Thank You, Father Dobbin—Leader, Teacher and Friend
Do you have a child who will be applying to Villanova for the Class of 2011? If you do, we encourage you to visit campus!

Class of 2010 Admission Statistics
Freshmen applications received 12,904
Targeted freshman class size 1,615
Percentage of freshmen applicants who ranked in the top 10 percent of their graduating class 77
Percentage of freshmen applicants who ranked in the top 20 percent of their graduating class 96
Percentage of freshmen applicants who ranked in the top 30 percent of their graduating class 99
GPA range for the typical accepted applicant 3.72-4.04/4.00
The middle 50 percent range of SAT scores for the typical accepted freshman applicant 1310-1420/1600
Percentage of the freshman class with alumni affiliation 22

Class of 2011 Fall Open House Schedule

FALL 2006 OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE

College of Engineering
Sunday, September 10

College of Nursing
Sunday, September 17
Sunday, October 29

Villanova School of Business
Saturday, September 23

College of Engineering  Science and Technology
Saturday, October 29

College of Nursing  Legacy Day
Sunday, September 17
Sunday, October 22

Science and Technology
Saturday, October 29

FALL 2006 OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE

Application Deadlines
Preferred filing dates for the Villanova Preliminary Application for Undergraduate Admission
Early Action October 15
Presidential Scholarship Consideration October 15
Health Affiliation Programs October 15
Regular Decision December 15

Completed Application Deadlines (including Common Application)
Early Action November 1
Presidential Scholarship Consideration November 1
Health Affiliation Programs November 1
Regular Decision January 7

For Open House reservations, a general campus visit schedule or more information, please visit our Web site at www.admission.villanova.edu.

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(610) 519-4000
gotovu@villanova.edu
Father Donohue took office on June 1. M. Donohue '75 A&S (left), will be inaugurated. On September 8, his successor, the Rev. Peter M. Donohue '75 A&S (left), will be inaugurated. Father Donohue took office on June 1.

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Guests at the Radio City Music Hall gala expressed their appreciation to the Rev. Edmund J. Dobbin, O.S.A., ’58 A&S (right) as he prepared to retire as University president. On September 8, his successor, the Rev. Peter M. Donohue ’75 A&S (left), will be inaugurated. Father Donohue took office on June 1.

(Top left) Father Dobbin presided at the Baccalaureate Liturgy, which took place in the Grotto on May 20.
William M. Savino, Esq., ’71 VSB of Old Brookville, N.Y., is the new president of the Villanova University Alumni Association (VUAA). He has served on the VUAA Board of Directors for six years and has chaired the executive and communications committees.

Savino majored in economics at Villanova and received his J.D. from the Fordham University School of Law. He is managing partner at the law firm of Rivkin Radler LLP in Uniondale, N.Y., and chairs the firm’s executive committee. He serves on the board of directors of Parkway Insurance Company, the Long Island Association, Long Island’s United Way and the Fair Media Council, where he also is general counsel.

From 1995 to 2005, Savino served as the mayor of Old Brookville. He has been listed as one of the 100 Most Influential Long Islanders by the Long Island Business News and as one of the Top 50 Most Influential Long Islanders for 2006 by the Long Island Press.

You may contact him at william.savino@villanova.edu.

Other Officers and New Members
John S. Smock ’65 VSB is president-elect of the VUAA. An alumni board member since 2001, he has served on the executive, strategic planning, and member benefits committees.

Paul A. Tufano, Esq., ’83 VSB, now vice-president, will assume the role of VUAA president in June 2008.

The VUAA board also welcomes two new members: Tara Easter ’92 Nur. and Peter Fong ’86 M.E.

Reunion Draws More than 1,500 Back to Campus
At Alumni Reunion Weekend on June 9-11, alumni gathered together to commemorate their experiences at Villanova University while celebrating the future of their alma mater.

On Friday evening, the classes of 1956, 1981 and 1996 celebrated their 50th, 25th and 10th Reunion milestones respectively with individually designed receptions, allowing alumni a chance to rekindle Villanova friendships in a congenial setting. Reunion receptions were held in Bartley Hall for other alumni whose class years ended in a 1 or 6.

The weekend featured several awards ceremonies to honor the achievements of alumni. The Engineering Alumni Society Awards Ceremony and Reception took place on Friday evening. The St. Thomas of Villanova and Young Alumni Medals were presented on Saturday at the Vigil Mass and Alumni Awards Ceremony.

Alumni spent Saturday afternoon in the shadow of the St. Thomas of Villanova Church with family and friends at the Reunion Family Picnic, and then could participate in the Communal Blessing and Renewal of Marriage Vows at the Church.

The culminating event of the weekend was Saturday night’s Alumni Gala, which included dancing and dining with special guests and fellow alumni. A great time was had by all! (See page 52 for more on Alumni Reunion Weekend.)

Five Alumni Medals Awarded at Reunion
The Villanova University Alumni Association (VUAA) Alumni Awards Committee presented the St. Thomas of Villanova Alumni Medal and the Young Alumni Medal for 2006 during Alumni Reunion Weekend.

What Does VSB Mean?
With the renaming of the College of Commerce and Finance to the Villanova School of Business (see page 60), Villanova Magazine will be using the abbreviation VSB with a business school graduate’s class year instead of C&F.
Chapters Greet New Students at Receptions

More than 40 New Student Receptions are being held this summer, across the country and as far away as Panama. Hosted by local chapters of the Villanova University Alumni Association, these receptions are a great way for incoming Villanovans and their families to meet classmates, current students, parents and alumni who can answer questions and share their Villanova experiences.

For the complete schedule and information on how you can become involved with your local chapter, visit alumni.villanova.edu and click on the New Student Receptions link.

St. Thomas of Villanova Alumni Medals
The St. Thomas of Villanova Alumni Medal, the highest honor bestowed by the VUAA, is awarded to alumni who best symbolize the spirit and legacy of the University’s patron saint. These individuals have achieved a level of distinction within their chosen fields or professions and have brought extraordinary benefit to the University and to their communities. The following four individuals received this alumni medal:

- J. Deane Driscoll ’60 VSB, director for business development, AC Daughtry and longtime volunteer for Villanova and community;
- Victor J. Maggitti Jr. ’56 VSB, president, Vimco, Inc., in King of Prussia, Pa., and president and CEO of VJMJ Realty;
- The Rev. Michael P. Sullivan, O.S.A., ’64 A&S, director of Augustinian Preaching Apostolate. A well-known retreat leader, he is one of the founding members of the Marriage Encounter movement; and
- Ellen Tracy ’81 Nur., ’97 M.S.N., director of the Oncology Program at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia.

The Young Alumni Medal
The Villanova Young Alumni Medal is given to an alumnus/a who has reached a significant level of achievement in his/her profession and who is a model of the quality and caliber of today’s Villanova student.

This year’s recipient is Katherine “Katie” Fallon ’01 Nur., a staff nurse at Massachusetts General Hospital, which awarded her a fellowship to serve in Darfur, Sudan, with the American Refugee Committee.

Congratulations to these five outstanding alumni! For more information about the awards and this year’s honorees, go to alumni.villanova.edu and click on Alumni Awards. See also page 55.

Villanova Black History Project Launched
On June 10, alumni and students from the Black Cultural Society and the Black Student League gathered during Alumni Reunion Weekend for a presentation on The Diversity Blueprint, a comprehensive strategic plan outlining diversity goals for Villanova University.

As part of the reception’s program, The Villanova Black History Project was launched. This program gives students the chance to interview fellow students, faculty and alumni to create a visual and visible history of black alumni. If you would like to share your experiences or be a part of this exciting program, contact Walidah Justice ’96 A&S, assistant director of the Center for Multicultural Affairs, at walidah.justice@villanova.edu.

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Your Alumni Association

**Great Golf. Great Cause.**

Several chapters of the Villanova University Alumni Association have hosted or will be hosting golf outings in the coming months. These events are a fantastic way to enjoy the warm weather and get together on the links with Villanovans while raising money for some very worthwhile causes. For details, visit alumni.villanova.edu and click on Chapter Scholarship Golf Outings. The following chapters are hosting summer or fall outings:

**Monday, July 24**
Syracuse Chapter Scholarship Golf Outing
The Links at Sunset Ridge
Marcellus, N.Y.

**Thursday, September 14**
Chicago Chapter Scholarship Golf Outing

**Monday, October 2**
Fairfield/Westchester Chapter Scholarship Golf Outing
Shorehaven Golf Club
East Norwalk, Conn.

**Monday, October 16**
Monmouth/Ocean Counties Chapter Scholarship Golf Outing

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**Alumni Receptions Celebrate Basketball**

At a number of receptions held throughout the country, the Villanova University Alumni Association (VUAA) celebrated the men’s basketball team’s spectacular season. The VUAA held alumni gatherings during the regular season, as well as the Big East and NCAA tournaments, including special events during the Sweet 16 and Elite 8 rounds in Minneapolis.

Visit alumni.villanova.edu this fall as we get ready for another exciting year of Villanova basketball!

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**Coaches’ Nights to Expand to New Locales**

Jay Wright, head coach of Villanova men’s basketball, and Harry Perretta ’95 G.S., head coach of women’s basketball, join special Villanova guests, alumni and friends each year for Coaches’ Nights and Basketball Receptions. This past year, these pre-season social nights were held at cities throughout the country. These well-attended events gave enthusiastic Wildcat fans a chance to express their support and excitement.

This fall, there will be expanded locations for these receptions. Visit alumni.villanova.edu for the 2006 Coaches’ Nights schedule.

**Football Tailgates in Orlando and Hempstead**

With fall just around the corner, the Villanova University Alumni Association invites you to join in football tailgates at two away games. On September 2, the Wildcats play the University of Central Florida in Orlando and on October 7, Villanova takes on Hofstra in Hempstead, N.Y.

Visit alumni.villanova.edu for additional details and tailgate events.
Partnership with Cingular Raises the Bar for Alumni

The Villanova University Alumni Association is pleased to announce its newest corporate partnership, with Cingular Wireless LLC. This new program will allow Villanova alumni to take advantage of Cingular Premier's national discounts and benefits, including:

- a 20 percent discount on wireless phones,
- a 5 percent monthly discount on voice and data messaging, and
- $25 off new activations (online only), in addition to other benefits.

Current customers of Cingular also are eligible to take advantage of the Villanova alumni discount. Alumni may also contact Cingular and request to have their accounts attached to their companies' Wireless Benefit Program.

Villanova alumni can sign up for this program by visiting alumni.villanova.edu and clicking on the Corporate Partners link.

Vote for Alumni to Serve on the University Senate

Three candidates are currently running for the three alumni senator positions on the Villanova University Senate:

- Robert J. Capone '62 VSB
- Sandra Toslosky-Patterer '93 VSB and
- Richard Freccia '75 G.S.

Alumni may vote for the candidates online at alumni.villanova.edu or by calling 1-800-VILLANOVA (1-800-845-5266) to request a paper ballot.

Travel the World with Fellow Villanovans

Join the Villanova University Alumni Association for another year of exciting and educational travel opportunities.

Village Life in the Alps
August 17-25, 2007

Village Life in Italy’s Umbrian Hill Towns
September 16-24, 2007

Village Life in the Dordogne
October 4-12, 2007

Island Life in Ancient Greece and Turkey
October 20-28, 2007

Canary Islands and the Passage of the Moors
November 7-15, 2007

Yuletide Magic in Austria
December 1-9, 2007

Student and family trips

Spain
Christmas vacation 2007

European Tour
May 2007
For the Class of 2007 graduates

If you have not received the VUAA 2007 travel brochure in the mail and would like a copy, please call 1-800-VILLANOVA (1-800-845-5266) and ask for Pat Gillin or e-mail patricia.gillin@villanova.edu.

Show Your Wildcat Pride with New Pennsylvania License Plate

The Villanova University license plate has been redesigned and is now available through the Villanova University Alumni Association (VUAA) to Villanova alumni, parents, students and friends who are Pennsylvania residents. This is an exciting chance to showcase Villanova pride wherever you drive.

The VUAA is pleased to offer this opportunity for friends and alumni to purchase a license plate. The cost of the new plate is $72.50, of which $50 supports networking and professional development activities for alumni and students.

To order a Villanova license plate, please visit www.alumni.villanova.edu and click on the Villanova Merchandise & More link.
The Villanova University Alumni Association (VUAA) and its local chapters have developed an ambitious and diverse events calendar to attract alumni with varied interests. From receptions, liturgical celebrations and community service projects to athletic events, there are gatherings appealing to the many aspects of being a Villanovan. For further information regarding these events, including cost and location, please call 1-800-VILLANOVA (800-845-5266) or visit the Events Calendar at alumni.villanova.edu.

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<td>Join us from 6–9 p.m. as the BlueClaws take on the Delmarva Shorebirds in minor league baseball. The price of $25 per adult and $15 per child includes dinner and admission to the game at FirstEnergy Park. Please RSVP by August 16 to 1-800-VILLANOVA (800-845-5266).</td>
<td>Join in with Villanovans from the Pacific Northwest Chapter for this service project, from 8:45 a.m.-4 p.m. Please RSVP to Tim Costello ’85 VSB at <a href="mailto:villanovanw@gmail.com">villanovanw@gmail.com</a> if you are interested in helping.</td>
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Plan to join Villanova family and friends to kick off Homecoming Weekend on Friday, October 20. Earlier that week, on Tuesday, October 17, you can catch Head Coach Andy Talley’s football radio show broadcast, live from Kelly’s Restaurant and Tap Room in Bryn Mawr, Pa.

On Thursday, October 19, from 6-9 p.m., you can preview the Villanova basketball season at a Coaches’ Night at the Villanova Conference Center. Join Jay Wright, head coach of the men’s team, and Harry Perretta ’95 G.S., head coach of the women’s team, and find out the latest information.

On Friday night, Hoops Mania returns as alumni, students and fans are invited to the Pavilion to see the men’s team in action.

**Saturday, October 21**

This full day of Homecoming events will feature:

**9 a.m.**
The Third Annual “Dream for Eileen” 5K Run/Walk (in memory of Eileen Shea Lupton ’03 Nur.)

**9-10:30 a.m.**
Villanova Alumni Entrepreneurs Reception

**Noon**
- Alumni Family Picnic
- Class of 2001 Five-Year Reunion at the Alumni Family Picnic
- Football Tailgating for Season Ticket Holders
- Black Cultural Society Alumni Reception
- Student Party in the Quad
- “Social Studies E-mail Community” Reception

**1 p.m.**
Men’s soccer: Villanova vs. Cincinnati at Villanova Stadium

**3 p.m.**
Football: Villanova vs. Towson at Villanova Stadium

For tickets call: (610) 519-4100

**Post-game**
- Music Activities Reception
- Class of 2001 Five-Year Reunion Gathering

**Sunday, October 22**

Alumni and their children interested in attending Villanova are invited to attend a Legacy Day Program offered by the Office of Admission from 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in the Connelly Center.

A Mass and Brunch for the Class of 2001 Five-Year Reunion will take place. Also, come cheer on the women’s soccer team vs. DePaul at the West Campus Soccer Complex at 1 p.m.

Visit alumni.villanova.edu for additional details and to register for Homecoming events or call 1-800-VILLANOVA (800-845-5266).
As Father Dobbin receives an outpouring of gratitude at a gala in New York City, The Campaign for Villanova announces more than $18 million in commitments, which bring the multiyear effort’s total to nearly $210 million.

On the evening of May 11, nearly 300 Villanova University alumni, parents and friends took to the stage at New York City’s famous Radio City Music Hall for “The Campaign for Villanova: A Celebration of Leadership.” The black-tie event commemorated unprecedented progress in Transforming Minds and Hearts: The Campaign for Villanova, thanks to the impressive leadership of so many generous supporters. Seven accomplished young alumni were present to help guide the evening’s program and to illustrate how the support of those in attendance has created an environment of success and achievement at Villanova.

The evening also highlighted a poignant tribute to Villanova’s 31st president, the Rev. Edmund J. Dobbin, O.S.A., ’58 A&S, whose leadership and vision during his 18-year presidency have transformed Villanova into one of America’s leading Catholic universities. Father Dobbin in June 2005 announced his intention to retire at the end of the 2005-06 academic year. As of June 1, Villanova’s Board of Trustees has honored him with the designation of president emeritus.
Spotlight on the Campaign

Following cocktails in the lobby, guests were called to dinner by trumpeters and led through the aisles to be seated on the grand stage at this historic venue. The spectacular theater, which commemorates its 75th anniversary this year, proved once again to be a unique and exciting setting to recognize another Villanova milestone.

“The first time the University community gathered at Radio City Music Hall was in 1996 to celebrate reaching the $100 million mark in the previous campaign,” said John M. Elizandro, vice president for Institutional Advancement. “Now, a decade later, Villanova still holds the distinction of being the only group to gather in this special way on the theater’s stage.”

Joining the guests that evening were seven extraordinary recent alumni who served as the hosts and speakers. As Villanova students, all of these young leaders won prestigious national scholarships and fellowships, including Rhodes, Gates Cambridge, Fulbright and Goldwater. They shared their stories and thanked the University’s generous supporters for providing opportunities that helped shape their success at Villanova and beyond. (For more on these stellar ‘Nova grads, see page 13).

Commitments Inspire and Transform

The beautifully transformed stage provided the perfect setting for the announcement of six leadership commitments to the campaign. These gifts, totaling more than $18 million, have helped the campaign reach nearly $210 million, or 70 percent of its $300 million goal (see page 16).

“These are exceptional commitments to Villanova,” Father Dobbin said. “This is the kind of support that will lead the campaign to its goal and help the University achieve its strategic priorities—building the endowment and expanding academic programs, scholarships and financial aid.”
Steering Committee member Terence M. O’Toole ’80 VSB (left) with Father Dobbin and Patrick G. LePore ’77 A&S, a member of the Major Gifts Committee. The gala at Radio City Music Hall provided a fitting tribute to Father Dobbin’s 18 years at Villanova.

(From left) Kathryn R. Morro; Vahan H. Gureghian, Esq., ’76 VSB and his wife Danielle; and Sheryl A. Weston. Morro and Weston are both directors of development for the Villanova School of Business.

James A. Drobile, Esq., ’49 Ch.E., former chairman of Villanova’s Board of Trustees, with Maura Schubert.

(From left) Marianne M. Connolly and her husband, Charles P. Connolly ’70 A&S, a member of the Major Gifts Committee, with Emily C. Riley, a member of the Steering Committee. They were among the nearly 300 alumni, parents and friends of Villanova who gathered on May 11 at Radio City Music Hall.

The gala brought together many leaders of the University and the campaign, including (from left) Rocco A. Barbieri ’59 A&S, a member of the Major Gifts Committee; the Rev. James R. Flynn, O.S.A., ’69 A&S, ’76 M.A., a member of Villanova’s Board of Trustees; and James R. Birle ’58 M.E., a member of the Steering Committee.

(From left) Parents’ Committee member Rosemary P. LePore; Mary R. McRae ’82 VSB, associate vice president for Development, and Elaine C. Welsh and her husband, Edward J. Welsh Jr. ’66 VSB, a member of the Steering Committee.

Vice President for Institutional Advancement John M. Elizandro with Arlene H. Doroszka.

(From left) John J. Quindlen ’54 VSB, a member of the Steering Committee; Betty Markey; Kitty Quindlen; and Andrew J. Markey ’52 VSB, a member of the Major Gifts Committee.

The gala recognized the leadership of many generous supporters of The Campaign for Villanova, including its vice chairman, James C. Curvey ’57 VSB (left) and William B. Finneran ’63 VSB (right). With them are Jay Wright, head coach of Villanova men’s basketball, and Katherine Bryan.

The Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., ’75 A&S, president-elect, with Lisa A. Turano ’83 VSB and her husband, Robert. Father Donohue, who was elected University president in December 2005, took office on June 1. He is a tenured associate professor and had served as chair of the theatre department until assuming the presidency.

(From left) Samuel A. Rozzi ’67 VSB; Patricia Hochfelder; Peter D. Ubaldi ’67 VSB and his wife, Andrea; and William J. Sales ’67 VSB and his wife, Suzanne.

(From left) Herbert F. Aspbury ’67 A&S, vice chairman of Villanova’s Board of Trustees, a member of the Steering Committee and chairman of the Major Gifts Committee; John G. Drosdick ’65 Ch.E., chairman of Villanova’s Board of Trustees and also a member of the Steering Committee; and Jeanne Melchionni and her husband, Robert M. Melchionni ’69 VSB, a member of the Major Gifts Committee.
Ovation for Father Dobbin—Leader, Teacher and Friend

The evening’s final celebration of leadership recognized Father Dobbin’s 18 years of devoted service and dedication to Villanova and the special relationships he shares with members of the University community. Guests watched a video presentation that celebrated Father Dobbin, his presidency, his accomplishments and the transformation of the University during his tenure. This moving tribute included personal messages and expressions of gratitude from alumni, parents, friends and administrators for all that Father Dobbin has done for Villanova (see page 30 for the transcript of their remarks).

“We couldn’t think of a better, more impactful way to say thank you to Father Dobbin than to celebrate the success of the campaign here at Radio City Music Hall and pay tribute to a true leader, teacher and friend,” said James C. Curvey ’57 VSB, campaign vice chairman.

The evening concluded with the singing of Villanova’s “Alma Mater” and a toast to the leadership that has guided, influenced and inspired the Villanova community while continuing to chart the course for the future of the University.

The event at Radio City Music Hall was the perfect opportunity to celebrate the special relationships that Father Dobbin has formed with alumni, parents and friends of the University.

Among the guests Father Dobbin greeted were: (left) Judith G. Cook; (top right) Dr. Tara S. Cortes ’67 Nur., a member of Villanova’s Board of Trustees, and her husband, Dr. Luis Cortes; and (bottom right) James D. Danella ’71 VSB, a member of the Steering Committee and of Villanova’s Board of Trustees, and his wife, Mary Jo.
The gala at Radio City Music Hall featured seven recent graduates, all of whom shared personal stories of success that exemplified the leadership celebrated during the evening. They are (from left) David J. Quinn ’02 M.E.; Theodore D. George ’96 M.A., ’00 Ph.D.; Brian M. Katulis ’94 A&S; Isis S. Misdary ’99 A&S; Rebecca E. Spies-Swain ’95 A&S, ’97 M.A.; the Rev. Claudia F. Muro ’95 A&S; and John J. Bochanski Jr. ’02 A&S.
Villanova University’s ability to transform young people into outstanding leaders was showcased at Radio City Music Hall on May 11 when seven recent graduates shared with guests the ways in which their Villanova education has shaped their success. From Fulbright and Rhodes scholars to an award-winning astronomer, these high achievers exemplified the leadership being celebrated that evening, as well as the transformative power of a Villanova education.

The young alumni showcased during “The Campaign for Villanova: A Celebration of Leadership” thanked the generous donors for their role in making Villanova the institution it is and for providing the financial support that enabled many of them to attend. The speakers talked of having benefited from Villanova’s facilities, academic programs, professors and values, as well as from the opportunities for community service and study abroad that they enjoyed as students. Several who attended on scholarships made a point of thanking the donors who helped make possible their education.

The Rev. Edmund J. Dobbin, O.S.A., ’58 A&S, University president, made special note of their laudable accolades when he took the podium. “These young graduates are part of a growing phenomenon of Villanova students winning nationally and internationally prestigious scholarships,” he said. Over the past decade, 150 Villanova students have reached finalist status in competition for such awards, and 79 have won, Father Dobbin observed. “Every one of these young people is clearly a leader already and going to be a great leader in the future,” he said. “This is what we’re about; this is what we’re celebrating tonight.”

The two young graduates who co-hosted the evening were:

- **ISIS S. Misdary ’99 A&S:** A native of Cairo, Egypt, she is an off-Broadway theater director in New York City. A Fulbright Scholar who graduated with a major in Honors from Villanova, she did her postgraduate work in Egypt, where she filmed a documentary on Cairo’s indigenous street performers. She has directed more than 20 productions in New York City, Cairo, Barcelona, Sydney, Minneapolis and San Francisco. Misdary is the youngest person to have received a prestigious National Endowment for the Arts Career Development Award, given to only a handful of theater directors every two years. She also received a Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowship for New Americans in 2006 to support up to two years of graduate study.

- **David J. Quinn ’02 M.E.:** As a Villanova student, he received both Fulbright and Gates Cambridge scholarships. After graduating summa cum laude, he earned a master’s degree in engineering from the University of Cambridge and another master’s in mechanical engineering from MIT. The Boston resident is now pursuing his doctorate in mechanical engineering at MIT, where he conducts research in biotechnology and nanotechnology, including looking for a new cure for malaria.
Together, Misdary and Quinn introduced their five fellow Villanovans, who also were speakers:

* John J. Bochanski Jr. '02 A&S: An astronomy and astrophysics major at Villanova, he won a Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship in 2001, a first for Villanova’s noted astronomy department. He also was awarded a Father Edward Jenkins Scholarship for academic excellence in astronomy and the Jason M. Cardelli Memorial Undergraduate Research Award. Now a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Washington, Bochanski is specializing in low-mass stellar astronomy.

* Theodore D. George ’96 M.A., ’00 Ph.D.: He came to Villanova to study in the University’s first doctoral program (philosophy), where he earned a master’s and a Ph.D. In 1998, he received Villanova’s John Tich Award for Scholarly Excellence and won a Fulbright to study Continental philosophy at the University of Tübingen in Germany. Dr. George is now an assistant professor of philosophy at Texas A&M University.

* Brian M. Katulis ’94 A&S: The Sunbury, Pa., native is an expert on the Middle East who has lived and worked in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. After graduating from Villanova summa cum laude with a major in history, he studied as a Fulbright Scholar in Amman, Jordan, and earned his master’s degree from Princeton University’s Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. Katulis, who has worked in the White House and on the policy planning staff of the U.S. Department of State, is director of democracy and public diplomacy on the National Security Team at the Center for American Progress in Washington, D.C. With Nancy Soderberg, former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, he is writing a book to be published next year.

* The Rev. Claudia F. Muro ’95 A&S: An ecumenical and interfaith pastor at the Ellington (Conn.) Congregational Church, she teaches children the values of faith and service. She graduated from Villanova with a double major in Honors and French. An active participant in Campus Ministry, she was one of the first recipients of the St. Augustine Award for Academic Excellence. She taught in France as a Fulbright Scholar, and then later in Istanbul, Turkey. She earned her master’s degree at Yale Divinity School.

* Rebecca E. Spies-Swain, M.D., ’95 A&S, ’97 M.A.: A four-time NCAA cross-country champion, she also was an individual winner at the Millrose Games, the world’s top indoor track meet. At Villanova, she earned bachelor’s degrees in biology and philosophy and then a master’s in social anthropology. As a 1995 Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University, she focused on the social dynamics of the HIV epidemic. In 2002, she earned an M.D. degree from the University of San Francisco. After completing her medical training, she plans to go to Central or South America to provide care to the underprivileged. Dr. Spies-Swain was a member of the U.S. World Cross Country team in 1998 and a U.S. Olympic trials qualifier in 2000.

“I would not be where I am today without the scholarship I received from Villanova. I only hope that I can do for others what you have done for me.”

Villanovans illustrated the concept of leadership in many ways on May 11, but none was more powerful than the announcement of six substantial new commitments to Transforming Minds and Hearts: The Campaign for Villanova. These gifts, announced by the Rev. Edmund J. Dobbin, O.S.A., ’58 A&S, University president, brought the campaign total to nearly $210 million, or 70 percent of its $300 million goal.

In addition to a $1.5 million anonymous gift that will support the University’s strategic priorities, five other gifts were recognized.

"These are exceptional commitments to Villanova."

—THE REV. EDMUND J. DOBBIN, O.S.A. ’58 A&S
$6.15 Million Commitment Leads Evening’s Announcements

Lawrence M. Waterhouse Jr. ’59 A&S and his wife, Christine, have made a $6.15 million commitment to support the campaign. Theirs is among the largest personal gifts in Villanova’s history.

Lawrence Waterhouse is founder and chairman emeritus of TD Banknorth Inc. (formerly TD Waterhouse Investor Services), one of the most successful discount brokerage firms in the United States.

In recognizing the couple’s commitment, Father Dobbin noted how the Waterhouses wanted their gift to support a priority at the core of the University’s mission and are in the process of selecting that priority. “It is a testament to Larry and Christine’s belief in Villanova that they have made this commitment and continue to work with the University to pinpoint the very best way of helping and serving our mission,” Father Dobbin said.
$4 Million Dedicated to Support Philadelphia-area Students

William M. Gibson ’66 VSB and his wife, Nadine, have committed $4 million to create an endowed scholarship program that will support Villanova-bound students from Monsignor Bonner and Archbishop Prendergast high schools in Drexel Hill, Pa.

A member of the Steering Committee and of Villanova’s Board of Trustees, William Gibson is managing partner of the Albermarle Group.

Father Dobbin noted that the Gibsons will establish a unique legacy with their gift. “Their commitment will help to support a longtime tradition of students from these two fine schools attending Villanova,” he added.
$3 Million to Support Campaign

Patricia H. Imbesi, a member of Villanova’s Board of Trustees and of the Steering Committee, and her husband, John Imbesi ’68 VSB, have committed $3 million to the campaign.

Patricia Imbesi also chairs the Parents’ Committee, an initiative that engages parents in their children’s educational experience at Villanova.

Father Dobbin noted that the couple has provided leadership for the Parents’ Program, an increasingly visible and successful initiative. “This support from Patti and John signifies their belief in the important role that parents play in the life of the University,” he said. “This gift will provide critical resources that will enhance the Villanova experience for students and parents alike.”
Law School to Receive $2.5 Million

Arthur J. Kania ’56 J.D. and his wife, Angela, have committed $2.5 million to the campaign and designated it to the Villanova School of Law.

A member of the Steering Committee and a former member of Villanova’s Board of Trustees, Arthur Kania is a senior partner in the law firm of Kania, Lindner, Lasak and Feeney in Bala Cynwyd, Pa. He was a member of the first class to graduate from the law school and remains involved as a member of its Board of Consultants.

“Art has been a loyal and very involved alumnus,” Father Dobbin said. “This generous gift from Art and Angela will support the University’s effort to build a new facility that will help to enhance the law school’s distinguished reputation.”
Audrey and Robert W. Luckow, parents of Stefanie Luckow ’06 A&S, have committed $1.5 million to establish the Luckow Family Endowed Chair in English Literature and the Luckow Family Endowed Fund for Scholarships in Education.

The Luckows are members of the Parents’ Committee, and Robert Luckow is a retired member of the New York Stock Exchange. The Luckows’ gift will support a highly regarded literary scholar in the English department and provide financial support to future educators studying at Villanova University.

“The Luckows have been real leaders in the Parents’ Program,” Father Dobbin said. “Their support of the campaign will meet important needs while encouraging other parents to become involved in the University.”
A midst the increasing activity of Transforming Minds and Hearts: The Campaign for Villanova, members of the Steering Committee met on May 11 to bid a formal and fond farewell to the Rev. Edmund J. Dobbin, O.S.A., ’58 A&S, University president, and to welcome the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., ’75 A&S, president-elect, who would officially become president on June 1.

The meeting, the 11th of the campaign, took place at the University Club in New York City prior to “The Campaign for Villanova: A Celebration of Leadership” at Radio City Music Hall.

Committee members both honored Father Dobbin for his leadership to the campaign and discussed the increased involvement of Father Donohue in this fundraising effort that continues to accelerate.

Father Dobbin took this opportunity to share his thoughts about stepping down from his position after 18 years and to comment on the campaign’s future.

“The Campaign for Villanova and the University have both exhibited great strength and momentum,” said Father Dobbin. “I am confident that this momentum will continue and even increase through the transition of leadership to Father Donohue. This transition is an opportunity for Father Donohue to focus planning for new levels of support, and for guiding existing commitments to their ultimate designations.”

Campaign vice chairman James C. Curvey ’57 VSB led the meeting in place of chairman Gerald S.J. Cassidy, Esq., ’63 A&S, who was not able to attend due to illness. Curvey presented Father Dobbin with a crystal sculpture that represented the bond of partnership between the retiring president and the committee.

“Thank you, Father Dobbin, on behalf of the Steering Committee,” Curvey said. “The impact of your leadership and vision will be felt at Villanova for many years to come.”

This transition of presidential leadership comes at a time of heightened activity for the campaign. John M. Elizandro, vice president for Institutional Advancement, updated the committee members on the campaign’s financial progress. He noted how the lull in campaign activity that often occurs during presidential transitions at colleges and universities has not materialized at Villanova.

Members of the Steering Committee gathered at the University Club in New York City on May 11 to mark an acceleration of campaign activity and to pay tribute to the Rev. Edmund J. Dobbin, O.S.A., ’58 A&S, who is retiring after 18 years.

(From left) John J. Quindlen ’54 VSB; Arthur J. Kania ’56 J.D.; and Martin G. McGuinn ’64 A&S, ’67 J.D. The campaign has reached nearly $210 million in commitments, which represents 70 percent of its $300 million goal.
“Since the public announcement of the campaign in December 2004, more than $100 million has been committed, which far eclipses the $21 million-per-year pace of the campaign prior to that point,” Elizandro reported. “To date, the campaign is approaching $210 million, representing 70 percent of the $300 million goal. This support signifies the confidence among donors in the campaign, the University and its leadership.”

Much of this progress can be attributed to the increase in volunteer activity among committee members. Their willingness to engage prospective donors was a strong signal to Father Donohue that the campaign not only will achieve financial success, but also will establish and solidify longterm relationships throughout the Villanova community.

“It is important to seize the unique opportunities that come with a change in leadership by maximizing my involvement in all types of activities,” Father Donohue said, reinforcing his commitment to the campaign. “I hope to engage younger alumni, and I encourage the development of new events that will attract a new generation of Villanova supporters.”

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A PRESIDENCY OF Transformation

Stepping down as University President after 18 years, Father Dobbin prefers the road ahead to a trip down Memory Lane. However, he has much to look back on with pride.

By Maureen McKew
On May 31, the Rev. Edmund J. Dobbin, O.S.A., ’58 A&S retired as the 31st president of Villanova University.

He has been preparing to return to teaching in the department of theology and religious studies, where he holds the rank of professor. Since December 2005, Father Dobbin also had been making sure the path would be a smooth one for his successor, the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., ’75 A&S. As of June 1, the day Father Donohue took office, Villanova’s Board of Trustees honored Father Dobbin with the designation of president emeritus.

ON CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION: “We had to be concerned for those who come after us. We needed to leave them room for options.” —FATHER DOBBIN

Managing growth was a high priority for the Rev. Edmund J. Dobbin, O.S.A., ’58 A&S during his presidency at Villanova University. Here he is meeting with John J. Gallen ’61 C.E., who is now retired from his position as executive director of Facilities Management.
Persuading this departing president to engage in a recitation of his accomplishments is a nearly impossible task, even though Father Dobbin could point with pride to many things. During his 18-year presidency, he has overseen a major expansion of Villanova’s on-campus learning and residential facilities, including:

- the construction of the West Campus apartment complexes for students;
- the restoration of a West Campus mansion that in October 2005 was renamed Picotte Hall at Dundale;
- the expansion and renovation of Bartley Hall, the home of the Villanova School of Business (formerly the College of Commerce and Finance);
- the expansion and renovation of the science building, now called the Mendel Science Center;
- the construction of the St. Augustine Center for the Liberal Arts; and
- the building of new research facilities for the College of Engineering (CEER, the Center for Engineering Education and Research, and also the Structural Engineering Building).

As Father Dobbin’s presidency drew to a close, Villanova was finalizing plans for new facilities for the College of Nursing and the School of Law.

At the same time as the physical expansion, Father Dobbin guided the effort to modernize the campus technologically to meet the needs of the Information Age.

To finance these and other initiatives, Father Dobbin instituted two major fundraising efforts. The Villanova Campaign raised more than $140 million between 1992 and 1997. The current effort, Transforming Minds and Hearts: the Campaign
for Villanova, has commitments that bring it to 70 percent of its $300 million goal. It is scheduled to conclude in December 2007.

One of Father Dobbin’s most crucial contributions to the University is one that fortifies all other efforts: a culture of planning, as he himself has described it. Villanova’s initiatives, whether academic or infrastructural, emanate from the University Strategic Plan. The plan is based on the Villanova Mission Statement and on the goals Father Dobbin set at his inauguration on October 5, 1988: to promote Villanova as an American, Catholic and Augustinian institution; to foster the relationship between the mind and the heart; and to pursue what St. Augustine of Hippo described as “the ardent love of understanding.”

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Committed to collaboration

For all of these and other accomplishments, Father Dobbin refuses to highlight one event or success and somehow slight the organizers of another by omission. There is another reason, however. For someone who has presided over 18 commencements, homecomings and reunions, he himself has never been given to looking back. His restless intellect drives him forward to learn or do something new. During his upcoming sabbatical year (the first one he has ever taken), he is sharpening the skills he will need for a “wired” teaching environment. When, with some urging, he did look back at his tenure, Father Dobbin mentioned the collaborative relationship he enjoyed with his colleagues in the administration, faculty and staff. He particularly liked meeting with students in the residence halls, including with the resident assistants and student government leaders. Year after year, he would confer with them to discuss Orientation, housing, special events and any concerns their peers might have.

ON MEETING WITH STUDENT LEADERS:

“...they fostered the spirit of Villanova in a truly wonderful way.”

—FATHER DOBBIN
“They gave me a good idea of what students were thinking, and they fostered the spirit of Villanova in a truly wonderful way,” he recalled.

In fact, it was a student housing issue that prompted Father Dobbin to make one of his first commitments as president, based on a need that his student contacts had brought to his attention. It was a need also mentioned, he admitted ruefully, by the University’s neighbors. Early in his presidency, some students living off campus tended to engage in particularly noisy high jinks. This produced a flurry of heated mail from the local homeowners. “It was just a matter of kids making noise and letting off steam,” Father Dobbin recalled. “However, it was my first real concrete realization that we had a housing problem, and that these students were living in the towns because there was no room for them on campus.”

The University’s response to that need came with the construction of the West Campus apartments, which beginning in 1994 would provide housing on campus for 1,200 additional students. The fieldstone-clad complex reflected the style of Villanova’s Collegiate Gothic buildings and offered a low profile—below tree-top level—so that it did not interfere with the vistas of homeowners in the area.

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Transformation with sensitivity

Father Dobbin, the trustees and members of the administration had set about to modernize Villanova’s physical and educational facilities to make them 21st-century-ready. Yet he himself credited the University community as well for its support and for engaging in its own transformative actions. He also passed along the credit for the beautiful appearance of the grounds. In the early 1990s, under the guidance of grounds supervisor Kevin O’Donnell, the landscaping was upgraded, and trees and shrubs appropriate to the area were identified and planted. As a result, Villanova is now an
A Life in the Spirit of St. Augustine

The Rev. Edmund J. Dobbin, O.S.A., ’58 A&S was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., and raised in Staten Island, where he graduated from St. Clare’s parochial school and the Augustinian Academy. He then entered the Order of St. Augustine. While studying for the priesthood, he earned a B.A. degree in philosophy from Villanova University in 1958 and an M.A. degree in theology in 1962 from the Augustinian College in Washington, D.C. In 1957, he professed solemn vows and in 1962 he was ordained.

While teaching and serving as chair of the mathematics department at Malvern Prep in Malvern, Pa., Father Dobbin pursued graduate studies at the University of Louvain, which in 1971 awarded him the degree of Doctor of Sacred Theology.

Upon returning to the United States, Father Dobbin joined the faculty of the Washington Theological Union, where he taught for 16 years. He was an active member of the Catholic Theological Society of America and earned a reputation as a respected teacher and scholar in Catholic theology. In 1987, he returned to Villanova as associate vice president for Academic Affairs. The following year, the trustees elected him as University president.

In stepping into retirement, Father Dobbin also took the opportunity to express his appreciation to one person in particular for her support. “There are so many people to thank at all levels and I don’t want to omit someone, so I hesitate to name names,” he said. “However, I do want to acknowledge Jane O’Laughlin, who has been my secretary over all these years. In 18 years, I have never heard a single complaint about the way anyone has been treated in the President’s Office. It’s because Jane is a superb manager, and because she has this very professional but kindly way of dealing with people. She always had a great sense of whom I should see, and if a person needed to see someone else, she not only gave that person a name, but also helped make the connection. She has been fabulous.”

FATHER DOBBIN’S PRESIDENCY reflected his education as a systematic theologian and student of St. Augustine, an education much in evidence in his homilies and talks to the community. He also devoted attention to maintaining green space amid all the construction at the University. He was particularly proud to see the campus declared an official Arboretum.

A personal high point and a special colleague

As he sorted through files and prepared to move to another office on campus, Father Dobbin did agree to cite one of the many memories that have given him personal satisfaction. “I was amazed 18 years ago by the reaction to my inaugural speech,” he noted. “I have said a lot over the years about our Augustinian identity, but that was the first time I had presented it publicly, and I did so out of a need I saw to articulate the ethos of the University and how it should permeate—as I think it does now—everything we do. People really identified with it back in 1989. I hope I have been able to make Villanovans and others more aware of the distinctiveness that has always been at the core of Villanova.” That legacy was highlighted in 1992 with the 150th anniversary celebration of Villanova’s founding by Augustinians.

- the continuation and expansion of the tradition of service trips to areas of need throughout the United States and the rest of the world;
- the University Senate gatherings;
- the community forums that he addressed faithfully each year; and
- the liturgies and so much more.

“Our efforts—academic, facilities and grounds—all interfaced with one another and contributed to community morale,” Father Dobbin said.
“Great job, Father!”

How do you sum up 18 years in only a few words?

Representatives of Villanova University’s trustees, alumni, campaign leaders, faculty, administrators, staff and parents all rose to that challenge in contributing to a tribute DVD honoring the Rev. Edmund J. Dobbin, O.S.A., ’58 A&S. The following is a transcription of their remarks on the DVD thanking Father Dobbin for his vision and planning, his scholarship and leadership, his love of the University and his collaborative style—not to mention his adeptness with a basketball and a wrench. The DVD was presented to the retiring University president at “The Campaign for Villanova: A Celebration of Leadership” gala at Radio City Music Hall on May 11.

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John G. Drosdick ’65 Ch.E.

“Collaborative.” John M. Elizandro

“Straight-talker.”
The Hon. Charles A. Heimbold Jr. ’54 A&S

“Very accessible.” Patricia H. Imbesi

“He’s very kind.” Jane O’Laughlin

“He’s very logical.” James F. Orr III ’65 A&S

“Dignified.” Judith G. Cook

“He’s a scholar.”
Robert M. Birmingham ’66 A&S

“He’s a wonderful theologian.”
The Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., ’75 A&S

“He’s an Augustinian’s Augustinian.”
James R. Birle ’58 M.E.

“He’s a great basketball player.”

“A very good auto mechanic.”
James A. Drobile, Esq., ’49 Ch.E.

“Scary smart.” William M. Gibson ’66 VSB

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John J. Quindlen ’54 VSB

“I think he’s an excellent communicator and when you talk about adjectives and characteristics, I think ‘clarity’ goes far.”  
Emily C. Riley

“He’s a regular guy.”
Gerald S.J. Cassidy, Esq., ’63 A&S

“Ed evokes, No. 1, respect and esteem from people. Then after a while, when you get to know him, he evokes love.”  

“He’s a sterling human being.”
Patricia H. Imbesi

“He gave us the most productive years he had and he gave us every ounce of himself. Nothing was held back and it inspired everybody.”
Gerald S.J. Cassidy, Esq., ’63 A&S

“I’m a great believer that all good leaders have a vision; they know where they want to go.”
James R. Birle ’58 M.E.

“When I see Father Dobbin, I see Villanova. Father Dobbin is Villanova University.”
Judith G. Cook

“Leadership is all about assembling the right team and creating an environment where they can realize their full potential.”
John G. Drosdick ’65 Ch.E.

“His vision for the University was always focused on its identity as an Augustinian and a Catholic institution.”

“As a university setting, I think it’s really important that you understand you’ve got the academic community, you’ve got the student community, you’ve got the alumni.”
James C. Curvey ’57 VSB

“I remember one of our first meetings; he came in and talked to me. He was very interesting in planning.”
The Hon. Charles A. Heimbold Jr. ’54 A&S

“He has a knack of getting people to work with him without being overbearing.”
James A. Drobile, Esq., ’49 Ch.E.

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The Hon. Charles A. Heimbold Jr. ’54 A&S

“When he’s making a decision, he’s giving you his confidence and he’s giving you the responsibility to get the job done.”
Jay Wright

At a faculty/staff reception on campus honoring the retiring University president, John G. Drosdick ’65 Ch.E. expresses to the Rev. Edmund J. Dobbin, O.S.A., ’58 A&S the grateful thanks of the entire Villanova community. Drosdick chairs the Villanova University Board of Trustees.
“Thank you!”

“He put together a whole game plan, and right from the get-go, that was the name of the game and what we were going to try to do.”  

“And son-of-a-gun, if he didn’t do it. Within two years, he had a strategic plan, he had every professor, every dean bought into it.”  
James R. Birle ’58 M.E.

“He’s a great manager, and I think he’s done an extremely good job in terms of bringing together the resources of the University.”  
Edward J. Welsh Jr. ’66 VSB

“I think he picked the University up off the ground and put it on his back and carried it forward. He very deliberately worked on the physical facilities and turned to the academics…. …”  
John G. Drosdick ’65 Ch.E.

“Our campus is dramatically different, the buildings are different. Not just the dormitories but the academic buildings, athletic facilities. All that brick and mortar stuff was done.”  
Robert M. Birmingham ’66 A&S

“That certainly translated into a different kind of student body. Parents were more interested, the campus looked better, it appeared better and it felt better.”  
Arthur J. Kania ’56 J.D.

“We have the best undergraduate student body we’ve ever had. If you look at the faculty, particularly the research of the faculty, we have the best faculty we’ve ever had.”  
James F. Orr III ’65 A&S

“I believe Father Dobbin would look at the academic success, the advancement of Villanova, both in its faculty and its student body, and the kind of intellectual environment at Villanova that’s been created is one of the strongest elements of his legacy.”  
Dorothy A. Malloy, Esq.

“Villanova has a great spirit, first of all, and also it has stayed very much an Augustinian university.”  
John J. Quindlen ’54 VSB

“His model for the intellectual life is St. Augustine’s model, or ideal, of the union between the mind and heart.”  

“It’s always been there. The Augustinians have always had a very strong charisma in this school, but he really articulated it.”  
The Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., ’75 A&S

“I guess the best way to say it is that he loves Villanova, and that shines through in every aspect of the University.”  
Patricia H. Imbesi

“Thanks, Father, for being a great friend.”  
James R. Birle ’58 M.E.

“Great job, Father! I’ve enjoyed working with you.”  
Edward J. Welsh Jr. ’66 VSB

“Thank you for your 18 years of superb service.”  
The Very Rev. Donald F. Reilly, O.S.A., D.Min., ’71 A&S

“It’s just been an unbelievable opportunity to work with you for the past 18 years.”  
William B. Finneran ’63 VSB

“Thanks for serving with me on the board and trying to do the good work for Villanova.”  
Robert M. Birmingham ’66 A&S

“The ability to work so closely with someone to advance an institution that you both believe in and love is extraordinary.”  
Dorothy A. Malloy, Esq.

“Thank you for having the vision.”  
Patricia H. Imbesi

“All Villanovans, such as myself, are proud of what this university has become.”  
Kenneth G. Valosky ’82 VSB

“Thank you for the community that you’ve brought onto campus. Thank you for expanding facilities, academic programs and student life.”  
Arthur J. Kania ’56 J.D.

“I really do think you’ve led Villanova into the 21st century.”  
Terence M. O’Toole ’80 VSB

“Villanova has a great spirit, first of all, and also it has stayed very much an Augustinian university.”  
John J. Quindlen ’54 VSB
“I want to thank you for all that you’ve done to put this school into the position where it is today.”
The Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., ’75 A&S

“You have left such an incredible institution behind and we’ll all enjoy the work you’ve done for many, many years to come.”  Herbert F. Aspbury ’67 A&S

“The best thing is that you will still be around Villanova.”
Judith G. Cook

“You’ve always been a man who lives very much in the present. Now the future is beckoning you.”  Emily C. Riley

“You’re going where you really would like to go, and that’s back into the classroom.”  James F. Orr III ’65 A&S

“Father, I wish you the best for the future as you return to teaching, which I know is a labor of love.”  James A. Drobile, Esq. ’49 Ch.E.

“The way that you’ve done an outstanding job as a president, I just think that you’re going to do an outstanding job as a teacher at this University.”  William M. Gibson ’66 VSB

“Your influence and judgment and advice will be available to all who seek it.”  Michael B. Picotte ’69 VSB

“You’re not really leaving, you’re going to be around, you’re going to be teaching, so relax and enjoy what you’ve earned after all these years.”  The Rev. George F. Riley, O.S.A., Ph.D., ’58 A&S, ’61 G.S.

“Now that you’ve got some free time, we can sit down and analyze all those games.”  Jay Wright

“If I can ever get you a ticket to the games, let me know. You’ve had good seats in the past, you’ve been a little bit spoiled, but I’ll do my best to get you front-row seats to any of the home games.”  The Rev. John P. Stack, O.S.A., ’71 A&S, ’77 G.S.

“You’ve given so much to Villanova. We’re so indebted to you. We wish you all the luck in the world.”  John J. Quindlen ’54 VSB

“It’s been a great experience. Thanks for the opportunity, and good luck.”  John M. Elizandro

“It’s great to be back and see what you’ve done in the last 18 years.”  James C. Curvey ’57 VSB

“I would like to thank you, Father, for everything you’ve given me, and done for me. It’s been a wonderful 18 years.”  Jane O’Laughlin

“May God reward you as much as you have rewarded me and everyone associated with Villanova. You’ve been a blessing in all of our lives.”  The Hon. Charles A. Heimbold Jr. ’54 A&S

“Good luck to you.”  James F. Orr III ’65 A&S

“May you have a great team, good faculty, wonderful students and a record that’s the envy of virtually everybody in American higher education. Good luck.”  Gerald S.J. Cassidy, Esq., ’63 A&S

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“Best of luck.”  James A. Drobile, Esq., ’49 Ch.E.

“Thank you.”  Gerald S.J. Cassidy, Esq., ’63 A&S

“Thank you.”  William M. Gibson ’66 VSB


“Thank you.”  Herbert F. Aspbury ’67 A&S

“Thank you.”  Patricia H. Imbesi


“Euge, euge. Well done!”
For the 18th and final time, the Rev. Edmund J. Dobbin, O.S.A., ’58 A&S presided as Villanova University’s president at Commencement Exercises. But this time, he was the invited keynote speaker as well. The ceremony took place on Sunday morning, May 21, under bright sunshine and gentle breezes—a picture-perfect spring day.

A year ago, Father Dobbin announced he would be stepping down at the end of the 2005-06 academic year. Villanova’s Board of Trustees has honored him with the designation of president emeritus, as of June 1. He did not use his time at Commencement to lead his audience down a lane of presidential memories. Instead, he began by speaking of the very recent past, calling to mind this season’s championship run of the men’s basketball team, which advanced to the NCAA’s Elite Eight for the first time since 1988. “In all my years following Villanova basketball, I have never witnessed a more exciting team,” Father Dobbin stated. “What impressed me particularly about the whole season was the way in which the team and the coaches represented the core and heart of Villanova to the nation and to the world.... They passionately and lovingly dedicated their collective talent to the common good. That’s what Villanova is all about.”

What Villanova is all about proved to be a theme for both Father Dobbin and Michelle I. Cifone ’06 A&S, the student orator, as they addressed graduates and guests.

Presiding at his last Commencement as president, the Rev. Edmund J. Dobbin, O.S.A., ’58 A&S tells graduates that the world desperately needs them.
Father Dobbin went on to tell the graduates, “As you depart from Villanova and ‘commence’ your new careers and diverse paths in life, you do so in a world that has never been more challenged and in need of compassionate, dedicated, creative brainpower... Our society, our world, desperately needs you,” Father Dobbin said. “Just think of the enormous potential that is sitting before me in this stadium!”

Michelle I. Cifone ’06 A&S, a biology major who plans to enter medical school, spoke for her fellow graduates. Almost the first words she said were “Thank you,” addressed to all the families and friends of the graduates who filled the stands of Villanova Stadium. She spoke movingly of the fire that burns in the hearts of Villanova students and noted that they continue to give of their time and talent to those in need. She cited especially those who spent their fall and spring breaks helping victims of Hurricane Katrina, those who traveled abroad on other mission trips and students who tutored young-sters in Philadelphia’s inner city. “In our service to others and each other ... we’ve learned as much as we’ve taught and we’ve gained as much as we’ve given.”

**Three exceptional individuals receive honorary degrees**

In addition to the 2,068 baccalaureate degrees, 819 master’s degrees and five doctoral degrees in philosophy, the University awarded three honorary doctorates, which Father Dobbin conferred:

- **Sister Rosalie Bertell, Ph.D.,** a Grey Nun of the Sacred Hearts, was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Medical Science for her work as a biometrician; as an environmental epidemiologist; and as an advocate for victims of industrial, technology and military pollution. She is co-founder and president of the International Institute of Concern for Public Health, based in Toronto.

- **Judith G. Cook,** wife of the late David R. Cook ’55 C&F and mother of three Villanovans—David ’89 A&S, the late Dennis ’90 A&S and Patrick ’91 A&S—was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. She was honored for her loyalty, leadership and philanthropy to the Catholic Church and to the University. Most recently, she committed funds to endow the Dennis R. Cook Endowed Visiting Chair in Philosophy in memory of her son who died in the World Trade Center terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001.

- **Antonio Muñoz Molina,** considered to be one of Spain’s most important contemporary novelists, was awarded an honorary Doctor of Letters. Muñoz Molina has won Spain’s National Narrative Award for his novel *El invierno en Lisboa* (*Winter in Lisbon*). He also received a National Prize for Literature of Spain. He currently lives in New York City and is executive director of the Instituto Cervantes in New York City. In March 2005, he gave the keynote address at “Don Quixote at 400: A Celebratory Encounter,” an international conference hosted by Villanova.

**Faculty awards honor three women**

During the Commencement Exercises, three faculty awards were announced:

- The 2005-06 Lindback Distinguished Teaching Award, sponsored by the Christian R. and Mary F. Lindback Foundation, went to **Dr. Sally J. Scholz**, associate professor of philosophy, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

- The Outstanding Faculty Research Award was presented to **Dr. Suzanne C. Smeltzer**, both of whom are professors in the College of Nursing.

- The Lawrence C. Gallen, O.S.A., Faculty Service Award was presented to **Dr. Nancy C. Sharts-Hopko**, professor, College of Nursing. The award, named for the late vice president for Academic Affairs at Villanova, recognizes outstanding contributions in University service.
I think you will agree that your final year of studies at Villanova has been a very special one. We have read, heard and seen so much about our fabulous men’s basketball team. I have been an ardent fan of Villanova basketball for 57 years (since I was in eighth grade). Believe it or not, we old-timers are as passionate as you are at games. We just don’t have the energy to show it. In all my years following Villanova basketball, I have never witnessed a more exciting team.

What impressed me particularly about the whole season was the dramatic way in which the team and the coaches represented the core and heart of Villanova to the nation and the world. I received numerous letters and e-mails from around the country that focused not only on their superb athletic performance, but on their demeanor (on and off the court), their poise, their distinctive blend of confidence and a genuine humility (something you rarely see in big-time athletics today. St. Augustine would have loved that!). Then there was their articulate and unassuming performance with the media. However, the quality which they exuded in such a distinctive way was love—a word rarely associated with big-time sports. Of course, individually they each displayed a passionate love for the game and competition, but more importantly a love for one another, which enabled them more truly to be a team and, we are proud to say, a Villanova team. They passionately and lovingly dedicated their collective talents to the common good. That’s what Villanova is all about.

As you depart from Villanova and “commence” your new careers and diverse paths in life, you do so in a world that has never been more challenged and in need of compassionate, dedicated, creative brainpower. To name a few of the challenges that we hear about every day: global warming, sources of energy, incredible poverty, starvation, terrorism, war, access to clean water and numerous other environmental problems, etc., etc. Our society, our world, desperately needs you! Just think of the enormous potential that is sitting before me in this stadium!

Over the past couple of months, I have had the pleasure of interviewing five outstanding finalists as candidates for the dean’s position in the College of Engineering. Each one of them,
each in a different way, educated me on the transformation taking place in engineering education and in the engineering profession. Creative, intelligent engineers will be crucial in addressing the challenges facing us, all of which have major technological dimensions to them. They will need a broad mindset with not only technical and scientific expertise to bring to bear, but a good deal of comfort with the social and humanistic issues involved. Each of these dean candidates cited as the primary reason for being interested in this position the fact that Villanova’s culture was so conducive to such an outcome. As a matter of fact, Dr. Gary A. Gabriele, who has been selected as our next dean of Engineering, has for the past two years been a division head at the National Science Foundation, dealing directly with the transformation of engineering education.

I have used engineering simply as an example. We have many other potential transformation agents sitting before us. We have future teachers, professors, economists, historians, philosophers, theologians, ethicists, students of literature, nurses, other health-care professionals, scientists, social scientists, business leaders, public service leaders, lawyers, military leaders, etc., etc. Just think of the collective potential we have here. Obviously you will not all be working together as a single team, but you will be bringing that collaborative, cross-functional sense and expertise to the teams that you will work with.

Let me take a couple of examples, which I select simply because they are recent. A few weeks ago, Justin Knabb [’05 VSB] dropped into my office to say hello. He was on campus to promote and raise money for a project called Water for Waslala. You may recall Justin, who was last year’s student Commencement speaker. He gave an inspiring address to his class, as Michelle [Cifone ’06 A&S] did here today. In fact, Justin received as many accolades as our guest speaker, the president of Ireland, did [Her Excellency Mary McAleese]. They both were fabulous.

After the graduation, I asked Justin what he planned to do, and he responded that he intended to spend the summer in South America for some unfinished business that he had come across on a previous service trip. As it turns out, he joined another Villanovan, Matt Nespoli, Class of 2004, who had been engaged with other Villanova students in several service trips to Waslala, an extremely poor region of some 40,000 people in Nicaragua. A major crisis facing the people was a complete lack of clean drinking water. The students joined with the Catholic parishes there and worked for the installation throughout the region of new water systems, primarily by raising money back home.

After Matt’s graduation two years ago, he initiated Water for Waslala, a full-time project dedicated solely for this purpose. The project was integrated into the Augustinian Volunteers network, thus extending its outreach and assuring stability. A connection to the Villanova College of Engineering was also made in the fall of 2003, to begin the design and implementation of a new, purified water system for each community in Waslala.

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—The Rev. Edmund J. Dobbin, O.S.A., ’58 A&S
trip has been assimilated into a challenging service learning capstone design class in structural engineering.

What I find especially exciting about that project is not only the selfless service dimension, which I find so common among our students, but its full integration with the academic learning process, what I call the brainpower dimension. You learn not only to care for and to love the little amigos de Jesus but to be able to do something about their plight. I am certain that those of you involved in that project know how that feels. I have seen your photos with them. Life doesn't get much better than that!

Several weeks ago, retired Marine Gen. Anthony Zinni ['65 VSB] dropped into my office for a chat. He told me that he had been invited to come and speak to our NROTC Unit by one of our midshipmen—probably one of you. He happily accepted the invitation to return to Villanova, as he often has.

I was reminded of a similar occasion, about two years before the start of the Iraq war, while he was still in charge of the United States Central Command, the joint U.S. military command for the whole Middle East. Out of the blue one day he came into my office in his casual military dress, carrying a pile of books as if he were a student walking around campus. He was here as a student, attending a conference on the Middle East. We had a great chat on the kind of education military leaders need in our changing world today. He had already learned Arabic and was learning all that he could about the cultures of the Middle East in order to interact more effectively and better understand the people he was dealing with and their leaders. It was so clear to me that Gen. Zinni saw himself primarily as a peacemaker and humanitarian, of course, in the defense of his nation. His passionate concern for the men and women serving under him was obvious! I think he is a Villanova kind of leader.

I cite these examples fully aware that many of you are already engaged in these and many other worthy ventures. One of your class just casually mentioned to me the other day that he is taking Justin Knabb's place on the Water for Waslala project. I simply wish to make the point that, no matter what your field of studies at Villanova, you are always prepared, as the expression goes, “to do well and to do good” with your life.

During your time at Villanova, you have heard many citations from St. Augustine elucidating and nuancing the mission of our University. I would like to conclude with one which you might not have heard as often but which I consider as the capstone of them all. It is a phrase which he takes and uses often from the Epistle to the Ephesians 4,5: “Doing the truth in love.”

We don't often talk about doing the truth. We speak rather of seeking the truth or knowing the truth. What do we mean by doing the truth? Doing what we think is right? Yes. Doing what is just? Yes. For Augustine, though, it is even more than that. It has to do with the interplay between truth and action, knowing and doing. Obviously, intelligent action is based upon previous knowledge, but intelligent action leads in turn to richer, deeper knowledge and transformation. When the action is rooted in Divine love, it leads to the highest form of knowledge, Wisdom, and the transformation of our world.

It was interesting for me to peruse the transcripts of the two young alums that I used as examples a moment ago in reference to the Water for Waslala project. Their service trips are not referenced on their transcripts, but you can tell when they took place by the impact on course selection. Their interest level became so much more intensified. Their heart was in it, guiding and sharpening their intelligence and skills. They undoubtedly have gotten the knack of doing the truth in love.

My message for you today, as you depart Villanova together, is: Make it happen! Bring that collective brainpower to bear on our world in a loving, caring, confident yet humble Villanova way. Do the truth in love.
Thank you Father Dobbin, deans of the University, members of the Board of Trustees, honorary degree recipients and honorary guests. It is wonderful to be able to share this day with you and an honor to be able to share my thoughts with you.

When I first found out I was giving this speech, everyone I know asked the same two questions. One, “Are you nervous?” And, two, “Dude, can I get a “shout-out”? Well, to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, this is for you. And to the Class of 2006, this is for you. But, most importantly, to all of you sitting out there who have inspired me to stand here today—Thank you.

If you’ve ever found yourself an apprehensive freshman, wandering into a Villanova liturgy, you may have heard the song “All Are Welcome” by Marty Haugen. You might have been charmed by the melody of this new song and maybe even comforted by its lyrics. But as a senior, wandering along our tree-lined paths, you probably know this song so well that you’ve danced to its beat.

The song begins, “Let us build a house where love can dwell.” Villanova is that house, and for many of us, it has become a home.

Four years ago, we stepped out of comfortable homes and said good-bye to family, friends and maybe even a hometown that we knew and loved. And we thank our parents, friends and family today for providing us a home that has helped prepare us for our experiences at Villanova.

Four years ago, when we took our first steps onto this campus, it was hard to miss the exciting, yet loving atmosphere that is Villanova. We heard it in the buzz of the 24-hour study lounge during finals. We felt it in the quad during Special Olympics, when the spirit of service was in the air. And we saw it in every “Swoosh, Go!” at a Villanova men’s basketball game. Win or lose, what we love about that team is the family that they’ve built and the way they reflect what is best about us.

Survey our University, as The Princeton Review might, and you’ll find degree requirements, extracurricular activities and myths like the two-year waiting list to get married in the [St. Thomas of Villanova] Church. But survey our hearts and you’ll find so much more. There’s a fire in the heart of every VU grad standing here today. I see it in your eyes. A fire to take on that big job in Philadelphia or NYC, or to take on grad school or to take on a year of service. But where did that passion come from?

To find out, stand at the stoplight facing the Church during sunset. Watch the amber-orange glow of the scene reflect off the windows of Tolentine and the Monastery. It really looks as if the buildings are on fire. That fire has illuminated our classrooms and our meeting rooms. And that light has shined on us, igniting a flame in our hearts; a flame of passion for learning, and a flame of compassion for others.

Four years ago, we may have superficially sensed these aspects of Villanova, at Candidate’s Day or during
Orientation as we took to our residence halls and we took to our core classes and we began building a home at Villanova. Little did we know, however, that while we weren’t looking, Villanova was building a home in us.

One experience I’ve had with building a home was in Clarksdale, Miss., on a service break trip this past spring. Hammering nails, I learned the meaning of the word “awkward.” Most people use one glove to hold the hammer, and bare-hand the nail. Well, that was far too dangerous for me. Initially, I was hitting my thumb more than I was hitting the nail. But by the end of the week, I had fallen into a rhythm and was swinging like a pro.

Looking through our group’s pictures, you can see the house go up day by day. Monday, there was only the foundation. Wednesday, only a few walls. But by Friday, the house was fully framed. But what is interesting to see are the pictures of the group that parallel those of the house. Monday, a few apprehensive smiles. Wednesday, a few hugs and genuine laughs. Friday, a group of students living, working, sharing together.

Like those first few strokes of that hammer, freshman year at Villanova was “awkward.” We struggled to find our place here. Along the way, we shared laughs, tears, but most importantly love.

You can ask someone like me what it is like to build a house, but you’ll have to ask another, possibly one who has gone to Slidell, La., to discover what it is like to take one down.

Hurricane Katrina ripped through the homes and hearts of the people of the Gulf Coast. And the healing, like the clean-up, has been long overdue. Not wanting to see the inches and feet of mud that covered everything they owned, many just never returned. Volunteers helped take down old houses, so that their owners might be able to build new ones. In serving the world around them, they became an example that inspired others to follow. And in our service to others and each other—be it through mission trips, inner-city tutoring or leading group conversations—we’ve learned as much as we’ve taught, and we’ve gained as much as we’ve given. And in serving others, we’ve led them.

One striking example of servant leadership is the late Pope John Paul II. They say that at his death, he held few possessions to leave for his family, but they also say that his peaceful intervention brought the fall of communism. As devastating as the losses were for Katrina victims, if a natural disaster had hit the Pope’s quarters, not much of his house would have been lost. He didn’t have a Viking stove, a sub-zero fridge or a breakfast nook. The house he built was not made of material possessions, but of something far stronger. The house that Pope John Paul II built was one of love. His love held a passion for justice and a compassion for others.

So let us strive to always lead others with the intention of serving them. This is our challenge today. To live as if Villanova has lit a flame of passion and compassion in our hearts! To take the home that Villanova has built within us, and share it with the world!

Thank you! And congratulations Class of 2006!
Graduates celebrate in the Villanova Stadium.

Dean James M. Danko congratulates students at the College of Commerce and Finance (now Villanova School of Business) diploma distribution ceremony and reception following Commencement.

As one of two faculty marshals, Dr. Rebecca M. Hoffman, assistant professor of mechanical engineering, heads the academic procession. Dr. Wilfred L. Dellva, associate professor of finance (not pictured), also served as a faculty marshal.
Father Dobbin and Michelle I. Cifone ’06 A&S in their speeches reflected on the love Villanovans share by volunteering.

Madeline B. Flynn ’06 M.E. addresses her fellow graduates at the College of Engineering’s diploma distribution ceremony and reception following Commencement.


A brilliant spring day added to the celebratory spirit.

John M. Elizandro, vice president for Institutional Advancement, commends honorary degree recipient Judith G. Cook.
A sea of traditional U.S. Navy dress white uniforms, interspersed with seven dress blues of the U.S. Marine Corps, greeted parents and friends in the Villanova Room of the Connelly Center as the NROTC Unit held its Commissioning ceremony for the Class of 2006.

The May 19 event began with a procession headed by the color guard and followed by Villanova University administrators. Navy Cmdr. Douglas B. “Buck” Buchanan Jr., assistant professor of naval science and the Unit’s executive officer, welcomed everyone and announced the official party members as they processed to the stage. He told the audience that 30 members of the Class of 2006 were being commissioned as ensigns in the Navy and six as second lieutenants in the Marine Corps.

The Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., ’75 A&S, chaplain for the NROTC Unit and chair of Villanova’s theatre department, gave the invocation (Father Donohue on June 1 took office as University president). Earlier that afternoon, Father Donohue had celebrated the Commissioning Mass in the St. Thomas of Villanova Church.

Cmdr. Buchanan hosted the Commissioning ceremony with Marine Col. Glenn L. Wagner, chair of Villanova’s naval science department and commanding officer of the NROTC Unit. Col. Wagner introduced Navy Adm. William J. Fallon ’67 A&S, commander of the United States Pacific Command (PACOM), who was the keynote speaker and Commissioning officer.

Adm. Fallon is the senior commander of U.S. military forces in the Pacific and Indian Ocean area. PACOM, a unified command, includes about 300,000 military personnel from the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps, a total of about 20 percent of all active duty U.S. military forces.

Fallon praised the men and women NROTC graduates who have chosen to serve their country, then administered the Commissioning oath, which is the final step of years of NROTC study, training and dedication. Fallon presented certificates of commissioning, shook hands and posed for a photo with each graduate.

Fallon reminded the newly commissioned officers that they are challenged to a high standard of excellence set by the many esteemed Villanovans who have served their country in the military. He mentioned several colleagues and friends, among them Marine Corps Gen. Anthony C. Zinni (Ret.) ’65 VSB, former commander of the United States Central Command; Navy Adm. Walter F. Doran (Ret.) ’67 A&S, former commander of the Pacific Fleet; and Marine Corps Gen. P.X. Kelley (Ret.) ’50 VSB, former commandant of the Marine Corps. Fallon also mentioned the late Navy Vice Adm. Arthur K. Cebrowski (Ret.) ’64 A&S, former director of the Office of Force Transformation for the U.S. Department of Defense and former president of the Naval War College.

“There is a really tight network of Villanova graduates who have served in the military,” Fallon noted. “I can see the impact on my profession from the leaders in the Navy and Marine Corps who have come out of this school—people who are really wonderful examples for anyone in this country. People like these have had a huge influence on the world.”

Nadia E. Nauss ’06 A&S, recipient of the 2006 Chief of Naval Operations Distinguished Graduate Award for Villanova, was the Unit’s Commencement speaker.

During the conclusion of the ceremony, parents and family members were invited to pin the shoulder boards on the uniforms of their sons and daughters who had been commissioned. Immediately following, the new officers gathered for a class photo then assembled for the traditional commissioned officer’s first salute.

(See page 49 for Army ROTC Commissioning)
Eyes on China and the Pacific

As commander of the U.S. forces in the Asia-Pacific theater—the strategically vital region that includes China, Korea, Japan, India and eastern Russia—Navy Adm. William J. Fallon ’67 A&S faces a challenge every day.

INTERVIEW BY IRENE BURGO

In celebrating the Commissioning on May 19 of the Villanova NROTC Class of 2006 into the U.S. Navy and U.S. Marine Corps, Navy Adm. William J. Fallon ’67 A&S was the Commissioning officer and keynote speaker. In winter 2005, the four-star admiral and NROTC alumnus was appointed commander of the United States Pacific Command (PACOM). In introducing Adm. Fallon, Marine Corps Col. Glenn L. Wagner, who is the NROTC Unit’s commanding officer, noted that the admiral had risen to the zenith of his career. Could that be an understatement?

After graduating from Villanova, where Fallon majored in social sciences and minored in physics, he was commissioned as an ensign in the Navy. He served first as a naval flight officer in Vietnam. During his career, he logged more than 4,800 flight hours in tactical jet aircraft. His duties commanding units have taken him to the Arabian Gulf, the Mediterranean and Bosnia, among other locales. He has served as commander of the Second Fleet and the Striking Fleet Atlantic. From October 2000 to August 2003, he was vice chief of Naval Operations. From October 2003 to February 2005, he was commander of the U.S. Fleet Forces Command and U.S. Atlantic Fleet (see the Winter 2004 Villanova Magazine).

The four-star admiral has traveled the globe and met the Sultan of Brunei and other world leaders. In February 2001, he was the U.S. representative sent by President George W. Bush to apologize formally to Japan when a U.S. submarine accidentally sank a Japanese fishing trawler. This year, Fallon visited China during the week of May 7 to meet with the country’s top military and foreign ministry officials. The purpose of the visit was to strengthen ties and establish open dialogue between the two countries’ armed forces.

As one of the Pentagon’s five combatant commanders, Fallon reports directly to Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld. As commander of PACOM, Fallon is the senior commander of U.S. military forces in the Asian, Pacific and Indian ocean region. His area of responsibility includes more than 50 percent of the Earth’s surface and some 105 million square miles. At PACOM’s headquarters at Camp H.M. Smith on Oahu, Hawaii—with a sweeping view above Pearl Harbor—the staff consists of about 700 Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps officers and enlisted personnel, as well as 300 civilian employees.

During his visit to campus, Fallon graciously agreed to be interviewed by Villanova Magazine.

Q: (Irene Burgo): Would you describe your areas of command and responsibilities?

A: (Navy Adm. William J. Fallon ’67 A&S): I report directly to the secretary of Defense and my area of responsibility is the Asia-Pacific theater. It stretches from the West Coast of the United States through the Pacific Ocean and a good part of the Indian Ocean. The area includes Madagascar, Mauritius and the Comoros Islands off the east coast of Africa. On land, the India-Pakistan border is the line of demarcation. India, East Asia, China, Mongolia, the eastern part of Russia, Japan, Korea, all of Southeast Asia, the islands in the Pacific, Antarctica and the sea areas around that continent, plus part of the Arctic Ocean north of Russia, are included.

My responsibilities include the several hundred thousand U.S. men and women in uniform and support of U.S. policies in the region to enable security and stability. Our objective is to enable security and stability in the region.

There are 43 countries in the Asia-Pacific region, and it’s very interesting for a lot of reasons. First, from a social standpoint, 60 percent of the world’s population lives in this area, in four of the world’s five most populous countries. From the economic standpoint, more than half of the world’s GDP is generated in this region. Four of the five largest national GDPs are in this area.
Politically, it's also very interesting. We have a number of relatively new and emerging democracies, including a nation with the largest Muslim population in the world—Indonesia—with some 200 million folks. The most populous nation is China with 1.3 billion people, and not far behind is India, with more than a billion people. India is a democracy, as is Indonesia.

One very important place in the PACOM theater is the Strait of Malacca, a maritime channel only a few miles across, but through this one waterway, half of the world's oil and gas flows every month, along with one-third of U.S. world trade. It is also important to the Chinese, as 75 percent of their oil and gas imports pass through this place, as do virtually all of Japanese energy supplies.

I spend a lot of time out and about in the neighborhood, trying to make sure we're doing what needs to be done. But my main responsibility is for [overseeing] the lives and well-being of the U.S. servicemen and women throughout this region.

Q: You recently visited China and met with many of their top officials. You travel extensively, within your area of command, and it seems that part of your job is similar to assuming the role of an ambassador.

A: Well, I work closely with our ambassadors and country teams. China is a very complex issue for us and clearly the No. 1 challenge in the Asia-Pacific area, but I don't mean that in the negative sense. I don't view China as a threat, although some do. China looms large, in our present and future because of the number of people, because of the economic impact, because of the changing dynamics in Asia. But I can't speak of China without including Taiwan in the discussion.

Q: Could Taiwan be a potential trouble spot?

A: It sure could be. The area of the Taiwan Strait has a long history of friction. The pertinent issue is that by law—the 1979 Taiwan Relations Act—the U.S. is bound to provide for the defense of Taiwan against military aggression. The People's Republic of China (PRC), mainland China, as we used to call it, has asserted that Taiwan is part of China. By policy, we [the U.S.] recognize one China and have for 25 years, but we will not abide PRC aggression against Taiwan, a functioning democracy.

What's interesting is that China is still a Communist country and it's still ruled by a small group of men in Beijing who like being in charge and aim to stay there. Taiwan, on the other hand, has evolved from dictatorship run by [the late] Chiang Kai-shek (ruler of mainland China from 1928 to 1949) into a democracy. The Taiwan government leaders irritate the PRC from time to time by talking about breaking away from China to be an independent country. That's very unsettling to the PRC. And the Chinese, for their part, keep threatening that they're going to resolve this thing in one way or another. So we're [the U.S.] in the middle, and that's a challenge for me because I have to balance what we are doing to improve relations with China and what we are doing to defend and support a democratic Taiwan.

We are certainly going to support the democratic principles on which Taiwan is governed. But on the other hand, we don't want to get sucked into a war with China.

Actually, tensions in the area are less than they were a year ago when I assumed this job. But we've got to work at it all the time.

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Q: What kind of message did you bring to the officials you met with in China recently?

A: First of all, that I'm here because we want to have good relations with you. We know that there are lots of anxieties, suspicions, fears and downright dislike in some quarters, but if we don't start talking to one another, then none of this is going to get any better. Frankly, we've had so little dialogue that our relationship is based on a host of assumptions, on both sides, that are not particularly useful, and so we've got work to do. This was my second trip in eight months—meeting leaders, getting to know people, trying to get them to be comfortable with me, seeing new things.

It's important, I believe, to understand China, with its tremendously rich culture and extensive history. They've got a lot more years under their belts than we do, and it's fascinating. The culture is very different, as is the language. Even the simple translation of some words is challenging. The [now former] deputy secretary of State, Robert B. Zoellick, gave an address last September in which he asked the Chinese to become “responsible stakeholders” in the world. Well, there didn't appear to be a Chinese word for...
“stakeholder,” so they went scrambling around trying to find out what he was talking about, and they came up with a dozen of their own interpretations, none of which captured what the secretary meant in English.

But in regard to the military-to-military relationship, we’ve got to start getting more knowledgeable about each other. Most of what we believe is based on assumptions that can often be wrong.

Q: What we think about China in this country is largely based on perception? You’re saying that often perception can be wrong?

A: Yes and they [the Chinese] have the same kinds of challenges. The more we know first-hand about each other, the less we have to assume. So I’ve made it a priority to push for substantive engagement between representatives of both countries.

When I was on my most recent trip, I did a number of things to expand interaction, meeting with journalists and students, scholars and business people, in addition to military leaders. I also met with the PRC foreign minister, Li Zhaoxing. He used to be their ambassador to the United Nations and the U.S.—he’s a very skilled diplomat. He can be a tough negotiator, though, as he has demonstrated in the past. But we’ve had a good relationship. He writes poetry, and last year he gave me a book of his own works. When I was back in China this time, I gave him a book of American poems.

On this visit, I met their defense minister, Gen. Cao Changchuan (I previously had met with their other senior four-star leaders) and we got into a really good conversation. But Cao is a tough old customer. He’s 71 years of age, and we are going to inhibit them from growing. They’re convinced that we’re trying to hem them in; that we, from the military standpoint, are establishing positions around their periphery to make sure that we contain their power. And there are some interesting things that have occurred that they view with suspicion.

For example, the Chinese believe that the accidental bombing of the Chinese Embassy in Belgrade [Yugoslavia] in 1999 by the U.S. was deliberate. They are convinced it was not a mistake—no matter what we tell them. They said, “You guys are too good. Your military is much too professional to make this kind of a mistake.” They believe that it was an intentional message to “Stay in the box or else.” It is simply not true, but this is what they believe.

While there, I held a roundtable and Q&A session at Beijing University, their premier educational institution. Some 40 students and scholars attended. I think it’s noteworthy that there wasn’t one mention of Taiwan from the young people. They’re looking at a bigger world, which is good for us. Nevertheless, I thought it was interesting that the young people focused questions on Japan, about us and our relationship with China and Japan.

There are 60,000 Chinese studying in the United States. I heard yesterday that there are [many millions of] Chinese studying English everywhere around the world.

The Chinese are working hard everywhere to gain influence (not military), particularly in every Asia-Pacific country. They’ve professionalized from the days of Mao. Their diplomats used to wear the Mao suits and were not particularly well-spoken, well-versed or well-anything. That’s all changed. They’re very smooth now. They wear finely tailored suits but reminded me that he’s Secretary Rumsfeld’s age. We were supposed to go for 45 minutes but it went on for almost two hours of substantive dialogue. I gave him a book of his own works. When I was back in China this time, I gave him a book of American poems.

Q: Isn’t it true that the Chinese have a history of not being open and forthcoming?

A: That’s one of our cultural perceptions, deepened over time. I can try to understand, but I have got to deal with these people now; in the present, and the biggest challenge is that they think that we’re [the U.S.] unhappy with their economic prowess, and that we have traditionally felt that the Pacific was our sea and that
most importantly, they speak the languages of the countries with which they engage. That’s really important.

The Chinese government is using what we call “checkbook diplomacy.” What do you need? What can we do to help you? Particularly with the small and poorly governed or dysfunctional states in the world, of which there are many.

There is also a worldwide competition between Taiwan and the PRC for recognition in the U.N. and other places, and both try to buy votes. They’ll pay whatever it takes to gain and keep recognition from these countries. It’s like a game but not helpful to good governance.

The big picture though, is that all of the [larger] countries on the Asian periphery are enjoying an economic boom today. The reason is because they’re selling raw materials and finished goods into the Chinese domestic market. Exports into China are growing by leaps and bounds. The situation is reversed with us, as the Chinese are selling vast quantities of goods to us—hence the continuing trade imbalance.

Of course, these low-priced goods continue to benefit the American consumer.

One of the messages that I get when I visit leadership in Asian countries is recognition of the importance of the U.S. military presence and engagement in this region for the last 50-plus years, which has enabled stability and security to be maintained. And this stability is responsible for the huge economic improvement in the region—in Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Singapore, Thailand and most other places. Now China is big on the scene, and right next door, and the other Asian countries are able to export lots of goods to China. So the Asians want it both ways. They like the U.S. security. On the other hand, they are loving the economic benefits of a “rising” China.

It’s a complex world in which we live and fascinating to be in my position today. I’m blessed with an understanding (and very engaged herself in these countries) wife and a hard-working staff of many hundreds of superb military men and women in uniform and civilian counterparts. You would be pleased to see these great Americans in service to our country, every day!

**View from the Bottom of the World**

During an official trip to Antarctica in January, Adm. Fallon found he had a special treat in store. Here, he relates that story.

"The U.S. military supports the National Science Foundation, which conducts research there year-round. Every summer, we do the resupply mission for the scientists, engineers and researchers who are down there. This year we put together a joint military task force to provide the resupply. We sent a couple of ships, and operated an aircraft shuttle through the summer resupply window, which only lasts about three months. The shuttle transports people in and takes others out and provides new supplies and fuel.

“We have a station at a place called McMurdo; it’s on the periphery of Antarctica, south of New Zealand, about six hours by air from a base in Christ Church, New Zealand. On the continent itself, there are a number of supply bases, with the main resupply base at McMurdo, and also the South Pole Station, which is run by the U.S.

“To get to the South Pole, which I visited, requires a flight by a ski plane. We took off on a ski-equipped C130, flew three-and-one-half hours to the South Pole, which sits on a broad plateau, with white in every direction. Quite an experience, and probably a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.”

Nicknamed “Fox” for his flight call sign, Fallon grew up in New Jersey and saw his first combat in Vietnam after graduating from Villanova.
Eight Cadets Will Serve as Army Officers

By Irene Burgo

On May 17, Villanova University’s Army ROTC commissioned eight senior cadets to the rank of 2nd lieutenant. Family members joined six of them for the ceremony in Corr Hall Chapel. Family members who currently serve or who have served in the U.S. military carried out the tradition of administering the oath of office to the cadet graduates.

Also participating in the ceremony were Army Reserve Maj. Keith R. Karbel, assistant professor of military science at Villanova and Widener universities and Villanova officer in charge of the Army ROTC Unit, and the Rev. Shawn Tracy, O.S.A., ’63 A&S, of Villanova’s Campus Ministry, who celebrated the Mass.

Villanova’s Army ROTC program is based at Widener, where a separate ceremony was held for cadets from several other schools.
Following his election by the Villanova University Board of Trustees in December 2005, the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., ’75 A&S, on June 1 took office as Villanova’s 32nd president. Father Donohue succeeds the Rev. Edmund J. Dobbin, O.S.A., ’58 A&S, who returns to teaching at Villanova after 18 years in office and whom the trustees have honored with the designation of president emeritus.

Whenever his schedule permits, Father Donohue plans to continue to celebrate the Sunday evening Mass for Villanovans at the St. Thomas of Villanova Church. A sought-after liturgical minister, he has officiated at 56 alumni weddings in the past two years alone, has been an NROTC chaplain for 13 years and has been a resident hall minister since 1992. Active on academic committees and the University Judicial Boards, Father Donohue served on two NCAA self-study committees and in numerous other ways in the Villanova community. He also served two terms as a trustee of Merrimack College in North Andover, Mass.

Father Donohue, who had served as chair of Villanova’s theatre department, is an award-winning director and well-known in Philadelphia’s world of theatre and the arts. In 2002, he became the first Augustinian priest to win a Barrymore when he received the Harold Prince Award for Best Direction of a Musical, for Chicago at Villanova Theatre.

In 1983, Father Donohue earned a master’s degree in theatre from The Catholic University of America. Two years later, he received a master’s degree in divinity from the Washington Theological Union. In 1988, he began his doctoral studies in theatre at the University of Illinois, and received his Ph.D. in 1992. His dissertation topic, “Shozo Sato and the Interculturation of Kabuki and Western Theatre,” reflected an interest he had developed in this classic Japanese form. While pursuing his doctoral studies, Father Donohue taught theatre at Illinois, was honored for his teaching and was assistant house manager at Illinois’ Krannert Center for the Performing Arts. In 1990, he was inducted into Phi Kappa Phi, the nation’s oldest, largest and most selective all-discipline honor society.

Father Donohue joined Villanova’s faculty in 1985 as an instructor in theatre. He left to pursue his doctoral studies in 1988 and returned in 1992. He was awarded tenure in 2005. An associate professor, he combined teaching, directing and performing while chairing the theatre department.

At Alumni Reunion Weekend in June, the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., ’75 A&S presided at the Vigil Mass and Alumni Awards Ceremony, which took place in the St. Thomas of Villanova Church.

Father Donohue’s inauguration will take place on September 8. A week-long program of inaugural events has been scheduled for September 6-10.
The Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., ’75 A&S took office on June 1 as Villanova’s 32nd president.

Presidential Inauguration to Unite the Villanova Community

In formally welcoming Father Donohue in September, Villanovans also will celebrate the University’s Augustinian mission.

The Villanova University community will gather during September 6-10 to celebrate the Inauguration of the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., ’75 A&S as the University’s 32nd president. The events, designed to officially welcome the new president while celebrating the University’s Augustinian heritage, will be highlighted by the official Inauguration ceremony at 3 p.m. on September 8 in the Pavilion, followed by a dinner and festival celebration on Mendel Field.

“I am truly honored to serve the University as its president,” said Father Donohue, who on June 1 succeeded the Rev. Edmund J. Dobbin, O.S.A., ’58 A&S. “I see the inauguration as an opportunity for the entire community to come together and celebrate what makes the Villanova experience so unique. The ideals of Veritas, Unitas, Caritas—Truth, Unity, Love—will add identity to the Inauguration activities while also serving as a focus for the future of the University.”

The week’s events also will include a student ball on September 6 organized and planned entirely by students; an academic symposium on September 7 focusing on the responsibilities of the Catholic university in the 21st century; and a community day of service on September 9. The service day will include activities throughout Greater Philadelphia, and around the country hosted by chapters of the Villanova University Alumni Association.

“Every member of the Villanova community will have an opportunity to be a part of Inauguration,” noted Kathleen J. Byrnes, Esq., ’82 A&S, associate vice president for Student Life and chair of the Inauguration Committee. “The events have been planned to give life to the ideals of Truth, Unity and Love and to celebrate in a meaningful way the University and the leadership of Father Donohue.”

Members of the Villanova community are invited to attend the Inauguration ceremony followed by the dinner and festival celebration. Please RSVP via e-mail to inauguration@villanova.edu if you plan to attend.

For more information, please visit www.inauguration.villanova.edu (see also the inside back cover).
They came, they enjoyed, they recaptured memories of their days as Villanova students. During Alumni Reunion Weekend 2006 on June 9-11, they also fashioned new memories, not only with classmates but across the generations of the Villanova family.

Happy to Be Back on Campus!

The celebration on a beautiful June weekend opened a window on college days and a vista on Villanova’s future.

By Irene Burgo
Photographs by
Paola Nogueras and John Welsh
This year’s Alumni Reunion Weekend was a banner get-together, a festive time for families, a golden chance to catch up and reconnect. It attracted more than 1,500 alumni and their families, who traveled to their alma mater from as many as 33 states and from as far as Australia. Eight decades of graduates were represented, from the classes of 1938 to 2006, according to Gary R. Olsen ’74 A&S, ’80 G.S. He is executive director of the Villanova University Alumni Association (VUAA) and associate vice president for Alumni Affairs.

For alumni from near and far, the experience indeed proved to be a celebration of their future as well as a window to their past. “As we celebrate our University this weekend, let us remember the contributions of the Augustinian fathers and brothers and those alumni of years past who made it possible for us to be here this weekend,” Olsen said during his remarks at the Alumni Gala.
This year, the legacy of the Augustinian presence at Reunion was carried on by the University’s 32nd president, the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., ’75 A&S, who welcomed Villanovans and celebrated with them at many of the events. This was Father Donohue’s first major event as University president since taking office on June 1. He succeeds the Rev. Edmund J. Dobbin, O.S.A., ’58 A&S, who retired on May 31 after 18 years of leading the University.

Villanovans began arriving on Friday, June 9, for registration at Klekotka Hall on the West Campus. These early-bird arrivals could sit in on one of the afternoon’s three “Classes Without Quizzes,” an opportunity to relive the classroom experience without the hassle of tests. They could gain insights into “The New Epic Leader: Skills and Strategies for Leading in the 21st Century,” with Dr. Robert D. Stokes, assistant vice president for Part-Time and Continuing Studies, and Dr. Donna Brooks ’87 M.A. (she and her twin sister, Lynn Brooks ’85 M.A., were profiled in the Fall 2005 Villanova Magazine). They could listen to Dr. Edward M. Sion, professor of astronomy and astrophysics, as he revealed the secrets of “Stars that Go Bump in the Night.” Or they could marvel at the high-tech tools in Bartley Hall’s new Applied Finance Lab.

At the Wildcat Welcome area on Klekotka Hall’s patio, Alumni Affairs staff and other University volunteers greeted alumni on Friday afternoon.

While Villanova’s white-and-blue colors were much in evidence, whites and reds proved to be popular, too. In Farley Hall on the West Campus, Dr. Michael J. Hones, professor of physics and a wine connoisseur, led the Wine Tasting for aficionados of the grape.

Friday evening offered several special gatherings. At the Class of 1956 Half-Century Dinner in Donahue Hall, alumni 50 years out received the medallions representing their induction into the Half-Century Society. The Class of 1981 Silver Anniversary Celebration drew those graduates from 25 years ago to the Villanova Conference Center, while the Class of 1996 gathered for its 10-Year Reunion Reception at Picotte Hall at Dundale on the West Campus. In Bartley Hall, individual class receptions attracted graduates from 1941, ’46, ’51, ’61, ’66, ’71, ’76, ’86 and ’91. The Engineering Alumni Society held its awards ceremony and reception in the Villanova Room of the Connelly Center.

**Full swing on Saturday**

On Saturday, June 10, from morning to late night, festivities were in full swing all across campus. Alumni enjoyed a buffet breakfast in the dining hall of St. Mary Hall. They also kept in their prayers those Villanovans who would not be there, as
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Awards honor five alumni
At 5 p.m. in the St. Thomas of Villanova Church, Father Donohue officiated at his first Vigil Mass and Alumni Awards Ceremony. This is the occasion when Villanova honors several of its most cherished sons and daughters, including presenting a special award to a young graduate.

The St. Thomas of Villanova Alumni Award is given to individuals for their professional achievements and for their contributions to their communities and to the University. This year’s recipients were:

- J. Deane Driscoll ’60 VSB, director for business development, AC Daughtry;
- Victor J. Maggitti ’56 VSB, president, Vimco Inc. and president and CEO of VJMJ Realty;
- the Rev. Michael P. Sullivan, O.S.A., ’64 A&S, director of Augustinian Preaching Apostolate; and
- Ellen Tracy ’81 Nur., ’97 M.S.N., director of the Oncology Program, Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia.

The Young Alumni Medal was awarded to Katherine “Katie” Fallon ’01 Nur., staff nurse at Massachusetts General Hospital (the Fall 2005 Villanova Magazine featured her service in Darfur, Sudan).

The Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., ’75 A&S, University president (center), with Young Alumni Medal honoree Katherine “Katie” Fallon ’01 Nur. (third from left) and the four recipients of the St. Thomas of Villanova Medal (from left) the Rev. Michael P. Sullivan, O.S.A., ’64 A&S; Victor J. Maggitti Jr. ’56 VSB; Ellen Tracy ’81 Nur., ’97 M.S.N.; and J. Deane Driscoll ’60 VSB. On the right is William M. Savino, Esq., ’71 VSB, president of the VUAA.

Two future alumni enjoy original artwork in the form of face painting at the Reunion Family Picnic on Austin Field.

coming up soon, alumni keen to play soccer teamed up in the Villanova Stadium from 3 to 6 p.m.

Along with the memories, the “I do’s” were renewed as well. At 4 p.m. in the St. Thomas of Villanova Church (known to many as “the Chapel,”) the Rev. Shawn Tracy, O.S.A., ’63 A&S presided at the Renewal of Marriage Vows ceremony and conferred a communal blessing upon the couples rejoicing in wedded life. Father Tracy, of Campus Ministry, serves as chaplain for the VUAA.
A fitting finale

The Alumni Gala, quoted as “the place to be on Saturday night” during Reunion, took place from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. at the Pavilion. The event was co-hosted by Olsen and William M. Savino, Esq., ’71 VSB, the newly elected president of the VUAA. Savino is managing partner at the law firm of Rivkin Radler LLP in Uniondale, N.Y. He introduced and gave a special welcome to Father Donohue, who participated enthusiastically in the evening’s celebration. Guests dined and danced the night away, enjoying Philadelphia’s Fralinger String Band.

Father Donohue, who just stepped down as chair of Villanova’s theatre department to devote himself to serving as University president, has earned a reputation as a well-known director in the Philadelphia area. He sang the “Alma Mater” a cappella while images of the campus were displayed on a large screen.

Savino, who majored in economics, reflected, “I owe much in my life to the education that I received from Villanova some 35 years ago. But the benefits of my connection to Villanova didn’t end when I graduated in 1971. Little did I realize then that the

In Their Own Words

The following e-mails are a sampling of those sent to Christine Acchione ’88 A&S after Alumni Reunion Weekend 2006.

JoEllen Urban ’86 A&S:
“The weekend was super fun and a great success. You and your team thought of everything necessary to make the weekend very, very memorable.”

LeRoy “Roy” Zimmerman, Esq., ’56 VSB (former attorney general of Pennsylvania):
“A great big thank-you to your wonderful staff for making our 50th Villanova Reunion a great event for all of us to remember. Everything was first class. Keep up the good work, and I hope our paths will cross again in the near future.”
benefits derived from my education were just beginning. Many of
my lifelong friends and business associates are people that I have
met through my connection to Villanova.”

When the string band’s last notes faded away, alumni knew
just where to head: Klekotka Hall, for a special late-night post-
gala gathering.

Let’s keep in touch!

On Sunday, June 11,
the St. Thomas of
Villanova Church wel-
comed alumni to Mass.
A brunch at St. Mary
Hall gave them the
chance to bid warm
farewells, make prom-
ises to upload their
weekend’s photos right
away—and call and
e-mail one another. Then they checked out of Klekotka Hall. These
Villanovans—who had encouraged classmates to return, danced all
evening, renewed their marriage vows and guided their children and
spouses through this weekend highlighting all that Villanova means
in their lives—went home filled with memories, not only from years
and decades ago, but newly imprinted ones as well.

What worked, what didn’t?

Then came time for those on cam-
pus to assess this year’s Reunion.
“The weekend more than met our
expectations,” said Olsen. “Our
returning alumni enjoyed themselves
immensely. They were happy to be
back on campus and to meet our new
president, Father Donohue. They
were enthusiastic about reuniting
with fellow classmates. We could not
have asked for better weather or a
better group of alumni,” he added.

Christine Acchione ’88 A&S,
Alumni Affairs’ director of campus
partnerships and programs, planned
Reunion. “It was a wonderful week-
end overall with high attendance,
with a lot of people enjoying them-
selves and having lots of laughs,” she noted. “We are pleased to
say that so many Villanova staff and volunteers helped make
the weekend a success. There was extraordinary service by all
campus departments involved. We’ve already received many,
many complimentary phone calls and e-mails about the week-
end.” And, Acchione noted, she has already begun planning
next year’s program.

Navy Cmdr. Colleen Gallagher Thomas ’86 Nur.: “Thanks for all your hard work. I really had a great time
and it was great to see so many people I hadn’t seen in
literally 20 years. I look forward to coming back soon.”

Peter J. Armstrong III and Sarah Armstrong (both ’91 VSB): Alumni Affairs “put together a fantastic weekend.
Please pass on my congratulations to everyone.”

John F. Hamilton ’61 A&S: “My wife and I had a wonderful time. I’m so glad I could
be a part of the committee trying to get the class together.
I really felt comfortable back on campus. I heard many
times ‘My, how things have changed’ or ‘Boy, this place has
grown.’ Everyone I met up with was having a good time. I
am sure looking forward to the next one.

“My renewed spirit makes me feel like coming even
closer to Villanova and becoming more a part of the
alumni activities. So, feel free to call upon me if I can
help you with other activities....

“Thank you for putting up with us. I know that some-
times it was like trying to herd cats.”
The following Villanovans, by serving on the committee for their class, helped make Alumni Reunion Weekend 2006 such a success.

Charles M. Clancy ’41 VSB, Eco.
Paul D. Nugent ’41 VSB, Eco.


John V. Denuel ’51 M.E.
H. Gerard Donohie ’51 M.E.
John M. Moran’51 VSB, Eco.
Joseph A. Moran Jr. ’51 VSB, Eco.
Richard J. Ruth, Esq., ’51 VSB, Acct.

Norman W. Butler ’56 VSB, Eco.
Mary T. Christiansen ’56 Nur.
Louis T. Donatelli ’56 VSB, Eco.
John W. Eddinger ’56 A&S, Gen.
William E. Foley ’56 M.E.
James H. Heffernan ’56 VSB, Eco.
Joan T. Maguire, Ph.D., ’56 Nur.
Robert E. McDonnell III ’56 VSB, Eco.
E. Burns McIndon ’56 VSB, Acct.
William F. Meyer ’56 M.E.
Thomas C. Miller Jr. ’56 C.E.

Thank You, Reunion Volunteers!

Olsen (second from right) commends several members of the Class of 1956. They are (from left) John W. Eddinger ’56 A&S; James C. Gaffney ’56 A&S; Edward O’Connell ’56 A&S, ’59 J.D.; and J. James Bambury, Esq., ’56 A&S.

John J. Morgan, Esq., ’56 VSB, Eco.
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Robert J. Shallow ’56 VSB, Eco.
John A. Stanton ’56 VSB, Eco.
Richard L. Weiss ’56 VSB, Eco.
Harry A. Widmer ’56 VSB, Eco.
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John R. Vaughey ’61 VSB, Eco.

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James W. Charles ’66 C.E., ’70 M.C.E.
Joseph M. Cognetti ’66 C.E.

Dr. Elizabeth K. Kech ’66 Nur.

Roseanna B. Zoubek ’66 Nur.
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Marjone M. Vatterott ’76 Nur.

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Susan Sienkiewicz ’81 Nur.
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Donald G. Calcaterra ’86 VSB, Acct.
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Katrina M. Ercole ’86 VSB, Bus. Adm.
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Joseph M. McMahon ’86 VSB, Acct.
Michael T. Oliveri ’86 VSB, Acct.
Amy K. Rakoff ’86 A&S, Gen.
Lynne Adduci Ryan ’86 A&S, Gen.
Kerry A. White ’86 VSB, Bus. Adm.

Karin M. Borgersen ’96 E.E.
Laurie B. Davis ’96 VSB, Fin.
Lynne M. Dubler ’96 VSB, Acct.
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Andrew J. Gribbin ’96 Ch.E.
Anthony M. Imbesi ’96 A&S, Comm.
Walidah E. Justice ’96 A&S, Comm.
Kerry O. Kittles ’96 VSB, Bus. Adm.
Christopher J. Kovolski ’96 A&S, Pol. Sci.

John Mann, a Development officer (left), passes out information about the weekend’s activities.

Joan T. Maguire, Ph.D., ’56 Nur. is the first female to serve on a 50-year Reunion committee at Villanova.

Peter J. Armstrong III ’91 VSB, Acct.
J. Brian Grant ’91 VSB, Bus. Adm.
Theodore Paul S. LeClair ’91 A&S, Gen.
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Christine S. Rice ’91 A&S, Eco.
Michael Henry Skurecki ’91 VSB, Bus. Adm.
Scott A. Strang ’91 E.E.

Bruce W. Padula, Esq., ’96 A&S, Hist.
Tanya K.P. Prickett ’96 Ch.E., ’01 M.B.A.
Susanne E. Salerno ’96 VSB, Fin.
Jessica M. Scully ’96 A&S, Comm.
Yolanda L. Semelsberger ’96 VSB, Eco.
Armin A. Tobacowala ’96 VSB, Mgmt.
Jeanne A. Usonis ’96 VSB, Fin.
Lisa M. Wadors ’96 VSB, Mkt.
Jamie J. Yannacone ’96 A&S, Comm.
A New Name for a Top Business School

On June 6, Villanova University announced the official renaming of its business school, the College of Commerce and Finance, to the Villanova School of Business (VSB), following approval by Villanova’s Board of Trustees during its regular session.

The renaming came less than one month after BusinessWeek magazine ranked the school among the nation’s Top 20 undergraduate business schools.

“We are proactively working to move our outstanding business school to even higher levels of excellence and national recognition,” said James M. Danko, who became dean in August 2005. “The Villanova School of Business name conveys a more accurate, modern, sophisticated image of the business education we provide.”

The business school, founded in 1922, is housed in Bartley Hall. Its seven undergraduate and seven graduate degree programs are accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.

Center Engages Students in Understanding the Liberal Arts

By Kate Szumanski ’95
A&S, ’97 M.A.

Villanova University’s College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (A&S), in June announced the creation of the Villanova Center for Liberal Education (VCLE). This innovative academic center is dedicated to interdisciplinary teaching, research and learning in the liberal arts for undergraduates. It is a place where all students and faculty can join in the academic conversations that lie at the heart of an Augustinian university in the 21st century.

Although Villanova is widely regarded as a top-tier comprehensive university, offering more than 30 master’s programs and several Ph.D. programs, its core enterprise remains the liberal education of undergraduates.

“The opening of the center marks a turning point,” said Dr. John Doody, the center’s director. “Now, for the first time in the University’s history, the liberal arts, which form the heart of Villanova’s academic mission, will be presented to our students in such a way as to enable them to see the interconnections between the many disciplines,” he added. Doody also holds the Robert M. Birmingham Chair, associate dean for the Core Curriculum and is a professor of philosophy.

In today’s interconnected world, students need to realize the importance of interdisciplinary study and the value of a liberal education. The Rev. Kail C. Ellis, O.S.A., Ph.D., ’69 M.A., dean of A&S, noted that the VCLE “takes a holistic and an innovative approach to the education of today’s college students, who will be brought into an ongoing dialogue with some of the College’s finest teacher-scholars.”

The VCLE began as an extension of the Core Humanities Program, which in recent years has expanded its activities. It offers Augustine and Culture: The Villanova Seminar, which in two semesters introduces first-year students to the humanities and the life of the mind. Among the program’s other activities are sponsoring faculty development workshops and scholarly conferences and publishing both an academic journal (Expositions: An Interdisciplinary Journal in the Humanities) and a book series (Augustine in Conversation: Tradition and Innovation).

According to Father Ellis, “The center will provide a valuable forum for faculty to contribute to their profession, inspire students to become more active and engaged participants in the learning process and advance the importance of the liberal arts.”

Doody noted that “What in essence began as a freshman writing program has grown and evolved through the years into what is now a truly interdisciplinary center in the liberal arts.”

The new center strives to fulfill Villanova’s mission by providing a collegial atmosphere where students can search for knowledge in open, intelligent, responsible and mutually respectful interaction of varying points of view within a community of student- and teacher-scholars. It also serves the College’s mission by providing an atmosphere of responsible learning to a varied group of students who will be called to intellectual, moral and professional leadership.

For more information, e-mail john.doody@villanova.edu.

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Inglis Award Honors Nursing’s Women with Disabilities Project

Villanova University’s College of Nursing is one of four organizations that each received a $20,000 Inglis Award for Innovation from the Inglis Foundation in Philadelphia. The awards honor the enterprise of nonprofit organizations in the region that enhance the quality of life for people with physical disabilities.

At a ceremony on June 20, the foundation recognized the College for its Health Promotion for Women with Disabilities Project. The project, initially funded by a grant from the Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation, is directed by Dr. Suzanne C. Ries Stern, who chairs the Inglis Foundation’s Innovation Awards Review Committee.

In recognition of Nursing’s Health Promotion for Women with Disabilities Project, Dr. Suzanne C. Smeltzer, professor of Nursing (left), received a 2006 Inglis Award for Innovation from Janet Ries Stern, who chairs the Inglis Foundation’s Innovation Awards Review Committee.

E-mail your comments to Kate Szumanski ’95 A&S, ’97 M.A., director of college communications for A&S, at kathryn.szumanski@villanova.edu.

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The project’s participating faculty are committed to educating health-care professionals about these issues and to providing information so that women with disabilities can be informed consumers of health care, ask relevant questions of their health-care providers and take measures to achieve a healthier lifestyle and a better quality of life.

The Inglis award will allow Nursing faculty to update and expand the Web site (www.nurseweb.villanova.edu/women-withdisabilities), including developing online instructional modules to teach nurses, nursing faculty and other health-care professionals about barriers that make access to health care difficult for this population. The modules also will focus on health issues and health promotion.

The Inglis Foundation works with people with physical disabilities to enable them to pursue their life goals and to enjoy life with the greatest amount of independence.

**Convocation Celebrates Candidates in Nursing**

The College of Nursing Convocation on May 20 recognized the 102 traditional B.S.N. candidates, the 64 non-traditional students graduating in August and the 21 Omani B.S.N. completion students who graduated in December 2005. Also celebrated were the 55 M.S.N. graduates who completed their studies this May and in December 2005. At Convocation, Nursing acknowledges its graduating seniors who continue the College’s long tradition of military nursing service. Among them are Regina Thorp ’06 Nur., who was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps on May 17.

**2006 Wildcat Football Schedule**

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| 21 vs. Towson (Homecoming) 3 P.M. |                       |
| 28 at William & Mary in Williamsburg, Va. 1 P.M. |                       |

Home games in **bold** are played at Villanova Stadium.
Blood Done
Sign My Name: A True Story
By Timothy B. Tyson
Three Rivers Press
355 pp., paperback
$14.00

Last year’s successful launch of “One Book Villanova” drew the campus community together to read and discuss The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini. During the 2006-07 academic year, students, faculty and staff will be reading Blood Done Sign My Name: A True Story.

Timothy B. Tyson’s non-fiction masterpiece opens with a provocative line: “Daddy and Roger ‘em shot ‘em a nigger.” The first sentence leaps off of page one, beginning the first of Tyson’s chapters that come alive in his personal, jarring account of the racial battle in the South. In Blood Done Sign My Name, Tyson takes his readers on a journey through the bitterness and agony that festered in North Carolina after the Civil Rights Act of 1965. His hometown, Oxford, wrought with the deepest of racial tensions, was ripe for the battles waged between black and white communities.

Tyson begins with what he deems to be the final act of discrimination humanly tolerable for African Americans in Oxford. The book’s opening line is spoken casually by Gerald Teel, a childhood friend of Tyson’s. Teel remarks lackadaisically that his own father is responsible for the murder of an innocent black man. The 10-year-old Tyson, who comes from a white, anti-segregationist family, is shaken to the core, already aware of the ramifications of this criminal act of violence. Tyson’s perspective is a powerful one, for he stands behind his father, a Methodist preacher. This 1970 murder triggers an eruption of anger and shock over the unequal, unjust treatment of black community members in Oxford.

To illuminate the historical quality of his memories, Tyson weaves his own accounts with impeccable research, knitting together a gripping first-hand account of post-Civil-Rights-Act Southern towns. He develops his portrayals richly, providing the reader with a vivid picture of the figures locked in his memory. He manages to crystallize moments from his childhood as if they had just occurred. Through these moments, he reveals how little changed with the introduction of the Civil Rights Act; in Oxford alone, the local government preferred to close public recreational facilities rather than integrate them. This reality is a mere piece of the entire case of evidence Tyson provides to record the caustic, often violent struggle for desegregation in this country.

As the “One Book Villanova” selection, Blood Done Sign My Name is an excellent choice to share with the entire campus. For American history, this is an important book. Tyson, a professor of Afro-American Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, illustrates the harshest conflicts buried within the early struggle for civil rights a mere 40 years ago, and dissects the complexities of racism from a variety of angles. The “One Book” committee has selected a book that will leave its readers struggling alongside the author, and reeling from the realities of recent American history.

—Reviewed by Lauren Humann ’06 A&S

Day by Day with Saint Augustine
By the Rev. Donald X. Burt, O.S.A.
Liturgical Press
311 pp., paperback
$14.95

Many national polls have indicated an increased interest in spirituality and various forms of meditation as ways to live in and cope with these days of war, terrorism and personal unease about the future.

Obviously, people today are not the first generation to experience trauma. However, they might be interested to know that more than 1,600 years ago, a very wise and sensitive philosopher wrestled with many similar, often identical problems: St. Augustine of Hippo. Moreover, his thoughts, expressed in letters, sermons, books and other surviving works, are as valid today as they were then. Through his sensitive interpretation in Day by Day with Saint Augustine, the Rev. Donald X. Burt, O.S.A., ’52 A&S, emeritus professor of philosophy at Villanova University, has provided 365 days of wisdom. He also provides the reminder that while we cope here, the peace and tranquility we seek is found only in heaven. These brief meditations of Augustine, which Father Burt has gathered and commented upon, are an ideal way to begin the day or to recover from it. The reader may choose how much time he or she wants to ponder.

For example, the May 26 reflection finds Augustine saying: “Give me someone who loves. They will understand what I am saying” (Commentary on the Gospel of John, 26:4). As Father Burt explains it, loving in all the wrong places is not as bad as not loving at all, because only love can draw people out of themselves. Father Burt goes on to write that if we come to love another human or even a pet more than ourselves, we have opened a door to the possibility of loving God above all else.

Augustine also offers comfort for the question that always arises in times of terror and tragedy: Why does God let such things happen? In a meditation for July 11, he likens life to a boxing match, of all things. “Here we have a fight on our hands and God is watching from the stands” (Sermon 355K, 3). The opponent is Satan and human vices. Both the foe and the protector are invisible. Augustine admits. However, faith allows the believer to “see” the God who is protecting him or her. As Father Burt interprets this, God may not intervene or stop the fight, but through grace He supports us in our struggles.

On the nature of peace, Father Burt cites Augustine’s own definition from the City of God (19, 13): “Peace is the tranquility that results from
The Case of Terri Schiavo: Ethics at the End of Life

EDITED BY ARTHUR L. CAPLAN; THE REV. JAMES J. MCCARTNEY, O.S.A., '66 A&S; AND DOMINIC A. SISTI

PROMETHEUS BOOKS

352 PP.
$21.00 PAPER

A comprehensive anthology, The Case of Terri Schiavo gathers together primary documents to address the many issues associated with Terri Schiavo's life and death. This case is possibly the most public, litigious and notorious case of end-of-life decisions ever to have occurred. Schiavo remained in what was described as a persistent vegetative state that had its origins 15 years earlier. On February 25, 1990, she suffered a cardiac arrest, which led to brain damage due to lack of oxygen. The center of a bitter, prolonged family battle that became a national debate, she died in a Florida hospice on March 31, 2005, at the age of 41. Thirteen days earlier, a court had ordered her feeding tube removed, for the third and final time.

The three editors have scholarly expertise in bioethics. Arthur L. Caplan, Ph.D. is director of the Center for Bioethics at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and author, co-author and editor of numerous books. The Rev. James J. McCartney, O.S.A., Ph.D., '66 A&S is an associate professor of philosophy at Villanova University, an adjunct professor at the Villanova School of Law and special assistant to the Provincial of the Augustinian Province of St. Thomas of Villanova. Dominic A. Sisti, M.B.E. is a research associate at the Center for Bioethics.

In this important book," notes the author of the foreword, Jay Wolfson, Dr.P.H., J.D., who was Schiavo's court-appointed guardian ad litem, the three editors "have assembled vital documents that define, in the broadest sense, the vicissitudes of Ms. Schiavo's case. Their selection of court and legislative documents, commentary, speeches, and articles provides a distinctively objective basis for considering and framing the complex issues that drove the case and that will define its trajectory. This is a timely contribution to the necessary examination of the Schiavo matter, and the anthology provides an essential basis for understanding the scope of issues that both drove the case and that were driven by it."

The book is organized into sections on Setting the Stage, Florida Controversies, Federal Controversies, Catholic Controversies and the Aftermath. Included also is a case timeline, it begins with the day Schiavo was born on December 3, 1963 (she grew up in a Philadelphia suburb). The timeline ends on December 7, 2005, when Michael Schiavo, her husband and legal surrogate who had met her when they were students at Bucks County Community College, announced he had formed a political action committee. He intends to raise funds to educate voters on where their elected officials stood when they had a choice between what he sees as individual freedom and personal privacy or overreaching government action.

—Reviewed by Holly Stratts

More Than a Game: Stories, Prayers, and Reflections for the Student Athlete

BY DR. LEONARD DIPAUL, DR. EDWARD T. HASTINGS '73 A&S AND SHARON FUQUA RETIF

SAINT MARY’S PRESS

192 PP.
$14.95 PAPER

It is widely known that the adolescent years are sometimes difficult times for personal growth and development. For high school student-athletes, there are added challenges. To paraphrase the theme from a televised sports series: Along with the exhilaration of victory, there is also the agony of defeat. These issues can often translate into very troubling and confusing situations for the Catholic student-athlete.

More Than a Game addresses situations such as “The Injured Athlete,” “The Yelling Coach,” “Performance Enhancing Substances,” “Competition Within a Team” and “Riding the Bench” to name just a sampling. There are 30 in all. Each topic tells a story, then offers reflections on the experience, including sections on “Breaking Open the Story” (which the authors call “a slight nudge toward seeing the experience through a filter of faith”), “Your Own Reflections on the Story,” “The Role of the Community in the Experience,” “Scriptural Reflection,” “Prayer” and finally “Going Forward—Action Step.”

Dr. Edward T. Hastings ’73 A&S, Dr. Leonard DiPaul and Sharon Fuqua Retif have many years of experience in coaching. At Neumann College in Aston, Pa., Hastings is a faculty member and director of The Center for Sport, Spirituality and Character Development. He was a member of the 1970-71 Villanova men’s basketball team that played UCLA for the national championship, and later coached at Villanova.

This pocket-size book puts helpful information into a format that is quick to read, informative and offers perhaps a different perspective of situations that might occur. It certainly gives the student-athlete something to think about.

—Reviewed by Holly Stratts
The Truth About Aging
BY GEORGE S. ROTH, PH.D., ’68 A&S
WINDSTORM CREATIVE
FULL SPECTRUM INFORMATION LIBRARY SERIES
260 PP., PAPERBACK $9.59

The Truth About Aging comes at a perfect time as the Baby Boomer generation is getting older in a culture obsessed with youth. After 30 years of conducting research in gerontology, Dr. George S. Roth ’68 A&S, who majored in biology at Villanova University, has published his first book for general readers. Even though it is scientific in its conclusions, The Truth About Aging is easy to read and understand, with nine chapters and a detailed glossary, as well as figures and tables to illustrate his points.

Roth calls aging a “biological disorder,” but that term sounds more daunting than it is because he does offer some preventative measures. Although aging can never truly be halted, the aging process can be slowed. He writes, “The only intervention conclusively shown to slow aging and maintain health and vitality, in laboratory animals, is eating less.” He continues, “It may be possible to achieve the beneficial anti-aging effects of caloric restriction without reducing food intake at all…by supplementing the diet with certain metabolically active compounds, many of which occur naturally in fruits, vegetables, plants and other foods.”

The book goes into great detail about how this process of slowing down aging can be achieved. He also gives a word of warning to Generation Y, those born after 1980, whose members are still in the process of abusing their bodies.

At the National Institute on Aging (NIA), Roth served as chief of the Molecular Physiology and Genetics Section and acting chief of the Laboratory of Cellular and Molecular Biology. After his retirement in 2000, he became a senior guest scientist at the NIA, where he is currently CEO of GeroScience Inc., a new Maryland-based biotechnology company devoted to anti-aging strategies.

—Reviewed by Amanda Roselli ’06 A&S

What’s Cooking Madison? By the Sea
BY DIANE GARDNER AND KIM (CARROLL) CASTALDO ’85 A&S
PHOTOGRAPHS BY KELLEY McMAHON
JOSTENS, COMMERCIAL PUBLICATIONS
192 PP., HARDCOVER $24.95

Seasoned with love and tradition, a favorite recipe can evoke many fond memories of sharing quality time with family. The ideas of family and easy cooking are what Kim (Carroll) Castaldo ’85 A&S and co-author Diane Gardner represent in their collaborative cookbook, What’s Cooking Madison? By the Sea. The recipes featured in its 192 pages reflect the flavor of the authors’ hometown of Madison, Conn., with contributions from local residents, restaurants and inns. With an array of cuisines to choose from, readers are guaranteed to find a recipe that satisfies any taste bud.

Each recipe is presented in its original form, and many are accompanied by a personal story. Sharing her recipe for traditional Polish pierogies, Cindi Gardner recounted: “Every year as far back as I can remember I used to join all my siblings and cousins around my grama’s kitchen table making a huge mess that finally ended with the most desired delicious cheese treats—pierogi…. I was never sure if I really loved the taste of them, or loved the making of the memories more.”

Not only are these recipes delicious, but they are also fairly simple to follow, even for a culinary novice such as myself. Janice Florentine’s shrimp scampi, which is featured in the “scrumptious seafood” section, received enthusiastic reviews when I recently prepared the entrée for my roommates. The creative cuisines of this New England shoreline town are by no means limited to traditional seafood dishes. From veggies, soups, salads and sauces to poultry, pork and beef, the cooks of this Long Island Sound community provide readers with numerous choices to prepare an eclectic feast.

This cookbook is ideal to have on hand when preparing to host a party, entertain relatives during the holidays or surprise your family with something new for dinner. Breakfast and dessert are not forgotten. Sue Zaccagnino’s cinnamon French toast soufflé would be the perfect breakfast treat to serve relatives staying for the weekend or a hungry group of slumber party guests. Vivid photographs left this reader wanting to eat these enticing treats right off the page!

Following her 1985 graduation from Villanova University, where she majored in English, Castaldo had a very successful business career. After taking time off to raise her four children, she decided to work for herself with flexible hours so that her children would remain her primary focus. She said, “The idea of the cookbook came from my passion to cook, my love of collecting cookbooks from places I have traveled and the fact that Madison, Conn., becomes a highly trafficked tourist spot in the summer. A beautiful cookbook filled with pictures of Madison seemed the perfect answer.” After hitting stores on November 26, 2005, What’s Cooking Madison? sold over 2,000 copies in the first two months. The book can be purchased at Amazon.com or by visiting www.whatscookingmadison.com. Bon appétit!

—Reviewed by Heather Strickney ’06 A&S
1940s

Class of 1942 65th Reunion, June 8-10, 2007

Jose L. Silva, M.D., '43 A&S, Bio, in 2005 retired from the practice of medicine after 30 years at Lawrence (Mass.) General Hospital. He had been emergency department director for 13 years and then director of work-health until 2005. Prior to that, he practiced in the Division of Indian Health of the U.S. Public Health Service and in private practice.

Class of 1947 60th Reunion, June 8-10, 2007

1950s

Class of 1952 55th Reunion, June 8-10, 2007

Thomas Patrick Egan '52 VSB, Eco, was named a Knight Commander of Justice in the Order of St. John of Jerusalem (Knights of Malta). He will use his family title, H.E. Count Thomas Patrick Egan, in this world-wide order of chivalry. Edward J. Fesco, M.D., '52 A&S, Bio, is celebrating the 50th anniversary of his graduation from Northwestern University's medical school. He still praises the superb pre-med chemistry and biological science courses he had at Villanova University.

Class of 1957 50th Reunion, June 8-10, 2007

John G. Hall, Esq., '57 VSB, Acct., '60 J.D., a partner in the Staten Island law firm of Hall & Hall, LLP, received the Professionalism Award for 2006 from the real property section of the New York State Bar Association. A past chair of the section, he lectures on real estate law for the state bar and contributes frequently to law journals.

Class of 1960 50th Reunion, June 8-10, 2007

Peter Daly '63 VSB, Eco, following his retirement from the U.S. Department of the Treasury, has been serving as a research affiliate at Harvard University and as a national security consultant.

1960s

Class of 1962 45th Reunion, June 8-10, 2007

Peter Daly '63 VSB, Eco, followed his retirement from the U.S. Department of the Treasury, has been serving as a research affiliate at Harvard University and as a national security consultant.

1970s

Barry C. Johnson, Ph.D., '70, M.E., former dean of the Villanova University College of Engineering, has been elected to the board of directors of IDEXX Laboratories Inc. in Westbrook, Maine. He also is a director of Rockwell Automation Inc. and Cytex Industries Inc.

What Does VSB Mean?

With the renaming of the College of Commerce and Finance to the Villanova School of Business (see page 60), Villanova Magazine will be using the abbreviation VSB with a business school graduate's class year instead of C&F.
Robert J. McCarthy ’76 VSB, Bus. Adm. was appointed president of Marriott International’s North American Lodging Operations, which has 2,300 properties and in 2004 reported more than $6 billion in sales.

Class of 1982 25th Reunion, June 8-10, 2007

Madeline Bialecki ’82 G.S., Rel. Studies was named executive director of the Delaware County (Pa.) Literacy Council, which has served 15,000 adults since its founding in 1975.

Roger B. Peikin, Esq., ’82 VSB, Bus. Adm. is co-founder, executive vice president, chief financial officer and general counsel of Aletheia Research and Management Inc. in Santa Monica, Calif. In March, On Wall Street magazine rated the firm as the top growth manager in the United States.

Patty DiLuccia Dinsmore ’83 A&S, Comm., who teaches second grade at Barclay Brook Elementary School in Monroe Township, N.J., was named Teacher of the Year and has been included in Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers for 2006. She and her husband, Phil Dinsmore ’83 VSB, Bus. Adm., are the parents of a son who will attend Villanova University this fall.

Maureen Humphreys Heckler ’83 A&S, Psy, has been appointed executive director of Maris Grove, a new retirement community in Glen Mills, Pa. She has 23 years of health care and retirement industry experience, most recently in an executive position for Sunrise Senior Living. She and her husband, Robert, reside in Glenmore.

Allen J. Kardoley ’83 VSB, Bus. Adm. joined Wachovia Trust in Reading, Pa., as a vice president and trust advisor.

Paul Manz ’83 VSB, Bus. Adm. was appointed vice president, provider contracting and reimbursement, for Independence Blue Cross in Philadelphia.

Katie Scanlon LeBlanc ’84 Ch.E., ’85 M.Ch.E. was promoted to senior vice president in the Blue Bell, Pa., office of O’Brien & Gere, an engineering and project delivery company.

 ’60 A&S, Phil. is a regular assistant in the parish.

Joseph Hebert ’71 A&S, Edu., is senior vice president and regional business director of the northeast sector at Wachovia Securities.

Daniel P. McElhatton, Esq., ’71 A&S, Pol. Sci. has joined the Philadelphia-based law firm of Christie, Barbour, Mortensen & Young, P.C. as shareholder. A graduate of Temple University School of Law, he is vice chair of the Philadelphia Board of Ethics and a trustee of the Community College of Philadelphia.

The Hon. Paul P. Panepinto ’71 A&S, Pol. Sci., ’79 G.S., Pol. Sci. was appointed coordinating judge of the nationally recognized Complex Litigation Center of the Court of Common Pleas for Philadelphia. He will oversee the thousands of mass tort claims filed there each year. In October 2005 he received the honorary knighthood, Cavaliere, conferred jointly by the president and prime minister of Italy in recognition of service in the arts, law, science, economics, literature and public service.

Richard C. Thomas ’71 A&S, Psy., administrator of the Wilmer Eye Institute at Johns Hopkins, was elected chairman of the American Association of Eye and Ear Hospitals and to the board of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International.

Class of 1972 35th Reunion, June 8-10, 2007

William Bohach ’72 M.E. returned from a year of active duty serving with the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit in Sicily, Kuwait, Bahrain and Iraq. He is now assigned with Detachment 2 Supply Co. in Albany, Ga., as the Reserve officer in charge.

William R. Crowley, Ph.D., ’72 G.S., Psy, is professor and chair of pharmacology and toxicology at the University of Utah College of Pharmacy in Salt Lake City. He researches the neuroendocrine and neurochemical factors that regulate the secretion of anterior pituitary hormones.

Gerald Hempstead ’72 A&S, Gen., who recently retired from DHL/Airborne Express, was presented with a Franklin Award by the Mail Service Management Association and was named Transportation Executive of the Year by Delta Nu Alpha, the national transportation fraternity. He was featured in the January Mail Manager.

Michael F. Farrell ’73 VSB, Bus. Adm. is senior associate at Municipal Resources Inc. in Middletown, Mass. He holds a Master of Public Administration degree from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Alberto C. Gallardo ’73 E.E. is enjoying retirement from AT&T in Deerfield Beach, Fla., where he and his wife are happily watching the accomplishments of their children.

Air Force Col. Barbara Scarpato Martin ’73 A&S, Gen., in November 2005 retired as senior individual mobilization augmentee at Shaw Air Force Base, S.C. Following her graduation from Villanova University, she earned a B.S.N. from Adelphi University and in 1975 was sworn into the Air Force. Over the years, she has served in the orthopedic/plastic surgery/burn ward at Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines and logged more than 2,000 hours in aeromedical airframes at the Travis (Calif.) and Charleston (S.C.) air bases. She also served in operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. In her “spare” time she completed a M.S.N. in nursing administration. She is now a staff nurse at The Citadel in Charleston and resides in Summerville with her husband, Ron.

Donald Yovanovich ’73 A&S, Bio. is director of racing and co-chairman of the Virginia Gold Cup. The leading steeplechase trainer in Virginia, he had a number of horses running in the Gold Cup in May.

Rebecca Motew ’74 G.S., Engl. has published her first novel, Coupon Girl, which melds “the hilarious worlds of mail-order marketing and community theater,” according to Booklist. She teaches freshman composition at several colleges in New England.

Gerald Marzorati ’75 A&S, Hon., editor of The New York Times Magazine, has been named assistant managing editor of The New York Times. He will continue to oversee all editorial aspects of the magazine and also will help identify and develop the next generation of editors for the magazine-like sections of the newspaper. He was profiled in the Winter 2004 Villanova Magazine.

Michael Zamoski ’76 VSB, Eco. is managing director, supervision, with the Dubai Financial Services Authority in the capital of the United Arab Emirates. He retired from a 29-year career at the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Class of 1977 30th Reunion, June 8-10, 2007

Joan Novelli Capolupo ’78 G.S., Elem. Couns. received the 2006 Louise B. Forsyth Public Relations Award from the American School Counselor Association. She chairs the Pennsylvania School Counselors Association’s public awareness and advocacy committee and is an adjunct professor at Villanova University.

Marcy E. Diennon ’79 Nur. is a perioperative nurse at The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. She is certified as an operating room nurse and as a plastic surgery nurse. A frequent speaker at conferences in this area and abroad, Diennon has received numerous grants and awards. She and her husband are the parents of two boys.

Louis G. Rosanio Jr. ’79 M.E., ’82 M.M.E. is manager of laboratory mechanical systems group at E.I. DuPont in Wilmington, Del. He is a founding member of First State Robotics Inc., whose volunteers help students build self-confidence, knowledge and life skills and also help motivate them to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and math. In 2005 Rosanio received the Woodie Flowers Award for excellence in demonstrating and teaching science, math and creative design.

1980s

Susan Crowe Foley ’81 Nur. is a pediatric operating room nurse in Milwaukee at Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin, which recently honored her with the Nurse Excellence Award. She, her husband and their daughter reside in Menomonee Falls.

James Kane ’81 A&S, Pol. Sci., ‘05 G.S., H.R.D. is associate director of human resources and an adjunct faculty instructor in continuing studies at Villanova University.

Patrick F. Kealey Sr. ’81 VSB, Bus. Adm., head equity trader at Friess Associates in Wilmington, Del., proudly announces that his son will begin his freshman year at Villanova University as a biology major.

Class of 1982 25th Reunion, June 8-10, 2007

Madeline Bialecki ’82 G.S., Rel. Studies was named executive director of the Delaware County (Pa.) Literacy Council, which has served 15,000 adults since its founding in 1975.

Roger B. Peikin, Esq., ’82 VSB, Bus. Adm. is co-founder, executive vice president, chief financial officer and general counsel of Aletheia Research and Management Inc. in Santa Monica, Calif. In March, On Wall Street magazine rated the firm as the top growth manager in the United States.

Patty DiLuccia Dinsmore ’83 A&S, Comm., who teaches second grade at Barclay Brook Elementary School in Monroe Township, N.J., was named Teacher of the Year and has been included in Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers for 2006. She and her husband, Phil Dinsmore ’83 VSB, Bus. Adm., are the parents of a son who will attend Villanova University this fall.

Maureen Humphreys Hecker ’83 A&S, Psy, has been appointed executive director of Maris Grove, a new retirement community in Glen Mills, Pa. She has 23 years of health care and retirement industry experience, most recently in an executive position for Sunrise Senior Living. She and her husband, Robert, reside in Glenmore.

Allen J. Kardoley ’83 VSB, Bus. Adm. joined Wachovia Trust in Reading, Pa., as a vice president and trust advisor.

Paul Manz ’83 VSB, Bus. Adm. was appointed vice president, provider contracting and reimbursement, for Independence Blue Cross in Philadelphia.

Katie Scanlon LeBlanc ’84 Ch.E., ’85 M.Ch.E. was promoted to senior vice president in the Blue Bell, Pa., office of O’Brien & Gere, an engineering and project delivery company.

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Paula Sollami Covello, ’86 A&S, Engl., was elected to a five-year term as county clerk of Mercer County, N.J.

Christopher M. Tobin, Esq., ’86 E.E., ’92 J.D., is a partner in the law firm of Rader, Fishman & Grauer PLLC in Washington, D.C.

Class of 1987 20th Reunion, June 8-10, 2007


Peter R. Geraghty, Esq., ’87 VSB, Fin., is associate general counsel in the Arlington, Va., law firm of Friedman Billings Ramsey Group.

Lisa Sheehe Hilmi ’88 A&S, Gen., ’88 A&S, Pol. Sci., works at the World Health Organization as monitoring and evaluation officer, tsunami response, in Colombo, Sri Lanka. She, her husband and their four daughters moved there to assist with the tsunami relief and will be there for two years.

Jennifer Lebert Nelson ’89 Nurs. is a nurse practitioner at The Cardiology Group, P.C., in New Haven, Conn. She earned an M.S.N. degree in May 2005 from Sacred Heart University.

1990s

Michael Busenkell, Esq., ’90 VSB, Acct., has joined the Wilmington, Del., law office of Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC as an associate. His areas of practice include corporate bankruptcy and restructuring.

Kathleen Horvath Forsell ’90 A&S, Pol. Sci., is a special education teacher at Ridge High School in Basking Ridge, N.J. She holds a master's degree in instructional technology and media from Teachers College, Columbia University.

Louis A. Mengello, Esq., ’90 A&S, Soc., the author of Walt Disney World Trivia Book I and II, learned how an American platoon sergeant stationed in the Iraqi desert has been using the book as a reward. If his soldiers correctly answered a Disney trivia question, they got the remainder of the day off.

Susan Nardone, Esq., ’90 VSB, Bus. Adm., ’93 J.D., is a member of the employment law and products liability departments in the Newark, N.J., law office of Gibbons, Del Deo, Dolan, Griffinger & Vecchione, P.C.

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Dr. Carlton Payne ’84 G.S., Counsel/Hum. Rel., a psychotherapist and television regular, has written How to Triumph Over Tragedy, a step-by-step guide to succeeding against the odds.

Ann M. Cannoni, Esq., ’85 Ch.E., a patent attorney at The Webb Law Firm in Pittsburgh, has been promoted to shareholder.

Peter DiPasca ’85 Ch.E. was named managing engineer in the Edison, N.J., office of O’Brien & Gere. He is responsible for management of the environmental quality services staff.

Paul Sminkey ’85 A&S, Engl., announced that his translation of Kenjiro Haitani’s touching, Japanese novel Usagi no Me, has been published under the title A Rabbit’s Eyes (Vertical Press).

Alex Martins ’86 VSB, Bus. Adm., who has spent 19 years in professional sports management, has joined the Orlando Magic as chief operating officer. Over the past year, he managed a ticket sales effort that was the NBA’s sixth largest increase in sales from the previous year as well as the largest group sales effort in that team’s history. He started his career as a student assistant in sports information at Villanova University. Later he became a member of the public relations department for the Philadelphia 76ers and assistant sports information director at Georgetown University. He holds an M.B.A. degree from the University of Central Florida and resides in Orlando with his wife and daughter.

Donna Connell Ford ’87 VSB, Fin., is chief information officer at Pennoni Associates Inc.

Charles A. Picchioni, D.M.D., ’88 A&S has a general and cosmetic dental practice in Bryn Mawr, Pa.

Thomas Friese ’89 M.C.E. was promoted to division manager for the Philadelphia civil/site/landscape architecture technology of Pennoni Associates Inc.

Dan Mankowski ’89 G.S., Theat., is a speech instructor at Holy Family University in Philadelphia.

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John Griffin ’92 VSB, Accct. is director, business development, at the Toronto Blue Jays.

Drew Hallowell ’92 A&S, Pol. Sci., a team photographer for the Philadelphia Eagles, earned third place in the features category of the 38th Annual Pro Football Hall of Fame Photo Contest for a photo he took during the Eagles-Cowboys game on October 9, 2005. This is the second picture to earn him Hall of Fame acclaim.

Sean Clements ’93 A&S, Pol. Sci., is senior manager in corporate communications at Cephalon in Frazier, Pa. He formerly served as director of public affairs with the Marine Corps in Iraq.

Michael Furlong ’93 VSB, Accct., of San Jose, Calif., was named Blossom Valley Athletic League Coach of the Year after leading the Prospect High School boys basketball team to a league championship.

Scott Lord ’93 VSB, Fin., is portfolio marketing manager at the UPS corporate headquarters in Atlanta.

Michael Nervi ’93 VSB, Accct., was promoted to associate director at Bear Stearns Asset Management in New York City.

Kathryn Wasilewski Yevchak ’93 VSB, Mkt., will run in the Philadelphia Half Marathon on September 17 as part of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society’s Team in Training.

Justin D. Harmon, D.O., ’94 A&S, Bio., a 1999 graduate of the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, completed a fellowship in laparoscopic and robotic urology in Paris, France. He is now an assistant professor in surgery/urology, affiliated with Cooper University Hospital in Camden, NJ.

Elizabeth A. Scully, Esq., ’94 A&S, Pol. Sci., is a partner in the Washington, D.C., law office of Baker Hostetler, where she concentrates in complex commercial disputes and employment litigation.

James BonTempo ’95 A&S, Bio., is application systems manager at JHPIEGO, an international health organization affiliated with Johns Hopkins University.

Recently returned from Mozambique,
where he is collaborating to develop a system to support a national training program in infection prevention.

Patrick J. Cooney, Esq., ‘95 A&S, Edu., is a partner in the Bristol, Conn., law firm of Furey, Donovan, Tracy & Daly, P.C. He specializes in civil litigation and criminal defense.

Meg Galas ‘95 A&S, Phil./Span. Lang./Lit. was promoted to program manager at PSI, a non-profit organization in Washington, D.C. For the past three years, she had been managing an HIV prevention project in India.

Kevin M. Hymel ‘95 G.S., Hist., associate editor for ARMY Magazine, in Arlington, Va., is the author of Patton’s Photographs: War As He Saw It (Potomac Books).

Scott Lenahan ‘95 VSB, Fin. was promoted to vice president sales and marketing at Blue Ribbon Roofing and Siding Co. in Toms River, N.J. Catherine Oliffe-Harrington ‘95 VSB, Mgr., is president of Harrington Properties in La Jolla, Calif., where she invests and manages a $70 million U.S. residential portfolio. Her husband, Kyle, resides in La Jolla.

Harry W. Harrison, Esq., ‘95 A&S, Pol. Sci., has formed Harrison, Patterson & O’Connor LLP, a civil litigation and criminal defense law firm in San Diego. He is a 2000 graduate of the University of San Diego School of Law.

Dawn Hartley Lombard ‘95 VSB, Mkt., is an associate at Century 21 Legacy Properties Inc. in the Somerville/Cambridge, Mass., area.

Normajean Pratico ‘99 VSB, Mkt., is manager of donor relations at Harp Management in Lancaster, Pa.

John Giordano, Esq., ‘98 A&S, Engl., was appointed counselor to the assistant attorney general for the environment and natural resources division at the U.S. Department of Justice.

Kristine Bresnee ‘98 VSB, Acct., works at the U.S. Department of Defense in the area of business management information/program management, close combat systems. Her role is to equip soldiers with networked assured mobility, force protection and close battle systems.

Jeffrey M. Cellucci ‘98 A&S, Gen., is an associate in the corporate and securities group in the Pittsburgh office of the law firm of Reed Smith. He is a graduate of Seton Hall University School of Law and is a candidate for an M.B.A. at Monmouth University.


Class of 1997 10th Reunion, June 8-10, 2007

Mark A. Bartholomaei, Esq., ‘97 A&S, Pol. Sci./German Lang./Lit., joined the law firm of Obermayer Rebmann Maxwell & Hippel LLP as an associate in the litigation department in the Pittsburgh office.

Navy Lt. Joseph J. Casale ‘97 Ch.E., is assigned to the guided missile frigate USS Reuben James, homeported in San Diego.

Craig Davis ‘97 A&S, Gen., ‘05 M.B.A., is chief operating officer at WCD Enterprises Inc. in Holmdel, N.J. The Internet development firm’s Web site is wcd.net.

Tom Panzarella ‘97 VSB, Mgt., ‘03 G.S., Comp. Sci., is chief technology officer at Freedom Sciences LLC, a Philadelphia firm he co-founded to use independent transportation to improve the lives of the elderly and those with limited mobility.


Dr. Amanda Tyson ‘95 A&S, Psy. in January was awarded a Ph.D. in psychology from Lehigh University. She is a psychologist at the University at Buffalo (SUNY) counseling services office.

Jennifer Traska Gibson ‘96 A&S, Pol. Sci. in May was awarded an M.S. degree in urban planning and a master’s of international affairs degree, both from Columbia University.

Marine Capt. Don Huvane ‘96 VSB, Mkt., is public affairs officer in Jalalabad, Afghanistan, for Regional Command East, Combined Joint Task Force 76. He is an honors graduate of the Defense Information School at Fort Meade, Md.

Class of 2000 Five-Year Reunion, October 20-22, 2006

John Casano ‘01 VSB, Fin., joined Torrey Associates LLC in New York City as head of risk management.

Lauren Murray Dooley, Esq., ‘01 A&S, Engl./Pol. Sci., joined the Tom’s River, N.J., law firm of Berry Sahradnik Kotzas Roridan & Benson as an associate. She is a 2004 graduate of Montclair State University School of Law.

Class of 2002 Five-Year Reunion, October 5-7, 2007

Matthew Graver ‘02 M.B.A. is chief operating officer of the AIP liquid markets at Morgan Stanley.

Katherine Pennington Klein, D.M.D., ‘02 A&S, Bio., is a 2005 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine, is a dental resident at Travis Air Force Base in California.

John Casano ‘01 VSB, Fin., joined Torrey Associates LLC in New York City as head of risk management.

Lauren Murray Dooley, Esq., ‘01 A&S, Engl./Pol. Sci., joined the Tom’s River, N.J., law firm of Berry Sahradnik Kotzas Roridan & Benson as an associate. She is a 2004 graduate of Montclair State University School of Law.

Jacinthia Lawson ’02 M.B.A. has started her own company, Risk3 Inc. in Delaware. Lindsay Musselman ’02 Che.E., in April received an Award for Excellence from Merck & Co. Inc. for her work in the implementation of a complex change in the manufacturing process of Elspar®, a chemotherapeutic drug for children with leukemia. She is a chemical engineer in the biologics process technology department in the Merck Manufacturing Division in West Point, Pa.

Steve Randall ’02 M.B.A. is market manager for the West for Ford Lincoln Mercury field operations in Dearborn, Mich. Lisa Reppert ’02 M.B.A. is controller for the healthcare division of Air Products in Conshohocken, Pa.

Dean DelVecchio ’03 M.B.A. is vice president, infrastructure services, at Dow Jones in Princeton, N.J. Ira Hoffman ’03 G.S., Comp. Sci. was appointed director of research and development at Freedom Sciences LLC, a Philadelphia firm focused on applying innovative and creative uses of technology to improve the lives of the elderly and those with limited mobility.

David Potter ’03 A&S, Psy. is finishing his second year at Howard University Law School.

Tara Rihn ’03 M.B.A. is a product supply team manager for the generated gases, electronics and hydrogen production plants at Air Products & Chemicals Inc. in Shanghai, China. She and her family planned to return to the United States in mid-2006.

Crystal Shannon ’03 M.B.A. from The Vanguard Group in Malvern, Pa., has been named one of the “Top 50 Under 50” by Black MBA Magazine, published by the National Black MBA Association.

Angela Skeete ’03 VSB, Mkt. is a small business banker at Wachovia in the Washington, D.C., area. Courtney Clemente ’04 A&S, Comm. was promoted to senior coordinator of Bumble and Bumble’s network education school in New York City.

Dave Douglas ’04 M.B.A. is a product manager at GlaxoSmithKline in Philadelphia.

Larry Ehmer ’04 M.B.A. is vice president of operations at TechGuides Inc. in Swarthmore, Pa.

Bogie Rosypal ’04 M.B.A. joined Schering-Plough Research Institute in Kenilworth, N.J., as manager, documentation.


Brian Tony ’04 M.B.A. is vice president, product marketing at McGraw-Hill Construction in Hightstown, N.J.


Robin Allen ’05 M.B.A. was promoted to director, technology support services at Villanova University.

Brad Arnold ’05 M.B.A. is with UNISYS in Blue Bell, Pa., where he designs and implements UNISYS Intel-alliance strategy.

Ron Baumann ’05 M.B.A. is assistant general manager at Bally’s in Atlantic City, N.J.

Steve Mariotti ’05 M.B.A. is a senior auditor for the investment bank at JP Morgan Chase.

John Marshall ’05 M.B.A. is vice president of global product development in the energy sector at The McGraw-Hill Companies.

Matt Poli ’05 M.B.A. is associate marketing manager for Adult Tylenol at McNeil Consumer Specialty Pharmaceuticals in Fort Washington, Pa.

Imran Punkar ’05 A&S, Hon., ’05 M.B.A., Bio. is a Fullbright Scholar in the United Arab Emirates. In March, at an international Islamic bioethics conference at Penn State University, he presented his research on the relationship between the physician and the Muslim patient.

Leon Singletary ’05 G.S., H.R.D. founded HR First Contact in Fort Washington, Pa., in 2004, providing employers throughout the Northeast with information for making informed hiring decisions. He is certified as a senior professional in human resources.

Sonstey ’05 M.B.A. oversees international marketing at Motorola in Horsham, Pa.

Christine Cirullo ’06 M.B.A. is director of revenue accounting at SunGard SGT.

Tricia Mahoney ’06 M.B.A. relocated to Ohio, where she is senior director of strategy and operations at Diebold Inc.

Nick Plante ’06 M.B.A., chief operating officer at Kinetix, announced that his firm received the 2006 Small Business Contractor of the Year Award from the General Services Administration.

Marriages

1980s-1990s

Celeste Gauthier ’82 A&S, Eco. married Richard Taylor.


Frederic “F.J.” Hueber ’91 VSB, Mgt. married Alison Otts.

Christopher Noble ’92 VSB, Bus. Adm. married Stephanie Alexander.

Patrick Huvane ’93 C.E. married Olivia Saarheim.

Maureen Quilter ’94 A&S, Comm. married Vincent Amabile.

Laurie Garawski ’96 A&S, Bio. married Andrew David Forlano.


Andrea Carpinio ’98 Psy. married Joseph Pacheco.


Erin Neville ’98 A&S, Soc. married Kevin Brook.


Jamie B. Kochin ’99 VSB, Mkt. married Joseph P. Zinkhan.


2000s

Patrick Cavanaugh ’00 VSB, M.I.S. married Audrey Scanlon ’00 VSB, Mkt.

Michael Chirles ’00 A&S, Gen. married Jennifer Dallas ’99 E.E.

Jung Hong ’00 A&S, Pol. Sci. married Lilia Briseno.

Nick Pontileia ’00 VSB, Mgt. married Christina Schwab.

John Casano ’01 VSB, Fin. married Meghan McGowan ’01 Nur.

Christopher Doscher ’01 VSB, Acct. married Megan Smith ’99 VSB, Acct.


Sharon Patterson ’01 G.S., H.R.D. married Michael Longo.

Michelle Tarducci ’01 Nur. married Corey Towner.

Cass Tokarski ’01 VSB, Fin./M.I.S. married Kate Hillen ’01 A&S, Hum. Serv.

Chowan Bunch ’02 Nur. married Terrance Cowans.

Jason Olescse ’02 VSB, Fin. married Daria Margie ’02 VSB, M.I.S.


Theresa Brickhouse ’03 A&S, Psy. married James White IV.

Allison Majczan ’03 A&S, Comp. Prog. married Michael Mafodda.

Marissa Mandra ’03 A&S, Soc. married Peter Stoehr.

Christine Nai ’03 A&S, Comm. married Joshua Beisler.

Matthew Neiderer ’03 M.B.A. married Robyn Januszkiewicz ’99 Nur., ’05 M.S.N.

Ryan Peavelyhouse ’03 A&S, Eco. married Kristin Hullinger.

Patrick Howard ’04 A&S, Hist. married Jordan Botticello ’04 C.E.


Births

1980s


Kevin Rulis ’88 VSB, Bus. Adm., girl.


1990s

Laura Hellstrom Cecil ’90 A&S, Psych., girl.

Michael Delliens ’90 VSB, Bus. Adm., boy.

Kathleen Horvath Forsell ’90 A&S, Pol. Sci., girl.


Births

2000s

Laura Hettlsten Cecil ’90 A&S, Psych., girl.

Michael Delliens ’90 VSB, Bus. Adm., boy.

Kathleen Horvath Forsell ’90 A&S, Pol. Sci., girl.


Laura Churnetski Fowler ’91 M.E., girl.


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In Memoriam

1930s
The Rev. John Vincent Casey, O.S.A.
Eugene Barr ’37 Ch.E., on May 17.
F. Paul Williams ’37 E.E., on April 2.

1940s
Peter Edward Hanlon, M.D.
Joseph E. Finn, Esq., ’41 VSB, Eco., on December 6, 2005.
Joseph C. Goldschmidt ’41 A&S, Gen., on April 1.
Clifford F. Randolph ’41 VSB, Eco., on November 2, 2005.
John James Skelly ’41 C.E., on March 21.
Donald R. Klein ’43 Ch.E., ’60 M.Ch.E., on January 12.
James Herbert O’Brien ’43 VSB, Eco., on May 1.
John McCarthy ’44 VSB, Acct., on April 27.
Edward Becker, Esq., ’46 C.E., on April 21.
George H. Goodman ’48 M.E., on February 12.
Florenc J. “Jason” Schuch ’49 M.E., on January 21.

1950s
Francis J. Dillon ’50 VSB, Acct., on March 4.

Leonard Christopher “Christy” Sickler III, ’50 VSB, Eco., on March 1.
Joseph A. Cleary ’51 M.E., on March 6.
James Gallo ’51 A&S, Pol., Sci., on April 27.
Frank B. Holman Jr. ’52 C.E., on December 2, 2005.
Dennis W. Ryan Jr. ’52 M.E., on October 24, 2005.
Albert J. Brailer ’53 M.E., on November 28, 2005.
Edmond P. Cormier ’53 C.E., on December 21, 2005.
John W. “Jack” English ’54 E.E., on April 1.
Robert E. Barth ’56 E.E., on October 14, 2005.
Joseph Casadonte ’58 VSB, Eco., on March 26.
Grace E. McFarland ’58 G.S., Classics, on December 12, 2005.

CORRECTION
John J. Tracy ’63 VSB, Eco. was inadvertently listed in the In Memoriam section of the Winter 2006 Villanova Magazine. We apologize for this error. John P. Treacy ’70 VSB, Bus. Adm. died on November 14, 2005.

1960s
Joseph F. Carroll ’60 VSB, Acct., on December 21, 2005.
Juan J. Correa Sr. ’62 Ch.E., on November 14, 2005.
Michael A. Godby ’63 VSB, Eco., on May 7.
Joseph Gonduisky ’65 M.E., on April 11.
Sister Miriam Tiernan, I.H.M., ’65 G.S., Arts., on December 29, 2005.

1970s
Min-Ju Chang ’70 G.S., Math., on December 24, 2005.
L. James Brangan ’72 G.S., Edu., on April 13.
Fred L. Hessler ’73 G.S., Sec. Sci., on April 7.
Cleo Bloom Levinsky ’75 Nur., on February 13.

1980s
Joseph Peter Hamed ’87 G.S., Comp. Sci., on March 25.
Denise Carol Neville ’87 A&S, Gen., on March 20.

1990s
Ronald C. Lloyd Sr. ’91 G.S., H.R.D., on April 12.

Faculty, Staff and Students

Jean F. DeBartolo, Ph.D., retired professor of medical/surgical nursing, College of Nursing, on March 27.
Robert Zimmerman, retired University sacristan, on February 4.

Friends of the University

John B. Schneider, husband of Villanova Magazine Class Notes editor and longtime Alumni Office staff member Margarett Schneider and father of Diane M. Schneider, Ph.D., ’76 A&S, Chem., on May 26.
Inauguration of The Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A.

Villanova will celebrate the Inauguration of its 32nd president, the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., with a series of events to take place September 6 through September 10, 2006. The theme for the Inauguration—Veritas, Unitas, Caritas—is rooted in the principles of Truth, Unity, and Love, which are central components of Villanova University’s Augustinian heritage and which inspire the vision Father Donohue has for the University’s future.

Members of the Villanova community are invited to attend the Inauguration Ceremony in the Pavilion, Friday, September 8, 2006, at 3:00 p.m. and the Dinner and Festival Celebration to follow on Mendel Field.

Please RSVP via email to inauguration@villanova.edu if you plan to attend.

Please visit www.inauguration.villanova.edu for more information about Inauguration events, including community service activities hosted by local chapters of the Villanova University Alumni Association on Saturday, September 9, 2006.

Schedule of Events

Thursday, September 7, 2006

Academic Symposium
2:30 p.m. Villanova Room, Connelly Center
Principal speaker: The Reverend J. Bryan Hehir, Th.D., Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University

Friday, September 8, 2006

Inauguration Liturgy
11:30 a.m. St. Thomas of Villanova Church
and simulcast in other locations

Inauguration of The Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A.
3:00 p.m. The Pavilion

Dinner and Festival Celebration
5:00 p.m. Mendel Field

Saturday, September 9, 2006

Community Day of Service
See Inauguration Website for Available Service Opportunities
www.inauguration.villanova.edu

Home Football Game
6:00 p.m. Villanova vs. Lehigh
Tickets available through Villanova University Athletics

Sunday, September 10, 2006

Closing Community Liturgy
The Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., presiding
4:15 p.m. Mendel Field
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