) and Charles Gutherman
Eva Martina to Mary Frances Malone (B.A. ’95) and Sascha Barth
Brogan Quinn to Jennifer (Nese, B.S. ’95) and Greg Lombardi
Isabella Rose to Suzanne and Richard Durso (B.S. ’96, M.B.A. ’00)
Kaden Grady to Lisa Marie (Lutz, B.S. ’96) and William Bono Jr.
Ella Margaret to Christine (McMullen, B.A. ’96) and Christian McFadden
Caitlin Danielle to Amy and Christian Goodman (B.A. ’97)
Connor William to Sara (Jensen, B.A. ’97) and Steve Dever (B.A. ’97, M.S. ’04)
Elizabeth Josephine to Kerry (Longo, B.S. ’97) and Chris Williams
Gabriel Albert to Shana Maier (B.S. ’98, M.S. ’99) and Paul Winnington (B.A. ’98)
Chase Thomas to Jill (Cormie, B.S. ’99) and Thomas Fithian (B.S. ’98, M.B.A. ’07)
Avery Marie to Andrea (Ryan, B.A. ’99) and Tony Rihl
Rachael Grace to Shannon (Walker, B.S. ’99) and John Williams

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Hailey Elizabeth to Erica (Drost, B.S. ’01) and Michael Kahr
Auria Mikealine to Christen (Lynch, B.S. ’01) and Michael Greto
Keith Stephen to Cynthia and Kevin Muldowney (B.S. ’01)
Grace Elizabeth to Kristin (Strong, B.S. ’02) and Benjamin Lindsay
Calin Elizabeth to Emily (Szmukto, B.S. ’02) and Joseph Dempster
Grace Elizabeth to Jennifer (Tomaszewski, B.S. ’02, M.S. ’03) and John Flynn (B.A. ’01)
Adriana Nicole to Laura (Losavio, B.A. ’03) and John LoPiccolo
Katherine Lily to Rachel (Pfeifferberger, B.S. ’03) and David Robertson (B.A. ’03)
Luca Alessandro to Tara (Venturino, B.S. ’03) and Alexander Mattioli (B.A. ’03)
Lannon Joseph to Carley (Wood) ’04 and Vincent Boyd ’04
Owen to Jena Fioravanti Burkett (B.S. ’06) and Chris Burkett
Cole Francis to Allison and William Muller (M.S. ’06)
Laura (Losavio) LoPiccolo (B.A.) received her master's degree in education and instruction from Gratz College last May. She is in her sixth year of teaching at Union Township Middle School (Hampton, N.J.) as a special education teacher.

Richard Whiteford (B.A.) is an environmental writer and activist. Over the past 15 years, he has won several awards for his efforts and has traveled across the globe to speak about environmental issues. Whiteford is the outreach representative for the Pennsylvania and New Jersey Defenders of Wildlife. He is pictured above giving Al Gore a signed copy of his book, Wild Pennsylvania (Voyager Press, 2006).

Rachel A. Bahn (B.A.) graduated from the Johns Hopkins University Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies with a master's degree in international relations in May 2008. In the fall, she joined the U.S. Agency for International Development as a Presidential Management Fellow and economist.

Chris Carey (B.S.) is associate director of student activities at Temple University. Wife Lauren (Willie, B.S. '05) is the account manager for Miller Brewing Co. in northern New Jersey.

Phyllis Fontaine (M.S.) has worked in the Philadelphia elementary education system since earning her level one certification in elementary education in 2004. She has also served as a tutor for Huntington Learning Center and the Center for Literacy. Fontaine is currently a reading specialist in Upper Darby, Pa.

Janine Guerra (B.S., M.B.A. '07) graduated with a juris doctor from the Temple University Beasley School of Law in May 2008. At Temple, she was the clerk for Phi Alpha Delta law fraternity. This past summer, he interned with the Hon. Robert Matthews at Philadelphia's Family Court.

Christine A. Pinto, Esq. (B.S.), joined the Marlton, N.J.-based law firm Parker McCay as an associate. She concentrates on mortgage default services, residential mortgage foreclosure, creditors’ rights, residential real estate, real estate title litigation and bankruptcy law.

John R. Post Jr. (M.S.) joined the executive management team at Post Precision Castings in Reading, Pa., where he has been directing nationwide marketing and sales campaigns as well as quoting and pricing jobbing developments. He plans to “pioneer the business well into the 21st century and to conform its practices within new emerging industrialized markets.” Post Precision has been a leading manufacturer of commercialized investment castings in America since its founding in 1964 by John R. Post Sr. (B.S. '60).
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Moving Beyond Sticks and Stones … and Semi-Automatics

Americans were shocked and devastated by the Columbine High School shootings in Jefferson County, Colo., in April 1999. Two teenage students, both the objects of bullying in school, killed 12 students and a teacher, and wounded 24 others, before committing suicide.

More school violence has occurred through the ensuing years, often caused by individuals who felt victimized by their peers in some way. The April 2007 Virginia Tech massacre, in Blacksburg, Va., was the single most deadly civilian gunfire incident in American higher education history. Thirty-two people were killed and 25 others injured. The gunman took his own life.

In 2002 the U.S. Secret Service and Department of Education published a report that indicated a link between bullying victimization and youth attacks on schools. Since that time, more attention has been focused on bullying in schools.

Many schools adopted zero-tolerance policies to address bullying. The reality is that they usually only detect children who exhibit pseudo-bullying behaviors, secondary to poor social skills. They do not detect or address true bullying. True bullying is deeply rooted in a society as a way to provide unfair advantage to those with social power.

The textbook definition of bullying is when the aggressor and henchmen intentionally target a victim with malicious behavior, repeatedly, and over time. The actions can vary from the obvious — kicking, pushing or hitting — to more subtle behaviors, such as rumormongering, name-calling or relational exclusion. The attacks are planned and purposeful, with the intent to hurt. The lead bully is typically someone with political power, a prized athlete or a good social manipulator. The victims have low self-esteem and are considered weak or irritating. The aggressors feel entitled to hurt the victim. In many cases, adults ignore the behaviors because bullies are popular. In doing so, adults demonstrate acceptance of bullies’ behavior and tacitly condone aggression.

If the victim attempts to retaliate, some adults may identify the child as the bully and use the zero-tolerance policies to control the victim’s behavior, rather than that of the aggressor. With repeated exposure, onlookers learn that bullying by those with social power is acceptable. Eventually, bullying becomes endemic in the community, providing the bully with preferential selection of dating partners, jobs, internships, scholarships and material gains. The result is an underlying social injustice, with victims holding grievances against the society that tolerated the injustice.

When bullying progresses to a school attack, adults should be aware of the most effective ways to stop it. In interviews, U.S. Secret Service investigators indicated that most attacks end before the police arrive on the scene. The reality is that no police force can respond as quickly as a semi-automatic weapon. In October 2006, the Amish schoolhouse attacker shot 10 victims in just eight seconds.

The most successful outcomes have occurred when a caring adult intervened within those first few critical seconds. Adults on the scene must be able to defuse the situation quickly before the attacker gains control of the situation. Short of controlling access to guns, a better way to prevent school attacks is to prevent bullying. No child deserves to be abused and neglected to the point where he feels that picking up a gun is the only way to stop the hurt.

The first step toward reducing bullying is social justice, helping all children to succeed. Supporting the emotional, physical and social health of all children demonstrates respect and builds a pro-social environment. This means teachers cannot permit putdowns within the classroom. Also, integrating new students and those who are different into a group of caring friends provides a protective shield against bullying, because bullies are more likely to pick easy targets, those without friends.

When bullying occurs, adults must handle the situation as a learning opportunity. Children are still learning social skills. They are not punished for spelling errors or math mistakes. They should not be punished for social mistakes. Adults simply need to watch for and correct the behavior each and every time it occurs. If the behavior continues, then adults need to build an organized watch system that includes teachers, bus drivers, lunchroom staff and parents.

Bullies do eventually suffer from their behavior. They are more likely to end up in jail because they do not learn normal social controls. Parents can be partners in identifying the many potential underlying causes — exposure to violent video games or domestic abuse, for example.

True bullies are leaders. Channeling their energy into mentoring programs or youth clubs is an effective form of youth violence prevention. Reducing bullying starts with social justice and respect for others.

— Sally Black, Ph.D.

A registered nurse, Sally Black is also an assistant professor of health services at SJU. She performed one of the longest-running evaluations in a U.S. urban environment of the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program, an internationally recognized initiative to prevent bullying in schools.

More information on bullying can be obtained from: stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov/index.asp.
The Beauty of Winter

When the perfect amount of snow falls, traffic worries and shoveling become distant memories, replaced by a peaceful sense of awe. The courtyard at the center of Barbelin/Lonergan Hall provides a beautiful setting to enjoy a winter wonderland. Seen here, a fresh blanket of snow adds just the right amount of white to highlight one of the most scenic spots on campus.

Photo by Julio Del Sesto.
When James W. Moore, S.J., hired Kathy Gaval ’80, ’85 to work in admissions in 1975, she could not have foreseen the lifelong relationship she was establishing with Saint Joseph’s. Now, more than 30 years later, she is grateful for the role SJU played in shaping her life. As an undergraduate student in University College, an administrator, a graduate student, an alumna, a campus leader, a parent and now the vice president for planning, she has witnessed firsthand the dramatic transformation the University has undertaken and cherishes how Saint Joseph’s has remained true to its mission and rooted in its Catholic, Jesuit identity.

Already annual supporters of the Saint Joseph’s Fund, Kathy and her husband, Tom ’77, possess a unique perspective, not only of where the University has been, but also where its bold vision of the future will lead. When SJU publicly launched *With Faith and Strength to Dare*, its largest comprehensive campaign, it assured alumni that the education Saint Joseph’s provided them would be available to their children and for generations of future Hawks.

“Many of our lifelong friends are from Saint Joseph’s, and, more than ever, we’re grateful for the role the University has played in our lives,” said Gaval. “We think about it in terms of the historic moment at hand. Other than the brave move of Fr. Barbelin to City Avenue in the 1920s, this is as big as it’s ever going to get. That excitement really pulled us into supporting this campaign.”

“It’s once in a hundred years that you would come upon an opportunity like this to expand into an adjacent campus, the Maguire Campus, and move boldly toward preeminence.”

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