A Word from the President

Villanova’s Active Role in Shaping the Future

With the start of a new year, I pray that 2008 will be a year of peace and happiness for you and your families. As all of us once did, the students are hoping for at least one or two snow days before spring settles in, but not so many as to remove that precious reading day at the semester’s end.

Here at Villanova University, we are called to be part of a caring community, and that calling demands us to search for ways that strengthen our commitment to one another and our God. St. Augustine wrote, “It is a love of truth that seeks blessed time to study and it is the obligation of love that seeks righteous engagement in human affairs.” As we come together, we must also reach out and engage ourselves in global concerns and evaluate our individual and collective impact.

Such engagement includes the important breakthroughs in brain research by a Villanova biology professor, Dr. Mary E. Desmond. Her research has served as a foundation for groundbreaking advances in showing how the brain grows. Dr. Desmond’s long collaboration with a Spanish scientist, Dr. Angel Gato, has resulted in the finding that cerebrospinal fluid plays a key role in brain development. This newfound knowledge will benefit scientists, doctors and patients all over the world.

Villanova’s interest in global concerns also includes offering programs—such as this past fall’s International Relations Lecture Series—that enlighten students about current world topics, including U.S.-Russian relations and the changing political and economic climate in Japan and East Asia.

Our outreach extends to international relations, including the longstanding educational partnership with the Ministry of Health in the Sultanate of Oman, a nation that plays a critical role in the Middle East. More than 100 Omani nurses have earned Villanova degrees and have enriched our campus with their presence before returning home with newly acquired expertise and skills.

As a University, we continue to be committed to conserving resources and finding ways to reduce our environmental impact. This past fall, we unveiled a new solar electric system of 24 solar panels on the south roof of CEER (Center for Engineering Education and Research), offering a renewable and sustainable source of energy. Several new building projects also are under way that will enhance our students’ educational opportunities while remaining mindful of the environment. I am proud that both the new College of Nursing and Villanova School of Law buildings are designed to be LEED-certified. Our newly opened Davis Center for Athletics and Fitness is environmentally friendly with energy-saving motion sensor lights and ecologically sound storm water management. These projects reflect our commitment to careful planning—so that the Villanova of today and tomorrow remains reflective of our past.

Along with our commitment to the climate, fiscal responsibility ranks high among our priorities to assure that future generations can experience a Villanova education. In December 2007, we celebrated the successful conclusion of Transforming Minds and Hearts: The Campaign for Villanova. Every aspect of campus will benefit from these efforts. The campaign is providing funds to increase scholarships, support research initiatives, create endowed faculty positions and enhance programs in every college. It is also strengthening the University’s financial position by helping to grow the endowment.

But most important, the campaign provided new opportunities for every member of the Villanova community to take an active role in shaping the University’s future. With this kind of support for our community and our mission, the future is very bright for Villanova. You represent the best of Villanova’s past as well as its promise for the future, and I am grateful to everyone for their support.

Villanova has been a part of shaping our lives. We need to assure that others will also experience the power of Villanova.

The Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., ’75 A&S
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To begin the Final Campaign Gala, more than 100 students lined the stage of the Waldorf-Astoria’s Grand Ballroom as members of each of Villanova University’s singing groups led the guests in singing the “Alma Mater.” The celebration took place on December 7, 2007.
A Fluid Connection in Research

For two decades, in their separate labs, a Villanova biologist and a scientist in Spain had been exchanging remarkable results. At last, they were able to address the one element that had been missing.

By Anthony Maalouf ’08 G.S.

For two researchers an ocean apart, their curiosity about a fluid in the brain and spinal cord—a fluid that few others saw as critical—has brought about important breakthroughs in brain research. Her work in the 1970s at Villanova University served as the foundation for his groundbreaking findings in Spain. The research could lead to an alternative to embryonic stem cell research, or contribute to understanding Alzheimer’s and other brain-related diseases. Yet, while their collaboration had spanned 20 years, the two researchers had never met.

Finally, last June, Dr. Mary E. Desmond and Dr. Angel Gato had a chance to meet when she visited his campus in Spain. Then in October, Dr. Gato returned the favor by visiting Villanova—his first trip to the United States. Dr. Desmond, a professor of biology at Villanova, had the pleasure of introducing him on October 4, 2007, when he spoke to an advanced biology class and later to the biology department’s faculty and graduate students.

Gato is a professor of human anatomy in the College of Medicine at the University of Valladolid, about 120 miles north of Madrid. Doctor, scholar and innovator are some of the words that can be used to describe him. He began his career as a physician, but quickly found the study of human anatomy to be very exciting, and so committed to conducting research full-time. Since 1985, he has maintained an active role at Valladolid, where he leads a team of seven full-time researchers.

Desmond, who came to Villanova in 1977, was honored with the University’s 2005 Outstanding Faculty Research Award. She is known for her creativity in designing methodologies in measurement, noted Compass (May 2006), Falvey Memorial Library’s newsletter. In her talk at the library in March 2006, on “Brain Growth in Vertebrates: Chicks, Mice and Humans or How Basic Science Can Lead to Medical Discoveries,” she reviewed 30 years of her published research. Desmond’s team, for example, pioneered the special biological assays needed to measure fluid transport mechanisms in brain expansion, the newsletter reported.

(Above) An image of the neuroepithelium, where the cells of an embryo’s nervous system develop. Courtesy of Dr. Angel Gato.

Transatlantic colleagues

For many years, brain development research focused on cellular and molecular behavior. However, for the past 20 years, Gato has researched the key role played by another factor, cerebrospinal fluid (CSF), the protective fluid that flows through the brain’s internal cavities and the spinal cord. The research of Gato’s team indicates that CSF is more than a watery substance with ions. It contains proteins that have direct and indirect roles in brain development.

“CSF is not just any fluid; there are complex proteins found in the fluid able to induce changes in the behavior of the neuroepithelium.
A fluid Connection

JOHN WELSH

[picture]

Dr. Mary E. Desmond, professor of biology at Villanova, introduces Dr. Angel Gato to her advanced biology class. Her research served as the foundation of the Spanish scientist’s groundbreaking work in how the brain grows.

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[brain and spinal cord tissue], which in turn regulates brain growth,” Gato said in an interview during his visit. Gato and Desmond have had a long professional collaboration, despite the distance. Over two decades, they have examined the question of CSF's role in brain development from different aspects. Desmond studied the role of pressure in stimulating cell proliferation. Gato, in seeking a way to understand how CSF gets to the brain, looked at Desmond’s work on manipulating brain pressure, then focused on the chemicals in the CSF fluid. They have read and critically reviewed each other’s papers and cited each other's work in presentations. “We’re like a team,” Gato said. “We exchange ideas and always come up with new approaches.”

Desmond’s work leads to surgery benefiting embryos

In the 1970s, Desmond’s developmental biology research focused on the role of CSF in the brain’s growth in chick embryos. She also has published papers on the human brain and on mice. As Desmond explained about her collaboration with Gato on CSF, “Few scientists ever thought this fluid was critical. Dr. Gato and I took an approach similar to looking at the half-filled glass. We looked at the part that was half-empty, trying to figure out what was missing,” she said. “We have both shown the valuable role that CSF plays. I showed in the 1970s that the accumulation of CSF within the brain cavity of the early embryo creates pressure that is essential for rapid expansion of the embryonic brain. My work has shown the importance of a transitory seal of the spinal canal at the time of embryo brain growth. Over many years, my lab has defined where and when the occlusion occurs, and that it is actually essential for brain expansion.”

The critical value of Desmond’s basic research can be seen in how it has been applied in the operating room. Because of her findings, in some cases, physicians can relieve the pressure on the brain of an unborn infant by inserting a shunt. Pediatric neurosurgeons have developed in utero surgery to correct a certain type of spinal bifida and hydrocephalus (the Chiari II malformation), based on my work on neural tube occlusion and brain expansion,” she elaborated.

There are three types of Chiari malformations; in all of them, the bony space at the back of the skull is smaller than normal. This puts pressure on the cerebellum, which controls balance, and blocks the flow of the protective CSF. In a Chiari II malformation, a type of spinal bifida is also present, causing the spinal cord to protrude through an opening in the back, according to the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke.

Finding a factor that could help control the brain’s stem cells

Recently, Gato has found that CSF could also have a role in regulating how the brain’s stem cells become specialized. He has detected in this protective fluid a key protein, known as fibroblast growth factor 2 (FGF2). Desmond noted that “FGF2 controls all kinds of stem cells [adult or embryonic] to specialize. In the case of the brain, the FGF2 appears to regulate the specialization of neuronal stem cells into unique neurons. Gato’s findings are a major discovery.”

Gato noted that “Nobody knew that FGF2 was present inside the CSF, simulating the brain’s growth.” Desmond highlights the significance of his success: “Gato is the first to find this,” she said.

Where their productive path leads

Gato’s overall conclusion—that CSF is an important component of brain development—could very well become a significant contribution to future medical research on brain-related diseases, including Alzheimer’s, dementia and paralysis. Their work on CSF eventually could provide some alternate research methods to the controversial use of embryonic stem cells. “In the brain, there are many important things working together, and one of them is definitely CSF. It plays more roles in the brain than we recognized in the past,” Gato stated.

Several scientists in Manchester, England, are also interested in CSF, Gato said. Efforts are being made to bring Desmond and Gato together with these British scientists for a conference in Kyoto, Japan, to make a joint presentation on CSF to an international society of physiologists. Gato and Desmond are planning future collaborations, with the possibility of a student exchange program. The Villanova professor takes special pride in the more than 40 undergraduate and graduate biology students she has mentored. Desmond has guided them in cutting-edge lab techniques and toward their careers. More than three-fourths of them have become physicians, dentists or veterinarians.

Gato speaks English, so language has not been a barrier. Desmond and Gato have another language in common: science. However, she pointed out, “When you’re working in science, your work becomes more specialized. That is what happened with Dr. Gato and me. Even the language is specialized. I was so happy to meet him last June because we were finally talking the same language.”

While in the Philadelphia area, Gato also toured the Jefferson Medical College and some historical sites. “It’s a very beautiful city, with much to do,” noted the Spanish researcher. “I hope to come again soon.”

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It is hard to imagine that a 23-year-old American would willingly find himself in an apricot orchard in the war-torn, poverty-stricken West Bank of the Palestinian territories, swinging an ancient and decrepit hoe through frustratingly hard, rocky soil. But there I was, tilling the dry, dusty garden in almost 100-degree heat, conditions that caused me to question why I had deliberately placed myself in such a situation. But I had, that is, I had indirectly, when I volunteered to work at a school for children who have been traumatically affected by the region’s political strife.

When I was first offered the opportunity to spend last summer in the Middle East, my understanding was that I would teach English to the children in the Holy Child Program, which is located in the City of David, in Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus Christ. The school and program are run by Mother Rose Mesa, F.S.E. Following in the paths of St. Clare and St. Francis of Assisi, the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist inspire communities through their centers in the United States, Italy, the West Indies and the Holy Land.

In the Palestinian territories, I thought I would be able to practice my Arabic language skills while gaining first-hand experience about the political situation. But, here I was with a hoe, painfully aware that my high hopes for an earth-shattering experience in linguistic and cultural immersion had suddenly mutated into an earth-tilling experience in gardening and landscaping.

Still, the tilling and hoeing gave me considerable time to meditate. I had been excited when I learned that the school was in the village of Beit Sahour, where the “shepherds watched their flocks by night,” as related in the second chapter of the Gospel according to St. Luke. I saw this as a bonus opportunity for prayer and spiritual growth. But, little did I realize that this “detail” would define my entire experience. I had been placed precisely where I was needed; whatever I did, I served the greater good of the school.

As I worked the earth in the scorching heat, I began to better understand the political situation. It was all about land. Not culture, not religion necessarily, but land. Both the Israelis and the Palestinians have a strong and ancient spiritual connection to land that we, in the United States, cannot comprehend.

In picking the loquats (a small, orange fruit), apricots and mulberries, in watering the olive trees and tying up the grape vines, I began to understand that at this therapeutic school for children, so much focused on the idea that life itself came from the very land on which they lived. It always had. This was the same land that Jesus and his mother, Mary, had tilled. These were the same groves, laden with the very same kinds of fruit they would have picked more than 2,000 years ago. This insight came to me as a lynchpin to the whole political situation—the relationship between land and inheritance.

One afternoon, not long after my epiphany, Mother Rose and I were returning from the holy places in Jerusalem, driving through the Israeli checkpoint that separates Bethlehem from the holy city. As a political scientist, I asked Mother Rose her opinion as to a real political resolution to the strife in the region.

“After 24 years here, Mother, what do you think is the most practical end to this
conflict?” I said. I knew immediately that she probably would think my question trite, because the situation is so complex and precarious.

But to my surprise, she said, “The answer is not at all complicated; on the contrary, it’s rather simple.”

“Not at all complicated, Mother?” I responded. “How is the solution to such a miserable and ongoing war that has beleaguered this region for 60 years to be answered simply?”

“Jesus Christ is the answer, Michael,” Mother Rose replied. “He came so everyone could understand that they are all brothers and sisters through God the Father. This whole conflict is about ancestral inheritance. But, if everyone involved were able to understand the message and mission of Jesus, they would realize that we all belong to one family and share one inheritance.”

Mother Rose had given me the reason for her vocation. Her school establishes and reinforces the philosophy of “building foundations of peace through healing the child.” The Holy Child Program employs both Muslim and Christian Palestinian faculty. They teach both Muslim and Christian students, ages 5 to 17, using the Montessori method. Classes are taught in both English and Arabic.

In time, I was given the opportunity to teach. I offered intensive English immersion for two small classes of pre-teen and teen-age boys during their two-week summer remedial program. I also played board games with them, which encouraged teamwork and cooperation, so that all participants could win collectively.

In playing these games, they gained a sense of accomplishment that was not at the expense of a classmate's defeat.

As a graduate student in political science, I couldn't help but speculate how incredibly important such precepts were to instill in children who are victims of political conflict, where defeat and repression are daily outcomes.

After three months, I began to understand that the resolution to these conflicts could be based upon these simple yet difficult precepts: that Jews and Arabs are “cousins” and that their land conflicts do not have to be an endless zero-sum game. Peace should be a goal in which everyone wins and no one is a loser.

This basic lesson is what I learned in the city that witnessed the birth of Christ. My meditation was and will continue to be what the shepherds said to one another on that cold, December night: “Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us” (Luke 2:15).

Michael Nataro '06 A&S, '08 G.S. first worked with the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist while interning at the Vatican Internet Office two years ago. At Villanova University, he majored in political science and philosophy with a concentration in Arab and Islamic Studies. After his graduation in May with an M.A. in political science, he hopes to apply his language skills as an officer in the U.S. Navy.
Villanova University’s first solar panels were unveiled at a ceremony on the partly sunny day of November 16, 2007. The 24 panels had been installed in September by the College of Engineering on the parapet of the south roof of CEER (Center for Engineering Education and Research). For several Engineering graduate students, it was the culmination of an intensive year-long research and development project.

“The solar panels are the first of many renewable energy systems on campus, and we’re proposing to expand the system,” notes Dr. Pritpal Singh, a professor and chair of electrical and computer engineering who worked with the students. “The advantage is that the solar panels do offset some of the conventional utility power that is provided to CEER, saving energy and money.”

At the ceremony, Dr. Gary A. Gabriele, dean of Engineering, and Villanova administrators hosted a special guest, Pennsylvania State Sen. Connie Williams (D-17th). Williams, whose district includes part of Montgomery and Delaware counties, strongly supports education and research in alternative energy sources. She lauded Villanova’s efforts to initiate this major source of sustainable energy, and said she has been following the University’s progress on renewable energy and water resource projects.

“I’m delighted to be here today and to see these students, who are really going to be the ones to be able to save our planet,” Williams said. “You are all leading by example. I congratulate you all and am looking forward to hearing about your research on the solar panel project.”

The Sustainable Energy Fund of Central-Eastern Pennsylvania (SEF) has provided major funding for Villanova’s solar panel R&D. SEF offers hands-on study, training and research in applying solar technology in undergraduate- and graduate-level teaching.

At the ceremony, Dr. Gabriele introduced SEF representatives, including Jennifer Hopkins, president, and Andrew Stein and Bernie De Bias.

In introducing the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., ’75 A&S, University president, Gabriele noted: “It’s clear that environmental sustainability is a very true Augustinian value.”

Father Donohue expressed his enthusiasm and gratitude for Engineering’s efforts in developing this solar energy project. He commended the faculty members and students involved, especially Singh, the principal investigator. He also thanked Williams and emphasized the importance of the solar panels project, as well as Engineering’s many other sustainable energy projects under way.

Villanova has created a new commercial to be aired during Wildcat basketball games. “The commercial focuses on the ‘Power of Villanova,’” Father Donohue said. “The new facilities under construction for the Villanova School of Law and the College of Nursing will be ‘green’ buildings. All of you [who have worked on sustainable energy projects] are a good example of the power of Villanova, because you have learned to power Villanova in a different way,” the University president added.

Several graduate and undergraduate students had a chance to comment during the ceremony on their individual roles in the research. A large flat-screen monitor displayed a configuration of the solar panel technology, its estimated output, how much carbon is being offset and other data.

Gabriele noted, “In thinking of the impact of these projects, I am reminded of the saying: ‘Tell me and I forget, teach me and I remember, involve me and I learn.’ All of our
concentrated on how crystalline silicon solar panels directly convert sunlight into electricity, thus offering a renewable, sustainable form of energy.

To develop the next generation of renewable energy sources that will offer higher performance at lower cost, a group of students and faculty members is working with Singh. He teaches a course on renewable energy systems as part of Engineering’s multi-disciplinary certificate program on sustainable energy.

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Yearlong R&D venture boosts sustainability

To install the panels last September, Villanova’s Facilities Management Office worked with Singh, who engaged an advisor, Dr. Finley Shapiro, a solar energy consultant and installer in Philadelphia. The solar panels represent a step in Villanova’s plan for establishing a climate-neutral campus. Father Donohue has signed the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment, a national effort to apply research to reduce global warming.

The students’ solar panel project was part of Solar Scholars, a program that offers in-depth, hands-on study, training and research in applying solar technology. In this program, Villanova has partnered with SEF as part of a six-college coalition on solar energy initiatives.

Singh and the students conduct their research in the Villanova Center for the Environment (VCE), a laboratory that has sustainable solar energy as one of its focus areas. The students concentrated on how crystalline silicon solar panels directly convert sunlight into electricity, thus offering a renewable, sustainable form of energy.

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(Above) Solar panels installed on the roof of CEER last fall provide a source of renewable energy for the College of Engineering.
How green is your roof? If its tiles display a patina from detritus, that doesn’t count. If your roof is abloom with environmentally friendly vegetation, like one section of the CEER roof on campus, that’s the shade of green that matters in a climate-wise sense.

Consider Villanova University’s first “green” roof: On its flat surface grow plants plainly visible through the wall of windows between the second and third floors of CEER (Center for Engineering Education and Research), above the Holy Grounds coffee shop.

This small section of the roof was installed in the summer of 2006 by the Facilities Management Office under the direction of John Cacciola ’93 C.E., who has expertise in this environmentally friendly surface. He collaborated on the roof’s retrofitting with Dr. Robert G. Traver, associate professor of civil and environmental engineering and director of Villanova’s Urban Stormwater Partnership.

“The plants selected do well in the environment,” Dr. Traver noted, since they were chosen for this climate zone. They are a variety of Sedum, a low-blooming succulent often used as a groundcover. It is “not an environment conducive to weeds,” noted Traver.

CEER’s “green” roof is a demo of bigger and better things to come, according to Traver. “The roof serves as a sample to test the viability of installing and maintaining entire ‘green’ roofs on new or existing campus buildings,” he explained. The demo also is part of the commitment of the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., ’75 A&S, University president, to developing a climate-neutral campus.

“Green” roofs have several advantages. They reduce the amount of stormwater runoff that can cause soil erosion and pollution downstream. The plants retain the water they need to thrive, and the excess evaporates. “Green” roofs also are cost-effective and environmentally friendly. They shield the original roof surface from the damaging effects of the Sun’s UV radiation. A “green” roof, because of its extra insulation, keeps a building warmer in winter and relatively cooler in summer.

“While it may cost more to install a ‘green’ roof, the technology saves you money in the long run,” said Traver. “It also has other benefits. A ‘green’ roof increases property value and insulates the building. Since the plants are custom-designed for the specific location, little or no weeding or watering is required. Maintenance and care are therefore minimal.” —Irene Burgo

Tiny Scale, Big Future

To conduct their research on a nanoscale, Villanova’s engineers enlist the high-res electron microscopes in a new lab in CEER.

In developing new materials like the wires and insulation fibers used in laptops, cell phones, iPods and CD players, engineers need to design them at a nanoscale. To view something only 100 nanometers wide (a nanometer is one billionth of a meter), they use highly sophisticated microscopes.

With Villanova University’s new High Resolution Microscopy (HRM) laboratory, engineers can do just that. Housed in Room 004 of CEER (Center for Engineering Education and Research), this College of Engineering lab supports research and education in nano- and microscale materials, devices and systems across all of the engineering disciplines. On October 26, 2007, Engineering held an open house to showcase its newest lab.

Engineers need to observe various materials on a very fine or minute scale because “technologies are getting smaller and smaller,” noted Dr. Sridhar Santhanam, associate professor of civil and environmental engineering. He assisted in coordinating the lab’s opening.

An electron microscope uses a beam of high-energy electrons. The lab’s centerpiece is the Hitachi S-4800 FESEM, which can magnify relatively small specimens of ceramics, polymers and biological materials to a point-to-point spatial resolution of approximately 1.4 nanometers. This enables faculty and students to study a
detailed picture of these minuscule components. They can see, for example, the texture, size and shape of particles that make up an object, the compound it is composed of, the relative amounts of these materials and even how the atoms are arranged. They view the magnified images on a monitor to study their features up close. The Hitachi S-4800 was acquired last September with the help of a Major Research Instrumentation grant from the National Science Foundation.

The lab also houses two other electron microscopes. The Agilent 5500 Atomic Force Microscope was acquired a year ago through a grant from Villanova’s Center for Nonlinear Dynamics and Control, as well as funding from Engineering. The JEOL JXA-810A, a scanning electron microscope donated by Lockheed Martin, can resolve detail down to 100 nanometers. It is used mainly for teaching undergraduates about modern characterization (interpretation of materials) techniques, an integral part of the lab’s mission, according to Dr. Santhanam.

“Small-scale materials, devices and systems are expected to play a big part in the future of engineering,” Santhanam said. “The high-resolution equipment will greatly enhance student understanding of how engineers conduct research in the real world.”

During the past year, electrical engineering faculty members have used the lab to research projects involving sensor development and solar cells. Faculty can conduct advanced interpretation of sample materials in all of the engineering disciplines.

Among the other faculty members conducting research and facilitating student research are Dr. Kei-Peng Jen, associate professor of mechanical engineering; Dr. Pritpal Singh, chair and professor of electrical and computer engineering; Dr. Mark Jupina, assistant professor of electrical and computer engineering; and Dr. Randy D. Weinstein, chair and associate professor of chemical engineering.

The lab’s facilities also will be useful in carrying out Engineering’s many outreach activities with local community colleges, high schools and industry. —Irene Burgo

A high-resolution image of carbon nanofibers, courtesy of Dr. Randy D. Weinstein, chair and professor of chemical engineering.

Eco-Friendly Tech Attracts 300

As part of Villanova University’s focus on “green” technology, more than 300 academics and professionals gathered on campus for the 2007 Pennsylvania Stormwater Management Symposium. It took place on October 16-18, 2007, in CEER (Center for Engineering Education and Research) and the Connelly Center.

Dr. Robert G. Traver, director of the Villanova Urban Stormwater Partnership and an associate professor of civil and environmental engineering, welcomed participants. “This event’s mission is to advance knowledge and understanding of comprehensive stormwater management for individuals who deal in all aspects of planning, design, implementation and regulatory compliance,” Dr. Traver said. The symposium supported Villanova’s commitment to a climate-neutral campus.

A public service event on the first day was designed to educate municipal officials and representatives of watershed groups. The following two days offered sessions geared to professionals, including talks by state and local officials, engineers and scientists. The keynote speakers were John Hines, director of Pennsylvania’s Bureau of Watershed Management and the state’s Water Planning Office, and Tom Schueter from the Chesapeake Stormwater Network.

The topic of “green” roofs was part of the October 16 workshop. A “green” roof is a vegetated roof with a drainage layer that manages and reduces energy consumption. Stephen Burgo ’95 C.E.E., ’99 M.C.E., engineer for Tredyffrin Township, Pa., (and my son), summarized this technology and its advantages, and noted nearby organizations using “green” roofs. The expansion of the Tredyffrin Township Library includes a proposal for installing a “green” roof, thanks to a donor.

The workshop’s two speakers were Jeff Jabco, an engineering professor from Swarthmore College, and consultant Jörg Breuning of Green Roof Service, LLC, in Forest Hill, Md. Jabco’s slides featured “green” roofs on several Swarthmore residence halls. Breuning explained the extensive use of the technology in his native Germany. His slides showcased elaborately designed examples, including those with multi-levels and one with a swimming pool.

A “green” roof conserves water by absorbing and minimizing stormwater runoff. It also adds to energy efficiency, and improves the building aesthetically. The three speakers agreed that its insulated membrane greatly increases the life expectancy of the roof itself.

The following day, Hines addressed the need for planning, maintaining and preserving what he called “the precious commodity of water.” Informed management of stormwater runoff and conservation practices both support and sustain the environment, he noted. Hines also compared the state’s history of planning practices for conserving water resources with today’s planning efforts.

The symposium concluded with tours of Villanova stormwater research sites, including different BMP (best management practice) locations and a stream restoration project. —Irene Burgo

Dr. Sridhar Santhanam, associate professor of mechanical engineering (left, in plaid shirt), and Dr. Weinstein (standing at right) discuss the new High Resolution Microscopy laboratory during a demonstration of an electron microscope.
The De Leon Room filled up quickly on the evening of September 11, 2007. Students, faculty and staff were anticipating a lecture by Dr. David M. Barrett, a professor of political science at Villanova University. His talk on “9/11, Afghanistan and Iraq: Are We Safer Now?” marked the first in the fall 2007 International Relations Lecture Series. Sponsored by the political science department, it took place in the St. Augustine Center for the Liberal Arts’ De Leon Room. We also highlight here talks by a political scientist to a community group and by the U.S. ambassador to Oman during his visit to campus.

Six Years After 9/11, Is the United States Safer?

By Anthony Maalouf ’08 G.S.

The De Leon Room filled up quickly on the evening of September 11, 2007. Students, faculty and staff were anticipating a lecture by Dr. David M. Barrett, a professor of political science at Villanova University. His talk on “9/11, Afghanistan and Iraq: Are We Safer Now?” marked the first in the fall 2007 International Relations Lecture Series.

Dr. Barrett began by underscoring an important truth about the acquisition and interpretation of intelligence relating to national security. “Political science has long shown that, in the international environment, information is imperfect… misperceptions are inevitable,” he said. There will always be limits to what the intelligence community knows, no matter how much money is spent. It is hard to know a country’s capabilities, but even harder to know its intentions, Barrett noted. “No director of intelligence would deny this: that assessments do not always equal truth,” he said.

Dr. David M. Barrett, a professor of political science at Villanova, assessed the status of security, both at home and abroad, in his lecture on September 11, 2007.
In turning to the question of “Are we safer now?” Barrett made several points.

“The No. 1 threat to us and other Western nations is still Al Qaeda, with [Osama] bin Laden as its leader, at least symbolically,” Barrett said, citing a National Intelligence Estimate.

Secondly, Iraq has been the site of several terrorist attacks on American and allied troops, and while there is no evidence to connect Al Qaeda to Saddam Hussein, Al Qaeda seems to have gained a foothold in this region.

Thirdly, the formation of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security seems to have heightened overall security in the United States, especially at airports. But the evidence of this is mixed, Barrett said.

Barrett’s fourth point was that credible evidence exists that Americans are safe within their own country, but not in other countries.

Barrett also considered a public opinion survey in four Muslim countries by Dr. Steven Kull, director of the Program on International Policy Attitudes at the University of Maryland. In this poll conducted in Morocco, Egypt, Pakistan and Indonesia, seven in 10 respondents indicated they believed the United States is seeking to weaken or divide Islam as a religion. Fifty-three percent approved of the insurgent attacks on U.S. troops in Iraq, and 35 percent did not believe that Al Qaeda was involved in the September 11 terrorist attacks of 2001.

Incidents of terrorism do not rise due to these trends in Muslim public opinion, Barrett explained, but such trends can lead to more passive acceptance of anti-U.S. terrorist activities.

The fact that the U.S. government has made the country a harder target for terrorists is due in part to the efforts of intelligence agencies, including their monitoring of communications between those in the United States suspected of terrorist ties and others overseas. The controversy over this domestic monitoring program comes not from the plan itself, but the reluctance of President George W. Bush’s administration to inform congressional intelligence committees and the courts of its moves, as required by law, Barrett said. He stated, however, that national security should remain a top priority for Americans and their policy makers.

Barrett, who teaches graduate and undergraduate courses on national security policy, recalled being approached in the early 1990s by a colleague who suggested that, in light of the fall of the Soviet Union, there might not be a need for a course in national security policy. Some 15 years later, national security could not be more important, he said.

Balancing American Liberty and Security, Past and Present

By Anthony Maalouf ’08 G.S. and Michael Nataro ’06 A&S, ’08 G.S.

When national safety issues take the helm, fundamental rights tend to be pushed aside,” observed Dr. Joseph E. Thompson, a professor of political science at Villanova University, in his lecture on “American Foreign Policy and Fundamental Rights.” His talk on October 2, 2007, was the second in the fall 2007 International Relations Lecture Series.

“Most Americans think that security is simply strong defense against foreign intrusion, with nation-states as the actors. This is the realist thought: protect the state,” Dr. Thompson said.

“There is also another definition of security, that is to say, the security of fundamental rights.”

Is there a balance between security and fundamental rights? Thompson concluded that there is. He traced the understanding of these concepts through three watershed events—the Revolutionary War, the Civil War and World War II—and how each era compares with today’s situation.

In 1787, national security was paramount during the Constitutional Convention. But there were always those who insisted on the importance of fundamental liberties. The Bill of Rights was added on several years later, at the insistence of the anti-Federalists, he noted.

President Abraham Lincoln, in imposing martial law in 1863, suspended habeas corpus, the longstanding right that guards against wrongful imprisonment by the state. In 1866, once the Civil War hostilities had ceased, the Supreme Court in a landmark decision, Ex parte Milligan, ruled against a president’s suspension of habeas corpus as long as civil courts are functioning properly. Three years later, in Ex parte Milligan, the high court unanimously ruled against military tribunals for citizens.

During World War II, under President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Japanese-Americans—110,000 men, women and children—from the Pacific states were interned in prison camps, effectively suspending habeas corpus. The Supreme Court in 1944 upheld the constitutionality of this order in Korematsu v. United States.

In the global War on Terror, “President [George W.] Bush has been very clever by arranging for detainees to be held in Guantanamo Bay,” he said. The administration argued that these more than 400 primarily Muslim detainees, held without being charged, did not have fundamental rights because of the danger they posed.

Does setting aside fundamental rights for security reasons effectively weaken security? In addressing that question, Thompson noted that those who say “yes” will always remain vigilant about preserving these rights. Those who say “no,” including the Bush administration, argue that democracy is being promoted overseas to ensure such freedoms.

For himself, Thompson answered “maybe,” suggesting that a middle ground might be the best way to implement policy. “There is a self-righting mechanism in us as Americans. We like a balance,” he said. Yet “We need to be careful here. You do not always know when you are going too far. It’s like alcohol poisoning; by the time you realize you drank too much, it’s too late.”
There Are Good Reasons Not to Ignore Russia

BY MICHAEL NATARO ’06 A&S, ’08 G.S.

Russia is “a huge player in Eurasia,” noted Dr. Jeffrey W. Hahn in his lecture, “Russia: in Transition or Intransigent?”. A professor of political science at Villanova University, Dr. Hahn also is director of the Russian Area Studies Concentration. On November 6, 2007, he gave the third in the fall 2007 International Relations Lecture Series. (His testimony on this topic before the Helsinki Commission was covered in the Summer 2007 Villanova Magazine.)

Hahn posed three questions: Why do we care about U.S.-Russian relations? What are the underlying dynamics? And why have relations deteriorated to the point where Dr. Condoleezza Rice, secretary of State, had to deny that there’s a “new Cold War”? “There are many reasons not to ignore Russia,” Hahn emphasized. “For one, they really do have WMDs [weapons of mass destruction], more than we do.” He also discussed Russia’s vast energy resources, its strategic importance to the Middle East, and its role in promoting nonproliferation to North Korea and Iran.

“Russia is a member of G8, they are a vital participant in central Asia and play a key role with China. What Russia does or does not do matters in the world,” Hahn pointed out.

Hahn addressed Russia’s historic points of agreement and cooperation with the United States, from being strategic partners against Adolph Hitler in World War II to the War on Terrorism and the need for nuclear nonproliferation. This history of cooperation, or at least mutual interests, contributed to the recent souring of relations. According to Hahn, this friction is a result of U.S. hegemony, especially its impact on Russia’s traditional geographical sphere of influence. Once this unilateralism is softened, he noted, U.S.-Russian relations are expected to thaw.

Asian Friends and Foes Are Cooperating More

BY ANTHONY MAALOUF ’08 G.S.

Relations are warming up in East Asia, beginning with the historically tense situation between Japan and China. “There is talk of economic cooperation and exchanges that would not have happened 10 years ago,” noted Dr. A. Maria Toyoda, an assistant professor of political science at Villanova University. On December 4, 2007, she gave the fourth and final lecture in the fall 2007 International Relations Lecture Series. A specialist in international political economy, especially relating to Japan and East Asia, Dr. Toyoda spoke on “East Asia: Friends, Foes and In-Between.”

After more than 50 years, Taiwan’s status is still unresolved, Toyoda said. In 1949, when Mao Zedong established the People’s Republic of China, the Chinese Nationalists fled to Taiwan. The United States does not recognize the island as an independent country, but it definitely is a separate entity from China, she noted.

In Taiwan, “Younger generations are nationalistic. They consider Taiwan to be independent, but older generations associate Taiwan with mainland China,” Toyoda said.

“North Korea is not East Germany, and South Korea is not yet West Germany.”

—Dr. A. Maria Toyoda
Korean relations have improved over time, Toyoda noted, but Korea's two parts are not ready to reunite. It would be difficult for South Korea’s free-market economy to adopt to its northern Communist neighbor. “North Korea is not East Germany, and South Korea is not yet West Germany,” she reminded the audience.

A further issue vital to East Asian politics revolves around North Korea's Cold War-era abduction of Japanese citizens. Its spies-in-training observed these Japanese captives to learn how to act Japanese. The issue remains very sensitive, and Japan has invoked it in its past negotiations with North Korea.

Last summer, the United States and North Korea reached an agreement that North Korea would shut down its nuclear weapons program in return for being removed from the U.S. list of countries that support terrorism. “The Japanese were surprised to learn that such an agreement had been reached,” Toyoda explained. North Korea now refuses to discuss the issue of abduction. Consequently, Japanese-North Korean relations are frosty.

In preparation for the Olympic Games in Beijing next August, the Chinese government has undertaken a massive public relations campaign to improve its image, particularly in the United States.

Despite these issues, Toyoda concluded with an optimistic outlook because the amount of cooperation among East Asian nations is unprecedented. They realize that they have mutual interests at stake, she pointed out. “Yes, there are still some trouble spots,” the political scientist said, “but we can expect to see a more prosperous and more democratic East Asia in the coming years that will lead to a stronger basis for cooperation.”

Israel and the United States share a common concern: radical Islamic terrorism, a concern that has strengthened the two nations’ strategic alliance, especially after the September 11 terrorist attacks. Those attacks in 2001 were in part a response to the American military presence in Islamic countries and the close U.S. alliance with Israel.

There is a moral argument for a Jewish homeland, Gustafson said. However, the Jewish state created in 1948 in response to the Holocaust began by evicting some Palestinians whose families had lived there for centuries. Israel for decades has occupied some of this territory, has taken more of it for settlements and has built a wall through some of it.

Israel shares many basic values with the United States, including a democratic government and a free press. Referring to former President Jimmy Carter, who recently published Palestine Peace Not Apartheid, Gustafson noted that, “While Israel practices a form of apartheid against Palestinians, the United States rarely questions or condemns Israeli government decisions.

Equally as prevalent, according to Gustafson, is the religious argument that the disputed land belongs to the Israelis, based on a literal Christian interpretation of the Old Testament. This is in contrast to a reading of Genesis in which God’s creation of the world makes all of it sacred land for all humanity.

Strategic, moral and religious arguments, however, do not primarily explain the level of U.S. support of Israel, Gustafson maintained. The support results from the successes of the lobbies and the lack of political debate on the subject, he said.

An open analysis of the Iraq war offers a case study of how the Israeli lobbies influence U.S. policy, according to Gustafson. Before the September 11 attacks, neoconservative thinkers such as Richard Perle and then-Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz, in advising Israel’s prime minister and in letters to President Bill Clinton, called for Saddam Hussein’s removal. Although anti-terrorist experts in the U.S. government understood that September 11 had nothing to do with Iraq, Gustafson noted that neoconservatives saw an opportunity to frame Al Qaeda’s attack as a reason for the United States to attack Iraq.

“The war in Iraq created instability rather than democracy in the region. Shia and Sunni Muslims are fighting each other, and the U.S. military is occupying Iraq, a former enemy of Israel, and containing Iran, another enemy of Israel,” Gustafson said.

The United States needs to pursue a more balanced set of alliances, the Villanova professor concluded. It should seek diplomatic and political solutions to its problems with Iran, Syria and the Palestinians, as well as further its values in Israel.

The Role of Lobbies in U.S. Policy on Iraq

By Anthony Maalouf ’08 G.S.

It was not the weapons of mass destruction or other threats to our security. It was not Saddam Hussein's alleged ties to Al Qaeda, or primarily any desire for Arab oil. It was not the Saudi royal family or hopes of democratizing an unlikely region. So what led the United States to go to war with Iraq in 2003 and to stay there, apparently for the long haul?

According to Dr. Lowell S. Gustafson, a professor and chair of Villanova University’s political science department, it was the idea that Israeli security would benefit. In his talk on September 14, 2007, to the World Affairs Council of Greater Valley Forge, a nonpartisan group, he outlined the powerful role of Israeli lobbyists in influencing American foreign policy. The event took place at the Daylesford Abbey in Paoli, Pa.

“For decades, Israel has received the largest single amount of U.S. foreign aid of any country,” Dr. Gustafson said. “U.S. military aid has helped make Israel the region’s overwhelmingly dominant military power and the only nuclear one.”

Strategic, moral and religious reasons are often said to explain close U.S. ties to Israel, Gustafson argued, but there are problems with these reasons. “Historically, Israel has been an ally,” he said. During the Cold War, the young nation-state positioned itself against the Soviet Union. However, the close American-Israeli alliance added to the reasons for some Arab agreements with the Soviets.

Acknowledging a moral argument for a Jewish homeland but urging a more balanced set of alliances, Dr. Lowell S. Gustafson, a Villanova professor of political science, addressed the World Affairs Council of Greater Valley Forge on September 14, 2007.
Ambassador Grappo Affirms the Pivotal U.S.-Omani Partnership

By Michael Nataro ’06 A&S, ’08 G.S.

The Sultanate of Oman plays a critical role in the broader Middle East, particularly through its highly cooperative relationship with the United States, noted Gary A. Grappo in his lecture on October 9, 2007, at Villanova University’s Connelly Center. A career diplomat, Grappo since spring 2006 has served as the U.S. ambassador to Oman.

Grappo was introduced by the College of Nursing’s Dr. M. Louise Fitzpatrick, Connelly Endowed Dean and Professor. The ambassador said he was particularly proud to visit Villanova because of the College’s educational partnership with Oman’s Ministry of Health. In the audience were many of the College’s 20 or so Omani students. More than 100 Omani nurses have earned their B.S.N. or M.S.N. degrees from Villanova in the past 12 years.

Grappo reinforced the importance of maintaining U.S. policies in the Middle East. “We need to first and foremost continue to confront and defeat terrorism,” he said. In December 2004, he was deputy ambassador to Saudi Arabia when gunmen stormed the U.S. Consulate in Jeddah.

“The most crucial goal of the United States, and what we are striving hard to reach,” the ambassador emphasized, is to “see Iraq through to the end,” which would be a stable, democratic government at peace with itself.

In areas such as nonproliferation for Iran, Lebanese autonomy, combating human trafficking, supporting human rights and creating a free trade zone for the Middle East, Oman has been a very strong U.S. ally, an alliance which Grappo called “one of partnership, not paternalism.” Because of these amicable relations, Oman is rarely on the front page of the American news journals, he said.

The United States first opened diplomatic relations with Oman in 1833. Oman was “a distinct, political entity and was never a colony,” Grappo said. In the 18th and 19th centuries, the Omani empire stretched into East Africa, and its navy dominated the Indian Ocean.

Today, Oman is a model country in the Middle East in terms of tolerance, Grappo asserted. In addition to its diverse traditions of Islam, Oman allows Christians and Hindus from its immigrant communities to practice their faiths without interference. Oman’s ruler since 1970, H.E. Sultan Qaboos bin Said, in 2005 appointed H. E. Hunaina Al-Mughairy as ambassador to the United States, the first ambassadors appointment of an Arab woman to the United States. She addressed Villanova’s graduating nurses at the College’s Convocation in spring 2007.

In its “modern renaissance,” Grappo said, Oman has been developing its tourism, shipping and industrial sectors. Oman plays one of the most profoundly even-handed roles in the Middle East and consistently has had good relations with both the United States and Iran. Following the Camp David accords of 1978, Oman was one of only three Arab League countries to continue to recognize Egypt after its peace treaty with Israel.

The ambassador noted that the Omani countryside has “absolutely the most beautiful scenery you’d ever see. The beaches and mountains are like nowhere else in the world. Oman is a treasure that the world has yet to see.”

Grappo’s talk was sponsored by Nursing, A&S, Villanova’s Center for Arab and Islamic Studies and the College’s Omani Student Association.
Faith and the Ways of Knowing was the theme of The Augustinian Institute at Villanova University’s 32nd annual Patristic, Medieval and Renaissance Studies Conference (PMR). It took place October 19-21, 2007, at the Villanova Conference Center.

About 130 participants, representing universities from as far away as Seattle and Toronto, attended the two-day conference. The two plenary speakers were the Rev. David B. Burrell, C.S.C., who is the Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., Professor in Philosophy and Theology at the University of Notre Dame, and Dr. Denys Alan Turner, who is the Horace Tracy Pitkin Professor of Historical Theology and a professor of religion at Yale University. Father Burrell spoke on “Faith, Reason and Culture in Christianity and Islam.” Dr. Turner’s subject was “Faith, Reason and the Eucharist.”

A full spectrum of panels explored “faith and knowledge as they are approached in history, philosophy, theology, art and music,” according to Dr. Kevin L. Hughes ’91 A&S, director of the PMR Conference and a Villanova associate professor of theology and religious studies. The broad slate of subjects and sessions ranged from “Mystical Theology” to “The Science of Light and the Spiritual Life in Late Medieval Painting.”

Father Burrell explored the manner in which culture and traditional practices inform faith and reason. To do so, “the specter of relativism” must first be expunged, the philosophical theologian said.

Relativism, according to the American Heritage Dictionary, is the theory holding “that conceptions of truth and moral values are not absolute but are relative to the persons or groups holding them.” Abandoning relativism frees philosophical inquirers to delve into how various religions view key concepts of faith through the lens of their cultural practices and traditions, greatly expanding the parameters of thought.

“Once the idol of pure reason has been shattered, we can learn to accept diverse ways of arriving at conclusions. We will also find that we can employ the skills learned in our tradition to follow the reasoning in another,” Father Burrell stated.

“Traditions may need to be relative to one another in ways that can prove mutually fruitful rather than isolating,” he continued.

Understanding cultural differences, instead of highlighting disparities, can uncover surprising similarities in Christianity, Judaism and Islam. “Cultural difference fertilized this prescient metaphysical elaboration of faith in a free creator shared by Jews, Christians and Muslims—something which all these communities aver, but which each had articulated in different ways,” Father Burrell said. For instance, all three traditions have a shared belief in one God. But, seen through their respective cultural lenses, God’s presence and expression are viewed differently.

“It may have been the dominant role which creation must play in Islam which motivated Islamic thinkers to develop this article of faith far more than either Jews or Christians. Christians, of course, developed redemption; Jews developed covenant,” Father Burrell explained.

Recurrent religious practices such as the ritual prayers of Islam or the Jewish Shabbat help shape cultural world views. “My suspicion is that recurrent practices of this sort provide each cultural group with a paradigm for their understanding of the cosmos. It seems that our access to any lofty ideal will be by way of the practices which are enacted in our culture,” Father Burrell added.

Cultural shifts can alter a society’s “criteria of rationality,” Father Burrell said. These shifts can affect certain fundamental ethical notions that form the basis of our belief systems—even to the extent of the exercise of good and evil.

When considering the relationship of faith, reason and culture, it is important to distinguish between authentic tradition and ideology, the Notre Dame theologian noted. Authentic tradition allows for self-criticism, while ideologies resist it, he said.

One shared characteristic of different traditions is the need to talk about their beliefs. This requires a human connection. “Reason in our pluralistic age assumes the shape of dialogue,” Father Burrell stated. “Dialogue can only take place between persons. Systems cannot converse with one another.”

But, true dialogue requires an open mind and a listening ear. “Even dialogue between persons can generate into a dialogue of the deaf if each one comes representing a position. So, the prerequisite for dialogue among persons seems to be a shared interest in pursuing the truth of the matter, no matter how firm are one’s convictions on the subject,” Father Burrell said.

“Truth must transcend any given conceptualuality. Each participant must be committed to questing after it. Untrammeled, rational inquiry represents a neutral achievement accessible to those willing to renounce their particular paths—that of course, is the enlightenment itself,” he concluded.

The conference concluded Sunday morning with an open conversation with Father Burrell and Turner on faith and the ways of knowing.

The focus of the 2008 conference, to be held October 10-12, will be “The Angel and the Muse: Inspiration, Revelation, Prophecy.” A call for papers will be posted at www3.villanova.edu/augustinianinstitute.
Symposium Celebrates 40th Year of Encyclical on Economic Justice

BY KATHLEEN SCAVELLO

The immediacy of Pope Paul VI’s 1967 encyclical, Populorum Progressio: On the Development of Peoples, is as fresh and relevant to issues of economic equality today as it was 40 years ago. Its appeal to “the peoples blessed with abundance” to give a loving response of charity to those “who are striving to escape from hunger, misery, endemic diseases and ignorance...who are looking for a wider share in the benefits of civilization and more active improvement of human qualities” has never been more urgent. That was the unanimous assessment of a panel assembled for the September 27, 2007, symposium sponsored by Villanova University’s Office for Mission Effectiveness to celebrate the encyclical’s 40th anniversary.

Held in the Villanova Room of the Connelly Center, the program showcased two speakers and a panel discussion. The Rev. Joseph L. Farrell, O.S.A., S.T.D., ’85 VSB, director of programming and outreach for Mission Effectiveness, opened with a prayer.

The two speakers were the Rev. Albino Barrera, O.P., a professor of theology and economics at Providence College, and Dr. Robert H. DeFina, a professor of economics in Villanova’s sociology department. They were followed by two Villanova panelists: Dr. Eugene McCarraher ‘88 G.S., an associate professor of humanities, and Dr. Barbara E. Wall, O.P., an associate professor of philosophy and special assistant to the president for Mission Effectiveness.

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—The Rev. Albino Barrera, O.P., Providence College

“The important question has always been, How much is enough?”
—Dr. Robert H. DeFina, Villanova University

Holding up the moral mirror
Father Barrera in his address on “Contesting the Market’s Moral Baseline: Contemporary Relevance of Populorum Progressio” affirmed that the encyclical “is even more relevant today than it was in 1967. I’d like to make that point using faith and reason and current events.”

He noted, “Whenever there are major shifts in economic advance or economic terrain, there are corresponding changes in public morality.” In our era, Father Barrera added, “We are seeing an economic shift no less dramatic and no less radical than the Industrial Revolution, and that is globalization. We will see a shifting and a shaping of the market’s moral baseline. My thesis is that Populorum Progressio has a lot to say and contribute toward the formation of that market moral baseline.”

Consumers attempt to make the most of what they have, based on the microeconomic foundation of Homo oeconomicus, Father Barrera explained. “Our decisions are based on practices, formal and informal rules of thumb—based on custom, law and usage,” he added.

The market’s moral baseline is developed through three main sources: grassroots action (such as recycling, organic farming and Fair Trade); the public sector (government entitlement programs such as unemployment insurance, disability benefits and food/shelter subsidies); and the marketplace. “The market itself is an important source of its own morality. This is where Populorum Progressio, Catholic Social Thought and theological ethics make their signal contribution,” Father Barrera said.

In overheated markets, personal morality and societal vigilance rein in greed, excess and glaring injustice, according to Father Barrera. “Personal morality is the only thing that will really trump the market’s own creeping self-generated morality. When we come to the decision we’re not going to prevent what the market is doing, then the market is going to get away with what it does,” he remarked.

Collective action is the driving force in spurring change in market rules and processes, the priest said. But, it is very difficult to get consensus on market issues since every market action creates winners and losers.

Still, there is reason for optimism, Father Barrera believes. “For the most part we know that people are honest. People pay their debts. People write good checks. People do a good job at what they do, even if they’re unsupervised. It is really personal morality that matters,” Father Barrera said.

But, Populorum Progressio demands much more than a comfortable living standard for all, Father Barrera reminded the audience. Authentic integral human development, or fulfillment of full potential, is part of the divine design, according to the encyclical.

“In the design of God, every man is called upon to develop and fulfill himself, for every life is a vocation. Self-fulfillment is not something optional,” Populorum Progressio states.

This self-fulfillment must begin with God, however, to achieve the optimal
level of human perfection—transcendent humanism.

According to the encyclical, “Spiritual beings should of their own accord orientate their lives to God, the first truth and the supreme good. By reason of his union with Christ, the source of life, man attains to new fulfillment of himself, to a transcendent humanism which gives him his greatest possible perfection: this is the highest goal of personal development.”

Transcendent humanism will only be achieved through collective respect for human dignity and equality, Father Barrera agreed.

“You have to develop others—your neighbor—as yourself. How do you do this? By providing them with access to their needs, by respecting their private initiative and letting them do what they are capable of doing themselves, by treating them as a fellow brother and sister, seeing them as a fellow child of God; having an active and genuine concern for them; respecting human labor and not treating them as market value worth a factor of production, but treating them as human beings, give them the respect they deserve,” he said.

“These are exciting times. The market will be even more the source of its own morality. This is where theological ethics, Catholic Social Thought, Christian social thought, can really make a very big contribution,” Father Barrera concluded.

**Capitalism and justice**

Dr. DeFina, speaking on “Capitalism and Authentic Development,” said that as an economist, he was particularly drawn to *Populorum Progressio*’s “analysis of capitalism in light of the encyclical’s conception of authentic development and its relevance to today’s situation.” The encyclical provides criteria for judging capitalism in light of the demands of justice, he added.

Referring to profit and wealth accumulation, De Fina commented, “The important question has always been, How much is enough?”

Pointing to the growing gap between the richest and poorest nations, which has doubled in the past four years alone, DeFina warned against the “international imperialism of money.” He said, “Avarice is an indication of underdevelopment. Use of private property must be for the common good. Private property does not constitute an unconditional right,” he said.

“Workers are held hostage to practices the encyclical considers immoral,” the Villanova professor added.

Citing inequality as “inherent and unavoidable in capitalism,” DeFina called the recent record of economic growth and globalization “decidedly mixed.”

“Forty years after the encyclical, capitalism has not led to full authentic development, nor is it likely to,” the economist concluded.

**Pivotal question: “What is wealth?”**

Dr. McCarragher excoriated the capitalist system for its “exclusive focus on profits.” He stated, “There is no just or painless path of capitalist development. I wish people were madder than hell and wouldn’t take it any more. We need more firebrands, inflamed as Amos and Isaiah were.”

The developing world has been deliberately divided into a green zone and a red zone, with more than 1 billion persons south of the Equator living in “mega-slums,” McCarraher said. “If we are to mitigate or perhaps even avoid a new and even more dangerous round of misery and recriminations, we have got to stop kidding ourselves about the inevitable trajectory of capitalist development,” the humanities professor remarked.

Corporations have one economic and legal statutory responsibility—profit maximization, McCarraher said. “We have to stop kidding ourselves about corporate social responsibility—it’s ideological smoke and mirrors,” he added. Society needs to reflect on the true nature of wealth and to “remake economics in such a way that moral and religious categories are intrinsic to the discipline.”

Developing nations “should be reasserting the positive role of the democratic state in fostering development. Precisely because the United States remains the epicenter of global capitalism, any steps we can take to reconstruct our political economy would become a model for development elsewhere,” he concluded.

**Catholic Social Thought’s Magna Carta**

Dr. Wall in her comments characterized *Populorum Progressio* as “Catholic Social Thought’s Magna Carta of economic growth.”

The encyclical “challenged an economic view of the world that privileged profit as the primary incentive for economic growth and competition as the supreme law of economics,” Wall said. “Freedom of trade is fair only if subject to the laws of social justice,” she added.

Wall called upon all the churches of the world to “overcome the dogmatic divide” and come together to “create equality and opportunity for all people to flourish.”

“I challenge Catholic capitalists to read the encyclical more,” she said.
“God and Mammon” Is Theme of Theology Institute Conference

BY KATHLEEN SCAVELLO

Doses society have a moral obligation to care for its poor? Is it wrong to be rich? Can a consumer culture that sanctions greed be converted to a people with a genuine sense of community?

A near-capacity crowd filled the Villanova Room of the Connelly Center on October 26-27, 2007, to reflect on these and other questions bearing on materialism’s religious and ethical implications for the human spirit, the quality of life and society. The attentive audience members were participants in Theology Institute at Villanova University’s 40th annual conference, which took “God and Mammon” as its theme. The event was open both to the University community and the public.


Dr. Darlene Weaver, a Villanova associate professor of theology and religious studies and director of Theology Institute, opened the conference with a welcome. She noted that the Institute was founded in 1967 in response to Vatican II’s charge to bring the Church into dialogue with the modern world.

“For 40 years, The Theology Institute at Villanova has attracted top-notch scholars to engage our community in conversation regarding key issues in theology,” Dr. Weaver said. “In recent years, the Institute has developed as a forum for reflection on faith and culture, offering more interdisciplinary programs and fostering greater conversations among the scholars and professionals in fields like education, medicine, social work and public advocacy,” she added.

The conference’s biblical theme, Weaver explained, was taken from Matthew 6:24: “No one can serve two masters. For either, he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Mammon.”

Each of the seven speakers would address Mammon in relation to democracy and consumer culture, Weaver said. The two keynote speakers would offer practical strategies for resisting the lure of Mammon and expose the many guises of greed.

A materialistic society impoverishes all

Both Claiborne and Wallis characterized contemporary American society as Mammon worshippers whose narrow focus on acquisitiveness and consumption has left it morally depleted and lacking true, spiritual substance.

“We’ve created a culture that’s robbed us of what we were made to be. We end up being one of the wealthiest countries in the world and one of the most medicated and depressed. That’s not what God wants for us,” Claiborne said.

The community activist urged the audience to develop a more personal sense of church. “We have lost hospitality in the church. We’re good charity brokers and service providers—we practice charity at a distance,” Claiborne remarked.

“We have to live in proximity to the suffering and the poor. We [Simple Way community] believe that church is practiced out of kitchens and living rooms. Maybe the road to Jericho needs to be re-imagined,” he added.

Bridging the political divide

Wallis agreed with Claiborne’s assessment and was sharply critical of the political divide in the United States, a divide created by what he deemed “the politics of fear and blame.”

“This idea that God is on one side or the other of the spectrum is silly. God is not a Republican or a Democrat, and people of faith should be in no party’s political pocket. They should be, if anything, the ultimate swing vote holding both sides accountable to our moral compass,” Wallis said.

The social activist was scornful of the failure of politics “to resolve or address any of our most significant moral issues.”

Wallis warned against the deadening effect of materialism. “There is a spiritual poverty that is the other side of physical poverty. God and Mammon are not business partners,” he said.

There are 9 million working poor in the United States, according to Wallis. “Half of God’s children on this planet are living on less than $2 a day. The critical mass will come when there is a critical mass of poor people,” he added.

Signs of hope

Both speakers, however, expressed optimism for the future of American society.

“I think something is happening. I think the time has come to call for conversion around God and Mammon,” Wallis stated. “We need a grand alliance of liberals and conservatives. The new altar call in our time will be to make poverty history.”
added, “This country is hungry for the politics of solutions and hope.”
Claiborne was similarly sanguine. “I’m encouraged. I think there are a lot of signs of hope. We need to starve Mammon and invoke Jubilee,” he said. “It’s not just about the rich person. I think this is about the nature of the kingdom of God. When we enter into this, it’s not about rich folks and poor folks. We’re about a new family of rebirth. Community is about surrounding ourselves with people who look like the person we want to become,” Claiborne commented.

Rounding out the conference were thought-provoking presentations by:

- Dr. Bruce Malina, a professor of New Testament and early Christianity at Creighton University, on “Every Rich Man is a Thief or Heir of a Thief: New Testament and Early Christian Perspectives on Wealth and Poverty”;
- Dr. Christine Firer Hinze, a professor of theology at Fordham University, on “A Standard of Living in Accordance with One’s Station and the Demands of Solidarity: Tough Questions for 21st-Century Disciples”;
- Dr. D. Stephen Long, an associate professor of systematic theology at Marquette University, on “Democracy and Mammon in Christian Perspective”;
- Dr. Vincent Miller, an associate professor of theology at Georgetown University, on “The Church and the Globalization of Solidarity: Putting an Ideal into Practice;” and
- Dr. Eugene McCarraher, a Villanova associate professor of humanities, on “Serving Two Masters: Why Capitalist Economics Is a Christian Heresy.”

“The overarching question was ‘Why did Genesis contain a two-fold ‘creational-ity’—one enumerating the six days [of creation] and the day of rest, the other continuing with the story about Paradise, the creation of evil and the fall?’” (Adam and Eve’s fall from grace).

The saint considered the two accounts as one continuous narrative. “Augustine saw the first narrative as an account of creation unfolding in the mind of God all at once; the second as God unfolding the creation in time,” MacCormack stated. “God does not see time, but sees all things simultaneously. In the creative act of God, all things are simultaneous.”

MacCormack explained the nature of and difference between human and divine language. “God spoke in pure intellect. Human and scriptural language has a two-fold appeal: to hearing and to reason,” she said.

Noting the “maternal kindness of Scripture,” MacCormack nonetheless commented on its limitations. “Language, even the language of Scripture, is temporal. Language passes, but the skill we have in using it is simultaneous,” she added.

The Augustinian Institute each year sponsors a series of lectures and conferences on the thought of St. Augustine. On January 28, Dr. Kathleen Duffy, S.S.J., a Chestnut Hill College professor of physics who has a scholarly interest in science and religion, spoke in the Connelly Center Cinema as part of the Vivian J. Lamb Lecture Series on Augustinian Thought and the Sciences.

### Notre Dame Scholar Reflects on How Augustine Considered Genesis

**By Kathleen Scavello**

St. Augustine of Hippo’s “take” on creation was explored by noted scholar Dr. Sabine MacCormack of the University of Notre Dame at the 2007 annual St. Augustine Lecture. Sponsored by The Augustinian Institute at Villanova University, the 48th annual lecture took place on October 9 in the Connelly Center’s Villanova Room.

Addressing a near-capacity audience, Dr. MacCormack spoke on “Augustine Reads Genesis: Give What I Love, for I Do Love It, and This Also You Gave Me.” (Confessions, XI, 2, 3, 22, 28). The Rev. Thomas F. Martin, O.S.A., director of The Augustinian Institute, introduced the speaker, who is the Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., Professor of Arts and Letters in Notre Dame’s departments of classics and history. The Oxford-trained historian specializes in the Roman Empire, late antiquity and the early Spanish world, with a special interest in Andean peoples and cultures.

Citing the St. Augustine Lecture as “an internationally recognized and renowned scholarly forum for the most rigorous and insightful consideration of the thoughts and impact of Augustine of Hippo,” Father Martin told the crowd that “St. Augustine brought faith and the world together, and that’s certainly something we can do here today.”

MacCormack tackled a number of issues that arise from the existence of the two biblical accounts of creation described in the Book of Genesis. She discussed why more than one account occurs, the possibility of simultaneous creation, the existence of evil, time as a human concept and the spiritual significance of language.

For Augustine, MacCormack said, “The overarching question was ‘Why did Genesis contain a two-fold ‘creational-ity”—one enumerating the six days [of creation] and the day of rest, the other continuing with the story about Paradise, the creation of evil and the fall?’” (Adam and Eve’s fall from grace).
Campaign Celebrates Success in True Villanova Style
“The generous way in which Villanovans have come forward to support the University through The Campaign for Villanova is remarkable. We are fortunate to have a community of alumni, parents and friends who believe so strongly in our University and its mission. The success of this campaign strengthens our educational experience and ensures that Villanova will be able to transform minds and hearts for years to come.”

The Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., ’75 A&S, University president
December 7, 2007, Villanova University joyously celebrated the successful conclusion of Transforming Minds and Hearts: The Campaign for Villanova. This historic $300-million fundraising effort was publicly launched in 2004 to support the University’s strategic priorities and help it reach new levels of achievement and academic distinction.

As snowflakes fell and the streets of New York City bustled with holiday excitement, the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., ’75 A&S, University president, along with members of Villanova’s Board of Trustees and the Campaign Steering Committee, welcomed more than 700 alumni, parents and friends of the University to the Final Campaign Gala, a black-tie dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria.

The celebration began in the hotel’s impressive Grand Ballroom, which was festively decorated and highlighted with blue-and-white banners in true Villanova style. The stage was set for the evening’s hosts: Dr. Jonathan P. Doh and Yulia A. Barnakova, who together introduced the theme of the gala, “The Faces of Villanova.” Dr. Doh is director of the Center for Global Leadership in the Villanova School of Business and the inaugural holder of the Herbert G. Rammrath Endowed Chair in International Business. Barnakova is a senior majoring in finance/international business at Villanova and also pursuing her Executive M.B.A.

One hundred Villanova students, symbolic of the gala’s theme, surprised everyone by appearing together in the balconies above, then joined guests at their tables and took on integral roles throughout the evening’s program. The celebration was an opportunity for Villanova students who have benefited directly from the generosity of donors to personally thank them for their involvement and support of the University throughout the campaign.

To begin the gala, more than 100 students lined the stage as members of each of Villanova’s singing groups led the guests in singing the “alma Mater.” Eighteen students presenting members of the Campaign Steering Committee with special gifts to recognize and acknowledge their crucial role in the campaign’s success. The dedicated volunteers were congratulated for providing the leadership and direction that made the campaign the largest fundraising effort in the University’s history.

To honor individuals who had made commitments to the campaign at the highest levels, 11 students announced the 57 leadership gifts of $1 million or more to The Campaign for Villanova. These generous commitments from alumni, parents and friends will enable Villanova to enhance its academic initiatives, scholarships, facilities and athletic program and also increase the endowment.

As the gala drew to a close, Father Donohue and the Rev. Edmund J. Dobbin, O.S.A, ’58 A&S, University president emeritus, whose vision was the driving force during the campaign’s opening years, were joined on stage by three key volunteers: Gerald S.J. Cassidy, Esq., ’63 A&S, campaign chair, and the two vice chairs, James C. Curvey ’57 VSB and William B. Finneran ’63 VSB. Father

Eleven exceptional students took the stage to announce the 57 leadership commitments of $1 million or more to The Campaign for Villanova.
Donohue recognized the three campaign leaders for their commitment and dedication to helping the University achieve its goal.

Cassidy concluded the celebration by thanking members of the Steering, Major Gifts and Parents’ committees for their hard work, diligence and generosity, and also thanked members of the Office of University Development.

The audience rose to applaud the historic success of The Campaign for Villanova as Cassidy announced that the $300 million goal had been achieved. Thousands of streamers floated down as members of the Villanova Pep Band played the Villanova fight song.

More than 41,000 donors made commitments to the campaign, representing participation from every aspect of the Villanova community. From seniors contributing for the first time through their class gift to multimillion-dollar commitments that are among the largest in the University’s history, the generosity of Villanovans reached historic levels.

The successful conclusion to the campaign provides an opportunity to reflect on the effort’s key ingredients: generous donors, a commitment to Villanova and its mission, and a willingness to be active in supporting the University’s continued growth and advancement.
1: (From left) Patricia M. Esposito ’80 A&S and her husband, James T. Esposito ’79 VSB, enjoy the company of Leonard Lobiondo ’80 VSB and Moira Higgins ’80 A&S.

2: Four couples, all parents of Villanovans, gather for a portrait in the Waldorf-Astoria’s festively decorated reception rooms. They are (from left) David and Joni Sanzari (parents of Ryan A. Sanzari ’08 A&S); Thomas D. Battle ’71 C.E. and his wife, Karin (parents of Erika L. Battle ’07 VSB and Alexandra I. Battle ’09 A&S); Lia and Joseph R. Torre, Esq. (parents of Lia J. Torre ’06 A&S, Theresa M. Torre ’11 A&S and Joseph W. Torre ’08 A&S); and Christine and Daniel M. Finnegan (parents of Alexandra P. Finnegan ’04 Nur. and Mamisa C. Finnegan ’09 A&S). The Sanzaris, the Torres and the Finnegans are members of the Parents’ Committee.

3: (From left) Luane and Thomas M. Venables ’78 VSB visit during the reception with Janice (Brown) Venables, Esq., ’78 A&S and her husband, Steve K. Venables ’77 VSB. Thomas and Steve are brothers.

4: Mary Jo Danella and her husband, James D. Danella ’71 VSB, a member of the Campaign Steering Committee and Villanova’s Board of Trustees, are all wrapped up in the excitement of the gala finale.

5: Paula O’Toole and her husband, Terence M. O’Toole ’80 VSB, who is a member of the Campaign Steering Committee and Villanova’s Board of Trustees, endowed the recently inaugurated Helen and William O’Toole Dean of the Villanova School of Business.

6: (From left) Alfonso Martinez-Fonts Jr. ’71 A&S and his wife, Christine, with Monica DuValle and Daniel M. DiLella ’73 VSB, a member of the Major Gifts Committee.

7: (From left) Maureen G. Topper ’77 A&S enjoys the company of two of the gala’s participating students: Kathleen M. Burke, a senior in the Villanova School of Business (VSB), and Topper’s daughter, Maura E. Topper, also a VSB senior, who is majoring in accountancy and finance.

8: Campaign Steering Committee members William M. Gibson ’66 VSB (left) and James F. Orr III ’65 A&S and his wife, Ann.
9: (From left) Martin G. McGuinn ’64 A&S, ’67 J.D. and Robert M. Birmingham ’66 A&S, both of whom are members of the Campaign Steering Committee, with Father Dobbin.

10: Pamela Gluckman and Herbert G. Rammrath ’57 A&S arrive for the gala’s cocktail hour, which took place in the Astor, Basildon and Jade rooms in the Waldorf-Astoria.

11: Catherine L. Kroll, a senior in the Villanova School of Business, presents a gift to Charles A. Heimbold Jr., Esq., ’54 A&S in recognition of his service on the Campaign Steering Committee.

12: (Seated, from left) John M. Healey ’85 C.E. and Carolyn Ryan Healey ’86 A&S (standing, from left) William D. Ryan ’88 A&S, Laurene Ryan ’80 VSB and Christopher G. Ryan ’83 Ch.E.

13: (From left) Harry A. Widmeier ’56 VSB with Mary Alice “Topsy” White and her husband, Gerald A. White ’57 Ch.E.

14: James C. Curvey ’57 VSB and his wife, Shirley; Gloria and John G. Drosdick ’65 C.E. and Nadine and William M. Gibson ’66 VSB. The three Villanova graduates serve on the Campaign Steering Committee.

15: Mary Birle, Father Donohue and James R. Birle ’58 M.E., a member of the Campaign Steering Committee.

16: Stanley M. Kuchar and his wife, Maureen, enjoy the gala as proud Villanova parents of Erin M. Kuchar, a junior in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Jason C. Kuchor ’01 VSB.

17: Denise (Stampien) Coco ’81 A&S and Francis A. Coco ’81 VSB.

18: (From left) Chris J. Catalano ’85 M.E., a member of the Major Gifts Committee, and his wife, Mary (Kenney) Catalano ’87 VSB, converse with Christopher David, a senior in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

19: Lynn and Richard F. DeMatteis ’72 C.E.
James V. O’Donnell ’63 VSB

$1.1 million to the College of Nursing

James V. O’Donnell ’63 VSB has always had a great appreciation for the nursing profession. He serves on the College of Nursing Dean’s Advisory Council. At the College, he established the Mary V. O’Donnell Endowed Nursing Scholarship, named for his mother. Recently he committed $1 million to support the College.

Dr. M. Louise Fitzpatrick, Connelly Endowed Dean and Professor of the College of Nursing, observed that “It is important for Villanova to receive this support because it emphasizes nursing education as a clear reflection of the University’s mission and Augustinian charism, while providing needed resources to secure the College’s future.” Dean Fitzpatrick added, “Equally important, it underscores the significance of support from committed individuals outside the health-care professions, like Jim O’Donnell, who recognize the importance of investing in a profession that is needed by everyone at various phases of life, and particularly, when we are the most vulnerable as a result of illness of body, mind and spirit.”

As O’Donnell recalled, “It was a family decision to assist in providing future health care via a commitment to the College of Nursing.” He is the father of three daughters, two of whom are graduates of Villanova (Susan ’89 A&S, ’93 M.A. and Jennifer ’00 A&S). “I am fortunate to be in a financial position to support the University. Contributing to Villanova and to the future development of others is very important to me and I see it as an essential part of keeping the University functioning at the highest of academic standards.”
When it was time to decide how to support Villanova University through The Campaign for Villanova, the Rileys made the decision as a family. The cornerstone of the family's gift would be directed to support the Office of Campus Ministry and its service initiatives.

“Our daughters have had life-altering experiences on their service trips both here and abroad,” stated Ellen and James P. Riley, whose four children are all Villanovans. The Rileys are the parents of Brigid ’02 VSB, Shannon ’04 A&S, Kerry-lynn ’07 A&S and Courtney, a freshman in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. “We believe that taking advantage of service opportunities ingrained with Christian values and then sharing those experiences with parents, siblings and friends has made them better aware of their place in the world and hopefully will inspire them to continue fulfilling the mission of service. as members of Villanova’s Parents’ Committee, we have confidence that sharing our resources in this way with the University will be one of the best investments our family will make,” they summarized.

in describing the impact of the Riley family’s commitment, Dr. Beth Hassel, P.B.V.M., executive director of Campus Ministry, noted that “The Riley family gift is important to Campus Ministry because it supports students, faculty and staff in the search for truth, the experience of service, the opportunity for spiritual growth and the active participation in the liturgical life of the Church. The Riley family’s generosity and commitment to Villanova enables the University community to directly support its Catholic, Augustinian mission so that students, faculty and staff can continue to search for wisdom as they journey together in the transformation of minds and hearts.”
The Hackett Family Foundation

$500,000 to the Division of Student Life

The Campaign for Villanova has provided unique opportunities for benefactors to use their philanthropy to support campus initiatives that inspire them, while also providing resources that benefit the entire community. One such example is the gift from Maureen and James T. Hackett through the Hackett Family Foundation to create an endowment to support the University’s Counseling Center.

“The Hackett Family Foundation is dedicated to mental health, Catholic education and medical research,” noted Maureen Hackett. “Because of our dedication to mental health care, we designated our gift to student psychiatric support. It is our hope that with the support of the Counseling Center, students, faculty and staff will have the necessary tools to pursue academic excellence in a faith-filled community.”

According to the Rev. John P. Stack, O.S.A. ’71 A&S, ’77 G.S., vice president for Student Life, “The services of the Counseling Center are not in the forefront of the minds of many members of the University community, and consequently this is an area that donors don’t often think of supporting.” Father Stack added, “However, for those who need these services, the Hacketts’ gift has made a significant difference. This gift allows us to provide an increase in our on-site assistance in the Counseling Center, which is of great service and benefit to our students.”

The Hacketts were active at the University while their daughter Molly ’06 A&S was a student. They were among the original members of the Parents’ Committee and drew upon their children’s experiences at other schools to improve the level of communication between parents and Villanova. They remain committed to the University and its Augustinian mission.

“Blessed with many opportunities, we feel that it is our duty to give back,” said Jim Hackett. “We chose to give to Villanova University not only because of the excellent education received by our daughter, but also to support the continued success of an institution dedicated to the Catholic Church and its strong values.”

Joseph S. Colalillo ’83 VSB and Jeannie Colalillo ’83 VSB

$37,500 to the President’s Club

Villanova University established the President’s Club to recognize those who have demonstrated leadership through their outstanding support of the Annual Fund. By annually giving $2,500 or more to the University, President’s Club members enable Villanova to reach new levels of achievement and prepare more fully for the challenges that lie ahead. These donors provide the funds necessary to support teaching innovations and respond to academic and technological needs, while giving the University flexibility for future planning.

“The value of our Villanova education has stood the test of time and continues to provide a foundation for our lives,” stated Jeannie (King) Colalillo ’83 VSB and Joseph Colalillo ’83 VSB. “Giving back to Villanova is something that we both believe very strongly in, and we are very fortunate to support a University that has given us so much.”

Noted Neil Horgan ’99 M.Tax., University controller, “We are very appreciative of the Colalillos’ generous President’s Club-level commitment to the Annual Fund, which will help support the University’s annual operating budget. This kind of support is extremely valuable because tuition alone is not sufficient to cover the costs of providing students with an exceptional Villanova experience.”

The generosity of President’s Club donors provides Villanova students with expanded educational opportunities and emphasizes the benefits of giving back to the University.
Audrey and Robert W. Luckow

$1.5 million to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Through their service on the Parents’ Committee, Audrey and Robert W. Luckow had an opportunity to get a first-hand look at the depth, quality and unique character of the educational experience that their daughter Stefanie ’06 A&S was enjoying at Villanova University. The lessons Stefanie was learning in the classroom, the relationships she was building on campus and the opportunities she was given to grow as a person while at Villanova inspired the Luckows to commit $1.5 million to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (A&S) through the campaign. Their gift will endow a faculty chair in English and create scholarships for students studying education.

“Villanova provided Stefanie with a great academic foundation and opportunities to pursue her passions of English and education,” said Robert Luckow. “Audrey has been a teacher, and Stefanie is just starting her career in the field. Our gift was designated to support the programs that prepared Stefanie so well and to help Villanova produce many more wonderful teachers.”

The Rev. Kail C. Ellis, O.S.A., ’69 G.S., dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, observed that “Audrey and Bob Luckow’s gift will impact two areas that are key to advancing the mission of the College and the University: faculty support and student scholarships.” Father Ellis explained that “Endowed chairs promote excellence in teaching, while scholarships enable students to benefit from the qualities inherent in an Augustinian education—the discovery and dissemination of knowledge; the commitment to community; and the integration of mind, heart and spirit.”

Through the campaign, A&S has received more than $26 million in commitments, resources that will be used to enhance all aspects of the liberal education that is at the heart of every Villanova experience. “We are grateful to the Luckows for their exceptional gift and to the many donors who supported the College through the campaign,” Father Ellis added.

Vicki and Herbert F. Aspbury ’67 A&S

$350,000 to the Villanova School of Business

After graduating from Villanova University, Herbert F. Aspbury ’67 A&S embarked upon a successful career in banking that took him around the world. Now retired, he remains an active participant in the University community, having served as president of the Villanova University Alumni Association, vice chairman of Villanova’s Board of Trustees, a member of the Campaign Steering Committee and chair of the Major Gifts Committee. Herb Aspbury saw an opportunity to link his experiences around the world with his passion for Villanova through a commitment to support the Center for Global Leadership in the Villanova School of Business (VSB).

“I take great pride in the emergence of Villanova University as a strong academic institution in the more than 40 years since I graduated,” said Aspbury. “As I’ve often said, the value of my degree has significantly appreciated during that time, and I want to continue to invest in Villanova so that current and prospective students can enjoy those same returns.”

Globalization is an area of focus at the University, especially within VSB. Commitments of this nature are critical in providing the resources needed to attain status as a premier global business school.

“Herb has a longstanding interest in—and has been a strong supporter of—global business understanding, especially as it relates to global ethics and corporate responsibility,” said Dr. Jonathan P. Doh. He is the inaugural holder of the Herbert G. Rammrath Endowed Chair in International Business and director of VSB’s Center for Global Leadership. “Through the Asbury’s gift and the support of others, we will be able to underwrite student initiatives, such as fielding a team to participate in international business case competitions and providing greater international career and professional development experiences.”
John M. Robins ’70 C.E. and Dr. Patricia Stark O’Sullivan

$1 million to the College of Engineering

John M. Robins ’70 C.E. and his wife, Dr. Patricia Stark O’Sullivan, have committed $1 million to create the Robins-O’Sullivan Family Endowed Chair in the College of Engineering.

Dr. Gary R. Gabriele, dean of the College of Engineering, pointed out that “The Robins-O’Sullivan Family Endowed Chair will allow us to hire an outstanding individual who is committed to teaching and research and who supports our goal of educating ‘whole brain’ engineers.” As Dean Gabriele explained, “Whole brain engineers are well-grounded in the fundamentals of engineering, have developed a multidisciplinary perspective through engagement of their technical knowledge with the liberal arts, and have developed their leadership abilities and team skills, which will allow them to successfully work within and lead in diverse, multidisciplinary settings.”

Robins, speaking of Dr. Robert D. Lynch ’53 C.E., professor and dean emeritus of Engineering, noted that “This commitment was inspired by the leadership, teachings and scholarly works of Dr. Lynch. He was a demanding educator who emphasized ethics and social responsibility as important elements in the development of a well-rounded professional engineer. This is in keeping with Villanova’s emphasis on values, and it is a tradition that I’m pleased to see is still very much alive in the College.”

In addition to the endowed chair, Robins has supported the University through his company, SMI Joists, which recently partnered with the College’s department of civil and environmental engineering on a multiyear $570,000 steel beam research grant.

“Gifts of this kind,” noted Dean Gabriele, “are an affirmation of the value our alumni place on the education and experiences they had while students at Villanova. The resources that John, his family and his company have generously shared with us will allow the College to continue to attract high-quality faculty and remain a top-ranked engineering college.”

Lauren Tort Rainone ’02 A&S, ’02 VSB

$200 unrestricted to the Annual Fund

All gifts, of any size, not only help sustain programs that touch all aspects of student life, but also make a powerful statement of support for Villanova University’s mission and play a critical role in the University’s overall financial picture. Giving to Villanova through the Annual Fund is an opportunity for all members of the Villanova community to help shape the educational experience for students. These Annual Fund gifts, given each year by alumni, parents and friends, enable the University to address immediate needs as well as plan for the future.

Lauren Tort Rainone ’02 A&S, ’02 VSB, now an attorney, exemplifies the spirit of the Villanova alumni community by giving of her time and resources. She volunteered last fall for the Class of 2002 Five-Year Reunion Committee and contributed $200 to the Annual Fund.

“An excellent education does not come inexpensively or without the help of those who have benefited from their own experiences,” Rainone commented.

Noted Sara Navrocki Wallace ’00 A&S, director of Annual Giving in the Office of University Development, “It is also very important to point out that every Villanova graduate who makes a donation can help the University secure additional funding from corporations and foundations. These organizations often factor in the percentage of alumni who donate any amount to Villanova when considering their own investments in the University. A $100 gift to the Annual Fund could help the University qualify for a $100,000 grant!”
Villanova University continues to strengthen its profile of having a leading School of Law by bolstering its programs, attracting distinguished faculty and embarking upon construction of a new facility on campus. New levels of external support, especially from alumni, are helping to implement these initiatives.

Mark A. Sargent, J.D., dean of the School of Law, observed that “Significant alumni support is often what makes the difference between a successful institution and a great one, because it allows the development of faculty, programs, facilities and an excellent student body that could not occur if the school had to operate on tuition revenue alone.”

Noted Martin G. McGuinn ’64 A&S, ’67 J.D., “My Villanova University experience played a great role in shaping my career. I established the Martin G. McGuinn Chair in Business Law because it reflects my experience as a corporate executive and will help to attract a nationally known scholar. I am fortunate to have the ability to support Villanova and wanted to give back so that the University can continue to grow and be more successful than ever.”

According to Dean Sargent, “It is crucial for Villanova Law to have leadership gifts such as the McGuinns’. They serve as inspiration to other potential major donors and thus have a leveraging effect. Their generous gift not only is helping our new building become a reality, but also has allowed us to establish the McGuinn Chair. The availability of this chair enabled us to attract a distinguished senior scholar, Richard Booth, J.D., who has helped make our program in corporate and securities law a major strength.”

In addition to the McGuinn Chair, the McGuinns also have made a commitment to the University to establish a new scholarship program to bring students from Ireland to study at Villanova for a semester. This opportunity, will, for the first time, complete a true student exchange program between Villanova and universities in Ireland, offering an international educational experience to Irish students. Further, The McGuinn Irish Scholars Program not only will enhance and fortify Villanova’s links with Ireland but also will support the University’s commitment to global education and its strategic goal of promoting international and multicultural perspectives and increasing the cultural diversity of its student body.

ANN AND MARTIN G. McGUINN
’64 A&S, ’67 J.D.

$5 million total, including $3.25 million to the School of Law and $1.75 million to the University

Robert F. Mulhall Jr. ’80 VSB
AND KATHY MULHALL ’80 VSB

$100,000 to the Villanova School of Business

Kathy (McGoldrick) Mulhall and Robert F. Mulhall Jr., both 1980 graduates of the accounting program in the Villanova School of Business (VSB), have committed $100,000 to VSB’s Ernst & Young Accounting Excellence Fund. In addition to this financial generosity, Bob Mulhall is Ernst & Young’s champion recruiter for VSB. Last year, Ernst & Young hired more VSB accounting graduates than any other firm.

“Both Kathy and I are VSB graduates, and have been served very well because of the education we received at Villanova,” said Mulhall. “We are happy to be able to give back a little, and feel that designating our gift in this way was appropriate.”

More than $22 million has been designated to VSB through the campaign, providing important resources to enhance every aspect of business education at Villanova.

“The Mulhalls’ generous gift and the Ernst & Young Accounting Excellence Fund overall are vital to VSB because they have a direct impact on the educational quality we provide to our students,” said Daniel J. O’Mara ’62 VSB, who is the Alvin A. Clay Professor of Accounting at VSB and chair of accounting and information systems. “These financial resources help to support faculty research and development, curricular assessment and innovation, educational software, program delivery, student competitions and awards, and student scholarships—all of which enrich the learning experiences of our students.”
Gala

Through The Campaign for Villanova, James C. Curvey ’57 VSB, campaign vice chair, and his wife, Shirley, committed $7 million, of which $6 million has been used to fund a program to provide scholarships and fellowships to students from their hometown of Mahanoy City and nearby communities in northern Schuylkill County, Pa. To date, there have been 12 Curvey Scholars at Villanova, five of whom have already graduated.

“These young people have exceeded my expectations, not only in terms of the number of candidates who have applied and been accepted, but also their majors,” said Jim Curvey at a gathering with current Curvey Scholars and Fellows in mid-December 2007. “They are pursuing degrees in computer science, chemistry, pre-med—and excelling. They really are just amazing.”

Students from Mahanoy area High School and four other high schools in that region are eligible for these awards, which include scholarship support and fellowship opportunities to explore their interests. Each year, representatives from Villanova work closely with the high school guidance counselors to publicize the Curvey Scholars program and the access it provides to a Villanova education.

At the gala, Curvey Scholar Joshua Phelps (right), a senior majoring in electrical engineering, had an opportunity to personally thank his benefactors, James C. Curvey ’57 VSB and his wife, Shirley.

Shirley and James C. Curvey ’57 VSB

$7 million total, including $6 million for scholarships and fellowships and $1 million undesignated

James G. O’Connor ’64 VSB and his wife, Judith, have made a $100,000 commitment to The Campaign for Villanova to establish a scholarship for students from Seton Hall Prep in West Orange, N.J., to study in the Villanova School of Business.

Jim O’Connor, who is a 1960 graduate of Seton Hall Prep as well as a Villanova alumnus, believes that both his high school and college experiences instilled in him strong Christian values and continue to have an impact on his life. Because of this, he has in many ways made a point to remain very connected with his alma mater.

“Both of these institutions hold very special places in my heart, and my education there has allowed me to benefit in tremendous ways throughout my life and career,” O’Connor said. “And, I wanted to give other students, just like me, similar opportunities.”

Through this scholarship, students from Seton Hall Prep who are interested in a business degree, yet may not have had the opportunity to consider the University, will be able to realize their educational goals as members of the Villanova community.

George Walter, associate dean of enrollment management for University Admission and Financial Assistance, observed that “At a time when a student’s search for grant assistance is limited at the federal and state level, Villanova’s commitment to provide financial aid to needy students continues to be supported by alumni, parents and friends such as the O’Connors.” He added, “This is a wonderful example of how an alumnus can stay involved and make a difference for students and families by reducing their financial concerns. Through Jim O’Connor’s time and generosity, he is helping to ensure that students reap all the rewards of the Villanova experience.”

Judith and James G. O’Connor ’64 VSB

$100,000 to endow a scholarship

Students from Mahanoy Area High School and four other high schools in that region are eligible for these awards, which include scholarship support and fellowship opportunities to explore their interests. Each year, representatives from Villanova work closely with the high school guidance counselors to publicize the Curvey Scholars program and the access it provides to a Villanova education.

Stephen R. Merritt ’78 A&S, dean of Enrollment Management at Villanova, observed that “The Curvey Scholars program enables our University to continue a tradition of attracting gifted students from one of Pennsylvania’s most historic locales, Schuylkill County. The Curveys’ generosity relates directly to Villanova’s mission of providing educational opportunity to students from all walks of life and socioeconomic backgrounds. Simply put, the Curvey Scholars program serves as a clear example of how the combination of a vision and philanthropy can positively impact the lives of talented young people, their community and Villanova for years to come.”
The Davis Family Foundation

$10 million to the Davis Center for Athletics and Fitness

Through The Campaign for Villanova, many alumni, parents and friends have chosen to support Villanova University athletics. These gifts have helped to enhance the experiences and resources, in particular the training and exercise facilities for Villanova's student-athletes and coaches.

As a true testament to the overwhelming pride and spirit shared by Villanova fans, James C. Davis '81 VSB and his wife, Kim, have joined with his brother, William G. Davis '85 VSB and his wife, Deborah (Weimert) Davis '87 Nur., to commit $10 million through The Davis Family Foundation. The gift supported the construction of the Davis Center for Athletics and Fitness and also created an endowment to support its operation and enhancement.

"This gift has provided us the opportunity to construct a world-class basketball training facility for our men's and women's programs, as well as a high-quality fitness center for the entire campus community," noted Vince P. Nicastro, director of Athletics.

The state-of-the-art Davis Center will have a substantial impact in recruiting the most talented student-athletes possible. It also will improve individual and team instruction, game planning and preparation, physical development, and treatment and rehabilitation of injuries. The first two floors include office space for both the men's and women's basketball programs; two practice courts, one for each team; locker rooms; and a weight room, cinema and sports medicine area.

The Davis Center not only was designed for use by the basketball programs, but also with the campus community in mind. Its third floor, devoted entirely to fitness, is open to all students, faculty and staff at Villanova. (See page 36 for a story about the opening and naming ceremony last November.)

The philanthropic leadership displayed by The Davis Family Foundation has enabled Villanova to develop the most ambitious Athletics facility project in more than 20 years. Reflecting the importance of giving back, the Davis gift served as the impetus for other donors to commit to this project and to provide Villanova with the resources to keep it up-to-date well into the future.

"I attribute a lot of my success to what I have learned and experienced here at Villanova, and I appreciate what it's done for me," said Jim Davis.

From left) James C. Davis ’81 VSB and his wife, Kim, and Deborah Davis ’87 Nur. and her husband, William G. Davis ’85 VSB

Adria and Kerry O. Kittles ’96 VSB

$500,000 to the Davis Center for Athletics and Fitness

Kerry O. Kittles ’96 VSB and his wife, Adria, have made a $500,000 commitment to the men's basketball lounge and locker room in the new Davis Center for Athletics and Fitness. As a Wildcat, Kittles set records as a shooting guard from 1993 to 1996.

"When I graduated, I knew that Villanova University not only had a profound effect on who I was as a student, but also who I would become," said Kittles. "The Villanova community is one like no other, and because of how special it is, I have worked to stay connected to and supportive of the University."

The development and construction of the Davis Center provided Kittles with a perfect opportunity to give back and strengthen, even further, his connection to the University and Villanova athletics.

"When my good friend Whitey Rigsby told me about the new facility, I was very excited about the opportunity to support the Villanova basketball program in what is to me a very meaningful and lasting way," said Kittles. (Rigsby ’78 VSB is director of development for Athletics and the radio “voice of Villanova basketball.”)

Adds Kittles, "I am grateful that I have been able to develop relationships with others who also support the University, not only through generous financial donations, but through giving of their time and energy to keep Villanova the prestigious institution that it is. It feels wonderful to be in the position to support the University in this way."

The Kittles’ commitment is representative of, and a tribute to, everything that is unique about Villanova and highlights the connection between Villanova basketball, alumni and the student body.

Jay Wright, head coach of men's basketball, commented that "It is specifically important to have a former scholarship student-athlete provide a gift as significant as the one Kerry has committed to Villanova. It is a symbol of the appreciation he has for the impact Villanova has made on his life and will help enhance the ability of our current players to achieve all they can as student-athletes."
Thanks to the Key Volunteers Who Led the Way

Transforming Minds and Hearts: The Campaign for Villanova was designed to fully integrate alumni, parents and friends of Villanova University. Together, the Campaign Steering Committee, the Major Gifts Committee and the Parents’ Committee formed an extensive volunteer network and created opportunities for every Villanovan to become involved in the campaign. Because of their commitment and dedication, throughout the multi-year, historic fundraising effort, an unprecedented number of Villanovans actively participated in charting the future of the University.

The Campaign Steering Committee

The dedicated group of volunteers who comprised the Campaign Steering Committee provided the oversight and leadership in making campaign policy decisions on behalf of Villanova University and guided the overall campaign strategy.

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The Major Gifts Committee was comprised of key alumni, parents and friends across the country. It emphasized engaging Villanovans in supporting the University through commitments of $100,000 up to $1 million for capital and endowment purposes.

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“Through the success of The Campaign for Villanova, the University has directly benefited in many ways. Most importantly, we have been able to raise our academic profile, and are aligned with much stronger colleges and universities than was the case just a decade ago.”

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Major Gifts Committee Chair

THE PARENTS’ COMMITTEE

The Parents’ Committee continues to be an important component of Villanova University’s Parents’ Program, a collaborative effort between the offices of Student Life, Enrollment Management, Career Services and Development to involve parents more closely in the life of the University. During the Campaign for Villanova, members of the Parents’ Committee served as advocates and spokespersons for developing new opportunities to engage, communicate and collaborate with parents.

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“As a Villanova parent, my involvement with this campaign has been a very fulfilling experience. For me, and I think I can speak for all of us, this is a belief in the students and a belief in the University.”

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Several hundred enthusiastic Villanovans filled the driveway between the Pavilion and the new Davis Center for Athletics and Fitness on November 8, 2007, to be a part of history. They came to the 4 p.m. ribbon-cutting ceremony to see the official opening and naming of this $18.5 million state-of-the-art athletic/fitness center.

The Wildcat mascot warmed up the crowd by gyrating to the music of the Villanova University Band. A phalanx of Villanova cheerleaders, pompons in hand, greeted the first Villanovans to go through the doors of the Davis Center.

One of the nation’s only intercollegiate facilities dedicated to both a basketball program and a university community, the 55,000-square-foot, three-story facility was funded entirely by private donations. It is named in honor of brothers James C. Davis ’81 VSB and William G. Davis ’85 VSB and their families, recognizing their generous donations to the project. Bill Davis and his wife, Deborah ’87 Nur., and Jim Davis and his wife, Kim, committed $10 million through The Davis Family Foundation.

 **A welcome addition on campus**

Vincent P. Nicastro, director of Athletics, opened the celebration with welcoming remarks. “This is an exciting day for our University community,” he said. “This facility serves our campus in a unique way, with a fitness center for students, staff and faculty, along with training facilities for our men’s and women’s basketball programs. It is a welcome addition to the Villanova landscape.”

Nicastro introduced John Von Euw ’08 A&S, president of Villanova’s Student Government Association (SGA), and David Pedra ’08 A&S, SGA vice president, both of whom addressed the audience. Harry Ferretta ’95 G.S., head coach of women’s basketball, and Jay Wright, head coach of men’s basketball, reminisced about the changes they have witnessed over the years in Villanova’s athletic facilities. Both coaches shared their delight with the opening of the Davis Center as the realization of a long-held dream.

Jim Davis in his remarks spoke of his excitement regarding the new facility’s potential for the campus.

 **Blessing of the building**

The Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., ’75 A&S, University president, addressed those assembled and blessed the Davis Center before joining Davis in cutting the ribbon that signaled its official opening.

“This new facility is unique in many ways and highlights our values of community,” said Father Donohue. “In addition to serving as a practice and training facility for the men’s and women’s basketball programs, this new facility features a state-of-the-art fitness center for the entire campus community. The Davis Center will be an important part of campus life, and a lasting legacy to the Davis family for years to come.”
Eager Villanova students sprinted up the stairway to the third-floor fitness center to be the first to work out on its vast array of equipment. An open house offering refreshments and a fitness assessment continued until 6 p.m.

State-of-the-art facilities

The Davis Center's lobby atrium highlights the long and proud history of Villanova men's and women's basketball, complete with photos and other fascinating memorabilia. The atrium also features photos of Wildcat fans, known emphatically as the Nova Nation. The first two floors will house both basketball programs, including offices, a practice court for each team, locker rooms, a cinema and a sports medicine area.

The third floor, devoted entirely to fitness, is open to all in the campus community, and has a capacity of 150. With windows showcasing the Main Campus, the fitness center features 40 cardio machines and selectorized weight equipment, as well as free weights. A large meeting space will be used for group exercise such as aerobics, yoga and Pilates. A conference room will serve club sports and intramurals. Villanova now has three fitness centers for students, faculty and staff.

Among its environmentally friendly features, the Davis Center has energy-saving motion sensor lights and ecologically sound storm water management. More than 250 trees have been planted around it.

The new facility was designed by Mark B. Thompson Associates LLC of Philadelphia and built by Nason Construction, Inc. Ground was broken in summer 2006 and the steel capping ceremony took place in January 2007.

“"The Davis Center will be an important part of campus life, and a lasting legacy to the Davis family for years to come.”

—THE REV. PETER M. DONOHUE, O.S.A., ’75 A&S

At last fall’s official opening ceremony for the Davis Center, standing behind Father Donohue are (from left) Jay Wright, head coach of men’s basketball; Harry Peretta ’95 G.S., head coach of women’s basketball; Vincent P. Nicastro, director of Athletics; John Von Euw ’08 A&S, SGA president; and William M. Gibson ’66 VSB.
“A Test in Optimism”

That’s how a Nursing alumna who received a Fulbright describes the joys and frustrations of spending a year teaching in her mother’s native land.

By Kathleen Scavello

Jaclyn “Jacy” Farwell ’07 Nur. is a stranger in a strange but enchanting land. Quirky and delightful by turns, South Korea, the place the Fulbright recipient will call home until next summer, never fails to astonish.

Since arriving in early July 2007, Farwell has grown accustomed to insa-ing (bowing as a sign of respect), having others feed her from her own plate, giving up any vestige of personal space and disposing of toilet paper in a trash can. She has struggled, by necessity, to learn the Korean language through full immersion while simultaneously launching into the task of teaching English to 700 eager elementary school students in 32 classes.

But, to anyone who knows the highly motivated nurse and former Bravo Company commander of Villanova University’s NROTC, Jacy Farwell probably hasn’t even broken a sweat. While at Villanova, Farwell, who intends to work in critical care nursing and improve health care for those with language barriers, traveled to Chulucanas, Peru, to promote health during spring break as part of her community health clinical practicum. She also served as a College of Nursing leader and mentor, was a tutor through Project Sunshine and the theology and religious studies...
department, and co-director of a sexual offense support program.

Farwell, who received a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship, was the first Villanova Nursing student to be awarded a Fulbright right after graduation. The Fulbright program, the nation's "flagship international educational exchange program," is administered by the Council for International Exchange of Scholars and sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

**Familiar and foreign**

Experiencing South Korea firsthand is the realization of a dream for Farwell and an opportunity to embrace the heritage of her Korean-born mother, Yong Ae Farwell. That doesn't mean, however, that anything comes naturally.

Acclimating to South Korean culture, says the Villanova alumna, "is a test in optimism...which I have in spades." She added, "It is very awkward here—always—so it is constantly a test of how amusing you can make the situation. Life is good, right?"

Living at a homestay in the southwestern city of Gwangju while working as an English teaching assistant at Yeonji Elementary School, Farwell daily experiences the joys and frustrations of understanding and making herself understood. Her host family and co-workers speak nominal English. Maintaining a sense of humor and a sense of adventure are crucial.

**Acclimating to paradoxes**

Since her arrival, when she took part in a six-week orientation, the Fulbright recipient has learned to adapt to a paradoxical culture that demands respect for elders, but erects intergenerational barriers. She has learned to withstand well-meaning bluntness regarding physical appearance while appreciating the speakers' devotion to humility. She tries to reconcile the self-effacing national observance of munchi ("understanding the feeling of the room," or what someone is really saying) with the custom of singling out "others" for lifelong ostracization because they are different.

Farwell has developed a taste for some aspects of the cuisine, such as patbingsu, a dessert of shaved ice topped with frozen yogurt, fresh fruit and sweetened red beans, while eschewing delicacies such as fish eyes.

"The most important thing is to be humble. Respect is very important," Farwell commented. "It is very important to me as well, so I find it very easy to assimilate."

**So far, so good**

Korean is considered the fourth most difficult language to learn, Farwell said. The U.S. Department of State's Foreign Service estimates it takes two years to become proficient in Korean, she added. Interviewed just over two months into her Fulbright year, Farwell felt she was making good woot (progress) in learning the native tongue.

While she had barely begun her teaching duties at the time of the interview, Farwell had already survived an improvised teaching session while being observed by the school's vice president. She was already finding humor in an early "lost in translation" experience with one class.

"I was going over the months," Farwell recalled. "It should have been review for all the classes, so I let them tell me the months: January...February...When it got to August, one kid yelled out "ELEPHANT!" and was so sure that he got the answer before the smartest kid in the class. I couldn't help but laugh. It was so funny. 'I start school in Elephant,' " she recounted.

Asked what she misses most about America, the Fulbright Scholar replied, "It's not what, so much as who. I miss my family, of course. The English [spoken language], privacy and confidence that I have in the States are something to long for. Now that I have the Internet, I really am enjoying this experience," she added.

In the meantime, this dynamic Villanovan has goals to accomplish.

"I want to understand the Korean culture. My goal is to speak Korean as fluently as I can possibly do in one year," Farwell said, adding "I hope to make friends and [have] experiences that will last a lifetime, while learning more about myself."

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Justice Scalia Keynotes Scarpa Conference

By Anthony MaAlouf '08 G.S.

Saying that his Catholic faith has little effect on his jurisprudence, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia admitted that two principles of his faith do influence his judging. Those two rules are “be perfect” and “do not lie.”

Those comments came during Justice Scalia’s keynote address on October 16, 2007, for the second annual John F. Scarpa Conference on Law, Politics and Culture. He spoke on the role of Catholic faith in the work of a judge.

The theme for this year’s conference, which took place in the Connelly Center, was “The Judicial Office in Our Constitutional Democracy: Avoiding Dogmatism on a Disputed Question.” It was sponsored by the John F. Scarpa Chair in Catholic Legal Studies at the Villanova University School of Law. Scarpa, a longtime friend of the law school, endowed the Scarpa Chair to encourage academic inquiry into matters of law, religion and politics.

Scalia’s views on “loose” interpretations

The second of the golden rules, “do not lie,” Scalia argued, is routinely broken by the high court, although not directly. “Distorting the rulings of prior cases to achieve a specific ruling is not all that different from deliberately fouling a basketball player as he makes a layup shot,” he said. “Sure, it’s fair game but also dishonest. It is a lie.” Likewise, loose interpretations of the U.S. Constitution could be just as much a violation of that second rule, according to Scalia.

Scalia was appointed to the Supreme Court in 1986 following his nomination by President Ronald Reagan.

In reflecting on the high court’s 1973 ruling in Roe vs. Wade that overturned many state laws on abortion, Scalia noted that “The Constitution said nothing about abortion. It did, however, say that matters of policy not addressed by the Constitution are left to the states and the people.” It is the “dishonest and loose interpretations of the Constitution” that resulted in Roe vs. Wade, a ruling that Scalia believes was wrongly decided. As a textualist and an originalist, Scalia said that the matter should have been left to the states. He also asserted that his commitment to textualism is precisely what prevents him from bringing his Catholic beliefs into his judging. The opposite line of thinking, which he called “constitutional evolutionism,” would allow such influence.

Five views on dogmatism and disputes

The daylong conference also included a continental breakfast; welcoming remarks by Mark A. Sargent, J.D., dean of the law school; and presentations by five other distinguished lecturers, each one followed by a respondent.

Dr. James R. Stoner Jr., professor of political science at Louisiana State University, addressed “Determination and Deduction: How Aquinas Might Distinguish the Work of the Legislator from the Work of the Judge.” St. Thomas Aquinas “tells us that the determination of the law ought to belong to legislators and not judges. He was a proponent of legislative determination,” Dr. Stoner explained. Michael Moreland, J.D., a Villanova professor of law, responded.

Dr. Jean Porter, the Rev. John A. O’Brien Professor of Theology at the University of Notre Dame, addressed “The Meaning, Intention and Purposes of Law: Judicial Interpretation in a Natural Law Context.”

In original intent, she noted, a judge respects the intent of the lawmaker over the judge’s own thoughts on the law. But it is a flawed philosophy, she added. “The problem is that a judge has a very limited context in which to view the law,” she said. The ideas of the “common good” that a lawmaker had in 1807 might not be the same as a lawmaker’s in 2007. For that reason, the law must be interpreted as needed to provide for the common good. Dr. Michael J. White, a professor of law and of philosophy at Arizona State University, delivered the response.

Patrick McKinley Brennan, J.D., who holds the Scarpa Chair, spoke on “Sovereignty and the Supreme Court,” and whether a “holy alliance” of the two existed. Dr. Paulina Ochoa Espejo, an assistant professor of political science at Yale University, delivered the response.

The final address, on “Charisma and the Foundations of Judicial Authority,” was by Dr. Paul W. Kahn. At Yale Law School, he is the Ralph R. Winner Professor of Law and the Humanities and director of the Orville H. Schell, Jr. Center for International Human Rights. Dr. Penelope Pether, a Villanova professor of law, responded.

The third annual Scarpa Conference, whose theme will be “Liberty of Conscience and Religious Equality in the American Tradition,” will take place on September 12.
Astronomy Professor Teaches in Vietnam’s Capital

BY IRENE BURGO

Dr. Edward F. Guinan ’64 A&S, a professor of astronomy and astrophysics at Villanova University, taught astronomy last August to 45 students enrolled in the Hanoi Astrophysics School at the Hanoi National University of Education (HNUE). As president of the International Astronomical Union (IAU) program called Teaching Astronomy for Development (TAD), Dr. Guinan co-organized this program with Dr. Nguyen Quynh; she handled the arrangements at HNUE.

The intensive, six-day school featured four lecturers who delivered 90-minute talks in English each day. Guinan lectured on binary stars and the search for extrasolar planets. Students came from different countries and backgrounds—doctoral and master’s degree candidates, college seniors and high school students. Other participants included high school teachers and university faculty members.

TAD offers “a wonderful opportunity for students from varied backgrounds to learn astronomy at a high level from a group of international experts on astronomy and astrophysics,” Guinan noted. He and Dr. Laurence A. Marschall, who is the W.K.T. Sahm Professor of Physics at Gettysburg College, have organized TAD programs in Mongolia, the Philippines, Morocco, North Korea, Malaysia and Vietnam.

Partnership Extended with Lebanese University

BY IRENE BURGO

Villanova University last summer renewed its exchange program with the American University College of Science and Technology (AUST) in Beirut, Lebanon. The two institutions have engaged in a cooperative program for three years, according to the Rev. Kail C. Ellis, O.S.A., ’69 G.S., dean of Villanova’s College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

The Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., ’75 A&S, University president, and Father Ellis traveled to Lebanon last summer to renew the agreement for another three years. While there, Father Donohue delivered the commencement address at AUST in July.

“The signing of the renewal has strengthened the relationship between Villanova and AUST,” Father Donohue said. “Villanova was one of the first universities to create this exchange program with AUST. The president and provost of AUST visited Villanova this past year, invited me to visit their institution and asked me to be their commencement speaker.”

The exchange program enables up to two undergraduates from each institution to gain the benefits of studying full time in a new cultural and educational environment, for a semester or a year. “We have had a number of students from Lebanon who have participated in the exchange program and have studied at Villanova, and then have come back and applied to us for the master’s degree program,” noted Father Donohue.

Both Villanova and AUST offer programs in a variety of fields, including computer engineering, computer science and business. The program is open to undergraduates and faculty members, as well as to graduate students through a special plan called the Expedited Program of Admission. While in Lebanon, Father Donohue and Father Ellis visited with Cardinal Mar Nasrallah Peter Sfeir, Patriarch of Antioch and the Whole Levant, at his residence. Cardinal Sfeir heads Lebanon’s largest Christian body, the Maronite Church, an Eastern Catholic rite that is united under the jurisdiction of the Pope.

Every year, Villanova University’s Campus Ministry offers two types of service break trips. For Fall Break 2007, the University arranged for volunteer opportunities at Habitat for Humanity sites in 10 states and mission trips in 13 locations, mostly outside of the United States. The response proved overwhelming. Hundreds of students and faculty members applied, and 375 were accepted.

Habitat’s mission is to build affordable homes for God’s people in need of adequate housing; the future homeowners themselves must provide “sweat equity.” The 185 Villanovans serving with Habitat could choose from 10 affiliates: Brunswick, Ga.; Lexington, Ky.; El Paso, Texas; Pittsboro, N.C.; Grand Rapids, Mich.; Eagle Butte, S.D.; Maryville, Tenn.; Fort Smith, Ark.; Richmond, Ky. and Slidell, La.

The remaining 190 volunteers participated in mission service projects in Latin America and the Caribbean—in Belize, Brazil, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Jamaica, Mexico and Peru.

—Christine Guerrini ’09 A&S and Anthony Maalouf ’08 G.S.
A Call to Service
BY CHRISTINE GUERRINI ’09 A&S

The old adage says “Children are our future.” To test such a saying, look no further than Villanova University. Those children have grown and, with them, the outlook for our future. A new generation ripe with social consciousness and a love of service has arrived.

Instead of using Fall Break for relaxation or visiting family and friends, the Campus Ministry volunteers consider it a time for action. The 185 Villanovans who worked with Habitat for Humanity affiliates across the United States spent long hours demolishing and rebuilding low-income housing. The 190 Villanovans who traveled to poverty-stricken areas took part in activities ranging from teaching young children in Brazil to experiential learning at a sea turtle reserve in Costa Rica.

The physical demands were sometimes rigorous, but in the end, participants felt that the benefits outweighed any exhaustion.

Noted Jennifer Cacace ’08 VSB, “While it can be a bit disheartening at the end of midterms week not to be able to look forward to returning to the comforts of your home, I am thrilled to step outside my comfort zone and take part in a Campus Ministry break trip.”

This college generation has no wish to sit and idly watch the world go by. Human services major Heidi Krump ’09 A&S noted that “Villanova is one of the few schools that have a fall break, but spending it at home freshman year was boring. After my trip to Peru last year, I had so much fun meeting new people from Villanova and traveling to a new place, I got hooked on break trips.”

Stephanie Chang ’09 A&S agreed: “The things you learn from going on a mission trip you cannot learn from sitting at home watching television.”

Most of all, service factors into this generation’s philosophy of life. Villanova prides itself on its Augustinian heritage and commitment to service. Those who chose to attend the University certainly hold service just as highly. Christina Khattar ’10 VSB, a member of the Alumni Service Learning Community who volunteered with Habitat in Pittsboro, N.C., explained, “I believe in using your gifts to do good and contribute to society, and having fun while doing it.”

The volunteers returned transformed in mind and heart, a true testament to the University and its own mission. Many underclassmen were eager to take part in more service break trips. In turn, seniors re-examined their goals for the future and found a place for service in that plan.

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A Blessing for Those Embarking to Serve
BY ANTHONY MAALOUF ’08 G.S.

Before the volunteers departed nationally and internationally for their Campus Ministry Fall Break service trips, the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., ’75 A&S, University president, commissioned them with a blessing in the St. Thomas of Villanova Church.

Also at the Mass, which was celebrated on October 12, 2007, Gary R. Olsen ’74 A&S, ’80 G.S. presented a $6,500 check to Campus Ministry. Olsen is executive director of the Villanova University Alumni Association (VUAA) and associate vice president for Alumni Affairs. The funds were Villanova’s share of the proceeds from selling the “Life is good®” T-shirts and caps during Alumni Reunion Weekend in June 2007. The VUAA actually raised $13,000; the other $6,500 will go to the Life is good® Kids Foundation, which supports children’s charities. Albert A. “Bert” Jacobs ’87 A&S is co-founder and...
Sanctuary, a sacred music ensemble at Villanova University, announced the release of its new double CD, “Sacred Earth,” at a reception on November 17, 2007, in the Villanova Room of the Connelly Center.

The 28 selections on “Sacred Earth” present the synergistic play of exotic instruments, including the dobro, Tibetan tingshas, djembe and dumbek, in combination with traditional instruments. The spiritual music is drawn from years of on-campus celebrations.

The Rev. T. Shawn Tracy, O.S.A., ’63 A&S and Dan Mason ’78 A&S, co-founders of Sanctuary, played selections from the music they composed for the double CD. “Sacred Earth” is the 10th recording Father Tracy created while at Villanova. “The project is the culmination of two years of dedicated work to develop and perfect the music,” he said. Father Tracy is now associate personnel administrator for the Augustinians of the Province of St. Thomas of Villanova, but still serves as chaplain for the Villanova University Alumni Association and presides at daily liturgies on campus.

“Sacred Earth” may be ordered for the special price of $24.00 (plus s&h) by calling 1-800-834-6250 or by visiting www.sanctuary.villanova.edu.

Paralegal Education Graduates Prepare to Assist Others

BY CHRISTINE GUERRINI ’09 A&S

“You’re working in a field where people are looking for help in some fashion,” noted the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., ’75 A&S, University president, in addressing graduates of Continuing Studies’ Paralegal Education program. “That’s what Villanova prides itself on: reaching out to help people.”

Villanova University’s Paralegal Education certificate program, one of the premier offerings in this field in the greater Philadelphia area, is approved by the American Bar Association.

The reception, dinner and graduation celebrated the 50 Villanovans who, after months of rigorous course work, had earned their certificates. The event took place on September 20, 2007, at the Villanova Conference Center.

Paralegal Education trains qualified individuals in the theory and philosophy of the law and the ethics of legal practice. Some of the graduates had completed their studies over a year by taking evening classes; others opted for the accelerated four-month program, which Villanova offers three times a year. The Paralegal Education program is housed on the campus of American College in Bryn Mawr, Pa.

Paralegals work under the direction of a lawyer. Students in this non-credit certificate program learn how to use computers for information management; prepare documents in specialized areas of the law; interview clients; prepare trial evidence; maintain case files; research the law; and assist public and private lawyers with estate administration, business organizations and other legal matters.

At the dinner, Samuel A. DiLullo, J.D., coordinator of the program, congratulated the graduates, family, friends and faculty.
for their active roles and reminded them that behind each graduate is a special someone who helped him or her to succeed.

DiLullo also announced the award recipients:

- **West Legal Studies Award for Excellence in Legal Writing**: Rebecca Bemis ’07 (P.C.P.), Claire Cardone ’07 (P.C.P.), Gloria Reider ’07 (P.C.P.), David Schast ’07 (P.C.P.), Wendy Reczek ’07 (P.C.P.), Lea Sitton Stanley ’07 (P.C.P.), David Teklits ’07 (P.C.P.) and James Dean Williams ’07 (P.C.P.).

- **Paralegal Education Program Academic Excellence Award**: Claire Cardone ’07 (P.C.P.), Rachel Linstead ’07 (P.C.P.), Ashleigh Manchak ’07 (P.C.P.), Bernadine Mixon ’07 (P.C.P.), Gloria Reider ’07 (P.C.P.), David Schas ’07 (P.C.P.) and David Teklits ’07 (P.C.P.). They had to earn an A in every course.

Father Donohue offered his congratulations and closed with a final wish for the graduates: “May your time here at Villanova enrich your lives and, more importantly, enrich the lives of others.”

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**“Dream for Eileen” Run Benefits Nursing Scholarship**

**BY KATHLEEN SCABELLO**

Almost 100 participants turned out on October 6, 2007, for the fourth annual “Dream for Eileen” 5K Walk/Run on campus. It honored the memory of Eileen Shea Lupton ’03 Nur., who was tragically killed in a Chicago porch collapse a few weeks after her graduation from Villanova University. She had planned to become a pediatric nurse.

The race, part of Homecoming Weekend, attracted double the number that participated last year. The event raised almost $1,000 for the Villanova College of Nursing scholarship established by the Eileen Shea Lupton Memorial Foundation to keep alive her “compassionate health care ideals.” Sarah Klein-Harris ’09 Nur. of Baltimore is the current recipient.

The course began at Bartley Hall and wound through campus. Patrick Lupton, Eileen’s father, addressed participants at the starting line. A companion event sponsored by the foundation took place on November 24, 2007, in her hometown of Lake Forest, Ill.

Donations may be made to the Eileen Shea Lupton Memorial Nursing Scholarship at P.O. Box 694, Lake Forest, IL 60045.
Anthropology Series Begins with a Bang...

By Christine Guerrini ’09 A&S

Normally one associates the origins of the universe with astronomy rather than anthropology. However, the pursuit of the origins of the universe has fascinated and shaped cultures throughout time. On September 13, 2007, Villanova University’s Office of Mission Effectiveness opened “In the Beginning,” its seven-part 2007-08 Anthropology Lecture Series, with “How Did the Universe Begin?” by Dr. Philip A. Maurone, a professor and chair of the department of physics. The series took place in the DeLeon Room of the St. Augustine Center for the Liberal Arts.

Despite the title, the lecture’s focus was not the actual beginning. “Nobody really knows how [the Universe] began; that’s the easy answer,” Dr. Maurone said. Instead, he explained several properties that scientists do know about the Big Bang. For example, the farthest observable distance that astronomers can see into the past is 11 billion years, which is still 300,000 years after the Big Bang. Before such time, the universe was covered in an opaque cloud of molecules.

Maurone concentrated on properties of the four Force Laws: gravity, electricity/magnetism, strong nuclear force and weak nuclear force. Before the universe became opaque, these forces melted together and were indistinguishable. Now, billions of years later, scientists understand quite well that gravity and electromagnetic forces are separate natural phenomena.

Maurone, who joined Villanova’s faculty in 1972, has been part of the team using the Hubble Space Telescope to study eclipsing binaries in the Magellanic Clouds.

While cosmology studies the whole cosmos—the very large—high-energy physics searches for nature’s fundamental building blocks—the very small. Will the two ever meet? Maurone asked, and concluded by reiterating his first point, that while we may not know how the universe began “we know an awful lot.”

...and Follows Up with How Life Began

By Tainah Michida ’08 A&S

Humankind’s many unanswered questions include that of the origin of life and its meaning. Who or what created life? How was it done? What does it mean to be alive? Dr. Barry Selinsky, a Villanova University professor of chemistry and department chair, approached these questions in his talk titled “How Did Life Begin? And What Is Life?” The talk on October 4, 2007, was the second in the 2007-08 Anthropology Lecture Series.

“Four billion years ago, Earth as we know it was formed. Scientific evidence shows that life already existed from 3.5 to 3.8 billion years ago,” said Dr. Selinsky. “This is the question we’re going to try to answer today: How was life established on Earth?”

Selinsky encouraged the audience to “Suppose you’re in high school, and the guidance counselor recommends you to God School, a six-year program. After five and a half years, you start to work on your thesis.” Your project is to create life by using any atomic elements in the periodic table, up to and including iron.

In creative analogies, Selinsky explained the different forms of life starting with the simplest form we know: bacteria. These primitive single-cell organisms are comparable to general stores, according to Selinsky. Modern single-cell organisms are Costco stores and multi-cellular organisms are the King of Prussia Mall.

The chemistry professor then attempted to answer the question, “What does it mean to be alive?” by explaining the three characteristics and requirements of life. The first states that life must be chemical. Therefore, “anything computer-generated cannot be considered life,” he said. Second, life must sustain itself by gathering atoms and energy. In other words, a live organism must eat. Third, living organisms display variation. “There is variability involved, which allows us to evolve,” he said.

Selinsky explored two hypotheses of the origin of life. The first, “the iron-sulfur world,” was originated by German chemist Günter Wächtershäuser. He theorized that life began in the bottom of the ocean at hydrothermal vents surrounded by hot volcanic gases, which provided natural food and a constant energy source. The problem with this hypothesis, however, is that it does not explain the generation of genetic material, reproduction and genetic variability.

The second hypothesis is “the RNA world” (the phrase used by Nobel laureate Dr. Walter Gilbert in 1986). Said Selinsky, “It explains how life might have begun simply with RNA molecules,” which can replicate themselves when ribonucleotides are present and can act as catalysts for chemical reactions. This hypothesis could also explain variations in metabolism and genetics. Catalytic RNA molecules, however, would need to be at least 50 nucleotides long, and self-replicating RNA molecules have found to be, at most, 14 nucleotides long. In addition to this, there is no physical reason for these molecules to come together at the same place.

While some of the greatest questions in life remain unanswered, it is possible to speculate on their possible explanations and reasons. Selinsky showed his appreciation to the audience for giving reason for such questions to exist by ending his lecture with a cheerful “thanks for living!”

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Christianity in Europe and the “Global South”

BY MICHAEL NATARO ’06 A&S, ’08 G.S.

Dr. Philip Jenkins, a renowned scholar who chronicled Christianity’s move southward, delivered two lectures on October 4, 2007, in Villanova University’s Connelly Center Cinema. Dr. Jenkins, who is the Edwin Erle Sparks Professor of Humanities at Penn State University, discussed the future of global Christianity in the world today.

In June 2007, Dr. Jenkins was invited to 10 Downing Street to meet with former British Prime Minister Tony Blair and Blair’s successor, Gordon Brown, to discuss Christianity and the future of Europe. Jenkins has published 20 books and more than 120 book chapters and journal articles. His latest book, When Christianity Died, will be published this winter. Among his other influential books is The Next Christendom: The Coming of Global Christianity (2002). The British-born scholar earned three degrees at the University of Cambridge.

In his morning talk, Jenkins addressed undergraduates on the topic of “Christianity’s Global Future: What Will the Church Look Like in 50 Years?” In Western Europe and North America, Christianity is being challenged by “the global south,” the church in the Southern Hemisphere. Jenkins has noted that Africa may soon have the world’s largest Christian population. In Africa, Asia and South America, Christian churches are engaging in new ways of interpreting the Bible, including human dignity and spiritual liberation. “Christianity there is understood to be a political message, specifically of liberation, whereas the West generally separates itself from such interpretations,” he said.

Jenkins sees this “global south” as “a new Christianity that challenges the old ways,” and one that takes many different cultural forms. From the perspective of Western Christianity, he views dialogue, cooperation and integration to be “a very positive challenge” to those unaccustomed to traditions different from their own.

In his afternoon talk for the University community, Jenkins spoke about “God’s Continent: Christianity, Islam and Europe’s Religious Crisis.” His talk also is the title of a volume in his trilogy on modern Christianity.

In light of Europe’s influx of Muslim immigrants, Jenkins attempted to refute that secularism and Islam’s growing popularity are bringing about a demise of Christianity.

On the contrary, because of the emigration of Polish and African priests to Western Europe, both native and immigrant Christian communities in Europe are experiencing a rebirth, Jenkins observed. Pilgrimage and other extraordinary forms of religious expression, including American-style “mega-churches” with charismatic worship, are gaining popularity there. According to Jenkins, Europe’s Christian pilgrimage destinations are some of the most visited places in the world.

As for the future of Europe, Jenkins noted that many censuses neglect to distinguish between secular and practicing Muslim immigrants, and that not all immigrants from Islamic countries practice their faith.

Jenkins’ two lectures were co-sponsored by Villanova’s Center for Peace and Justice Education, the Center for Arab and Islamic Studies and the department of political science. His talks were hosted by the department of humanities.

Dr. Thomas W. Smith, chair of humanities, called Jenkins’ message a “challenge to rededicate ourselves.” Jenkins, he said, “is the kind of thinker we need to be paying attention to here. He presented a constellation of problems that are absolutely crucial to investigate at a university like Villanova, not only because of our Catholic identity, but also because of our Augustinian heritage.” Dr. Smith added, “My students were fascinated because much of this came as news to them.”

Joyful Tribute to 30 Years of HEC Retreats

BY IRENE BURGO

The Rev. T. Shawn Tracy, O.S.A., ’63 A&S, associate personnel administrator for the Augustinians of the Province of St. Thomas of Villanova, on October 14, 2007, celebrated the 30th anniversary of Handicapped Encounter Christ (HEC) with a liturgy and festivities in the Villanova Conference Center. Father Tracy, who founded HEC, leads retreats twice each year to offer physically challenged individuals an opportunity to take part in a religious retreat. Over the years, many Villanova faculty members, staff and students have volunteered during the retreat weekends.

The Rev. T. Shawn Tracy, O.S.A., ’63 A&S sings and plays guitar at the HEC celebration.
The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (A&S) Alumni Medallion and Founder’s Award ceremony took place on November 10, 2007, in the Villanova Room of the Connelly Center. The medallions represent one of the highest and most prestigious honors a Villanova graduate may receive from the University. This year, medallions were awarded to Dr. Darryl J. Ford ’87 A&S and Christopher Kuczynski, Esq., ’86 A&S, and a Young Alumni Medallion was awarded for the first time.

Dr. Ford last July became head of school at the William Penn Charter School in the East Falls neighborhood of Philadelphia. He is the first African-American leader of this school founded by William Penn in 1689.

Expressing the value of his own education, Ford said that “The various skills that I learned at Villanova are the same that I teach my students: thinking, reading, writing, making connections across what may seem disparate disciplines, critical analyses, to learn ‘how to learn’ and promoting metacognitive awareness” (having a sense of one’s strengths and weaknesses).

Kuczynski, who majored in English, is assistant legal counsel and director of the Americans with Disabilities Act policy division of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC).

In his remarks, Kuczynski mentioned that even though he has returned to campus only a few times, Villanova is a constant in his life. “The sense of some higher purpose was also something I took away from my Villanova experience,” he said. “Without question, my desire to practice civil rights law was shaped by Catholic social teaching.”

Kuczynski also recalled the enduring friendships made at Villanova. “I was very glad that two of my friends who sang with me in the Villanova Singers were present and that I was presented with the award alongside a third good friend, Dr. Darryl Ford. The people I met are truly the greatest and most lasting experience I took away from Villanova,” Kuczynski said.

Just one graduation year apart, Ford and Kuczynski have remained close friends since their Villanova days. They also were both in the Honors Program and members of the Mendelssohn Club of Philadelphia.

Those honored were (from left) Dr. Michael Brown; Christopher Kuczynski, Esq., ’86 A&S; Christina DiPasquale ’06 A&S, ’07 G.S.; and Dr. Darryl J. Ford ’87 A&S.

Young Alumni Medallion is new this year

Christina DiPasquale ’06 A&S, ’07 G.S. was awarded the College’s inaugural Young Alumni Medallion. Since graduating with a bachelor’s and master’s degree in political science, she has worked extensively in community-based nonprofit organizations. In the Australian outback, she organized educational resources for aboriginal students. In Ghana, she taught and organized programs on health and employment at a Liberian refugee camp.

In her remarks, DiPasquale said Villanova plays a role not just in the lives of its alumni but also in the lives of others around the world. “We are leaving not just our own imprint but also that of Villanova University,” she noted.

Founder’s Award honors Dr. Brown

Dr. Michael Brown, a Villanova professor of psychology since 1985, was honored with the annual Founder’s Award by the Graduate Alumni Society of Arts and Sciences. The society established the award in 1992 in tribute to Dr. Barnard Downey, professor emeritus of chemistry and founder of the society. The award honors an alumnus/a and a Graduate Studies faculty member who have demonstrated excellence in their fields and commitment to the Villanova ideals.

Now in his 10th year as graduate director of the psychology program, Dr. Brown credits receiving the honor to the prestige of this master’s degree program. It “attracts top-notch graduate students to Villanova,” he said. “Many of them publish the work they do here. Most go on to doctoral programs, and almost all end up contributing to the community in meaningful ways.”
National Public Relations Scholarship Honors an Active Student

By Christine Guerrini ’09 A&S

Out of a sea of applicants for the Betsy Plank/Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) Scholarship, Villanova University’s Daniel Trucil ’08 A&S surfaced as the first-place winner. The scholarships recognize college juniors and seniors for their outstanding academic achievement, leadership, practical experience and commitment to public relations. Plank was the first woman to serve as president of PRSSA.

Trucil, of Hawthorne, N.J., pursues a double major in English and communication with a focus on public relations, and has concentrations in Honors and in writing and rhetoric. At Villanova, he noted, “We have phenomenal liberal arts programs that really challenge and encourage us to think from an interdisciplinary perspective.”

As proof of his academic success, Trucil has been chosen for the Phi Kappa Phi honor society, the English honor society and the Lambda Pi Eta communication honor society. He also actively participates on campus. He co-chairs and facilitates the sophomore Service Learning Community in Alumni Hall, is a member of the Blue Key Society and is a liturgical minister. He volunteers and tutors at the Urban Bridges adult literacy program in Philadelphia and is former vice president for community service of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars.

Trucil further captured the attention of the scholarship’s judging committee with his written statement of commitment to public relations and his letters of recommendation from faculty advisors. When he applied for the scholarship last spring, he was studying abroad at Oxford University. But for guidance, he still turned to his advisors at Villanova, including William Cowen and Jill Flanagan, instructors in communication and advisors for the Villanova chapter of PRSSA.

“When a substantial portion of the scholarship deals with ethics in public relations practices,” Trucil explained, “so I spent some time reviewing the relevant principles we covered in class. Ethics is a huge part of public relations, but it also has been a huge part of my education at Villanova.”

Trucil recognizes the integral role that the Villanova community plays in his personal growth. “A Villanova degree is a commitment to the service of others and a challenge to always remain true to the values of truth, unity and love that inform our university experience,” Trucil said. “This philosophy extends well beyond the classroom and into the larger school community... This award is not just for ‘me’ but rather for the type of person Villanova has challenged me to become.” He also wished to thank his family, especially his parents, for their love and support.

Falvey’s Digital Bridge to Catholic History

By Anthony Maalouf ’08 G.S.

Falvey Memorial Library’s Digital Library will have a new project this year as it begins to chronicle and digitize countless historical items from the American Catholic Historical Society (ACHS), the nation’s oldest Catholic historical association.

A ceremony marking the agreement was held in Falvey on October 17, 2007. Darren Poley, outreach librarian, welcomed those present and acknowledged some honored guests, particularly leaders of ACHS, which is based in Philadelphia. The agreement was signed by Joseph P. Lucia, Falvey’s director; Louis N. Ferrero, president of ACHS; and Monsignor James P. McCoy, executive director of ACHS. The agreement is based in Philadelphia. The agreement was signed by Joseph P. Lucia, Falvey’s director; Louis N. Ferrero, president of ACHS; and Monsignor James P. McCoy, executive director of ACHS. The agreement is a very emblematic one for Villanova’s library and for Villanova University as a whole, Lucia noted. “It’s a culmination of much work and a continuation of it, as we take important resources and digitalize them, making them visible to the world,” he added.

This new partnership will result in the scanning and documentation of several rare Catholica items for posting on Falvey’s Web site to make them available to anyone. The digitalization will begin with early editions of American Catholic Studies, an ACHS journal published at Villanova. Formerly known as Records, it is the oldest American Catholic scholarly journal in continuous publication; it dates to 1887.

The first president of ACHS was the Rev. Thomas C. Middleton, O.S.A., who also served as Villanova’s first librarian from 1865 to 1923 and as its 10th president from 1876 to 1878. Middleton Hall is named for him.

Falvey’s Digital Library, under the leadership of reference librarians Michael Foight and Bente Polites, assembles, presents and preserves digital collections that support the teaching and research of the campus and the global communities. More than 2,000 documents have been digitalized since 2006.
At Unity Breakfast, Radnor and Villanova Celebrate Diversity

By Anthony Maalouf ’08 G.S.

About 200 Radnor Township residents, commissioners, spiritual leaders and guests from the Greater Philadelphia chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen joined Villanovans for the seventh annual Unity Breakfast to celebrate diversity and promote equality. They gathered on September 18, 2007, in the Connelly Center’s Villanova Room.

Henry G. Mahoney, president of Radnor’s Board of Commissioners, welcomed everyone, as did Dr. Helen K. Lafferty, at the time University vice president and now College Professor in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Dr. Lafferty reaffirmed the University’s commitment to unity. Alluding to Villanova’s motto, “Veritas, Unitas, Caritas,” she said, “Only through truth and love can we find unity.”

It is imperative for everyone in the community to do his or her part, to become “catalysts of unity,” Lafferty said. Indeed, several community members played a part in the morning’s events. Marlene Greenspan from the Main Line Reform Temple offered the Invocation. This was followed by a greeting from the township’s commissioners, represented by Mahoney and David A. Bashore, township manager. Both commended Radnor’s school district for its dedication to promoting equality and diversity in the curriculum. The commissioners donated a series of children’s books on tolerance and diversity to the Memorial Library of Radnor Township.

A musical touch came courtesy of the Unity Choir, directed by Carolyn Vance of the Bethel A.M.E. Church in Bryn Mawr, Pa. There was an audience sing-along of “I’d Like to Teach the World to Sing,” and a rendition of the popular Jewish song “Havah Nagila.”

Hosted by Villanova, the Unity Breakfast became an annual tradition in September 2001 as a part of Radnor Township’s centennial celebration. Nickie Plumb, program coordinator, remarked that each year attendance has increased. “When we started this, I remember there were just 15 people that morning, and now we have at least 200! I hope it continues to grow,” she said.

Defense and R&D Communities Convene for Net-Centric Conference

By Irene Burgo

Net-centric systems link sensors, communications systems and weapons systems in an interconnected grid for use by the Department of Defense (DoD), especially in warfare. That connectedness creates a seamless and fast flow of data and information to policy makers, as well as military and other personnel in battle situations.

To explore the application of modeling and simulation (M&S) techniques needed in defense applications today, Villanova University’s Center for Excellence in Enterprise Technology (CEET) sponsored the Net-Centric Validation Conference on September 27-28, 2007.

Representatives from the DoD, scientists in the R&D community and Villanova computing sciences faculty convened at the Villanova Conference Center. They

(From left) The net-centric conference’s organizer, Dr. Frank Klassner, executive director of Villanova’s Center for Excellence in Enterprise Technology, is pictured with keynote speaker Keith E. Seaman and Dr. Robert Beck, chair and a professor of computing sciences.
Students’ Unmanned Boat Pilots Its Way to an Award

BY IRENE BURGO

A small fishing boat moves across the water. There’s no one in it, and it’s not powered by remote control. Instead, it uses video cameras, GPS and other sophisticated instrumentation to navigate its way around obstacles. Designed by Villanova University students from the College of Engineering and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the unmanned surface vehicle earned them a $3,500 best design award during a competition held in Orlando, Fla., last August.

For two years, the Villanova graduate and undergraduate students had worked under the guidance of Dr. “Nat” C. Nataraj, chair of the mechanical engineering department. They were invited to Orlando to take part in the research competition and demonstration by the event’s sponsors—the Office of Naval Research and the Association of Unmanned Vehicle Systems.

Dr. Nataraj is the principal investigator for research in the Autonomous Systems Laboratory, part of Villanova’s Center for Nonlinear Dynamics and Control (CENDAC). On this project, CENDAC had collaborated with the Naval Sea Systems Command of Philadelphia (NAVSEA).

Nataraj and the students designed and built the system using a small boat, which they equipped with video cameras donated to the University. The student research team was a multidisciplinary group from the departments of mechanical engineering, electrical and computer engineering, mathematical sciences and computer sciences.

“The students work on the experimental development as well as perform computational research on theoretical modeling and analysis,” Nataraj said.

Using an onboard algorithmic system, “The boat operates autonomously by a series of steps,” Nataraj explained. “It detects obstacles using onboard video cameras and image processing, computes an efficient path using sophisticated algorithms and directs a controller with custom programming to steer the boat toward a target,” he said.

“The boat is equipped with other sensors, such as a GPS and compass, and operates without any human intervention or remote control.” He added, “If there is an obstacle such as a rock ledge or another vehicle in the water, the systems must compensate for the hindrance and guide the boat around the obstacle.”

The Villanovans participating in the competition were part of the Wildcat team that had worked in concert with John Metzer, an engineering advisor from NAVSEA.

“On sunny afternoons, this unmanned boat can be seen on the lake in Core Creek Park in Langhorne,” said Nataraj. “It’s a strange sight, without anyone at the helm.” Even stranger was the astonished reaction of visitors who viewed the vehicle on display in CEER (Center for Engineering Education and Research) during Parents’ Weekend last September.

The research has valuable applications for the federal departments of Defense and of Homeland Security. “The research team at CENDAC has developed the expertise and knowledge to enhance naval capabilities in autonomous systems, focusing on the physical processes, intelligent control algorithms and optimal system design,” Nataraj added.

But the work has just begun. A new student team is now purging the bugs from the system and improving the design to enhance the vehicle’s autonomy and automatic obstacle avoidance capabilities.

attended presentations and discussions led by industry, government and military leaders and experts.

Dr. Frank Klassner, executive director of CEET and an associate professor of computing sciences, coordinated the conference, introduced the speakers and served as host.

The first of the two keynote speakers was Keith E. Seaman. He is a senior advisor at the Command and Control Modeling and Simulation Office of the Chief of Warfighting Integration, as well as chief information officer for the Secretary of the Air Force in Washington, D.C. He described how Air Force M&S efforts fit within DoD’s mission and priorities, how M&S is being used to train airmen and how it will evolve. He also identified the emerging technologies and challenges that the Air Force M&S community faces.

It is important to develop rapid, high-tech M&S techniques for the software used in net-centric DoD systems, Seaman emphasized. For example, he noted that putting pilots in planes for actual in-flight training is dangerous, costly and inconvenient. Sometimes pilots must fly across the country to an airbase for this training. Instead, it is safer, more expedient and more cost-efficient to train pilots on simulated flight equipment in a lab cockpit setting or in front of a monitor using a simulated flight program. That’s where R&D comes in.

However, scientists need to speed up production of this software for net-centric warfare, Seaman said. To be useful in conflict situations, the DoD needs new technologies immediately. In pointing out how the computer game industry is able to develop and produce advanced generations of new games in record time—often within one month—he pressed the R&D community to conduct its work in a more timely way. “We are at the cusp of live modeling and simulation. We have not arrived, as some people today think,” Seaman said.

The second keynote speaker was Henry M. Beebe, technical director for the Program Executive Office Command and Control Programs in DoD’s Defense Information Systems Agency. He addressed the capabilities that a net-centric environment offers. Among them are providing commanders with the data and information they need to make timely, effective and informed decisions. He noted how a joint net-centric environment will lead to a knowledge-centric approach to warfare.
Journalist Recounts Irish America’s Role in the Belfast Agreement

By Kathleen Scavello

Niall O’Dowd knows the secret to attaining world peace. In fact, he has played an integral part in crafting the most successful working model to date—the Belfast Agreement, a diplomatic marvel that has brought almost a decade of calm to sectarian-scarred Northern Ireland.

What happened in Ireland can happen anywhere, the noted Irish journalist/author/peace negotiator told a Villanova University audience. The November 14, 2007, presentation in Bartley Hall was sponsored by the Irish Studies Program.

In discussing “Irish America’s Role in the Irish Peace Process,” O’Dowd, the founder of the Irish Voice newspaper and Irish America Magazine, knows whereof he speaks. During the Clinton administration, the Tipperary expatriate acted as an intermediary between the White House and Ireland’s Sinn Fein political party at a critical period in the peace process.

There are, O’Dowd said, four indispensable elements to peacemaking: an absence of violence, a disinterested outside mediator, willingness to move off of polarized positions and patient relationship building.

How two factions found common ground

Irish-Americans played a vital role in advancing the historic Belfast Agreement, more commonly known as the Good Friday Agreement, that was signed on April 19, 1998. How did Irish-Americans bring two sworn enemies together to shake hands across a table? The Sinn Fein, the provisional wing of the Irish Republican Army (IRA), was dedicated to reunification of the Irish Republic with Northern Ireland. The Democratic Unionist Party (DUP) was the largest unionist Protestant political party.

Fiercely loyal and emotionally rooted to the country from which 1 million of their immigrant forebears had fled the potato famine of 1845-51, Irish-Americans have, through the generations, reflected the prevailing political mood in Ireland.

“Irish America will always mirror what is happening in Ireland. There will always be a group that will support whatever major faction is developing in Ireland,” O’Dowd said.

What was happening in Northern Ireland in the early 1990s, following 30 years and 3,200 dead from “a vicious war that nobody seemed able to solve,” was the settling in of a bone weariness on all sides. The militant IRA recognized the futility of the fight and made the first gestures toward peace.

“We had information from the IRA that they were interested in moving beyond a military campaign. They knew they couldn’t win. And, equally the British knew they couldn’t win,” O’Dowd explained.

“The great virtue of people like Gerry Adams, the leader of the Sinn Fein and former leader of the IRA, was he understood he had to do something. He just couldn’t let the violence go on to the next generation, and the next generation,” he added.

The U.S. president who took a bold step

“You have to have an absence of violence in conflict. You have to have the extremes come to the center. You have to have an outside influence. That’s where Irish America stepped in,” O’Dowd said.

Salvation for Ireland, according to O’Dowd, came in the form of President William J. Clinton, who was willing to throw the United States’ support behind finding a solution to the longstanding Irish “Troubles.” The president agreed to grant Adams a visa to come to America, thereby drawing world attention to the situation. Clinton then appointed former Sen. George Mitchell of Maine to chair the peace negotiation meetings in Belfast between the two sides.

Mitchell, whom O’Dowd believes should have won a Nobel Peace Prize for his role, sat in a Belfast hotel room for almost five years, talking with both parties, getting both parties to talk with each other. And, perhaps most importantly, he listened.

Mitchell “listened for hours and hours to [Dr.] Ian Paisley (DUP leader, member of Parliament and the first minister of Northern Ireland) and the IRA and all these groups saying, ‘This is what happened to us. It was terrible. It was awful. We weren’t respected.’”

President Clinton’s November 1995 visit to Northern Ireland, the first by an American head of state, shifted the peace process into high gear, O’Dowd said.

“American power is not about tanks and guns. It’s about the moral authority. I saw it that day. I saw the difference it made in my country. When Bill Clinton went to Northern Ireland, he virtually ensured that the peace process would work,” O’Dowd asserted.

Years of patience, shades of gray

Peacemaking is a painstaking process that takes years of talking, listening and flexibility, according to the journalist/peace negotiator. Along with Clinton and Adams, O’Dowd credits John Hume, leader of the moderate nationalist Social Democratic and Labour Party (SDLP) and the Rev. Alex Reid, a Belfast priest, as architects of the peace process.

The currently polarized U.S. political atmosphere grieves O’Dowd. “The one thing that puts me in despair is when I see American politicians make everything black and white. There are huge shades of gray in peace agreements. You simply have to have the extremes come to the center to have conflict resolution,” he said.

“What they did in Ireland they can do in other parts of the world. That would be my great hope—that the example of Ireland is much more than just solving a small regional conflict,” observed Niall O’Dowd in his talk last November.

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Faculty Discuss Research on Forgiveness

BY IRENE BURGO

Villanova University’s Office for Mission Effectiveness presented a panel discussion on the biblical perspectives of forgiveness; it took place on November 5, 2007, in the Falvey Memorial Library lounge.

Three faculty members from the theology and religious studies department discussed their research on forgiveness. In collaboration with department colleagues, they are working on a book that traces the Christian understanding of forgiveness from biblical times to the present. The studies are part of the ongoing Forgiveness Project, sponsored by Mission Effectiveness. The panelists were Dr. Paul Danove, a professor; Dr. Judith M. Hadley, an associate professor; and Dr. Peter Spitaler, an assistant professor and director of the department’s graduate program.

Dr. Barbara Wall, special assistant to the president for Mission Effectiveness and an associate professor of philosophy, introduced the panelists and commented on the project’s goals. The discussion is meant “to bring greater awareness of forgiveness in our lives, to the faculty—of whom a number approached me about the research on forgiveness—and to our students as well, and to make these contributions available to a wider audience and also to make the skills of forgiveness available to all,” said Dr. Wall. “The research has been successful in many ways; especially, it is a reflection of our Augustinian tradition.”

The panels explored the exegesis of forgiveness in scriptural literature. Exegesis, according to Dr. Danove, is the interpretation of a text in its original context. He noted that his interpretation of forgiveness is based on reading the Scriptures while keeping in mind the times in which they were written.

Dr. Hadley discussed the views of forgiveness in the Hebrew Scriptures, the Old Testament. She defined forgiveness as the ability “to cease to feel angry or offended by a wrongful action, to limit or let off debt or the debtor [offender].” In the Hebrew Bible, God is the one who forgives, not people, according to Hadley. “It is not clear whether or not this is truly forgiveness, or merely the payment of a debt, but it seems this is where the idea starts to develop,” she said.

Dr. Spitaler spoke of forgiveness in Christian Scriptures, specifically the notion of forgiveness—the mechanism vs. the concept, the idea vs. the action. “New Testament authors generally do not explain the mechanism, system or functioning of forgiveness,” he said. They presuppose familiarity with the concept and use it in an absolute sense.

“What is forgiveness in the New Testament? It is the act of releasing the debt of sins, which act is both granted and executed by God, effective through a cleansing of the covenant people with the blood of Jesus,” Spitaler explained. “In the New Testament, the object of forgiveness is always expressed in the plural: failures, transgressions and sins.”

Dr. Danove focused on the exegesis of forgiving in the New Testament. Since the understanding of forgiving is inherent to the society within which the literature was written, his research reviews forgiveness according to the time in which the Scriptures were written. Nevertheless, the basic principle is the same.

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According to Danove, “It is the wrongful actions that we are obliged to forgive—not the person. The idea of forgiving the person never appears in the New Testament. Jesus emphasized the importance of forgiveness through the phrase in the prayer, the Our Father: ‘...forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive the trespasses of others.’”

Individuals need to seek forgiveness through Jesus’ mercy, Danove noted. “Jesus further exemplified the idea of being in the right relationship with God when He was on the cross dying and asked, ‘Father forgive them... This shows us that by forgiving His executioners, He attains the right to be in the right relationship with God.”

Everything is impacted by Jesus’ teaching on forgiveness, Danove observed. For example, “The debt that I owe to God is greater than any debt another may owe to me,” he said. “I can accept God’s forgiveness of my greater debt only by forgiving the debts of others. By forgiving, we experience God’s incredible peace, because we let go of debt, sin and wrong done to us by others and put it behind us. If we are willing to do that—to let go of the wrongs done to us—we experience God’s forgiveness.”
Do you have comments or suggestions you’d like to share about Villanova Magazine? This spring, Villanova University will be conducting a readership survey to give Villanovans an opportunity to voice their opinions. In April, a sampling of readers will receive the survey, either by mail or e-mail. If you receive a survey, please take time to fill it out and return it promptly. Thank you!

New Major and Institute Integrate Global Studies

By Michael Nataro ’06 A&S, ’08 G.S.

After almost seven years in the making, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences this spring will initiate its Institute for Global Interdisciplinary Studies (GIS) and offer a GIS major, the College’s 33rd major. The institute, directed by Dr. Maghan Keita, professor of history, will tailor the course of study to each student’s interests and integrate a broad range of globally oriented subject matter into team-taught seminars.

The focus of GIS, according to Dr. Keita, is “what it means to be a global citizen.” The idea of global citizenship, he noted, is a response to the growing need to recognize the interconnected relationships of people, culture, religion and the economy, both in the past in terms of shared histories, as well as in the future in terms of mutual economic and cultural dependencies.

GIS courses will center around three team-taught, core seminars. The first introduces the curriculum’s philosophy. The second, in the junior year, will be a forum for student/faculty research collaboration in preparation for the thesis. In the senior year, the capstone colloquium will concentrate on writing, revising and refining the thesis. Between these core seminars, students may choose from a vast array of seminars and lecture-based courses, each with a global focus. Students will be required to study abroad in a non-English speaking country for a semester to gain both language skills and cultural immersion. They will then integrate this experience abroad into their core seminars, classes and theses.

Members of the GIS Institute Advisory Committee, Keita observed, are “globally minded men and women” who have contributed a great deal from their own interests and backgrounds. Serving with Keita on the committee are Dr. Crystal Lucky, an associate professor of English and director of Africana Studies; Dr. Mark Doorley, an assistant professor of ethics and director of the Ethics Program; Dr. Satya Pattnayak, a professor of sociology and director of Latin American Studies; Dr. Dina Amin, an assistant professor of theatre and of Arabic literature and culture; and Dr. Masako Hamada, an assistant professor of classical and modern languages and coordinator of the Japanese program.
In an age of startlingly realistic animation, what effect does the graphic violence found in virtual reality have on players of all ages? Primary among the concerns are the video games depicting scenes of blood and gore, such as “Man Hunt” or “Grand Theft Auto.”

In March 2007, the Pennsylvania House Resolution No. 94 Task Force on Violent Interactive Video Games was established to examine the effects on players. Specialists chosen for the task force ranged from lawyers to video game graphic designers to clinical and research psychologists. Dr. Patrick M. Markey, a research psychologist and assistant professor of psychology at Villanova University, was invited to join to provide his perspective.

“We are not doing research for them,” Dr. Markey explained about the work done for the task force. “Basically what the state wanted us to do is understand if violent video games have an adverse effect on children’s aggressions and violence. Everyone was to give an opinion and come to some kind of consensus.”

When video games became a hot-button issue, Markey began to explore the relationship between video games and aggression. He and his research colleagues have found that individuals with more anger tend to lash out more easily when provoked. Otherwise, their aggression remained at a normal level. Violent video games, Markey suggested, serve as a type of virtual provocation in which the player identifies with the character being attacked.

“The important thing to remember is that our research is not saying—and this is what we always try to emphasize—that angry people who play violent video games are going to do school shootings,” Markey explained. “Our research doesn’t even get close to that kind of aggression. We’re talking more about after a person plays a lot of video games, [he or she] is a person likely to verbally lash out at somebody or perhaps get into an altercation.” The research, however, “gets taken out of context.”

To further clarify his point, Markey discussed the misconception that punching a pillow releases aggression. Research outside of video games found that those who punched pillows to release anger generally became more anxious. Those who believed the practice worked, however, actually calmed down due to the passing of time, not the act of punching the pillow.

In the same way, many people think that playing violent video games reduces aggression in a controlled way. Again, Markey has used research to study this misconception. “The truth is, our effects never go in the opposite direction,” he said. “Some people aren’t affected at all by the video games, but you never get mellower after playing ‘Man Hunt’ or ‘Halo’...It’s this idea that ‘Let it all out in the safe format’ and then you’re less likely to lash out. It doesn’t happen.”

Markey wasn’t aware of any cross-cultural studies on this topic. “The main researchers that do video games are mostly in the States. There’s no theoretical reason why it should have a different effect [in another country].

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Ethics Series Looks at an End-of-Life Issue

BY TAính MİCHİDA ’08 A&S

For the several hundred thousand people who have implantable cardioverter-defibrillators (ICDs), the device provides an electric shock that can jump-start their heart. But for those at the end of life who have signed advanced directives and for their caregivers, ICDs pose a profound ethical issue and can bring distress to the patients and their families.

That was the ethical concern discussed by Dr. Timothy W. Kirk, a visiting assistant professor of philosophy at Villanova University and a Catherine of Siena Fellow in Ethics, in the Fall Semester’s second Ethics for Lunch series. The discussion took place in the St. David’s/Radnor Room of the Connelly Center on October 11, 2007.

Before beginning the discussion, Dr. Kirk asked attendees to consider the story of Joseph Catera (fictional name), a 69-year-old suffering from cancer who had declared, in his advanced directive, his wish to not be resuscitated if his cardiopulmonary system failed. As Catera died, his heart rhythm became irregular. Upon detecting this, his ICD discharged 12 electrical shocks, the last of which occurred only minutes before his final breath. Because the hospice team had not asked Catera if he would like his ICD to be deactivated, he did not die the peaceful death he had desired. “There is a great deal of distress involved with the discharge,” Kirk said.

Legally, patients have the right to refuse such life-sustaining therapies as dialysis and antibiotics. When the question is whether ICDs are part of such therapies, mixed answers are received. ICDs, however, can be deactivated, a possibility of which patients often are unaware. “They are not told they could turn it off,” explained Kirk.

According to Kirk, the functioning of an ICD during a person’s final moments should be seen as a predictable side-effect, comparable to informing patients of how a medication could negatively interfere with seizures.

To help advance the issue, Kirk, along with a team of experts, is presenting a position statement based upon extensive empirical data and research. He hopes it will lead to provider groups implementing improved goals and guidelines. “Preventable harm will in fact be prevented and not be allowed to continue,” said Kirk.

California Chef Brings Thai Flavors to Campus

BY CHRISTINE GUERRINI ’09 A&S

Villanova Dining Services presented “A Taste of Thailand” in its three dining halls—Dougherty, Donahue and St. Mary—on the evening of September 27, 2007. Timothy Dietzler, Dining Services director, called the event “a combination of menu and theme.” Dishes included Thai chicken and coconut soup, vegetable pad thai, orange chicken and coconut ice cream.

For the theme dinner, Dining Services worked with Prakas Yenbamroong, owner and chef of two Thai restaurants in Beverly Hills and Hollywood. Dietzler had met him at a conference in 2005. The chef’s upscale Talésai and Cafe Talésai have attracted such celebrities as Nicholas Cage, Harrison Ford, Mel Gibson and Steven Spielberg.

In 2004, Yenbamroong began to create his own sauces, based on his mother’s Thai recipes and authentic spices. After speaking at a collegiate chefs conference, he realized he wanted to work with schools to provide a Thai menu and bring more options to students. “This is part of how the world is changing,” Yenbamroong said, “American and Thai combined, bringing the world together through food and culture.”

Dining Services even transformed the “Good Earth” station in Donahue Court into Cafe Talésai. Two dance students from UCLA who perform around the world—Waewdao Sirisook and My-Linn Le—traveled to campus for the “Taste of Thailand” event. In each dining hall, they performed Fawn Leb (a finger/nail dance), Mong Serng Kai Lai (a choreographed one) and Pang Pra Teep (a traditional candle dance from Burma).
The Rich History of New Mexico's Catholic-Hispanic Culture

BY ANTHONY MAALOUF ’08 G.S.

In the late 16th century, Catholics of Spanish origin settled north of the Rio Grande, in what is now New Mexico. They brought with them a strong ethnic influence in their religious practices, including very public religious observances, such as Good Friday processions through town, and self-flagellation and other flamboyant displays of penitence.

The resulting interreligious tension two centuries later, between these Hispano-Catholics and the Anglo-Catholic hierarchy, was the subject of Kathleen Holscher’s talk on October 24, 2007. She presented her research in the Connelly Center’s Radnor/St. David’s Room as part of the Being Catholic in America Series, sponsored by Villanova University’s Office for Mission Effectiveness. Holscher next fall will become an assistant professor of theology and religious studies at Villanova.

“The category ‘Hispano-Catholic’ suggests an uncomplicated meeting of religious and ethnic minds, or a natural affinity—assumptions that overlook what is actually a complicated historical relationship,” Holscher said.

In 1848, when New Mexico became a U.S. territory, the tension began. The Vatican appointed a French missionary, the Rev. Jean-Baptiste Lumy, as the first bishop of the newly created diocese in Santa Fe. He oversaw the building of churches and schools, established new parishes, recruited priests and brought in nuns to teach in the new schools. But he also ended many of the ethnic religious traditions and suspended some of the priests who continued these practices. Many Hispano-Catholics went underground. Willa Cather’s 1927 novel, Death Comes for the Archbishop, is based on his life.

“In the second half of the 19th century, Catholicism—especially institutional Catholicism—existed in tenuous relationship to Hispanic ethnic identity. Although most Hispanics remained Catholic, they encountered ecclesiastical policies set at odds with their language and their customs,” she explained.

Physics Celebrates 30 Years with Villanova

BY IRENE BURGO

The physics department honored Dr. Alain J. Phares, professor of physics, on the occasion of his 30th anniversary as a Villanova University faculty member. The reception on October 12, 2007, took place in the Presidents’ Lounge of the Connelly Center. The Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., ’75 A&S, University president, came by to congratulate the physicist. Faculty members, colleagues and staff joined the Phares family and friends for the afternoon reception.

Dr. Philip A. Maurone, chair and a professor of physics, recalled Dr. Phares’ special dedication to his students and research. Phares has taught numerous topics in physics, including a course on the general theory of relativity.

In thanking his colleagues, Phares expressed special gratitude to Dr. Francis J. Wunderlich ’59 A&S, an associate professor of physics, with whom he has explored numerous research projects.


Family members attending included his wife, Claude; sons Denis and Pascal; daughter Caroline and her husband; and seven grandchildren. They shared memories and applauded the accomplishments of their husband, father and grandfather.

Long after New Mexico became a state in 1912, nuns remained well-established in its public schools. In the late 1940s, the fact that religious doctrine played a role in the nuns’ teaching became a point of conflict with the government. In a 1948 lawsuit, secular and non-Catholic groups challenged the status of these nuns.

The lawsuit was finally resolved in 1951, when Zellers vs. Huff went to the Supreme Court of New Mexico. The ruling made three important points. Anyone who taught religious doctrine during school hours would be removed from teaching in a state public school. Members of a religious order could teach in public schools, but could not wear religious clothing while doing so. A church was not to administer a school system within the state public school system.

The court’s decision was disappointing to both the Anglo-Catholic leadership and to Hispano-Catholics. Clergy and laity came together to support the nuns, showing solidarity between the two formerly divided groups. While the court’s decision marked the end of these religious practices in New Mexico’s public schools, it also marked the end of a longstanding division in the Catholic community.
Hundreds of moms and dads returned to celebrate Parents’ Weekend at Villanova University last fall. Proudly clad in Villanova attire from the University Shop, they followed their children—freshmen and upperclassmen alike—to residence and dining halls for a glimpse of everyday life on campus. The University offered a myriad of events, ranging from athletics to academic workshops, that families could enjoy during the weekend of September 14-16, 2007.

Friday’s Junior Ring Ceremony drew to the Pavilion more than 400 family members, along with the 230 juniors receiving their Villanova rings. The Class Events Committee of the Campus Activities Team (CAT) and Sarah Barnett ’09 E.E. coordinated the ceremony. Esteemed faculty representatives from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the Villanova School of Business, the College of Engineering and the College of Nursing presented the class rings to the juniors. Distinguished guests included Paul J. Molnar Jr. ’59 A&S, Robert L. Saldutti ’84 VSB and Amy M. Accione ’99 A&S, ’01 GS.

To open the evening ceremony, faculty members and alumni processed through the Pavilion with banners. The Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., ’75 A&S, University president, and John Von Euw ’08 A&S, Student Government Association president, welcomed the guests. They reminded members of the Class of 2009 that although their time at Villanova is short, their relationship to the University will endure.

Paul A. Tufano ’83 VSB, ’86 J.D., president-elect of the Villanova University Alumni Association and a member of Villanova’s Board of Trustees, gave the address. He recalled his two most dominant memories about his own class ring: the day he received it and the day he lost it. Although he never found it, Tufano reiterated that the ring itself was not important; it was the sense of belonging and the community that it symbolized.

During the blessing of the rings, Father Donohue asked all the students to draw near the stage. The juniors packed together in clusters and looked up at Father Donohue, who emphasized that the ring represented a commitment to and unity with the Villanova University community.

On Saturday, sports enthusiasts could catch the Wildcats play their first home football game of the season, a Big East Conference match against the University of Maine. Although the Wildcats had strong competition, they persevered in overtime, 24-17. Six other athletics events took place that weekend. Women’s tennis served a win over Manhattan, women’s soccer defeated Temple and women’s volleyball spiked its way to victory over three of its four opponents.

Sunday opened with the Senior Breakfast at Drexelbrook in Drexel Hill, Pa. The Class of 2008 gathered to mingle and enjoy the buffet. “Les Six,” a student string sextet, provided musical entertainment. Villanova men’s basketball Head Coach Jay Wright offered his perspective on the upcoming season and the seniors’ four-year journey at Villanova.

Following breakfast, a liturgy was celebrated in the Pavilion. Readings focused on Jesus’ search for the one lost sheep, the Israelites’ idolatry of the golden calf and the parable of the prodigal son.

To close Parents’ Weekend, Music Activities organized an afternoon showcase of the many musical groups on campus. In the packed Villanova Room of the Connell Center, the Villanova Band opened with “Thundercrest.” Instrumental groups performing included the Villanova Jazz Ensemble, the Villanova Orchestra, and “Les Six.” The Villanova Voices, the Villanova Haveners, the Villanova Singers, the Villanova Spires and the Villanova Gospel Ensemble represented the many campus vocal groups. The Villanova Dance Team, the Villanova Twirlers, the Villanova Dance Ensemble and Irish Dance Club provided lively performances. For their finale, the groups gathered together to sing the Villanova fight song and the “Alma Mater.”
(Above) Parents and students join hands in prayer during the Mass. (Below) The Music Activities showcase featured student groups.
Books in Review

Good Leaders, Good Shepherds: Discovering Leadership Principles for Effective Priestly Ministry
By Dr. Dick Lyles, Timothy C. Flanagan '65 VSB, Susan Fowler and Dr. Drea Zigarmi
136 pp. hardback
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Good Leaders, Good Shepherds is a timely, pertinent and inspiring work that should encourage both lay and cleric alike. This novel by four authors, all of whom are involved professionally in leadership development, tells the story of Father Frank, who discovers his God-given gift for leadership in his capacity as a parish priest. After having received a new ministerial assignment, the young priest begins to understand the fullness of his vocation not only as a shepherd to those under his spiritual care, but also as a successful and effective manager of an organization’s administrative needs.

This is great read for all Catholics. It not only presents the model of what a priest should be in his role as pastor, but also inspires lay people toward a calling to become more involved in their church on a local level. The novel will encourage parishioners to assist their priests to the best of their spiritual and temporal capabilities, and by doing so, to deepen and enrich their own spirituality by helping the community. Its story presents a beautiful leadership model focused on the effectiveness of influencing groups to achieve common goals, including youth ministries, Knights of Columbus councils, children’s faith formation classes and administrators of Catholic schools.

Co-author Timothy C. Flanagan ’65 VSB founded and chairs the Catholic Leadership Institute in Exton, Pa. (see page 64 in Class Notes). The Institute, which provides comprehensive multi-year programs for clergy, religious and lay leaders, offers a “Good Leaders, Good Shepherds” curriculum to help clergy cope with their administrative roles.

I found this book particularly important today when there is a tremendous need for good priests. With the emergence of many new youth organizations, an increase of immigrant communities and the return of Catholics to the Church in an age of secularization, this story comes at a time when the Church, and the role of her priests, is at the crossroads between the past and present, religious and secular, and the traditional and the unconventional.

—Reviewed by Michael Nataro ’06 A&S, ’08 G.S.

Heaven’s Brightest Star
By Kara M. Glad ’97 A&S, ’02 G.S.
TATE PUBLISHING
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24 PP. PAPERBACK
$8.99; $9.99 CD AUDIO BOOK

In Heaven’s Brightest Star, Kara M. Glad ’97 A&S, ’02 G.S. introduces the reader to Katie, a young girl anticipating the birth of her baby brother. Katie is so thrilled that she will be a big sister and even practices for the part, reading stories to her baby doll. Not long after, she learns that her baby brother, Ryan, was born premature, and is not strong enough to survive. Katie, who eventually goes to visit her brother at the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU), slowly begins to understand what a preemie is and why these infants are weak at birth.

Based on her own true story, the author was inspired to write Heaven’s Brightest Star to raise awareness of premature births. Easy to understand, this moving children’s book is an excellent resource for parents and for children who are coping with the loss of an anticipated little brother or sister. Recommended by doctors and neonatal nursing staff, Heaven’s Brightest Star also introduces children to the basic concepts of a NICU.

Glad has arranged for a portion of sales of her book to be donated to the March of Dimes, an organization committed to fighting the consequences of premature birth and birth defects. She has been a keynote speaker at March of Dimes events. Glad earned a bachelor’s degree in general arts from Villanova University and then returned for a master’s degree in elementary education. A true Villanovan, she was active as a student in various organizations and played on the women’s tennis team.

—Reviewed by Anthony Maalouf ’08 G.S.

Wildcats Book Honored

See the inside back cover for ordering information and the Winter 2006 Villanova Magazine for a review of Connolly’s book, which was published by his wife, Nancy, after his death in 2001.
The region also witnessed both the first African-American player to be drafted by the National Basketball Association (Duquesne University's Chuck Cooper) and the National Football League's first modern-era African-American quarterback (Willie Thrower of New Kensington), according to the book.

Western Pennsylvania also produced recent and contemporary athletes such as Joe Montana, Jim Kelly, Joe Namath, Johnny Unitas, Latrobe native Arnold Palmer and Dan Marino, to name a few.

Oxenreiter is sports anchor for Channel 11 News on Fox 53 and a reporter and anchor for Channel 11 Sports (WPXI-TV) in his hometown of Pittsburgh. Respondent with vintage photos representing the last 100 years of the region's amateur and professional sports, Sports Memories of Western Pennsylvania offers hundreds of fascinating and surprising facts that make this area nearly unrivaled in athletic accomplishments.

—Reviewed by Holly Stratts

The Greatest Show in the Galaxy: The Discerning Fan's Guide to Doctor Who

By Marc Shuster '99 M.A. and Tom Powers '01 M.A.
McFarland & Co. Inc.
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$35.00

The classic series of “Doctor Who,” the award-winning science fiction series that ran on the BBC from 1963-1989, attracted a large fan base in the United Kingdom and abroad. It gave viewers a chance to experience the adventures of Doctor Who, a time-traveling voyager. With the help of his friends, he solved mysteries, visited different worlds and fought off evil-doers.

Two fans of the series, Marc Shuster ’99 M.A. and Tom Powers ’01 M.A., have come together to write The Greatest Show in the Galaxy. Looking deeper into the series, they examine the social issues found in the scripts and observe how race, class and gender are factored into the character development of the Doctor and his companions. Their comprehensive review of the program's various messages shows that the Doctor did not merely whisk excited viewers into a world of fantasy. His adventures had an educational value, advancing revolutionary ideas about life, science and the universe.

In a chapter-by-chapter approach, the authors refer to various episodes to examine the messages of the storylines and the characters. They analyze episodes from all 28 seasons in the classic series (it returned in 2005 to enormous popularity). They offer accounts of how Doctor Who's personality alters due to outside factors, particularly the company with whom he travels. They also look at the villains and the underlying message of the future of the human spirit, with a thought-provoking discussion on the role of technology. The Doctor's crusade against corrupt conglomerates brings to the table the importance of accountability of public officials. Shuster and Powers also highlight the series' collective sense of social responsibility to breaking down the barriers of language, as well as the existential messages behind the episodes.

If you have ever daydreamed of traveling in the TARDIS (the Doctor's time-travel ship) or pretended that your tire gauge was a sonic screwdriver, this book is definitely for you. Supplemented with endnotes and an extensive bibliography, The Greatest Show in the Galaxy allows fans everywhere to relive some of their favorite episodes and consider the reflection of social reality found in each one.

Both Shuster and Powers earned master's degrees in English at Villanova University and teach composition at Montgomery County Community College. Shuster lives in Rosemont, Pa., and Powers lives in Blue Bell.

—Reviewed By Anthony Maalouf '08 G.S.
Your Alumni Association

Expand Your Contacts with Career Connections—an Exclusive Feature of the NovaNetwork

Be a part of the Villanova University alumni network! The NovaNetwork gives Villanovans access to the alumni database and its networking capabilities to search for employment, ease the transition of relocation after graduation, or keep connected to Villanova classmates and friends.

The NovaNetwork is an online database of more than 90,000 Villanova alumni with employment and personal information. This exclusive alumni resource is searchable by name, class year, geographic location, employer and career field.

Career Connections, a new feature of the NovaNetwork, offers networking, advising and résumé-posting tools. This is a great way for Villanovans to keep in contact and help each other by sharing career information and advice. Career Connections combines the resources from VUAA and Career Services to give alumni and students enhanced networking capabilities.

To preserve the exclusivity of these services, you must register and set up your own account. Go to alumni.villanova.edu and click on “NovaNetwork.” Fill in the registration screen and you are ready to start expanding your career options, looking for advice and mentoring other Villanovans.

Save the Date for Scholarship Golf Outings

Join Villanova University alumni and friends in raising scholarship funds for deserving Villanova students and other important causes. Chapter golf outings are a great way to enjoy a day of golf at excellent courses and get together with local alumni. Even if you don’t golf, you are welcome to join the after-golf receptions and dinners.

Please visit alumni.villanova.edu to register for great golf and help support a great cause!

Alumni Reunion Weekend - June 6-8, 2008

Tradition Never Graduates!

The Villanova University Alumni Association (VUAA) invites you back to campus for one of our favorite traditions, Alumni Reunion Weekend. This weekend is a great way to see how much Villanova University has changed…and how much it has stayed the same. All classes are welcome, with special recognition and events for classes with years ending in “3” and “8,” including milestone reunions for:

- The Class of 1958, celebrating its 50-Year Reunion
- The Class of 1983, celebrating its 25-Year Reunion
- The 10-Year Reunion for the Class of 1998

Don’t miss this very memorable weekend with events designed for the entire family to enjoy and numerous opportunities to reconnect with your classmates and the campus. For more information, to register online, and to view the Class Pages and see who is coming, go to alumni.villanova.edu and click on the Reunion link.

May 5
Carolinas Chapter
Cedarwood Country Club

May 5
Long Island Chapter
Garden City Country Club

May 14
Boston Chapter
Stow Acres Country Club

May 22
Detroit Chapter
Oakland Hills Country Club

June 17
Central Connecticut Chapter
Shuttle Meadow Country Club

October 9
Monmouth/Ocean Counties Chapter
Navesink Golf Course

Visit alumni.villanova.edu for additional outings and information
Join the VUAA Travel Program on One of the Final Trips This Season

The Russian Waterways
July 14-26, 2008
Join the VUAA for the journey of a lifetime from Moscow to St. Petersburg aboard the newly renovated M.S. Bunin. While in Moscow, you will see historic symbols of Russia, including Red Square and the Kremlin. The cruise continues to medieval Uglich, through the Russian heartland and St. Petersburg.

Unique features of this tour include:

- A specially arranged early opening and guided tour of the Hermitage Museum
- A meeting with Russian Orthodox clergy in the Cathedral of St. Nikolsky
- A ballet performance in the renowned Aleksandrinsky Theater
- An exclusive meeting with a former KGB agent in the Museum of Political History
- A forum with local students who will share their views on life in Russia today

Villanova Super Value Program:
Village Life in the Italian Lake District
August 23-31, 2008
Take advantage of this exceptional value during a nine-day sojourn to the Italian Lake District! Immerse yourself in a region where alpine peaks tower over pristine lakes surrounded by picturesque villages, tropical orchards and grand Renaissance palaces.

Special tour enhancements include:

- Private boat cruises across Lake Como and Lake Maggiore
- A curator-led tour of the Como Silk Museum
- A specially arranged tour of the legendary Villa Balbianello on Lake Como
- A private visit to Como’s Aldo Galli Academy of Fine Arts, which specializes in restoration of historic art, with expert presentations and demonstrations
- Exclusive Village Forum with local residents

Village Life in Burgundy and Provence
October 3-11, 2008
A seven-night enchanting cruise along the Rhône and Saône rivers aboard the deluxe M.S. Princess de Provence, this journey takes you through the heart of southern France and will enhance your understanding of life in the French countryside. Walk in the footsteps of 14th-century popes in Avignon; step back into the Middle Ages in the untouched village of Boucieu-le-Roi; explore the ancient monuments of Cluny and Arles.

This one-of-a-kind cultural and educational experience includes:

- An excursion in the Beaujolais wine country, featuring a private visit to the Château de Montmelas
- Wine tasting and piano recital at the Château de Montmelas
- A lecture presented by Arles resident and expert guide Janice Lert
- Presentation by the head chef of the M.S. Princess de Provence on the preparation of French cuisine
- Special reception in Boucieu-le-Roi, hosted by nuns from the Convent of the Blessed Sacrament

The VUAA travel program is designed for the discriminating alumni traveler. Its excellent service and accommodations, coupled with unique and enriching travel programs, offer Villanova alumni, family and friends a first-class travel experience. Visit alumni.villanova.edu to read more about these excursions or contact Pat Gillin in the Alumni Office at 1-800-VILLANOVA (800-845-5266) to plan your next vacation.

Events Calendar

The Villanova University Alumni Association (VUAA) and its local chapters have developed a diverse events calendar to attract alumni with varied interests. 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.

Pennsylvania, Delaware and Southern New Jersey Region
April 4-6
Villanova Singers Legacy Event
April 12
Legacy Breakfast at Candidates Day
June 6-8
Alumni Reunion Weekend 2008

New York, Connecticut and North/Central New Jersey Region
May 5
Long Island Scholarship Golf Outing
June 16
Long Island Ducks Baseball Game
June 17
Central Connecticut Scholarship Golf Outing

Mid-Atlantic Region
May 3
The 83rd Running of the Virginia Gold Cup

Midwest Region
May 22
Detroit Scholarship Golf Outing
Help Trace a Path from the 1960s

Clemens Rugaingirwa of Kenya was one of 700 students from East Africa who came to the United States for a college education in the early 1960s, as part of a unique airlift. He studied business at Villanova in 1961-62. Upon returning home, nearly all of these African students became the nation builders of post-colonial Kenya. They filled civil servant and other positions left vacant by the British.

Cora Weiss, former executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union, which organized the 1960s airlift, is working on a book about this time. She would be interested in hearing from people who knew the students and can talk about their memories and the impact of the experience. Please contact her at weiss@igc.org.

Class Notes

Class of 1943: 65th Reunion, June 6-8, 2008

Class of 1948: 60th Reunion, June 6-8, 2008

1950s

Emanuel Rubin, M.D., ’50 A&S, Bio, is Distinguished Professor of Pathology at Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia. During the past year, he received the Distinguished Service Award of the Association of Pathology Chairmen, the Gold Medal Award of the International Academy of Pathology and the Gold-Headed Cane Award (long-term achievement) of the American Society for Investigative Pathology.

Class of 1953: 55th Reunion, June 6-8, 2008

Sigmund “Sig” Holtz ’56 VSB, Eco, a retired IBM administrator, is a licensed fishing guide in New York State and teaches fly fishing during the season in Millbrook, N.Y.

Class of 1958: 50th Reunion, June 6-8, 2008

1960s

Class of 1963: 45th Reunion, June 6-8, 2008

Gordon H. Mansfield, Esq., ’64 VSB, Eco. on October 1, 2007, was named acting secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs, the federal government’s second-largest department. He had been serving as deputy secretary, the VA’s chief operating officer, responsible for a nationwide system of health-care services, benefits programs and national cemeteries for America’s veterans and their families. Prior to joining the VA, the highly decorated veteran served as executive director of the Paralyzed Veterans of America. Following his 1964 enlistment in the Army, he served two tours of duty in Vietnam and was wounded while a company commander with the 101st Airborne Division. For his actions under fire, Mansfield received the Distinguished Service Cross, the Bronze Star, two Purple Hearts, the Combat Infantryman Badge and the Presidential Unit Citation. He was medically retired with the rank of captain. In 1964, the Villanova University Alumni Association awarded him its Alumni Medal.

Timothy C. Flanagan ’65 VSB, Eco. received the St. Augustine Alumni Award for symbolizing the spirit and mission of Malvern (Pa.) Preparatory School. In 2003, following more than 38 years in the financial services industry, Flanagan turned his attention full-time to the Catholic Leadership Institute (CLI), and volunteers as its chair. He had founded CLI 14 years earlier in Exton, Pa., to help people “understand their purpose in life and reach their God-given potential as leaders in our world,” according to CLI. He and his wife, Terese, have five children and eight grandchildren. (See page 60 for a review of his book.)

Albert M. Tantala Sr. ’65 M.C.S., president of Tantala Associates, consulting engineers in Philadelphia, co-authored A Study of the Relationship Between Digital Billboards and Traffic Safety in Cuyahoga County, Ohio. Miguel D. Laussell, Esq., ’66 A&S, Gen. was named a senior political advisor to the presidential campaign of Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-N.Y.). He advises on a variety of issues, including international trade, telecommunications and Latino affairs. A leader in the Puerto Rican community, he has served as chief financial officer at FlightSafety International in New York City and volunteers as its chair. He had been serving as deputy secretary, the VA’s chief operating officer, responsible for a nationwide system of health-care services, benefits programs and national cemeteries for America’s veterans and their families. Prior to joining the VA, the highly decorated veteran served as executive director of the Paralyzed Veterans of America. Following his 1964 enlistment in the Army, he served two tours of duty in Vietnam and was wounded while a company commander with the 101st Airborne Division. For his actions under fire, Mansfield received the Distinguished Service Cross, the Bronze Star, two Purple Hearts, the Combat Infantryman Badge and the Presidential Unit Citation. He was medically retired with the rank of captain. In 1964, the Villanova University Alumni Association awarded him its Alumni Medal.

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1970s

John Sgrignoli ’70 VSB, Bus. Adm., after more than 25 years as an account executive in the point of purchase display industry, in 1999 founded Performance Display Group in Marietta, Ga. The firm designs and manufactures custom retail displays for leading consumer product companies.


Class of 1973: 35th Reunion, June 6-8, 2008

Charles A. Brennecce Jr. ’73 VSB, Bus. Adm. is president and chief financial officer at Petroleum Resources, Inc., a Michigan-based independent producer of oil and natural gas. He and his wife, Sharon, and their two children reside in Romeo.

Kathleen M. Mulcahey ’73 Nur., ’86 M.S.N., of Collinswood, N.J., has an in-home business called RN in the House Tutoring Services, which assists graduate nurses experiencing difficulty in passing the NCLEX. She also tutors undergraduates.

Judith A. Spross, Ph.D., ’74 Nur. was granted tenure and promoted to professor in the University of Southern Maine’s College of Nursing and Health Professions.

Mark Gruber, Esq., ’76 VSB, Acct., a partner in the Buffalo, N.Y., law firm of Roach, Brown, McCarthy & Gruber, PC, was elected to a four-year term as town justice for Tonawanda, N.Y.

Class of 1968: 40th Reunion, June 6-8, 2008

Daniel A. Cirucci ’68 A&S, Pol. Sci. received the E.A. “Wally” Richter Leadership Award last October from the National Association of Bar Executives for his law-related public relations work. He is a lecturer in corporate communications at Penn State Abington.

Robert J. Darretta ’68 VSB, Eco, retired vice chairman/chief financial officer of Johnson & Johnson, was named an honorary member of the Villanova University chapter of Beta Gamma Sigma, the national honor society for business and administration students.

Class of 1970 Sr. ’77 VSB, Bus. Adm., first vice president of Merrill Lynch, was named an honorary member of the Villanova University chapter of Beta Gamma Sigma, the national honor society for business and administration students. He is president of the Delta Tau Delta alumni society and heads the efforts for the new Villanova alumni organization at Merrill Lynch and the Financial Club.

Dr. Kathleen Harrigan Czekanski ’77 Nur. earned a doctorate in nursing at Duquesne University. She is a member of the College of Nursing faculty at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia.

Martha Mets Chambers ’77 Nur. is a case manager at Cape Regional Medical Center in Cape May Court House, N.J., and an adjunct faculty member at Atlantic Cape Community College. She holds an M.S.N. degree from the University of Phoenix and in 2007 was certified as a hospice and palliative nurse.

Class of 1978: 30th Reunion, June 6-8, 2008

Mark S. Raspani, Esq., ’79 A&S, Hist. guest lectured at the University of Alabama School of Law, where he taught a first-year criminal law class and an advanced
Class of 1983: 25th Reunion, June 6-8, 2008

Kevin J. Hughes '84 VSb, Acct., '87 J.D. was appointed to the first board of directors at the Philadelphia law firm of Cozen O’Connor. He chairs the subrogation and recovery department in the firm’s Atlantic and Northeast regional offices.

Michael Perron, P.E., '85 Ch.E. joined Marsh USA as a senior vice president and division leader of its property and multinational practice in Philadelphia. He and his wife, Kelly, and their three children reside in Princeton Junction, N.J.

Class of 1988: 20th Reunion, June 6-8, 2008

James P. Cullen, Esq., '88 VSb, Acct., a member of the Philadelphia law office of Cozen O’Connor, lectured on “Advanced Theories of Recovery” for the New Jersey chapter of the National Association of Subrogation Professionals. Cullen focuses his practice on the prosecution of fire, construction defect and product liability claims.

David M. Melchiorre, Esq., ’89 A&S, Pol. Sci. opened a law office in West Chester, Pa., where he concentrates his practice in family law. He and his wife, Lee Agostini Melchiorre ’89 VSb, Acct., and their four children reside in Wayne.

Michael K. Shamlian ’89 VSb, Bus. Adm./Mkt., is assistant project manager at Hill International Inc. for Liberty Property Trust’s Comcast Center. Now nearing completion, it is Philadelphia’s tallest building.

1990s

Michael Bischoff ’90 G.S., Comp. Sci. is information technology director for Madison County in Wampsville, N.Y.

Navy Cmdr. Wistar Langhorne Rhades ’90 A&S, Eco. was promoted to her present rank and assigned as a manpower analyst for the deputy chief of naval operations for communications networks at the Pentagon in Arlington, Va.

Joyce Brown Coleman ’91 Nur. is a faculty member at the Riverside School of Professional Nursing in Newport News, Va. She is licensed as a women’s health nurse practitioner and is internationally board-certified as a lactation consultant and as a Lamaze Certified Childbirth Educator.

Paul C. Vitrano, Esq., ’92 A&S, Pol. Sci. has been named executive vice president of The Specialty Vehicle Institute of America (SVIA). He also was named general counsel for the SVIA, the Motorcycle Industry Council and the Motorcycle Safety Foundation.

1980s

Jeffrey Cohen ’80 VSb, Bus. Adm., a retired Air Force colonel, is now director, warfighting integration, at Systems Planning and Analysis in Alexandria, Va. He served in a variety of operational flying and staff assignments, including duty in Japan and Germany, and during Operation Iraq Freedom was assigned to the U.S. Combined Air Operations Center in Saudi Arabia and Qatar. He and his wife, Patricia, reside in Alexandria.

Michele Dorris ’80 ch.e., a director at Rohm & Haas Co. in Philadelphia, was named one of the Women of Distinction in 2007 by the Philadelphia Business Journal and the National Association of Women Business Owners. The award celebrates dynamic women in their professional fields and communities.

Maribeth Schreder LeBreton ’81 Nur., a nurse practitioner at Lancaster (Pa.) General Hospital, was honored by peers, staff and managers with the Advanced Practice/Research Award for facilitating positive patient care outcomes, exhibiting excellence in the nursing process, utilizing exemplary interpersonal leadership skills, participating in community health initiatives and utilizing research findings in practice.

Peter F. Naccarato, Ph.D., ’91 A&S, Engl. is an associate professor of English and chair of the humanities division at Marymount Manhattan College, where he teaches a range of courses in literature and cultural studies. He is co-editor of Edible Ideologies: Representing Food and Meaning (2008, SUNY Press).

Lilla Wescott ’91 A&S, Comm., a certified massage therapist, has opened Urban Kneads, a mobile massage and bodywork service in Center City Philadelphia.

Tom Cunningham ’92 A&S, Hist. joined the Watertown, Mass., advertising agency of Allen & Gerritsen as vice president of business development.

Class of 1993: 15th Reunion, June 6-8, 2008

Vincent T. Donohue, Esq., ’93 VSb, Acct., a partner in the business law practice of the West Chester, Pa., law firm of Lamb McErlane, PC, was elected vice chairman of the board of trustees of the Chester County Historical Society.

Kathy Koerber Zvarick ’93 A&S, Compr. Sci., a resident of West Chester, Pa., is manager of toxicology and risk management at Environmental Standards in Valley Forge.

Carolyn M. Luttrell ’93 G.S., Engl., senior technical writer and instructional designer at DuPont in Wilmington, Del., was named an associate fellow by the Society for Technical Communication for her outstanding work in international technical communication.

Robert O’Reilly ’93 A&S, Pol. Sci. is a member of the preferred client group at UBS Financial Services Inc. in Newtown, Pa.

Kristen Rothe O’Donnell ’93 A&S, Soc. is a top Bay Area real estate agent in California. At Sotheby’s International Realty in San Francisco, she specializes in selling luxury properties in the city and southern Marin County.

Kristie Boyle Brady ’94 A&S, Psy., is a cardiac rehabilitation educator at WellStar Health System in Marietta, Ga.

While in Malibu, Calif., during his 40-city tour of alumni chapters, the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., ’75 A&S, University president, visited with Sharon Stepensky and her husband, Dr. Dan Stepensky ’90 A&S, Phys., who is assistant superintendent—personnel at Las Virgenes Unified School District near Malibu.

Dominic J. Cusatis ’94 VSb, Acct., was admitted to partnership in the audit, tax and advisory firm of KPMG LLP. Based in Haddonfield, he is a member of both the American and the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Michael Morea, Esq., ’94 A&S, Ph.D. was promoted to special counsel at Cole, Schott, Meisel, Forman & Leonard, P.A., a law firm with offices in Manhattan and Hackensack, N.J.

Lauren Taylor Byrne ’94 A&S, Comm., was promoted to managing director at Alvarez & Marsal, a global professional services firm in Manhattan.
Jeffrey A. Carr, Esq., ’95 VSB, Acct. was elected to partnership in the Philadelphia-based law firm of Pepper Hamilton LLP. He is in the firm’s Princeton, N.J., office.

Rosemary Hohenleitner Miller ’95 Nur., ’01 M.S.N., is a nurse practitioner at Pennsylvania Cardiology Associates in Philadelphia. Her talk on stress testing, presented at the Fifth Quebec International Symposium on Cardiopulmonary Prevention and Rehabilitation last June, was published in the Summer 2007 Clinical and Investigative Medicine.

Maggie Mistal ’95 VSB, Acct. was featured in a November 29, 2007, New York Times article headlined “Shifting Careers: Like Marriage, Business Takes Work.” She is the Martha Stewart Living Radio channel’s career coach on SIRIUS Satellite Radio.

Kathy Freis ’96 A&S, Eng., last summer served as a camp director in Budapest, Hungary, as one of 15 educators participating in a program to teach English to 75 youth from Croatia, Hungary, Kosovo, Montenegro, Romania and Serbia. From September to November 2007, she instructed 40 students in Ahmedabad, India.

Marine Maj. Dan Huvane ’96 VSB, Mkt. returned last July from a deployment to South America, where he served as public affairs officer for the 24th Marine Regiment in the annual training exercise Partnership of the Americas. He is back in New York City as media officer in the Marine Corps public affairs office.

Laura I. Iacona ’96 VSB, Acct., with more than 11 years of career experience, was admitted to partnership in the Philadelphia office of Grant Thornton L.L.P., a leading global accounting, tax and business advisory organization.

Peter M. Acton Jr., Esq., ’97 A&S, Eng., an associate in the trial department at the Boston law office of McDermott Will & Emery, has been named co-chair of the membership committee and also named to the steering committee of the Boston Bar Association’s law section.

Class of 1998: 10th Reunion, June 6-8, 2008

Mark Doolan ’98 VSB, Mkt. is Pfizer Pharmaceutical’s district manager for the Hamptons area of New York. He is a candidate for an M.B.A. degree at Fordham University.

Andria Newman Paradise ’98 A&S, Comp. Sc., project manager at Shire Human Genetic Therapies in Cambridge, Mass., received the Shire CEO Award for exceptional performance. Her focus is on children who have Hunter syndrome.

Melissa Pedri Netram ’98 VSB, Mgt. is with The Financial Services Roundtable in Washington, D.C., concentrating on regulatory and securities issues for the financial services industry.

Brian Pyhel ’99 M.B.A., an analyst with BlackRock in Princeton, N.J., was awarded the designation of Charter Financial Analyst last fall.

Kimberly Reyes Turchin ’99 Nur. is nurse manager, pediatric intensive care, at St. Luke’s Roosevelt Hospital Center in New York City.

2000s

Tara McConnon Sattler, D.O., ’00 A&S, Bio., a graduate of New York College of Osteopathic Medicine, is completing her residency in physical medicine and rehabilitation at JFK Medical Center in Edison, N.J. She and her husband, Steven, reside in Woodbridge.

Michael Bukowski ’02 VSB, Fin./Mkt. is a financial advisor with Merrill Lynch Global Wealth Management in Princeton, N.J.

Gina DeMuria Decker, Esq., ’02 A&S, Theol., is an attorney with the Albany, N.Y., law firm of Boies, Schiller & Flexner, LLP. She and her husband, Mark, celebrated their first wedding anniversary in October 2007.

Greta Krop ‘02 A&S, Comm. is a marketing specialist at the University of Pennsylvania Health System in Philadelphia.

William Donald Long III, M.D., ’02 G.S., Psy., in June 2007 graduated from Jefferson Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University. He will complete a residency in surgery at Yale-New Haven Hospital in Connecticut.

Megan Paieda Allen ’02 Nur. last August received an M.S.N. degree in health care systems management from Loyola University. She is a case manager at the Somerset (N.J.) Medical Center.

Kathy Quillian ’02 A&S, Engl./Pol. Sc. was promoted to community planner for the Orlando-based collaborative design firm of MSCW Inc. She works in the firm’s Clermont, Fla., office. In 2006, she earned a master’s degree in city planning from the University of Pennsylvania.

Louis A. Russo, Esq., ’02 A&S, Pol. Sci., who graduated magna cum laude in May 2007 from Hofstra University School of Law, is an associate in the New York law office of Proskauer Rose LLP. He passed both the New York and New Jersey bar exams with scores that qualify him to be admitted in several jurisdictions, including Washington, D.C.

Class of 2003: Five-Year Reunion, October 24-26, 2008

Ana Kathryn Fernandez ’03 A&S, executive director of Pave the Way Foundation in Coral Gables, Fla., earned a master’s degree in mass communication at San Diego State University.

Cheryl Karkowsky Sproul ’03 A&S, Ed. received the Teacher of the Year Award from the Florham Park School District in New York. She and her husband, David Sproul ’03 VSB, Mkt., are living in Montville, N.J.

Kerry Burchill Murphy, Esq., ’04 A&S, Pol. Sci., ’04 A&S, Hon. in May 2007 graduated with a J.D. degree from the University of Wisconsin Law School.

Melissa Squarci ’04 A&S, Comm. in June 2007 joined the Catholic Leadership Institute in Exton, Pa., as communications coordinator. With an extensive background in media outreach, she had been an assignment editor for NBC in Philadelphia and prior to that had served as an assistant in Villanova University’s Alumni Office.

Navy Lt.jg. Kelly Williams ’04 Nur. is a labor and delivery nurse at the U.S. Naval Hospital in Naples, Italy.

Margot MacKay ’05 A&S, Comm. in 2007 received an M.S. degree in public relations from Boston University and has accepted a position at Saint Joseph’s University as associate director of class programs for the annual and regional campaigns.

Joseph Benkovich ’06 G.S., Hist. contributed a chapter on architect William Kauffman to the recently published book This American Courthouse, a history of the Westmoreland County Courthouse in Greensburg, Pa.

Steven Burda ’07 M.B.A. was promoted to senior financial analyst at SunGard Data Systems in Wayne, Pa.

Sarah Stevenson, Esq., ’07 J.D., ’07 G.S., Pub. Adm. is assistant director of policy for the Committee of Seventy, a Philadelphia non-partisan organization that seeks to promote government efficiency and safeguard elections.

Marriages

1960s


1990s

Dennis G. Shin ’91 C.E. married Stephanie Slochesky.


Susan Moran ’95 A&S, Comm. married Peter Pangis.

Shane English ’97 A&S, Pol. Sci. married James Roth.


Benjamin Sanchez ’97 VSB, Acct. married Karen Geld.

Jessica Morales ’98 VSB, Mgt. married Brad Sejeck.


Lori Petillo ’98 VSB, Fin., married David Missig.

Chad Sanford ’98 A&S, Hist. married Karen Wagner ’97 VSB, Fin.

Peter Flynn ’99 VSB, Fin. married Dara Klar.


David McDonough ’99 VSB, Acct. married Melissa Leahy.


2000s

Donna Bancroft ’00 VSB, Fin. married Bryan Lewis.

Joyce Garczynski ’00 A&S, Comm./Pol. Sci., ’00 Hon. married Dan Macks.

Alexandra Kurio ’00 A&S, Hist. married Jesse Wilson.


Lauren M. Scaghi ’00 M.E. married Joslyn D. Banas.
Class Notes Submission Form*

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Jocelyn DeGroote ’01 A&S, Eco. married Michael Venables.

James Tierney ’01 VSb, Acct. married Christina Rogers ’01 VSb, Acct.

Allison Brogan ’02 A&S, Pol. Sci. married Kyle Johnson.

Kip Wetzel ’02 VSb, Fin. married Theresa Nowakowski ’02 VSb, Mkt.


Christine Squire ’02 VSb, Mkt. married David DeSanctis.


Kristin Gallagher ’03 VSb, Fin./In/l. Bus. married James Chambers.

Christina Harbison ’03 A&S, Comm. married Justin Matthews.

Timothy Hinko ’03 C.E. married Cate McClintock ’03 A&S, Comm.


David Sproull ’03 VSb, Mkt. married Cheryl Karkowsky ’03 A&S, Edu.

David Stubanas ’03 VSb, M.L.S. married Jannetta Jackson ’07 Nur.


Christopher Fleming ’04 Comp. E., ’06 M.E.E. married Karen Hozik ’03 VSb, Acct.

Jaimie Knipper ’04 A&S, Bio. married Tasha Xiaoxia Zhan.


Jared Ryan Piccini ’05 Ch.E. married Stephanie Marie Gilpin ’05 Ch.E.

Jacquelyn Reardon ’05 A&S, Psy. married Pat Graves.

Kara Finan ’06 M.B.A. married Michael Reheis.

Courtney Stapleton-Smith ’07 A&S, Psy. married Qadir Stern.

Births 1980s


1990s

Christopher Caufield ’90 A&S, Eco., boy.

Edward Uy ’90 E.E., girl.

Patricia Cogan Shaposky ’91 A&S, Art./Art Hist., girl.


Richard Morgan ’91 VSb, Fin., girl.

Daniel Kelly ’92 E.E., ’94 M. Comp.E. and Nicole Kelly ’96 G.S., Hist., twins, boy and girl.


Scott Lord ’93 VSb, Fin., boy.

Kim McDermott Guilmette ’93 Nur., girl.


Julie Occhipinti Temme ’93 Nur., girl.

Clara Perrotti Thurlow ’93 A&S, Comm., boy.

Peter Durkin ’94 VSb, Acct., girl.


Michele Martin Slais ’94 A&S, Spanish Lang./Lit., boy.


Michael Kiziuk ’95 VSb, Fin., twins, boy and girl.


Robert Mancini ’95 VSb, Mgt. and Laura Mcheley Mancini ’96 A&S, Engl., girl.

Melissa McManus Welch ’95 A&S, Comm., boy.


John Naberny ’95 VSb, Acct., boy.

Matthew Abate ’96 VSb, Fin., girl.

Heather Bernard McCoy ’96 A&S, Engl., boy.

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Anthony Guidotti ’96 A&S, Gen., boy.

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Crystal Woebr Sabalske ’96 A&S, Engl., boy.


Amanda Brady ’97 VSb, Fin., girl.


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Eric Roedl ’97 VSb, Acct. and Nicole Colaneri Roedl ’98 A&S, Psy., boy.


Steven Stetz ’97 VSb, Mkt., and Gerda Schoepf Stetz ’97 A&S, Bio., boy.

Rocio Ramon-Pradesaba ’98 VSb, Mkt., boy.

Chad Sanford ’98 A&S, Hist. and Karen Wagner Sanford ’97 VSb, Fin., girl.

Kip Wetzel ’98 VSb, Fin., girl.

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Kara Winebrenner Kehoe ’99 VSB, Mkt., girl.
John W. Ryan ’99 C.E., boy.

2000s

Brian Farrell ’00 VSB, Acct. and
Shanley O’Keefe Walker ’00 A&S, Comm., boy.
Jessica Uber Stunda ’00 VSB, Mgt., boy.
Priscilla Tarnoff Brown ’01 A&S, Bio., boy.

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Eugene A. Winiarski ’43 Ch.E., on August 28, 2007.

1950s

Harry A. Brannen ’50 M.E., on October 13, 2007.
Eugene M. Homan ’50 M.E., on July 22, 2005.
Alvin Metzger ’51 A&S, Gen., on November 9, 2007.
Daniel J. Gallagher ’52 VSB, Eco., on September 8, 2007.

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