A Sunny Launch for the Class of 2007
A Word from the President

What You Can Do for Villanova

As demonstrated throughout this issue, Villanova University’s 2007 Commencement activities were a tremendous success, highlighted by ceremonies and celebrations, inspirational speeches and countless examples of our graduates’ impressive accomplishments. It was especially gratifying to see this year’s graduates become part of our alumni family. You’ll also read in the following pages about the generosity, leadership and compassion of alumnus Charlie Heimbold and his wife, Monika. It is clear that as a community we have produced a group of well-rounded individuals, grounded in our distinctive Catholic and Augustinian identity, with the potential to affect real change at home and throughout the world.

Beginning with their first day at Orientation, our students are encouraged to recognize how intellectual curiosity and service to the community are at the center of a good and meaningful life. They are encouraged to practice the ethical aspects of doing business in a way that embodies the teachings of St. Augustine with respect, honesty and honor. And, as we send our newest graduates out into the world as ambassadors for Villanova, these essential core values affect all aspects of their post-Commencement lives—exhibited not only in the success that shall come to them as they rise in their careers or pursue additional educational opportunities, but also in their ability to balance and blend their work and personal lives. These values provide a strong foundation as our newest alumni structure how they lead their business lives, while also making their communities a better place to live.

The bonds that tie us together as Villanovans were made abundantly clear at this year’s Alumni Reunion Weekend, where so many of our graduates renewed friendships, shared stories and exemplified the traits that make our community unique. Each year it is gratifying to see so many alumni, young and old, eager to return to campus. I encourage all alumni to reflect on what you gained from your years at Villanova. I hope your answer is similar to mine: the active pursuit of knowledge, meaningful lifelong friendships, a strong sense of community and an ongoing desire to seek intellectual stimulation.

As I traveled this past year to meet with alumni chapters across the country, I often asked “What can Villanova do for you?” Now, here is something you can do for Villanova: reflect on how you can help keep Villanova’s mission alive wherever you are. I also urge you to help us tell the Villanova story and to share with others what the University means to you.

Each of you has the capability to bring the Villanova message to your communities. This is a truly exciting time for us and we have many wonderful stories to tell: We are expanding our facilities, reinvigorating our academic programs and creating innovative learning opportunities outside of the classroom. Today, as we celebrate the accomplishments of the Class of 2007, I hope that all alumni will continue to appreciate and value what they gained personally and professionally from their Villanova education—and then to tell others. You are Villanova’s true leaders, and I invite you to help me spread the word.

The Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., ’75 A&S
University President
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Among the interns last spring were (from left) Oscar Abello ’08 A&S; Anthony Maalouf ’08 G.S.; Tainah Michida ’08 A&S; Alex Janson ’07 E.E. (tech); and Michael Nataro ’06 A&S, ’08 G.S.

(Right) Villanova University bid a fond farewell to Curtis Cooke in July after five and a half years as Villanova Magazine’s production supervisor and national advertising representative. Along with many others at a party for Cooke, Barbara K. Clement, assistant vice president for Communication and Public Affairs and the magazine’s editor-in-chief, sends him off in style.
“Therefore the first natural bond of human society
is man and wife…. For they are joined one to
another side by side, who walk together, and look
together whither they walk…..”

—“On the Good Marriage,” by St. Augustine of Hippo

CHARLES A. HEIMBOLD JR., ESQ., ’54 A&S
and his wife, MONIKA HEIMBOLD, recently
announced that they have committed $10 million to
Villanova University. This is the largest gift from an
individual in Villanova’s history. While the Heimbolds
are currently working closely with the University to
determine the designation for the majority of their
commitment, a portion will be used for the newly
named Dr. Peter Wallenberg Scholarship, which is
designed to bring students from Sweden to study at
Villanova, beginning this fall. The Heimbolds endowed
a chair in Irish Studies in 1999 at Villanova.
It is a misty, late spring day in Riverside, Conn. The foliage is full and verdant. Past the gray shingled house, the lawn, a carpet of green, gently unfolds down to the shoreline of Long Island Sound. For Charles A. Heimbold Jr., Esq., ‘54 A&S and Monika, his wife of 45 years, this is a special place. It is perfectly situated in an environment that allows them to pause and recoup from a schedule heavy with commitments and travels that often take them to distant places. Theirs is a global life, a partnership that draws upon their mutual experiences and expands to touch the lives of others on a personal level.

A gift for the man who has great taste

Charlie, as most of his friends and colleagues call him, had been working earlier this morning in the breakfast sunroom, surrounded by broad beams and ceiling-high windows. His wife, Monika, joined him for the interview.

“You’re asking about the Wallenberg Scholarship?, he began, “Well, the Wallenbergs are one of the most influential families in Sweden, something like our Rockefellers, renowned as bankers and industrialists and with great affection for education and for America. Dr. Peter Wallenberg, a friend of ours, was about to celebrate his 80th birthday.

The Campaign for Villanova Receives $10 Million Commitment from Charles and Monika Heimbold

This is the largest-ever commitment from an alumnus. It will create, as one of its objectives, a unique educational link between Villanova and Sweden.

By Kathleen Scavello

Villanova University has received a generous commitment of $10 million from Charles A. Heimbold Jr., Esq., ‘54 A&S, a former United States ambassador to Sweden, and his wife, Monika. The pledge is the largest ever made by an alumnus in the University's history.

“This commitment from Monika and Charlie speaks to the heart of Villanova’s mission. It will create new educational opportunities while contributing to the diversity and vibrance of the campus community,” the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., ’75 A&S, University president, said.

While the Heimbolds are working closely with the University to determine the designation of their latest commitment, part of their focus is on providing learning and teaching opportunities through a partnership between Sweden and Villanova. A portion of the Heimbolds’ commitment will fund the Dr. Peter Wallenberg Scholarship, established in honor of Dr. Peter Wallenberg, a Swedish banker and industrialist and a leader of one of the Scandinavian country's most illustrious families.

Annika Andersen, from Märsta, Sweden, will enter the University this fall as the first Wallenberg Scholar and will study at Villanova for the entire academic year.

“The Heimbolds’ exceptional generosity will impact the cultural climate at Villanova through this exciting partnership with Sweden.”

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Villanova through this exciting partnership with Sweden. We are eternally grateful for their visionary support of higher education and Villanova,” Father Donohue continued.

Ambassador Heimbold, a retired chairman and chief executive officer of the Bristol-Myers Squibb pharmaceutical company, established the Charles A. Heimbold Jr. Endowed Chair in Irish Studies in 1999 at Villanova for the purpose of bringing noted Irish authors and poets to campus as visiting professors each spring. Noted John M. Elizandro, vice president for Institutional Advancement, “Charlie and Monika’s excep-
recently, and Monika and I wanted to give him something special to mark the occasion.

“But what kind of gift can you give to someone like Peter? We talked about it for a while and decided on a scholarship in his name for Swedish students to come to Villanova. Peter loved the idea. He even interviewed several of the finalists. I don’t know whether he knew of Villanova before this, but it will be interesting for him to get to know the name and make the connection through this scholarship.”

Dedicated to the visual arts and children

For Monika Heimbold, a natural artist who thrives on the visual arts, creativity in all aspects of her life has a high priority…but not the highest. “It is children who are most important to me,” she said. “Our children, grandchildren and children outside our family have become an important focus of my life work.”

Having studied child psychology at Sarah Lawrence College, from which she graduated in 1985, Monika went on to earn a Master of Science in Social Work degree from Columbia University focusing on children and their families. “Until Charlie accepted the position of U.S. ambassador to Sweden in 2001, I was a social worker at the countless Villanova students,” Elizandro added. “In addition, their gift ties together their love of Sweden with their passion for Villanova—creating a legacy in the Heimbold name that will benefit students from two countries.”

Both Ambassador and Mrs. Heimbold are known for their accomplishments and philanthropy.

After he graduated with honors from Villanova in 1954, he earned an L.L.B. at the University of Pennsylvania Law School, where he was a member of the Law Review. He received a Master of Laws degree from New York University and completed a program at The Hague Academy of International Law. He holds honorary degrees from Villanova University and the University of Evansville. He has served as a deputy chairman of the Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and as a member of the Board of Directors of the ExxonMobil Corporation. He received the Mandela Award from MEDUNSA [Medical University of Southern Africa] Trust in recognition of the AIDS relief program in South Africa that he initiated.

Mrs. Heimbold is the chair of the Heimbold Foundation. She is the co-founder and American Board member of the World Childhood Foundation, a Swedish-based grantmaking foundation focusing on abused and deprived children in Brazil, Estonia, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Poland, Russia, South Africa, Sweden, Tanzania, Thailand, Ukraine and the United States. She is a graduate of Sarah Lawrence College with a degree in child psychology. She also holds a Master of Science in Social Work degree from Columbia University. Her lifelong interest in the arts resulted in the Heimbolds’ lead donation to construct the Monika A. and Charles A. Heimbold Jr. Visual Arts Center at Sarah Lawrence. The Heimbolds have four children and three grandchildren.

Transforming Minds and Hearts: The Campaign for Villanova is a $300-million, multi-year effort aimed at attracting new levels of resources to grow the endowment and meet strategic goals for the University. These goals include new scholarships for talented students, faculty resources to attract and support the best teachers and researchers, programmatic resources for new initiatives, and capital support for enhancements to facilities and technology. To date, $263.5 million—88 percent of the goal—has been committed. The campaign is scheduled to conclude this December.
Guidance Center in New Rochelle, N.Y.,” she explained. “Play and art therapy are my areas of expertise.”

In Sweden, where Monika was born and lived until her marriage, her acquaintance with Queen Silvia led to becoming a co-founder of the World Childhood Foundation. Established by Queen Silvia in 1999, this nonprofit organization is dedicated to serving the most vulnerable children worldwide, among them street children, institutionalized children, sexually abused girls and young mothers at risk. The work is supported by the 14 original co-founders, and by corporate partnerships and donations.

The World Childhood Foundation “is an umbrella organization for work that takes place in 15 countries,” Monika explained. “We have four boards: in Sweden, Germany, Brazil and the United States. Right now, there are over 100 projects that take care of street children, young girls and young mothers who may be vulnerable to human trafficking and sexual abuse. I have traveled in Brazil, Russia, Ukraine and the Baltic states for this organization and have seen the conditions under which this abuse happens. It is devastating.”

Monika speaks with a soft voice that is brushed with a barely detectable Swedish accent. Her elegant demeanor is undoubtedly one of the characteristics that led a young Charlie Heimbold to make his move to meet her in 1959.

The Frenchman didn’t have a chance

During the summer of 1959, Charlie was completing his study program in The Hague on a Ford Foundation grant. It was that summer in Scheveningen, on Holland’s coast, that he met Monika Barkvall.

“I was just 21,” she mused. “A girlfriend and I were a little restless in Sweden that summer and we thought, where shall we go for a holiday? We considered Holland and decided to go to The Hague. During our visit, we were invited to a ball for students given by the mayor of The Hague. Charlie was studying international law in The Hague; he had a scholarship and…”

“She was with a Frenchman,” Charlie interrupted, reaching over to gently touch his wife’s hand.

“But the Frenchman didn’t have a chance,” Monika continued. Later that summer, Charlie visited Monika and her parents in Sweden, and not long after that, he invited her to come visit the United States.

“I didn’t go right away,” she recalled, “I wanted to graduate from design school. As soon as I did, I left Sweden by ship, found an apartment in New York and began working in the garment district.”

After a two-year courtship, Charlie and Monika were married in 1962 in Sweden.

A partnership of love, respect and shared values

From the beginning, the Heimbolds agree, their relationship has been a partnership, imbued with deep love and respect for each other and the values they share. Monika took time out to raise their four chil-
Endowing an Irish Studies Chair for Villanova

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(Above) Heimbold and his classmates during their junior year

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The vision behind a visual arts center for Sarah Lawrence

For Monika, these years of raising their children became a time to explore her flair for design and her interest in the visual arts. Sarah Lawrence, a liberal arts college in Bronxville, N.Y., a 30-minute ride from Manhattan, seemed the perfect place to cultivate these interests as a non-traditional college student. “I took classes in painting and sculpture there,” she said. Her very favorable experiences at Sarah Lawrence led her to complete her bachelor’s degree in 1985, when she graduated with their daughter, Joanna.

Both Monika and Charlie have served on the Board of Trustees at Sarah Lawrence, each for eight years. Recognizing the need for a visual arts center at the college, they became leaders in providing the monetary support for it, and much more. In a statement at the dedication of the Monika A. and Charles A. Heimbold, Jr. Visual Arts Center, a 61,000-square-foot “green” facility that opened in September 2004, Sarah Lawrence wrote about the couple that “they had a vision for how the visual arts center should be designed and constructed, and how it would be used once built. Ensuring faculty engagement in the process and approval of the result was imperative to them; and in accord with Monika’s refined eye and flair for design, their standards called for only the finest architect to bring it all together and to fruition.” Sarah Lawrence in 2005 awarded Monika the Alumnae/i Citation for Service.

Philosophically, the couple’s perspective is broad in scope and deep in the belief that they, along with other like-minded individuals, can work to make a difference in the world. Another such example of an organization that the Heimbolds have supported for many years is Phoenix House, a nonprofit agency devoted to helping adults, children and teen-agers recover from substance abuse. Charlie has served as a member of the Phoenix House Foundation Board of Directors as well as its chairman.

At her alma mater, Sarah Lawrence College, the naming of the Monika A. and Charles A. Heimbold, Jr. Visual Arts Center reflects the couple’s leadership role and vision in the creation of this new facility.

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—Monika Heimbold

U.S. ambassador to Sweden

In September 2001, following his nomination by President George W. Bush and confirmation by the U.S. Senate, Charlie Heimbold, along with Monika, headed to Sweden to take up his duties as U.S. ambassador. He served as ambassador until February 2004. Having headed a global pharmaceutical company, Charlie had a comfort level that made him an excellent candidate for the diplomatic corps. For Monika as well, it was a wonderful time: She was back home.

The opportunity to meet world leaders also came to the ambassador and his wife. “Two of the most interesting leaders of other countries?,” he pondered the question for a moment. “I’d have to say my earlier meetings with Jiang Zemin, who was the Chinese leader (in 2001) and Jacques Chirac, the president of France. We were supposed to meet for only about 20 minutes, but we had such an enjoyable conversation talking about the interests and friends we had in common that it went on a lot longer. There were many, many memorable meetings like this.”
As for the future...

The Heimbold Foundation was started by Monika and Charles to continue through their children their legacy of giving. “We want them to learn how they can make a difference in areas that they discover and where their contributions will have a discernible effect,” Monika explained. Each year, she added, this family foundation sets aside a designated sum for each of their four children to give to projects that they find meaningful. “We try to encourage them to choose things that may not have enough attention being paid to them,” she continued.

The Heimbolds talk nostalgically about one small project in Maine and the impact on one child, a library and a town. “We have a summer house near Southwest Harbor. It’s a little town that probably has no more than 2,000 people. The town needed to rebuild its library and we were glad to help,” Charles began.

“Tell them the story about the little girl in church,” Monika interjected.

“We heard this from Meredith Hutchins, who was the librarian for years,” Charlie continued. “One Sunday morning, years ago, a mother took her 5-year-old daughter to church in this little town. The child followed the service very carefully looking at the hymnal, and when it was over, she again opened the hymnal and said to her mother, ‘Listen, I can read!’ she exclaimed. Her mother was as excited as she was about this feat. On the lawn outside the church, the mother told the librarian about this exciting new ability exhibited only minutes before, and the librarian, who didn’t want to lose a single minute of the child’s enthusiasm for reading, opened the library especially for her that day and let her come in and choose her first books. It’s that kind of gesture...that small incident...that made a major impact on that child and her reading habits. We think our gift, among other things, honored the spirit of that kind librarian.”

For Monika, the visual arts will continue to be a focus. Displayed on a shelf in their Riverside home are many exquisite blown glass objects. “They were created by a Finnish friend who now lives in the United States,” she said. “What I would like to do, with two other friends, is to start a Gallery of Art and Design to introduce Nordic artists to New York. We would travel to the five Scandinavian countries and select artwork for the gallery.” She and her partners are busy scouting locations in Manhattan.

In addition, as doting grandparents, the Heimbolds plan to find plenty of reasons and carve out time from their travels to spend with their two grandsons. “Our children and grandchildren are very, very important to us,” Monika reiterated.

“I will continue to work on child welfare projects,” she added. “In the winter, in Antigua, where we have a home, there is a project that Charlie and I are working on to help the children there.”

It is a special road the couple travels, and one that encompasses a vision of continuing discovery and purpose—always with the ability to bring about a profound change for those who need it most. They are, as St. Augustine proposes, a man and wife who walk side by side as one, making the many and diverse experiences of their life together a powerful union.
For the 164th year—and the first one for the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., '75 A&S as University president—Villanova proudly launches a class into the world.

It was a new beginning for Villanova University's newest alumni—the graduates of the Class of 2007. On the brilliantly sunny Sunday morning of May 20, the degree candidates gathered in the Villanova Stadium and were graduated while an overflowing contingent of family, friends, faculty, staff and alumni proudly observed the ceremony. Villanova awarded about 1,500 undergraduate degrees, 420 master's degrees and three doctoral degrees in May.

Presiding at his first Commencement, the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., '75 A&S, the University's 32nd president, congratulated the graduates and awardees and welcomed Commencement speaker Chris Matthews and the other three honorary degree recipients. Journalist and commentator Matthews is the host of “Hardball with Chris Matthews” on MSNBC and “The Chris Matthews Show,” produced by NBC News.

—Irene Burgo
Four Extraordinary Individuals Honored

At Commencement, Villanova University awarded honorary degrees to an advocate for justice and peace, a Philadelphia principal, an African-American history scholar and the host of “Hardball.” The honorary degrees were conferred by the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., ’75 A&S, University president.

The Rev. Michael J. Doyle ’65 M.A.
Honorary Doctor of Humanities
Pastor, Sacred Heart Church, Camden, N.J.

The Rev. Michael J. Doyle ’65 M.A. is a tireless advocate of justice for the poor and a determined worker for peace. He has spent nearly 40 years in the parishes of Camden, N.J., and teaching religion at Camden Catholic and Holy Spirit high schools. At Sacred Heart Parish, where he has served since 1974, his beautiful liturgies and inspirational homilies have attracted a vibrant congregation from throughout the Delaware Valley. He has developed a network of national and international benefactors whose support of the parish school ensures that its students receive a safe, quality education. Father Doyle led the restoration of Sacred Heart Church, now a symbol of beauty and hope in the Waterfront South neighborhood.

In 1971, Father Doyle participated in the “Camden 28” peace action against the Vietnam War at the city’s Federal Building, and was arrested. He was acquitted two years later in a trial where he acted as his own defense. His passionate commitment to peace and justice includes helping to launch Camden Churches Organized for People, which has successfully lobbied for reform and funding to improve the city.

In 1984, Father Doyle established the Heart of Camden, a nonprofit community development corporation. Since then, it has rehabbed 130 houses and sold them to low-income people. Its two community centers provide job training, food sharing and after-school programs. In 1992, he formed a free medical clinic to serve people who are without medical insurance.

His persistent efforts to revitalize the city have attracted significant media attention, including on CBS “60 Minutes” and “Sunday Morning.” Father Doyle has published a volume of poetry, as well as It’s a Terrible Day, Thanks Be to God, a collection of his monthly newsletters.

Dr. Pamela DeShields Young
Honorary Doctor of Letters
Principal of the James Alcorn Academics Plus School, Philadelphia

Dr. Pamela DeShields Young is a dedicated educator and community champion for the Grays Ferry neighborhood of Philadelphia. As principal of the James Alcorn Academics Plus School, which serves children in grades K-8, she directs educational programs that promote and support personal responsibility, high academic achievement, proper social behavior, respect for self and others, and positive interactions between school and community.

Under her leadership, the school has formed several community-based partnerships, including with Villanova’s College of Nursing (see page 42). These partnerships complement the school’s curriculum and support its mission to educate students to their fullest potential and create critical thinkers.

During Young’s 33-year career, she has held teaching or administrative positions in six elementary and middle schools in Philadelphia. An active, visible presence in the community, she has been involved as a block captain and in the More Action Community Organization, the Boy Scouts and the Audenreid High School Reconstruction Project. At New Bethlehem Baptist Church, she has served in many leadership capacities.

Young earned a B.S. in education from Temple University and a Master of Education Administration from Cheyney University. She is the proud mother of Everette B. Archie Jr.

Presented by Dr. Carol Toussie Weingarten, associate professor of Nursing
Howard Dodson '64 M.A.
Honorary Doctor of Letters
Chief, Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, New York Public Library

Howard Dodson ’64 M.A. is a specialist in African-American history and a noted lecturer, educator and consultant. Under his leadership since 1984, the Schomburg Center has developed into the world’s most comprehensive public research library devoted exclusively to documenting, interpreting and publishing the literature, history and culture of the African diaspora. During his tenure there, its collections have quadrupled to more than 20 million items; annual users have increased from 40,000 to more than 125,000; and two campaigns have raised more than $41 million. Dodson established a Scholars-in-Residence program and an aggressive program of four to six exhibitions and 50 to 75 events annually.

Previously he was a consultant in the Office of the Chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities. At the Institute of the Black World in Atlanta, he served as executive director from 1974-79 and in other capacities beginning in 1970. Dodson was a Peace Corps volunteer in Ecuador and a national Peace Corps office staff member. He has taught at California State College at Hayward, Emory University, Shaw University, the City University of New York and Columbia University.

His five books include Jubilee: The Emergence of African-American Culture (2003). Dodson has curated exhibitions on varied themes, including “Censorship and Black America and “Lest We Forget: The Triumph Over Slavery,” and has organized and produced performing arts events at Carnegie Hall and on Broadway. He conceived and directed the development of the Web site “In Motion: The African-American Migration Experience.”

Dodson has served on numerous committees and advisory boards, including the President’s Commission on the National Museum of African American History and Culture, and the Scientific and Technical Committee of the UNESCO Slave Route Project.

A native of Chester, Pa., Dodson earned a B.A. from West Chester State College in 1961 and an M.A. in history from Villanova in 1964. He completed the requirements for an ABD at the University of California at Berkeley in 1974.

Presented by Dr. Crystal J. Lucky, associate professor of English and director of the Africana Studies Program

Chris Matthews
Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters
Journalist and Commentator

Chris Matthews hosts “Hardball with Chris Matthews,” Monday through Friday on MSNBC. He also hosts “The Chris Matthews Show,” a syndicated weekly news program produced by NBC News. He is a regular commentator on NBC’s “Today” show.

A television news anchor with remarkable depth of experience, Matthews has distinguished himself as a broadcast journalist, newspaper bureau chief, presidential speechwriter and best-selling author. He has covered American presidential election campaigns since 1988.

Faculty Awardees

Three exceptional Villanova faculty members received awards at Commencement for their remarkable achievements.

✎ Dr. Ahmad Hoorfar, professor of electrical and computer engineering, received the Outstanding Faculty Research Award.

✎ Dr. Isabella “Belle” Erickson, assistant professor of Nursing, received the Lindback Distinguished Teaching Award, sponsored by The Christian R. and Mary F. Lindback Foundation.

✎ Dr. Barbara E. Wall, special assistant to the president for Mission Effectiveness and a professor of philosophy, received the Lawrence O. Gallen, O.S.A. Faculty Service Award, named in honor of Villanova’s late vice president for Academic Affairs. The award recognizes outstanding contributions in University service.
Some Hardball Advice: Get in the Game

Commencement Address by Chris Matthews
Villanova University, May 20

It's a thrill to be invited here today, a thrill to be here and to receive this high honor. I now have the best credentials anyone could have: a high school degree from the wonderful Christian Brothers, a college degree from the estimable Jesuits and a doctorate of philosophy from the spiritual and intellectual heirs to St. Augustine himself.

I start today, however, with some messages from a pair of Episcopalians.

The first is to Father Donohue, who's given me precisely 12 minutes to make my case. Father, as King Henry VIII said to each of seven wives: “I won’t keep you long.”

The second message is to the graduates from the brave former Anglican Archbishop of Capetown, Desmond Tutu, who played such a leading role in the fight to end apartheid. Bishop Tutu once gave a sermon about the first Christmas Eve. St. Joseph was really desperate. “We need a room tonight. My wife's pregnant, really pregnant,” he told the cold-hearted innkeeper.

“That's not my fault,” the innkeeper snapped back.

St. Joseph said: “It's not my fault either.”

Speaking of St. Joseph, I have two guests with me today, my late mom's two younger sisters, both Sisters of St. Joseph. Aunt Eleanor has been teaching in the Philadelphia diocesan schools since the Franklin Roosevelt administration. Aunt Agnes is at Chestnut Hill College, where she for many years chaired the English department. I can't calculate how much I have benefited from their prayers all these years.

But let's talk about you. Like the kind St. Joseph, it's not your fault you're in this predicament. After 16 years of getting promoted from one grade to the next, you're now being told to get out there on your own and build a career and life by yourself.

And so I've got some “Hardball” advice for you. It all has to do with two Villanova grads, one famous, one celebrated by a select and lucky few.

As you all know, the great Paul Arizin ['50 VSB] died last December. People knew him not just as one of the great basketball stars of Villanova but also one of the great lovers of this place.

What I love about him, his life and his career, is how it all came together.

In 1996, on the occasion of the NBA's 50th anniversary, Arizin was named one of the greatest 50 players in its history. He was No. 3 in lifetime scoring when he left the league, made the All-Star team 10 of the 12 years he played. He only missed those two years because after being the league's scoring champ his rookie year, he went off to fight in the Korean War with the U.S. Marines.

Arizin was one of the pioneers of professional basketball. You know how Al Gore says he invented the Internet? You can make a far better case that Paul Arizin invented something just as impressive: the jump shot.

Decades before Jordan, he took a floor game and made it an air game. His jumpers were line drives like Charles Barkley's—love those shots, no arc, just barely clears the rim.

There's a fascinating thing about Arizin's career. While he was 20 minutes late to practice, he was on time to practice the jump shot.

What I love about him, his life and his career, is how it all came together.


He is a graduate of La Salle College High School in Wyndmoor, Pa.; the College of the Holy Cross; and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he did graduate work in economics.

Matthews served for two years as a trade development advisor with the Peace Corps in Swaziland. He was a visiting fellow at Harvard University’s John F. Kennedy School of Government’s Institute of Politics. He holds 17 honorary degrees.

He and his wife, Kathleen, have three children: Michael, Thomas and Caroline.

Presented by Dr. R. Bryan Crable, associate professor of communication and chair of the department.
He played intramurals at La Salle High. He played intramurals here at Villanova that freshman year before the coach spotted how great he was.

“How do you think it feels?,” he said when asked what it felt like to make the professional Basketball Hall of Fame, “to a guy who back in high school was only playing intramurals?”

I bring this up today because it doesn’t sound like your usual jock story. We all saw Kareem Abdul-Jabbar back when he was Lew Alcindor at Power Memorial, or LeBron James back when he was an All-American high school star. We’re used to people being born great, being super-stars in their teens.

What I love about Paul Arizin making it from intramurals to one of the greatest basketball players in history is what his story tells us about the world beyond the Palestra.

The good news for most of you out there today, graduating from Villanova but worried about your future, is that the Paul Arizin story is more like most people’s life stories—and practically all the great success stories ever. Because the people who make it in this world don’t show their stuff in school. You look around among your classmates and you have no idea who’s going to be successful at what they end up doing. No idea.

Why? You’re thinking about being a lawyer, or a doctor or going into business. Your big chance to make it will come when you’re well into your profession, five, 10, 20 years from now. It’ll come when you’re actually in the game—out there on the court taking shots—just like Paul Arizin was when that coach saw him out there on the court.

This is what life is like for most of us.

When you hear my introduction, all the great jobs I’ve had—speechwriter to a president, top aide to a legendary Speaker of the House, newspaper bureau chief, the host of two national TV shows—you look so smooth. One job after another, like a neat stack of tuna fish cans.

Believe me, it wasn’t that neat. I got my first job—as a Capitol cop—after knocking on 200 doors of U.S. senators and members of Congress. I took that job, which had me working in a Utah senator’s office till 3, then moonlighting with a .38 police special till almost midnight, because it was the only way to get in the door, to break into Capitol Hill. Because it allowed me, three months later, to become a senator’s full-time legislative assistant.

How did I get the nerve to question senators and other politicians the way I do? It’s because I used to write their speeches, draft their amendments and sit on the Senate floor assisting one of them.

I also know how a White House works, and whom to blame when something goes wrong—because I worked in one for four years.

I know what Nancy Pelosi [D-Calif., current Speaker of the House] is doing—and she’s doing great—because I spent a half-dozen years starting every morning with one of the greatest Speakers in history.

Yeah, I ask tough questions. When I look at the bad information that we get from the government, on life and death matters of peace and war, I wish I could ask even tougher questions. Nothing is more dangerous than to treat politicians, of either party, in office or out of office, as if they are “dispensers of truth.” Before we trust, we should do everything we can to verify.

“You can’t win unless you get in the game. It’s how you learn the lingo, you learn the cadence of the game.”

—Chris Matthews

The Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., ’75 A&S, University president, awards the honorary degree to Chris Matthews.

Anyway, that’s my job these days and I can’t think of a better one for someone like me.

You know, life is a lot like those kids you see standing at a neighborhood basketball court watching the big kids play. Ever watch those kids? Ever been one? They stand there, throwing the ball back in when it goes out of bounds. They study how the big guys move the ball and, sooner or later, one of them has to leave to go home for supper or whatever, and one of their pals yells, “Hey, punk, wanna play?”

You can’t win unless you get in the game. It’s how you learn the lingo, you learn the cadence of the game. It’s how you meet people. Yeah, it’s not what you know, it’s who you know. But you can get to know people. Life is filled with getting to know people. And you’re there when lightning strikes.

I want to talk about another Villanova grad: Gerald Tremblay, Class of 1957 [A&S, education]. He’s also in my high school’s Hall of Fame, and decades of students and parents couldn’t imagine him not being there.

Jerry Tremblay taught English at La Salle [high school]—literature, I mean. When he read Henry IV, Part 2, standing in the aisle with that paperback copy, he made young Prince Hal and big,
sack-swilling Jack Falstaff come alive. He made you feel like you were in the pub with them hearing the chimes at midnight.

Jerry was a tough teacher. When he assigned a book, he would give a written test, but that wasn’t the end of it. He demanded that everyone in the class schedule a meeting with him personally. At that meeting, which he held for every book he assigned, we had to prove to him we’d read the book.

Jerry was a ’60s guy before the ’60s really got started. He drove a Volkswagen bug. We used to have one record in the newspaper office, a 45, “Silver Daggers” by Joan Baez. He thought the intellectual life was more important than money. He loved going to New York to see Broadway plays. He kept up with things culturally. He thought making money was bourgeois.

Most important to me, he was moderator of the school newspaper. I was a late starter on the paper, not until the beginning of my senior year. It started with me hanging around the newspaper office. One day, Mr. Tremblay said, “If you’re going to hang around here every afternoon, you might as well be an editor.” And being a benign dictator, he made me and another guy assistant editors.

Near the end of the senior year, Tremblay took the newspaper editors to New York—a place I’d never been—for the Columbia University high school editors convention. We didn’t go to a single meeting. Jerry spent the money on the greatest weekend any high school senior could imagine. Three Broadway plays—A Man for All Seasons, Stop the World—I Want to Get Off and A Thousand Clowns—all for 10 bucks total, the Staten Island ferry for 5 cents, Mama Leone’s and the Brass Rail for dinners, the old Taft Hotel where we stayed. We even snuck out and saw “La Dolce Vita” and “Last Year at Marienbad,” two art movies from the era.

I discovered the idea of buying prints of great paintings—I bought my mom a print of the “Mona Lisa,” which she had framed and now hangs in my Washington office—and the old Barnes & Noble warehouse, where Jerry bought me a book on Thomas Jefferson.

He opened windows, showed us about the bigger world out there, brought in light so that later we could find the doors to go through. He made us discover that following your passions may not be the same as following the money. For those lucky few to fall under his wing, like me and my brother Jim, who’s now a political leader in the state, it was a blessed boost to our lives.

So I’m not a graduate of Villanova, but I’m the next best thing: I was taught and inspired by one.

I won’t leave you today by saying the usual thing about following your passions. If you’ve got a passion, I don’t have to tell you.

I will say, if you want to do something in life, do it! If you can’t get into a great law school, get into any law school you can, if you have to get to Albuquerque to find an opening. If you want to be a doctor, be a doctor if you have to go to Grenada to find a medical school. If you want to get into business, go out there and get a job in it—any job, whatever gets you in the door.

That’s the heart of it, I’ve learned. Nobody is out there wondering what profound ideas are bouncing around in your brain. Nobody’s checking in with you to see what ambitions they could help you meet. Nobody cares what dreams you have as you lay your head on the pillow each night.

If you want to push your ideas, ambitions or dreams, you have to get out there and champion them. You’ve got to be able to face rejection, hostility or more often, uncaring indifference. But the more rejection you’re willing to take, the greater your odds of success.

When a job opens up, whether it’s on the chorus line or the assembly line, it goes to the person standing there. It goes to the eager beaver the boss sees when he looks up from his work, the hot shooter the coach spots in the gym, the kid standing along the courtisde in the neighborhood. “Hey punk, do you want to play?”

You never know, ‘til you try, what gate will get you into the arena. I never would have dreamed that being a Capitol police officer would get me in, then again, I know Hollywood studio heads who got their start down in the mail room.

So, bottom line: Life isn’t about being a super-star when you’re in high school or even college, thank God. The magic comes later. But don’t wait for it to show up at your door. You’ve got to go to its door.

The trick is to get in the game, any way you can.

“If you only knock long enough and loud enough at the gate, you are bound to wake up somebody.”—Longfellow

That’s how it works, I’ve discovered. The big breaks come when you get yourself in the game.

Or as Woody Allen says, “90 percent of life is showing up.” You can say it either way: The breaks go to those who show up. Those who show up get the breaks.

Go get ’em, Wildcats! 

“If you want to push your ideas, ambitions or dreams, you have to get out there and champion them.”

—Chris Matthews
The Perfect Words to Describe Villanova

Commencement Oration
by Bobby Pencek ’07 E.E.

It is an honor to be able to share a few of my thoughts with you on this celebratory day.

If you have watched any Villanova basketball or walked around campus over the last several months, you might have noticed one of our new advertising campaigns for the University. In television commercials and on banners, the words “Transforming Minds and Hearts” have become somewhat of a slogan. At first glance, it is easy to not realize the depth of this statement, but I would like to break it down and explain why these words perfectly describe Villanova and our experience here. And furthermore, how this slogan is directly derived from a much older philosophy of our University and an ancient credo of the Augustinians—Veritas, Unitas and Caritas.

First, let’s tackle the idea of “mind.” The primary goal of any academic institution is to develop and enrich the intellect. In this way, Villanova sets a high standard for other American institutions. Our reputation in the academic world is top-notch. For several years, we have been ranked the No. 1 school in the northern region [for master’s degree programs] by U.S. News & World Report. It is hard to find a university with both the breadth and depth of curriculum offered here. This is no secret to the outside world. Employers beat a steady path to our campus every year looking for the best talent in the nation. Business students are gobbled up by the Big Four, Wall Street and financial giants. Nurses are snatched by hospitals and health-care organizations who demand the best. Our College of Liberal Arts and Sciences satisfies the dual appetites of industry and renowned graduate programs. And the engineers are recruited by companies that desire the minds that can create and implement the future.

What sets us apart? What makes us different? The answer is our belief that Villanova students should not be simply trained, but should be holistically educated. It has been said that there are three types of people, those that make things happen, those that watch things happen and those who look around and say “What happened?” Villanovans are among those that make things happen. Training readies a person to react; a Villanova education readies one to anticipate, to prepare and to execute.

Our classes foster, our studying fuels and our learning invigorates the desire and the search for academic truth. It is in this way that we have experienced Veritas.

Day needs night, north needs south, temperance needs passion; one without the other is incomplete. So, too, is the relationship between the mind and the heart. The development of the heart at Villanova includes the University’s Catholic identity, but is not limited to it. Service, spirituality and friendship are three areas where the growth of the heart can be seen most clearly.

Villanova’s Augustinian conscience is an excellent springboard for the culture of service that is so vibrant here. Solidarity with those in need opens hearts and increases awareness. In this giving, we receive. Villanovans routinely buck the trend of self-centeredness and in return receive the greater fulfillment of community. We serve as mentors for children, tutors for students and builders for the homeless. Every Fall, Winter and Spring Break, Villanova sends out over 300 volunteers. Our devotion to service has been witnessed and felt from Cambodia to Camden, from Nicaragua to Norristown, and from far off South Africa to nearby South Philadelphia.

You can stand most anywhere on campus and see the steeple of the St. Thomas of Villanova Church. Likewise, you can stand anywhere on campus and feel the spiritual presence of the student body. The church is the centerpiece of our campus, and the spirituality that it represents is the centerpiece of the Villanova community.

But perhaps the closest communities that we have built during the past four years have been our circles of friends. From Orientation to graduation, we have stuck with our friends during the highest of highs and the lowest of lows. Parties and exams, formals and all-nighters in the library, true love and broken hearts. These college bonds have withstood a four-year trial by fire and now have the ability to last a lifetime. Through these developments in our hearts, we have built unity. We have experienced Unitas.

Now, the final operative word in the slogan is “transforming.” “Creating,” “making,” “building”—any number of words could have been used, but “transforming” was the one perfect fit. You never were without potential. You never needed to change the core of who you were. Villanova simply gave us the time and the tools to cultivate our existing person. We were caterpillars and Villanova was a four-year cocoon. Now at
graduation, we emerge as mature beings, as butterflies. Villanova never redirected us, never swapped an old version of ourselves for a new one. Simply put, Villanova allowed us to become the people who we were always meant to be. Our parents, and now Villanova, have shown us the transformations that can happen with love and patience. This is the power of Caritas.

From our traditional roots in Veritas, Unitas and Caritas, we have arrived in 2007 with minds and hearts transformed. Transformed by the classes we’ve taken, the friends we’ve made, and the love and the community that we have shared here at Villanova University. This transformation is permanent and from now on, where you go, Villanova goes also. Starting today, we will carry Villanova in over 1,700 new directions. When and where we will meet in the future is uncertain, but our common transformation that happened here is forever solid. Remember our college days and more important, remember what they taught us—these lessons of Veritas, Unitas and Caritas. With this University as a sturdy foundation, we are ever ancient, with a limitless future we are ever new, and throughout it all we are always Villanova.

In his Baccalaureate Homily, Father Donohue called upon graduates to continue to find the ways to let faith ignite their hearts and challenge their minds.

BY IRENE BURGO

Gospel reading by the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., ’75 A&S, University president, at the Baccalaureate Liturgy on May 19:

Righteous Father, the world does not know You, but I know You, and they know that You sent me. I make known to them Your name. And I will make it known that the love with which You loved me may be [in] them and I in them. The Gospel of the Lord.

—Gospel of John: 17.23
he Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., '75 A&S, Villanova’s 32nd president, celebrated the Baccalaureate Liturgy in the Villanova Stadium on Saturday, May 19, at 5 p.m.

After reading the Gospel, Father Donohue addressed the Class of 2007, their families and friends with the Homily based on the Gospel reading. The sky had turned gray with heavy clouds. A stiff wind whipped the flags, blew drops of rain and chilled the congregation. Nevertheless, Father Donohue’s voice rang high with energy and enthusiasm as he delivered a rousing Homily. He commanded the worshippers’ attention as he urged the congregants to strive for a deeper faith in God—a faith like John of the Gospel displayed.

“Wouldn’t it be nice for us to see such a vision today?” Father Donohue’s voice resounded through the stadium. “John hears the voice of Jesus. Wouldn’t it be nice if we could hear that voice today? Jesus prayed that we may share in the glory and power of God. Sometimes we find God when there’s an exam to be taken, or when we need some professor to understand that really, the printer didn’t work! Sometimes, the moments when we struggle the most are the moments of deepest faith for us. Because we realize that if we don’t have faith, we are living in despair.”

Transforming minds and hearts is a phrase heard frequently at Villanova. As a Roman Catholic, Augustinian university, Villanova strives to imprint this message upon its graduates, with the hope that they will inspire the hearts and minds of those they meet. “In the years you have spent at Villanova, you and we have experienced both highs and lows, and we continue to move forward. We continue to search for all of those important things in our lives. And we continue to try to find ways to let faith ignite our hearts and challenge our minds to become somebody different, and to bring that difference to somebody else,” said Father Donohue. “I hope you will take that with you as you journey forth from Villanova. Villanova prides itself on its ability to serve others. We wish you well as you journey forth from here. We have given you a message, an inspiration and a sense of who you are. I hope you are better today than you were when you arrived here. I hope you have become somebody different.”

In closing, Father Donohue asked the graduates to keep Villanova alive in their minds and hearts. “Before you leave this campus for many parts of the world, look at the central image of our campus, look at the spires of our church...”

“There was in Father Donohue’s message a challenge to the graduates to try to see the world with the sense and vision of what God calls us to be and do in life. Trust in God, in His plan for us and in a deeper faith to inspire and motivate our search for success. One can’t do this alone and must not give up on God or faith in difficult times. These were the ideas that inspired his Homily.

“In our lives at Villanova, we speak so much about the heart and the mind—those two things that gather us together in this community,” said Father Donohue.

He then urged the graduates to contemplate and reflect upon the meaning of a Villanova education. “And we ask in this community that God would ignite our hearts with a flame—a flame that would set us on fire. A flame that is really able to ignite everyone around us with that love, that compassion, that forgiveness. Those of you who are graduating from Villanova University tomorrow, you have been a gift to us. For the time you have spent here with us, you have been the very life of this community.” Father Donohue noted that during this time, the Class of 2007 and Villanova have developed a dialogue together. “In that dialogue, we have tried to open ourselves up to ideas and visions that are different.”

Fortunately, the impending storm held off long enough for the president to finish his message. It was the thunder of his voice that echoed as Father Donohue encouraged the graduates to seek God’s support when life challenged and tested them. “Life is not always easy,” he said, “and each one of us struggles at times to really experience life in its fullest extent. But we realize that there is an effort, and that we must keep moving forward. We must keep exploring, keep experimenting; we must keep experiencing all of those things around us. And we realize that at times things don’t go the way we want them to, but it doesn’t make us stop.”

Father Donohue illustrated his point with examples, saying: “You don’t stop playing golf, just because you can’t play golf like Tiger Woods. You’re still going to paint, even if you can’t paint like Rembrandt. If you’re not CEO in five years, you’re going to try a new way to become a CEO, because you realize through this experience—this journey that we take—we learn more and more about ourselves and what we are about.

“Sometimes we find God in the deepest, darkest moments of our lives—the moments that are most bleak to us,” he continued. “Sometimes we find God when there’s an exam to be taken, or when we need some professor to understand that really, the printer didn’t work! Sometimes, the moments when we struggle the most are the moments of deepest faith for us. Because we realize that if we don’t have faith, we are living in despair.”

“Wouldn’t it be nice?”

“Before you leave this campus for many parts of the world, look at the central image of our campus, look at the spires of our church...” —Father Donohue

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50th Nursing Class Graduates

At Convocation, the College of Nursing’s special guest is Oman’s ambassador to the United States.

BY IRENE BURGO

Villanova University’s College of Nursing held its Convocation on May 19 in the St. Thomas of Villanova Church. The Class of 2007 is the 50th class to graduate from the College. The event recognized 76 traditional B.S.N. candidates, 63 second-degree students who hold a degree in another field and will graduate in August, as well as 18 B.S.N. candidates from the Sultanate of Oman. Also celebrated were five master’s degree candidates who graduated in December 2006 and this May.

In the crowded church, family, friends, alumni and faculty members enthusiastically applauded and cheered the Nursing degree candidates.

After the procession of candidates and faculty members had entered the church, Rose M. O’Driscoll, Nursing’s assistant dean for Administration and an assistant professor, gave the introduction. She was followed by Dr. John R. Johannes, Villanova’s vice president for Academic Affairs, who gave the invocation. Dr. M. Louise Fitzpatrick, Connelly Endowed Dean and Professor, welcomed the guests with greetings from the College.

“As architects of the future, your agendas need to go beyond those of past generations of nurses,” said Dean Fitzpatrick. “They must encompass a world view and address the health and social needs of a diverse, global society that reflects disparities in levels of wellness, their ability to afford and have access to health care and share in the quality of life that we often take for granted. This week, your education is really just beginning. …You are embarking on a great opportunity to use your college education, knowing that you are needed and wanted and that what you do—and equally as important, how well you do it—can have a profound effect on the lives of others.”

Dean Fitzpatrick then introduced the special guest, H.E. Humaina Al-Mughairy, ambassador of the Sultanate of Oman to the United States.

Omani students have come to Villanova to earn their B.S.N. and M.S.N. degrees for more than 12 years. The partnership between the College of Nursing and Oman’s Ministry of Health includes educating the nurses of Oman as they ready themselves to assume clinical, academic and administrative positions in their country. In addition, College faculty serve as consultants and offer conferences and workshops in Oman.

Ambassador Al-Mughairy spoke to the Nursing candidates and their family and friends. Recalling her own experiences, she said that “The road out there is not always smooth. There will be many obstacles…. When you set yourself with high goals and aspiration, you can achieve anything…. I stand here before you as an example of a woman who has become the first female ambassador from an Arab country to the United States. I am here to tell you it is possible.”

Megan E. Heavey ’07 Nur. followed the ambassador in giving a speech. The College presented its awards for excellence in classroom and clinical service settings (see page 23).

Patricia Somers ’74 Nur., vice president of the Nursing Alumni Society, welcomed the new graduates into the alumni body and encouraged them to stay active through the Nursing Alumni Society.


The procession at the May 19 Convocation begins in the St. Thomas of Villanova Church.
“Learning Does Not End with Graduation”

Remarks of H.E. Hunaina Al-Mughairy, Ambassador to the United States from the Sultanate of Oman

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It is a great honor and pleasure to be here with you today on this very special morning. Congratulations to each and every one of you—you have earned a distinctive credential.

Of course, as individuals, your graduation today marks a new chapter in your lives. It also marks a greater likelihood that because of you, somebody in this world will endure illness with less pain, less loneliness and less fear.

I know for many of you this day has been a long time in the making.

Although my own day was many years ago, I still remember that graduation day can be a volatile mixture of overwhelming emotions, obligations, enthusiasm, worry and of course excitement.

To tell you the truth, the road out there is not always smooth. There will be many obstacles along the way. Every day you will face challenges that you have never encountered before. But you should always remember that no matter how difficult an obstacle might seem, it can be overcome by strong will, determination and motivation.

Everyone will tell you learning does not end with graduation. You will find yourself learning new things every day. As you are learning, you will certainly make mistakes. And that’s fine, don’t be afraid to make mistakes, but you should know that it is very, very important to learn from your mistakes.

The world is full of opportunities, different opportunities from those I had, and definitely different from those my parents had. You have to seize these opportunities because sometimes you don’t get another chance.

You have to believe that you deserve the best. You have to believe that the bar can be higher and you can indeed ascend the heights. Believing you can do it is the most critical step in accomplishing your goals. When you set yourself with high goals and aspiration, you can achieve anything.

If you believe in your dreams and believe in yourself, you can aspire to heights that you never thought possible. I stand here before you as an example of a woman who has become the first female ambassador from an Arab country to the United States. I am here to tell you it is possible.

As you go about your daily tasks, as a nurse, gather strength from knowledge that you are helping a person thwart illness, and therefore you are helping that person to live a healthier, happier and more productive life.

And keep in mind that, while your day-to-day tasks help an individual, a nurse’s career, on a larger scale, is one spent helping the whole of humanity to endure the pressure of disease and injury. It is an honorable and worthy endeavor, even on days when you face many challenges and frustrations.

As a nurse, you will play a unique role in the delivery of health services. You will bear the responsibility of bringing health care to communities. But remember that your role as a nurse does not end at your local community. We should always have a vision beyond our community, as our world has become one big village. As you well know, the causes and effects of many health problems are increasingly global in nature. Many infectious, environmental and behavioral health problems can have major implications not only locally but also across borders. Therefore, addressing global health issues is very important. You as nurses and as leaders in your field should be actively involved in sharing knowledge of effective strategies in global health improvement. Therefore, international cooperation in addressing global health issues is very significant.

Over the years, Oman through the Ministry of Health and Villanova University have forged a special mutual relationship. For years Omani nursing students have been coming to Villanova. Today there are more than 100 Villanova alumni in Oman, holding various health-care positions and contributing greatly to their communities. I believe that our collaboration with Villanova will grow even stronger. Please let me take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to Dean Fitzpatrick, who has been instrumental in establishing this beneficial relationship.

Now, let’s celebrate your success today. Go forth with confidence; believe in yourself and believe in your mission and believe that you will achieve your goals.

I wish you the very best in your careers and in life. Congratulations, Class of 2007. You did it.
“It Is Possible to Reach the Highest Goal”

The Arab world’s first female ambassador to the United States discusses the benefits of having Omani students study at Villanova’s College of Nursing.

BY IRENE BURGO

The World Health Organization’s Report 2000 cited the Sultanate of Oman as No. 1 in the world in terms of health system efficiency and utilization of financial resources. Oman had only two hospitals in 1970. The government of Oman spent $5.12 billion in developing its health sector, which now has 57 hospitals and 124 health centers. As a result, records show that life expectancy in the country has increased from 49.3 years in 1970 to 74 years in 2005.

In an interview with Villanova Magazine, H.E. Hunaina Al-Mughairy, the Sultanate of Oman’s ambassador to the United States, expressed her views about the value of nurses and Villanova’s Nursing program.

Q: (Irene Burgo): How is the Villanova education important to Omani students?

A: (H.E. Hunaina Al-Mughairy): It is an excellent education at Villanova. They are—the students from Oman—the best. Some of the best already have been to Villanova and have gone back to Oman [with degrees in Nursing]. The Minister of Health is very happy with the education that they are getting from the University here. So we’re very proud of our Omani students who have come back to Oman and are holding high positions in health care and in the ministry. [Villanova in 2001 awarded an honorary degree to H.E. Dr. Ali Al-Moosa, Minister of Health.]

Q: What is the impact of a Villanova education on the young women from Oman who have graduated from Villanova with Nursing degrees?

A: This is the 13th year that we’ve participated in this program. The reason they keep coming back [to Villanova] is because we’ve gotten excellent results from those nurses who came back the first time, and also the second and third times, and so the program continues.... We definitely see good results. That’s the reason we send them here.

Q: What about their Villanova education has made a significant impact on the young women who came as students from Oman?

A: I’m not in the medical field. I’m an economist. But, of course, when you have people who are educated and even have gone on for higher education, the knowledge they bring back with them is significant—the [quality of ] education, the technologies—always [are evident]. You can see from their skills—going back to the technical schools or the institution that they are returning to—they bring back what they have learned here in the United States. So, one advantage is that every time there is new technology being introduced, it spills over to the students, who as a result, take it back to Oman.

Q: What would be significant about a Villanova education that you would recommend to other students from Oman who would want to come here and study?

A: The most important consideration for most students—not all of them, but for a number of them—is that it is the first time that they are leaving Oman. So, it is very important for them to feel welcome and comfortable. Those students do not wish to always be alone. And of course, they need to feel at ease with their surroundings. So before they come, we interview them. Then we interview the faculty and other people in the University, who already are used to the Omani way of life. For the students who come to Villanova from Oman, it is really important for them to feel welcome as students within the University community here.

Biography of the Ambassador

H.E. AMBASSADOR HUNIANA AL-MUGHAIKY

is an economist with an extensive business background. In 2005, she was appointed as ambassador of the Sultanate of Oman to the United States. Since accepting the position, she has been a strong advocate for the U.S.-Oman Free Trade Agreement and has focused much of her energy on improving relations between the two countries.

Her prior experience includes serving as the representative of the Omani Center for Investment Promotion and Export Development and as the director general of Investment Promotion. She was advisor to the undersecretary for Industry at Oman’s Ministry of Commerce and Industry. She also served as assistant to the economic advisor to H.M. Sultan Qaboos bin Said, the ruler of Oman.

She earned a B.A in Business Communications from High Politechnical Institute in Cairo and a master’s degree in economics from New York University.
Nursing Honors Outstanding Students

For their excellence in the classroom and clinical setting, the following individuals were commended by the College of Nursing at its May 19 Convocation.

College of Nursing Medallion for Distinguished Academic Achievement
Maureen D. Wilcox ’07 Nur. 
Teresa A. Holman ’06 M.S.N. 
Stacy Rodes Meyers ’06 M.S.N.

Joseph Petro and Helen Yura-Petro Award for Achievement in Nursing Theory
Jennetta A. Jackson ’07 Nur.

Dean’s Award for Service to the College
Shelley L. Hickey ’07 M.S.N.

The Hazel Johnson Leadership Award

Claire M. Manfredi Graduate Nursing Leadership Award
Susan M. Berryman ’07 M.S.N. 
(She also gave the student address at Convocation.)

H. Elaine McCaully Award for Clinical Excellence
Meghan C. Murphy ’07 Nur.

The Reverend Francis X.N. McGuire, O.S.A. Award of the Villanova University Alumni Association
Jonathan A. Messing ’07 Nur.

Nursing Pioneer Award
Lauren A. Chapnick ’07 Nur.

Ralston Center Award for Gerontology Nursing Excellence
Evelyn Sheaffer ’06 Nur.

Special Recognition
Jokha Al-Harthy ’07 Nur.

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Q: What message would you share with the nurses as they graduate and get ready to return to Oman?
A: My message to the girls is, as I said this morning in my speech, I’m the first Arab woman ambassador, and they should aim to reach their highest goals. They can do it. They have to set a good example so that others can come here and achieve what they have achieved. They can do it, you know. There is no glass ceiling. It is possible to each the highest goal if you have ambition and aim for the highest. Definitely with the leadership that we have today, there is no impractical goal for women. Whatever opportunities are there for men, they also are there for the girls.

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A: President [George W.] Bush signed the Free Trade Agreement in 2006, but there are a few things that we have to recognize before it can go into full implementation. But the Free Trade Agreement definitely is going to open up the country.... From the perspective of pharmaceuticals, health care, etc., it will be a benefit because it will open trade for us.

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A: I would tell our students and ladies that I’m very proud of them. Commencement means the beginning. This is the beginning of their lives. And the students are completely different. They come from different areas of Oman, different cultures. But they should take back to Oman from here all of the good memories that they’ve had, what they’ve learned here, and educate our people. But at the same time, they have to work hard. This is just the beginning. It is not the end.

And of course, they feel relaxed because everything is available to them [to meet their needs] at Villanova. I was just talking with a group of Omani students who will be coming to Villanova in about a month. The program coordinator said, “We can fulfill whatever their needs—whatever their requirements are.” For the students, this is a step forward. It makes it easy for them to concentrate on their studies because they feel comfortable. Therefore, it is very important for them to feel comfortable even before they begin their studies.

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Dr. M. Louise Fitzpatrick, Connelly Endowed Dean and Professor, presented the Dean’s Award for Service to the College to Shelly L. Hickey ’07 M.S.N.
Commencement 2007

A&S Commends Academic Accomplishments

BY HOLLY STRATTS

The scene was the St. Thomas of Villanova Church. At 2 p.m. on May 19, friends and families gathered to recognize students in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences who were awarded medals for their academic prowess. They are:

Kristen L. D’Andrea ’07 A&S: The Germain Bazin Award for art history
Patrick W. Kane ’07 A&S: The John M. McClain Award for biology
Frank C. Calvosa ’07 A&S: The G.N. Quam Award for chemistry
Catherine E. Giordano ’07 A&S:
The Howard A. Grelis, O.S.A. Award for classical studies
Lauren E. Rumsey ’07 A&S: The Edward R. Morrow Award for communication
Griffin T. Boll ’07 A&S: The James J. Markham Award for comprehensive science
Lindsay K. Matteo ’07 A&S: The Blaise Pascal Award for computer science
Katie D. Baranek ’07 A&S: The Edwin Sutherland Award for criminal justice
Adrian M. Semrau ’07 A&S: The John Maynard Keynes Award for economics
Casey M. Gray ’07 A&S: The Joseph A. Burns, O.S.A. Award for education
Emily M. Trovato ’07 A&S: The Edward MCGrath Award for English
Halsey V. Lea ’07 A&S: The Joseph J. Gildea Award for French
Natalie M. Miller ’07 A&S: The Alexander von Humboldt Award for geography
Mary C. McGee ’07 A&S: The Christopher Dawson Award for history
Molly E. Grace ’07 A&S: The Thomas More Award for Honors Program, arts
David Hoke ’07 A&S: The Leonardo da Vinci Award for Honors Program, sciences
Megghan A. Krosoczka ’07 A&S: The Leo M. Zuckowski Award for human services
Paul John Gorre ’07 A&S: The Karol Wojtyla Award for humanities
Karen B. Costigliola ’07 A&S: The Dante Alighieri Award for Italian
Raymond J. Acciavatti ’07 A&S: The Emil Amelotti Award for mathematics and The William Driscoll Award for physics
Matthew Fallon ’07 A&S: The Commodore John Barry Award for naval science
Kimberly K. Reilly ’07 A&S: The Robert Russell, O.S.A. Award for philosophy
Joseph A. Marinelli ’07 A&S: The Fritz Nova Award for political science
Michael G. Hughes ’07 A&S: The Bernard L. Bonnwell Award for psychology
Brienne M. Orner ’07 A&S: The John E. Hughes Award for sociology
Thomas A. Alberici ’07 A&S: The Teresa of Avila Award for Spanish
Joseph J. Ronca ’07 A&S: The St. Augustine de Trinitate Award for theology

In addition, the following three Dean’s Awards were given:

Lauren A. Linkowski ’07 A&S, senior class poet: The St. Augustine Award for academic excellence in the arts for English
Frank C. Calvosa ’07 A&S: The Gregor Mendel Award for excellence in the sciences for chemistry
Bryan J. Zimdahl ’07 A&S: The Gregor Mendel Award for excellence in the sciences for biology

In his address to these “excellent students,” the Rev. Kail C. Ellis, O.S.A., Ph.D., ’69 M.A., dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, advised them to “work for the common good of all. There is no peace without justice. This is your life’s journey, and may God be with you as you create it.”

As the faculty speaker, Dr. Darlene Fozard Weaver, assistant professor of theology and religious studies and director of Theology Institute, urged the students to “cultivate your appetite for truth and justice and initiate your capacity for reverence.”

“This is your life’s journey, and may God be with you as you create it,” noted the Rev. Kail C. Ellis, O.S.A., Ph.D., ’69 G.S., dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (A&S), at the College’s May 19 Medallion Ceremony for Academic Excellence.

Molly E. Grace ’07 A&S, who received The Thomas More Award for Honors Program, arts, is congratulated by Dr. Edwin L. Goff, associate dean of A&S and director of the Honors Program.
Communication Department Greets Its Graduates

BY HOLLY STRATTS

During its Diploma Ceremony following Commencement on May 20, Villanova University’s communication department celebrated with 120 graduates and their families. The department’s chairman, Dr. R. Bryan Crable, and the entire departmental faculty personally greeted and congratulated each undergraduate, graduate and certificate awardee. Dr. Susan Mackey-Kallis, as head of the department’s graduate program, read the name of each master’s degree graduate. They were presented with their diplomas at a separate Graduate School ceremony.

This year, 120 communication majors received degrees. Among them, 26 earned additional certificates in public relations and four in journalism. Dr. John Huxford, assistant professor, read the names of those who earned certificates in journalism and Bill Cowen, instructor, noted those who earned public relations certificates.

Eleven students earned master’s degrees and 22 were awarded graduate certificates, which represent half the course work required for a master’s degree.

Several were acknowledged for special honors:

Lauren E. Rumsey ’07 A&S
Medallion of Excellence and highest overall GPA

Rickey G. Perez ’07 A&S:
outstanding service to the Cultural Film Series

Among the communication faculty applauding their department’s newest alumni are (from left) Dr. Teresa “Terry” Nance, assistant vice president for Multicultural Affairs; Dr. Kermit Moore, assistant professor; Nasser Chour, instructor; and Dr. Susan Mackey-Kallis, associate professor and graduate program director.

Thomas A. Alberici ’07 A&S (third from left), who majored in Spanish and political science, received The Teresa of Avila Award for Spanish. He will return this fall to complete his five-year B.A./M.A. degree in political science. His family members are (from left) his grandmother, Marie Scotese; his father, Thomas M. Alberici; his mother, Debbie Alberici; his sister, Deborah Alberici; and his godmother and aunt, Linda Scotese.

Samantha Galltin ’07 A&S: outstanding service to the communication department
Carla Cardona ’07 A&S and Qiana Pray ’07 A&S: honorable mention for outstanding service to the communication department

Alyssa Porco ’07 A&S delivered the senior speech and Candice Carlin ’07 A&S sang the “National Anthem.”

To sum up the ceremony, Crable repeated the mantra of communication theorist Lee O. Thayer: “As we communicate, so shall we be.”
A Call to Action

Brief rain fails to dampen spirits at the College of Engineering’s Hooding Ceremony.

BY KATHLEEN SCAVELLO

The sonorous whine of the bagpipes sounded as Villanova University’s 98th graduating class of the College of Engineering began to process into the Grotto for its Hooding Ceremony, and, as if on cue, a brief shower of rain swept down like a gentle benediction from above.

Forging gamely ahead, Dr. John Molyneux, Engineering’s associate dean for Academic Affairs, welcomed the members of the Engineering Class of 2007 and their families and friends to the May 19 afternoon event. Molyneux noted how the College had grown from its 1909 class of three graduates (two civil, one electrical) and that, for the first time, the interdisciplinary Doctor of Philosophy in Engineering degree would be conferred. A total of 231 students received their hoods at the ceremony out of a graduating class of 286.

Beth Hassel, PBVM, D.Min., director of Campus Ministry, gave the Invocation and Benediction.

Patrick Sweeney ’07 M.E., in delivering the commencement address, told his classmates that “Villanova is unique in teaching each one of us what life is and how to live it.” Sweeney expressed gratitude for the University’s dedication to community, truth and caring. “We are called to action to make the world a better place. As engineers we have the knowledge and tools to do just that,” he said.

John MacVay ’01 E.E., ’03 G.S. was awarded the first doctoral degree conferred by the college. Dr. Ahmad Hoorfar, professor of electrical and computer engineering, made the presentation.

Candidates for bachelor’s degrees in the five engineering disciplines—chemical, civil, computer, electrical and mechanical—came forward to receive their hoods. Candidates for master’s degrees in seven fields—chemical, civil, transportation, water resources and environmental, computer, electrical, and mechanical engineering—then received their hoods.

Presenters included Dr. C. Michael Kelly, professor and chairman of chemical engineering; Dr. Ronald A. Chadlerston, professor and chairman of civil and environmental engineering; Dr. Pritpal Singh, professor and chairman of electrical and computer engineering; and Dr. Gerard F. “Jerry” Jones, professor and chairman of mechanical engineering.

Assisting were faculty members Dr. William J. Kelly, chemical engineering; Dr. Donald D. Joyce, chemical engineering; Dr. Edward Glynn, civil and environmental engineering; Frank Falcone, civil and environmental engineering; Dr. Frank Mercede, electrical and computer engineering; Howard M. Fulmer, mechanical engineering; and Dr. Sridhar Santhanam, mechanical engineering.

The College then presented medallions to the following seniors: Michael Cacciapalle ’07 Che.E., John Duda ’07 M.E., Michael DePasquale ’07 Comp.E., Catherine McGrath ’07 E.E. and Carlos Molina Hutt ’07 C.E.

Medallion awardees at the master’s level were to Mahitha Balguri ’06 M.S. (chemical engineering), Karthik Kappaganthu ’07 M.S. (mechanical engineering), David Acker ’07 M.S. (computer engineering), Mohamed Shoeb ’07 M.S. (electrical engineering), Eric Buckley ’07 M.S. (civil engineering) and Deniz Yurtsever ’07 M.S. (water resources).

Dr. Stephen Jones, Engineering’s associate dean for Student and Strategic Programs, offered congratulatory remarks to the class. “Engineers create the future,” Jones said.

“I challenge you to design medicines that cure cancer. I challenge you to build new buildings and new infrastructure so that this country will continue to be competitive around the world. I challenge you to continue to give to the community and change the lives of those who are suffering around the world,” he added.

Gavin Tully ’07 M.E., a college and Student Government Association senator, led the new graduates in reciting The Engineer’s Creed.
Villanova School of Business Gathers for Recognition Ceremony

BY BARBARA K. CLEMENT

“Y ou’ve come a long way,” the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A. ’75 A&S, University president, told graduates of the Villanova School of Business (VSB) and their families and friends who packed the Pavilion on Saturday morning May 19. It was the seventh annual Graduate Recognition Ceremony for the business school, which Father Donohue reminded the assemblage was “…called the College of Commerce and Finance when you entered, and today as the Villanova School of Business is ranked the 12th best business school in the U.S. by Business Week magazine.” The crowd cheered.

Father Donohue reminded the graduates that this is an age of globalization and they will be expected to understand what is happening in other parts of the world and fully participate.

James M. Danko, the Helen and William O’Toole Dean of the business school, opened the ceremonies and welcomed the attendees. The dean, along with retired faculty member Dr. Gerald A. Dougherty, presented the inaugural Gerald A. Dougherty Endowed Villanova School of Business Faculty Award to Dr. Robert P. Derstein, professor of accountancy. It was noted that Dr. Derstein has taught more than 10,000 business students during his 35 years at Villanova.

Molly Devine ’07 VSB, a Presidential Scholar, had been selected as the student speaker. She majored in finance and accountancy with a minor in English and Honors.

Dean Danko and faculty leaders then presented the Bartley Medallion for outstanding achievement in a specific discipline to 15 graduates; the medallion is the highest distinction the School can award to a graduating student and serves as a visible reflection of the significant contribution made by the recipient to the life of the business school’s community. The recipients were:

Jason Manuel Ferreira ’07 VSB: for Excellence in Accounting, awarded in memory of Charles F. Kelly
Raquel Episcopio ’07 VSB: Excellence in Economics, awarded in memory of Saul Mason
Brian J. Ubaldi ’07 VSB: Excellence in Finance
Michael J. Shiposh ’07 VSB: Excellence in International Business
Matthew J. D’Ulisse ’06 Comp.E., ’06 M.B.A.: Excellence in Business Administration at the Master’s Level—Professional
Michael Anthony Klobuchar ’06 M.B.A. and Laura Robinson Campbell ’06 M.B.A. (not in attendance): Excellence in Business Administration at the Master’s Level—FTE
Kara Elyse Wells ’07 G.S.: Excellence in Finance at the Master’s Level
Shawn P. McCaffrey ’07 VSB: Excellence in Management Information Systems
Steven Anthony Guerrini ’07 VSB: Excellence in Management
Meghan H. Murphy ’07 VSB: Excellence in Marketing
Ronald G. Schlegel ’07 M.B.A.: Excellence in Business Administration at the Master’s Level—Executive
Kathryn Madden ’05 VSB, ’07 G.S.: Excellence in Accounting and Professional Consultancy at the Master’s Level
Natalie Marie MacConnell ’07 M.T.M./’07 M.S.: Excellence in Technology Management at the Master’s Level
Daniel J. Bligh ’07 M.T.: Excellence in Taxation at the Master’s Level

The dean and the program directors then recognized each of the graduates and presented the diplomas. This year, the business school had 487 graduates at the bachelor’s level, although 633 degrees were awarded because many undergraduates complete the requirements from dual degrees. There were 28 Master’s of Accounting and Professional Consultancy degrees conferred, 29 M.B.A.s—the Executive program, 40 M.B.A.s—the FTE program; 149 M.B.A.s—the Professional program, 13 M.S. in Finance degrees, 21 Master’s of Taxation degrees and 12 Master of Technology Management degrees.

The ceremonies concluded with the singing of the “Alma Mater,” led by Nicholas Medaglio ’07 VSB, a marketing major, Sister Angela Marie Mazzeo, CSFN, ’07 M.B.A. (Professional program), gave the Benediction. The Atlantic Brass Band performed before the ceremonies and at the processional and recessional.
Nursing Alumna Commissions NROTC

BY IRENE BURGO

Returning to her alma mater, Rear Adm. Christine M. Bruzek-Kohler ’74 Nur. commissioned the NROTC Class of 2007 on May 18. The Navy’s top-ranking nurse, she serves as director of the Navy Nurse Corps and chief of staff of the Navy’s Bureau of Medicine and Surgery. As commissioning officer, Adm. Bruzek-Kohler urged the Villanovans to “Continue to hone your skills to create efficiencies, foster change and stimulate innovation as you are the future leaders in our global knowledge economy.”

The NROTC Class of 2007 was commissioned into the U.S. Navy and U.S. Marine Corps in the Villanova Room of the Connelly Center. At the ceremony, 23 classmates were commissioned into the Navy and six into the Marines, and two more will be commissioned into the Navy this summer.

Prior to the afternoon ceremony, the midshipmen, families and friends attended the Commissioning Mass, celebrated by the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., ’75 A&S, University president, at the St. Thomas of Villanova Church. The liturgy concluded with the singing of the Navy Hymn, “Eternal Father, Strong to Save.”

Afterward, in the Villanova Room of the Connelly Center, families, friends, alumni, faculty members and guests gathered to welcome the NROTC Class of 2007. The Villanova Band, led by music director John Dunphy, played selections with a military theme. A color guard led the academic procession of the official stage party, including faculty and administrators, down the center aisle. The midshipmen in their dress uniforms entered on the command of Marine GySgt. Donald Moeller and took their places in the front seats.

Marine Col. Glenn L. Wagner, commanding officer of the NROTC Unit and professor of naval science, welcomed the guests. The Distinguished Midshipman award was presented to Ens. Brian Gaspar ’07 M.E.

Adm. Bruzek-Kohler served as the keynote speaker and also administered the oath of office to the midshipman. In congratulating them, she said “As you transition from midshipmen to officer and from student to graduate, this weekend marks the beginning of a new phase of your life.”

The admiral shared some fundamental principles of successful naval officers. “The first principle, ‘Lead by Example.’ Successful leaders motivate through inspiration, stimulate intellectually, and give individualized consideration for needs and goals. They are accountable to those in authority and to those they lead,” she said.

“Next principle, ‘Embrace Lifelong Learning.’ You will experience invaluable life lessons from those you lead and from those you follow that will give you insight into interpersonal relationships, communication and self-awareness as a leader. Some call it ‘soft skills,’ others call it ‘emotional intelligence.’ By whatever name, it is the ability to understand and manage your own feelings and motivations, and understand and empathize with the feelings of others. With strength in this area, you will be successful in effectively handling interpersonal interactions, conflict resolution and negotiations. Your formal education will not stop at graduation, but will continue throughout your military career....

“The third principle, ‘Commitment,’ is pledging oneself to a certain purpose or line of conduct—having a sound set of beliefs and a faithful dedication to those beliefs with your behavior,” Bruzek-Kohler said. “The Navy describes commitment as the ‘care for the safety, professional, personal and spiritual well-being of our people. Show respect toward all people without regard to race, religion or gender. Treat each individual with human dignity. Be committed to positive change and constant improvement. Exhibit the highest degree of moral character, technical excellence and competence in what we have been trained to do. The day-to-day duty of every Navy

man and woman is to work together as a team to improve the quality of our work, our people and ourselves.’

“The final principle is ‘Caring for One Another.’ Your Navy family began on the first day you put on the uniform of a midshipman. Your Navy and Marine Corps family also includes your family here today and those waiting for you at home.... Today, the number in your Navy family is small. Tomorrow, the number will grow larger than you can possibly imagine. They are now part of your life and will be there at your side.... I am confident that each of you will be outstanding Navy and Marine Corps officers and will do well in your first and future assignments.”
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Families Take Part in Army ROTC Commissioning Ceremony

BY IRENE BURGO

Villanova University’s Army ROTC commissioned one senior cadet to the rank of 2nd lieutenant at Old Main on the Widener University campus on May 17. Two other cadets, who participated in the ceremony, will be commissioned upon completion of their curriculum requirements. Villanova’s Army ROTC program is based at Widener.

Family members who currently serve or have served in the U.S. military carry out the tradition of administering the oath of office to the cadet graduates.

Jonathan Quercia ’07 M.E. was commissioned as a 2nd lieutenant in the Army Ordnance Corps.

Kevin Brodersen, a German Studies major, upon completion of academic requirements, will be commissioned as a 2nd lieutenant in the Army Ordnance Corps.

Julie Obusek, a Nursing major, upon completion of the Leadership Development and Assessment course at Fort Lewis, Wash., will be commissioned as a 2nd lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps.

The commanding officer, Army Reserve Maj. Keith R. Karbel, an assistant professor of military science/COMTek, served as their advisor.

Jonathan Quercia ’07 M.E. (right) receives his commission as an Army 2nd lieutenant from Army Lt. Col. Robert D. Sewell, professor of military science and battalion commander of the Army ROTC Unit.
Soaring spring temperatures weren’t the only thing generating warmth as Alumni Reunion Weekend 2007 kicked off June 8 on campus. A record-breaking group of 1,500 eager alumni and their guests basked in the glow of shared affection as they braved 95-degree weather to register for the three-day celebration packed with opportunities to rekindle old friendships and revive memories of a cherished stage of life. Having traveled from as far away as Singapore and London, representing 36 states and the District of Columbia, eight decades of graduates made West Campus’ Kleotka Hall their first stop, where they were greeted with refreshments on the patio at the Wildcat Welcome Area.

From the first, the returning alumni enthusiastically embraced the “Life is good at Villanova University” spirit emblazoned on a special commemorative Reunion T-shirt designed and manufactured by Albert A. “Bert” Jacobs ’87 A&S, co-founder and president of the New England-based Life is good® clothing company. Villanovans snapped up the entire supply of 800 shirts, the proceeds from which will benefit the Villanova University Alumni Association’s (VUAA) support of Campus Ministry’s Student Service Break Program and the Life is good® Kids Foundation.

“Alumni Reunion Weekend 2007 was a wonderful success drawing record numbers. Our alumni were happy, excited and thrilled to be back on campus,” said Christine Acchione ’88 A&S, director for campus partnerships and programs in Alumni Affairs.

Gary R. Olsen ’74 A&S, ’80 G.S., associate vice president for Alumni Affairs and executive director of the VUAA, was equally sanguine.

“There is no better way for a Villanova graduate to reconnect with old friends and rekindle a relationship with the University than to return for Alumni Reunion Weekend. Seeing the many smiling faces of alumni as they return to campus is truly gratifying to all of us at the University and reminds us of how special Villanova is,” Olsen commented.

So eagerly anticipated was the weekend that the 175 West Campus apartments reserved for participants sold out weeks in advance. The Villanova Conference Center rooms also were fully booked. All weekend, activities were well-attended, and two of them—Reunion Family Picnic and the Class of 1957 Half-Century Dinner—broke attendance records. The Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., ’75 A&S, University president, together with Olsen and the VUAA’s president, John Smock ’65 VSB, visited all 35 Reunion events.

“As the Villanova University Alumni Association president, I was pleased and honored to officially welcome back so many of our alumni,” said Smock, who lives in Lake Forest, Ill. “By returning to the Reunion and participating in its activities, they demonstrated their strong lifelong connection to Villanova and their support of the University’s vision and its future.”
New events were well-received

Two new events, a “Conversation with the President” and an Alumni Travel Program presentation, generated enthusiastic responses.

The alumni travel event, accompanied by a wine-and-cheese reception, took place on Friday afternoon in the Connelly Center’s Presidents’ Lounge. There, alumni were treated to the launch of the program’s 2008 season with an overview of opportunities for Villanovans to travel together to destinations as exotic and varied as Antarctica and Europe. The highlight was the announcement of a special July 2008 trip to the Tuscany region of Italy, to be hosted by Father Donohue.

Friday evening offered opportunities for alumni to gather together at special class dinner receptions. The Class of 1957 Half-Century Dinner was attended by 300 guests. They convened at Donahue Hall to dine, toast those receiving medallions as they were inducted into the Half-Century Society and gather for a class photo. In his speech, J. William Jones ’57 A&S led the assembled group in a nostalgic review of class memories. Jones and Joseph W. Redmond ’57 VSB co-chaired their class’s Reunion committee. Three of Villanova’s first graduates to earn bachelor’s degrees in Nursing—Betty Ann Curran Grozier ’57 Nur., Rita Shigo DeFebo ’57 Nur. and Cecilia DeMuro Paul ’57 Nur.—and one of their professors, Julia Boland Paparella, now associate professor emerita of Nursing, were in attendance.

The Class of 1982 celebrated its 25th Reunion at a dinner reception in the Montrose Mansion at the Villanova Conference Center. Meanwhile at Picotte Hall at Dundale on the West Campus, the Class of 1997 celebrated its 10-Year Reunion at a dinner reception. The classes of 1942, ’47, ’52, ’62, ’67, ’72, ’77, ’87 and ’92 all enjoyed time with friends and classmates at special class dinner receptions in Bartley Hall.

Engineering awards

The Engineering Alumni Society held its awards ceremony and reception Friday evening in the Villanova Room of the Connelly Center. Those honored this year included:

- John C. Duda ’07 M.E.; the Robert D. Lynch Award;
- Alessandro Perrotta ’94 M.S.E.; the Carl T. Humphrey Memorial Award;
- Kathleen Mitchell ’91 Ch.E.; the John J. Gallen Memorial Award; and
- Dr. Robert M. Farrell ’69 E.E.; the J. Stanley Morehouse Memorial Award.

Four individuals received professional achievement awards: Dr. James J. Schuster ’57 C.E., ’61 M.C.E.; Luis A. Urrutia ’75 Ch.E.; Teresa M. Bassitt ’84 E.E.; and Dr. George Facas ’81 M.E.
Meritorious service awards were presented to Robert J. Grossi ’67 M.C.E.; Thomas A. Nowlan ’64 Ch.E., ’85 M.Ch.E.; William P. Dierkes ’85 M.E.; and Arthur P. Ryan III ’65 E.E.

Full slate Saturday

The next morning, at the 8 a.m. Alumni Memorial Mass in Corr Hall Chapel, early risers commemorated the memory of Villanovans who had passed on during the year. The Rev. Robert P. Hagan, O.S.A., ’87 A&S, associate athletic director at Villanova, presided. Many had their first glimpse of the chapel’s new stained glass window, designed by the Rev. Richard G. Cannuli, O.S.A., ’73 A&S, as a tribute to the 15 Villanovans who perished in the September 11, 2001, attacks on the World Trade Center. Father Cannuli is chair of the theatre department, curator and director of the Villanova University Art Gallery and a liturgical artist.

As alumni prepared to launch into a full slate of activities for the day and evening ahead, they fortified themselves at a buffet breakfast in St. Mary’s Dining Hall. Throughout the morning, campus shuttle tours, narrated by Blue Key Society students, gave alumni and guests an up-to-the-minute view of Villanova while they shared memories of the University in former days.

At 9:30 a.m., the presentation made by the University Admission staff in the Connelly Center Cinema was well-attended. Meanwhile, upstairs in the Presidents’ Lounge, an enthusiastic mix of current students and alumni networked and heard a talk by Dr. Chauncey Fortt ’73 A&S, the VUAA’s new chairman on diversity.

A record 135 couples pledged their continued commitment to wedded life during the Renewal of Marriage Vows ceremony, which took place at 10 a.m. in the St. Thomas of Villanova Church. The Rev. Shawn Tracy, O.S.A., ’63 A&S, of Campus Ministry, presided.

Across campus at Falvey Memorial Library, Villanova nurses had a chance to “Chat with the Dean,” featuring Dr. M. Louise Fitzpatrick, Connelly Endowed Dean and Professor.

A “Conversation with the President,” which began at 11 a.m. in the Villanova Room of the Connelly Center, was a big hit, drawing more than 250 guests to dialogue with Father Donohue.

At noon, graduates from the Class of 1956 and earlier headed for the Top ’Cat Luncheon, held in the Radnor/St. David’s Room in the Connelly Center. Top ’Cats received special lapel pins, and guests enjoyed the remarks given by the Rev. George F. Riley, O.S.A., Ph.D., ’58 A&S, ’61 G.S., special assistant to the president for alumni and external affairs. The classes of 1942, 1947 and 1952 received special recognition.

From noon to 3 p.m., 1,500 alumni, family and friends congregated on Austin Field for an afternoon of food, festivity and fellowship at one of the weekend’s most popular events, the Reunion Family Picnic. Children’s games occupied the youngest picnickers while others took advantage of the opportunity to meet, have photos taken with, and get the autographs of Villanova’s Wildcat mascot and student-athletes. The disc jockeys—Terry Smith ’76 A&S and Joe Gallagher ’72 A&S—kept the mood festive. They celebrated the 60th anniversary of Villanova’s radio station, WXVU 89.1 FM, by playing musical hits from all the alumni years.

Four alumni honored at ceremony

The Alumni Reunion Vigil Mass and Awards Ceremony began at 5 p.m. in the St. Thomas of Villanova Church. Father Donohue officiated, assisted by several other Augustinian priests.

St. Thomas of Villanova Alumni Medal: The VUAA’s highest honor is awarded to alumni who best symbolize the spirit and legacy of the 16th-century Spanish saint. They are “individuals who have achieved a level of distinction within their chosen fields or professions and who have brought extraordinary benefit to the University and to their communities.”

This year’s St. Thomas of Villanova Alumni Medal recipients are:

- Mary Beth Appel ’81 Nur., of Philadelphia. She is co-founder of the Catholic Worker Free Clinic and an active volunteer for the College of Nursing. Following graduation from Villanova, Appel embarked on a life dedicated to working with the
underserved, including the homeless as well as children and adults with disabilities. She works for peace and justice and practices works of mercy. She first served with the Catholic Worker community in Los Angeles, later returning to Philadelphia to found the House of Grace Catholic Worker. Appel has accompanied Villanova Nursing students and faculty members on numerous service trips, and since her student days has been involved with Villanova’s Handicapped Encounter Christ retreat program.

- **Albert A. “Bert” Jacobs ’87 A&S**, of Boston. He is chief executive optimist of Life is good®, Inc. and president of Life is good Kids Foundation in Boston. Jacobs and his brother, John, founded Life is good®, Inc. after designing and featuring the engaging smiling, optimistic figure “Jake” on a line of T-shirts. Their company has grown from the brothers hawking T-shirts on the streets of Boston to a multi-million-dollar enterprise that "stays close to its roots, with an emphasis on humor and humility," according to its Web site. The company has raised and donated $2 million to nonprofit organizations benefiting children and other charities through its festivals and foundation.

  “Receiving the St. Thomas of Villanova Alumni Medal is truly humbling, and our whole company shares in this great honor,” Jacobs remarked.

  “A wise man once said ‘Takers may eat well, but givers sleep well.’ I think sleeping well is reward enough for the philanthropic work we do at Life is good…but that doesn’t mean I’m giving back the medal,” he quipped.

- **Gerald D. “Gerry” Strid ’66 VSB**, of Villanova, Pa. He is managing director of Strid Wealth Management Group and an active volunteer and fundraiser for Project H.O.M.E. in Philadelphia. After more than 23 years at Merrill Lynch, Strid founded a successful business of his own, Strid Wealth Management Group. He is involved with many philanthropic efforts, including the Committee to Benefit Children, an organization that provides direct financial and emotional support to patients at St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children in Philadelphia, and Project H.O.M.E., the Philadelphia nonprofit Housing and Opportunities for Medical Care, Education and Employment. Strid is a leader in the “I Care 50” initiative, a group of Philadelphia’s 50 prominent business leaders dedicated to assisting the city’s less fortunate.

Young Alumni Medal: This medal is given to an alumnus/a who has reached a significant level of achievement in his/her profession and who serves as a model of the caliber and quality that are representative of contemporary Villanova students and alumni.

**Fast Feedback Is Good**

*Alumni Reunion Weekend 2007 was definitely something “to write home about.” The following is a sampling of the e-mail kudos received by Christine Acchione ’88 A&S after the event. She is director for campus partnerships and programs in Alumni Affairs.*

“It was great to meet you and the rest of the University staff who helped make the weekend a sparkling success. I will never forget the pride, respect and joy that exuded from me and all my classmates as a result of our association with such a splendid university and the people who serve and have learned there.”
—Bob Strayton ’57 A&S

“We had a great time with our ‘old’ gang from ’82. What a beautiful weekend to reunite on campus with friends.”
—Maryann Scharle Rogers ’82 Nur.

“The reunion was amazing. My friends are already counting down to 2012.”
—Ryan Gray ’97 VSB

“The reunion was fantastic! Thanks for everything.”
—Keisha Fulton St. John ’92 A&S

“Reunion weekend was awesome! You again exceeded our expectations.”
—Bill Donnell ’77 VSB

“I wanted to congratulate you and the entire staff and hundreds of volunteers for a great Reunion weekend at VU. My wife and I had a great weekend, and so did the other spouses.”
—Gerry Bellotti ’67 VSB

“I know that I speak for all of my former classmates when I say it was truly a memorable event. From the picnic to the dorms to brunch, it was a great weekend all around.”
—Brian Cull ’92 A&S

“We have come to our alma mater...not in our dreams again...but in actuality. We cherished the moments spent and give thanks to you for making those moments unforgettable.”
—Chuck Brockman ’57 VSB
To qualify for the award, alumni must have completed their undergraduate education at Villanova within the last 15 years.

This year’s Young Alumni Medal was awarded to Matthew D. “Matt” Nespoli ’04 A&S, of New York City. He is the founder and director of Water for Waslala. Nespoli conceived of the project while on a student service trip to Nicaragua through Campus Ministry. His program is dedicated to providing clean, drinkable water to Waslala, a rural area hobbled by pervasive poverty. Besides serving as its director, Nespoli works as a research assistant with the Federal Reserve Board of Governors in Washington, D.C.

Alumni Gala: the pinnacle event

Still to come on Saturday was what is for many the pièce de résistance of Alumni Reunion Weekend: the Alumni Gala. Guests arriving for the 6:30 p.m. event at the Pavilion stepped into a laid-back, life is good atmosphere, characterized by bright summery colors, tables with Gerbera daisies and Villanova pennants, and music. Villanova Singers alumni provided roving acoustic music during the cocktail hour. Rosemarie Timoney’s troupe of Irish step dancers provided entertainment. A signature moment came when Father Donohue and a group of Villanova Singers alumni led the singing of the “Alma Mater.”

Those with energy to spare when the Gala ended headed to the informal social on the Klekotka Hall Patio on the West Campus.

Until next time...

On Sunday, with the time approaching to bid adieu until their next reunion, Villanovans were welcomed to parish Mass at the St. Thomas of Villanova Church. A Farewell Brunch at St. Mary’s Dining Hall was the scene of hearty handshakes and heartfelt hugs before checkout. Once again, alumni departed refreshed, renewed and satisfied in the knowledge that when you’re a Villanovan, life is good.
Black Alumni Strengthen Ties with the VUAA

BY IVANLEY NOISETTE '08 A&S

This year's Alumni Reunion Weekend included a robust schedule of events. Among them was the Black Cultural Society/Black Student League Reception. It was held from 9:30-10:30 a.m. on June 9 in the Presidents' Lounge of the Connelly Center. Those attending were members of Villanova University's alumni, staff and student body.

In his remarks, the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., '75 A&S, University president, outlined the importance of diversity on Villanova's campus. "We must strive to be a campus community that is representative of the world our students will live in after graduation," Father Donohue said. His words were greeted with head nods of approval.

Facilitating the event were Walidah Justice '96 A&S, assistant director of student development; Meredith Fitzpatrick, assistant director of admission; and Amy Layman '05 G.S., senior director of program development and technology for Alumni Affairs.

As co-editors of The Culture, a student publication focusing on raising awareness about humanitarian issues, Oscar Abello '08 A&S and I spoke about the magazine's history and future goals. In my role as acting president of the Black Cultural Society, I outlined our organization's progress and illustrated the need for strong alumni relations.

Dr. Teresa "Terry" Nance, assistant vice president for Multicultural Affairs, reiterated Father Donohue's words, stating the importance of a diverse campus community and outlining the progress of the Diversity Blueprint she has been spearheading. Referring to the last few years, Nance said, "Many goals have been achieved and progress has been made. We have the numbers; now we need to engage in the second phase, getting students to understand the meaning of authentic diversity."

The authenticity, she emphasized, goes beyond the numbers to include mutual understanding and acceptance.

The reactions from alumni to the changes at Villanova since their years there helped spark vigorous networking after the event.

"I was the president of the Black Student League 30-plus years ago," said Lionel Knight '72 A&S, now a financial consultant in Europe, Africa, Asia and the United States. "The changes that have taken place are truly remarkable," he added. Knight and a host of other alumni all expressed interest in getting more involved with the Villanova University Alumni Association (VUAA).

Dr. Chauncey Fortt '73 A&S, who chairs the VUAA's diversity committee, expressed his commitment to facilitating a "lasting and healthy" relationship between black alumni and the Villanova community. Last fall, he was awarded a College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Alumni Medallion.

Ivanley Noisette '08 A&S, who is interning in the Office of Communication and Public Affairs, is a political science major and co-editor of The Culture magazine.
Our Thanks to You, Reunion Volunteers!

The following Villanovans who served on class committees were integral to the success of Alumni Reunion Weekend 2007.

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Walter R. Hauck (VSB)
Andrew J. Markey (VSB)
Warren J. McDermott (VSB)
Ronald F. Russo, M.D. (A&S)

1957
John T. Alshefski (VSB)
Charles R. Brockman (VSB)
Dr. Joseph E. Clark (A&S)
Donald B. Couig (A&S)
Betty A. (Curran) Grozier (Nur.)
William C. Hamburger (A&S)
J. William Jones (A&S)
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Robert G. Stratyon (A&S)
Maryanne D. (Dietrich) Van Camp (Nur.)
Henry F. Whalen Jr. (A&S)
John J. Zogby (VSB)

1962
Mary F. (Fay) Bourgoin (Nur.)
James C. Braithwaite (VSB)
Robert J. Capone (VSB)

1967
Gerald A. Bellotti (VSB)
Dennis H. Ferro (A&S)
John E. Fry (Egr.)
Armando V. Greco (Egr.)
George F. Salamy (A&S)
Marie G. (Gadren) Santomauro (A&S)
Joseph E. Turk (A&S)
Gerard Van Langedveld (UC)
Ward T. Williams, Esq. (A&S)
John A. Zoubek (Egr.)

1972
Philip J. Cappello (VSB)
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Steven L. Hurleigh (VSB)
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Dr. Regina S. (Sartoretto) Fink (Nur.)
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Top Classes in Reunion Giving

Highest Overall Giving
Class of 1987: $1,239,425

Highest Unrestricted Giving
Class of 1957: $98,604

Honorable mentions
Class of 1972: $88,862
Class of 1977: $89,461

Highest Participation
Class of 1957: 36 percent

Highest Campaign Gifts and Pledges
Class of 1957: $11,637,472

James R. Giordano (A&S)
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Rain Forest Ecologist Awarded Mendel Medal

By Kathryn Szumanski '95 A&S, '97 M.A.

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (A&S) celebrated the scientific and educational accomplishments of Dr. Margaret "Meg" Dalzell Lowman (known affectionately as "Canopy Meg") in awarding her its Mendel Medal on April 28. Dr. Lowman travels the world to study the most remote rainforests from the tops of their trees. She is the director of environmental initiatives and professor of biology and environmental studies at New College of Florida in Sarasota.

The Mendel Medal, given annually, recognizes outstanding scientists who by their painstaking work advance the cause of science, and who by their lives and their standing before the world as scientists have demonstrated that between true science and true religion there is no intrinsic conflict.

"Her work in canopy ecology demonstrates the complexity and importance of plant-insect relationship in the tops of tropical trees and reflects the awe she feels at the wonder of creation," said the Rev. Kail C. Ellis, O.S.A., Ph.D., '69 G.S., dean of A&S.

"Lowman is an outstanding teacher and researcher, and her work in environmental science and conservation outreach will continue to play an important role in education and for everyone concerned with the future of our planet."

Lowman’s expertise spans more than 25 years in Australia, Peru, Africa, the Americas and the South Pacific. Internationally recognized for her pioneering research, she has authored more than 95 peer-reviewed publications and four books. In Life in the Treetops, she wrote of being a mom who often took her two toddlers on her international scientific expeditions. In It’s A Jungle Up There, her sons join her in telling of how they balanced expeditions in the jungles with school and family life. She also wrote a comprehensive text, Forest Canopies.

Lowman earned a bachelor's degree with honors in biology and environmental studies from Williams College in 1976, a master's degree in ecology from Aberdeen University in 1978 and a doctorate in botany from the University of Sydney in 1983.

In Florida, at Sarasota’s bayside Marie Selby Botanical Gardens, Lowman served first as director of research and conservation, and then chief executive officer. The gardens specialize in tropical plants, especially orchids, bromeliads and other epiphytes. Under her leadership, membership, expanded by 45 percent, fundraising by more than 100 percent, and research and education programs doubled. After 11 years, Lowman left to devote more time to science education.

Prior to joining Selby Gardens, Lowman was a professor in biology and environmental studies at Williams, where she pioneered temperate forest canopy research and built the first canopy walkway in North America.

Working in rural Australia on forest ecology, she was instrumental in determining the causes of the eucalypt dieback syndrome that destroyed millions of trees. She also assisted with conservation programs for tree regeneration and ran a successful eco-tourism business in the outback. For more than 20 years, she studied mechanisms of tropical diversity in Australian rain forests.

To access the forest canopies, Lowman developed expertise in using ropes, walkways, hot air balloons and construction cranes. She frequently speaks about her adventures and conservation efforts to groups ranging from elementary school classes to corporate executives and international scientists. Among her honors are the Margaret Douglas Medal for Achievement in Conservation Education from The Garden Club of America (1999) and The Eugene P. Odum Award for excellence in ecology education from the Ecological Society of America (2002).

Lowman on April 28 also gave the annual Mendel Medal public lecture, which she titled “It’s a Jungle up There: Integrating Research and Education through Canopy Ecology.” In the Connelly Center Cinema, she discussed both her lifelong research and developing a family conservation ethic—her own “No Child Left Indoors” initiative. Lowman wove together stories of her ecology expeditions with tales of taking along her two young sons, who are now in college.

For more information, visit www.canopymeg.com.
The Ethics Program in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (A&S) began a new tradition on March 28 in holding its first annual Praxis Award in Professional Ethics ceremony. This year's recipient was Joel J. Nobel, M.D., founder and president emeritus of the ECRI Institute, a nonprofit organization that evaluates medical products and processes and is a leading source about information on recalls.

The Praxis Award honors an individual in a profession or academia who meets some, if not all, of the following criteria of excellence in fulfilling and embodying the ethical ideals of a profession; connecting professional work to a broader understanding of the common good; promoting and embodying ethical integrity in a professional field; researching professional ethics; and influencing professional ethics through writing, teaching, consulting and/or leadership.

In 1960s, after a young child died in a Philadelphia hospital because of an improperly maintained defibrillator, Nobel founded the Emergency Care Research Institute (ECRI), now known as the ECRI Institute. Its mission is to improve the safety, quality and cost-effectiveness of health care. The institute is a Collaborating Center of the World Health Organization and has been designated as an Evidence-based Practice Center by the U.S. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. Based in Plymouth Rock, Pa., it has offices all over the world.

Nobel was honored for his commitment to the common good, for his insistence on personal and institutional integrity on the part of ECRI and its employees, and for his example of professionalism and pursuit of excellence.

"His dedication to free speech and quality health care, along with his commitment to technology and corporate integrity, make him very worthy of this award," said Dr. Elliot B. Sloane, assistant professor of decision and information technologies in the Villanova School of Business. Sloane, who introduced the honoree and nominated him, worked for ECRI before coming to Villanova University.

Dr. Mark Doorley, assistant professor of ethics and director of the Ethics Program, presented Nobel with the Praxis Award. Nobel addressed the audience in the Connelly Center's Villanova Room, thanking them for the honor and speaking about ECRI's integrity practices. "To ensure the quality of our work, we have internal review and external review," Nobel said. He boasted that the institute often has its most ardent critics serve as external reviewers to make a product more reliable and valid.

Nobel re-affirmed ECRI's strong commitment to professional ethics. He gave an account of a study that the nonprofit was about to produce and distribute. At the 11th hour, his staff discovered that the study contained falsified information. After reprimanding the individual who falsified the data, Nobel asked his staff how much it would cost to redo the study and how long it would take.

Gathering for the Praxis Award ceremony are (from left) Dr. Frank Falcone, associate professor of civil engineering; Nicholas M. Rongione, associate professor of management; Dr. Barbara Ott, associate professor of Nursing; Dr. Mark Doorley, director of the Ethics Program; the honoree, Joel J. Nobel, M.D.; Dr. Karyn Hollis, associate professor of English; and Dr. Brett T. Wilmot, associate director of the Ethics Program.

St. Thomas of Villanova Celebration Expands to Three Days

During the weekend of September 21-23, Villanova University will commemorate its patron, St. Thomas of Villanova, with three days of celebration and special events.

On Friday, September 21, the University will host an academic symposium in the Connelly Center from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., followed by a wine-and-cheese reception on the patio and lower atrium.

Saturday, the liturgical feast day of the saint, will be dedicated to a day of service in the Greater Philadelphia area. Students, faculty and staff, together with their families, can volunteer at various projects, beginning at 9 a.m. At 4 p.m., the service groups will return to campus for a community celebration featuring dinner and entertainment. At 6 p.m., kick-off time, everyone is invited to the Wildcats home football game against Penn.

On Sunday at 4:15 p.m., a closing Community Liturgy will be celebrated on campus. The annual St. Thomas of Villanova commemoration honors the 16th-century Augustinian bishop of Valencia, Spain, and celebrates the University's community, heritage and mission. Historically, it has been held on only one afternoon at the beginning of the academic year. For the first time, last fall, it was expanded to incorporate a day of community service, an initiative that was a very successful part of the Inauguration of the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., '75 A&S as University president.
Estrogen Pollution Study Earns a First Place for Doctoral Student

BY IRENE BURGO

One growing threat to Pennsylvania’s environment is the presence of “gender-bending” feminine hormones that disrupt the ability of fish to reproduce. Gangadhar Andaluri’s poster presentation on this emerging pollutant brought him a first-place award at the April 27 annual meeting of the Hudson-Delaware Chapter of the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry (SETAC).

Andaluri is a first-year doctoral student at Villanova University who conducts his research in the Villanova Center for the Environment (VCE). The center is nationally and internationally recognized for its research in emerging contaminants (potential pollutants that have not been widely studied) and their treatment.

SETAC is a scientific nonprofit organization of about 4,000 members. The chapter’s members in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and southeastern New York are environmental scientists, engineers and professionals in related disciplines.

The SETAC judges noted that Andaluri presented new knowledge about these emerging contaminants. The judges praised the quality of the science and the clear presentation, which linked results to managerial aspects.

Andaluri’s topic was “The Occurrence of Estrogens in Solid Wastes and their Leaching Properties.” Many scientists have reported on the presence of pharmaceutically active compounds (PACs) in the environment. Due to the adverse effects of PACs, they are of growing concern, especially in Pennsylvania and the surrounding region, where there are many pharmaceutical companies, farms and population concentrations.

Estrogen hormones are an important category of PACs. They are naturally produced in the body and also are synthetically created for medical use and are widely used as growth promoters in livestock. Andaluri’s experiments point to the degree to which these hormones find their way into both surface and groundwater.

Greeks Join in Philadelphia Walk Against Hunger

BY ANTHONY MAALOUF ’08 G.S.

On April 14, 250 Villanova University fraternity and sorority members gathered at the Philadelphia Museum of Art to participate in the 11th annual Philadelphia Walk against Hunger. Villanova’s participation in the Saturday morning fundraiser was sponsored by the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life, the Pan-Hellenic and Interfraternity Councils, the Center for Peace and Justice Education, Athletics, Music Activities, Bread for the World, Campus Ministry and Rays of Sunshine.

The six-mile walk began on the Eakins Oval just opposite the museum’s steps. The 3,500 participants walked the loop along West River Drive and completed their circuit usually within 2 to 3 hours. Several sponsors could be sighted along the path, providing free food and other giveaways.
and could imply the potential non-point and point sources of this pollution.

Also working on the research at the VCE were its director, Dr. Rominder P.S. Suri, associate professor of civil and environmental engineering; Hongxiang Fu, a post-doctoral fellow; and Magdalena Mona Velicu, a research associate.

“These contaminants include over-the-counter health and beauty care products, which occur in the water supply in small amounts that are difficult to detect but can have significant effects on the ecosystem,” Dr. Suri noted. “One widely noticed impact has been the feminization of male fish and appearance of dual-sex fish in nearby rivers.” Suri and the VCE have received funding from industry and federal and state agencies in support of research and treatment methods, including the use of ultrasound to break up these compounds.

Andaluri is a student in the College of Engineering’s new interdisciplinary doctoral program. “I came to work on these projects at Villanova because of the reputation of the VCE and its innovative work,” he said. “The support for my work has helped me, and I hope to use what I am learning to help solve some of the most pressing issues for the environment.”

This doctoral program, which began in 2003, builds on Engineering’s undergraduate program, which U.S. News & World Report ranked No. 9 in the country.

Each year, more Villanovans have turned out for the Walk Against Hunger. The funds the walkers raise (including the $2,700 raised by the Villanovans during the walk) go to the Greater Philadelphia Coalition Against Hunger, which distributes the money to agencies in the five-county southeastern Pennsylvania and southern New Jersey area. These agencies, staffed primarily by volunteers, provide 100 community feeding programs, including free emergency food packages and home-delivered meals and hot meals, and fund the purchase of food service equipment.

For Villanovans, the event also kicked off Greek Week, during which fraternity and sorority members raise funds for their chosen philanthropies. On April 16, at their Can Castle drive, they collected nearly 10,000 cans of food for the Philadelphia Chapter of ShareFoods, another organization that combats hunger. On April 17 at Skit Night, they donated the proceeds from their performances to the Philadelphia coalition.

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**Astronomy Student Studies at Vatican Observatory**

**BY TAINAH MICHIDA ’08 A&S**

Robert Zellem ’08 A&S was one of 27 students from 23 nations to be selected competitively for this year’s prestigious Vatican Observatory Summer School (VOSS). Zellem, one of the three Americans chosen, is an astronomy and astrophysics major at Villanova University with minors in physics, mathematical sciences and classical studies.

This year’s VOSS program, held from June 9 to July 6, focused on extrasolar planets and brown dwarfs. Participants attended lectures, conducted research making use of the Observatory’s two telescopes and other resources, and took field trips.

A Presidential Scholar, Zellem first heard of the VOSS as a freshman in his differential equations course. However, believing he still lacked “college credentials,” he decided to wait to apply.

“In the meantime, I put a link to its Web site on my desktop, where it reminded me over the next two years of this goal,” Zellem explained.

As a junior, after accumulating experience and training, Zellem felt confident enough to submit an application. “I knew I had a good chance due to my education here at Villanova,” he said. “I knew that I had the background necessary to contribute to the Vatican Observatory. Specifically, I had faith in my substantial training at the hands of the astronomy department’s elite faculty.”

With the assistance of Dr. Jane Morris, director of the Office of Undergraduate Grants and Awards, Zellem applied and was accepted.

“I immediately jumped up in the air and danced around my room for the next half hour, smiling and whooping. I stayed up late that night poring over the Web site,” Zellem explained, describing his reaction to the much-awaited acceptance e-mail.

“I could not believe that I was accepted,” he added. “And yet, looking back at all of the training and support I have received at Villanova, it makes sense.”

The Vatican Observatory organized its first summer school in 1986, and hosts it every other year. The Observatory invites approximately 25 young scholars to Castel Gandolfo in Italy, where they study with its world-renowned faculty. A maximum of three students are accepted from a country, and one-third come from non-industrialized nations.

Castel Gandolfo, about 18 miles south of Rome, is the Pope’s summer residence. The town’s church, designed by Gian Lorenzo Bernini in the 17th century, was dedicated to St. Thomas of Villanova.

Tainah Michida ’08 A&S is pursuing a double major in communication and sociology, with a Japanese minor. She is an intern in the Office of Communication and Public Affairs and looks forward to a career in journalism.
For the past eight years, a partnership has flourished between a Villanova University College of Nursing professor, Dr. Carol Toussie Weingarten, and Dr. Pamela DeShields Young, principal of the James Alcorn Academics Plus School in Philadelphia.

Every spring, once a week, seniors from Dr. Weingarten’s Community Health Nursing and Health Promotion course teach at this K-8 school in the city’s Grays Ferry neighborhood. They help more than 200 children learn about health and wellness education. This course, as are all Nursing clinicals, is a service learning course, a comprehensive teaching and learning experience that involves students meaningfully in communities. The nursing students learn about the dynamics of the inner city, as well as strategies of diversity and inclusion.

Alcorn has “such meager resources,” Dr. Weingarten noted. “There is such a need for health and wellness education with these children. Our nurses are not only able to provide for them the necessary education, but also provide them with a degree of health care.”

Among the activities the Villanovans involve the Alcorn students in are growth and development programs, nutrition, safety, screenings for vision and hearing, self-esteem, anger and stress management, and hygiene. “These

Don’t Ignore Russia, Political Science Expert Says

By Anthony Maalouf ’08 G.S.

Should the United States care about what Russia does? What are the underlying dynamics of U.S.-Russian relations today? Why have these relations deteriorated? Those were the three key points that Dr. Jeffrey W. Hahn emphasized in his testimony before the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (the Helsinki Commission).

A professor of political science at Villanova University, Dr. Hahn also is director of the Russian Area Studies Concentration (RACON). He has written several books on political culture, political participation and government in Russia.

Hahn was one of five invited witnesses at the commission’s hearing, “Russia: In Transition or Intransigent,” held in Washington, D.C., on May 24.

The commission, a federal agency, has nine members each from the U.S. Senate and House and one each from the U.S. departments of State, Defense and Commerce. It was established to track implementation of the 1975 Helsinki Accords. Signed by 35 nations, the accords “signaled an acceptance of all parties of a territorial status quo in Europe,” Hahn noted.

Hahn began his testimony by contradicting claims that Russia no longer mattered in international relations. “There are many reasons we cannot ignore Russia today,” he said, implying that the former Soviet state has weapons of mass destruction, more than any country except the United States. He pointed to Russia’s vast energy resources— it surpasses even Saudi Arabia in oil produc-
children are smart and normal and absolutely love it when we come to teach them,” said Weingarten.

Each week, Weingarten also joins in the teaching and sits in on the classes as her students take part. “It is priceless for me to see the sheer joy on the faces of the students,” she said. “Attendance actually improves on the days the Villanova nurses go to Alcorn. It’s so inspiring because you see results instantly.”

Thanks to a grant from Wachovia Bank, Weingarten has been able to give every Alcorn student a dental hygiene kit. “Many students did not even own a toothbrush,” she said.

On April 25, Alcorn hosted a reception to honor the Villanova nurses. During an assembly in the auditorium, the youngsters played musical instruments, sang medleys and presented the Villanovans with certificates commemorating their experience at Alcorn.

“The heart and soul of this school has truly been Pam Young,” said Weingarten, who referred to Dr. Young as a “master educator” and “a female Dr. Martin Luther King Jr."

“This is your home now,” said Dr. Young as she thanked the Villanovans for their service to Alcorn.

At Commencement, Villanova honored Alcorn’s principal with an honorary doctorate, at Weingarten’s nomination (see page 12).

“Pam Young is a visionary,” said Weingarten. “She stands up against violence. She has mended broken hearts. She is wonderful, and so knowledgeable about children.”

Michael Nataro ’06 A&S, ’08 G.S., who majored in political science and philosophy with a concentration in Arab and Islamic Studies, is now a graduate student in political science at Villanova University.

In addressing the dynamics of U.S.-Russian relations today, Hahn offered a scholarly view. “History has shown that Russian-American relations have alternated between periods of cooperation and competition,” Hahn said, depending “on the degree to which the leaders on each side have perceived that they have compelling common interests.”

Hahn pointed to the early 20th century, when relations between the two countries were hostile, and the 1930s until the breakout of World War II, when a common enemy, fascism in Europe, emerged. Following the war, the Cold War broke out and hostility returned. The hostility led to détente, where a common interest of reducing arms was founded, and to the later decades of cooperation in reducing nuclear weapons. The pattern, according to Hahn, still operates today.

“Following 9/11, both Russia and the United States have a compelling common interest, this time in confronting Islamist terrorism that threatens the security of both sides,” Hahn said.

After the terrorist attacks in 2001, Russian President Vladimir Putin was the first world leader to call President George W. Bush and express sympathy to the American people, Hahn said.

“More importantly, he [Putin] followed it up on September 24 with a concrete five-point plan of assistance in fighting the Taliban in Afghanistan,” Hahn said. He emphasized that Russia has clearly been an important U.S. ally in the war on terror.

However, since 2001, U.S.-Russian relations have deteriorated, according to Hahn, who then presented his explanation for this weakening. “For the Russians, the benefits of cooperation with the United States have become increasingly uncertain because of policies pursued by the Bush Administration,” he said.

Among such actions, Hahn mentioned the U.S. withdrawal from the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty in May 2002; the expansion eastward of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) to seven former Soviet allies, including the three Baltic former Soviet republics right on the Russian border (NATO had been established to counter Soviet influence in post-war Europe); and the European Union’s invitation to eight former Soviet allies, when the European Union had refused membership to Russia. “They see a re-divided Europe, only this time further to the east,” Hahn said.

Another factor making relations difficult was Russia’s unwillingness to back the U.S.-led war in Iraq in 2003. To Russia, “this departure from the policies of containment accepted by the previous American administrations implied that the United States abrogated to itself the right of pre-emption,” Hahn said.

Hahn followed his conclusion—that the war combined with other international disagreements has put U.S.-Russian relations in a precarious situation—with a prognosis for the future.

“Despite continuing differences over specific issues, the fact is that today, as in the past, U.S.-Russian relations depend on the perception on common interests,” the political scientist said. The compelling interest for cooperation is there, but Hahn warned that it could not be easily achieved if the United States continues a go-it-alone approach. The upcoming presidential elections, in both Russia and the United States, offer some hope, Hahn said.

“From the Russian point of view, it doesn’t matter whether the American president is a Democrat or a Republican,” Hahn explained, “but on whether the new president continues to pursue a unilateral foreign policy.”

For a transcript of Hahn’s testimony, visit www.csce.gov.
A Toast to Seniors and to Caritas

BY ANTHONY MAALOUF ’08 G.S.

As the academic year came to an end, the traditional “Last Lecture” was given on May 3 on the steps of Bartley Hall. Faculty and staff were invited to join the Class of 2007 in celebrating the seniors’ accomplishments.

The event was part of the yearlong VU Seniors Program of social, professional and spiritual activities that help unify the class and prepare the soon-to-be-graduates for life after Villanova University. The program includes an etiquette dinner and professional conferences. Those who contribute to the class gift, which this year supports a new “Villanova University” sign at Ithan and Lancaster avenues, are invited to the “Last Lecture.”

Keeping with tradition, the class had voted on who will deliver the lecture. Ryan McCormick ’07 A&S, who majored in communication, took the podium to announce the faculty members who had received the most votes: Dr. Noah P. Barsky, associate professor of accountancy in the Villanova School of Business; Dr. Theresa Capriotti ’95 M.S.N., assistant professor of Nursing; Dr. Bernard J. Gallagher and Dr. Brian Jones, both professors of sociology; Dr. James O’Brien, assistant professor of mechanical engineering; and the Rev. John T. Denny, O.S.A., adjunct professor of theology and Dr. Juliet B. Schor, a Boston College scholar, studies the heavy footprint of consumerism and overconsumption. 

Showing a chart demonstrating a steadily increasing rate of apparel purchases over the last seven years, Schor explained that Western societies are buying more, and as a result, the volume and weight of these goods has increased. “But not every discarded item becomes garbage,” said Schor, pointing to another chart marking an increase in U.S. exports of used apparel to the rest of the world. However, the overall increase of commodities purchased is significant, Schor pointed out. She presented charts showing steady increases in imported materials including plastics, leather, fur, machinery, rubber, ceramics and glass. “There has been a 52 percent increase in the overall weight and volume of what comes in,” she said, “and it’s not necessarily a good trend.” Schor cited globalization, the presence of cheap imports and the declining prices of goods overall as contributing to these increases in consumption, but also reiterated the cultural connection.

A culture in which a new item of clothing is bought each week can have ramifications for the rest of the world. “This is where the ‘four Earths’ argument comes from,” she said in reference to the scholars who asserted that if everyone in the world consumed commodities at the rate North Americans do, four Earths would be needed to produce that lifestyle.
Feminism in Iran: Not a New Phenomenon

BY ANTHONY MAALOUF ’08 G.S.

D r. Afsaneh Najmabadi, a Harvard University professor of history and women’s studies, gave a public lecture at Villanova University on “Feminism, Secularism, and the Challenges of Women’s Rights Activism in an Islamic Republic.” She was the keynote speaker on March 29 for the 18th annual Elizabeth Cady Stanton Student Research Conference.

Held in the Villanova Room of the Connelly Center, her lecture was sponsored by the Women’s Studies Program and the Center for Arab and Islamic Studies, as well as the Greater Philadelphia Women’s Studies Consortium. Dr. Najmabadi was the consortium’s visiting scholar March 25-29.

Her book, Women with Mustaches and Men without Beards: Gender and Sexual Anxieties of Iranian Modernity (2005), examines Iran’s 19th-century cultural transformations. She earned degrees in physics from Radcliffe College and Harvard and a Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Manchester. She has been a Fellow at Princeton’s Institute for Advanced Study and Brown University’s Pembroke Center for Teaching and Research on Women.

In Iran, public dialogue on the role of women in an Islamic society is the norm, Najmabadi stated. “But this is nothing new,” she insisted. “There are successes of early feminists that trace back to the 1930s, during the reign of Reza Pahlavi,” the shah from 1925-1941. During his rule, Iran established schools for girls and changed its marriage laws to be fairer to women.

“It was a period of the women’s awakening,” Najmabadi said. Many other reforms also were significant for women, including the order to remove the veils in 1936, she said.

Pahlavi’s policies were not simply a royal gift to women but a result of two and a half decades of aggressive work on behalf of women’s rights, noted the feminist historian. However, the shah met opposition in the late 1930s, when Islamic clerics began to resist his policies.

“It was at this time that Islamic feminists broke into two groups,” Najmabadi explained. Some sided with the clerics and others pursued a more secularist approach.

The division impeded Iran’s feminist movement and led to the many obstacles that feminists in the next generation would have to face. Feminists on the secular side in Islamic countries were often accused of conspiring with Westerners.

The future, according to Najmabadi, might be a brighter one for feminism. “There is a re-emergence of conversations between secularist feminists and Islamic feminists,” the Harvard scholar said. “It is new and fragile, but key to moving toward an overall acceptance of ‘Islamic feminism,’” she suggested.

Najmabadi’s speech was followed by a banquet during which undergraduate and graduate students presented their papers relating to the topic of women’s studies, written for a variety of classes. Also honored were seniors who had minors or concentrations in Women’s Studies (see page 58).
Among his many activities, Jonathan Reimer ’08 VSB, a finance major, re-activated The Villanova Times, a student newspaper on campus. Public television is featuring Reimer in a documentary on the views of today’s young adults.

Jonathan Reimer ’08 Is “Generation Next”
BY ANTHONY MAALOUF ’08 G.S.

Reporters and crew from the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) were on campus April 19 filming Jonathan Reimer ’08 VSB. A finance major with a minor in political science, Jon Reimer is active in his church, campus and Lancaster County communities; works for two Amish businesses; and is an entrepreneurial student journalist. He is one of several young Americans being featured in the PBS documentary “Generation Next.”

PBS correspondent Judy Woodruff, a former CNN anchor, hosted four “Generation Next” segments on “The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer.” Her interviews also were in a one-hour documentary in January and will appear on a sequel this fall, including the segments with Reimer. Woodruff has been traveling the country to talk with 16-to-25 year olds who have grown up with the September 11 terrorist attacks, the Columbine and Virginia Tech massacres, and the Internet boom, asking them about their views on the day’s most pressing concerns.

The public television crew also filmed Reimer working on an Amish construction site, where he talked with Woodruff about issues facing today’s college students. She had interviewed Reimer’s sister, Charissa, and her fiancé, Charles Mitchell, for the first segment. Photos taken during these interviews can be viewed on www.pbs.org/newshour/generation-next/documentary/trip1.html (click on “Northeast Slide-show”). Postings from Reimer’s two-week e-mail exchange debating the war in Iraq with Andrew Cox, a Yale University student, are at www.pbs.org/newshour/generation-next/dialogue/iraq/dialogue1.html.

During their visit to Villanova, the PBS producers spotlighted Reimer’s day-to-day campus life. They filmed segments in one of his favorite classes, Russian For-eign Policy, taught by Dr. Jeffrey W. Hahn, professor of political science.

“I can see why they chose Jonathan,” said Dr. Hahn. “He is one of my better students; always on time and ready to answer questions. He is a truly nice young man,” he added.

PBS shot footage of Reimer walking to his West Campus residence hall and having dinner with friends. The crew came back on April 21 to film footage of campus tours and a fundraiser, as well as the students’ philanthropy tables.

Reimer’s campus activities include being an officer in the Villanova University College Republicans; a member of Villanovans for Life; and part of a group of Villanova Christians who attend Covenant Fellowship in West Chester, Pa. From New Holland, Pa., he works part-time at Stoltzfus Meats in the Ardmore Farmers Market and on construction with an Amish company that specializes in residential framing.

One achievement that Reimer is particularly proud of is joining with other students in reviving The Villanova Times. This independent, student-run publication had been dormant for a few years before he became involved.

“We brought it back with a fresh approach that made the paper a strong competitor of the student paper, The Villanovan,” Reimer said. “Having The Villanova Times up and running diversifies the media community,” he added. Reimer recently stepped down from his editorial position, but still contributes to the paper as a writer.

This summer, Reimer participated in the two-week Geo-strategic Journalism Course in Prague, Czech Republic, and Washington, D.C., sponsored by the Collegiate Network, a national group of alternative student newspapers. Reimer also interned with Lincoln Financial in Philadelphia.

“Generation Next” was funded in part by the Pew Charitable Trusts, the Annie E. Casey Foundation and the Carnegie Corporation of New York. An additional grant allowed for continuing the interviews with young adults. Visit www.pbs.org/newshour/generation-next.
Defining the Language of Campus Design

BY ANTHONY MAALOUF ’08 G.S.

The main road in South Bend, Ind., leads right up to the footsteps of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, the famous cathedral at the University of Notre Dame.

“Looking at the main road, you can tell that South Bend is Notre Dame-centered,” noted Dr. Philip Bess, a professor of architecture at Notre Dame. “It was designed that way.”

In his talk at Villanova University on March 21, titled “Building the University: the Lost Language of Campus Design,” Dr. Bess examined various concepts of architecture. His lecture, which took place in a Bartley Hall classroom, was sponsored by the Humanities department and Facilities Management.

A nationally recognized professional who consults on town planning and baseball park design, Bess also consults for municipalities and community development corporations. His firm in Chicago is Thursday Associates. Bess received a master’s degree in architecture from the University of Virginia and a master’s degree in theological studies from Harvard Divinity School. His books include Till We Have Built Jerusalem: Architecture, Urbanism, and the Sacred; City Baseball Magic: Plain Talk and Uncommon Sense About Cities and Baseball Parks; and Inland Architecture: Subterranean Essays on Moral Order and Formal Order in Chicago.

In his talk, Bess reviewed the concepts of “space” and “anti-space.” Space, he said, involves building where there is a clear figural void, purposefully designed to be there. Anti-space is filling a void, where the structure, not the space, is the focus.

Bess showed aerial photos of both urban and suburban communities, including those of his hometown, Chicago. “Many urban forms are space-centered, designed to be seen,” Bess suggested. He highlighted their town squares, courtyards and plazas. In contrast, suburban sprawl “has been anti-spatial,” he asserted. The space is occupied by houses, but not really used in any other way.

Bess then turned to campus designs. “Because of the similarities in spatial design, the university is in many ways an urban design,” said Bess. The aerial photographs he used showed how campus buildings often are arranged to allow for a quadrangle.

Some universities, Bess asserted, are not just urban-oriented, but are the center of urban life, as is Notre Dame, where he teaches. He also pointed to Dartmouth College as the center of Hanover, N.H., and Harvard University as the center of Cambridge, Mass.

Biotechnology Elicits Buddhist Concerns

BY TAINAH MICHIDA ’08 A&S

Cannibalism probably is not the first thing that comes to mind when you think about what is troubling Japanese Buddhists. To Dr. William R. LaFleur, however, it may be. He is the E. Dale Saunders Professor in Japanese Studies and professor of religious studies at the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. LaFleur’s areas of interest are Buddhism and the literary arts in medieval Japan and, increasingly, comparative ethics. He earned his Ph.D. in history of religions at the University of Chicago.

In his March 12 lecture on “Bio-Feast: Japanese Buddhist Concerns about Our Techno-cannibalism,” LaFleur addressed their disapproval of certain aspects of medical technology. Quite a few of the Villanova University students, faculty members and guests had to stand for his lecture in Room 1010 of Bartley Hall when the seats were quickly filled. His lecture was among the events offered by the Villanova Center for Liberal Education.

“Many of the things we do with our medical technology resemble cannibalism,” LaFleur said. Biotechnology and procedures such as organ transplantation have created a new level of convenience and desire. “It makes us hungry… it makes us want it now,” he said.

While Buddhist teachings make no reference to sin, they do reference desire, and this may have led Japanese Buddhists to doubt the altruistic component of organ transplantation.

“The Japanese were worried that this technology would make us look at one another as potential donors for ourselves,” LaFleur explained.

Because most transplants come from cadavers or individuals who are brain-dead, the question “Does brain-dead mean dead?” is also among the issues of concern in this Asian nation, he noted.

LaFleur concluded his talk in a prophetic tone. “These technologies in your lives are going to be front and center,” he said, “not only for your advantage, but also to be considered in morality and ethics.”
Lamb Lecture Addresses Augustine and the Cosmologists

By Kathleen Scavello

Dr. Christopher Stoughton is fighting an uphill battle. The Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory (Fermilab) astrophysicist wants to convince his fellow scientists that cosmological evidence and religious theories of the creation of the universe are not mutually exclusive.

As a religious scientist, Stoughton acknowledged, he is in the minority. “We are small, but we are growing,” the cosmic cartographer said. Furthermore, St. Augustine of Hippo would understand.

Speaking on April 16 at the Connelly Center Cinema, Stoughton explored the theme “St. Augustine of Hippo and the Cosmologists.” His talk was part of the Vivian J. Lamb Lecture Series on Augustinian Thought and the Sciences, which is sponsored by The Augustinian Institute at Villanova University.

“Incompatible ‘Virtues’

Religious ethicist examines Augustine’s “vexing legacy” on forbearance, toleration and the use of coercion.

By Kathleen Scavello

St. Augustine of Hippo caused Dr. John R. Bowlin no small amount of grief as he toiled over the past two years to write a book about tolerance and forbearance. Like many of us, the University of Tulsa religious ethics professor associates tolerance and forbearance as twin virtues. Augustine did not. The saint, in fact, disavowed tolerance as a virtue, embracing instead the use of coercion for the sake of Church unity and as a necessary means to achieve the greater good.

Bowlin examined what he affectionately called Augustine’s “vexing legacy” in a March 16 lecture titled “Augustine on Forbearance and Toleration.” Sponsored by the Augustinian Endowed Chair in the Thought of St. Augustine, held by Dr. James Wetzel, and The Augustinian Institute at Villanova University, the lecture took place in the Falvey Memorial Library’s Main Lounge. A faculty reception followed.

“One of the things I hope to accomplish is to show how a traditional faith that accents forbearance can hang together with a liberal, democratic life that accents tolerance,” said Bowlin. But, he acknowledged, his aim was “threatened by Augustine’s noisy and unapologetic defense of coercion and by his reputation as Christendom’s first theorist of intolerance.”

Forbearance, an attitude of patience and leniency in dealing with those holding dissimilar views, is often considered a close cousin to tolerance, which recognizes, respects and accepts diversity, encouraging peaceful coexistence. But, Augustine, in his refusal to distinguish between the natural and supernatural, or earthly existence as opposed to God’s kingdom, equated tolerance with capitulation to an illusory world of “sin unrestrained,” Bowlin explained.

Holding extremely high spiritual standards, the saint believed that by forbearing dissenters in the Church, they could be coerced into returning to the “true faith.” Augustine was particularly keen on reshaping the divergent views of the Donatists, a 4th-to-5th-century sect that followed a belief considered heretical by the broader churches of the Catholic tradition. This, Augustine believed, was a loving and charitable stance that would ultimately “yield a somewhat freer sense of liberty,” Bowlin said.

The brand of coercion Augustine advocated had a “rough collection of criteria,” Bowlin explained. Coercion must be confined to certain role-specific relation-
from the University of Notre Dame and a doctorate in particle physics from Columbia University.

In introducing him, the Rev. Thomas F. Martin, O.S.A., professor of theology and religious studies and director of The Augustinian Institute, said that “Villanova, as both an Augustinian and a Catholic university, has a strong commitment to the pursuit of God and the pursuit of truth and the commitment to do that together.”

A healthy tension

“St. Augustine saw no inherent contradiction in the mutual pursuit of God and truth,” Father Martin continued. “This did not mean he did not envision tension along the way. As a matter of fact, he welcomed this tension because for him it was an invitation to go more deeply into the question at hand.”

Stoughton pointed to Augustine’s enthusiasm as being in concert with modern cosmologists. “Throughout Augustine’s writings, there is a wonder and a love for nature,” he noted.

Many scientists, he added, reflect that same sense of curiosity and awe.

“What was God doing before He made heaven and Earth? The question comes up all the time about the ‘Big Bang’ [the dominant theory of the origin of the universe states that it was created from a cosmic explosion]. Okay, that’s a nice story, but what happened before?” the astrophysicist added.

The Big Bang theory was first proposed in 1927 by a Belgian priest, the Rev. Georges Lemaître.

Scientists, too, reflect on the ineffable beauty of the universe, Stoughton said. “Who has not watched a sunset and said, ‘Wow!' ”

The astrophysicist enumerated the discoveries of many famous scientists, among them Nicolaus Copernicus, astronomer and mathematician; Sir Isaac Newton, mathematician, discoverer of the law of gravity; Robert Maxwell, mathematician, theoretical physicist and discoverer of the basic laws of electricity and magnetism; Alfred Einstein, legendary theoretical physicist and formulator of the theory of relativity; and Edwin Powell Hubble, the astronomer for whom the Hubble Space Telescope was named. Stoughton drew parallels between their insights and inventions and that of St. Augustine.

A symbiotic pair

While science and religion often seem at odds with each other, Stoughton believes they are symbiotic. “Science owes its birth to the Church,” he said referring to the institution’s patronage of the sciences throughout history.

Stoughton urged scientists and religionists to respect each other’s positions on the nature and origin of the universe. Religionists, he said, are “obligated not only to tolerate modern science, but to understand it, embrace it,” he said.

Scientists, conversely, must expand their thought.

To illustrate, Stoughton quoted Nobel Laureate astrophysicist Dr. Arno Penzias’ metaphysical approach to studying the cosmos.

“If the universe had not always existed, science would be confronted by the need for an explanation of its existence,” Penzias said. His work with fellow scientist Dr. Robert Wilson at the Bell Labs resulted in the discovery of the existence of background microwaves in the universe.

“No physical theory, however encompassing, can be final. All questions can’t be answered,” Stoughton stated. But, he concluded, “There is no conflict between science and religion.”

The sponsors of the Lamb Lectures, held twice annually, are Dr. Michael G. Lamb ’75 A&S and his wife, Dr. Kathleen Lamb, both of whom were in attendance. The object of the Lamb Lectures is to provide “a forum for honest and open dialogue between faith and science,” according to Father Martin.

A faculty reception followed in the Presidents’ Lounge of the Connelly Center.

Freshmen Awarded Prizes for Essays on Augustine and Culture

Seven freshmen writers were recognized for their exceptional talent at an April 27 Augustine and Culture Seminar Prize Essays ceremony and reception, held in the Fegley Room of the St. Augustine Center for the Liberal Arts. Parents, faculty and staff joined in honoring the prize winners, who represented a variety of majors at Villanova University.

Dr. John A. Doody opened the program by noting that the focus of the spring awards ceremony was to “honor the achievements of those who have only been with us eight or nine months.” He is associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (A&S), director of the Core Curriculum and of the Villanova Center for Liberal Education, and a professor of philosophy.

The Rev. Kail C. Ellis, O.S.A., Ph.D., ’69 M.A., dean of A&S, in his welcoming remarks added that “froshman students are front-loaded with the best teachers.”

This year’s winners and their essays were:

• Jessica Adnett ( Villanova School of Business): the Robert Russell, O.S.A. Award for the Augustine and Culture Prize Essay on Augustine for “Me and My Doll House”;
• Mary Beauclair ( Honors Program): the Celina Mariceth Ramos Award

The writers honored with Augustine and Culture essay awards were freshmen (from left) Anna Maloney, Mary Beauclair, Sandra Ogletree, Silvino Edward Diaz, Lillian Campbell and Jessica Adnett. Not pictured: Nicole Grbic.
for “It would better fit your honour to change your mind”;
• Lillian Campbell (Honors Program): honorable mention for “The Gift of Grace”;
• Nicole Grbic (VSB): the Margaret Cecilia Baney Award for “Lessons of Love.” (James M. Danko, the Helen and William O’Toole Dean of the business school, accepted the Baney Award for Grbic, who was unable to attend.) The honorable mention winners were Silvino Edward Diaz (VSB) for “Jesus and Augustine’s Contrasting Notions About Childhood”; Anna Maloney (Egr.) for “Circle IX: Cerchio Incurante”; and Sandra F. Ogletree (A&S) for “This mortal coil, must give us pause…. “

Speakers and presenters at the ceremony included the Rev. Thomas Martin, O.S.A., professor of theology and religious studies and director of The Augustinian Institute at Villanova University; Dr. Edwin L. Goff, associate dean of A&S and director of the Honors Program; Dr. Rebecca Cherico, an Arthur J. Ennis Postdoctoral Fellow; Dr. John Immerwahr, associate vice president for Academic Affairs; Catherine Staples ’86 G.S., adjunct professor of English and a faculty mentor in the Honors Program; John-Paul Spiro, assistant professor and an advising mentor in Core Humanities; Dr. Marylu Hill, assistant director of the Villanova Center for Liberal Education; and Dr. Mark G. Shiffman, assistant professor of humanities and Augustinian traditions.

Dr. Helen K. Lafferty, University vice president, and Dr. John R. Johannes, vice president for Academic Affairs, were recognized at the ceremony for their support of the program.

With a Paintbrush, Murals Create Community

At Dickinson and Bouvier streets in South Philadelphia, Cliff Eubanks created “Born Again,” one of the city’s many murals that project a sense of hope and resurrection.

BY KATHLEEN SCAVELLO

If a picture is worth a thousand words, the community art murals of Philadelphia would require a library to contain the volumes they could fill. Many, according to Dr. Maureen O’Connell, assistant professor of theology at Fordham University, would be housed in the theology section.

O’Connell has been researching the transformative affect of the city’s more than 2,700 community art murals to restore social justice, create a sense of community and bring desperately needed change to areas of “concentrated poverty.” She gave a lecture/slide tour, titled “Art for Building the City of God: Community Murals, Theology and Social Change,” on April 20 in Falvey Memorial Library’s Main Lounge. Her presentation was sponsored by Villanova University’s Center for Peace and Justice Education and the theology and religious studies department. Dr. Suzanne C. Toton, associate professor of theology and religious studies and a member of the center’s staff, introduced the speaker.

Four key points

In her presentation, O’Connell sought to drive home four main points about the theological quality of these murals and their ability to help healing begin in the city’s communities.

First, the Philadelphia murals involve a revelatory experience for the viewer. “As such, like any religious text or any piece of religious art, they invite interpretation, they create new awareness and they bring about opportunities for conversion,” she said.

Second, given the predominant population of the neighborhoods in which the murals are located, they embody or reflect ideas of African spirituality followed closely by African-American spirituality. “They give us some vision of the power to be in these communities that can really inform our own understanding of theological traditions or Christian traditions,” O’Connell explained.

Third, the process of mural-making embodies restorative justice. “We’re talking more than about just meeting people’s physical or material needs. We’re talking about other things that really go hand-in-hand with enabling people to flourish,” O’Connell said.

Her fourth point was that the murals offer a very positive and constructive role for religion in public discourse.

The art works, organized and maintained by the Philadelphia Mural Arts Program (MAP), were first commissioned as part of a 1984 city-wide Anti-Graffiti Network (PAGN) initiative. Philadelphia now has more murals than any other city in the world, according to the MAP website (www.muralarts.org). But, the murals do much more than beautify or ease urban blight, according to O’Connell. They heal and save lives. Laden with meaning for neighborhood residents, the larger-than-
life scenes often also provide space for “visible religion,” she added.

**Conversations through art**

“The mural arts program is very much focused on the fact that this art is about creating communities as much as it is about creating art,” O’Connell said.

“It’s a very dialogical process the mural arts program engages in. So, as a result, the vision that ends up being put up on the wall is the result of a very discursive, very collaborative conversational process,” she added.

To gain approval for a mural, applicants must successfully progress through a rigorous process that includes obtaining signatures from community members and holding three meetings, each attended by at least 12 community residents.

Production of the art works, painted in sections on parachute cloth that is then adhered to walls, can sometimes involve groups of volunteers from the community.

“It’s a very democratic form of art,” O’Connell noted.

**Healing and reconciliation**

One North Philadelphia mural, “The Healing Walls,” was painted by inmates at Graterford (Pa.) Prison, bringing perpetrators and the relatives of their victims together in a process that resulted in reconciliation and progress toward rehabilitation.

A mosaic mural created at 21st and Norris streets in North Philadelphia by New Jerusalem Now, an organization working with those struggling with addiction, “really captures this idea of restorative justice—taking brokenness and making it whole,” O’Connell said.

Achieving wholeness is the ultimate aim of restorative justice.

**Theological themes abound**

The prevalence of theological/spiritual themes is striking in these works of art. Almost a quarter of MAP’s 300 annual applications come from faith-based organizations. O’Connell has centered her research on images that are affiliated with churches, mosques or synagogues, images that use explicitly religious themes.

The influence of African and African-American spirituality is most pervasive. This is typified by an imminent sense of the Divine, a world infused with a lifeforce and the centrality of community, O’Connell explained.

The symbolic accentuation of a black Jesus “turns our notion of Christ on its head,” O’Connell said.

“It helps us remember that Christ was someone who identified with the marginalized, who was critical of wealth and privilege, who spoke dangerous truth to power, who was wrongly executed by the state,” she added.

Many of the murals poignantly portray heartrending themes such as grief over the violent death of an innocent child, as in “Families Are Victims Too.” This 70-foot-long mural was created by artist Barbara Smolen alongside a SEPTA terminal on Woodland Avenue in West Philadelphia. The mural is evocative of Michelangelo’s “Pieta” sculpture of the Madonna cradling the stricken Christ. Most of the murals project a sense of hope and resurrection, among them Philadelphia mural artist Cliff Eubanks’ “Born Again.” “Compassion and The Goodlands,” painted by artist Ras Malik on the edge of North Philadelphia’s notoriously crime-ridden “Badlands” neighborhood, depicts a rainbow of promise arched over the once-ravaged area.

**Hope personified**

The hope of a brighter future pictured in the murals has sometimes led to unexpectedly rapid improvements. It is not unusual to see community gardens spring up in front of the paintings, O’Connell said.

And, very few of the murals have been defaced.

“That’s largely because the community sees them as authentic expressions of themselves as opposed to public art that’s imposed on them. [It’s] a form of art that has direct relevance to the residents’ experience, that they can appreciate rather than traditional fine arts forms,” O’Connell explained.

Through city funds, corporate sponsorships and private fundraising, MAP supports a growing community of muralists and offers a paid after-school apprentice program for young artists.

While the beauty and grace that the city art murals confer upon their neighborhoods may not remove their inhabitants’ hard struggle to survive, they stand testament to the promise of hope.
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From The Villanovan to a Pulitzer Prize

Her journalism career took root on campus, but it was while knocking on doors in South Carolina that Diana K. Sugg ’87 A&S discovered a passion for journalism and a compassionate voice.

BY ANTHONY MALOUF ’08 G.S.

Diana K. Sugg ’87 A&S had only begun her job as a reporter for the Spartanburg Herald-Journal, a daily newspaper in South Carolina, when she found herself right on the cusp of a mysterious story. Ultimately, it would lead to a distinguished career in journalism, including a Pulitzer Prize for beat reporting in 2003.

Speaking to an audience of faculty and students, Sugg returned to Villanova University on March 27 to talk about her experiences as a student in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (A&S) and the ensuing path she took. Her talk marked the third and final program in a series featuring A&S alumni who spoke about the value of a liberal arts and sciences education. The series for first-year students was sponsored by the A&S Office of Advising and Professional Development.

After graduating from Villanova with Phi Beta Kappa status and with a dual degree in Honors and English, Sugg worked at the Philadelphia office of the Associated Press before heading south to Spartanburg. There, she said, she found her passion for writing when she was on the job. Reporting on a suburban house fire that killed a mother and daughter, Sugg remained at the scene after most reporters had left. It was then that she overheard police talking about the house’s windows being nailed shut. This made the young reporter curious.

“I stuck around and knocked on a couple of doors,” Sugg recalled. Not long after a few interviews of some willing neighbors, she learned exactly why the windows couldn’t be opened, and began to uncover a new story. The young woman who died in the fire, Wanda, suffered from mental illness. The windows were nailed shut because her parents could not get her treatment and felt that the only way to keep her safe was to keep her locked inside. It appeared that her mental illness was actually an open secret; the neighborhood had dubbed her “wicked Wanda.”

“Their situation was representative of many others around the country who can’t get the mental health treatment they need, due to a lack of insurance coverage and other issues,” Sugg said.

She eventually returned to the newspaper office and wrote two stories that night. The first was a news story on the fire that killed the mother and daughter, but the other was a feature story about a young woman in a tough situation who was in need of help. Her first paragraph of that one began with “Wicked Wanda, that’s what they called her...”

“I knew it then, that this was for me,” Sugg told the audience. From there, she went on to become a veteran journalist, covering a variety of stories from different parts of the country. After Spartanburg, she went west and became a crime reporter and then a medical reporter for The Sacramento Bee. She settled down back east at The Baltimore Sun, where she has been a leading reporter on the health beat for the last 11 years.

Along the way, she earned a master’s degree in journalism on a Kiplinger Fellowship at The Ohio State University in 1992. Immersed in journalism for almost 20 years now, Sugg has received numerous awards on the local, state and national levels. She also has seen her work printed in college textbooks and has interviewed many celebrities, including the late James Brown. She served on the National Advisory Board of the Poynter Institute, a school for journalists, and has been a frequent speaker at writing workshops around the country.

As a medical reporter, she also has written about her personal history of health struggles. Sugg survived a stroke in 1990 and was incorrectly diagnosed with epilepsy. In 1997, she wrote about her experiences in a piece for The Sun headlined, “What’s Wrong with Me?”

Her articles on the health struggles of other people and their families have made an immense impact. In “Present at loved one’s last moments” (2002, Baltimore Sun), she gave a moving account about how a hospital staff suspended its policies of rushing relatives out of a patient’s room during resuscitation efforts. Instead, they let a mother be present with her dying 11-year-old son in his last moments. Sugg’s writing of these accounts of compassion has contributed to an ongoing debate in the medical profession over the presence of close relatives during medical emergencies. This feature, along with many other of Sugg’s works as a medical reporter, was submitted in her nomination for the 2003 Pulitzer Prize.
“But that wasn’t the greatest prize in my lifetime,” Sugg interjected. “To me, it was in realizing that I found my niche, my calling.”

The roots of her journalism career, she said, were started right at Villanova through her involvement as an editor for The Villanovan and her academic work. She described being so absorbed by her studies in the Honors Program that she often left Falvey Memorial Library at midnight and walked over to Tolentine Hall to continue studying. Still, it wasn’t just good scholarship that laid the foundation.

“Many key influences on me came from Villanova,” she told the audience. Among them was being a student in the liberal arts. “It gives you a broad-based education, and one that is very valuable. You can always pick up the skills associated with your job in an internship, but a liberal arts education doesn’t come that easily,” Sugg noted.

Staying involved, said Sugg, is the key to success, for it helps strike a balance between work and fun. She told how in her freshman year she joined the Villanova Band as a flutist, and enjoyed her sound, like flutes, were cut. Sugg and her trombone quickly became part of the traveling band.

“Yes, I was there in Lexington, for that momentous game, playing my trombone on national TV. I wasn’t the best, believe me, but joining that band turned out to be one of the best things I ever did.” That year, the Wildcats defied sports statistics and knocked the Georgetown Hoyas off their ladder, scoring a 66-64 victory and winning the NCAA Championship.

“So, by all means, initiate new activities. You never know where it will take you,” Sugg remarked with a smile.

In speaking about her experiences, she also stressed another important factor. “Find your mentor, the one who will be your rock,” she said, revealing that she still keeps in touch with her own mentor, June Lytel-Murphy ’69 M.A., a now retired assistant professor of English and longtime faculty advisor to The Villanovan, where Sugg became the editor-in-chief. In fact, Sugg planned to meet with Lytel-Murphy the following day.

As Sugg told the students that they had much to look forward to at Villanova, she reminded them to aim high. “You have more power than you think you do,” she said. She concluded by offering a few “if I could have done it differently” words of advice: chiefly, to gain a larger, more global perspective of the world.

“Go overseas if you can, and stay an informed citizen of what’s going on in the world,” the alumna said. “Employers like to have someone working for them who is well-informed and aware of what’s going on.” Learning a language, according to Sugg, is also vital in today’s society.

“If you take classes, like Spanish, don’t let it stop at Villanova. Keep up with the language because you’ll use it more than you think,” she said.

After concluding her remarks, Sugg entertained questions from the students. Some of them were about contemplating a career in journalism.

Even with all of her accomplishments, Sugg contended that her best days are still ahead of her. Now the mother of a baby boy, she is on leave from The Sun. She plans to teach a graduate writing course this fall at The Johns Hopkins University, as well as do some magazine writing and possibly a book.

Anthony Maalouf ’08 G.S., who is interning in the Office of Communication and Public Affairs, is pursuing a master’s degree in political science. For Villanova Magazine, in addition to writing, he is assisting with production of the Summer and Fall issues. His aspirations include a career in journalism and/or politics.

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Four Alumni Tell of Their Defining Moments as Students

BY ANTHONY MAALOUF ’08 G.S.

A psychiatrist, an investment firm’s compliance officer, a women’s health research manager and a sports public relations pioneer all came back to their alma mater on March 19 to talk about the value of their liberal arts education. These four outstanding Villanovans took part in the second of a series of panels for first-year students. The panels were sponsored by the Office of Advising and Professional Development in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Dr. Keith Henderson, an assistant professor of geography, moderated the panel, which took place in the Center for Engineering Education and Research.

Each of the four graduates talked about a defining moment from his or her Villanova experience and how it related to their careers.

The chemistry of a life

For Dr. Michael Saulino ’86 A&S, his liberal arts education taught him not only how to be a student of chemistry, but how to be a student of life. He is now a staff psychiatrist at Magee Rehabilitation Hospital in Philadelphia.

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Students of all majors, as well as some faculty, attended the A&S panel March 19 on the value of a liberal arts education.
At Villanova, “I learned to learn, not just in classes, but in other areas, like test taking, communication, multicultural awareness and management,” Dr. Saulino said. As a psychiatrist, he sees many patients from different cultural backgrounds. “If I could have done it differently, I would have studied harder in my Spanish classes,” he told the students. “Language skills are vital to any profession today.”

Change of focus pays off
John Casey ’87 A&S began college as an engineering student, but said he soon realized that it was not what he wanted to do for the rest of his life. So he opted for a change, both in his academic interests and his college.

“I transferred to Villanova and decided to study what I liked,” Casey said. He became a political science major. “Needless to say, all my engineering credits didn’t transfer,” he said with a smile.

Casey was unsure of what he wanted to do after graduation, but was happy studying in liberal arts, he said. He is now the chief compliance office with SAC Capital Advisors, LLC, a private asset management firm in Stamford, Conn. When asked how he came into the world of business as a liberal arts major, Casey replied that in many ways, his career found him. He just had to work hard at it to move up from his entry-level position.

“You won’t always know what you want to do right away, and that’s okay. Once you do know where you want to go, you need to apply yourself, and you will excel,” he added.

Valuable mentors and friends
Candace Robertson ’98 A&S, who majored in biology, is now a research manager at the Institute for Women’s Health and Leadership in the College of Medicine at Drexel University in Philadelphia. Her defining moment at Villanova, as a liberal arts and sciences student, was in the lasting relationships she made with her friends, the faculty and the staff, she told the audience.

“I met all of my friends at Villanova,” Robertson said. “We are still very much in touch today.”

The A&S faculty mentorship was another valuable tool, Robertson said. Her Villanova education, she said, gave her the abilities not just to master her field but to apply her skills elsewhere in the “real world.”

The A&S faculty members “teach you to think critically and how to improve your writing,” Robertson noted. “Good writing skills are, if not one of, the most important skills that a college graduate can take into the world,” she concluded.

“Of course, there were not many women in the field, but I kept doing my best and always offered new ideas,” she said. She has been instrumental in ESPN’s workplace diversity initiatives. Today, Gatti is the senior vice president of Communications and Outreach for ESPN/ABC Sports.

“It truly is the faith and values here at Villanova that sustain you.”
—Rosa Gatti ’72 A&S

Cable sports pioneer
As a high school student, Rosa Gatti ’72 A&S was going to apply to Rosemont College, but when Villanova started admitting women, she was very excited and could not wait to apply. However, she added, there were challenges when she arrived.

“I was one of about 500 women in a mostly male college, and some of them, you could tell, didn’t want us there,” Gatti said. When asked how she overcame the barriers, she insisted that it was a process of trial and error, both during her time at the University and in her career path toward public relations in sports. “It truly is the faith and values here at Villanova that sustain you,” said Gatti, who majored in modern languages.

Gatti’s career was launched in sports information at Villanova. In 1980, she joined ESPN in its infancy, and began to shape its communications strategies.

In 1983, Gatti was awarded an A&S Alumni Medallion, and she is a former Villanova trustee.

Although her degree is in foreign languages, Gatti emphasized the importance of taking advantage of every course, not just those in one’s major, adding that courses in communication are more important now than ever.

Gatti concluded by offering three tips for success: gain as much knowledge as possible; be honest; and be proactive, especially if it means going out of one’s comfort zone.

“When I graduated, there was no such thing as cable television,” Gatti said with a laugh. “But now it’s everywhere. Who knows what lies ahead five years from now?”

For more information on the College, visit www.villanova.edu/artsci/college/newsevents.
He has seen six Villanova University presidents. He has witnessed Villanova’s transformation into a co-ed institution. He has observed the construction of such cornerstone buildings as the Connelly Center, the new Bartley Hall and the St. Augustine Center for the Liberal Arts. Joseph McDonnell, supervisor and facilities manager of the Mendel Science Center, has decided to retire after having served Villanova for 40 years.

“Some of my best memories of Villanova are all the changes I’ve witnessed,” said McDonnell. “I arrived here five years after Mendel was built. I’ve seen classrooms transformed into labs, I’ve seen women admitted to the University for the first time and the construction of almost half the campus as we know it today.” He added, “There are certainly a lot more female students here now; more female faculty, too.”

McDonnell worked in Falvey Memorial Library from 1973 to 2000. He remembers when “Old Falvey” was the main library, when St. Mary’s was an Augustinian seminary, when there was no Connelly Center and no Kennedy Hall, when South Campus and West Campus weren’t yet on the map.

“When I got here, there was a strict dress code—short sleeves had to be below the elbow,” McDonnell said.

Hired by Villanova’s Board of Trustees in 1967 to manage Mendel’s facilities, McDonnell counts as some of his fondest memories the relationships that he forged over the years with faculty and the Augustinian friars. In his early years on campus, “Every building had Augustinian faculty in it and there was an Augustinian prefect in each of the dormitories,” he said. “One of my dear friends was Dr. John A. McLain [a biology faculty member now deceased], who was a terrific guy. He was made an honorary Augustinian because he donated his summer school salary to the Augustinian Order. It’s great to see the good side of people.”

Good people have been a constant during his four decades. But he also sees that “There’s a different way of doing things now than there was before. There’s a different way of teaching, too. We can still use more classrooms though; I’ve been hollering that for years.”

Asked what he will do in retirement, McDonnell emphatically expressed his desire to do absolutely nothing. Almost nothing, that is: “I want to make sure I stay in shape. I’m 74, and now it’s time to do what I want to do.”

Phi Kappa Phi Inducts Students and Faculty

By Holly Stratts

The Villanova Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi held its 33rd annual induction ceremony on April 15 to welcome as new members 117 undergraduates, 50 graduate students and four faculty members. The ceremony took place in the Villanova Room of the Connelly Center. The honor society’s primary objective is to recognize and promote superior scholarship in all fields of higher education.

“The event was attended by many family and friends of this outstanding group of students,” noted the chapter’s president, Dr. Peggy Chaudhry, assistant professor of management in the Villanova School of Business.

Phi Kappa Phi invites seniors who are in the upper 10 percent of their class scholastically and juniors in the top 7.5 percent of their class. Graduate students are nominated by their department chair. Faculty members who have demonstrated scholarly distinction also are considered.

The keynote speaker, Dr. Robert D. Stokes, assistant vice president for academic affairs in Part-Time and Continuing Studies, took as his theme “Defining Moments.” Dr. Chaudhry noted that he “inspired the audience” with his talk drawing from the thoughts of Thomas Jefferson.

The chapter participates in an annual Graduate Fellowship competition. This year, Patrick Kane ’07 A&S, who majored in biology, was awarded $5,000 from the national Phi Kappa Phi and $500 from the Villanova Chapter. He plans to attend medical school. Michael Wagner ’07 A&S, who received a $500 runner-up award, is headed for law school.

Frank Lagor ’06 M.E., now a graduate student at the University of Pennsylvania, “spoke about how our chapter’s Graduate Fellowship and the national Phi Kappa Phi Graduate Fellowship helped him pay for his tuition for 2006-07,” Chaudhry added.

Phi Kappa Phi is the nation’s oldest and largest interdisciplinary honor society.
Philosophy Graduate Students Organize Scholarly Conference

By Anthony Maalouf '08 G.S.

Graduate students and scholars from across the United States and Canada attended Villanova University’s 12th annual Graduate Student in Philosophy Conference on March 31. Centered on the theme of “Philosophy and Sexuality,” the conference was sponsored by Villanova's Philosophy Graduate Student Union and co-sponsored by the department of philosophy.

Two Villanova doctoral students, Jessica Elkayam and Geoffrey Karabin, led the student team that organized the conference. Elkayam is studying ancient Greek philosophy, Heidegger, French phenomenology and comparative literature. Karabin focuses on modern philosophy, philosophy of religion and Christian Existentialism.

Following a continental breakfast in the St. Augustine Center for the Liberal Arts, students and faculty headed to Bartley Hall for the first of the day’s three panels. Graduate students presented their papers, with each one followed by a response from a Villanova graduate student.

In the first panel, Matthew Walker of Yale University presented “Idolatrous Eros: On the Role of Apollodorus in the Symposium,” with a response by Adrienne St. Clair. The second paper was “Hos Eromenon: Aristotle at the Limits of Metaphysics,” by Erick Jimenez of The New School, with James Eric Butler responding.


The third panel’s sole paper was “Matrices of Desire, Subjects of Love” by Patrick Gamez of the University of Alberta. Yong Michael Kim responded.

In his keynote speech, Dr. Alphonso Lingis, a Penn State professor emeritus of philosophy, closed the conference in provocative and dramatic style. In a darkened room, he gave his presentation using slides and background music. He earned a doctorate in philosophy at the Catholic University of Louvain in Belgium. His most recent publications are First Person Singular (2006), Body Transformations (2005) and Trust (2004).

A closing reception followed his address.

For more information, visit philosophy.villanova.edu.

At Candidates’ Day, Parents and Accepted Students Learn About Campus Life at Villanova

By Anthony Maalouf '08 G.S.

The Office of University Admission, along with student members of the Villanova Ambassadors and the Blue Key Society, on April 14 at Candidates’ Day welcomed students who have been accepted for the Class of 2011. At this annual weekend event, accepted students and their families become more familiar with Villanova University’s academic programs, campus activities and community. There were also events for those who arrived on Friday.

The busy Saturday morning schedule began with a breakfast and entertainment from the talented Villanovans of Music Activities. Dr. Teresa “Terry” Nance, assistant vice president for Multicultural Affairs, opened the program, and the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., ’75 A&S, University president, gave an address. Michael M. Gaynor ’88 G.S., director of University Admission, also greeted the candidates and their families.

Each college hosted a luncheon and presentation for its prospective students and their parents. At these open house events, hosted by academic departments, candidates interacted with faculty from their program of choice.

Other sessions focused on Villanova’s Learning Communities, Campus Ministry, Financial Assistance, International Studies, the Secondary Education Teacher Certification Program and the health professions. At a seminar for “first-timers,” current students and their parents talked with candidates and their parents about college life at Villanova. Some of the parents were Villanovans themselves. Many showed their school spirit by wearing white-and-blue stickers that read, “I went here and so do my kids.”

Candidates’ Day concluded with an evening Mass at the St. Thomas of Villanova Church.

Villanova’s fearless mascot, the Wildcat, was on hand April 14 to help accepted students and their parents get to know Villanova better.

Candidates and their parents heard first-hand about the University community from current students and their parents.
Editors of Essays on Chilean Democracy Receive Award

BY ANTHONY MAALOUF '08 G.S.

A compilation of scholarly essays on the legacy of Chile’s own “9/11” event in 1973 has led to an award for its co-editors. They are Dr. Silvia Nagy-Zekmi, professor of classical and modern languages and literatures at Villanova University, and Dr. Fernando Leiva, assistant professor of Latin American, Caribbean and U.S. Latino Studies at the University at Albany (SUNY). They shared the 2007 Arthur P. Whitaker Prize for the best book in Latin American Studies published in 2005-06. The award is given every two years by the Middle Atlantic Council of Latin American Studies.

The book they co-edited, Democracy in Chile: The Legacy of September 11, 1973 (2005, Sussex Academic Press), is a collection of interdisciplinary essays and conference papers about the long-lasting impact of the military coup that led to the military dictatorship of Augusto Pinochet. His rise to power brought an end to the democratically elected Marxist government of Salvador Allende.

Both scholars have spoken about their research at Villanova events celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month. They have found that expectations for democracy in Chile were at odds with the neo-liberal economic model brought about by the Pinochet government.

Dr. Nagy-Zekmi, who chaired the department for three years, spent 2006-07 on sabatical in Hungary, supported by a Fulbright Senior grant. She earned her Ph.D. from ELTE university in Budapest. Her research on postcolonial and other cultural theories includes studying gender issues in North Africa and contemporary literature in Latin America and North Africa.

Women’s Studies Marks Achievements and Sets Goals

BY ANTHONY MAALOUF ’08 G.S.

An informal panel of faculty, staff, and students and administrators came together for a discussion on “The Role of Women (and Women’s Studies) at Villanova University.” They met on March 22 in Falvey Memorial Library.

Dr. Sheryl P. Bowen, associate professor of communication and director of the Women’s Studies Program, and Dr. Barbara E. Wall, associate professor of philosophy and special assistant to the president for Mission Effectiveness, reviewed the program’s history. Dr. Wall was credited with beginning the program in 1988. “However, classes in women’s studies started in 1976,” she said, and over the years, the program has evolved. Today, students enrolled in various majors can opt for either a concentration or a minor in Women’s Studies. Dr. Bowen noted, “We have 25 students now, enrolled in one or the other, but the number varies.”

The discussion then turned to the question of instituting a degree program in which students could declare Women’s Studies as a major. “It’s been an idea that we’ve worked on,” said Bowen. “But it was shot down, a while back.” Nevertheless, some administrators attending the discussion suggested moving forward with the idea. “Let’s resurrect this,” said Dr. Helen K. Lafferty, University vice president. She noted that ideas should be followed by action. “We don’t want to be back here 20 years from now with the same objective,” she said.

Among the other topics were whether the program should be named “Women’s Studies” or “Gender Studies.” This is a scholarly debate that goes beyond programs or departments. At Villanova, this interdisciplinary program’s courses include discussion of masculinity and of gender more generally.

Those present also talked about how to present the program to freshmen, either through Orientation seminars or by having students visit classrooms.

Being a student of Women’s Studies has its struggles, according to several of the students present. Some said have experienced unfavorable reactions when they introduced themselves as a student of Women’s Studies and of gender more generally.

For more information, visit www.villanova.edu/womensstudies.
Law School Symposium Addresses Human Trafficking

BY TAINAH MICHIDA ’08 A&S

Every year, between 700,000 and 900,000 men, women and children become victims of human trafficking worldwide. Between 14,500 and 17,500 of them are brought to the United States, where they are forced to work in brothels, sweatshops and even private homes. Frightened by false threats, such as arrests and deportation, the victims usually continue to labor and suffer in silence.

To address this issue, the Villanova University School of Law’s Clinical Program hosted the Human Trafficking Symposium on February 22 in Garey Hall. The symposium drew exceptional attendance from undergraduate and graduate students, faculty and the community.

The speakers included representatives from Catholic organizations, the city of Philadelphia and the United Nations.

Michele R. Pistone, J.D., a professor of law at Villanova, moderated the symposium. She is director of the Clinical Program and director of the Clinic for Asylum, Refugee and Emigrant Services (CARES). In her introduction, she reminded the audience that human trafficking exists “in our neighborhood” as well, and that the issue must be addressed from a local as well as an international perspective.

Pistone noted that CARES is “one of the best manifestations of the Villanova Law School’s identity as a Catholic and Augustinian institution.”

Mary DeLorey, a policy analyst from Catholic Relief Services, said in her talk that human trafficking wasn’t “something that’s fallen from the sky. Trafficking is both a tragic and predictable response to economic and social disparities. When people have few options, they look to different alternatives to meet the needs of their family.”

Wendy Young, coordinator of U.S. and external relations at the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, discussed the relationship between human trafficking victims and refugees. The two groups share similar stories, according to Young. Their source countries, such as Liberia and more recently Iraq, are usually the same.

Because refugees typically lack proper documentation, food and shelter, they are more vulnerable to the lure of human trafficking. Young argued that trafficking itself can lead individuals to seek refuge from their home nations.

Robert Courtney, chief of the Organized Crime Strike Force in Philadelphia, noted that CARES is “one of the city’s coordinating centers for investigations pertaining to human trafficking. In his remarks, he addressed his experience in investigating and prosecuting the individuals involved.

“My view is that if somebody has trafficked, that person is likely to have trafficked in the past and will traffic in the future,” he said.

Courtney, in discussing the local aspects of the issue, recounted the case of a Chinese woman who paid $80,000 to be flown from Beijing to New York City with her baby.

“It was not human trafficking yet, but it could have been,” Courtney stated.

When immigration officials approached the woman at John F. Kennedy International Airport, she told them her story and agreed to work undercover. The perpetrators were arrested.

Christina Miller, coordinator of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia’s Anti-Trafficking Project, noted that “Being a city, Philadelphia is susceptible to common exploitation of women and children.” She added that “Most people don’t know human trafficking exists and that it is happening in their backyard.” Calling upon the audience to help raise awareness, Miller said, “I would encourage you to ask yourself what you can do about this.”

Miller concluded the symposium with a positive message for the group: “You can advocate for change—advocate for positive change.”

Students Commended for Research on Catholic Social Thought

BY ANTHONY MAALOUF ’08 G.S.

Three Villanovans were presented with awards for their outstanding research papers exploring Catholic Social Thought. The ceremony took place on April 27 in Falvey Memorial Library. The annual competition is sponsored by Villanova University’s Office for Mission Effectiveness.

Dr. Barbara E. Wall, special assistant to the president for Mission Effectiveness and an associate professor of philosophy, welcomed the audience. Dr. Lowell S. Gustafson, professor of political science and chair of the department, gave some background information on Catholic Social Thought.

“You’re continuing a fine tradition that Pope Leo XIII began in 1891,” Dr. Gustafson noted. Each of the recipients spoke for 10 minutes about his or her research. One award is given in each of three categories based on class standing.

First-year student category: Erik Sheets, who is majoring in Engineering, presented his paper on “A Catholic Understanding of Fasting.”

Undergraduate (upperclassmen) category: Brian Murray ’08 A&S, a philosophy major, discussed his research on “Culture in Crisis: The Decline of Concern for the Common Good and Social Relationships in America.”


The Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., ’75 A&S, University president, honored the three student award recipients: (from left) Anthony Foti ’07 J.D.; Brian Murray ’08 A&S and Erik Sheets ’10 Egr.
A Poet Adept in Having Fun with Flarf, Cento, Blogging and Spam

BY KATHLEEN SCAVELLO

Dr. Justin Quinn’s advanced creative writing class assignments did, by his own admission, get “a bit weird.” Students were asked to lose, not find, their voices. They were required to write poetry using edgy literary devices such as “flarf,” a collage-based form of avant-garde poetry that combines “capture” phrases from Google searches, and “cento,” a technique that assembles a poem from excerpts of other authors’ writings. Blogs and spam were also mined for experimental literary treasure. And, no one in his classes walked away unchanged.

“I joke with my students that I’m learning more from them than they learn from me,” said Dr. Quinn, a visiting Irish poet and holder of the Charles A. Heimbold Jr. Endowed Chair in Irish Studies during the Spring Semester at Villanova University. The Heimbold Chair was established by Charles A. Heimbold Jr. ’54 A&S (see page 2).

But, between teaching his advanced creative writing course and a modern Irish poetry class, it’s clear there was a whole lot of learning going on all way around.

Finding a new poetic voice

With students, “The point is not really to get them to stop expressing their emotions, but to channel them in a different way, to put them through different directions, different voices. For the most part, this can be very liberating,” Quinn explained.

“If you sit down with a friend to talk about your emotions, you’ll often find yourself being railroaded into certain ways of expressing yourself. We’re often prisoners to that kind of emotional honesty,” he added.

But, most of all, in learning to become more creative, poets and writers need “a healthy bit of goofing off. There has to be room for play,” Quinn said.

They also have to maintain a constant sense of wonder. Quinn, who hails originally from Dublin but who now calls Prague, Czech Republic, home, has found his short sojourn at Villanova “endlessly exciting.” In Prague, where he has lived for more than a decade, he is an associate professor of English and American Studies at Charles University.

“I love America. It’s almost this shot of energy coming here. Just to breathe the air—it’s a different air here, the air of freedom,” Quinn said.

His family, which includes his wife, Tereza Límanová, and their sons, Finbar and Manus, “get a thrill out of going to the supermarket,” he said. “We visited the King of Prussia Mall. It was like American tourists going to the Eiffel Tower.”

Taking his son to meet the schoolbus, “a mythical object for Europeans,” has been “a strange and wonderful experience,” he added.

Captivated by the style of a Pennsylvania poet

Although Quinn’s stint as a visiting Irish Studies professor was his first teaching experience in the United States, he has long been attracted to American poetry and literature. In fact, so captivated was Quinn by the style of Wallace Stevens (1879-1957) that he wrote his doctoral dissertation on him. Quinn urges Villanovans to discover this poet from Reading, Pa., whose style he characterized as “a stunning mixture of philosophy and sensuality.” His re-assessment of Stevens’ work, Gathered Beneath the Storm: Wallace Stevens, Nature and Community, was published by UCD Press in 2002.

Quinn, himself a prolific poet, author, educator and lecturer, has published two collections of poetry, Waves and Trees (2006) and Fuselage (2002) through The Gallery Press. Two other collections, The ‘O’o’a’a’ Bird (short-listed for the Forward Prize in 1995) and Privacy (1999) were published by Carcanet. Quinn holds a bachelor’s degree in modern English and philosophy and a doctorate in American poetry from Trinity College, Dublin. He is fluent in Czech and reads proficiently in Irish and French.

Students, compared and contrasted

The differences between European and Villanova students have intrigued Quinn.

“The students I taught in Prague were very different. They’d be focused on English and American literature and they’d have three or four years solid of it before they’d come to me. Students here come from the [Villanova School of Business, biology, etc.,] so literature might not be at the center of their interest. It was a challenge for me at the start [to determine] how to pitch it,” he said of his Villanova courses.

Quinn also was surprised to find students here a bit reserved at the beginning. “I thought American students would be much more vocal than European students. If they had nothing to say, they wouldn’t say anything. But, if they had something to say, they’d come out with it,” the poet said.

American undergraduate education is much more varied, and Villanova has a much stronger sense of campus life, than he finds in his urban Prague experience, Quinn said.

Asked what he thought of Villanova as a teaching institution, Quinn replied, “I think they’re really dedicated to it. It’ll sound like I’m telling you what you want to hear, but they really are. The degree of attention to students is really impressive.”

An Irish connection back to 1842

The importance of Villanova’s Irish connection was made immediately apparent to Quinn after walking around the graveyard near the St. Thomas of Villanova Monastery.

“’I think anyone seeing those names will instantly know the back stories—the parallel lives between the immigrants and the people who stayed at home. It just doesn’t need any explaining to me,” Quinn said. “It’s interesting to see the way the identification remains so important to students here.”

After touring a bit of the United States this summer, Quinn will return to Prague. There, he will resume teaching at Charles University where, as at Villanova, his students had best be prepared for some assignments that might just be considered “a bit weird.”
Three Alumnae Receive Nursing's Highest Award

BY ANN BARROW MCKENZIE '86 NUR., '91 M.S.N.

Dr. M. Louise Fitzpatrick, Connelly Endowed Dean and Professor, presented College of Nursing medallions to three distinguished alumnae at Nursing’s 18th Annual Mass and Alumni Awards Ceremony, held on April 21 in the St. Thomas of Villanova Church. The event is co-sponsored by the College and its Nursing Alumni Society. The honorees’ quotations are from their acceptance speeches.

Madeline McCarthy Bell ’83 Nur.
Medallion for Distinguished Leadership in Administration of Health Care Services

Each day, Madeline McCarthy Bell ’83 Nur. proves that partnerships between hospitals, children and families are a priority. She has been associated with The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) since her graduation from the College of Nursing 24 years ago. Taking Nursing’s sense of mission with her to CHOP, which is consistently ranked the best U.S. pediatric hospital, has meant Bell has kept families at the core of her practice. She was awarded this medallion for her strategic vision and commitment to family-centered care in a challenging health-care environment.

While vice president for patient access and clinical services, Bell took on the mammoth task of assessing and restructuring CHOP’s patient access and revenue cycle. She turned emergency room backlogs and misaligned departments into a highly regarded, streamlined system that effectively serves the needs of the hospital, its providers, insurers and most importantly, its children and families. Concurrently, Bell developed numerous community-based programs in Philadelphia and several new national centers for excellence, including those for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder and feeding/swallowing care.

Now CHOP’s senior vice president for patient access, revenue cycle and ambulatory network, Bell sets the example for her team of 20 department heads and more than 3,000 staff members. She is the executive for 44 pediatric ambulatory sites and 10 community hospital partnerships with numerous associated responsibilities. Bell consults internationally, most recently in Chile and Ireland.

Bell recalls fondly her Nursing leadership course, as well as the lessons of professionalism that have shaped her career. She points with pride to the high number of Villanova nurses in practice at CHOP. “It is a badge of honor,” she says, “They have an impact every day.”

Dr. Pamela Zurkowski Cacchione ’84 Nur.
Medallion for Distinguished Contributions to Nursing Scholarship, Practice and Research

As a Nursing undergraduate, Pam Zurkowski demonstrated the same enthusiastic spirit and commitment to making a difference that she does today as Dr. Pamela Zurkowski Cacchione ’84 Nur., educator, geriatric nurse practitioner, researcher and organizational leader. She was awarded the medallion for her excellence in multiple realms and for reflecting the values and mission of Villanova’s Catholic and Augustinian heritage.

Dr. Cacchione has developed as an outstanding scholar and nursing exemplar whose research provides valuable insights and evidence on which to base the clinical decisions that improve the care of the elderly and their quality of life.

Since 1992, she has taught at Saint Louis University, where she currently serves as an associate professor and coordinator of the master’s program that prepares gerontological advanced practice nurses. She engages weekly in her own clinical practice, thereby providing patients with the direct benefit of her expertise.

Co-editor of the journal Clinical Nursing Research, Cacchione publishes her work in top-tier nursing and medical journals. Her research focuses on Alzheimer’s patients and concerns related to mental confusion in the elderly, sensory deprivation among elders and critical health-policy issues that impact the aging population. Her professional presentations are numerous and well-received. A $1.47 million grant from the National Institute for Nursing Research supports her work.

Cacchione described how Villanova and the College taught her to “make a difference.” She views the elderly as being grounded in spirituality and she
approaches providing care to them as a ministry. She is grateful for the College's having instilled in her "an inquiring mind...to ask why we do what we do," which was the germination for her research into hearing and vision impairment in the elderly.

**Dr. Beverly LeBar Welhan '83 M.S.N. Medallion for Distinguished Contributions to Nursing Education**

This medallion honors Dr. Beverly LeBar Welhan '83 M.S.N. for her leadership, mentorship and knowledge of sound educational principles, which in tandem with her creative approaches to program development make her stand apart from her peers. She has a highly successful career in preparing new generations of nurses for patient care and motivating them to continue their education.

Early on, Dr. Welhan identified her own talent for teaching and her profession's need for mentors. In 1998, she was named director and professor of nursing at Montgomery County Community College (MCCC) in Blue Bell, Pa. She currently is serving as interim dean of health and physical education. She has developed MCCC's associate's degree in nursing into a premier program and is one of its key spokespersons.

At MCCC, Welhan provides innovative curriculum leadership. Her creative community service projects involve her students and she maintains high standards of performance for students and faculty.

Welhan serves on the governing board of the Montco-Mercy Nursing & Community Partnership, which provides services in Montgomery County. She also has served on accreditation-related committees and boards and presents frequently to professional groups.

The nursing professor credits the College's M.S.N. program in nursing education for her professional development. "It made me a reflective thinker," Welhan says, adding that she also values her "outstanding faculty mentors." She described using the lessons learned at Villanova to guide other educators. Noting that the College's reach extends well beyond Philadelphia to a national and international level, Welhan mentioned that 50 percent of her nursing education colleagues at MCCC earned an M.S.N. from Villanova.

Ann Barrow McKenzie '86 Nur., '91 M.S.N. is coordinator of college relations for the College of Nursing.

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**Abstract Artist Infuses Gallery with Bursts of Color**

**BY ANTHONY MAALOUF '08 G.S.**

Villanovans and friends from the art community filled the Villanova Art Gallery in the Connelly Center for the April 27 opening reception honoring Dr. Burton Wasserman and his work. As refreshments were served and a jazz quartet charmed visitors with its smooth sounds, many marveled at his colorful collection, titled "Recent Paintings, Reliefs and Original Digital Graphic Prints."

Wasserman’s paintings are mostly abstract and metaphorical. He welcomed the crowd, which included some of his former students at Rowan University, and spoke about his artwork.

"If you ask me what the piece means, I really couldn’t tell you," Wasserman said. "It is all in the eye of the beholder. Sometimes I am astounded that someone else’s interpretation of a piece is completely different from my own."

Wasserman is a professor emeritus of art, having retired in 2004 after 44 years at Rowan in Glassboro, N.J. He taught courses in printmaking, painting, design, art education, modern art and art appreciation. He graduated with honors from Brooklyn College in 1950, then served in Germany with the U.S. Army. He earned a master's degree (1954) and doctorate (1957), both from Teachers College, Columbia University.

As he pursued his academic career as an art professor, writer and critic, Wasserman remained active in the field by painting abstracts. His work has been exhibited at the Philadelphia Museum of Art; the Allentown (Pa.) Art Museum; the Delaware Art Center for the Contemporary Arts in Wilmington; the Munson-Williams-Proctor Museum of Art in Utica, N.Y.; the New Jersey State Museum in Trenton; and on campuses and at other venues. His exhibits in Europe and Canada have included shows at the Stedelijk Museum in Amsterdam; the Staatsgalerie Stuttgart in Germany; the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts; and Luxembourg’s Musées de l’Etat.

Among the guests was Willo Carey, executive director of WHYY Wider Horizons, an initiative focusing on the second half of life. It was developed by WHYY, the public broadcasting service for Greater Philadelphia.

Wasserman's exhibit, which was on display through June 10, was supported in part by the Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts.
A Close Brush with Burt Wasserman

BY ANTHONY MAALOUF ’08 G.S.

Among the many works of art that you see in the Villanova Art Gallery, perhaps the most interesting might be the artist himself. Dr. Burton Wasserman has had more than 40 solo exhibits throughout the United States and other parts of the world. He taught art at Rowan University for 44 years, has authored five books and regularly contributes to the periodicals Prime Time, Arts and Entertainment and Art Matters. I had read his biography online (www.artgallery.villanova.edu/burtwassermanexhibit/index.htm).

Impressed by his background and interested in interviewing the artist, I ventured over to the Gallery on April 23 to get a sneak peak. There, I encountered Wasserman unpacking his artwork and laying the numerous paintings on a table. Also present was his wife, Sara, and Maryanne Erwin, assistant director of the Villanova Art Gallery.

I opted not to begin the interview immediately because they were busy sorting out his artworks. Why not help and interview at the same time? So, I set aside my notebook, put on a pair of gloves and drafted myself into the small set-up committee.

Most of Wasserman’s artwork keeps to the same graphic theme: bands, streaks and shards of many and varied, vivid colors. Without direction, I started to arrange the canvases.

“Hey, you’re pretty good at this,” chuckled Wasserman. He then showed me a smaller digital piece that he was particularly proud of.

“This is called ‘Tribute to St. Augustine.’ Where should we put this?” he asked. I suggested placing it on the wall right by the front door, reasoning that Gallery visitors would see this one first and appreciate the nod to St. Augustine. He agreed, indicating that Villanova University was very special to him, that he has come to campus several times and loves it each time.

“Well, you might as well be an honorary Villanovan,” I told him. To my surprise, the artist smiled as if he had been given the greatest compliment in the world.

Eventually, all of his pieces were hung, ready for the exhibition. As I gazed around, the colors seemed to jump out. Erwin made the appropriate observation that the room was “screaming with colors.”

As my eyes followed one side of the Gallery to the other, I saw the artist himself at the other end, seated on a bench, making his own survey. I walked over and asked him what he liked best about his long and distinguished art career. Instead of boasting about any one work, he looked up, smiled and said, “waking up each morning.”

Confused by his answer, I said, “Well, what do you mean by that?”

“If I live to wake up the next day, to open my eyes and see my wife right there next to me, what more could you ask?” he explained.

To me, this was amazing. Here was one of the most respected artists. He had received many awards and honors during his life, but he was most grateful for the important things like family. I could easily relate.

The Wassermans, Erwin and I had a light lunch in the busy Belle Air Terrace. There, I talked with the artist about his background. He is originally from Brooklyn, as I am, and considers himself to be a real New Yorker.

Not one to take himself too seriously, Wasserman insisted that I call him Burt. When I asked him if there was a middle name, he just chuckled and said, “My last name is just so long, that my mother decided there was no need for a middle one.”

As we finished our lunch, they thanked me for helping set up the exhibit, but it was I who should have thanked them for the opportunity. I had gone to the Gallery that day expecting to leave after a short interview, but ended up spending the bulk of my day there, getting to know the artist.

I learned that day that even the most celebrated of artists does not forget what really matters. And that, to me, is just as marvelous as the works in the Gallery.
Events Explore Legacy of Renowned Egyptian Novelist

By Michael Nataro ’06 A&S, ’08 G.S.

Naguib Mahfouz (left), who won the 1988 Nobel Prize in Literature, was a widely celebrated yet highly controversial author in the Arab world. Many believe he was the most influential writer in modernizing Arabic literature because he wrote about such contentious contemporary subjects as existentialism, socialism, homosexuality, even God—literary topics considered taboo in mainstream Islamic society.

In April, Villanova University’s Center for Arab and Islamic Studies co-sponsored four events celebrating the life of Mahfouz, who died in August 2006.

The first one was the April 3 screening of the Egyptian film, “Adrift on the Nile,” based on Mahfouz’s novel centering on a houseboat in 1960s Cairo. Following the film, Nasser Chour, an instructor in communication, discussed the film and the author’s legacy.

On April 10, Dr. Roger Allen, a University of Pennsylvania professor of Arabic language and literature, lectured on “Naguib Mahfouz: Retrospect on a Literary Life.” Dr. Allen, who had done much of his academic work in Cairo, knew Mahfouz personally. He considers the author to have been one of the most profound humanists ever to live, and described him as having a “killer sense of humor” in his use of one-liners.

Mahfouz, born in Cairo in 1911, was a devout Muslim, despite what his detractors said, Allen noted. The Nobel laureate described Egypt and Egyptian society with “disarming accuracy,” noted Allen, particularly in Karnak Café, his novel exploring a pillar of Egyptian culture: the coffee house. A writer of sagas with recurring heroes, Mahfouz published many works that allegedly addressed issues of religion, politics and society.

In 1994, as Mahfouz was leaving his Cairo apartment, he was stabbed by an Islamist fanatic, which severely damaged his writing arm and almost cost him his life. Allen noted that the Arabic language has no clear words for “fiction” or “irony,” and to some in the Arab world, these concepts can seem nebulous and unclear, and even blasphemous.

Allen’s lecture in the St. Augustine Center for the Liberal Arts was followed by a wine-and-cheese reception.

The Legal Challenges of Islamic Law in Western Democracies

By Anthony Maalouf ’08 G.S.

Muslim immigrants do not always assimilate into Western-style societies, especially in Europe where they represent a growing population. Dr. Catherine Warrick, assistant professor of political science at Villanova University, is researching the serious legal questions these democracies now face when religious law and civil law conflict. She gave a talk about her research on March 16 in the Bryn Mawr Room of the Connelly Center. It was the first in a faculty research series sponsored by the department of political science.

The paper Dr. Warrick presented, “Islamic Law in the Legal Systems of Western Democracies,” examined the question of whether democratic legal systems can incorporate different legal traditions, particularly Islamic law (shari’a). She is studying cases—in Canada, the United Kingdom and India—where Muslim minority populations have argued, in some cases successfully, for the state’s extension of legitimacy to legal practices based on shari’a.

For example, Canada had an option to allow a Muslim couple’s divorce case to be handled by a Muslim tribunal, rather than by the Canadian legal system. “It was a voluntary option, designed to relieve the state from all the cases it had to deal with,” Warrick added. However, the problem is whether the state should enforce religious law. “What do you do when there is an appeal to the ruling? Eventually the state needs to take a role, and this poses problems for a pluralist system like this one,” she said.

The question of whether religious law, particularly Islamic law, can be incorporated through pluralism has a mixed answer. “It is ‘yes’ or ‘no,’ depending on how skeptical one is,” Warrick said. “The Canadian system, which also allowed for Catholics and Jews to conduct their own legal practices, held for 14 years before it was outlawed.”

Incorporating different legal traditions into democracies raises serious questions, especially about gender equality, Warrick concluded. However, there also could be reformatory outcomes, where the integration of religious law into democratic systems could, in fact, “modernize” the religious law. Warrick earned her Ph.D. at Georgetown University in 2002 and researches comparative law, Middle East politics and gender issues. To encourage discussion following her talk, those attending had been asked to read her paper in advance. She also presented the paper during the fall 2006 conference of the American Political Science Association.
Scholarships and Awards Go to Three Villanovans

Each year, Villanova University students are honored with prestigious scholarships and awards. Here are just three of these outstanding students.

Jaclyn K. “Jacy” Farwell ’07 Nur. this summer begins a year of teaching English as a Second Language in South Korea, thanks to winning a Fulbright Teaching Grant. Farwell’s selection was based not only on her academic achievements but on her diverse and extensive contributions to the Villanova community. She served as a leader and mentor in the College of Nursing, as a tutor through Project Sunshine and the department of theology and religious studies, and as commander of Bravo Company in Villanova’s NROTC.

Through the Fulbright program, Farwell also is learning Korean, which connects her with her family heritage. One of her career aspirations is to improve health care for those with language barriers.

Christine Feldmeier ’07 A&S received this year’s Thomas J. Mentzer Memorial Award from Villanova’s Center for Peace and Justice Education. The award recognizes a graduating senior who has contributed significantly through volunteer work to “expanding opportunities for the poor and underprivileged.” Feldmeier, who majored in chemistry and biochemistry, will begin studying medicine this fall at Thomas Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia.

In the Dominican Republic, Feldmeier as a student was instrumental in initiating a health clinic project and a program to teach piano to children and teen-agers in the impoverished province of San Juan la Maguana. She plans to enlist support for and serve at the clinic and to make a difference in the lives of the poor through her medical training. She also was active on the Villanova Habitat for Humanity steering committee and took part in mission trips to Peru and South Africa. She volunteers at SILOAM, a center for AIDS wellness in Philadelphia.

Haig Norian ’08 E.E. was one of 317 juniors and sophomores selected nationally to receive a 2007 Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship. This prestigious award recognizes excellence in the sciences, engineering and mathematics and supports a year or two of graduate study for students who plan research careers in these fields. Norian wants to conduct research on energy harvesting and conservation, specializing in electronic materials science and signal processing.

Seeing the Artistic and Literary Sides of Garbage

BY ANTHONY MAALOUF ’08 G.S.

“F or contemporary writers, what gleams is trash,” observed Dr. Patricia Yaeger, who is the Henry Simmons Frieze Collegiate Professor of English and Women’s Studies at the University of Michigan. “Junk is becoming more fascinating also for modern artists, who are amazed at both the busted and the rusted.”

At a March 20 faculty luncheon, Dr. Yaeger examined the social status of trash in modern and postmodern literary and visual cultures. Titled “Luminous Trash: The Death of Nature and the Apotheosis of Detritus,” her talk in the DeLeon Room of the St. Augustine Center for the Liberal Arts was part of a series of faculty luncheons and lectures sponsored by the Villanova Center for Liberal Education.

Yaeger earned a doctorate in English literature at Yale University. She has published on 20th-century American literature, visual arts, Southern fiction, feminist theory, literary theory, geography and trash in modern literature.

Reading selections from modern and postmodern poets, she observed that a literary fascination with nature is rivaled by a literary fascination with trash.

Using slides, the literary critic documented several visual examples of trash used in the arts. Among them were thousands of dead flies mounted on a canvas that twinkled with reflected light, an abandoned house cut down the middle by a chainsaw to allow sunlight to shine through and a sculpture of a human discharging shimmering jewels as a waste product.

“There is a glorification in trashing,” Yaeger noted. Businesses have caught on, too, she said, referencing a commercial showing a garbage truck driving through beautiful scenery and ending up at a nature preserve. A voiceover notes that the trash removal company’s efforts have led to converting a landfill into a nature preserve.

“So are we talking about waste, nature or culture?” Yaeger asked. “Maybe the answer is all three.”

Trash is such an interesting cultural topic, she noted, because these items are human-made and have a human history to them, which enable them to tell a story to the observer. The anthropologic fascination with discarded items, Yaeger said, is not all that different from an antique collector’s fascination with very old objects.

For more information on the Villanova Center for Liberal Education, which was inaugurated on April 16, visit www.villanova.edu/artscl/vcle.
Coaches Team up to Talk About Teaching

BY ANTHONY MAALOUF '08 G.S.

At an all-day workshop for faculty on May 17, Wildcat coaches discussed their ideas for motivation, mentoring and teaching students. Titled “Winning Approaches: Villanova University Athletic Coaches Share Successful Teaching Strategies,” the panel was sponsored by the Villanova Institute for Teaching and Learning (VITAL).

Dr. Carol A. Weiss, director of VITAL, introduced the panel. The moderator was Dr. Ray Heitzmann ’64 A&S, professor of education and human services. The panelists were coaches from various teams: Joanie Milhous, head coach for field hockey; Shanette Lee ’95 A&S, assistant coach of women’s basketball; Andy Talley, head coach of football; and Jay Wright, head coach of men’s basketball.

Now in her 13th year of coaching field hockey at Villanova, Milhous told the audience that attitude mattered. “Students will watch everything you do, from the moment you walk into your classroom up to the last minute,” Milhous said. She recalled a time when she was kicking around a water bottle during a practice, simply for exercise. When the team members saw that, it affected their play, according to the coach. “They thought that I was mad at the players,” she recalled, “and when I asked them where they got that idea, they said it was my kicking the bottle.”

Milhous emphasized the importance of projecting a positive attitude. “Your attitude is contagious,” she concluded. “It needs to be positive; otherwise students will not do their best.” She has a policy of not recruiting field hockey players with bad attitudes, no matter how talented or skillful they are, because bad attitudes are just as contagious as good ones.

Mentorship was the focus of Lee’s talk. She recalled a time when one of the women’s basketball student-athletes did not show up for some of her classes, prompting her professor to call the coach’s office. Head Coach Harry Perretta ’95 G.S. referred the situation to Lee, who approached the student. “She was not feeling good about herself, so I gave her some positive reinforcement. Sometimes, we need to do that as teachers and coaches for our students,” Lee told the faculty. Giving students a motivational push with comments like “We want you to be here” are a must, Lee said.

“Sure, college students are adults, but let’s not forget that they are young adults and need good mentorship from their role models, like you,” Lee reminded the audience. Sometimes, coaches and faculty should step out of their professional roles and offer to sit down with a student and discuss his or her feelings, she suggested.

As for the team member Lee mentored, she got back on track in both her classes and her play. “In fact, she helped us win a Big East championship that year,” Lee said with a smile.

Talley in his remarks said he starts the football team off with a self-assessment test right at the beginning of training. It is important to get to know the students as people, not just as athletes, he told the faculty, adding that as a coach, he especially wants to know with whom he is working.

“We look at many things about our players, like their personality and how they learn, either by audio, visually or kinesthetically [hands-on experience], Talley said.

The football coach also gives the student-athletes a chance to do an assessment of their team and of themselves as individuals. “We ask them to set goals and list them, giving them something to aim for during the season,” he explained. Coaches, according to Talley, have a responsibility to help students see their goals fulfilled and should guide them accordingly. Everyone, he said, “needs this guidance.”

However, there are some exceptions, Talley added. A student-athlete like Brian Westbrook ’00 VSB had no problem...
reaching his objectives. Such exceptions however, do not come on a daily basis, the football coach said.

Wright began his presentation acknowledging the importance of sharing ideas, joking that he was going to steal the test that Coach Talley had just talked about and use it for the men's basketball team. It is the sharing of ideas, Wright continued, that leads to success. What separates Villanova from many other institutions, he said, is that there is a high level of sharing ideas—among coaches, among faculty and between the two groups.

“Talley, like Dr. Heitzmann, contributes good ideas to our team,” Wright said, giving a nod to the moderator.

To expect a full effort from the students, Wright emphasized, faculty must show that same effort. “So, be enthusiastic,” he said. “It is one of the most important ingredients in teaching. The students are going to watch you and what you are doing in and outside of that classroom. They will give back to you what you give to them,” Wright added, echoing a point made by Milhous.

The men’s basketball head coach concluded his talk by encouraging new ideas, stating that the fear of failure should not hinder the ability to try new methods and techniques.

Heitzmann, a former coach and author of several books, both on athletics and academics, gave the closing comments. He emphasized teacher enthusiasm as the best way to enhance student performance.

During a Q&A session, the coaches elaborated on some of their ideas. They addressed the issue of radio host Don Imus’ controversial comments about the Rutgers University women’s basketball team during an April broadcast of his program (CBS later fired Imus).

The coaches also reflected on times when former Wildcats have returned to Villanova and even helped mentor teams. In particular, Talley recalled Hezekiah Lewis ’98 A&S, ’02 G.S., a former football team captain now working toward a doctorate in fine arts and directing film and television at UCLA. Lewis recently directed the award-winning film “Memoirs of a Smoker,” which documents the life of drug addicts in Los Angeles.

“Harry Perretta is actually a proponent of maintaining close contacts with alumni,” said Lee, herself a former Wildcat women’s basketball team member. All of the coaches agreed that seeing former team members return to Villanova is one of the best parts of the job.

Dr. Mark Doorley was among the faculty and staff members who said they left the session with some good input. “This presentation made me aware that there’s a lot more going on between coaches and their students than just winning a game,” he noted. Doorley is an associate professor of ethics and director of the Ethics Program in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. He also indicated that both faculty and coaching staff have a shared purpose in teaching and mentoring students. “We’re not in two separate tracks but really working as a team,” Doorley said.

Dr. Helen K. Lafferty, University vice president, also attended the session. She commented that the University has excellent coaches who not only know what is going on in the games but also are attentive to their students’ needs. “While they want to win the game, they never put this over concerns for their students,” she said.

For further information on this or other sessions presented by VITAL, visit www.villanova.edu/vital/

### Curtis Places Second in 5,000m at NCAA Finals

Bobby Curtis posted an amazing second-place finish on June 8 in the finals of the 5,000m event at the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships, held at California State University, Sacramento. In this race, Curtis, a red-shirted senior, put forth a truly courageous effort but eventually fell just short of Wisconsin’s Chris Solinsky. Despite just missing the title, Curtis managed to set a personal best with a time of 13:39:88, shaving four seconds off his previous mark.

“Bobby ran a terrific race,” said Marcus O’Sullivan ’84 VSB, ’89 M.B.A., who is the Frank J. Kelly Endowed Track and Field Coach. “He has made tremendous progress, and we are all really proud of him, as well as all of his accomplishments.”

Curtis and Michael Kerrigan ’07 VSB were both thrilled this spring to break the 4-minute mile. It was a milestone for Villanova track and field to achieve this in the same race, and it was a personal best for the two runners. During the Last Chance Meet at Swarthmore College on May 14, Curtis ran the mile in 3:57.20 and Kerrigan in 3:59.60. “It has always been a dream of mine to accomplish,” noted Kerrigan.

(Right) A cross country and distance runner, Bobby Curtis achieved a personal best at the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships in June. He is majoring in economics.

### 2007 Villanova Football Schedule

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Fares To Friends: How to Develop Outstanding Business Relationships
By Ed Wallace '81 VSB
The Relational Capital Group
WWW.FARESTOFRIENDS.COM
121 PP., PAPERBACK
$15.95

Fares to Friends may just be the business professional’s equivalent to the runaway best-seller Tuesdays with Morrie by Mitch Albom. Like Albom, Ed Wallace ‘81 VSB invites the reader to share in a series of literally and figuratively transporting conversations with his mentor, a cab driver named Max. Over the course of many trips to the airport, Max, a former business executive who gave up high-level commerce to become a service entrepreneur, points out what the author considers to be crucial guideposts on the road to business success: how to build relational capital.

Wallace defines “relational capital” as “the value created by people in a business relationship.” “How people know and regard you is the most important element in any business relationship’s path to success and to your own personal success,” stresses Wallace, who is president of The Relational Capital Group in Newtown Square, Pa.

A slim volume written in a light and breezy, but earnest style, Fares to Friends offers a wealth of good, solid business advice. Credibility, integrity and authenticity, the three essential qualities of outstanding business relationships, converge to form relational capital, Wallace emphasizes. These qualities are expressed through sensitivity and attention to detail.

“It’s the little extras that turn fares into friends,” Max told Wallace. The cab driver’s little extras included promptness, courtesy and warmth; an impeccably kept vehicle; a thoughtful interest in his customers’ lives; listening and remembering; a quiet atmosphere during the ride; and offering complimentary bottled water.

The “little extras” are often sadly lacking in today’s fast-paced, electronically connected business culture.

“If we lose sight of the fact that a real person is on the other end of the call or e-mail, then we miss the opportunity to enrich our business endeavors and our life with the growth and learning that comes from true interaction with others,” Wallace warns.

While the Internet and BlackBerry™ may have supplanted face-to-face meetings and put telephone conversations on the endangered species list, those who neglect the care and feeding of the human element in business do so at their peril.

There are two constants in business, according to Wallace. First, business is still driven by people and relationships, not tasks or project plans. Secondly, people have not changed in their need for human interaction and outstanding business relationships. The best work-related relationships are nurtured by seeking common ground, earning trust, “being yourself” and using time purposefully, according to the author.

Building relational capital pays off in relational capital gains such as a dynamic increase in reserves of trust and good will, as well as long-term sustainable business relationships and friendships, Wallace says. “Quality relationships are satisfying, enriching and they allow you to sleep at night. It’s also undeniable that such relationships—such friendships—almost inevitably lead to rewards of the more ordinary sort—the kind that help to pay the mortgage and send the kids to college,” Wallace points out.

After all, as Max, who turned fares into friends, would say, “Do what you love and you’ll never work another day in your life.”

—Reviewed by Kathleen Scavello

The Irish Rose
By Joseph Hill ’73 M.A.
B. Jain Publishers, Ltd.
358 PP., HARDBACK
$23.95

A story of tenderness, love and bravery, The Irish Rose introduces the reader to Tara O’Shea, who emigrates from Dublin to the United States as a young woman in the 1950s. Five years later, Tara marries a fellow Irish-American, John O’Malley. She begins a very happy life, becoming the mother of four children, and in 51 years of marriage, she and John only argue once. Tara administers a personal-care facility and owns an assisted living home. However, she contracts breast cancer at age 54, introducing Tara and her family to one of life’s greatest struggles.

In this novel, the reader comes to know Tara as a courageous fighter, one who refuses to become a prisoner of her illness. Instead, she goes on with her life, remaining active and engaged in her family and her community during her years of treatment. After reading only a few chapters, the reader cannot help but feel inspired and motivated by this character’s strong will, as well as the support she receives from her husband, John, and her family.

Tara’s faith in God and commitment to family values remain as firm as ever.

This book, although fiction, brings the reader into a world of reality, showing the up-close and personal realism of individuals and their families coming together to deal with the trials of life. Based on the experiences of the author, Joseph Hill ’73 M.A., whose first wife, Elizabeth (known as Lillian), passed away in 1994 after a courageous battle with cancer, The Irish Rose is a poignant, inspiring and moving story that reminds us all of one of life’s greatest lessons: that no matter how grave the problems we face, we must deal with them courageously and continue on with our lives. Eventually, we will overcome such struggles. Tara’s story is a wonderful example of this.

Hill gives the reader someone to admire during the most trying of times, a heroine to look to when facing life’s trials.

The author was born in Philadelphia and is a naturalized citizen of Ireland with a dual citizenship. He and his second wife, Anne, were married in Dublin, and since their wedding, he has returned to Ireland eight times. Hill retired from teaching in Philadelphia’s parochial and public schools. He has been writing short stories since the 1960s, as well as a memoir, The Wrong Side of the Tracks, and a novel, Cave Man. He is currently working on a sequel to The Irish Rose and a three-act play about Irish patriot Pádraig Pearse.

—Reviewed by Anthony Maalouf ’08 G.S.
**The Story of Benedict XVI for Young People**

BY CLAIRE JORDAN MOHAN ’83 A&S  
NEW HOPE PUBLICATIONS  
80 PP., PAPERBACK  
$9.95

This biography of Pope Benedict XVI is written for an elementary school audience. The opening chapters focus on the future Pope, Joseph Ratzinger, as a young boy who lived in a rural German community during the 1930s. It is his relationship with his family that made his faith so strong. Living a modest but happy life, the young boy routinely went on adventures with his older brother and sister.

The author, Claire Jordan Mohan ’83 A&S, then transitions to the rise of the Nazi party and shows Joseph growing up in an uneasy time for Germany, during the rise of Adolf Hitler. The boy sees his teachers being replaced and school activities being eliminated, as well as certain people disappearing. Very soon, he is forced to join the only school activity that was left, Hitler Youth.

His father foresaw the troubles to come and protected his family by moving them out of Germany. They continue to practice their Catholic faith. Mohan then switches to Joseph’s days as a seminarian. The book includes episodes revealing his shyness as a young man in Rome. Of course, he would go on to be elevated as a cardinal and then, head of the Congregation for Doctrine of the Faith and ultimately, be elected Pope.

Extra features in the book include Pope Benedict XVI’s coat of arms, some of his quotes and a timeline. This brief but detailed book invites young people to learn about the new Pope, his family and his life in service to God, from his youth to his elevation to the papacy.

—Reviewed by Anthony Maalouf ’08 G.S.

**A Link to the Memoir of Ireland’s Most Famous Olympian**

**Staying the Distance**, the autobiography of Wildcat track legend Ronnie Delany ’58 A&S, is now available in the United States. His book was featured in an article “Golden Memories from a Beloved Irish Runner” in the Spring Villanova Magazine. To order the hardback version, visit www.irishbook.com and click on the “Sports” link. The paperback will be available in November.

**The Adventures of Sophie Bean: The Red Flyer Roller Coaster**

BY KATHRYN YEVCHAK ’93 VSB  
ILLUSTRATED BY JUDITH PFIEFFER  
KAEDEN BOOKS  
WWW.KAEDEN.COM  
40 PP., PAPERBACK  
$5.95

Some parents write e-mails broadcasting their children’s latest antics, fill baby books with stories about them or create photo albums brimming with family memories. Kathryn Yevchak ’93 VSB, née Wasilewski and a mother of three, probably does those things, too, but she also published a children’s book that features a character based upon her oldest child, Sophia.

In the first of a series aimed at early readers and set to continue with more books in the coming year, The Red Flyer Roller Coaster tells the story of Sophie Bean. The little girl faces the painful indignity of being one inch too short for the boardwalk roller coaster that she watches her twin cousins ride over and over again every week. The book captures the feelings of frustration and helplessness that children, and even young adults, often feel in response to the unfulfilled desire to be older (and, in this case, taller) than they are.

Making it all the worse are the twin boys, who taunt and tease her because of her height. Instead of sulking or letting anger overcome her, however, Sophie Bean entertains the reader with the plucky ingenuity of a realistically rendered little girl, trying everything from Mommy’s high heels to hair curlers to add that extra inch.

With time, actual growing pains and the support of her grandmother, Sophie Bean is triumphant in the end, courageously facing the Red Flyer on the last day of summer. Her creativity, determination and spunk, along with the universality of her experience of being told she is too short to do what she wants, make Sophie Bean a heroine to whom young and old of both genders can relate.

Despite the relevance of the themes to all ages, however, this book is especially recommended for its target audience. The colorful illustrations and the guided reading questions will help young readers become involved in the story, and the abbreviated list of some key terms used in the book provide an opportunity for focused vocabulary building.

As autumn begins to chill the memories of summer fun, this story about the critical importance of an amusement park adventure will take kids, as well as their older reading partners, back to the boardwalk and those instances when gaining an inch meant a whole lot more.


—Reviewed by Madeline Chera ’09 A&S

Madeline Chera ’09 A&S is an Honors and humanities major with a minor in Peace and Justice. Her summer internship in the Office of Communication and Public Affairs provided her first opportunity to write for Villanova Magazine, though she has contributed to The Villanovan in the past. In exploring future careers, she is considering editorial, legal and nonprofit opportunities.
John Smock '65 VSB Elected VUAA President

The Villanova University Alumni Association (VUAA) Board of Directors at its May meeting elected John Smock '65 VSB, Acct. as president for 2007-08. A member of the board since 2001, Smock is co-founder and partner of Smock Sterling Strategic Management Consultants in Chicago.

Paul Tufano, Esq., '83 VSB, Acct. '86 J.D. was named president-elect of the VUAA and Robert Byrnes '76 VSB, Acct. was elected vice president.

The board is also pleased to introduce three new members:

- Dr. Chauncey Fortt '73 A&S, Psy.;
- Alfonso Martinez-Fonts Jr. '71 A&S, Pol. Sci.; and
- Tracy Brala '90 VSB, Acct.

Read more about these new members and board leaders in the Fall issue of Villanova Magazine.

The board thanks the three members who have completed their terms: Denise Devine '77 VSB, Acct., '83 G.S., Tax.; Patrick Brala '89 VSB, Acct., '07 E.M.B.A.; and James McIntosh '69 A&S, Edu. We are truly grateful for their valuable expertise and contributions to Villanova's alumni.

Great Golf. Great Cause.

Thirteen chapters of the Villanova University Alumni Association have hosted or will hold golf outings this season.

These popular outings are a fantastic way to enjoy the warm weather and get together on the links with other Villanovans, while benefiting chapter scholarship funds and other worthwhile causes. Many of these outings include social receptions, dinners and auctions, so consider attending even if you do not golf.

For details, visit alumni.villanova.edu and click on “Chapter Scholarship Golf Outings.”

Chapters Greet New Students at Receptions

This summer, Villanova University’s first-year and transfer students and their families are being welcomed at 46 New Student Receptions across the country. Hosted by local chapters of the Villanova University Alumni Association, these receptions are a great way for incoming Villanovans and their families to meet classmates, current students, parents and alumni who can answer questions and share their Villanova experiences.

Receptions are scheduled in the following locations:

- Albany, N.Y.
- Arizona
- Atlanta
- Baltimore
- Bergen/Passaic Counties, N.J.
- Boston
- Bucks County, Pa.
- Cape Cod, Mass.
- Carolinas
- Central Connecticut
- Central New Jersey
- Central Texas
- Chicago
- Delaware
- Detroit
- Fairfield/Westchester, Conn.
- Greater Trenton
- Greater Washington, D.C.
- Houston
- Hudson/Essex, N.J.
- Jersey Shore
- Kansas City
- Lancaster, Pa.
- Lehigh Valley
- Long Island
- Manhattan
- Minneapolis/St. Paul
- Monmouth/Ocean Counties, N.J.
- New Haven, Conn.
- New Jersey Skylands
- North Texas
- Northeast Pennsylvania
- Northern California
- Pacific Northwest
- Philadelphia
- Puerto Rico
- Rhode Island
- Rochester
- San Diego
- South Florida
- Southern California
- Southern New Jersey
- Southern Ohio
- Syracuse, N.Y.
- Tampa Bay, Fla.
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For the complete schedule and information on how you can become involved with your local chapter, visit www.alumni.villanova.edu and click on the “New Student Receptions” link.

Hear Basketball Updates at Coaches’ Nights

Fall is just around the corner, so plan to join the Villanova University Alumni Association at the pre-season Basketball Coaches’ Nights. Hear the latest updates on the 2007-08 season from Jay Wright, head coach of Villanova men’s basketball, and Harry Perretta ’95 G.S., head coach of women’s basketball. Join special Villanova guests, alumni and friends for an evening of great food and drinks and chalk talk.

Visit alumni.villanova.edu for the Coaches’ Night schedule.

Travel the World with Fellow Villanovans in 2008

The Villanova University Alumni Association Travel Program is a benefit for the University’s extended family of alumni, parents and friends. Our 2008 travel schedule and comprehensive brochure are now available and detail 12 exciting destinations, including a trip in July 2008 to Tuscany, Italy, hosted by the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., ‘75 A&S, University president.

Call 1-800-VILLANOVA (800-845-5266) to request a brochure or download a copy at alumni.villanova.edu at the “Benefits and Services—Travel” link.
VUAA Presidential Receptions

The receptions hosted by the Villanova University Alumni Association to welcome the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., ’75 A&S as Villanova’s 32nd president will conclude this fall. Receptions will be held in London, Dublin, Panama and Puerto Rico. Visit alumni.villanova.edu for more information.

Come Back This Fall for Homecoming 2007

Plan to join Villanova family and friends and kick-off Homecoming Weekend 2007 on Friday, October 5.

Start the celebration early on Tuesday, October 2, with Head Coach Andy Talley’s football radio show broadcast, live from Kelly’s Restaurant and Tap Room in Bryn Mawr, Pa.

On Thursday, October 4, from 6:30-9 p.m., preview the Villanova basketball season at a Coaches’ Night at the historic Union League of Philadelphia.

The Homecoming Family Picnic gets under way at noon on Saturday, October 6, and continues until 3:30 p.m. This event is a tradition you won’t want to miss. Be sure to catch the football game as the Wildcats take on William & Mary in the Villanova Stadium.

There are lots of special events during Homecoming Weekend, including:
- the Five-Year Reunion for the Class of 2002; and
- a Legacy Day program for high school students and their parents, hosted by the Office of University Admission.

Go to alumni.villanova.edu and click on “Events—Homecoming” in the blue sidebar to see the most up-to-date schedule.

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

Alumni Chapter Events Calendar

Pennsylvania, Delaware and Southern New Jersey Region

September

**September 8**
Norristown, Pa.
Greater Philadelphia Scholarship Golf Outing
Hosted by the Greater Philadelphia Chapter

**September 27**
Lititz, Pa.
Lancaster-Central Pennsylvania Scholarship Golf Outing
Hosted by the Lancaster Chapter

New York, Connecticut and North/Central Jersey Region

September

**September 29**
Wall, N.J.
Monmouth/Ocean Counties Highway Clean-Up
Sponsored by the Monmouth/Ocean Counties Chapter

October

**October 4**
Central New Jersey Scholarship Golf Outing
Hosted by the Central New Jersey Chapter

**October 15**
Brielle, N.J.
Monmouth/Ocean Counties Scholarship Golf Outing
Hosted by the Monmouth/Ocean Counties Chapter

Midwest Region

September

**September 13**
Medinah, Ill.
Chicago Scholarship Golf Outing
Hosted by the Chicago Chapter

Mid-Atlantic Region

September

**September 1**
College Park, Md.
Villanova vs. Maryland Football Tailgate
Hosted by the Greater Washington, D.C. Chapter

New England Region

August

**August 25**
Boston
Saturday/Sunday’s Bread—Soup Kitchen Volunteers
Sponsored by the Boston Chapter

Southern Region

September

**September 15**
Lexington, Ky.
VU Alumni and Family BBQ
Hosted by the Kentucky Chapter

Western Region

August

**August 25**
San Diego
Day at the Del Mar Races—Scholarship Fundraiser
Sponsored by the San Diego Chapter

Save these Dates in 2008!

Alumni Reunion Weekend 2008
June 7-9
Classes ending in “3” or “8” will celebrate special reunions.

Homecoming 2008
October 24-26
The Class of 2003 will hold its Five-Year Reunion.
**Class of 1943: 65th Reunion, June 7-9, 2008**

**Class of 1948: 60th Reunion, June 7-9, 2008**

**1950s**

Edward J. Fesco, M.D., ’52 A&S, B.S., a physician in LaSalle, Ill., fondly recalled his undergraduate days at Villanova University while attending his 55th Reunion in June.

**Class of 1953: 55th Reunion, June 7-9, 2008**

Robert Gordon ’57 A&S, Gen., on May 20 was proud to attend the Villanova University graduation of his grandson, Bill McCullough. Robert Lima, Ph.D., ’57 A&S, Gen., ’61 G.S., Theat., has translated José Belloto’s play Bread and Rice, or Geometry in Yellow for presentation by the theatre company of the department of performing arts at Northeastern State University.


**Class of 1958: 50th Reunion, June 7-9, 2008**

Nicholas F. Borrelli, Ph.D. ’58 Ch.E., has been appointed corporate fellow, corporate research and inorganic technologies at Corning Inc. in Corning, N.Y. Dr. Borrelli earned both master’s and doctoral degrees from the University of Rochester. He is a prolific inventor who has been granted 119 U.S. patents and is an author of more than 150 technical publications. He serves on industrial advisory boards at City University of New York, Cornell University and the University of Arizona.

Robert C. Dills ’59 VSB, Eco., of Cassadaga, N.Y., is working toward the 2008 publication of his novel Commoneal, the last of a trilogy following Fremont Bay in 2006 and Pils Apart in 2007.

**1960s**

Arthur J. Davie ’62 VSB, Acct., is an adjunct professor of accounting at Indian River Community College in Fort Pierce, Fla. He is treasurer of the local Red Cross chapter and library board.

Eugene Guicheteau ’62 E.E. retired as manager of developmental engineering at Honeywell International in Fort Washington, Pa. He volunteers as a tutor for a Philadelphia parochial school and as a planner for the American Cancer Society’s 2007 bike-a-thon (and he completed this 65-mile ride).

Vincent J. Trosino ’62 A&S, Psy., retired as president, vice chairman and chief operating officer at State Farm Insurance Co. after 41 years of service. He is completing his term as director and vice chairman on the parent company board of State Farm Mutual. He will continue to serve on the board of Vulcan Materials Co.

**Class of 1963: 45th Reunion, June 7-9, 2008**

Richard O. Berndt, Esq., ’64 A&S, Soc., managing partner at the Baltimore law firm of Gallagher Ewles & Jones LLP, was elected to the board of directors of PNC Financial Services Group Inc. and to its principal banking subsidiary, PNC Bank, National Association.

The Hon. William C. Vaughn III ’64 E.E. retired as a federal judge in Indianapolis. He and his wife, Linda, divide their time between homes in Spenser, Ind., and Venice, Fla.

Eugene J. Bukowski ’67 VSB, Eco., is president and CEO of Gene Bukowski & Sons, a contracting firm serving homeowners in Bucks and Montgomery counties, Pa., and central New Jersey. In 2002 he retired as managing director of finance of the New Jersey Economic Development Authority, capping a 39-year career in banking and finance.

Michael Burke ’67 A&S, Chem., after a long career at multinational pharmaceutical firms, is developing cardiovascular drug molecules at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver.

**Naval War College and the National War College and holds a master’s degree in international studies from Old Dominion University.

Theodore Hack ’67 E.E., in 1997 retired after 30 years’ service as a captain in the Navy submarine force. He is now director, government relations, submarine programs, at General Dynamics in Falls Church, Va. He and his wife, Patty, live in Arlington.

T. Timothy Ryan, Esq., ’67 A&S, Pol. Sci., vice chairman of the financial institutions and government group at JPMorgan Chase & Co., has been nominated by President George W. Bush to be undersecretary for International Affairs at the U.S. Treasury Department. He had served on the U.S.-Japan Private Sector/Government Commission, and is a director of the United States-Japan Foundation.

**Class of 1966: 40th Reunion, June 7-9, 2008**

Paul Pizzi ’68 Ch.E. is managing partner of Evironment, LP, a managing consulting firm in Tomball, Texas.

Elaine M. Samans, Ed.D., ’69 G.S., Hum. Rel./Couns., founder of the Hillview-Trout Run Nursery School and Kindergarten in Broomall, Pa., celebrated the 50th anniversary of this amazingly successful school, which today has a two-year waiting list.

**1970s**

The Rev. John P. Collins ’70 G.S., Hist., is co-author of Our Faith-Filled Heritage—The Archdiocese of Philadelphia 1808-2008 (Editions du Signe), a bicentennial history that will be distributed in November.

A. Roy DeCaro ’71 A&S, Pol. Sci., ’74 J.D., a member of the Philadelphia law firm of Raynes Evelius Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.

The Hon. Paul P. Panepinto ’71 A&S, Pol. Sci., was given the rating “highly recommended” by the Philadelphia Bar Association Judicial Evaluation Commission. A judicial candidate for the Pennsylvania State Appellate Court, he has served as a judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia since 1990.

William M. Savino, Esq., ’71 VSB, Eco., president of the Villanova University Alumni Association, is managing partner in the Uniondale, N.Y., law firm of Rivkin Radler LLP. In March he was honored with the Executive Leaders Excellence in Law Award, recognizing his work and commitment to clients in the Long Island, NY, area. Fordham University School of Law selected Savino as its 2004 Long Island Distinguished Alumnus, and he is included among The Most Influential Long Islanders selected by the Long Island Business News and the Long Island Press. From 1995 to 2005 he served as mayor of the Long Island village of Old Brookville.

**Class of 1973: 35th Reunion, June 7-9, 2008**

Grace Buhulka-Redheffer Hatmaker ’73 Nur. is a candidate for a doctoral degree at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, where she will study the effects of stress on children in the Hong Kong Asian culture.

Art Ritter ’73 A&S, Bio., on May 21 became a five-year Hodgkin’s lymphoma survivor and marked this anniversary by participating in a number of fundraising marathons for research and cure.


William Smith ’73 E.E., CEO of Renaissance Capital LLC in Greenwich, Conn., was elected secretary and board member of USA Water Polo.

Frank A. Martin ’74 G.S., Theat., chairman of i-trax Inc. in Philadelphia, a health and productivity management company, was named to the board of directors of the Act II Playhouse in Ambler, Pa.

Robert B. Nolan ’74 VSB, Bus. Adm. was nominated by President George W. Bush to be U.S. ambassador to the Kingdom of Lesotho. A career member of the senior Foreign Service, he is now director of the U.S. Department of State’s Office of Career Development and Assignments.

Judith A. Spross ’74 Nur. is a professor of nursing at the University of Southern Maine and co-editor of the graduate nursing text Advanced Nursing Practice: An Integrative Approach. Her home is in Portland.

William Gilhool ’74, VSB, Eco., professor and co-director of the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine’s Lancaster Avenue Healthcare Center, was elected as the 2006-07 Osteopathic Ambulatory Care Physician of the Year by the student chapter of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians.
Robert Manning ’75 VSB, Acct. (left), senior vice president of investments at Smith Barney in Philadelphia, teamed up with two others to create “The Stock Market Game.” A Malvern Preparatory School parent, Manning guided its students in gaining hands-on experience for this very popular competition by teaching a class using the Villanova School of Business virtual trading floor. Malvern Prep came in second in the competition’s Southeastern Pennsylvania region.

Paul LaCerda ’75 VSB, Bus. Adm. is chief executive officer at Communication Print Technology, LLC in East Berlin, Conn.

Gary Holloway ’76 VSB, Accr., chairman and CEO of GMH Associates in Newtown Square, Pa., was featured in a news segment with Katie Couric on CBS-TV’s “Evening News.” Holloway’s real estate company funds “Warrior’s Walk” at Fort Stewart, Ga., where a flowering tree is planted in memory of each fallen soldier of the 16th Infantry Regiment; at the time of the January 8 newscast, there were 317 Memory Men.

Shelly Robin Stein Marine ’77 VSB, Accr., is an event planner for BE YOUR GUEST, a complete party-planning service. She and her husband are the parents of two teen-age children and reside in Bala Cynwyd, Pa., where she is a candidate for the Lower Merion School Board.

Class of 1978: 30th Reunion, June 7-9, 2008

F. Donald Clarke III ’78 VSB, Bus. Adm. was elected chairman of the board of Standard Register Co. in Chantilly, Va.

Sister Elizabeth Worley, S.S.J., ’78 G.S., Chem., former president of Mercy Hospital in Miami and president and CEO of Catholic Hospice, has relocated to Orlando, where she has been named chancellor for administration/chief operations officer of the Diocese of Orlando. She will continue as a member of the Mercy Hospital Foundation board.

Connie Fiorenza Yost ’78 VSB, Acct. was named vice president of finance for the Harleysville (Pa.) Life Insurance Co.

1980s

Carol Lesser Baldwin ’80 G.S., Comm. Couns. announced the publication of her book, Teaching the Story: Fiction Writing in Middle School. Her home is in Charlotte, N.C.

Daniel O’Connell ’80 VSB, Acct., was promoted to chief financial officer at retailer QVC Inc., in West Chester, Pa. He had been senior vice president and controller.

Lorraine Fritz Reddington ’80 VSB, Acct., was promoted to vice president, accounting and finance, for Tyco International Ltd. in Princeton, N.J.

Dave Coskey ’81 A&S, Comm., vice president of marketing at the Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa in Atlantic City, N.J., and former executive vice president of the Philadelphia 76ers, won the 2007 McHugh/Splaver “Tribute to Excellence” Award. The annual award from the National Basketball Association (NBA) Public Relations Directors Association honors a current or former member of the NBA public relations family for outstanding service.

Rose Marisco Griffin ’81 A&S, Edu., ’82 G.S., Couns./Hum. Rel., a school counselor at Ocean Township High School in Oakhurst, N.J., was named School Counselor of the Year for Monmouth County, N.J. She was also honored by the Jersey Shore Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa and by Ocean Township’s Board of Education. She and her husband, Charles Griffin ’79 VSB, Acct., ’82 J.D., and their daughter, Michelle ’10, reside in Oceanport.

Class of 1983: 25th Reunion, June 7-9, 2008

Catherine Alznauer Greenblum ’83 Nur., a doctoral candidate at the University of Florida College of Nursing, where she also earned her M.S.N., won the Student Research Poster Award at the Southern Nursing Research Society’s annual conference in Galveston, Texas.

Rosemarie Burke Dempsey ’83 VSB, Bus. Adm. in January opened Burke Consulting Services in West Chester, Pa., an insurance and tax preparation business offering life, health, disability and long-term care insurance.

Stefani Daniels ’83 M.S.N., co-author of The Leader’s Guide to Hospital Administration, was elected to the Case Management Administrators credentialing advisory board of The Center for Case Management. She also serves on the editorial board of the Professional Case Management Journal.

Gregory Muldowney ’82 Ch.E., ’83 M.Ch.E. (right), engineering research group manager at Rohm and Haas in Newark, Del., was honored with the company’s annual Otto Haas Award for Scientific Achievement. It was presented by Gary Calabrese, vice president.

Eileen Cunniffe ’80 A&S, Engl., ’80 A&S, Hon. joined the Arts and Business Council of Greater Philadelphia as director of business volunteers for the arts.

Case Management

Thomas Harrison, Esq., ’83 G.S., H.O.S., was named shareholder in the Boston law firm of Hanify & King PC.

Helen J. Streubert Speziale, Ed.D., ’83 M.S.N., associate vice president for academic affairs at College Misericordia in Dallas, Pa., was selected to head a national task group to evaluate nursing student learning in classroom, laboratory and clinical settings. She is co-author of four editions of the research textbook Qualitative Research in Nursing: Advancing the Humanistic Imperative.

Paul Tramontano ’83 VSB, Accr., has joined Constellation Wealth Advisors, independent investment advisors in Manhattan, as a majority owner and CEO.

Tom Klein ’84 VSB, Bus. Adm. was named one of the travel industry’s 25 Most Influential Executives of 2006 by Business Travel News. Klein is executive vice president of Sabre Holdings and group president of the Sabre Travel Network and Sabre Airline Solutions in Southlake, Texas.

Thomas Matose, D.O., ’84 A&S, Bio., was appointed program director of the emergency medicine residency program at Palm Beach Hospital in Palm Beach, Fla.

Michael Auger ’85 VSB, Bus. Adm. is vice president of sales and marketing at Barger Packaging in Elkhart, Ind., an international sterile packaging provider for the medical and pharmaceutical device industry.

Maryann Canal ’85 A&S, Comm. chaired an event to benefit CMT, a neuromuscular disease.
Peter DiPasca ’85 Ch.E. is senior corporate environmental manager at Cabor Corp, a global specialty chemicals company in Boston. He and his wife, Alison, and their two children live in Walpole, Mass.

Daniel L. Healy Esq., ’85 A&S, Comm. in January became Connecti-cut’s human rights and opportunities representative, investigating claims of discrimination in employment, housing, public accommodations and credit transactions.

Brian McCaul ’85 A&S, Pol. Sci., ’87 G.S., Pol. Sci. accepted a position as vice president of bankcard sales at Zions Bank in Salt Lake City.

Mark A. Monaco, D.O., ’85 O.S., Bio., was re-elected to the Board of Trustees of the Pennsylvania Orthopaedic Medical Association.

Michael J. Ryan Jr., Esq., ’85 VSB, Acc.t is senior vice president and executive director of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce’s Center for Capital Markets Competitiveness. He had been executive director of the Chamber’s Commission on the Regulation of U.S. Capital Markets in the 21st Century, and prior to that was executive vice president and general counsel of the American Stock Exchange.

Susan Washington ’85 Nur. retired with the rank of commander after 21 years in the U.S. Navy Nurse Corps. She, her husband and their 3-year-old twin boys are living in Seattle.

Nora Swimm ’85 A&S, Comp. Sci., ’05 M.B.A. graduated from Leadership Philadelphia, which offers leadership training for service on nonprofit boards.

William Delayo ’87 VSB, Acc.t has been appointed general manager and director of golf for the newest of the PGA Tour’s Tournament Players Club (TPC) network of premier golf clubs, TPC Treviso Bay. It will open later this year in Naples, Fla. Delayo’s extensive golf management experience includes serving as PGA general manager and chief operating officer of Shadow Wood Country Club in Bonita Springs, Fla., and as general manager and COO of TPC Louisiana in New Orleans and TPC Heron Bay in Coral Springs, Fla.

David Facor ’87 VSB, Bus. Adm. in May graduated with an M.S. degree in executive leadership from the University of San Diego.

Lisa Narcisi Kyne ’87 VSB, Acc.t. is owner and president of the Willow Grove, Pa., accounting firm of Narcisi & Co. Navy Cmdr. Sam Paparo ’87 A&S, Pol. Sci. is commanding officer, provincial reconstruction team, attached to the 10th Mountain Division, Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. He and his wife, Maureen Margaret Connolly Paparo ’87 A&S, Gen., are the parents of four children. Their home is in Virginia Beach, Va.


Carl Schwind ’87 M.E. is a manage-ment consultant at Gap Interna-tional in Sudbury, Mass. He completed a one-half Ironman triathlon and also climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro with his brother and four friends.

Class of 1988: 20th Reunion, June 7-9, 2008


Catherine Musike Ridings, Ph.D., ’88 A&S, Comp. Sci., ’88 A&S, was named a principal at O’Donnell & Naccarato, a Philadelphia engineering firm.

Hon. was promoted to associate pro-fessor with tenure at Lehigh University and also named director of the Business Information Systems Program.

Rob Scarito ’88 A&S, Pol. Sci. was the top performer in real estate sales for the fifth year at Prudential Douglas Eillman Real Estate in Hauppauge, N.Y.

Patrick J. Brala ’89 VSB, Acc.t, ’07 M.B.A. joined Keystone Property Group in Conshohocken, Pa., as chief financial officer.

Brian Egras ’89 A&S, Phys. is working at Tyco International Inc. in Princeton, N.J. In 2006 he received an M.B.A. degree from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

Jonathan Fletcher ’89 A&S, Gen. in May 2005 earned a master’s degree in educational administration and supervision from Keen University. He is certified as a New Jersey social studies supervisor.

Mark McCarrin ’89 A&S, Pol. Sci. is the owner of Dowling & O’Neil insurance agency in Hyannis, Mass. With a staff of 26, he specializes in property and casualty insurance in New England. He and his wife, Jennifer, and their three children reside in Cotuit on Cape Cod.


Dr. Robin Ward ’89 G.S., Math. is a clinical assistant professor at Rice University.

1990s

Peter Ruggiero ’90 VSB, Acc.t, was named vice president, global operations, for Crayola and a member of the company’s leadership council.

Eric Martin ’91 VSB, Mkt., ’04 M.B.A. is the marketing director, northeast region at SAP America in Newtown Square, Pa.

Army Maj. John C. Bivona ’92 A&S, Gen. is serving in Iraq as executive officer with the 325th Brigade Support Battalion, 25th Infantry Division.


Keisha Fulton St. John ’92 A&S, Gen., an author and illustrator, has published Allie and Scratchy, Spring Cleaning, a rhyming tale for young readers to teach the importance of keeping a clean room.

The Rev. Gregory J. Hickey ’89 G.S., Educ. is a candidate for a doctoral degree in educational leadership at St. Joseph’s University. He is the chaplain and an instructor of theology at Immaculata University.

Class of 1993: 15th Reunion, June 7-9, 2008

Jennifer DiOliba Salvucci ’93 VSB, Fin. was promoted to vice president of operations at Health Market Science in King of Prussia, Pa.

Dr. Jeffrey S. Gehris ’93 VSB, Acct. earned his Ph.D. in kinesio-log from Temple University, where he is an instructor in the College of Health Professions.

Allison McCoy ’93 VSB, Mgt. is vice president of business development at Spectrum Gaming Group in Atlantic City, N.J. This full-service international gaming consultancy also has offices in Las Vegas, Prince-ton, Bangkok, Macau and Tokyo.

Michael Petran ’93 VSB, Acc.t was admitted to partnership at Ernst & Young in its Iselin, N.J. office. He serves public and private global companies in the media/entertainment and consumer products industries.


Michael Okonquist ’94 A&S, Hist. is vice president, investment marketing, at PNC’s wealth management group in Philadelphia.

Meghan Patton O’Donnell ’94 G.S., Hum. Res. Dir., vice president of human resources at Abington Memorial Hospital, received a Delaware Valley HR Person of the Year Award in May.

Kathleen Schultz: Leeble ’94 A&S, Psy. is the founder of Concierge by the Sea, which has a complete range of services for visitors and residents in Lewes, Rehoboth Beach and Dewey Beach, Del. She offers vacation consultation to ensure total fun and relaxation.

Henry Wallmeyer ’94 VSB, Mkt. joined the National Lumber and Building Material Dealers Association in Washington, D.C., as director of membership.

Judith Bonaduce ’95 Nur. is assistant professor of nursing and coordinator of the Huntsman Nurs-ing Laboratory at Harcum College in Bryn Mawr, Pa.

Anthony M. Faiola Sr. ’95 VSB, Fin., and his wife, Meghan, were honored as “Man and Woman of the Year” by the Cherry Hill (N.J.) Sons of Italy for their service and commit-ment to the South Jersey community.

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Chuck Kahler ’95 C.E., ’00 M.C.E. is an associate with Schnabel Engineering Inc. He is a dam design engineer in its Alpharetta, Ga., office. He and his wife, Karen Abbott Kahler ’95 A&S, Gen., reside in Atlanta. This summer, she published her first book, Sin in the Second City: Madams, Ministers, Playboys and the Battle for America’s Soul.

Scott Nolan ’95 A&S, Psy., ’07 G.S., Couns. in May graduated with an M.S. degree in counseling from Villanova University.

Michael W. Rosiecki Jr., ’95 VSB, Fin. is vice president in equities at Credit Suisse in Manhattan. His wife, Claudine Fiorilli Rosiecki ’95 Nur., is a clinical nurse specialist for critical care at The Valley Hospital in Ridgewood, N.J. They reside with their infant twin daughters in Cedar Grove, N.J.

Karen Abbott Kahler ’95 A&S, Gen., received an M.B.A. degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and 12th graders. She was named senior vice president, corporate development and corporate counsel at Aqua America in Bryn Mawr, Pa.

Kris Kropilak, Esq., ’02 M.B.A., was named senior vice president, corporate development and corporate counsel at Aqua America in Bryn Mawr, Pa.

Kris Nungesser ’02 VSB, was an associate in the global banking division at Deutsche Bank AG in Manhattan. In June, she received an M.B.A. degree from the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business.

James Osborn ’02 Ch.E., in June joined UBS Securities as an associate in investment banking after receiving an M.B.A. degree from the University of Rochester's William E. Simon Graduate School of Business Administration, which honored him with the Dean’s Leadership Award.

Chuck Curtis ’03 M.B.A., accepted a position as national alliance manager at IBM in Blue Bell, Pa.

Dean Del Vecchio ’03 M.B.A., was named vice president for global technology services at Dow Jones & Company in South Brunswick, N.J.

Chris Shadday ’03 M.B.A. is commercial vice president at Vianee, a wood treatment technology firm, in Charlotte, N.C.

Vince Sorgi ’03 M.B.A. is controller at PPL EnergyPlus in Allentown, Pa.

Sean Stanga, M.D., ’03 A&S, Bio., in April received his M.D. degree from The American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine in St. Maarten, V.I. He will pursue a career in pediatrics at Blank Children’s Hospital in Des Moines, Iowa.

Mark Tribbett ’03 M.B.A. entered a business master’s program with a concentration in organization and strategy.

Davina Goldammer, Esq., ’04 A&S, Soc. received an L.L.M. degree in international law and international relations from the Brussels School of International Studies, which is part of England’s University of Kent.

Jason Kinner ’04 A&S, Engl./Pol. Sci. accepted a position as new business development manager with CSX Transportation at its headquarters in Jacksonville, Fla.

Phil Letowt ’04 M.B.A. works at the Department of Homeland Security in Washington, D.C.

Sara Jeannette Mucowski, M.D., ’04 A&S, Bio., graduated from Drexel University School of Medicine and has begun her residency in obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Texas Medical Branch.

Alicia Pavano ’04 A&S, Psych./French Lang./Lit. was named the 2007 Neuhauser Family Fellow by the Widener University Institute for Graduate Clinical Psychology, where she will pursue a doctoral degree.

Bogie Rosyap ’04 M.B.A., was promoted to manager, documentation operations and record management at Schering-Plough Research Institute in Summit, N.J.

Clyde Barrow ’05 M.B.A. in January received the Management Award from the South Florida Sun-Sentinel.

Christine Baumeister ’05 M.B.A. was named marketing director-Continental Europe at INFONXX, the largest independent directory assistance provider.

Christina Marie DiBella ’05 A&S, Psy., this year earned a master’s degree in applied psychology at New York University’s Steinhardt School.
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A New Friend in Iraq

DANIEL J. SOCCI ‘05 A&S, recently promoted to the rank of Marine 1st lieutenant, holds an Iraqi boy during a break while on manoeuvres April 21. Socci is platoon commander of the 1st Platoon Fox Company in the 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment. His unit in Iraq is part of the group at Eastern Virginia Medical School that formed My HOPE, a free community clinic.

of Culture, Education, and Human Development. At a school district in Bergen County, N.J., she works with children who have autism and Asperger syndrome.

Beth Foley ‘05 M.B.A., graduated from Leadership Philadelphia, which offers leadership training for service on nonprofit boards.

David Hoffman ’05 M.B.A. is director of operational reporting for Fortna Inc., a supply chain solutions provider in West Reading, Pa.

Kathleen Krackenberger ’05 A&S, Hon., ’05 A&S, Pol. Sci. in 2006 received a master’s degree in development studies from The London School of Economics.

Barry Kull ’05 M.B.A. is a global business partner at AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals LP in Wilmington, Del.

Matt Poli ’05 M.B.A. is assistant product director at Meneric Consumer Healthcare in Fort Washington, Pa.

Ryan Walsh ’05 A&S, Bio, is part of the group at Eastern Virginia Medical School that formed My HOPE, a free community clinic.

Michael Botts ’06 M.B.A. is global risk manager at Dell in Round Rock, Texas.

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Jeanine Chiaffarano ’06 A&S, Bio. on October 6-7 will participate in the 39.3-mile walk in the New York City area sponsored by the Avon Foundation Breast Cancer Crusade. Cynthia Galda ’06 M.B.A. was promoted to regional insurance product and development manager for Toyota Financial Services and Lexus Financial Services in Parsippany, N.J. Conrad Heinz ’06 VSB, Fin./Int’l Bus. is with the metropolitan group at Smith Barney in Bethesda, Md. His focus is on client relations and acquisition, public speaking and financial planning.

Darla Henning ’06 M.B.A. accepted a new position as IT director for SAP America in Newtown Square, Pa. Stacy Hudsons ’06 M.B.A. is project manager in business operations for Thomas Scientific in Philadelphia. Mike Rolecki ’06 M.B.A. was promoted to director of air vehicle teams and chief engineer on the Boeing V-22 program in Philadelphia. Erica von Hoyer ’06 M.B.A., vice president, marketing at SkillSurvey Inc. in Berwyn, Pa., announced that the company was named a finalist in the innovative company category in the 2007 American Business Awards. Carla Berry ’07 M.B.A. is a key account executive at the King of Prussia, Pa., office of ADVO Inc., a direct mail media company.

Stacey Boswell ’07 M.B.A. was promoted to vice president of Six Sigma Quality at Wells Fargo Auto Finance in Chester, Pa.

Brian Domenick ’07 M.B.A. has taken a new position at JPMorgan Chase as general manager of a partnership at Chase. Matt Gorman ’07 M.B.A. is course manager for the IT advisory practice at KPMG LLP in Philadelphia. In 2006 he received the Melvin Boone Award from the American Cancer Society for his involvement with its fundraising bike-a-thon.

Joanne Hannon ’07 M.B.A. was one of 25 employees nominated from the 34,000 at GlaxoSmithKline Global to attend the manufacturing and supply president’s forum in North Mymms, England. Javier Miranda ’07 M.B.A. is accountant manager of the Latin American region for ServiceBench Inc. in Columbus, Md.

Rob O’Neill ’07 M.B.A. was promoted to director of financial planning and analysis at TEVA Pharmaceuticals USA in North Wales, Pa. Eric Pillmore ’07 M.B.A., senior vice president of corporate governance at Tyco International Ltd., accepted for Tyco the 2006 Alexander Hamilton Award in Corporate Governance. Trip Thomas ’07 M.B.A. is senior technical sales specialist at Engineered Arresting Systems Corp. (ESCO) in Logan Township, N.J.

Marriages

1980s-1990s


2000s


Births

1980s


1990s

Edward J. Shields ’52 Ch.E., on March 17.
Frank J. Ryan ’53 Ch.E., on February 18.
John A. Welch ’53 M.E., on October 9, 2005.
Anthony Woomer ’54 VSB, Eco., on April 13.
Robert Tarleton ’56 VSB, Eco., on April 13.
Ralph Zabloudil ’56 VSB, Acct., on August 8, 2006.
Charles HANSFORD Jr. ’57 VSB, Eco., ’65 J.D., on March 12.

1960s
Thomas J. Calabrese ’60 VSB, Eco., on February 19.
Arlene M. Jackson ’62 G.S., Gen., on January 31.
M. Eleonore Corte ’63 Nur., on March 2.
Richard F. Thompson ’63 VSB, Acct., on May 2.
Lawrence J. Kelly ’64 E.E. on February 2.
Sister Frances Regan, R.S.M. ’66 G.S., Theol., on February 13.
Cynthia C. Moses ’76 A&S, Soc., on February 12.

1970s
Howard Porter ’71 A&S, Edu., on May 26 (see page 80).
Dennis Finn ’74 A&S, Bio., on May 2.
Charles Kassab ’75 A&S, Gen., on December 24, 2006.

1980s
Mary Verlin Albanese ’80 Nur., on March 12.
Amelia Cain-Kerscher ’82 C.E., on May 28, 2006.
Tracey Ann King Cramer ’88 Nur., on December 28, 2006.
Edward Shar ’89 A&S, Gen., on April 15.

1990s-2000s
Ravi V. Kothare ’92 VSB, M.T., on March 8.
Kevin P. Taylor ’92 A&S, Hist., on May 16.
Louis Kevitt ’93 G.S., Phi., on November 3, 2006.
James A. Robles ’93 C.E., on November 26, 2006.
Eileen Trapp Cinquemane ’96 VSB, Acct., on March 11.

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Death of a Legend

By Oscar Abello ’08 A&S

Considering the life of St. Augustine, Villanova University knows a legend’s life isn’t always on the straight and narrow. The University and sports fans nationwide were already shaken upon learning in May that Wildcat basketball legend Howard “Geezer” Porter ’71 A&S, had been attacked and found badly injured in a Minneapolis alley. One week later, during the Memorial Day weekend, his death on May 26 sent waves of sorrow that reached across the country. He was 58 years old.

“The entire Villanova family is saddened by the news of Howard’s death,” said Jay Wright, head coach of men’s basketball, in a public statement. “Howard provided so many Villanovans with thrills on the basketball court playing for Coach [Jack] Kraft. Since his playing days ended, he has been an outstanding role model for our current players and coaching staff.”

Two rewards of $25,000 were announced for information leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone involved with what authorities declared a homicide. On the afternoon of June 5, his teammates, fans and families filed into the St. Thomas of Villanova Church on campus for a celebration of Porter’s life, one of three services held in three states. Wildcats of two generations walked together, each aware in his own way of Porter’s legacy and relevance to students and athletes of all generations.

“I usually speak about Howard to my Sport and Spirituality class,” said Dr. Edward Hastings ’73 A&S, a member of the 1971 team and an assistant professor of religious studies at Neumann College. “I speak about him as an awesome talent and a gentle soul. It is hard to combine the two, but he somehow did it.”

Porter’s life began in Stuart, Fla. After his family moved to Sarasota, he led his Booker T. Washington High School—still segregated then—to a state championship in 1967. Standing at 6 feet, 8 inches, he came to Villanova as a highly touted freshman during the heyday of the Big Five era, when each of these regional rivals was a national powerhouse.

At the time, freshman squads were still used to groom student-athletes. Porter hardly needed the extra step; in his first year, he recorded two 50-point games, on the way to averaging 30.5 points and 14.2 rebounds per game. It didn’t matter that he was on the freshman squad; the region was already crowding in to see him play.

Coached by Kraft, Porter ended his first varsity year with an average of more than 22 points and more than 14 rebounds per game, earning a spot on the All-Big Five team and honorable mention on several All-American teams. Porter’s reputation on offense was exceeded only by his defense as a vaunted shot blocker. His Villanova career ended after 89 games, averaging 22.8 points and 14.8 rebounds per game. His path seemed to head straight to Springfield, Mass., home of the National Basketball Hall of Fame.

The highest and lowest points of Porter’s college basketball career became one and the same. In the 1971 NCAA tournament’s East Regional semi-final, he led Villanova to a 92-89 double-overtime victory over favored Western Kentucky. A Big Five showdown against Penn followed, but it was a no-contest 43-point victory for Villanova. Although the Wildcats were outmatched in the final game against legendary coach John Wooden’s UCLA team, Porter’s hard play earned him Most Valuable Player honors for the tournament.

Porter eventually was drafted into the NBA, recording seven injury-riddled years with four different teams. Complications from a blood clot ended his NBA career in 1979.

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T urns out Porter was right. While in prison, he took it upon himself to turn his life around. Soon after he was released, he moved into a halfway house near St. Paul, and 28 days later came out clean and sober. He was hired as a probation officer for Ramsey County, Minn.

Porter and his wife, Theresa Neal, a school principal, were “pillars of the St. Paul community,” noted ESPN.com in a caption for a June 2 story.

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**Class of 2011 Admission Statistics**

- Freshmen applications received: 13,750
- Targeted freshman class size: 1,595
- Percentage of freshmen applicants who ranked in the top 10 percent of their graduating class*: 80
- Percentage of freshmen applicants who ranked in the top 20 percent of their graduating class*: 97
- Percentage of freshmen applicants who ranked in the top 30 percent of their graduating class*: 99
- GPA range for the typical accepted applicant: 3.76-4.10/4.00
- The middle 50 percent range of SAT scores for the typical accepted freshmen applicant: 1320-1420/1600
- Percentage of the freshman class with alumni affiliation: 25

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