As I near the end of my first year serving Villanova University as its 32nd president, I thank so many of you for being supportive as I adjust to my new life in the President’s Office. It has been a wonderful year filled with many fond memories of all the friendly, enthusiastic people whom I have met, both on campus and across the country.

This past year provided many opportunities to stay connected to campus and to continue my relationships with our faculty, staff and students. One of my greatest joys as an Augustinian serving at Villanova is the relationships I have formed with students over the years. Thankfully, I have been able to remain an active participant in campus life, meeting with students, listening to their concerns and learning first-hand what they love about Villanova. Student office hours were established to allow me to meet with students one-on-one; throughout the year, small groups of student organization leaders joined me for informal lunches in the Italian Kitchen; and the entire senior class was invited to a series of cocktail receptions I hosted. I look forward to continuing these initiatives next year because I truly value my time with the students and am invigorated by their energy and enthusiasm.

These two traits are also shared by our alumni. My first year in office was highlighted by a series of trips to visit many of Villanova’s finest. From alumni receptions and donor recognition events, to dinners and basketball games, alumni, parents and friends of Villanova shared stories about their lives, careers and families. I heard over and over how much Villanova means to them.

Everyone has shown a great interest in what the future holds for the University. I am delighted to talk with them about our various building projects and other initiatives, but I also share with them that, in the future, the Villanova community must work together to strengthen the very things that make us unique: a comprehensive education rooted in the liberal arts; a shared commitment to the Augustinian ideals of truth, unity, and love; and a passionate community dedicated to service to others.

My love and enthusiasm for our University is enhanced by a renewed commitment from students, faculty, staff, alumni, parents and friends as we work together to support our institution and uphold our mission. I invite you to join with me to make Villanova the best it can be.

With warm regards,

The Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., ’75 A&S
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On the cover:
Ever since hurricanes Katrina and Rita, Villanova University students, faculty, staff and alumni have been volunteering to rebuild homes on the Gulf Coast. These photos were taken in March during the Spring Break trip for Campus Ministry, during which 190 Villanovans joined forces with the East St. Tammany Parish Habitat for Humanity in Slidell, L.

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Dr. Edward F. Guinan Jr. '64 A&S (right) and Scott Engle '03 A&S have been attracting attention for their research on red dwarf stars. The banner (above) was one of the ones displayed in Malaysia to celebrate Guinan's visit this spring as co-chair of the 29th International School for Young Astronomers.
During Spring Break, Villanova volunteers put Caritas in action on a Nevada reservation, at missions in Peru and the Bronx, in Chicago’s inner-city schools and at many other sites. The largest group headed south to help rebuild the Gulf Coast.

BY IRENE BURGO

Beginning after their last class on March 3 until their March 11 return, 330 Villanova University volunteers spent their Spring Break serving rather than surfing. These Villanovans invested their time, efforts and money to help the needy in this country and abroad.

Villanova’s Campus Ministry Service Break Program provides opportunities for students, faculty, staff and alumni to practice their faith through service to the poor worldwide throughout the year and especially during spring and fall breaks. They hope to make a “small difference” through two types of experiences: Habitat for Humanity and mission service.

Habitat is an international organization that builds homes for the hard-working poor. Mission service puts Villanova volunteers to work in many geographic areas, where they may, for example, tutor, visit the elderly, teach English, work at AIDS hospices or repair homes, all the while interacting with members of these communities.

This spring, these volunteers participated in 20 service break experiences in the United States and internationally. Each group was led by two students and an adult advisor.

More than 190 of them worked with the East St. Tammany Parish Habitat for Humanity affiliate in Slidell, La. They helped to construct homes for families who lost their houses in hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

“The students worked at three sites throughout the North Shore area of New Orleans,” said Nancy Ata, who traveled to Slidell with the 190 volunteers. Ata is associate director of Campus Ministry and coordinator of its Service Break Program. She also trains student leaders and advisors prior to their volunteering.

In Slidell, “They helped to build about 25 homes at various stages of construction, doing foundation, framing, roofing, flooring and painting,” Ata noted. “The progress our students made over the week was phenomenal, and the site supervision and construction supervisors were spectacular.”

By Irene Burgo

Ata added, “The University has sent volunteers to Slidell during the fall, winter, spring and summer breaks ever since hurricanes Katrina and Rita devastated the area. After my trip to Slidell last summer, I decided to send all of our Habitat volunteers to Slidell in hopes of raising awareness of the devastation of the Gulf Coast and supporting the East St. Tammany Parish Habitat goal of building 100 homes in one year,” she said.

“This trip was the largest single Habitat for Humanity Collegiate Challenge group ever sent from one organization at one time,” Ata pointed out. “Villanova University sends more students on Habitat’s Collegiate Challenge experiences than any other Habitat campus chapter. Villanova’s chapter is one of Habitat’s most prolific Collegiate Challenge groups during both the fall and spring breaks.”

Elsewhere, 140 volunteers participated in mission service experiences.

- Two groups helped at the Augustinian missions in Chulucanas, Peru, and Bronx, N.Y.
- Four College of Nursing service groups promoted health care in Peru, Nicaragua, the Dominican Republic and on a Native American reservation in Nevada.
- Engineering majors applied their skills in Peru, Nicaragua and Honduras (see page 3).
- In Costa Rica, Villanovans learned about the environment and sustainable development.
- Along the U.S./Mexico border, volunteers came to better understand the issues in immigration.
- In Chicago, students helped out in classrooms through the Inner-City Teaching Corps.
- In Guatemala, volunteers experienced a cultural immersion with a Mayan community.
¡HOLA! From Honduras

"Preparation, service, reflection and celebration." Those were the foundation. Digging posts, pouring concrete, practicing their Spanish, playing soccer with enthusiastic youngsters. Those were some of the building blocks for the 11 students and two faculty members on the Honduras Mission Trip during Spring Break in March.

The Villanovans helped build a school at Amigos de Jesus, a Catholic orphanage in Posas Verdes in the mountains of northwest Honduras. This is the seventh year for this partnership between Villanova University’s College of Engineering and the orphanage. The mission trip is part of a service learning course for the senior Capstone Design Project in Structural Engineering.

Here’s a sampling from the volunteers’ daily postings:

March 5
“I have never worked this hard in my entire life. I feel like a 90-year-old man right now because every muscle and joint is sore. But it has all been worth it, this may be the most exhausting week of my life, but definitely the most rewarding.”
—Jon Collins, junior

March 7
The boys of Amigos “have been through so much but are still so positive and loving. Each time you see them they give you such a wonderful hug. Like Papa’s hugs. I can’t get enough. We went to church with them on Sunday and my favorite part was during the sign of peace. Here you don’t just wish the persons close to you the sign, you get up and walk around the church and wish everyone peace.”
—Katie Hearn, junior

March 9
“...It is incredible to think that one day soon, the children of Amigos de Jesus will be sitting in a building atop these foundations, using the Internet and opening up a whole new world.

“We have learned so much over the past seven days from the boys, volunteers and staff of Amigos. The world truly is a small place, and despite some differences, we share so much in common with the people of Honduras....

“Through reflection, we have realized the impact that each and every one of us can have on those around us and those in need. We have recognized the call to service and have challenged ourselves to grow upon returning home. In so many ways, this has truly been an experience that has transformed our minds and hearts.”

—From the group’s farewell message

Learn more about their experiences at
www49.homepage.villanova.edu/shawn.gross/Honduras/2007Trip/index2007.htm

(Opposite page) Volunteering with Habitat for Humanity, 190 Villanovans spent Spring Break constructing homes in Slidell, La. At 19 other sites, 140 other Villanova students, faculty, staff and alumni also contributed their time to improve communities. (Above) On the Honduras Mission Trip, Engineering students applied their skills to constructing a school at Amigos de Jesus, a Catholic orphanage.

“Through service and reflections, Campus Ministry hopes that volunteers are transformed by identifying their connection with our global community as they experience another culture, spirituality and socio-economic situation,” Ata said.

“We challenge our participants to become global citizens—not just citizens of the United States—as they use their education to change the lives of the poor. We hope this experience helps the volunteers to develop a personal commitment to making the world a better place by calling attention to the injustices of poverty, racism and sexism.”
Academic excellence is the touchstone for success at every university. Many factors combine to ensure the attainment of this high goal. But, the leadership and scholarship of the holders of endowed chairs in particular shine as beacons of progress and points of pride and prestige. Villanova University's 14 endowed chairs are no exception.

"These faculty members are among our best teacher-scholars, and their scholarly work helps put Villanova on the academic map," said Dr. John R. Johannes, vice president for Academic Affairs. "They make many contributions, real and symbolic."

Being named to an endowed chair is a recognition of extraordinary past performance as well as future promise.

“In honoring them with an endowed chair, we, in effect, charge holders of endowed chairs to be premier scholars, academic leaders and models for other faculty,” Johannes stated. “As they fulfill their obligations as chair holders, they produce value—in the classroom, in the laboratory, in public venues and, we certainly hope and expect, among their colleagues in their departments and colleges,” he added.

All endowed chairs at Villanova, except for the Charles A. Heimbold Jr. Endowed Chair in Irish Studies, have five-year renewable terms. Each year, a different Irish scholar is named to the Heimbold Chair to teach during the Spring Semester.

Villanova established its first endowed chairs about 15 years ago in philosophy and theology. Donors, who give $1 million to establish a chair, generally determine the area of research it supports, in consultation with Villanova’s president and the dean of the respective college. When considering the establishment of a new chair, the deans and the Development Office work together to match strategic needs with specific donor interests.

Faculty members who hold endowed chairs are expected to be highly productive teachers and researchers, demonstrate good citizenship and leadership within their college and at the University, and be examples to graduate students and junior faculty members.

While those appointed to endowed chairs hold a distinctive place in the University community, their prominence is also a leading indicator of the high caliber of Villanova’s faculty as a whole.

What type of research and other scholarly activities do these endowed chair holders engage in? A quick survey reveals a wealth of intellectual explorations, some of which advance knowledge in a focused area while others could lead to important practical applications to solve pressing problems of our day.

ENDOWED WITH DISTINCTION

Those who hold endowed chairs are highly productive teachers and researchers. In honoring these leaders, Villanova takes pride in the high caliber of its faculty.

BY KATHLEEN SCAVELLO  |  PHOTOGRAPHS BY JOHN WELSH

<< Theologian of the Trinity

The Rev. Michael J. Scanlon, O.S.A., S.T.D., ’60 A&S, professor of theology and religious studies at the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, holds the Josephine C. Connelly Endowed Chair in Christian Theology. Father Scanlon focuses his research on the theology of the Trinity, which he describes as “a major area for contemporary construction in systematic theology.” He also plans to pursue a topic in political theology in line with the theme of last fall’s “Religion and Postmodernism Conference 5,” sponsored by the Augustinian Institute at Villanova University. Father Scanlon has been instrumental in establishing this biennial conference and supervising the book that results from it.

The Josephine C. Connelly Endowed Chair in Christian Theology was established by the Connelly Foundation.
Watchguard for Water Quality  >>

Dr. Ronald A. Chadderton holds the Edward A. Daylor Endowed Chair in Environmental Engineering at the College of Engineering and is chair of the civil and environmental engineering department. He researches water quality, particularly the uncertainty and effectiveness of runoff controls. He also teaches and publishes on the role of economics and risk.

The Edward A. Daylor Endowed Chair in Environmental Engineering was established by the late Edward A. Daylor '21 A&S.

<<  Specialist in Cooling Down Electronics

The laboratory of Dr. Alfonso Ortega, who holds the James R. Birle Endowed Chair in Energy Technology at the College of Engineering, is actively engaged in “discovering and understanding technologies for cooling electronics.” Ortega seeks to solve the problem of how to prevent overheating in dense electronic systems, such as laptops, cell phones and Internet servers. The importance of this work increases as the size of electronics diminishes.

The James R. Birle Endowed Chair in Energy Technology was established by James R. Birle '58 M.E. and his wife, Mary.

Eminent Catholic Philosopher  >>

Dr. William Desmond has recently been appointed as the second holder of the David R. Cook Endowed Chair in Philosophy. Beginning next fall, he will divide his time between Villanova and Katholieke Universiteit Leuven in Belgium, where he is a professor affiliated with its Institute of Philosophy and its Centre for Metaphysics and Modern Philosophy. Desmond is president-elect of the American Catholic Philosophical Association. He has just completed God and the Between, the final book of a philosophical trilogy.

The David R. Cook Endowed Chair in Philosophy was established by David R. Cook '55 C&F.

<<  Expert in International Business

Dr. Jonathan Doh became the newest holder of an endowed chair at the April 4 ceremony inaugurating the Herbert G. Rammrath Endowed Chair in International Business. Doh, an assistant professor of management and international business at the Villanova School of Business, is the founding director of its Center for Responsible Leadership and Governance and a faculty advisor to the VSB’s International Business Society.

Doh has research projects under way in the areas of strategy in emerging markets, global corporate responsibility and offshore outsourcing of services. He is working on two books: Multinationals and Development (Yale University Press) and Corporations and NGOs: Conflict and Collaboration (Cambridge University Press). He hopes to increase both the VSB’s and the University’s visibility and reputation in international business. In collaboration with colleagues across campus who are involved in enhancing global studies, Doh hopes to develop more international internship and service opportunities for students.

The Herbert G. Rammrath Endowed Chair in International Business was established by Herbert G. Rammrath '57 A&S.
Analyst of the Issues in Ads and Promotion

The holder of the John A. Murphy Endowed Chair in Marketing in the Villanova School of Business (VSB), Dr. Charles R. “Ray” Taylor, is a senior research fellow at the VSB’s Center for Marketing and Public Policy Research. Credited with having contributed greatly to the establishment of this center, Taylor has achieved a strong national and international reputation. His interests include analyzing marketing and public policy issues related to advertising and promotion, including billboards and cigarette ads, and studying advertising effects in diverse cultures internationally. He has published more than 100 scholarly articles, books, chapters and reviews, and serves on the editorial boards of several prestigious journals. Taylor consults widely and has testified before the Small Business Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives.

The John A. Murphy Endowed Chair in Marketing was established by the late John A. Murphy ’51 C&F.

Guide for the Perplexed in Understanding St. Augustine

Writing projects that test and explore the conjunction of philosophy and theology in St. Augustine is the focus of Dr. James R. Wetzel. He is a professor of philosophy and holder of the endowed Augustinian Chair in the Thought of St. Augustine at the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Wetzel is writing a book on Augustine for one of the Continuum Press series on philosophy, “Guides for the Perplexed.” He also has been involved with the University’s Forgiveness Project, a faculty/staff initiative that examines forgiveness as an important dimension of the Catholic/Augustinian identity. The Forgiveness Project sponsors seminars, Lenten reflections, speakers and this spring’s Cultural Film and Lecture Series, all on this theme. Wetzel has served as moderator at the interdisciplinary “Augustine and Politics Conference,” dedicated to studying the political thought of St. Augustine.

The Augustinian Chair in the Thought of St. Augustine was established by the Augustinians of the Province of St. Thomas of Villanova.

Definer of Digital Gold Standards for Businesses

Dr. Stephen S. Andriole, professor of decision and information technology and holder of the Thomas G. Labrecque Endowed Chair in Business at the Villanova School of Business, is a recognized expert in technology in the business world. In addition to publishing a monthly article in the well-recognized technology publication Datamation Magazine, Andriole regularly lectures to and consults with corporations interested in state-of-the-art information technology. He recently completed two books, The Second Digital Revolution, on business technology management, and Digital Gold: The Art, Science & Magic of Technology Due Diligence. He conducted a data-based survey of how corporate boards of directors deal with technology issues and opportunities in their companies. He published an account of his pioneering approach to curriculum design, an approach based on the needs of industry rather than the preferences of academics.

The Thomas G. Labrecque Endowed Chair in Business was established by the late Thomas G. Labrecque ’60 A&S.
Poet Versed in Irish and Czech Cultures >>

A renowned Irish poet, Dr. Justin Quinn, is visiting this spring as the Charles A. Heimbold Jr. Endowed Chair in Irish Studies at the College of Arts and Sciences. Quinn, who is from Dublin, is teaching courses in 20th-century Irish poetry and advanced creative writing at Villanova. A prolific poet, author, lecturer and educator, he has lived for more than a decade in the Czech Republic. At Charles University in Prague, he has been an associate professor of English and American Studies and a former lecturer in American and Irish Studies.

The Heimbold Chair enriches Villanova’s Irish Studies Program and the campus community through hosting leading Irish literary and theatrical figures. Their presence also strengthens the historically strong links between Ireland and Villanova.

*The Charles A. Heimbold Jr. Endowed Chair in Irish Studies was established by the Hon. Charles A. Heimbold Jr. ’54 A&S*

<< Nurturer of Future Business Leaders

Dr. Stephen A. Stumpf, professor of management and former chair of that department, in 2003-04 served as interim dean of what is now the Villanova School of Business (VSB). He is the holder of the Fred J. Springer Endowed Chair in Business Leadership. A principal in establishing the VSB’s Center for Responsible Leadership and Governance, Stumpf actively participates in its work through teaching, research, publication, lecturing and consulting. Areas of interest that he has explored individually and through co-research with fellow VSB faculty members include stakeholder assessments for performance management and career success prediction in professional services firms, the dynamic and evolving executive education industry, developing the next generation of high-potential leaders and employees, leading the virtual organization, stockholder vs. stakeholder management, product counterfeiting in China, and organizational culture and change.

*The Fred J. Springer Endowed Chair in Business Leadership was established by Fred J. Springer ’63 VSB.*

Scholar of Project Management and Decision Making >>

Dr. Matthew Liberatore, professor of decision and information technologies in the Villanova School of Business (VSB), is the holder of the John F. Connelly Endowed Chair in Management. He focuses on two areas of research: project management and health-care decision making. In project management, Liberatore is trying to determine the best ways to expedite the completion of projects, analyzing the trade-offs among time, cost and quality in project planning and analyzing project schedules when uncertainty in task duration is measured using fuzzy logic. He also looks at the use of coordination, goal congruence and trust in improving the performance of information technology (IT) projects when consultants work together with clients. In health-care decision making, Liberatore employs decision support tools to help men decide whether to be screened for prostate cancer. He also analyzes the factors relating to whether geriatric patients need post-discharge referral, and he is surveying the successful application of a specific decision support tool (the analytic hierarchy process) in health care.

*The John F. Connelly Endowed Chair in Management was established by the late John F. Connelly.*
Dr. Kenneth R. Muske, associate professor of chemical engineering, is the inaugural holder of the Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Moritz, Sr., Endowed Chair in Systems Engineering, one of Villanova’s three newest endowed chairs. Muske is a prolific scholar whose work in systems engineering is the cornerstone of a new College of Engineering master’s degree program in that field. He is conducting research in system modeling, control and optimization.

Two of Muske’s projects that are in the works involve automotive improvement and innovation. In research funded by the National Science Foundation and the Ford Motor Company, he is looking at advanced control of automotive catalytic converters to reduce emissions. The other project, conducted for the Office of Naval Research, examines the supervisory and coordinated control of autonomous vehicles.

The Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Moritz, Sr., Endowed Chair in Systems Engineering was established by Dr. Robert F. Moritz, Jr., ’51 VSB and his wife, Diane.

Dr. Ronald Paul Hill is the senior associate dean for intellectual strategy in the Villanova School of Business and holder of the Richard J. and Barbara Naclerio Endowed Chair in Business, another newly endowed chair. The Naclerio Chair was established to help business students prepare to meet the demands of today’s interconnected world by enhancing the study of global commerce. Hill researches how impoverished consumers survive in a materialistic world, given the myriad challenges they face. He also is studying ethical conduct within business organizations and between individuals there. Hill has written for numerous publications focusing on business ethics and marketing.

The Richard J. and Barbara Naclerio Endowed Chair in Business was established by Richard J. Naclerio ’54 VSB and his wife, Barbara.

Dr. John A. Doody, holder of the Robert M. Birmingham Endowed Chair in Core Humanities, is also associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, where he is in charge of the core curriculum. Doody is leading a team of faculty and students in exploring the possibility of a University-wide core curriculum. He also leads the College’s Center for Liberal Education. The center has expanded its mission beyond conducting the freshman Core Humanities Seminars to a range of scholarly and publishing initiatives. Doody serves as founding co-editor of a new journal, *Expositions*, scheduled to première this spring, and is co-editor of the book series “Augustine in Conversation” from Lexington Press, the third volume of which is currently in production.

The Robert M. Birmingham Endowed Chair in Core Humanities was established by Robert M. Birmingham ’66 A&S.
From its medieval manuscripts to its digitized works, Falvey’s Special Collections preserves a rich repository of resources.

By Kathleen Scavello

Original 15th-century illuminated Augustinian manuscripts, the groundbreaking scientific article by Gregor Mendel, O.S.A., on hereditary principles, correspondence between Civil War Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman and his daughter—it sounds like a catalog from the Smithsonian Institution. But these items, and thousands more, constitute a hidden treasure of Villanova University: Falvey Memorial Library’s Rare Books and Special Collections.

These treasures are cared for and watched over by Joseph P. Lucia, University librarian and Falvey’s director, and Special Collections staff members Bente Polites, Michael Foight and Teri Ann Incrovato ’02 A&S, all of whom work in other areas of the library as well. The rich repository of books, manuscripts, publications, correspondence and historical memorabilia is a treasure trove of research and scholarship resources made available to faculty, students, staff, visiting researchers and scholars.

One-of-a-Kind Finds

The 15,000-volume collection, of inestimable value to scholars, contains an eclectic mix. Holdings range from the sublime—hand-lettered and illustrated 15th-century illuminated manuscripts of St. Augustine’s Confessions—to the ridiculous—a rare volume of historic oddities. Titled Portraits, Memoirs, and Characters of Remarkable Persons from the Revolution in 1688 to the end of the Reign of George II, this volume features, among other curiosities, a blind, British, nose flute player.

Also available for inspection and study are 10 main collections. They focus on Joseph McGarrity (Irish History), Gregor Mendel, O.S.A. (Hereditary Laws), Manuscripts, European Imprints to 1800, Elbert G. Hubbard (leader of the Arts and Crafts movement in the United States), Incunabula (books from the earliest stages of printing), Limited Editions, Sherman-Thackara, North American Imprints to 1864 and Villanova collections.

While all of the materials in Falvey’s valuable Special Collections are either one-of-a-kind, rare or collectible, most of the materials have a special appeal for scholars.

“Our interest in current acquisitions is to flesh out the collection that supports areas of inquiry as opposed to adding items just because they’re collectible,” Lucia explained.

Special Collections also includes the well-respected 19th-century work Picturesque Palestine, Sinai, and Egypt (above, right). It was edited by Col. Charles Wilson and published in four volumes (1881-84). For readers who would never have a chance to travel in these lands, the writing by “eminent Palestine explorers,” as well as the many beautiful engravings, offered insights into biblical times as well as contemporary culture.

“We’re still acquiring through specialized dealers to supplement areas where we have rich or special holdings that we continue to grow so that the collection becomes more valuable, not in a monetary sense, but because it’s more comprehensive and better able to meet the needs of individuals who are looking for specific material on a fairly focused topic,” Lucia added.
The digital library is not the wave of the future.
It is the demand of the day.

HOW TO GROW A SPECIAL COLLECTION

Special collections develop in two ways: through bequests and via acquisitions.

The nucleus of the material in Villanova's Special Collections came to the library courtesy of the Augustinians. Much of what now resides in a secure and climate-controlled room on Falvey's second floor was previously stored in a caged area on the fifth floor of Old Falvey or shelved on the library's open stacks.

“There was an increasing awareness of the rarity and value of these materials, which resulted in their being moved into special quarters,” Lucia stated.

Now, anyone wanting to access these rich resources can visit the Rare Books and Special Collections Room. It is open under supervision two hours per day, Monday through Friday, or by special appointment. Researchers are permitted to bring paper and pencil to take notes and digital cameras to capture images. Because of their value and fragility, none of the materials may be photocopied or circulated.

DIGITAL LIBRARY OPENS UP COLLECTION WORLDWIDE

Increasingly, however, researchers, scholars and the merely curious are able to access the collections anytime they want through Falvey's Digital Library.

“The new treasure at Villanova is the Digital Library. We’re building this new, rich repository to make materials more accessible,” Lucia said.

Requests for information have been increasing steadily, both nationally and internationally, on already digitized collections.

One recent inquiry from England proved particularly interesting. A British scholar e-mailed a request for information on the trial of a man who had killed one of his forefathers in a duel. The Special Collections team was able to locate, digitally scan and electronically send an image of the original document to the delighted scholar, according to Polites.

The digital library is not the wave of the future. It is the demand of the day. Falvey Memorial Library and the Special Collections team have embraced the concept. Making the collections more accessible is one of Lucia's passions. “Special Collections is taking on new meaning through digitization,” he stated.

Falvey was the first library in the United States to purchase an Indus 5005 Color BookScanner and has put it to good use. The existing digital collection can be accessed at library.villanova.edu (click on “Special Collections” or “Digital Library”).

VITAL RESOURCES FOR FUTURE UNDERSTANDING

“University libraries, as centers for the support of scholarship and research within universities, have a critical role in preserving access to historical and cultural records,” Lucia said. “It’s what scholars and students of the future will require in order to fully understand how we’ve lived, what has mattered, what the important ideas and arguments were at a given time.”

The tactile experience of examining an original piece from a collection, however, will never be totally replaced, Lucia believes.

“Even as the digital transformation of these objects—books, manuscripts, images and other documents—moves forward, contact with a physical artifact from the past remains a critical learning experience that the digital environment never totally replicates,” Lucia added.

SEEKING ALUMNI PAPERS AND MEMORABILIA

Although Special Collections is in need of more climate-controlled user, storage and work space, Lucia's team is always on the lookout for new acquisitions.

“I would be interested in acquiring any collection or body of material that would provide research value to our faculty or students on any topic. We welcome any collection of personal papers and materials that have not yet made it into the public record that are distinct or valuable in some way,” Lucia said.

Falvey's director is particularly interested in donations from Villanova alumni, especially those approaching retirement and preparing to downsize. Personal diaries, Villanova sports memorabilia, photos and similar documentary materials are other sought-after items, especially for the University Archives.

A Villanova alumnus who was a political journalist and member of the White House press corps during Richard M. Nixon's presidency will soon donate his papers and other items connected with Nixon's famous trip to China, according to Lucia.

But, for those who can't bear to part with original documents, the library will be happy to digitally scan and return the donated item with the proper copyright release.

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Falvey’s Special Collections is a mother lode for scholars and researchers. Its offerings include:

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—Kathleen Scavello
Little-Known Treasure

Eakins'
Family portraits are priceless possessions lovingly tended for generations yet to come. Villanova University’s Augustinians have many such heirlooms. But one, a Thomas Eakins portrait of the Rev. John Joseph Fedigan, O.S.A., Villanova’s 11th president, is all the more precious because of the ever-growing stature of the famed Philadelphia artist.

The depth of affection for Eakins’ art in the Philadelphia area was brought into bold relief last fall when one of his most famous paintings, “The Gross Clinic” (1875), was sold for $68 million and was about to exit the city. An 11th-hour rallying of the local art community, city government and the public, coupled with a hasty fundraising effort, kept the canvas in town.

Yet, few art enthusiasts seem aware that Villanova houses what Eakins considered one of his 10 best paintings, “Portrait of the Rt. Rev. John J. Fedigan, 1902.” On permanent loan from the Province of St. Thomas of Villanova, the oil painting bears another important distinction.

“It is the only work of the artist that contains ‘a painting within a painting,’” according to the Rev. Richard G. Cannuli, O.S.A., ’73 A&S, director of the Villanova University Art Gallery, curator of the University’s art collection, chair of the theatre department and a multi-talented artist in his own right.

**Family heirloom of the Augustinians**

While the 105-year-old portrait of Father Fedigan has much to recommend it aesthetically, its primary importance to the Augustinians and the University is historical and familial, Father Cannuli said.

“For us, it has more historical value. The important thing for us is not so much that it was painted by Eakins, but that it has the artist’s rendering of the Monastery painted in it,” Father Cannuli said of the portrait. “It shows him [Father Fedigan] as the builder of the Monastery.”

The painting also depicts a now vanished portico of the original Monastery, most of which was destroyed in a 1932 fire. In an ironic twist, the Eakins portrait was one of the few items that survived the flames, which ravaged the two buildings that Father Fedigan had struggled to complete only 30 years before.

The Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., ’75 A&S, University president, agreed with Father Cannuli’s assessment of the importance of the Eakins painting. “It is a beautiful representation of Father Fedigan and a building project that transformed the look of the campus,” Father Donohue said.

“The painting by a renowned Philadelphian captures a renowned Augustinian who was the first Villanova president with a truly grand vision for the University,” Father Donohue added.

**A bond of friendship**

The fact that the Father Fedigan likeness is the only life-size portrait ever painted by Eakins suggests a highly respectful relationship between the two men, theorizes the Rev. Martin Smith, O.S.A., curator of the Monastery’s Augustinian Heritage Room. Father Fedigan, the archivist believes, was a charismatic figure who had an ability to “engage the ‘greats’” of the day and enlist their support in furthering the Augustinian mission. This was borne out in Father Fedigan’s success in bringing about the first major building expansion on campus.

“Yes, it’s a great painting. But, the important thing is that it shows how the Augustinians have steered Villanova into prominence,” Father Smith remarked.

**Trailblazing in a life of service**

Father Fedigan, a native of Rathbran, Ireland, served the Province of St. Thomas of Villanova in many capacities during his 40 years as a priest. He was instrumental in the growth of this Augustinian province, serving as the first rector in Carthage, N.Y., and for 18 years as Prior and pastor at St. Nicholas of Tolentine Church in Atlantic City, N.J. He successfully negotiated the first Augustinian parish in Cuba; opened the Mission of Saint Monica in what is today Berwyn, Pa.; and worked to re-assign a convent in Staten Island, N.Y., as an Augustinian parish.

Father Fedigan served as president of Villanova College from 1878 to 1880, after which he was elected Prior Provincial of the Province of St. Thomas of Villanova. As Prior, he raised funds to erect both a new building for the college and an Augustinian
The Odyssey Back Home

From monastery to library to museum to the St. Augustine Center: How Eakins’ portrait of Father Fedigan came to preside over a room of its own.

The Rev. Kail C. Ellis, O.S.A., Ph.D., ’69 M.A., dean of Villanova University’s College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, has always had a soft spot for Thomas Eakins’ portrait of the Rev. John Joseph Fedigan, O.S.A. As a graduate student at the University, Father Ellis used to admire the painting when it hung in the stairwell of the Old Falvey library.

Father Ellis liked that the portrait was by the famed Philadelphia painter. And, knowing that Eakins was highly selective in his choice of subjects and did not take many commissions, Father Ellis surmised that the artist must have held Father Fedigan in high esteem. So, when in the passage of time (1990 to be exact) Father Ellis was overseeing plans for the design of what was to become Villanova’s St. Augustine Center for the Liberal Arts, his thoughts once again turned to Eakins’ Fedigan portrait.

In fact, Father Ellis envisioned a room dedicated to the former Prior Provincial and Villanova president, the focal point of which would be the attention-commanding painting. The planned Fedigan Room would provide the perfect setting with its diamond-shaped window, wood floors and paneled cathedral ceiling.

Father Ellis petitioned the Rev. John J. Hagen, O.S.A., Ph.D., ’54 A&S, at the time Prior Provincial of the Province of St. Thomas of Villanova and now an associate professor of English at Villanova, for permission to house the portrait in the custom-designed room. Father Hagen granted permission for the painting to be loaned to the University. Everything seemed in order, but one final obstacle remained: The painting was (and had been for some years) on loan to the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

Father Ellis was convinced it was time to “bring Father Fedigan home.” So, after some investigation, it was discovered that the painting was indeed at the museum, but not on display. It was in protective storage and in need of some repair by the in-house conservationists. Following an exchange of correspondence, the Philadelphia Museum of Art agreed to repair and return the Fedigan portrait to Villanova University in July 1992.

When it first arrived at the St. Augustine Center, the painting was hung on a side wall, unwittingly exposing it to potential sunlight damage. In 2002 it was taken down, cleaned and restored. Upon its return to the Fedigan Room, the portrait was repositioned for display in the vastly more conducive setting at one end of the room, where it resides today. Since that time, it has held court in the Fedigan Room, presiding over meetings, gatherings and seminars.

Monastery at Villanova, which were completed in 1900 and 1901 respectively. Father Fedigan remained resolute in his resolve to build, despite the opposition of some fellow trustees who, deeming the proposed expansion expensive and extravagant, dubbed his plans “Fedigan’s Folly.”

Father Fedigan later served as Prior at Our Mother of Good Counsel in Bryn Mawr, Pa., for four years, after which he returned to the Monastery at Villanova. He died in 1908. Fedigan Hall, a residence hall on campus, is named in his honor.

An unsentimental, imposing likeness

Eakins’ portrait of Father Fedigan depicts him standing by a drawing board on which is displayed an architect’s rendering of the original Monastery and building. The figure of Father Fedigan, clothed in the black habit of the Augustinians, is imposing, sober and dark. Yet, the right side of his face, illumined by light, conveys a quiet sense of dignity and a firm resolve. Father Fedigan’s left hand is draped casually, if not somewhat proprietarily, over the top corner of the drawing board, on the foot of which Eakins inconspicuously affixed his own signature in light red block letters.

Given his training in anatomy, Eakins executed his portraits largely without sentiment and in a realist style, Father Cannuli said. His technique does, however, feature a “luminosity of color,” according to Father Cannuli.

From an artist’s perspective, Father Cannuli considers Eakins’ depiction of Father Fedigan’s face as “beautiful, employing lush, clear color and an interesting placement of light and shadows.”

Little is known about when or where Father Fedigan posed for the portrait or how long it took to complete. But, given the substantial 8x4-foot size of the canvas, and the demands of Father Fedigan’s schedule as Prior, both Father Cannuli and Father Smith theorize that the work was done at the Monastery.

Premier portraitist of his time

Eakins painted the canvas during a time when he was considered the portrait painter of the day, Father Cannuli said. The artist painted many Philadelphia ecclesiastics, six of whose portraits are on exhibit at the Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary in Wynnewood, Pa. The paintings may be viewed by reservation or at an annual open house in October.

For many years, the Fedigan portrait was displayed in the Monastery dining room. It was loaned out for a time to the Philadelphia Museum of Art. Its permanent home is now in the Fedigan Room in Villanova’s St. Augustine Center for the Liberal Arts (see sidebar).

While Eakins’ portrait of Father Fedigan is and always will be a valuable and valued art treasure, Father Cannuli reminds, it is, above all else, an irreplaceable part of the Villanova/Augustinian heritage.

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They cannot imagine, let alone remember, life without cell phones, text and instant messaging, and the Internet. Laptops and iPods for them have become appendages, not accessories. They would find an existence devoid of Facebook and MySpace simply not worth living. They are “Generation Y,” “The Net Generation” or, as they prefer to be called, “the Millennial Generation,” and they swell the ranks of Villanova University’s student body.

The product of the most child-centric period in history, the Millennials, born between 1980 and 2000, are characterized as smart, confident, hard-working, achievement-oriented, hopeful, civic-minded and inclusive. And, as with all things that affect them, they expect a lot from their college experience.

Perhaps no one at the University is more cognizant of what students want than Stephen R. Merritt ’78 A&S. As dean of Enrollment Management, Merritt not only monitors trends, he does his best to anticipate them.

“Students have very high expectations of us. When parents and kids are looking at a college experience, they tend to see college as a holistic experience. Ultimately they look at three things: They look at a mind experience, a body experience and the issue of spirit,” Merritt said.

By paying keen attention to all three aspects—students’ intellectual, physical and spiritual development—Villanova sets itself apart as an institution that offers a “transformational experience,” according to Merritt.

Villanova achieves this through constantly raising the academic bar, providing a healthy and safe environment, maintaining an emphasis on spiritual exploration, and providing ever-expanding opportunities to become a citizen of the world through study abroad and community service.

**Learning at Villanova: a transformational experience**

“We provide a transformational educational experience. It is Villanova’s ability to deliver services on a very personalized basis, whether it’s in the classroom or outside, and our desire to have our students actively engaged in their own education—that creates transformation,” Merritt explained.

“If you have small classes, regular full-time faculty members, an environment that asks you to explore spirituality and your place in the world, engages you as a member of the community—
that's a very different transformational experience than just counting credits toward a degree,” Merritt remarked.

Many colleges and universities provide a fine experience but, in Merritt’s estimation, are more “transportational.” They tend to navigate students through an academic obstacle course of prescribed courses and credit requirements to earn a diploma and be deemed “educated.”

“When parents ask me [what their children will get at Villanova University] I say, ‘Here’s what you’re paying for: You’re investing in an education that requires your son or daughter to get on his or her two feet and to be actively engaged academically, socially and spiritually. Villanova’s way allows students to learn how to learn, as opposed to just completing the task of getting a college degree,’” Merritt commented.

Mind, body and spirit

How does Villanova help students “learn to learn”? Following its holistic education philosophy, Villanova achieves the “mind” factor of the mind/body/spirit equation through offering academic challenge in a personalized setting with high-caliber faculty, small class size and low faculty/student ratios.

From the “body” perspective, health and safety are paramount, but not merely from the physical standpoint.

“Parents want kids not only to be accepted by their peers, but they want kids to be in an environment that promotes a healthy lifestyle, that has a strong residence life program and provides a level of attention to everyday safety on campus,” Merritt explained.

“It’s the little things that make a difference: the ability to sleep at night in a dorm that’s quiet, to go to the health center if you’re not feeling well, to not be routinely cast into a situation that is at odds with a student’s lifestyle—that there are alternatives,” he noted.

As to the “spirit” aspect of college life, with Villanova’s Augustinian heritage, influence and presence, exploring spirituality is intrinsic to the University’s Veritas, Unitas, Caritas educational philosophy. While 75 percent of undergraduates are Roman Catholic, students from all religious traditions are included in the faith dialogue.

“A lot of our students want to explore their faith more fully. Those students who are not Catholic want to feel that they can be in an environment where they can have a dynamic discussion of faith, but not necessarily be in an uncomfortable or exclusionary experience,” Merritt said.

Villanova’s “Top 10 Treasures”

In considering what makes Villanova so attractive to prospective students, Merritt has developed a “Top 10 Treasures” list. These top selling points are:

- **Freshman learning communities** that create commonalities of interest by allowing students to pair living and learning together, based on a required seminar theme.
- **Augustine and Culture Seminars**, which focus on religious, historical and cultural issues from antiquity to the present.
- **The House Calls Program**, a Student Life service in which faculty, staff and administrators visit all freshmen in their residence halls early in the Fall Semester to determine if their college experience is what they expected, and to ensure that they are making social connections.
- **International Studies**, a study abroad program that enables students to experience other cultures around the world. An experience once reserved for upperclassmen, study abroad has expanded even to freshmen. International study has become so popular that by the time Villanovans graduate, one-third of them have participated.
- **Campus Ministry** sponsors not only pastoral activities, but organizes and oversees a plethora of community service projects that directly connect to areas of students’ academic interest.
- **The Cultural Lecture and Film Series**, a regular themed activity, brings to campus a rich selection of thought-provoking films and noted speakers.
10 Things That Matter to Admitted Students

What are the college characteristics that matter the most to students who have been admitted to Villanova University? Here are the top 10, according to Villanova’s Accepted Student Questionnaire Plus 2006:

1. Academic reputation
2. Availability of majors
3. Reputation with employers
4. Quality of academic facilities
5. Personal attention
6. Value for the price
7. Surroundings
8. Quality of social life
9. Extracurricular opportunities
10. Attractiveness of campus

• Career Services, generally thought of as an office created for and used by seniors, actually encourages students beginning in their freshman year to make use of its services to stay on track with course selection and to receive ongoing career guidance. A proactive office, Career Services last year made 110 presentations to students and alumni.

• Dining Services, winner of the food service industry’s prestigious Ivy Award, is undoubtedly one of the most important, highly frequented and uniformly praised aspects of a Villanova student’s daily on-campus experience. While many universities have outsourced their food services, Villanova has not. The University made the strategic decision to maintain a community atmosphere by understanding the nutritional needs of its clientele. Villanova’s socially conscious Dining Services also offers fairly traded teas and coffees. In addition, Dining Services is known for its talented and friendly staff.

• College Work-Study, a program that helps students defray college costs, also helps them get to know the staff and understand how the University works.

• Having Augustinians in residence not only provides a rich religious resource, but serves as a ready symbol of the foundation upon which Villanova was built.

More connectivity to the real world

As for the future, Merritt thinks the University had best stay alert. “This generation of students is a very accomplished, hard-working and achieving group. We have to be prepared to review constantly what we’re offering and make sure the challenge [we provide] is meeting the expectations of these young people,” Merritt said.

The future demands even more expansive international study opportunities, partnerships with business and industry to offer internships, and increasing use of distance and real-world experiences—opportunities that bring expertise from anywhere in the world into the classroom, he added.

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Perspective from the Parents

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• 90 percent said that they would recommend Villanova to others.

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On the tech and fitness fronts

Today’s students consider two amenities to be essential: a wireless environment and convenient, state-of-the-art health and fitness facilities. Understanding the importance of these desires, the University has kept ahead of the curve on both scores.

In his 16 years at Villanova, Merritt has witnessed many changes. But the two most dramatic differences he has observed are parent/student expectations of the college experience and parents’ involvement in their child’s collegiate experience.

“If there are two reasons for this, one, they [parents] want to see that the time their young adults are investing and the money they’re spending is going to good use. Secondly, today’s parents want to maintain a strong ongoing relationship with their young adults and with the institution their young adults have chosen,” Merritt said.

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A one-day program guided students through the steps of becoming an entrepreneur—including how to change the world by doing good works for others.

BY ANTHONY MAALOUF ’08 G.S.

To educate and excite students about the world of startups and to teach them the necessary skills, four Villanova University colleges and other co-sponsors teamed up to present “Beyond Ideas: The Art of Entrepreneurship.” The daylong program, held on January 27 in Bartley Hall, included sessions and workshops designed to appeal to a variety of majors.

To sponsor “Beyond Ideas,” the colleges of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Engineering, Nursing and the Villanova School of Business (VSB) Entrepreneurship Center collaborated with the Office of Academic Affairs, the Career Services Office, the Engineering Student Council and the Villanova Entrepreneurial Society.

Sponsors outside of the University included the Delaware County Keystone Innovation Zone, which grants funds to community/university partnerships to generate job growth through tech transfer and entrepreneurship, and Ben Franklin Technology Partners, which grows Pennsylvania’s economy through its resources for technology-driven enterprises.

The day’s kick-off speech was by Don Labowsky, vice president and general manager of Microcision, LLC, a manufacturer of medical devices. He has served as a guest lecturer, Business Fellow and volunteer at Villanova and has assisted faculty with identifying promising new technologies with commercial application.

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“A true entrepreneur is a doer, not just a dreamer. They take their wonderful ideas and do something about them,” Labowsky told the more than 80 students. He outlined five keys to being an entrepreneur: vision, passion, confidence, commitment and perseverance. In reference to that last one, he reminded the audience that no great idea can be considered truly great “until it is trashed by the local experts.” He offered accounts of self-starting entrepreneurs and “intrapreneurs,” who work their idea from within a company. He warned against becoming someone who doesn’t take action: a “nontrepreneur.”

Students then headed for the first of three back-to-back workshops. The six sessions they could choose from were co-presented by Villanova faculty and practicing entrepreneurs, many of whom are Villanovans.

Entrepreneurs share their stories

“Business Planning: the Essential Roadmap” outlined the requirements for a business plan and illustrated how to write one. The two co-presenters were Dr. James W. Klingler, a VSB assistant professor of management and interim director of its Center for Entrepreneurship, and Kevin Nolan ’81 A&S, who majored in political science and is the founder and president of Nolan Painting Inc. The company grew from a house-painting business he started as a student at Villanova. Among other awards, Nolan Painting has been named one of the “Top Fifty Places to Work in Pennsylvania.” Nolan also formed Nolan Consulting Group with his brother; owns Cricket Holding, LLC; and is part owner of the Sayvill Running Company on Long Island, N.Y.

“Service-Based Business: The Heart of the American Economy” addressed starting service ventures, marketing them, creating brand identification and growing them. The three co-presenters were Janice Duffin ’01 M.S.N., who owns and operates CareDirect, a private, geriatric care management company in Ardmore, Pa.; Gary Robins, owner of 24 Supercuts Hair Salons in Pennsylvania and New Jersey; and William Madway, a VSB instructor who heads his own marketing communications company, Madway Business Marketing, LLC.

“Product-Based Business” brought into discussion the different ways to present new products. It included working with suppliers, manufacturing and design of a product. Edmund...
William Bregman ’65 A&S, ’68 J.D. Dougherty is president of Ablaze Systems, LLC and Ablaze Development, LLC; an assistant professor of electrical and computer engineering at Villanova; and a serial entrepreneur who helped develop Skycam. He gave a PowerPoint guide to developing a product. Bregman is the CEO of Deltapaper Corporation, which produces environmentally responsible packaging products in Levittown, Pa., and also is a VSB adjunct professor of management. Bregman talked about his experience developing Deltapaper Nuts, a paper-based alternative to Styrofoam packaging peanuts. Since Deltapaper Nuts are both reusable and recyclable, they offer a win-win situation for the entrepreneur, according to Bregman. “It’s great to make a product that helps society while making a buck or two on the side,” Bregman said.

The interactive seminar on “Intellectual Property: How to Protect Your Brilliant Idea” focused on the different forms of intellectual property and how to obtain protection for it. Dr. William J. Hurley ’62 A&S, a VSB Business Fellow and an adjunct professor of management, addressed the importance of copyrights, trademarks and patents. Timothy A. Johnson ’99 M.E., a patent attorney with Schick-Wilkinson Sword, talked about the legal aspects.

“Social Entrepreneurship: How to Change the World” addressed altruism in entrepreneurship—doing well financially while doing good works for others. Dr. Jonathan Doh, assistant professor of management and founding director of the VSB’s Center for Responsible Leadership and Governance, and Dr. Lowell S. Gustafson, a professor of political science at Villanova and chair of the department, co-presented this session.

The day concluded with a networking social hour in the Barton Atrium. Students interacted with the presenters, alumni entrepreneurs and the program’s supporters, among them representatives from the Keystone Innovation Zone and Ben Franklin Technology Partners. Senior-level Villanova administrators, including the deans of the four colleges that provided financial support for the program, also attended.

“A lot of hard work and planning went into this,” noted Patrick Neely about “Beyond Ideas.” He is a junior majoring in mechanical engineering and past president of the Villanova Entrepreneurial Society. Neely added, “It was good to see alumni being a part of this program.” He hopes participation will grow in future programs.

Elise Furman ’78 B.S.N., ’88 M.B.A. observed at the reception that “We didn’t have this when I was a student here, but programs like these plant the seeds of entrepreneurship in the minds of the future generation.”

Patricia Burdo, Engineering’s assistant director for professional development who first solicited faculty and staff from the four colleges and Career Services to implement “Beyond Ideas,” said that the sessions came together well. “This program was well-attended, beyond our expectations,” she said. “We’re already looking forward to working on next year’s program.”

Klingler, who along with Dougherty was a key member of the planning committee, mentioned how, from the initial discussions years ago with Burdo, the program finally has come into fruition. He referred to a long-term goal of establishing a physical location on campus for the otherwise virtual Center for Entrepreneurship. “It would give students and alumni a chance to meet up. A program like this could become an everyday thing,” Klingler said.

Abdullah Almahrouqi (left), a graduate student in the College of Nursing, talks with fellow Villanovans at the January 27 entrepreneurship program’s networking social.

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 at Villanova University.
He is, Paul Rusesabagina politely insists, a simple man. The courage he demonstrated in single-handedly saving the lives of 1,268 fellow countrymen from the apocalyptic clutches of Rwanda’s 1994 genocide was not, he demurs, extraordinary. It was, he emphasizes, just a matter of doing his job as a hotel manager and of using what he considered to be the world’s most powerful weapon—words.

“I never take myself to be more courageous than many other people,” said Rusesabagina, who spoke about “Rwanda: A Story Yet to Be Told,” at Villanova University on February 13. An audience of 1,400 crowded into the Jake Nevin Field House, defying harsh winter weather to hear Rusesabagina, whose story inspired the 2004 Academy Award-nominated film “Hotel Rwanda.” He also signed his autobiography, *An Ordinary Man* (2005, Penguin Group).

Almost anyone would beg to differ. In the spring of 1994, Rwanda spiraled into a brutal genocidal tailspin that left 800,000 savagely murdered in 100 days. Rusesabagina, then manager of the five-star Hôtel des Diplomates in the capital city of Kigali, found himself thrust into an impossibly perilous role. Literally overnight, racial resentments that had festered for generations between the nation’s two ethnic groups, the majority Hutus and minority Tutsis, exploded into an unparalleled level of violence, touched off by the assassination of President Juvénal Habyarimana, a Hutu. After the president’s plane was downed by a rocket-propelled grenade missile on April 6, Rwanda began a rapid descent into an impenetrable heart of darkness where anarchy reigned. Pitiless, Rusesabagina says he learned the most important lesson of his life.

Acts of heroism: “nothing special”

“I have actually never demonstrated courage. I have only done what I have to do. That is each and everyone’s duty and obligation—to do what I did. There was nothing special,” Rusesabagina said in an interview with *Villanova Magazine* before his presentation.

Presented by Villanova’s Campus Activities Team (CAT), the event was co-sponsored by Villanova’s Center for Liberal Education, Center for Peace and Justice, department of English, department of humanities and Falvey Memorial Library.

Opening the program was Sistah Mafalda and the Kuumba performers, a Philadelphia-based Afro-American-Caribbean drum and dance troupe. Dr. Maghan Keita introduced the speaker. Keita is a professor of history who specializes in African, world, class and gendered histories. He also is director of Villanova’s Center for Arab and Islamic Studies and director of Africana Studies. He led a discussion following one of the screenings on campus of “Hotel Rwanda.”

Almost anyone would beg to differ. In the spring of 1994, Rwanda spiraled into a brutal genocidal tailspin that left 800,000 savagely murdered in 100 days. Rusesabagina, then manager of the five-star Hôtel des Diplomates in the capital city of Kigali, found himself thrust into an impossibly perilous role. Literally overnight, racial resentments that had festered for generations between the nation’s two ethnic groups, the majority Hutus and minority Tutsis, exploded into an unparalleled level of violence, touched off by the assassination of President Juvénal Habyarimana, a Hutu. After the president’s plane was downed by a rocket-propelled grenade missile on April 6, Rwanda began a rapid descent into an impenetrable heart of darkness where anarchy reigned. Pitiless,
machete-wielding militias, the presidential guard and ordinary citizens hacked neighbors and friends to death.

In the months before the assassination, the groundwork for the slaughter that followed had been insidiously promulgated through a well-engineered, sustained hate campaign instigated by a corrupt government fearful of losing power. The wildly popular government-sponsored Radio-Télévision Libre des Mille Collines (RTLM), in an easily decoded reference to Tutsis, repeatedly exhorted the public to “Clean your neighborhood of brush. Cut the tall trees.” Pouring gasoline on the flames, RTLM developed a list of “Ten Good Reasons for Hutus to Hate Tutsis.” With the genocide in full swing, Hutus with transistor radios pressed to their ears listened rapitly, like television viewers observing a California car chase, as the station broadcast the names and whereabouts of terrified Tutsis attempting to flee their tormentors.

A very personal struggle

For Rusesabagina, who is a Hutu married to a Tutsi with four “mixed race” young children, the struggle for survival was intensely personal. A cultured and well-respected man, he had once studied for the ministry, then trained in Switzerland and Kenya to pursue a career in the hotel/tourism industry. His integrity exerted an almost magnetic pull for neighbors and friends fleeing the carnage. On April 6, when the genocide began, 26 neighbors took refuge with him and his family in their home. “When I woke up, I saw the whole world around me upside down,” he said.

For three days, the group huddled together in fear. On April 9, Rwanda’s interim government took over the Diplomates and its sister hotel, Mille Collines, intending to loot their stores of food and drink. Lacking keys, however, they could not gain access and sent soldiers to find Rusesabagina. Following the evacuation of his hotel’s European manager, Rusesabagina had been asked to assume control of both properties.

“Miraculously, I don’t know what happened, but before leaving the hotel [the day the genocide began], I had taken many of the hotel keys to my office,” Rusesabagina recalled. He agreed to accompany the soldiers if they would allow his family and neighbors also to take refuge in the hotel. The soldiers agreed, but after going only a short distance, the convoy was stopped and Rusesabagina ordered out of his car. A belligerent soldier thrust a Russian Kalashnikov automatic machine gun into his hands and ordered him to “kill all these cockroaches [an epithet referring to Tutsis] in these cars.”

Having already passed between piles of horribly mutilated corpses strewn by the roadside, Rusesabagina knew the soldier “was not joking.”

“All around the streets, there were many dead bodies, some missing their heads, others with their bellies opened. As I put it in An Ordinary Man, that day I was scared,” he said.

The most powerful weapon

From the outset, Rusesabagina used the only weapon he had or believed in: words. “I believe that whoever opens his or her mouth, it means a solution can be found. There is always a solution,” he emphasized.

Experienced in contract negotiation, organization and leadership, Rusesabagina reverted to his hotel manager mode in response to the soldier.

“I just looked at him for about five minutes without saying anything, very quiet, just observing him,” Rusesabagina continued.

“I did not know how to use a gun. And, even if I knew, I told him, I would not kill these people because those people were not the ones that the army was fighting,” he said.

When dealing with such individuals, he added, it’s important to consider their egos and sympathize with the position in which they’ve found themselves.

“I said, ‘Listen you guys, you are hungry, you are thirsty, you are tired. But, we can find another solution. I do understand you.’

“I had learned the most important lesson in my life,” he said of the encounter. “I had learned how to deal with evil.”

The long ordeal begins

Following two hours of discussion, Rusesabagina and his family and neighbors were permitted to take refuge in the Diplomates, in return for cash from the hotel’s safe. But, rebel forces soon learned of the army’s presence and began attacking the hotel with mortar shells. Under cover of the retreating army convoy, Rusesabagina’s group fled to the comparative safety of the sister hotel, Mille Collines, a half-mile away. Thus began a harrowing 76-day ordeal through which Rusesabagina, under constant threat of death, continually negotiated for the safety of the 1,268 refugees who eventually crammed into that hotel.

Over the years, Rusesabagina had cultivated close relationships with the national and international power elite who frequented the luxury hotel. Calling in every possible favor, pleading for help from every conceivable source—from European and American governments and business interests to the United Nations—and offering the hotel’s liquor and viands as bribes, Rusesabagina repeatedly talked the extremist Hutus out of exterminating his “guests.” Despite having both the hotel’s water and electricity cut off, he relied on his wits, professional experience and verbal alacrity to bring everyone through safely.

When rebel Tutsi forces took over Kigali in July 1994, and the murderous Hutu government, army and militias were driven out, the Hôtel des Mille Collines was the only place in the city where no one who had sought refuge had been killed, beaten, tortured or raped.

Chosen and guided?

Why was he called upon to make this demonstration of courage? Does he feel he was divinely led in saving his compatriots?

“That is the most complicated question I have faced in my life,” Rusesabagina replied. “Sometimes, when I go back in history in my mind, and think about what was going on all around me, I think about another force, and maybe that force is the one you’re talking about,” he said.

In considering how he had felt compelled to take the hotel keys on the day the genocide began, he said, “That is why I tell you, maybe there was that special force doing things, not me.”

The example of his hero, Nelson Mandela, South Africa’s former president, has been another guiding force throughout his life, Rusesabagina stated. “When I grew up and went to school and started reading books and newspapers, I was always following Nelson Mandela’s life. I admire someone who never changes his speech. What he said from the beginning was ‘Equal rights for all South Africans, and South Africans for all.’ Even today, that remains his motto.”

Asked how he has been able to forgive those who did the killing and those who stood by and did nothing, Rusesabagina answered: “Forgiving is always do-able, is always possible. But, the most complicated side of it is forgetting. Sometimes when
Until recently, the West did not understand this, Rusesabagina continued. But, he believes that he has begun to see a shift in attitude. One week earlier, following his meeting in Chicago with the Rev. Jesse Jackson, the two human rights activists issued a press release calling for a Rwandan Truth and Reconciliation Commission modeled after the post-apartheid South African one established by Mandela.

Keep talking with one another

“We need Africans, like people anywhere, to sit down around a table and talk,” Rusesabagina said.

Asked what students and others can do to help end genocide, he advised, “There is nothing more powerful in life than words. Talk about it again and again.

“My message is a message raising awareness,” he added. “To students, what I tell you is that tomorrow’s world is yours. You can shape it the way you want it to be. Do you want it to remain the way it is? It will. Do you want it to be worse? It will. Do you want it to be a better world? It will be.”

Committed to his quest to raise global awareness of both the dark forces that incubate genocide and the ways to prevent it, Rusesabagina will continue to travel the world delivering his message of hope and peace. In 2005, he founded the Hotel Rwanda Rusesabagina Foundation, which provides support, care and assistance to children orphaned by, and women abused during, the genocide. He has received numerous prestigious awards, including the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the National Civil Rights Museum Freedom Award and the Peace Abbey Courage of Conscience Award (awarded to Rusesabagina and his wife, Tatiana).

After the genocide, Rusesabagina and his family were granted political asylum in Belgium, where he owns a transport company. Recently, The New Times, Rwanda’s English-language, government-leaning newspaper, did a “man on the street” survey that cast him as “Villain of the Year” (along with French President Jacques Chirac), purportedly backed by a 95 percent vote.

Rusesabagina’s appearance at Villanova was truly inspirational, noted Kristina Kopach, CAT’s assistant director of student development for programming.

“Paul Rusesabagina, as he stated, was an ordinary man who accepted a challenge,” Kopach said. “His presence truly embodied the notion that we do not know what we are made of until we are challenged, and that we have the power within us to meet any challenge.”

I go back in history and see what has been going on in Rwanda, even before colonization [by Belgium], up to today, there have been a lot of killings. People need to sit down and talk. Dialog is the only solution to each and every problem.”

The lesson yet to be learned

Citing the current genocidal conditions in the Darfur region of Sudan, the former hotel manager said he does not believe that the lesson of the Rwandan genocide has been learned. “Is this not a shame?” Rusesabagina said, speaking of Darfur. “And yet, we keep abusing the same two words: never again. We keep on repeating it, repeating it, abusing it; saying never again, never again, never again, never again. And yet it is happening again and again and again.”

Despite the world’s tendency to ignore genocide, Rusesabagina said “I have hope for the future of Africa because I am never in my life pessimistic. I am always optimistic.

“I believe that we can make it. But, what we need, first of all, is a will; and then the ways will follow.”

An essential element in eradicating genocide in Darfur, or anywhere it occurs, is to get to the root of the conflict, Rusesabagina believes. “Each and every thing has a cause. We should know why did it happen this way? What was happening before this specific moment?” he asked.

Opening the program for Rusesabagina’s talk on February 13 were Sistah Mafalda and the Kuumba Performers, a drum and dance troupe.
“How Do You Get There from Here?”

The visit of author Timothy B. Tyson engages the campus community in discussing racial justice.

By Oscar Abello ’08 A&S

The shooting of a black man opens Timothy B. Tyson’s 2004 book, Blood Done Sign My Name: A True Story. The year is 1970 and Tyson is only 10 years old, the son of a white, anti-segregationist Methodist minister. The memory of hearing this news is a poignant trigger for a deep meditation on the role of racial justice in his own life and that of his family in North Carolina’s old tobacco country.

“It’s not about wallowing in self-flagellation for the sins of the past,” Tyson noted during a conversation (see Q&A that follows). “It’s about what kind of community do you want your children and grandchildren to grow up in, and how do you get there from here?”

Tyson’s book is this year’s selection for “One Book Villanova,” now in its second year of uniting students, faculty, staff members and local residents by distributing copies of the chosen book to residence halls, offices and libraries.

During the year, events are being hosted at Villanova and local libraries or homes to delve deeper into discussion on this selection.

“I think it’s especially useful for people who are in a community and are wrestling with their own issues to see another community wrestle with its issues,” said Tyson. He is a senior scholar at Duke University’s Center for Documentary Studies and a visiting professor at Duke Divinity School. He earned his Ph.D. at Duke. From 1994 to 2006, Tyson served as professor of Afro-American Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Tyson visited Villanova on January 25-26 as part of the University’s annual celebration of the life of Martin Luther King Jr. In memory of the civil rights leader, faculty members conduct “The Freedom School Sessions,” consisting of seminars and discussions campus-wide on selected topics such as “The Life and Times of Rosa Parks,” “Songs of the Civil Rights Movement,” and “The Musical Activism of Bono.”

As part of the celebration, late on a January afternoon, Tyson participated in a seminar on “Interrogating Privilege, Power and Prejudice in the University.” Other panelists included Africana Studies faculty members Dr. Lawrence S. Little, Dr. Susan Mackey-Kallis and Dr. Carol W. Anthony; as well as College of Liberal Arts and Sciences staff members Karima Bouchenafa and Dr. Thomas Morgan ’02 M.A. Dr. Bryan Crable, professor and chair of communication, moderated the discussion, which focused on some of the pitfalls to realizing King’s dream at Villanova.

“I have difficulty expressing what a privilege it is to receive this blessing that is the greatest thing any writer can hope for,” Tyson said, “which is simply to be heard, and engaged with in a serious way. So often we work in a kind of vacuum, and you wonder what’s going on out there, wishing you could get something back, so this is just the nectar of the gods.”

That evening, Tyson delivered the keynote speech for the Martin Luther King Jr. celebration. In the Villanova Room of the Connelly Center, he discussed the issue of race in the United States, especially in the context of Blood Done Sign My Name.

The program began with a performance by the Villanova Gospel Choir, followed by a solo medley by gospel vocalist Mary D. Williams. She often appears with Tyson to bring his book to life by performing the spirituals mentioned in it, including the song after which the book is named.

“A lot of people may question why a white man from eastern North Carolina is so obsessed with African-American culture, but really it is not so unusual,” Tyson said. “African-American culture is so much a part of world culture—music, movies and literature—we often forget that it’s only 12 percent of the population of not even the largest country of the world.

“The world is like one big minstrel show,” the author said ironically.

Tyson concluded his visit the next morning at a breakfast conversation with student leaders. Their discussion focused on the role of student leadership in civil rights and social change.

“I loathe that I must leave,” Tyson said. “But I am glad to have been present here at Villanova and to hear you so engaged together, struggling with these issues.”

For more information and a webcast of Timothy B. Tyson’s Martin Luther King Lecture, visit www.villanova.edu/homepage/onebook/events.htm.

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TWO FISH were swimming side-by-side, and the one asked the other, “Hey buddy, how’s the water today?” To which the second fish responded, “What the hell is water?”

Author Timothy B. Tyson’s visit to Villanova University can be captured in this brief anecdote, which he recounted to me on the morning on January 25, when we sat down to discuss his book, Blood Done Sign My Name, this year’s selection for “One Book Villanova” (it was reviewed in the Spring/Summer 2006 Villanova Magazine).

Tyson first learned of the “One Book Villanova” selection a few months ago. “I was delighted, pleased and honored. I think it’s especially useful for people who are in a community that is wrestling with its own issues to see how another community wrestles with its issues,” he said. “It’s just a great way to read a book. I’ve been glad to have been part of about a dozen such programs, and it’s always a great thing.”

The key to his anecdote is that for two days in January, Tyson was that first fish, and the Villanova community stood in as the second. The question, “What the hell is water?” represents not a relative ignorance, but rather a keen curiosity regarding the society we live in today, and a desire to engage in what Tyson’s book challenges us to do as individuals and as an entire community.

Q (Oscar Abello): In your own words, being a historian, what was the history of Blood Done Sign My Name?

A (Timothy B. Tyson): I actually started what became this book as a paper for school, my freshman year of college. I moved recently and I just found this spiral-bound notebook with a few pages of an effort to tell the story in a handwriting that was mine but of another day, 10th grade or something. So depending on how you look at it, I’ve been writing this book for about 28 years now, since that freshman year. The first thing I did had been to go back to Oxford [N.C.] to Robert Teel’s barbershop and asked him why he killed Henry Marrow. It was scary.

I never really did write that freshman paper, and I actually got an incomplete, after having done about half a book’s worth of research. I’ve sent [the professor] a copy of the book and he swears he’s changed my grade. I started the master’s thesis in 1989 and finished about 1990. I went back with more tools, having been in graduate school for a few years and sort of started over. I had already recorded most of the good stuff at that point.

You could read my whole 215-page master’s thesis and learn many things but you would not know that I lived there, you would not know that it was a pivotal event in my life, too. Even though it’s a rigorous experiment, trying to be a scholar, it was nonetheless a kind of lie, too. For all the factual truth of it, there is that deceit at the heart of it, trying to pretend to be only the historian in all this. That manuscript sat in a desk for 12 years.

Q: Did you have a particular audience for the book, someone you wanted to hear this story?

A: I’m not really interested in writing for a small number of scholars who meet in a convention hotel once a year. Scholarly standards and integrity are important to me, but writing for a small group of scholars just doesn’t make sense. It’s all public money, tax money or philanthropy, that supports our universities, and I don’t understand how the public interest is served by writing cloistered things for cloistered places. This is useful vision, and we ought to be sharing that with as many people that are interested in it.

My father would be the other answer. My father is a thoughtful and intelligent man, and he loves history but if he doesn’t enjoy the book, he puts it down. I want to write a book that he’s not going to put down.

And there is a sense in which, in this work I am not only presenting the history of a community but one that speaks for a larger American story. These are not just local issues, they play out everywhere. Oxford, North Carolina, a small Southern town, is not so distant from Philadelphia. If I just said a young black man was killed or that black militants were burning white-owned business property in retaliation, we don’t even know what community I’m talking about. If just I said ‘Los Angeles race riot,’ if I don’t give a year, you won’t know which one I’m talking about. There’ve been a half a dozen. In other cities too—Cincinnati, Philadelphia, Detroit, Newark, New York, Washington, Miami. In some ways Oxford is more like that story than, say, Birmingham.

So there is a sense in which I am writing for America and there is a sense in which I’m writing a kind of love letter to my father, wrestling with my family legacy, who my mother and father are, what they really did in their historical context, the limits as well as the things that I admired.
about what they did, and what I do with that legacy, both the good and the bad.

I think in the end, I'm asking Americans to have an honest confrontation with their own past. It's not about guilt. It's not about wallowing in self-flagellation about some sins of the past. It's about what kind of community do you want your children and grandchildren to grow up in, and how do you get there from here? And how did you get here? Because if you don't know how you got here, how on earth will you get there? And if you're going to ask people to do that, you're going to have to do that yourself. So, for example, my own deeply internalized white supremacy is a subject of exploration—and my very mixed legacy, from some of the things in the story about my family that were very heroic to, you know, my grandfather in the Klu Klux Klan!

Q: At what point can someone judge himself or herself to be ready to confront his or her own past? Is it always a pivotal moment or is it more of a long, slow process?

A: Before there were historians, before universities, the wise among us—the grandmothers—knew that you had to know who you were, where you came from and who your people are, in order to go forward. That was part of our storytelling tradition—around altars, campfires and kitchen tables, we told stories. It's not about a museum of the mind; it's about equipping you to go forward. We know that strength comes from the roots but you also carry burdens, and if you tell yourself you're something other than what you are, tell yourself a dishonest fable, that's the road to error and madness.

One of the things that is important to remember is that history is illegal in most places, most of the time. History is unacceptable. Joseph Stalin said “You have to watch the historians, they can ruin everything.” The Japanese legislature just changed the school curriculum to not talk about Japan's relationship with the rest of Asia in the 1930s and 1940s, because they said their children need to be proud to be Japanese, and not have a history of shame. I grew up in a place like that. High school history books are full of lies and distortions, and staggering omissions, and I knew that when I was in high school.

People get the idea that history is just a bunch of names and dates, and that it is synonymous with boredom or irrelevance for young people. You get a little older, and you start to realize the power of history in your own life. You realize how much your history has defined your imagination, confined your life and sometimes propped it up or sometimes closed it off. You realize how much of your options are really inherited, how much of the central ideas that you have are simply things that you drank in.

I use the metaphor, in talking about white supremacy, how it's like the water and you're like the fish. I heard a joke the other day about two fish swimming in the water, and one says to the other, ‘Hey buddy, how's the water today?’ and the other one goes, ‘What the hell's water? It's like that. If we're going to go forward and take control of our common life as citizens, we have to understand how we got here.

Q: So would you have a strong reaction to the sentiment, among the generation that has grown up over the past two decades, that its members are somehow ‘colorblind’ and are not vindictive about race to any large degree?

A: I don't believe that. Frankly, I think this generation is poised to do something terribly important, which is to decide if we're going to become a republic of citizens or an empire of subjects, and I am detecting a strong preference for a republic of citizens among this generation. What they seem to lack is a vision of hope that we can actually pull that off. It's not what I call apathy. I would call it despair, but even as we speak, I see that despair lifting, and I think this generation is going to be vitally important, and I don't think apathy or cynicism are appropriate words to describe that generation.

Q: Would you say that the civil rights movement is really over?

A: That's a complicated question, because we're not in the days of Martin Luther King and Birmingham and Selma, or Montgomery and Greensboro. Those are earlier battles but the war continues. But it wasn't ever just about legal citizenship for everybody and it wasn't ever just about race. It's really about democracy. The Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, hammered out right here in Philadelphia, are meaningless, worthless scraps of paper without the African-American freedom struggle. Democracy was an empty word, and it is this struggle that has redeemed this country.

All over the world, as we speak, wherever people are struggling for the dignity of the human person, wherever people are struggling for citizenship rights and a decent standard of living for their children, you will hear the words of the African-American freedom struggle—its language, inflections, songs and intellectual framework. It echoes all over the globe. That's why the movement goes so much beyond a small Southern town.
Golden Memories from a Beloved Irish Runner

By Holly Stratts

A ccomplished athletes garner much attention. Records are made to be broken, notably in track and field. At Villanova University, guided by top-notch coaches, especially the legendary James “Jumbo” Elliott ’35 A&S, a strong tradition began to develop in track and field: the famous “Irish pipeline.”

Ronnie Delany ’58 A&S was not the first Irish runner to be offered a Wildcat athletic scholarship. He was preceded, and followed, by excellent athletes from his native land. “Jumbo” Elliott during his 46 years as a Villanova coach, trained many of these track greats before his death in 1981.

In 1954, Delany made the long journey from Ireland to Villanova. When his plane landed at Idlewild, he was welcomed by his future teammates who had traveled to New York to accompany him to campus. A year earlier, Delany had become the youngest in Ireland to run half-a-mile in under two minutes.

Then his life as a serious runner really began.

Until 2006, Delany’s experiences had to be pieced together from newspapers and magazines. But that year, his autobiography, Staying the Distance, was published by The O’Brien Press Ltd., in Dublin. It soon will be published in the United States.

Recalling his coach at Villanova, Delany wrote that “I did not realize how astute a judge of an athlete Jumbo was the first time I worked out under his care. After seeing me run a few laps he took me aside and gave me some critical advice on my arms action (‘too jerky’), head (‘rolls too much’) and shoulders (‘too stooped’). Listening to him I began to wonder how I had managed to run at all up to then with all my deformities. Naturally I was enraged, but I kept my mouth shut. Yet somewhere in between all the criticism Jumbo said, ‘You’ll make a miler.’ I was skeptical, for I had never run a mile in my life. Little did I realize that with Jumbo’s care and guidance I would become a miler and an Olympic 1,500-metre champion at that.”

Sir Anthony O’Reilly, Irish corporate leader and philanthropist, in his introduction to Staying the Distance, noted that “...the concept of Irish athletics... rarely appeared on the world scene... until the astounding Melbourne Olympics of 1956.... All this was to change with Delany, and in a period of four years, he went from ‘unknown’ to the greatest star the sport had ever seen in Ireland and, perhaps, in achievement, Ireland’s greatest-ever sports star.”

On June 1, 1956, in California, the Villanova student became the youngest—and only the seventh in the world—to “break the still-magical 4-minute barrier,” as he put it, by running a mile in 3:59.

Six months later, on December 1, 1956, at Australia’s Melbourne Cricket Ground, Delany won the gold medal in the 1500m race at the XVI Olympiad and set a new Olympic record. It was Ireland’s only pure track Olympic gold medal in the modern games.

Delany’s accomplishments were many, and his humility matched them in amplitude. As he and his fellow athletes competed in the era prior to the age of product endorsements, they ran for the joy of the sport. The Career Summary section, compiled by Tony O’Donoghue, mentions how from May 13, 1952, to March 2, 1962, Delany in 186 races amassed 151 first-place finishes. The Villanovan’s astounding record on the indoor circuit is a special focus of his book. Delany retired from short competitive racing in the summer of 1962, and on the same day announced his engagement to Joan Riordan.

Athletic accolades are not Delany’s only awards. Last December, he received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from University College Dublin. In March 2006, Delany and Sir Bob Geldof were named Honorary Freemen of the City of Dublin. In August 2006, Ireland’s post office issued a stamp to commemorate his gold-medal performance 50 years earlier.

Following a career that began with Aer Lingus in America and included marketing an Irish ferry company, Delany in 1998 established a marketing/sports consultancy in Ireland.

Often books about sports stars can read more like a list of statistics. Delany, however, has deftly explained his vivid memories, almost reliving each event. His memoir is full of photographs whose credits range from Sports Illustrated to the family album. Staying the Distance is a most enjoyable read, for he tells his story well.
A Grander Vision: Becoming God’s Leader in the Workplace
By Bill Cordivari ’71 A&S
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ncorporating his experience in the pharmaceutical business, his service as an Army officer, his contributions as a township supervisor and parishioner, William Cordivari ’71 A&S offers a different kind of study of life. In A Grander Vision, he reflects on leadership from a Christian perspective.

Before laying out a blueprint for pursuing this relationship, Cordivari narrates his own spiritual journey and how it led to leadership in the working world. The former biology major at Villanova University has enjoyed a 30-year career in pharmaceuticals. He rose through the ranks to become president of Ortho Dermatological, a Johnson & Johnson business unit.

Cordivari offers an organized, detailed guide on the process of connecting with God and pursuing His plan for this “grander vision” of one’s life. He explains the personal preparation needed to establish the vision, develop a strategy for it, focus on it, put energy into it, factor in other resources and, ultimately, how to execute the vision. For each of these stages, he includes Bible references as well as other examples.

His book also illustrates ways to savor victory and learn from defeat, while keeping in mind who is in control (God). After establishing a firm foundation of leadership principles and a vision, one will be ready to become God’s leader 24/7, especially in the workplace.

The final chapter includes encouraging profiles of role models who have taken the step into God’s ministry as leaders.

The author credits God for giving him the gift of writing. At the beginning of each chapter, he includes inspirational quotes, and at the end of each chapter, questions for reflection, prayers and meditation verses.

Cordivari’s challenge to go beyond worldly achievements, plus his suggestions on how to use one’s God-given talents, make A Grander Vision an excellent guide for leaders of all professions and backgrounds who seek to make God an everlasting part of their life.

—Reviewed by Anthony Maalouf ’08 G.S.

Understanding Small Business
By Edward F. McMahon ’54 C.E.
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wning a business is the dream of many Americans. But, nearly half of all small business start-ups fail in the first few years. Why? Two words: improper planning, according to Edward F. McMahon ’54 C.E., author of Understanding Small Business.

“Entrepreneurs are the engines that make America great,” acknowledges McMahon, whose extensive business career bridges both the small business and corporate worlds. But, entrepreneurs also can be impulsive risk-takers who rocket out of the starting gate before the bell’s rung.

Patiently following a three-step process, McMahon believes, could avert disaster and increase the chances of success. This process is clearly outlined and emphasized throughout McMahon’s highly readable book. He wastes no time getting right to the point.

“When you’re out of cash, you’re out of business,” writes McMahon in the first line of his introduction.

“This is perhaps the most important message to understand for anyone starting a new business.”

McMahon navigates would-be entrepreneurs through the rocks and shoals of the small business world. In the first stage, “Thinking About It,” he asks readers to consider why they want to start a business; to take a good hard look at whether they’ve got the stuff it takes; to determine what type of business might be suitable; and, oh, yes, one final pesky detail—to know how the business will be funded.

Step two, “Planning for It,” is a guide to the fine points of developing the all-important business plan. The third and most important step, “Doing It,” shows how to bring all the good planning and preparation to fruition.

Written in a straightforward style with key points emphasized in bold and bullet points and supplemented by indispensable worksheets and questions, Understanding Small Business is a valuable resource for anyone contemplating a business venture. The book’s companion workbook includes downloadable forms and charts.

McMahon invites readers to drink from the well of his own business successes and failures by interspersing his real-life experiences. The Sugarland, Texas, resident has plenty of business experience. He has been a small business owner, investor and counselor. McMahon taught industrial marketing at the graduate level and has held many workshops at junior and community colleges. He volunteers with SCORE, a resource partner with the U.S. Small Business Administration. After graduating from Villanova, McMahon earned an M.B.A. from what is now Baruch College and was a Sloan Fellow at the Stanford Graduate School of Business.

“There is no sector of the U.S. economy more vital than small business. It employs half of all private sector employees, generates over 60 percent of net new jobs annually and pays over 44 percent of the total U.S. payroll,” McMahon writes. As agents of innovation and change, entrepreneurs provide opportunities for millions to enter the economic and social mainstream.

For those seriously considering making an entrepreneurial leap, reading Understanding Small Business should definitely be on their list of “things to do before I start my own business.”

—Reviewed by Kathleen Scavello
BusinessWeek Ranks Villanova School of Business 12th Nationally

BY BETHANIE ANDERSON

The Villanova School of Business (VSB) has moved up seven places to be ranked No. 12 in the nation by BusinessWeek in its second annual ranking of undergraduate business schools. The VSB's move upward is particularly notable given that the number of competing schools increased this year by more than 50 percent.

BusinessWeek on March 10 highlighted the VSB as its lead story on BusinessWeek Weekend, its national television show. The magazine included the VSB as one of only five schools profiled in its rankings feature published on March 19.

“This achievement in the rankings underscores VSB’s successful transition from a regional school to one with a truly national presence,” says James M. Danko, the Helen and William O’Toole Dean of the business school. “VSB is recognized as an innovative business school that quickly adapts to ensure the relevance of its education for its students—and those who hire them.”

The proof is in the data. During the past two years alone, applications to VSB have increased more than 70 percent. Starting salaries of VSB graduates exceed the national average in every VSB major. The study abroad participation rate among VSB students is 35 percent, compared with the national average of 2 percent.

“Villanova, along with Wharton, is now considered to be a Philadelphia-based school that is one of the best in the United States,” says Danko. “The credit for this goes to VSB community members—both past and present—including students, families, alumni, faculty, staff and friends. They have worked tirelessly to make VSB the outstanding school that it is today.”

The BusinessWeek ranking is based on faculty and educational quality, student services and business relevance. Criteria include student and recruiter surveys, starting salaries for business graduates, SAT scores, faculty-to-student ratios, average class sizes, experiential learning opportunities and academic rigor.

Japan’s Postal System Is Set to Deliver a Big Change

BY ANTHONY MAALOUF ’08 G.S.

The almost 25,000 branches of Japan Post make it easy to access ATMs, buy insurance and government bonds, and save impressive amounts in postal accounts. Those revenues have contributed to making Japan’s postal system an engine of social change. But by 2017, privatization will split Japan’s state-run post office into four separate businesses.

In a talk sponsored by Villanova University’s East Asian Studies Program, a scholar from Texas offered her insights into the changes under way. Speaking on February 9 in Bartley Hall, Dr. Patricia Maclachlan noted that scholars in Japan and abroad are speculating about the future of this unique postal system. Maclachlan is an associate professor of Asian Studies and government at the University of Texas in Austin.

Japan’s post office, as a social welfare organization, came into existence in 1871 and later contributed in many ways to Japanese society, Maclachlan explained. The man considered to be the father of the system, Maejima Hisoka (1835-1919), had called upon the post office to take up a “greater responsibility” to society.

The growth of Japan Post’s involvement in social services indirectly led to the expansion of roads, communication and commerce. Through its newspaper program, the post office encouraged literacy, and by selling health insurance it furthered awareness of public health. Its postmasters volunteer as coaches for children’s sports teams, as members of parent-teacher associations, and to help the elderly and infirm with their shopping and other daily activities.

However, despite its contributions, Japan Post has its flaws, according to Maclachlan. “No money is being made. Their numbers jump in and out of the red,” she said. “Too many bureaucrats are abusing their jobs, and now that privatization is on the horizon, they are fighting to keep the system in place.”

In the 2005 parliamentary elections, Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi and his Liberal Democratic Party were re-elected on a platform of deregulation and privatization, Maclachlan noted. Koizumi was succeeded by Shinzo Abe, also a Liberal Democrat. Abe has pledged to continue Koizumi’s economic reforms, including privatization.

Ironically, Japan’s postal bureaucrats traditionally align with the Liberal Democrats, who in January passed a moderate privatization plan. Over the next 10 years, quasi-private industry will take over Japan Post’s banking and insurance functions.

This end result is one that the bureaucracy’s own founding father might even approve, says Maclachlan. Maejima wasn’t entirely committed to a social system. She noted, “He supported a combined effort of the private and public sectors to help better the lives of the Japanese people.”
Homework with Heitzmann, a Champion of Its Role in Schools

BY ANTHONY MAALOUF ’08 G.S.

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e all know the stories of today’s overly programmed children: school, extracurricular activities, sports and oh, yes—homework. Is homework still relevant in high schools and elementary schools? Or does it no longer have any value? Many teachers and parents now debate that question.

In 1992, Dr. Ray Heitzmann ’64 A&S, who majored in history education at Villanova University, began to engage in the debate himself. Heitzmann, who joined his alma mater’s faculty in 1969, is a professor of education and human services. Among his published works are several books on careers (the most recent one was reviewed in the Winter Villanova Magazine.)

Heitzmann’s interest in homework began while teaching the senior seminar for student teachers. He usually leaves the last hour for questions. One student mentioned that several of her high school students had not turned in their homework. Heitzmann asked what the assignment had been. The previous day, she said, she had assigned a 500-word essay on the upcoming presidential election.

“Assigning a 500-word essay due the next day wasn’t a good idea,” Heitzmann told her. He then shared his own ways to evoke compliance. “With an essay, you could assign it on Monday and have it be due on Thursday. This is a reasonable approach,” he suggested.

Following this discussion, when Heitzmann began to research the topic, he encountered numerous anti-homework articles. Most recently, he read “Abusing Research: The Study of Homework and Other Examples,” by Alfie Kohn in the September 2006 Phi Delta Kappan. Kohn, author of 11 books including The Homework Myth (2006, Da Capo Books), is often critical of education’s emphasis on testing and grades. Heitzmann, however, in his own research, has found some answers to why some homework seems ineffective.

The anti-homework writers “are not looking at all the research,” Heitzmann explained. “Articles like those are talking about teachers who randomly and poorly assign homework. So, of course, that type of homework experience doesn’t have value. But in cases where a teacher assigns the homework, explains it, collects it, grades it, returns it and quickly reviews it, the homework pays off. The research is very clear,” Heitzmann concludes. Stressing the importance of timely teacher feedback, he offers a sports example. “In basketball, when a player misses a foul shot, the coach comments immediately,” not two weeks later, “to tell the player how to improve the shot.”

Heitzmann calls this step-by-step approach “targeted homework.” “It makes homework pay off. It makes homework matter,” he asserted. “But it has to be done right,” His article “Targeted Homework Motivates Kids” appeared in The Education Digest (September 1998), a national publication for educators.

“Targeted homework,” Heitzmann has found, is particularly beneficial for at-risk students who don’t like to do out-of-class assignments. The targeted approach gives them incentives to complete the assignment.

“If you let students start the assignment toward the end of class,” the professor stated, “it takes away their excuses for not having it done on the due date such as, ‘not enough time’ or ‘I didn’t understand it’ and so on.”

Heitzmann believes the targeted approach also is useful for honors-level students. “These are the students every teacher likes; they want to do the homework and they even want it graded,” he said. “But if you’re not checking it, even they will stop doing it.”

For students who earn poor grades on their homework, Heitzmann, in step with his push for positive reinforcement, suggests allowing them to make a second attempt. That lets them stay motivated and begin to take the homework more seriously.

He warns his student teachers about too many assignments, especially during the week of a major test. If overloaded, students will just shut down, he said, “and you don’t want that to ever happen.”

Long-term homework assignments, Heitzmann suggested, “should be segmented and followed up with a progress report as needed.”

Reflecting on his days as a high school teacher, Heitzmann recalls the importance for students of keeping a notebook or journal to write down their observations or reflections. He would collect students’ notebooks and grade them. Some students initially would refuse to go along, telling him “I’m not going to college, why should I keep one?” However, many of them did go on to college and regretted not taking a more serious approach to their notebooks, he said.

Heitzmann’s research on homework has led him to speak at education conferences all over the country. The room often fills up quickly, he said, because teachers, old and new, are eager to learn new ideas and methods. “We have some good discussions,” he said.

The professor’s scholarship is widely regarded. A few weeks after he published an article on targeted homework in the January NJEA Review (New Jersey Education Association), Ken Schroeder, managing editor of The Education Digest, asked for permission to reprint it. “Target Homework Assignments to Maximize Learning” appeared in the digest’s March issue.

This semester, Heitzmann is on sabbatical, continuing his research on homework and the advantages of targeting it.
A&S Alumni Affirm How Liberal Arts Have Guided Their Careers

By Anthony Maalouf '08 G.S.

Three distinguished alumni returned to Villanova University on February 13 to discuss the value of their College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (A&S) education and how it related to their own professional journey.

Their presentation marked the first of a series of alumni panels sponsored by the Office of Advising and Professional Development in A&S. Dr. Gaynor L. Strickler, assistant professor of sociology, moderated the panel, which took place in the Center for Engineering Education and Research.

The three alumni talked about their paths from a Villanova education to their respective careers.

- Suzanne Tavani ’80 A&S majored in political science and is now the senior vice president in the public relations division of Tierney Communications in Philadelphia. She said she always liked to follow the news and knew she wanted to get into public relations. Her Villanova connections helped her land her first job. “It was through that first job that I got every other one afterward,” Tavani said, emphasizing the importance of networking. She added that Tierney routinely interviews Villanovans for internships and job openings.

- Dr. Michael Casserly ’70 A&S, who majored in sociology, is the executive director of the Council of the Great City Schools, based in Washington, D.C. He crossed the Mississippi River basin for the first time on his way to Villanova from Tulsa, Okla. “I came here looking to study archeology, but ended up studying sociology,” he said.

- Dr. Amy Bentz ’93 A&S, who majored in biology, is a veterinary researcher at the University of Pennsylvania’s School of Veterinary Medicine. The Philadelphia native talked of how her faith had played a role both in her education and her pursuit of a veterinary career. “I developed myself professionally, but also spiritually, and that’s important,” she said. She noted that in her profession, some are not at all spiritual. It is a challenge to be in this profession and strong in one’s faith, Bentz said, but she credits her Villanova education for making her strong.

Bentz also advised students to become well-rounded. “Take courses that support your professional interests, but take others, too,” she said. She underscored the importance of her speech and psychology courses, for in veterinary medicine communication is paramount.

The panelists entertained questions from the students and closed with some inspirational comments.

“If you are bored at your job, then you’re not doing something right,” Casserly said, adding that one should be willing to take risks.

“Don’t be afraid to dream,” Tavani said.

For more information on this series, visit www.villanova.edu/arts/sci/college/newsevents/.

Tributes to the Life and Plays of Wendy Wasserstein

By Anthony Maalouf ’08 G.S.

To highlight the celebrated career of Wendy Wasserstein, the prolific author and playwright who died at age 55 in January 2006, Villanova University presented a series of tribute events this winter. Wasserstein created memorable roles about contemporary women and the choices they make. The Brooklyn, N.Y., native also wrote scripts, essays, a children’s book and a novel. She won the 1989 Pulitzer Prize for Drama and other major awards for The Heidi Chronicles.

“Wendy was a funny, warm and generous person,” said Dr. Gail Ciociola in moderating the kick-off event, “Remembering Wendy Wasserstein,” on January 30 at the Connelly Center Cinema. Ciociola, who teaches drama and poetry at Villanova, is the author of Wendy Wasserstein: Dramatizing Women, Their Choices and Their Boundaries (2005, McFarland). Ciociola mentioned a call she received from Wasserstein one night while writing the book. Ciociola told the playwright she was arguing with one of her characters, to which Wasserstein replied, “Who’s winning?”

Also at the January 30 event, the Villanova Student Theatre performed an excerpt from Wasserstein’s first major play, Uncommon Women and Others (1977), whose characters are graduates of her alma mater, Mount Holyoke College. Clips from the film adaptations of The Heidi Chronicles and An American Daughter were also shown. Students taking the “Women, Autobiography and Performance” class with Dr. Heidi M. Rose, associate professor of communication, read excerpts from two of
From Euripides’ Athens to Bush’s America

By Anthony Maalouf ’08 G.S.

Ancient Greek culture is noted for its contributions to today’s society. But according to Dr. Gary S. Meltzer, an adjunct professor of humanities and English at Villanova University, there might be more lessons to learn from the world’s first democracy, specifically from Euripides, a playwright who lived from about 480-406 B.C.

Meltzer, author of “Euripides and the Poetics of Nostalgia” (2006, Cambridge University Press), on February 6 presented a talk on “War and Culture Wars: From Euripides’ Athens to George Bush’s America” at Falvey Memorial Library. Meltzer offered examples of classic Greek literature that he believes have messages relevant to American policy today. His presentation was part of the library’s series “Scholarship @ Villanova” series, in which faculty present and discuss their research.

Meltzer began by drawing parallels between the origins of the Peloponnesian War (431-404 B.C.) fought by Athens and Sparta, and the war in Iraq. Pericles in 5th-century Athens and President George W. Bush today, both democratically elected leaders, began their respective wars with high hopes, according to Meltzer. “In their speeches, they praised the high democratic ideals of their system of government,” he said. “Democracy was held out as a beacon to the world.”

However, as Meltzer points out, neither war went as expected, and both leaders were accused of misleading their people into war. “They were criticized and lampooned in the popular media of the day,” he said, adding that Greek comedy was the “Daily Show” of ancient Athens.

Furthering his analogy, Meltzer reminded the audience that both Pericles and President Bush were accused of circumventing democracy to avoid criticism, and both democracies were accused of human rights abuses.

Meltzer then discussed Euripides’ Helen, written in the Peloponnesian War’s difficult final decade. Helen challenges the original account of the legendary Trojan War, in which Helen was kidnapped by Paris of Troy. This prompted Helen’s husband, Menelaus, the Spartan king, to recruit Greece for an all-out war against the Trojans, which lasted 10 years.

However, in Euripides’ version, Helen, unbeknownst to Menelaus, never went to Troy but was whisked away to Egypt by the Greek gods. Hera, queen of the gods, creates a phantom copy of Helen, which Paris ends up abducting. Menelaus goes onward to Troy with his army, to win the war and rescue his wife, not realizing it is the phantom he is bringing back on his ship.

Sailing home, Menelaus stops in Egypt and discovers the real Helen is a captive there. He rescues her, and the phantom fades into thin air. Although Helen concludes with a victory for Menelaus over the Egyptians, it raised troubling questions about not just the Trojan War but all wars, Meltzer said.

“Are the reasons given for fighting wars legitimate? Are we examining these reasons carefully and critically enough, with due process?” Meltzer asked. “These questions are relevant to the main reason used to justify our invasion of Iraq. Weapons of mass destruction thought to be there turned out to be phantoms,” he said.

“We would do well to heed the works of Euripides as we prosecute the War on Terror and hold our democracy out as an education for the world,” Meltzer concluded.

Wasserstein’s essays, “Days of Awe: The Birth of Lucy Jane” (Wasserstein gave birth to her daughter a month before her 49th birthday) and “Shiksa Goddess.” Dr. Joanna Rotté, professor of theatre, performed a monologue from “Third, Wasserstein’s final play.

The performances were followed by guest speaker Heidi Ettinger, Wasserstein’s lifelong friend and the namesake of the title character in The Heidi Chronicles (Heidi Holland, a feminist art historian). Ettinger, who received a 2001 Tony Award for set design, is designing the sets for King Lear and a musical adaptation of Dr. Zhivago.

Ettinger would like to see both Wasserstein’s life and works remembered with equal importance. “To know the life is to know her work, and to know her work is to know her life,” she said.

The evening culminated with a wine-and-cheese reception.

On January 31, at the Bryn Mawr Film Institute, Ciociola gave a lecture with film excerpts. A February 1 forum at Falvey Memorial Library nurtured informal dialogue among students and faculty who have felt a personal connection to Wasserstein and who admire her works. On January 29 and February 1, faculty members gave staged readings of Third in Vasey Hall. The final event in the tribute featured three performances by the Villanova Student Theatre of Uncommon Women and Others on February 2-4 at St. Mary Auditorium.

The tribute’s sponsors were the English, theatre and communication departments; the Writing Center; Women’s Studies; the Writing and Rhetoric Concentration; and the Honors Program.

Ciociola, who served on the planning committee for the tribute, commented that it was not simply an extension of her own scholarship on Wasserstein but an extension of her appreciation of the playwright and her works.
Fun Lessons in Leadership, from Prom Planning to PB&Js

By Anthony Maalouf ’08 G.S.

On a table, John C. Stellakis placed all of the items needed to make a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. Then the Villanova University junior asked a group of high school student leaders to explain to him how to make the PB&J. He would do exactly what they said.

“Pick up the jar,” one told Stellakis. Others had to tell him to “Take off the cap,” then “Take the knife and dip it into the jelly.” When the sandwich was finally ready, what at first had seemed like an easy task—to instruct another person—ended up being more difficult, just the point Stellakis wanted to make.

“Always remember that a good leader needs to be clear and direct,” Stellakis said. “We might think that the person we’re talking to understands us, but that’s not always the case.”

Stellakis, an Honors Program student majoring in political science and philosophy, was among the Villanova students who led four workshops for 70 high school students. Principals of 14 area schools had each nominated five of their top leaders in the junior and senior classes for this High School Leadership Conference. Held in Dougherty Hall on February 10, the annual half-day event was sponsored by Villanova’s Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK), the national leadership honor society.

The conference’s exercises and workshops promoted the values of teamwork, time management, goal-setting and communication.

After a breakfast in the West Lounge, Dr. Robert D. Stokes, Villanova’s assistant vice president for Academic Affairs in Part-time and Continuing Studies, welcomed participants. Stokes, along with Dr. James E. Trainer, director of planning and assessment in Villanova’s Office of Planning, Training and Institutional Research, serve as faculty advisors to the ODK chapter.

Also welcoming the students were Jonathan Messing, the chapter’s president and a senior Nursing major, and Lauren Zigarelli, the chapter’s vice president of programming and a senior majoring in marketing and finance.
Damon Cherenzia, a senior civil engineering major, led a workshop on teamwork. Each group was blindfolded and had to form a circle, holding on to a rope. When Cherenzia told them, “Form a square,” each group came up with a different strategy. One group counted off numbers to decide which students would be the corners. Making the task even more difficult, four in each group were not allowed to speak. Often, one person would propose an idea that was at odds with another’s suggestion, underscoring the point of this exercise.

“In leadership, it’s important to get to know each other’s style” Cherenzia told them. “We might not all have the same ideas, but it’s important to listen and ultimately act as a team.”

The workshop on conflict resolution and teamwork was facilitated by Ryan McCormick, a senior majoring in communication, and Carrie Kroll, a junior majoring in marketing and finance. Each participant role-played a part on a high school prom committee, from the president trying to organize it to the pessimist who shoots down every idea. As students enthusiastically acted their roles, they discovered a great deal of conflict because of the varying personalities and opinions that surfaced.

“Coming to consensus is no easy task,” McCormick told them, “but a good leader needs to be able to work with lots of different opinions when he or she plans events.”

The fourth workshop focused on communication and listening skills. Christen Williams, a senior majoring in management and marketing, outlined the scenario: to observe the reporting of a car accident. It soon sounded like one of those whisper-down-the-lane games. Someone read the report to a group, whose members passed along what they heard to others, who in turn reported back what they recalled. Again the cycle was repeated. By the end, the account scarcely resembled the original one, and the participants made a list of all the differences.

Williams advised the high school students never to forget the importance of “first-hand communication.”

After the workshops, everyone returned to the West Lounge for a closing exercise and group photo. Messing and Zigarelli, who planned the conference, urged the young leaders to keep their leadership strong and effective.

A Homeric Perspective on Veterans

By Anthony Maalouf ’08 G.S.

From ancient Greece to the Vietnam War to our own era, many returning veterans have great difficulty integrating back into society because of their traumas and psychological scarring, noted a Veterans Affairs (VA) staff psychiatrist from Boston. In his talk at Villanova University, Dr. Jonathan Shay drew from the works of the Greek poet Homer and discussed their application to the American military.

Shay’s address was part of the Birmingham Lecture Series, sponsored by the Villanova Center for Liberal Education. He spoke on February 23 in the Fedigan Room at the St. Augustine Center for the Liberal Arts.

Based at the VA’s Outpatient Clinic in Boston, Shay holds an M.D. and Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Pennsylvania. He has written two books, Achilles in Vietnam: Combat Trauma and the Undoing of Character (1994) and Odysseus in America: Combat Trauma and the Trials of Homecoming (2002). Achilles in Vietnam has been part of the U.S. Marine Corps’ professional reading program for “all hands.”

For the past 20 years, the VA psychiatrist has worked with Vietnam veterans experiencing post-traumatic stress. Veterans of many eras often return with psychological scarring, Shay said. “Some of them are wounded so badly that they can’t even participate in a democracy, which raises serious concerns,” he noted. Many simply don’t trust anything they hear, as if words spoken are inherently deceitful.

Citing the protagonist Ulysses from Homer’s The Odyssey, which centers on the Trojan War hero’s adventures on his way home, Shay gave an example of a soldier who experienced the trauma of combat as a young man and the subsequent effect it had. Ulysses “didn’t trust anyone,” Shay said; he obtained much of his estate by piracy, remained danger-seeking and never hesitated to seek out a fight. Returning combat veterans, Shay warned, might have a similar mind-set, having been psychologically scared by war.

In emphasizing the importance of preserving a sense of right and wrong, Shay cited The Iliad, Homer’s epic about the siege of Troy. Agamemnon abused his power as a commander so much that his own allies withdrew, Shay said. Homer was making the point that a sense of morality is paramount, the psychiatrist added.

When asked about possible solutions to this psychological and moral injury, Shay again drew from the ancient world. Many different cultures have had ways to ameliorate combat experience and help soldiers readjust to society. The Greeks, for example, had purification rites. “There is a need for such purification rites for our soldiers coming home,” Shay said.

“This should not be mixed with legal impunity, however,” Shay added. He noted that whenever “we give a wink” to atrocities, “a soldier’s sense of morals is not only compromised but he is psychologically injured, too.”

Another approach Shay suggested to help returning military personnel adjust is peer counseling by fellow veterans on a volunteer basis.
During seven trips to Iceland over the last five years, Philadelphia-area photographer John Welsh took approximately 8,000 photographs. “Icelandic Travels,” an exhibit of 34 of his dynamic and dramatic landscapes, were displayed at the Villanova University Art Gallery in the Connelly Center from February 23 through April 12.

Welsh, whose work appears frequently in Villanova Magazine, has been known primarily for his photographs of people. Visiting this north Atlantic volcanic island nation offered him the chance to “create something new,” he wrote in the exhibit catalog.

“Eight thousand...sounds like a huge number and it is, but it’s what was needed to relate what I experienced in Iceland’s empty spaces,” Welsh wrote. “Photographers often capture the landscapes of Iceland.... The images I have seen are fantastic—cascading waterfalls, lush meadows and endless horizons all taken under perfect light. But I felt they told only part of Iceland’s story....

“With that in mind, I drove thousands of kilometers across deserts, over mountains and through fields of lava having to constantly avoid taking the cliché photograph. This collection of images and the project, titled “Iceland—Another Take” (www.iceland-anothertake.com), is the result of those travels. The project is also about being free from the constraints.... I never really knew the rules of landscape photography, so breaking them was easy.”

Welsh coupled each photograph in the exhibit with a brief interpretation of what he was trying to capture. His descriptions add an authenticity to the images and allow the viewer’s imagination to grasp a larger scene.
“Each footstep landed with a hollow thud as I trekked along a faint path in the blackened earth. Around me steaming cracks vented sulfurous clouds that disappeared into the desolation. It was an active volcanic area in northern Iceland, and yet I could not imagine the rivers of molten rock flowing underneath my feet.”

John Welsh

“I often returned to Lake Kleifarvatn during several years of shuttling from North America to Iceland because I found peace in its calm waters. On this trip, I found that a great crack in the earth had opened and into it flowed the lake. Its waters had fallen. Thermal springs, once hidden, formed steaming pools of boiling mud.”

John Welsh
How many stars in the universe?

“Billions and billions”—a phrase made famous by the late Dr. Carl Sagan—comes to mind. Surveys by advanced telescopes estimate that there are 70 sextillion. That’s the number 7 followed by 22 zeros (70 billion billion), provided by astronomers at the Johns Hopkins University and the Australian National University. They qualify it as “an estimate of the total numbers of stars in the visible universe within the range of modern telescopes.”

So 70 sextillion is an approximation, based on a strip of the sky within certain parameters. It includes only stars bright enough to be detected by the most advanced telescopes. What about the billions too faint or too far away to be detected?

Some astronomers, among them George V. Coyne, S.J., director emeritus of the Vatican Observatory, offer even higher estimates. In the October 2006 America magazine, he said there are: “…100 sextillion stars in the universe… That’s 10 with 22 zeros behind it…,” an estimate he qualifies as conservative.

“Infinite” is how many observers would estimate how many stars there are.

Sagan himself expressed it poetically: “…the total number of stars in the universe is greater than all the grains of sand on all the beaches of the planet Earth.”

Look up at the night sky, and imagine… Any of these estimates, scientific or metaphoric, make sense. It is an awesome sight.

—Irene Burgo
The habitable zones for planets that may exist outside of our solar system are very small. Planets must orbit stars within their habitable zone, a region where liquid water could exist. Since 1995, an astounding 220-plus new planets have been discovered outside of our solar system. Could the class of stars known as red dwarfs fuel life on the planets that closely orbit them?

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Stellar misers with long lifespans

Red dwarfs are smaller, dimmer and cooler than our Sun. Their temperatures are about 2,500 to 6,000 F, compared to our yellow-white Sun (about 11,000 F). Like our Sun, they generate energy via thermonuclear reactions deep in their cores. Compared to our Sun, red dwarf stars “burn” their nuclear fuel at very slow rates. This is due to their low masses (approximately 10 to 50 percent of the Sun’s) and their corresponding lower core temperatures.

Red dwarf stars live much longer (10 to 1,000 times longer) than our Sun and change very little with time, explains Guinan. That’s why “red dwarfs are known as ‘stellar misers’ and have nuclear lifetimes of trillions of years,” he adds.

Because red dwarfs maintain a constant state of brightness (luminosity), and have such long lifespans, they offer stable long-term environmental conditions for the possibility of life on the planets they host.

“The habitable zones for planets that may be hosted by these stars are essentially fixed...
over tens of billions of years,” Guinan observes. “There are dozens of nearby old red dwarf stars that could be hosts for old planets with possibly very advanced, even intelligent, life forms.” For example, Proxima Centauri, the nearest star to the Sun (4.35 light-years away), is a red dwarf with a “cool” solar age (about 5 to 6 billion years).

Astronomers already know that planets exist around red dwarfs. A study last year by astronomer Dr. Alan P. Boss of the Carnegie Institution of Washington showed that the planets around red dwarfs would be more like the size of Earth or somewhat larger.

“So far, the most Earth-like planet outside the solar system has been found orbiting a nearby red dwarf known as Gliese 581,” Guinan states. “At only approximately 21 light-years, Gliese 581 is relatively nearby, in the constellation Libra. This newly discovered planet is only about 5 to 6 times more massive and orbits 14 times closer than the Earth. The expected temperature of this new planet is estimated to be 30-100 F, so it could have liquid water and be quite comfortable for life.”

How to tell if a red dwarf has a planet
The two primary ways that astronomers detect whether planets exist around red dwarfs are by spectroscopic studies and planetary transit.

Spectroscopic studies are done with special instruments that measure the shifts in a star’s velocity arising from the small gravitational pull of the planet. “Ninety to 95 percent of planets were discovered using spectroscopic Doppler methods,” Guinan explains.

“Five percent of planets were identified by transits of the stars,” Guinan notes. “The transit method is based upon detecting the small dip in a star’s brightness as it is eclipsed (transited) by a hosted planet. We have three of those stars in our program, where we are searching for the transits, or studying their properties. A transit is the best way to detect the presence of a planet because the amount of light blocked gives you the radius of the planet.”

During these planetary transits, astronomers see only small decreases in total brightness of the stars. Guinan expects that within a dozen years, as astronomers develop more advanced technology, they may be able to image (take the spectrum of) the actual planet that causes the transit event. When they have this capability, they will learn whether the planet is suitable for life.

What Earth’s spectrum reveals
“There is a planned NASA mission called Terrestrial Planet Finder (TPF) that will be able to block out the star and actually take a spectrum of the planet. You can tell from the spectrum whether that planet has life on it,” Guinan says. “For example, Earth’s spectrum, seen from afar, has oxygen, water vapor, carbon dioxide, ozone and methane spectral lines. This would tell you immediately that the Earth has life.”

Guinan adds, “This is especially true in the case of methane co-existing with oxygen. The methane has to be replenished in order to last. And it is life that replenishes it on Earth—in the form of animals, plants and other life forms that produce methane. So methane is a telltale signature of life, as are oxygen and water vapor. When you smear the light of the planet into the spectrum, you see the telltale spectrum features that will identify what is in the atmosphere of that planet.

“If the TPF finds evidence of methane with oxygen, as well as water vapor, then that will tell you if life—even a very primitive or prehistoric life—is present. And there’s a very good chance that TPF will do just that,” Guinan explains. “However, TPF is not capable of discerning whether the life forms are primitive (like those that existed on the Earth a couple of billion years ago) or if intelligent life is present.”

Steamy discovery from Pegasus
In mid-April, Dr. Travis Barman of the Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Ariz., announced that his team had detected strong evidence of water vapor on a planet known as HD 209458b in the constellation Pegasus. Guinan has been studying this same planet, a Jupiter-sized world some 150 light-years away, Guinan, who was interviewed on April 11 by KYW NewsRadio’s John Ostapovich, says he was not surprised by the discovery because scientists have been expecting to find water, a key building block of life.

Recent studies of Dr. Edward F. Guinan Jr. ’64 A&S are capturing media attention in an area once considered science fiction. The Villanova astronomer leads an international team that has broadened the search for red dwarf stars that might host planets with some type of life—a major initiative in astronomy today.

The solar system where this water vapor was detected is angled edge-on to our own, and an eclipse occurs every three and a half days. Notes Guinan, “You find evidence of water during the eclipse, when the planet moves in front of the star. There are different drops in light due to the presence of the water in the air of the planet.”

Because this planet is located so close to its host—its sun—Guinan says that “It’s cooking, and it is actually steam that has been detected.” In the interview with the Philadelphia radio station, he mentioned how scientists hope that, in a few years, with better instruments, they may be able to actually spot water itself on Earth-like planets. Who knows where that discovery will lead.

When will astronomers be able to detect life on extrasolar planets?
Earth is the only planet in our solar system known to have intelligent life. “If you could go back to the Earth 3 billion years ago and measure the spectra, it would show these spectral lines indicating life,” Guinan explains. He speculates that in the next couple of decades, the instrumentation could be advanced enough to detect certain weak spectral lines that could indicate the presence of some form of intelligent life on an extrasolar planet.

“For example, civilizations like our own may pollute their atmospheres with waste products or, as we did 50 years ago, inadvertently introduce chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) such as freon (the gas that has depleted our ozone layer), which can only be manufactured by intelligent beings,” Guinan explains. “When you see spectral features like that, or emissions from atomic bombs or nuclear by-products such as uranium and plutonium, you know there is (or there once existed) a supposedly intelligent civilization.”
In the meantime, the best way to search for intelligent life is by using radio signals. The search for extraterrestrial intelligence (SETI) is centered in the SETI Institute, a nonprofit organization dedicated to scientific research, education and public outreach. It is based in Mountain View, Calif.

Could an advanced civilization respond to signals from Earth?

"Finding intelligent life out there is a whole different story, because all you can hope to do then is communicate via radio waves," Guinan says. “Our present level of technology, combined with the vast distances between stars, would preclude—at least in the near future—space flight to directly investigate life found around other stars. Scientists have not yet invented a form of travel that could take astronauts to and from Earth to a planet light-years away in another solar system.

“So that’s where radio signals sent out or received by SETI come in,” Guinan adds. “If that life somewhere in the universe is advanced enough, they may have television or other forms of telecommunication, and some of the signals may ‘leak’ off of their communications grid and into space, eventually arriving at the Earth. If there is intelligent life, and they’re trying to contact us using a powerful, beamed radio signal, we could detect this signal with existing radio telescopes.”

When all is said and done, that is still an evolving hope. “Another civilization—maybe living on a planet around one of the hundreds of nearby red dwarfs—could detect that Earth has life,” Guinan observes, “because our radio signal being sent out would show evidence of intelligent life. If some sort of intelligent life exists somewhere, they would need to respond in order to make themselves known. Otherwise, we’d never know someone out there heard us.”

Think of the odds of getting a response to signals coming from Earth. What if there is life somewhere else in the universe, and what if that life does not communicate via radio signals as we do? But even if they did, what are the chances of making contact? “Even for the nearest star system, Alpha Centauri, a radio signal takes approximately four years to travel one way,” Guinan says.

On the other hand, the “Living with a Red Dwarf” program indicates that these stars are important in the search for extrasolar planets and for investigating the existence of life outside the solar system. That’s because red dwarfs are the most numerous stars “in the local neighborhood” of our universe.

“Our initial study shows that the long-term stability of red dwarf stars makes them suitable as hosts for habitable worlds,” Guinan summarizes. “The planet hosted by a red dwarf would have to be located quite close to its host star to be warm enough to support life. Also, according to our work, this planet would need a thick atmosphere and a strong magnetic field to protect it from the harmful magnetic X-ray and far-ultraviolet emissions and flares that the younger red dwarf stars were found to have.”

The conclusion does not answer the age-old question asked of astronomers: “Are we alone?” That answer remains illusive. Still, Guinan’s research has all eyes turned toward small red stars.

The stars and the sky belong to all of us,” says Dr. Edward F. Guinan Jr. ’64 A&S, professor of astronomy and astrophysics at Villanova University. For Guinan, his pursuit of studying the stars is both professional and personal, and increasingly international. It can be fun, too, he says.

During Spring Break in March, Guinan traveled to Malaysia—to its capital, Kuala Lumpur, and Langkawi Island—to share his interests and skill with students from developing countries. He was there as co-chair of the 29th International School for Young Astronomers (ISYA), an initiative of the International Astronomical Union (IAU) to strengthen and promote the development of professional astronomers internationally.

Guinan also gave several talks to the 38 students attending ISYA, many of whom came from Asian countries. ISYA is open to science graduates, especially those who have a degree in astronomy or space science.

Last year, Guinan was appointed chair for a three-year term of Teaching Astronomy for Development (TAD). Another program of the IAU, TAD is aimed at enhancing astronomy in countries with few programs in the field. He met with a North Korea embassy representative about a possible program there.

In the coming months, Guinan will help to develop TAD initiatives in Nicaragua in July and in Mongolia in September. In August, he will run an astronomy program and teach in the Philippines and Hanoi, Vietnam. And there’s a possibility he will help develop an educational television program in Trinidad later this year.

—Irene Burgo
Focus on the College of Nursing

When challenged to evaluate the biblical story of Job for her Honors Program “Modern Thought” class, Colleen Avery ’09 Nur., at the time a freshman at Villanova University, thought in terms of musical notes, not words. This is a natural response, for she started to play the violin 12 years ago, in third grade.

A native of Turnersville, N.J., Avery found her interest in music blossoming during private lessons through middle and high school. It grew into a passion when she picked up the viola. In high school, she performed with her school, All-South Jersey and All-State orchestras.

Arriving at the free, week-long Villanova Music Camp in the summer of 2005, Avery found other entering freshmen with similar interests. She bonded with five other female musicians to form “Les Six,” a sextet that performs at University events, such as an Inauguration reception last September for the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., ’75 A&S, University president.

Through the Honors Program, Avery adds an additional scholarly layer onto her challenging curriculum at the College of Nursing. She also is one of Nursing’s Presidential Scholars. Her intellect, focus, skill and creativity converged when she responded to an assignment from Dr. Edwin L. Goff, associate dean for the Honors Program and undergraduate grants and awards. While reading Søren Kierkegaard’s Fear and Trembling (1843), the class discussed the philosopher’s evaluation of the biblical story of Abraham.

(Above) Colleen Avery ’09 Nur. began to play violin in third grade. At the College of Nursing’s Convocation in May 2006, she performed a viola piece in memory of a Nursing student who had recently died.

Goff asked the class to create their own evaluations of the story of Job, using any medium. The students did so in essays, vignettes, collages, artwork and musical compositions, including voice, guitar and Avery’s piece for the viola. Her interpretation and talent earned Avery the Honors Program’s Celina Mariceth Ramos Award for Outstanding Honors Composition. The sophomore received the award last fall.

“My approach was to use the most passionate medium in my life: music,” Avery said. “The viola has always been a fresh start...
my source of release from stress and an outlet for emotion. Using my viola and my past experience was the only way I could even come close to feeling the way Job might have felt, and this composition is the product." Composing around the Lord’s testing of the faith of the virtuous Job proved to be “emotionally charged,” she discovered.

Avery titled her piece “Job 42:1-6” because “these were the verses that impacted me the most,” she related. “It is a modern piece for solo viola, which is extremely passionate, an almost ‘crying out’ to the Lord in the way Job did, with a more peaceful resolution at the conclusion.”

Reflecting on the process of creation, Avery said “I realized that it would be impossible for me to know the extent of anyone’s faith, other than my own. With that, I put myself in Job’s shoes, by assessing the trials of my own life, the emotions I’ve felt and the way they have shaped my faith. I specifically focused on the final chapter of Job’s story because these were the words with which I identified most: ‘I have dealt with great things that I do not understand; things too wonderful for me, which I cannot know. I had heard of you by word of mouth, but now my eye has seen you.’ I believe this was Job’s turning point in becoming a knight of faith, something I would not be able to describe in my own words. This composition is an attempt to identify with Job using my own emotion and experience as a lens.”

She hit the right note. Colleen Avery can now add “award-winning composer” to her list of accomplishments.

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

“A Composer ‘Cries out’ to the Lord”

While it is impossible for me to describe the exact emotions I felt during composition, there were certain musical aspects I thought would fit best. From the beginning, I knew this piece should begin in a minor key, creating a certain tension and restlessness for the listener. As I began to play, the addition of chords served to emphasize the initial frustration and anger that Job feels toward the Lord. Syncopated rhythms, those that stress normally unstressed beats, help in amplifying the anxiety that I was feeling.

“The first section basically asks of the Lord: ‘Why?’ I decided to move the composition into C major key at this point, as Job finally ‘sees the Lord.’ Some sort of understanding has taken place in his heart, and he is calmed. The tone becomes brighter, with a less syncopated feel at this point.

“It ends with the simplicity and softness of a quiet arpeggio, further emphasizing the peace and faith that Job eventually finds with himself, his situation and his Lord.”

—Colleen Avery ’09 Nur., describing her composition, “Job 42: 1-6”

To hear Colleen Avery’s composition, follow the links at www.villanova.edu/nursing

It was Dr. Edwin L. Goff’s class in the Honors Program that prompted Avery to compose her piece about Job. Goff, along with Dr. M. Louise Fitzpatrick, Connelly Endowed Dean and Professor, congratulate Avery for her award-winning composition.
Institutional Advancement

Major Gifts Exceed Goal

Campaign commitments of $100,000 to $1 million now stand at $70 million and continue to grow.

With more than $70 million in commitments, the Major Gifts level of Transforming Minds and Hearts: The Campaign for Villanova has exceeded its goal of $64 million.

Chaired by Herbert F. Aspbury ’67 A&S, the Major Gifts Committee is comprised of alumni, parents and friends of Villanova University who have traveled the country cultivating and networking in support of the campaign.

“The success of the Major Gifts Committee is an integral part of the ultimate success of the campaign,” commented John M. Elizandro, vice president for Institutional Advancement. “Herb Aspbury and his committee have done a tremendous job of expanding the base of support for this campaign across the country.”

Noted Aspbury, “The networking strategy that we implemented early in the campaign has worked extremely well. It has been very satisfying to receive Major Gifts commitments from a number of people who are first-time contributors to the University, and to see much younger alumni contribute at the Major Gifts level at a greater rate than in any previous campaign.”

The committee’s primary objectives have been to identify regional areas of strength of alumni, parents and friends and to increase visibility for the University through the campaign. To accomplish this, the committee divided the country into eight regions, with each one supported by the efforts of several committee members. They have been hosting numerous luncheons, dinners, golf outings and other events to provide an opportunity for potential donors to learn more about the campaign. The Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., ’75 A&S, University president, and other Villanova leaders have attended these events.

Kevin M. Curley ’80 VSB has remained active with Villanova and until recently headed the Northern Texas Chapter of the Villanova University Alumni Association. Curley hosted a dinner for about 50 alumni and friends of Villanova at his home in Dallas. He commented, “We had a great turnout for the dinner, and the guests really

Major Gifts by Year

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appreciated the opportunity to speak with Father Donohue and share their thoughts. This is a great time at the University, with positive things happening, like the recent No. 12 ranking in BusinessWeek for the undergraduate program at the Villanova School of Business. People are proud to be a part of Villanova.”

Robert M. Melchionni ’69 VSB joined the Major Gifts Committee because he wanted to help the University. Melchionni, who hosted a luncheon at The Union League last fall for Father Donohue and 22 alumni from the Philadelphia area, felt it offered a great networking opportunity.

“The campaign has really connected with people, and we are seeing great support at the Major Gifts level from many areas, including parents and younger alumni,” commented Melchionni. “These kinds of gifts are really a sign of the times. Many young alumni have been successful at an earlier age, and it is exciting to see that they want to give back to Villanova in such a meaningful way.”

Thomas M. Mulroy ’85 VSB, also an active member of the Major Gifts Committee, hosted an event at the Yale Club of New York City for alumni in the real estate business. James M. Danko, the Helen and William O’Toole Endowed Dean of the Villanova School of Business, attended, “and alumni really appreciated the opportunity to speak with him about what is happening at VSB right now,” stated Mulroy. “This is the first time I have been involved in a campaign for the University, and I want to give back, and I want to encourage my friends to give back, because we have all gained so much from Villanova.”

The most successful effort to date

In Villanova’s Covenant I Campaign (1975-1977), Major Gifts commitments totaled just over $1.2 million. In the Covenant II Campaign (1983-1987), Major Gifts totaled $6.8 million. In The Villanova Campaign (1992-1997), they grew to over $42.2 million. But in Transforming Minds and Hearts, the current campaign, with $70 million in Major Gifts already committed, this will be the most successful Major Gifts fund-raising effort in Villanova’s history. The campaign’s overall goal is $300 million, of which 85 percent has been reached.

Major Gifts strengthen the endowment

Aspbury points out the need to continue to grow Villanova’s endowment with additional commitments at the Major Gifts level. “I like to tell alumni that their degree is equivalent to a share of stock: It keeps going up in value,” he said. “The

Four Key Measures of Major Gifts

- The Major Gifts level of Transforming Minds and Hearts: The Campaign for Villanova has already exceeded its goal by 10 percent, for a total of $70 million of the campaign’s total goal of $300 million. Major Gifts are commitments of $100,000 to $1 million.
- More than 85 percent of current Major Gift donors have supported the University at this level for the first time.
- Compared to the University’s last campaign, there is a 65 percent increase in the number of donors at the Major Gift level and a 66 percent increase in commitments.
- Nearly 50 percent of the Major Gift donors to the campaign have completely fulfilled their commitments.

(From left) Sales; John M. Elizandro, vice president for Institutional Advancement; and Michael P. Helmick ’64 VSB attended a campaign luncheon in New York City, hosted by William B. Finneran ’63 VSB, campaign vice chairman.

Major Gifts Committee member Kevin M. Curley ’80 VSB (left) with the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., ’75 A&S, University president, during the event Curley hosted in Dallas.

Mulroy (left) and Aspbury confer at a President’s Council luncheon that Aspbury hosted in New York City.
Parents Contribute to the Campaign and the University

New initiatives encourage involvement.

Since its formation in 2003, the Parents’ Program has proved an excellent way to involve parents of current Villanova University students in the life of the University as well as in Transforming Minds and Hearts: The Campaign for Villanova. The Parents’ Committee, which oversees the program, recently instituted several exciting initiatives that have further expanded the role of parents in University fundraising and contributed to the growing success of the Parents’ Program.

“We are extremely gratified by the level of support and involvement we’re seeing from the parents who are taking a leadership role in our program,” said Mary R. McRae ’82 VSB, associate vice president for Development. She noted that already, members of the Parents’ Committee have committed $8 million to the campaign.

These parents also have contributed their time and effort to reach out to other parents of Villanova students. In the past year, the Parents’ Committee has launched the following initiatives:

• Move-in Barbecue: On freshman Move-in Day last August, the Parents’ Committee sponsored barbecue lunches at five locations across campus. Families stopped by to take a break, enjoy some refreshments, get to know one another and learn about Villanova from University representatives.

• Parents’ Luncheon: This event was greatly expanded this year, much to the delight of the more than 200 parents and students who enjoyed dining at the Connelly Center with the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., ’75 A&S, University president. Held at the beginning of the Fall Semester, the event gave this group of parents of freshmen a chance to interact with one another and the president.

• Graduates’ Family Endowed Fund: This special fund, developed as a direct result of last spring’s Parents’ Commit-

problem is that the size of Villanova’s endowment is still small compared to peer institutions. We need to increase the endowment in order to remain competitive on a national level.”

To achieve this, the Major Gifts Committee will continue its cultivation and networking efforts across the country. “Alumni are proud of Villanova, they are proud of the rankings the University has achieved,” commented Aspbury. “They need to invest in the future of the institution, too. They need to be part of a new culture of giving so that the University can continue to deliver the quality education and important life experiences that really define what Villanova is.”

In reviewing the efforts of the Major Gifts Committee, Aspbury added that “Between September 2006 and January 2007, we have covered 12 cities. We are continuing our cultivation and partnering efforts and will work to secure Major Gift commitments right through the end of the campaign. We are still on the road.”
tee meeting, enables parents to honor their son or daughter on Commencement Day with a gift to the University. The initiative not only contributes to Villanova's endowment but also demonstrates to new graduates the value of philanthropy. In the fund's inaugural year, 50 donors participated through gifts ranging from $10 to $10,000, raising more than $45,000. Mailings for this academic year were sent in November and February, and information also is provided on Villanova's Web site (www.villanova.edu/familyfund).

The growing strength of the Parents' Program also was evident at the committee meetings, held in September and February at Villanova. Eight new members, who hail from as far away as California, have joined the committee. “It's wonderful to see so many new faces,” commented Patricia H. Imbesi, who chairs the committee. “The dedication and energy of our members is what makes this committee successful.” Imbesi is the mother of Charles '06 A&S, Paul ’01 A&S and Anthony ’96 A&S.

Parents' Committee members have been hosting receptions all over the country for other parents of Villanova students to encourage them to become even more involved in University life. The receptions are attended by the Rev. John P. Stack, O.S.A., ’71 A&S, ’77 M.A., vice president for Student Life, as well as representatives from Career Services and University Admissions. These events provide an opportunity to ask questions, offer feedback and learn more about Villanova.

Patricia L. McGoldrick, director of the Parents’ Program, noted that interest in the program continues to grow. “We receive weekly phone calls from parents wanting to help,” she said. “Parents offer internships to students, serve as mentors to students interested in their industries and share their experiences with secondary school guidance counselors. Parents are grateful for all that their children have experienced at Villanova. They went to share it with others.”

At the freshman parents’ luncheon, Father Donohue talks with Linda and Robert Capetola, Ph.D. They are the parents of Kelley ’10 A&S and Matthew ’06 M.E.

Terence M. O'Toole '80 VSB gave a presentation to the Parents' Committee on the University's financial standing. He is a member of the Campaign Steering Committee and chairs the Investment Committee of Villanova’s Board of Trustees.

During a Parents’ Weekend reception last fall, Parents’ Committee member David Kirchheimer (left) and his daughter Meredith ’10 A&S (right), greet Patricia M. Imbesi, who chairs the Parents’ Committee, and the Rev. George F. Riley, O.S.A., Ph.D., ’58 A&S, ’61 G.S., special assistant to the president.

(From left) Mary Rogers ’04 A&S catches up with her former roommate at Villanova, Shannon Riley ’04 A&S, and Riley’s family: parents Jim and Ellen and sisters Kerry-Lynn ’07 A&S and Courtney ’11 A&S. The fourth Villanovan in the Riley family, Brigid ’02 VSB, was unable to attend.
A Perfect Match

Out of 20 million registered marrow donors worldwide, Joe Marcoux ’09 A&S turns out to be the right one to help a specific cancer patient.

When the opportunity of a lifetime presented itself, Joe Marcoux ’09 A&S certainly wasn’t about to let it slip away. In April 2006, Marcoux, a kicker for Villanova University’s football Wildcats, joined the registry of potential bone marrow donors. Last December, he underwent a procedure to donate blood-forming cells to a patient in need.

“Joe is in a unique position to give the greatest gift there is, the gift of life,” said Andy Talley, head coach of football. “It is an incredible feat, and we are thankful that a member of the Villanova community is in a position to make such a contribution.”

In spring 2006, Marcoux participated in the football team’s annual drive to register potential marrow donors. That day, April 22, he became one of more than 400 people who joined 6 million other Americans on the National Marrow Donor Registry (NMDP).

Since starting the drive 12 years ago, “We have tested more than 5,000 registrants,” Talley said. “When I learned about how hard it is to find potential matches for patients in need, I knew it was a cause that Villanova could contribute to because of the size of our team. This is the second time that one of our players has been a match and made a donation. Our goal is to continue these efforts and keep providing the donor registry with viable healthy candidates.”

Through the Villanova University Alumni Association, Talley reaches out to Villanovans to join the registry. He attends the Boston Chapter’s annual golf outing, whose proceeds benefit the cause.

Each year, more than 35,000 children and adults in the United States are diagnosed with a disease that could respond to marrow or blood cell transplant, including leukemia and lymphoma, according to the NMDP. For 70 percent of patients, there is no donor match in their family.

Worldwide, 20 million people have registered as potential marrow donors. Still, there are only about 250 matches found each year, making it a 1-in-80,000 chance that a registered donor will be a match.

Last summer, Marcoux underwent the testing. “It was exciting to find out I was a possible match for a certain patient,” he recalled. “However, they told me there was only a 1-in-15 chance that I would actually be a perfect match. I thought that I wouldn’t end up being able to go further in the process.”

Early in the football season, Marcoux found out that he was the one perfect match for a certain patient. “People that I have talked to say that this is a life-changing event,” he said. “It intrigued me to know that, along with our registry drive that Coach Talley started, I can do something good for the community. This is a great cause.”

Marcoux recalled the many people he knows who were hesitant to get tested and added to the donor registry because they were unsure about what it would entail. He now is in a position to spread the word.

“I learned a lot about this process along the way, and it has been a very positive experience,” Marcoux noted. “I hope that my experience will raise awareness about marrow donation and that other people will be encouraged to join the registry,” he said.

As Talley explained, “Up until this year, you had to give a vial of blood in order to be tested for the registry. The process now is much easier, where they just swab the inside of your cheek. This is a relatively little-known cause. At the same time, almost everyone knows someone who has had or has been affected by cancerous diseases, so the need for additional donors is clear.”

How marrow donors help patients

There are two different processes for donating. One is through a surgical procedure in which liquid marrow is withdrawn from the donor. The second procedure, peripheral blood cell (PBSC) donation, is the one Marcoux underwent in December 2006.

Leading up to his donation, Marcoux received two injections each day to increase his blood-forming cells. He had no trouble keeping things in perspective. “The injections have side effects such as nausea, insomnia and bone pain,” Marcoux noted. “I had some of those, but I think about the fact that this is one week out of my life where I might feel sick, but I have the chance to save someone who has no chance of surviving if they don’t receive this donation. This procedure gives the patient at least a 50 percent chance of living. I can only hope that I would be lucky enough to have someone do that for me if I was in that situation.”

During the procedure, Marcoux sat in a chair with his arm hooked up to a machine. After the machine separated the blood-forming cells, it returned the blood through his other arm. “I stayed conscious
“What Joe is doing with this donation transcends any possible sports-related achievement…”

—ANDY TALLEY, HEAD COACH OF THE WILDCATS

throughout the entire thing,” he said of the seven-and-a-half-hour procedure.

The entire donation process is strictly confidential. After 12 months, should all proceed smoothly, donor and patient are given an opportunity to meet.

“I understand the reasons for the anonymous part,” Marcoux said. “I just hope that everything goes well and that after one year I will have the chance to meet the patient I am helping. I want to be able to shake hands and say hello.”

Marcoux added, “My mom and I have donated blood together, and she has been on the marrow registry for 10 years without ever being a possible match. She has been very supportive of my experience and wishes that she could be in the same position.”

**His greatest season ever**

In his first two years, Marcoux has been an integral part of the Wildcats’ special teams play. Last fall, he played in 10 games and took the majority of the team’s kickoffs, with 46 attempts for an average of 60.9 yards. He converted 24-of-25 extra points and 5-of-11 field goals for the season. His longest field goal of the year was a 42-yard attempt in a win over Hofstra, and for the season he made five of his final nine attempts.

“What Joe is doing with this donation transcends any possible sports-related achievement,” Talley said. “Beyond statistics and wins and losses, when you are in a position to maybe save someone’s life, then you have had your greatest season ever.”

For more information, visit www.marrow.org.

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**Big East/Aéropostale Winner Stands Out on and off the Field**

Drew Eckman ’07 A&S, track and field captain, in February was named the 2006-07 Big East/Aéropostale Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year. The Big East/Aéropostale awards recognize male and female scholar-athletes who excel on the field as well as in the classroom.

The Big East’s Academic Affairs Committee, which selected Eckman from the 17 nominees from the 10 Big East men’s sports, awarded him a $4,000 scholarship for graduate or professional studies.

A biology major, Eckman hopes to attend dental school after graduation. He boasts a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.618 and is a three-time Big East Academic All-Star.

On the track, Eckman has left his mark on the Big East in both the indoor and outdoor realms. Eckman won titles in the 4x400m relay (2006) and 500m (2005). His relay team captured the 2006 title in the 4x400m relay and he is a three-time defending champion in the 400m hurdle. He also is a two-time All-American in the indoor distance medley relay (DMR). Due to his efforts, Villanova achieved third-place finishes in the DMR at the 2004 and 2006 NCAA Indoor Championships.

“Drew is an extremely professional young man both on the track and in the classroom,” says Marcus O’Sullivan ’84 VSB, ’89 M.B.A., the Frank J. Kelly Endowed Track and Field Coach at Villanova and a four-time Olympian. “Our entire staff is very proud of all his accomplishments and feels as though he truly epitomizes the spirit of the scholar-athlete.”

In his free time, Eckman is a valuable volunteer for Villanova’s Special Olympics and Adopt-a-Family. He also gives back to the track and field program as a counselor for its summer camp.

The track standout follows in the fast footsteps of his father, Gregory P. Eckman, D.D.S., ’77 A&S, who was a 400m/400H runner at Villanova.
Success Is More than Sweet

A guiding presence on four Hershey boards and still active in the practice of law, LeRoy S. Zimmerman, Esq., ’56 VSB, Pennsylvania’s former attorney general, may have retired from politics but hardly from public service.

BY ANTHONY MAALOUF ’08 G.S.

In January, when LeRoy S. Zimmerman, Esq., ’56 VSB became chairman of the board of the Hershey Entertainment & Resorts Company, it marked the fourth Hershey board on which he serves. It is a distinctive record of service that he has no intention of ending.

Zimmerman probably is best known for becoming the first elected attorney general of Pennsylvania. In 1980, the Commonwealth amended its constitution to allow the attorney general to be elected by the people, rather than appointed by the governor. Zimmerman, who had gained three terms of experience as Dauphin County’s district attorney, decided to run for the statewide office. He served two consecutive terms as attorney general (1981-89), under Gov. Dick Thornburgh and Gov. Robert P. Casey. In both the Republican and Democratic administrations, Zimmerman was an independent, and to this day is friendly with the Thornburgh and Casey families.

During his two terms as Pennsylvania’s chief law enforcement officer, Zimmerman came back to campus as a guest lecturer at the Villanova School of Law. Now retired from politics, he encourages others to participate in public service, although according to the attorney, some politicians get it wrong.

“The way politics is played is too harsh, and that’s why you have gridlock,” Zimmerman noted. “The ideal statesman knows how to reach across the aisle.”

The Villanovan also follows a Shakespearean adage from “The Taming of the Shrew,” to:

...do as adversaries do in law,
Strive mightily, but eat and drink as friends.
Such wisdom, he said, should still be practiced in politics.

With a last name that begins with a “Z,” he usually finds himself at the end of the line. But when it comes to Pennsylvania’s elected attorneys general, “This time, my name is first on the list,” Zimmerman says with a smile.

After completing his eight years as attorney general, Zimmerman returned to private practice as a partner in the national law firm of Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC. Although in the firm’s Harrisburg office, he served as chair of the firm for seven years.

It was also after Zimmerman retired from politics that he became involved with The Hershey Company and its affiliates. Since then, he has been carrying the banner of public service that Milton S. Hershey himself initiated in 1909.

In that year, the founder of what became The Hershey Company, best known today for its candy products, established with his wife, Catherine, a boarding school for orphaned boys. It was known as the Hershey Industrial School, and the tuition was free. To fund this philanthropic project, Hershey created the Milton Hershey School Trust in 1915 and endowed it with $60 million of his fortune. This trust has grown to $8 billion today. Zimmerman is the chairman of the board of that company, the Hershey Trust Company, which remains the main trustee of the school and also oversees the M.S. Hershey Foundation and private clients. Zimmerman also serves on the foundation’s board.

Hershey, the civic-minded benefactor whose name survives throughout “Chocolate Town,” its popular amusement park and many other enterprises, died in 1945. The school he founded was renamed Milton Hershey School in 1951. In 1976, girls were admitted for the first time. Today, the school provides a free education and a home on a 9,000-acre campus in Hershey, Pa., to more than 1,500 underprivileged boys and girls, grades pre-K-12. “We’re looking to see the school grow. We’d like to have the enrollment up to 2,000 by 2013,” Zimmerman said.

Hershey Trust is guided by a board of directors, and the school trust is governed by a board of managers, which operates it much like a boarding school but with a career focus. Zimmerman was elected to both boards in 2003. The school trust board also oversees many other Hershey operations, including in part The Hershey Company and in whole the Hershey Entertainment & Resorts Company, whose profits also go to the school. Zimmerman noted, “The company evolved into a complex corporation, but at the end of the day, the purpose hasn’t changed. It’s always been to support the school and its children.”

Hershey Entertainment & Resorts, whose board Zimmerman chairs, operates Hersheypark, which will celebrate its 100th birthday next year. Other divisions of the company include ZooAmerica; Dutch Wonderland; the GIANT Center, which is the home of the Hershey Bears, an American League hockey team; and many enterprises bearing the Hershey name. Among them are resorts, a country club, a campground, a nursery and a cleaning business.

As an individual who has remained very active in public service, Zimmerman attributes the spark that motivated him to his experience at Villanova University.

“Like many others, I was taught by the Augustinians that we have an obligation to give back to our community,” Zimmerman said, and that was a great experience.

Since first becoming involved with the Milton Hershey School, Zimmerman has met and interacted with its students. Over time, he has seen the lives of young men and women change for the better through the school. “You can’t help but feel good about going to work every day, knowing that you’ve played a part in their lives,” he added.

Growing up in central Pennsylvania, Zimmerman attended Bishop McDevitt High School in Harrisburg before coming to what was then Villanova College. He was a sophomore when the College of Nursing was established and Villanova achieved university status.

That same year, Zimmerman recalled, the Villanova School of Law was founded,
NIH Internship Furthers Research

In Tokyo, Philadelphia and now in Bethesda, Ashley Rodenbach ’06 Nur. has been building career credentials.

By Ann Barrow McKenzie ’86 Nur., ’91 M.S.N.

Attracted by the Oncology Internship Program at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in Bethesda, Md., she began working there after her graduation last May. Rodenbach is a clinical research nurse on 3NW, an adult surgical oncology unit at the NIH Clinical Center, where she also sees many medical patients. The center receives only patients who are participating in research protocols from NIH’s 27 institutes across the nation; 3NW receives patients from the National Cancer Institute.

Rodenbach began working on the unit last August and started her oncology internship class last October. Classes are held once or twice per month, which counts towards her 40-hour work week.

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and Harold Gill Reuschlein was named the first dean. “We became great friends,” Zimmerman said. Although he ultimately went on to earn his J.D. at what is now Penn State’s Dickinson School of Law, Zimmerman vividly remembers the early days of the Villanova School of Law.

“They used to hold classes in the old library before they built the law school,” Zimmerman said. He studied with the Augustinian friar for whom Falvey Memorial Library was named in 1963: the late Rev. Daniel P. Falvey, O.S.A., ’31 A&S, whose service to the library spanned a half-century. Along with Father Falvey, “We had remarkable clergy teachers, and some great lay teachers, too,” Zimmerman said.

“It was an exciting time because you could feel the University changing,” Zimmerman recalled. “It’s still changing to this day. Every time I come back, something is new.”

After graduating with a major in economics, Zimmerman stayed active with Villanova (the Zimmermans are members of The Presidents Club) and with the Villanova University Alumni Association (he served as president of the Central Pennsylvania Chapter in the 1970s). He still meets periodically with eight friends from his graduating class. Most of them, said Zimmerman, have retired. “I’m the only one still working,” he said with a laugh. Over the years, Zimmerman got to know very well the Rev. Edmund J. Dobbin, O.S.A., ’58 A&S, now president emeritus of Villanova. In 1988, during the Inauguration ceremony for Father Dobbin, Zimmerman sat next to his family.

Zimmerman was pleased when the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., ’75 A&S was chosen as Father Dobbin’s successor. Zimmerman, who was active in the Turf & Tinsel theatre group as a student, said, “It’s good to see someone from theatre going to the top.”

While a student, Zimmerman met his future wife, Mary Jaymes, who lived in the area. Later, on one of their visits to campus, he presented Mary with an engagement ring in the St. Thomas of Villanova Church. The youngest of their three children is a Villanovan: Amy Zimmerman Freed ’92 VB, who also went on to Penn State’s Dickinson for her law degree.

Zimmerman looks forward to coming back to Villanova whenever he can. The Augustinian college that he still calls home has been a meaningful part of his life as a student, a service-minded public official and now a philanthropist.

“Villanova helped set my values into place. To a large extent, they are very much the same as they were then,” Zimmerman said. “The seeds were planted right there on Lancaster Avenue.”

Through the 20-month internship, which she calls a “fabulous academic program,” she will be able to complete her own independent study, along with other projects. She hopes to have her research project published after completion. At the end of her internship, she will take the Oncology Nursing Certification Exam and add those credentials to her already impressive knowledge and experience.

Already, Rodenbach has learned a great deal in her professional life. “Oncology patients do not only have cancer as their leading problem, so I have been experiencing a very well-rounded nursing care environment,” she explained. “I am learning a lot of med-surg nursing in addition to pre-op and post-op care. The patients I see are generally Stage IV, but they have to be ‘healthy’ cancer patients to participate in the studies. The most common type of cancer would be melanoma.”

Rodenbach plans to attend graduate school and, following her internship, would like to do some international nursing in a developing country. She describes NIH as the “best place to start my career.”
The Office of the President invited the campus community to an Open House on January 24 and 26 to tour the newly renovated suite. The Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., ’75 A&S, University president, was on hand during the first day to welcome Villanova administrators, faculty, staff and students who stopped by Tolentine Hall for a look and to shake his hand.

Father Donohue’s own office has been tastefully and artistically decorated, with walls painted a subtle jade green. In choosing the artwork for his office, he selected works that reflect his personality and interests. The paintings, fabric art and sculpture reveal that he has been a longtime aficionado of Japanese and Asian theatre. He did his Ph.D. dissertation on Kabuki.

A black kimono, hand-sewn, painted and meticulously decorated with delicate gold thread, hangs on a wall. The kimono was created by the Rev. Richard Cannuli, O.S.A., ’73 A&S, chair of the Theatre department and curator and director of the Villanova University Art Gallery. Father Cannuli, who is also a liturgical artist and professor of studio art, also consulted on the selection of the suite’s artwork and also hung much of it.

Several framed icons and other forms of religious art suggest important events in a priest’s spiritual life.

On a credenza in his office, Father Donohue has displayed many family pictures as well as a profusion of photographs of himself with smiling brides and bridegrooms—alumni and other couples whom he has married. Behind his desk hangs a small oil painting of the Fulton Theatre, the National Historic Landmark opera house in Lancaster, Pa.

The centerpiece of his office is a dramatic large-scale oil painting of a lily pond in tones of green that set off the darker tones of the water, flora and background.

Adjacent to his office is a comfortable sitting room with a sofa, an armoire and two armchairs upholstered in a muted sage green. Villanova memorabilia, along with private mementos, are displayed on shelves and in bookcases.

The offices that were renovated to accommodate his four support staff members, including his executive assistant, offer an open and airy ambiance. Window panes are framed in warm wood tones. Within the suite is a sitting room with several upholstered red armchairs and a settee, as well as a glass-framed conference room. The complex of staff offices is carpeted in a complementary green.

“The Open House was more than just an opportunity for faculty and staff to see the expanded President’s Office and meet the staff,” said Christine Quisenberry ’98, ’04 M.A., assistant to the president for events. “We hope that, through the Open House and the steady flow of visitors during the semester, the President’s Office continues to be seen as a warm and welcoming part of the campus.”
The 10-Point Game That’s Lasted Three Decades
By Anthony Maalouf ’08 G.S.

It’s a windy Thursday morning. Students shuffle off to their classes, and everything seems routine. However, it’s game day for a group of Villanova University faculty and staff. Assembling on the basketball court in the Jake Nevin Field House is an ecclectic group of players. You won’t just see the fitness staff or basketball coaches, but professionals from all sorts of backgrounds: a mail room clerk; an astronomy professor; NROTC instructors; computer support, grounds and dining staff; and even a VP. Their ages range from the late 20s to mid-60s.

What brings a group like this together? Maybe the answer is simple.

“People just like to play basketball,” says Dr. John R. Johannes, vice president for Academic Affairs. “Dr. J,” as he’s known on the court, began playing with the faculty-staff team in 1995 when he arrived at Villanova. For many, playing allows them to get away from the otherwise busy day for an hour or two of exercise and fun, not to mention a chance to catch up with some colleagues whom they would not normally see. It should be no surprise that they all look forward to these Tuesday and Thursday mid-day games.

For Dr. James M. Emig, an associate professor of accountancy in the Villanova School of Business (VSB), joining the group was a natural thing to do. Emig had played on a faculty-staff team at Texas A&M University. Upon arriving at Villanova, he walked over to the field house and found a lunchtime game in action. He joined in and became a regular.

Essentially, it’s an open team game. Any member of the faculty and staff, male or female, may join. All they need to do is show up that day, and the game is on. For newcomers, it’s a great way to make friends. There is no binding commitment. People come and go as they please, and many of the regulars have become good friends over the years.

There’s another advantage to being a regular. “We don’t just know each other, but we know each other’s moves, and how they play,” said Dr. William P. Wagner. He is a VSB associate professor of decision and information technologies.

Many of the active players will do all they can to make it to the game. Their numbers have grown since the 1970s, when the tradition began with Dr. Daniel Regan, a philosophy professor and academic advisor to student-athletes.

Noted Emig, “It got to the point where the athletic director didn’t schedule any practices in the Jake Nevin Field house from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. That was the faculty’s time to use the court.” With few exceptions, that schedule is still in place. Some department chairs will work with their faculty members to ensure that the times of their Tuesday and Thursday classes do not interfere with the game.

Both Regan, who stopped playing 10 years ago and Emig, who recently had to give it up for medical reasons, played leadership roles as commissioners, who assign teams and uphold the rules. Among these rules are: 1-point baskets, players calling their own fouls and 10-point games, which allow for several games during lunchtime. Timothy Toth ’92 VSB from UNIT (University Information Systems) is the current commissioner.

Some alumni also have played with this group, among them NFL Hall of Famer Howie Long ’82 A&S, an avid basketball player. In the late 1980s, Long often could be found at the faculty-staff game before becoming a defensive end for the Oakland Raiders in the 1990s.

Friends also can join in. Angelo Grau works for Office Basics, a vendor partner of Villanova’s. Grau occasionally takes a break from work to run on the Villanova track. Not long ago, he met a professor who told him about the biweekly basketball game, and now Grau is a regular, too.

“I never touched a basketball in my life,” Grau said with a laugh. “Now I play it all the time during my lunch hour.”

The group playing today is all-male. “But we don’t exclude women players,” said Harry Perretta ’95 G.S., head coach of women’s basketball. Many of the female players have come from his coaching staff.

Roxanne “Roxy” McNabb, who is married to Philadelphia Eagles’ quarterback Donovan McNabb, occasionally played in the 1990s. She worked as Regan’s assistant in the Office of Academic Advising.

It goes without saying that there have been some injuries, mostly to knees and legs, that have led some players to hang up their gym shoes. Many of the original players have “retired.” For some, however, age and injury are just hurdles to overcome.

Walter Thomas, who works in Mail Services, is determined to play for as long as he can. Thomas, who suffered a tear in his Achilles’ heel years ago, says “I’ll take it slow, but I’m not stopping.” On the other three days of the week, he plays basketball in St. Mary Hall with another team, whose members are from the maintenance crew.

Dr. Edward M. Sion, a professor of astronomy and astrophysics, has been playing with the faculty-staff team for more than 20 years. He might explore the heavens at night, but twice a week around noon, Eddie “The Shot” looks up for a net, and he plans on keeping it that way.

Every Tuesday and Thursday at Jake Nevin Field House, faculty and staff are joined by a few friends to play basketball. (Front row, from left): Dr. Edward M. Sion, nicknamed Eddie “The Shot” (astronomy and astrophysics), Walter Thomas (Mail Services) and John Hala (UNIT). (Back row, from left): Dr. John R. Johannes, nicknamed “Dr. J” (Academic Affairs), Dr. Michael J. Mason (education and human services), Dr. William P. Wagner (decision and information technologies), Angelo Grau (Office Basics), David Caudill, Ph.D., J.D. (Villanova School of Law), Navy Lt. Jeffrey C. Fassbender (NROTC instructor) and Shaun Hartmann (grounds).
A tradition now in its third decade, the faculty-staff game remains alive and well, proudly carried on by some of Villanova’s best. Sometimes, students passing by Nevin will stop and watch for a bit. Many might be amazed to learn that what looks like a regular basketball game is actually a favorite routine among friends. All of the players who were interviewed, long-timers and newcomers alike, said it’s more about playing with friends than competing for points. If the game is really good and competitive, that makes it simply a “bonus” for the day.

Although a spectator isn’t likely to see much dunking or many ambitious attitudes, this evolving group has a bond that goes well beyond the game. When they walk off the court, they still are friends. Anyone can become a good athlete, but being a good sport is more notable. To see this community of friends and colleagues from all parts of Villanova is to see sportsmanship at its best.

Recent Graduate Brings New Life to Villanova’s Knights of Columbus

BY MICHAEL NATARO ’06 A&S, ’08 G.S.

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fter 15 years of dormancy, the Knights of Columbus council has been re-activated at Villanova University. Chartered in 1958, the Fr. Ludwig Council (No. 4609) has more than 250 alumni members nationwide, including several Augustinian friars who reside in the St. Thomas of Villanova Monastery on campus.

The Knights of Columbus describes itself as the “world’s foremost Catholic fraternal benefit society.” It was incorporated in 1882 in New Haven, Conn., by the Rev. Michael J. McGivney. Members are committed through their faith to serving their parish and community. Today, the organization has more than 1.7 million Knights in 13,000 councils worldwide. It has been praised by popes, presidents and other world leaders.

The idea to re-activate Villanova’s council came from Gene Brion ’07 A&S, who graduated early last December.

“I wanted to provide a visible opportunity for Catholic men to live out their faith with other men who share the same faith and values,” Brion said. “The Knights of Columbus is a time-tested organization, 125 years old, and is perfect for the campus environment.”

The service fraternity exemplifies charity and the Catholic spirit, Brion noted. He believes it will continue to maintain these values in the Villanova community. Brion was surprised that Villanova did not have an active council, since it is “on the better end of the Catholicity spectrum in light of other Catholic universities,” he said.

Brion worked closely with Dan Eury, a Mail Services staff member, and the Rev. John Sheridan, O.S.A., University archivist, to get the chapter off the ground in May 2006. Eury, a fourth degree Knight of Columbus, transferred to the Fr. Ludwig Council. The other new members were initiated by the Springfield, Pa., council, where the Villanovans learned the principles of the first three degrees (charity, unity and fraternity).

Eury and Brion want to make the Knights of Columbus at Villanova a pillar of community service. This would create another outlet for students to get involved and perform service for the campus community and the greater Philadelphia area.

“At this point, we’re trying to discover the needs of the University so we can fulfill them,” said Eury. “We’d like to get involved in many aspects of service, including Special Olympics and Balloon Day.” The Knights of Columbus takes a firm stance on life issues, and members plan to be active with Villanovans for Life, the right-to-life student organization on campus.

Eury encourages young men to become involved with the Knights of Columbus, especially during their college years. “We’d like to see these men get broad experience to carry on their work here, so when they graduate and move into the private sector, they can continue the works and service learned here at Villanova.”

Michael Colaneri, a freshman philosophy major from Scranton, Pa., joined because of the Catholic fraternal aspects. “The sense of brotherhood that the Knights of Columbus gives you can extend well past your academic career,” he said. “The friendships you develop in this organization will remain with you for the rest of your life.”

Michael Nataro ’06 A&S, ’08 M.A., 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.

The re-activated Fr. Ludwig Council of the Knights of Columbus will tailor its mission to Villanova and its college-aged men. Gene Brion ’07 A&S (front row, center) and Dan Eury (back row, left) were instrumental in the re-activation.
Faculty Member’s Agency Receives Award

BY ANTHONY MAALOUF ’08 G.S.

A media relations and publicity campaign for the première of the “Scent is Life” exhibit in Philadelphia has won a Gold Award for Bill Cowen and his company. Cowen is founding president of Metrospective Communications, LLC. At Villanova, he is an instructor in the communication department, directs its Public Relations program and serves as the faculty advisor to VCAN (Villanova Communication Alumni Network) and to PRSSA (the Public Relations Student Society of America).

The award, the top one in its category, was presented on February 6 by MarCom Creative Awards, an international competition sponsored by the Association of Marketing and Communication Professionals. More than 5,000 entries were submitted in the various categories. Cowen was honored for his agency’s work promoting the interactive art-in-science exhibit on scent that was organized by the Monell Chemical Senses Center, an international institute for taste and smell research.

As a faculty member and a communications professional, Cowen balances his time between these two complimentary facets of public relations. He wears many different hats and said he would not have it any other way. “I have the best of both worlds, teaching great students and working with innovative people,” he said.

Cowen’s agency, Metrospective, based in Philadelphia, provides services in public relations, strategic communications and promotions. It has received numerous awards. Its clients are a variety of industries from entrepreneurial to Fortune 500 companies.

Bill Cowen, a communication faculty member, won a Gold Award from the Association of Marketing and Communication Professionals for his agency’s PR for an interactive science exhibit in Philadelphia.

Girl Scouts Explore Science at an Expo on Campus

BY IRENE BURGO

Using robots, forensics and even a digitized doll named Alice, the Girl Scouts of Freedom Valley (Pa.) made science, math and technology come alive at a daylong expo co-hosted by Villanova University. Held in Bartley Hall and Jake Nevin Field House, the Science and Technology Expo on March 17 was geared to inspiring girls from grades 4 to 8 to choose scientific and technical careers.

Villanova partnered with the Girl Scouts of Freedom Valley, IBM and Lockheed Martin’s NOVA Network of Volunteer Associates to offer the event. Villanova students also were on hand to assist. Stephen Fugale ’81 VSB, executive director of UNIT at Villanova, coordinated the expo. Faculty volunteers from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the College of Engineering helped in facilitating and coordinating.

In hands-on workshops, the Girl Scouts discovered the world of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. One workshop featured the Alice educational software, which teaches computer programming not with complicated code but through telling stories via drag-and-drop 3D characters and animation. “A-mazing Robot” involved them in programming and operating LEGO Mindstorms robots. In “Cyber Forensics,” they explored how FBI agents investigate and apprehend online criminals.

The Girl Scouts, from the counties of Chester, Bucks and parts of Montgomery, acquired patches for their participation.
Father Dobbin Honored with Michelini Award
BY ANTHONY MAALOUF '08 G.S.

The Rev. Edmund J. Dobbin, O.S.A., '58 A&S, University president emeritus, was honored as the 2007 recipient of the Francis J. Michelini Award for Outstanding Service to Higher Education. It was presented by the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Pennsylvania (AICUP) at its awards dinner on March 28.

Each year, AICUP honors someone from higher education who has made a significant contribution to independent higher education during his or her career. At the dinner, the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., '75 A&S, University president, in his remarks praised Father Dobbin for his long career of service.

Dr. Michelini, for whom the award is named, chairs the Council of Higher Education for Pennsylvania’s State Board of Education. He is the former president of Wilkes College and former president of the Commission for Independent Colleges and Universities.

Middle Schools Compete in Creating Future Cities
BY ANTHONY MAALOUF '08 G.S.

As the saying goes, our children are the future, and some middle school students didn’t waste any time moving in that direction. From 30 schools, they brought their scale models to the 2007 Philadelphia Future City Competition on January 27. This is the second year that Villanova University has hosted this regional event, a program of the Delaware Valley Engineers Week Council.

Last September, each school’s team presented preliminary designs of the computer models they created using SimCity 3000. Judges assigned each team an engineering problem, such as flooding, power outages or hurricanes.

Between November and January, each team had to build a scale model and write two papers. One paper briefly described the model city and the other, a detailed research paper, addressed the engineering problem and proposed a solution.

Finally, it was time for the all-day judging event, held in Villanova’s Jake Nevin Field House. The teams delivered short presentations to the judges, among them Dr. Kenneth Kroos, an associate professor of mechanical engineering at Villanova.

“Events like these help promote the profession to younger students,” noted Dr. Stephen Jones, associate dean for student and strategic programs in the College of Engineering.

The six finalists were awarded certificates and savings bonds. They were Kutztown (Pa.) Area Middle School; Our Lady Help of Christians School in Abington, Pa.; Drexel Hill (Pa.) Middle School; Glen Landing Middle School in Blackwood, N.J.; Governor Mifflin Middle School in Shillington, Pa.; and Warrick Middle School in Lititz, Pa.

More than 50 special category honors also were presented, including the Attention to Educational Facilities Award from Villanova, given to Barkalow Middle School in Freehold, N.J.

As the first-place winner, the Kutztown school represented the Philadelphia region in the National Engineers Week Future City Competition, held in Washington, D.C., in February. Kutztown took fourth place nationally, plus two other awards.
Career Programs with a Special Focus

BY ANTHONY MAALOUF ’08 G.S.

A new trend can be seen in Villanova University’s Career Services Office. This year, staff members are gearing some programs toward smaller and more specific student groups, with the goal of better guiding students towards their future careers.

While the large career fair that features more than 150 employers will continue to be held each fall in the Pavilion, a new series of career fairs during the Spring Semester will have fewer employers and recruiters but be more specific to a field. In January, Career Services hosted an arts and business career fair and in February an engineering, science and technology one.

Career Services also offers networking workshops featuring Villanova alumni. On February 12, in the program “From Rookie to All-Star: Liberal Arts in Government/Political Careers,” several liberal arts graduates spoke with students. Additional “Rookie to All-Star” events will focus on other fields, including entertainment/media. On February 24, “Wall Street Boot Camp,” a highly interactive, daylong program, brought in alumni from New York City’s financial district to coach students interested in investment banking careers.

Jennifer Wickersham, a career counselor in Career Services, was instrumental in planning many of these newly focused programs, specifically those in the liberal arts. “It certainly is a benefit to have a more focused program for the students,” Wickersham said. However, she added, students should feel free to attend even if their academic backgrounds are different from the themed event.

“At the engineering, science and technology fair, it’s likely you will find an employer who will hire students with business and liberal arts backgrounds. So we don’t want anyone to feel limited,” Wickersham added. In fact, Career Services encourages students to sign up for more than one career fair.

Villanova alumni increasingly have played a role in the development of these new programs. In the Career Services mentoring program, students can search a database to link up with alumni who have volunteered to be mentors in their field or profession.

“We’re getting a lot of support from the Villanova University Alumni Association,” Wickersham said. “We often refer our students to the alumni database, and alumni are usually right there, ready to help.”

For more information about Career Services, visit www.villanova.edu/studentlife/careers. To volunteer to share your expertise, contact Jennifer Wickersham at (610) 519-4062.

Highlighting the Intellectual Mission of Catholic Institutions

BY OSCAR ABELLO ’08 A&S

S tudents, faculty and others filled the Connelly Center’s Radnor/St. David’s Room on February 13 for “The Catholic Intellectual Tradition: What Is it and Why Should I Care?” The program offered a discussion with Dr. William J. Cahoy, dean of Saint John’s School of Theology•Seminary in Collegeville, Minn. His talk was sponsored by Villanova’s Office for Mission Effectiveness.

Cahoy aimed to characterize the right and responsibility, for every member of a Catholic institution of higher learning, to be informed of and versed in the Catholic intellectual tradition from which the institution was formed.

“We may not all be involved with intellectual work, so why even be concerned with it? We all work at a Catholic place,” Cahoy said, “a place whose mission is preserving, understanding, critiquing and extending the Catholic tradition. By being here, we have all agreed in some way or another to help it succeed in its mission.

“Need only Catholics care? No. It is a mistake to shift the collective responsibility of our mission to any subset among us,” Cahoy added.

“Something that makes a difference to 1.1 billion people might just make a difference to anyone, whatever their religious beliefs. If Catholics are to understand their own tradition, they need to dialogue with others who are not of their own background. What may not be so readily acknowledged is that it makes us more Catholic, not less, to be diverse.

Only after establishing why we should care did Cahoy tackle the question of what this tradition is. “Briefly stated, the Catholic intellectual tradition is the 2,000-year-old conversation about why conversation and dialogue matters, especially when applied to the life of Jesus of Nazareth and the disciples,” Cahoy said.

“The Catholic intellectual tradition is essentially a history of interaction between Christianity and the culture around it, establishing in the early generations the rules of the dance that will become this tradition.”

Early monasteries were a kind of pilot light for the tradition, Cahoy noted. “Monasteries created libraries by copying books. Not just religious books, not just safe things. They copied any book they could find from the classical world. Learning was good, and there was something in these books that was worth preserving.

There was a fearlessness and confidence in copying these books—that’s the tradition we need to claim today,” he said.

“We have become bearers of the identity of this tradition. It is appropriate that we take some time to think about this—what is the mission and how, if so desired, can I be a part of this,” Cahoy added.

To the bearers of this tradition, Cahoy emphasized the need to see clearly whose tradition it is that must be carried on.

“I want to claim the idea of inclusiveness as part of the Catholic intellectual tradition. Inclusiveness and diversity come into play through the very idea of universality—the very meaning of the word Catholic,” Cahoy said.

“With over 70 percent of 1.1 billion Catholics living in Africa, Asia or Latin America, I challenge you to find in history a more diverse global institution. This is a case when the schools need to keep up with the community.”

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from the memories they evoke.

Exploring the multifaceted significance of
quilts in our culture was the objective of an
Honors Program quilting bee held December
1, 2006, in the Honors Seminar Room in
the St. Augustine Center for the Liberal
Arts. The campus community was invited
to rethink the “quilting is for grannies” ste-
reotype and explore the aesthetic, cultural,
historical, anthropological and technical
aspects of quilting with local quilting expert
Jill Gates Smith.

Faculty, staff and students who attended
became so engrossed in the rich history,
implications and legacy of quilting that
needle and thread never touched cloth. But
the sustenance of shared memories and the
sense of community that quilting engenders
created a work of its own.

“Quilting is a craft and an art. It goes
across all sorts of traditions separated by all
sorts of lines,” Smith remarked. “Quilting is
an activity that crosses the lines of class,
color and cultures; of boundaries geographic
and national.”

In keeping with the sponsoring commit-
tee’s commitment to “culture literacy/culture
leadership,” Smith gave an overview of
quilting from historical, sociological, cultural
and aesthetic perspectives. The emphasis,
she said was on “women’s history, women’s
participation in making cloth, in making a
home, in building community.”

Quilts are “an expression of culture, the
bearers of cultural symbols,” Smith added.

About 35 years ago, quilts also began to
be recognized as art objects. Smith credited
quilter Nancy Crow with having spearheaded
the trend after setting up in her rural Ohio
cow barn an exhibition and competition for
quilts made solely for aesthetic purposes.
Crow’s contemporary quilts have been exhib-
ted at the Smithsonian’s Renwick Gallery
in Washington, D.C., and at the American
Craft Museum (now the Museum of Arts &
Design) and the American Folk Art Museum,
both in New York City. As a result, art quilts
today fetch a handsome price.

Quilting bee participants were given
the opportunity to examine quilts and
learn about design patterns, colors, stitch-
work and texture.

Asked what makes quilts so comforting,
Smith replied that “Quilts are tactile, they are
visual, and they carry a personal history. Peo-
ple have a way of recapturing or romanticiz-
ing an activity from when people were closer
or had more time to do things together.”

The quilting bee’s sponsor, the Honors
Program Culture Leadership Committee,
is led by the program’s coordinator, Bar-
bara Romano. Honors Program sopho-
mores Justin Wyrobek and Jessica Lockel
serve on the committee.
Your Alumni Association

Meet Father Donohue at a Presidential Reception

Villanova University’s 32nd president, the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., ’75 A&S, is continuing his visits to alumni at Presidential Receptions hosted by the Villanova University Alumni Association. Thousands of alumni have already attended these popular receptions throughout the country. Join us at a spring reception to meet Father Donohue and hear his plans for the future of the University.

These receptions, from 6:30-9 p.m., are complimentary, but please RSVP to alumni.villanova.edu or by phone to 1-800-VILLANOVA (1-800-845-5266). The following chapters will welcome Father Donohue in late May and June:

May 22 Central Connecticut (in Hartford)
June 18 Colorado (in Denver)
June 19 Arizona (in Phoenix)
June 21 Pacific Northwest (in Seattle)
June 25 Northern California (in San Francisco)
June 27 Southern California (in Manhattan Beach)
June 28 San Diego

At the Presidential Reception in Philadelphia last November, alumni had the opportunity to speak with the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., ’75 A&S, University president.

Celebrate Alumni Reunion Weekend 2007: June 8-10

Alumni Reunion Weekend is just around the corner, and the Villanova University Alumni Association invites you to celebrate your past at Villanova University. All alumni and their families are welcome, with special recognition for Villanovans with class years ending in “2” and “7.”

Special receptions highlight the Class of 1957 50-Year Reunion, the Class of 1982 25-Year Reunion and the Class of 1997 10-Year Reunion.

Don’t delay—you won’t want to miss this spectacular weekend. Call the Alumni Office at 1-800-VILLANOVA or go online (alumni.villanova.edu) for more information, to register or to see who is coming. Reminisce and reconnect at Alumni Reunion Weekend 2007!

Friday, June 8
2-5 p.m. Wildcat Welcome
3:30-5 p.m. Alumni Travel Program Wine and Cheese Reception
5:30 p.m. Class of 1957 Dinner
6-9 p.m. Engineering Alumni Society Awards Ceremony and Reception
7-10 p.m. Class Reunion Dinner Receptions

Saturday, June 9
8-10:30 a.m. Buffet Breakfast
8 a.m. Alumni Memorial Mass
9 a.m.-7 p.m. Registration
9 a.m.-noon Campus Shuttle Tours
9:30-10:30 a.m. Presentation by the Office of University Admission
9:30-11 a.m. Black Cultural Society/Black Student League Reception
10-11 a.m. Communal Blessing and Renewal of Marriage Vows
10-11 a.m. Nursing Alumni Society “Chat with the Dean”
11 a.m.-Noon Conversation with the President
Noon Top Cat Lunch
Noon-3 p.m. Reunion Family Picnic and Wildcat Photos/Autographs
3 p.m. Soccer Alumni Game and Reunion
5 p.m. Vigil Mass and Alumni Awards Ceremony; the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., ’75 A&S, University president, presiding
6:30-10:30 p.m. Alumni Gala Dinner
10:30 p.m.-midnight Late Night on the West Campus

Sunday, June 10
7:30 and 10:30 a.m.
Mass at the St. Thomas of Villanova Church
8-10:30 a.m. Farewell Brunch
Toast the Travel Program at Alumni Reunion Weekend

Toast Alumni Reunion Weekend on Friday, June 8, as the Alumni Travel Program hosts a Wine and Cheese Reception. Learn about the various travel opportunities offered this season by the Villanova University Alumni Association (VUAA). Prizes and discount coupons will be awarded during the reception, to be held from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

The VUAA Travel Program is a benefit for the University’s extended family of alumni, parents and friends. Our tour providers are among the best in the world and understand all that goes into planning a first-class travel experience. Learn more about the exciting trips planned for 2007-08 and start planning that very special vacation.

CitiMortgage: New VUAA Corporate Partner

Through a preferred alliance with the Villanova University Alumni Association (VUAA), CitiMortgage, Inc., a member of Citigroup, is pleased to offer a special mortgage program to our alumni.

Purchasing a home can be stressful, but not with CitiMortgage’s Mortgage Benefit Program. Through the alliance with Villanova, CitiMortgage will help you get the home financing assistance you need. Please visit the Corporate Partners section of the VUAA Web site for further details (alumni.villanova.edu).

A Great Gift for Your Villanovan: VU License Plates

Commemorate your daughter or son’s transition from Villanova student to graduate with a Villanova University license plate. Now alumni can show their Wildcat pride wherever they drive! The new license plate is available for Pennsylvania residents only at this time.

For details on how to order, please visit alumni.villanova.edu and click on Villanova Merchandise & More in the blue sidebar.

Stay in Touch at Villanova ONLINE

Villanova ONLINE helps you keep in touch with classmates or find them again—and much more. This online community features:

- a searchable Alumni Directory;
- a “My Page” to display your business and personal information;
- a Class Notes section, where you can share the news about the special occasions in your life;
- Yellow Pages, which allow you to advertise your business to other alumni for free;
- E-mail Forwarding, which gives you a free, permanent e-mail address that never changes and is affiliated with your alma mater; and
- the Alumni Events Calendar, to keep you informed and let you register for Villanova University Alumni Association events.

Sign up today so that you can access all the great benefits of Villanova ONLINE. Go to alumni.villanova.edu and click on the Villanova ONLINE Community link. Fill in the registration screen, and you are ready to take advantage of this exciting alumni resource.

See the Alumni Events Calendar at alumni.villanova.edu for details.

Tee Up for a Great Cause

Each year, Villanova University Alumni Association chapters across the country sponsor golf outings to raise scholarship funds for local Villanova students. Come out and enjoy great golf and support your alumni chapter’s scholarship fund. These events, held throughout the spring, summer and fall, are a great way to get together with alumni and friends while helping Villanova students.

May 24 Detroit Chapter
June 4 Atlanta Chapter
June 5 Carolinas Chapter
June 14 Central Connecticut Chapter
July 23 Syracuse Chapter
September 8 Greater Philadelphia Chapter
September 13 Chicago Chapter
October 15 Monmouth/Ocean Counties Chapter

Save the Date!

Homecoming 2007 and Class of 2002 Five-Year Reunion

October 5-7
Alumni Marvel at King Tut Exhibit

At the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia on May 4, Villanova alumni and friends gathered to witness the majesty of King Tut. The fascinating “Tutankhamun and the Golden Age of the Pharaohs” exhibit allowed them to see the treasures of the “boy king” on the final stop of his U.S. tour.

Double the size of the original 1977 exhibition, this one brought to the Franklin Institute approximately 130 artifacts from King Tut’s tomb and Egypt’s Valley of the Kings. Many of these antiquities are being shown in the United States for the first time ever. Through CT scan imaging, alumni were able to get an idea of what this legendary pharaoh looked like while alive. This unique exhibit was as exciting as it was enlightening.

Candidates Connect at Legacy Breakfast

On Candidates’ Day, April 14, alumni sons and daughters who received acceptance to Villanova University attended the annual Legacy Breakfast, hosted by the Villanova University Alumni Association (VUAA).

Speakers representing START (Student Alumni Relations Team), the VUAA and alumni parents offered insights about their wonderful Villanova experiences and were on-hand to answer questions.

The Legacy Breakfast is an excellent opportunity for parents and their children to connect on a common level while giving these prospective students a comprehensive look at the University.

Find a New Student Reception Near You

Villanova University alumni and their families are invited to welcome their alma mater’s newest students and families at New Student Receptions, hosted by local alumni chapters across the country and around the world. These events are an excellent opportunity for new students and families to familiarize themselves with Villanova. Alumni and current students answer questions and provide helpful tips and insights designed to ease the transition to college life.

Visit alumni.villanova.edu to locate a New Student Reception near you.

Sharing the Excitement at Basketball Receptions...

The Villanova University Alumni Association hosted more than 20 receptions over the course of the Wildcats’ thrilling 2006-07 season. These very popular receptions enable alumni to meet before tip-off or after the game to enjoy great food and drinks and share the excitement of Villanova basketball.

Check alumni.villanova.edu in early fall for next season’s schedule and to find out how to order your Game/Reception packages for the 2007-08 season.

...and at Game Watches

The 2006-07 basketball season was an exciting one for Villanova alumni! Numerous alumni chapters throughout the country hosted Game Watches to bring Villanovans together and cheer on the Wildcats on the big screen. It’s the next best thing to being there! Game Watches are a great way for alumni to keep in touch and show their Villanova spirit. Check back next season and join in a Game Watch near you.

Student-Alumni Unity Through START

START (Student Alumni Relations Team) is a student organization sponsored by the Villanova University Alumni Association (VUAA). Its members serve as a liaison between the student body and the VUAA. START promotes student-alumni unity and helps to bring alumni participation into the daily lives of students.

This year, START has 52 members, 25 of whom are new. Meaghan Mahon ’09 A&S has been chosen as its new president. The START president will now be invited to attend meetings of the Alumni Affairs Committee of the Villanova University Board of Trustees.
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.

## Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Southern New Jersey Region

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<td>All are welcome to attend this fifth annual golf outing—not just former baseball team members. Participants may create their own foursome or have one created for them. Tee-off is 9 a.m. at the Linfield National Golf Club. Following golf, the baseball team will host a dinner at the Villanova Ballpark at Plymouth, prior to watching the Wildcats battle Rutgers’ Scarlet Knights. First pitch is at 4 p.m. For more information, contact Villanova’s baseball office at (610) 519-4529, booster president Mike Evangelista VSB at (610) 256-1224 or Scott Reidenbach ’93 A&amp;S at (610) 256-0402.</td>
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<td>Join Andy Talley, head coach of Wildcat football, and fellow alumni and friends for this 14th annual golf outing. All proceeds will benefit the National Bone Marrow Registry, a cause that Coach Talley and his team support. The golf begins at 11:30 a.m. at the Stow Acres Country Club. For additional information, visit <a href="http://www.alumni.villanova.edu">www.alumni.villanova.edu</a> (click on Events). See also page 46.</td>
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<td>Join fellow alumni in volunteering for Cradles to Crayons, a nonprofit organization that gathers clothing, school supplies, books, bedding and other items for children in need. For more information, contact Laura Quilty ’04 A&amp;S at <a href="mailto:laura.quilty@gmail.com">laura.quilty@gmail.com</a>.</td>
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<td><strong>Atlanta Scholarship Golf Outing</strong></td>
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<td>Join fellow alumni and friends at the White Columns Country Club for our annual golf outing. Proceeds will benefit a scholarship fund for local Villanova students. The cost is $275 per golfer or $1,000 per foursome (includes cart, green fees, lunch, drinks on the course, two-hour open bar after golf and heavy hors d’oeuvres). Hole sponsorships are available at $200 per hole. To register, visit <a href="http://alumni.villanova.edu">alumni.villanova.edu</a> (click on Events).</td>
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<td>Join us at 12:30 p.m. at the Cedarwood Country Club for our annual golf outing, which raises funds to benefit local Villanova students. The cost is $145 per person and includes golf and dinner. Please RSVP to Rick Stieber 60 C.E. at <a href="mailto:therick@carolina.rr.com">therick@carolina.rr.com</a>. We also ask for your help in assisting Loaves and Fishes, an emergency food pantry in Charlotte, by bringing a canned food item or by making a monetary donation.</td>
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### New York, Connecticut, North/Central New Jersey Region

#### May

**Tuesday, May 22**  
**Hartford, Conn.**  
Central Connecticut Presidential Reception  
The Villanova University Alumni Association and the Central Connecticut Chapter invite alumni to a complimentary reception to welcome the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., ’75 A&S, University president. It will be held from 6:30-9 p.m. at The Hartford Club (46 Prospect St.). RSVP to 1-800-VILLANOVA (800-845-5266).

**Wednesday, June 27**  
**Manhattan Beach, Calif.**  
Los Angeles Presidential Reception  
The Villanova University Alumni Association and the Southern California Chapter invite alumni to a complimentary reception to welcome the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., ’75 A&S, University president. It will be held from 6:30-9 p.m. at the Manhattan Beach Marriott (1400 Parkview Ave.). RSVP to 1-800-VILLANOVA (800-845-5266).

### Midwest Region

#### May

**Thursday, May 24**  
**Detroit**  
Detroit Scholarship Golf Outing and Dinner Reception  
Hosted by the Detroit Chapter  
Plan to join us for a golf outing to benefit a scholarship fund for local Villanova students. This event will take place from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. at the Oakland Hills Country Club, the host course for the 2008 PGA Championship. For packages, schedule and other information, visit alumni.villanova.edu and click on Events.

**Wednesday, June 2**  
**Chicago**  
Chicago Cubs Alumni Outing  
Hosted by the Chicago Chapter  
Join fellow alumni and friends for a pre-game party at Johnny O’Hagan’s Irish Pub (3374 N. Clark Ave.) from 10 a.m. until noon. After the party, we’ll head over to our lower-level seats at Wrigley Field to watch the Chicago Cubs vs. Atlanta Braves game, beginning at 12:05 p.m. The cost is $40 per person. Please register online at alumni.villanova.edu (click on Events) or by calling 1-800-VILLANOVA. For additional information, contact Ed Fitzpatrick ’96 A&S at efizpa@yahoo.com.

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### Western Region

#### June

**Monday, June 25**  
**San Francisco**  
San Francisco Presidential Reception  
The Villanova University Alumni Association and the Northern California Chapter invite alumni to a complimentary reception to welcome the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., ’75 A&S, University president. It will be held from 6:30-9 p.m. at the Grand Hyatt San Francisco on Union Square (345 Stockton St.). RSVP to 1-800-VILLANOVA (800-845-5266).

**June**

**Monday, June 18**  
**Denver**  
Denver Presidential Reception  
The Villanova University Alumni Association and the Colorado Chapter invite alumni to a complimentary reception to welcome the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., ’75 A&S, University president. It will be held from 6:30-9 p.m. at the Denver Country Club (1700 E. 1st Ave.). RSVP to 1-800-VILLANOVA (800-845-5266).

**Tuesday, June 19**  
**Phoenix**  
Phoenix Presidential Reception  
The Villanova University Alumni Association and the Arizona Chapter invite alumni to a complimentary reception to welcome the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., ’75 A&S, University president. It will be held from 6:30-9 p.m. at the Phoenix Country Club (2901 N. 7th St.). RSVP to 1-800-VILLANOVA (800-845-5266).

**Wednesday, June 27**  
**BC Lake Michigan Boat Cruise**  
Hosted by the Chicago Chapter  
Join us for a boat cruise on Lake Michigan from 6-10 p.m., along with alumni from Boston College.

### August

**Sunday, August 5**  
**San Diego**  
New Student Reception  
St. Augustine High School Chapel  
Hosted by the San Diego Chapter  
Students who will be members of next fall’s Villanova freshman class, their parents and alumni are invited to this New Student Reception. The Mass at 10 a.m. will be followed by the reception. St. Augustine High School is located at 3266 Nutmeg St. RSVP by August 1 to Richard J. Schleicher ’57 M.E. at Richard_Schleicher@alum.villanova.edu.
Nine weeks. This summer. Invest in the future.

For undergraduate students or recent graduates with non-business majors, the Villanova School of Business—ranked #12 in the nation by BusinessWeek—is the ideal place to learn the fundamentals of business this summer.

The Villanova Summer Business Institute (SBI) is an intense nine-week program, with on-campus housing available. Students learn business basics from Villanova faculty, who bring a wide range of expertise to the classroom as teachers, researchers, and corporate consultants.

Through SBI’s integrated curriculum, students strengthen their understanding of the basics—including economics, accounting, finance, information systems, operations management, organizational strategy, marketing, and business law. Students also broaden their overarching skills—including problem solving, decision making, creative thinking, and strategic leadership.

Villanova students who successfully complete SBI earn a Business Minor. Students from other universities earn an SBI Certificate. In both cases, the SBI experience can provide benefits for a lifetime.

www.business.villanova.edu/sbi
University Financial Club in Manhattan. He and his wife, Penny, now live in Adelaide (her hometown) with their young son, James. Their older son, Christopher ’91 A&S, Gen., lives in Florida, and daughter Heather Swartwood lives in Concord, Mass., with her husband and twin sons. Ray Koening ’68 C.E., formed His Handymen, Inc., a volunteer group of men and women who make grats house repairs for the needy in and near Hilton Head, S.C. Koening and his wife, Jenny, now live in Bluffton, S.C.

Paul Sessions ’68 A&S, Engl., director of the University of New Haven Center for Family Business, has been named a Fellow of the Family Firm Institute, an international organization of family business advisors. His experience comes from 17 years of working in his family’s six-generation business and later as a consultant for other family-owned firms. He also maintains a private consulting practice. John Dinolfo ’69 A&S, Engl., teaches technical and professional writing in the English department at Clemson University.

Donelan was one of the founders of The Villanova

John C. Wagner ’76 M.T.E. was named senior engineer at Pennoni Associates Inc. in Philadelphia.

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Barbara P. Barnett ’77 G.S., Mod. Lang., head of modern languages at the Agnes Irwin School in Rosemont, Pa., was named a Chevalier dans l’Ordre des Palmes Académiques, the French government’s highest honor for academic achievement. Napoleon Bonaparte established the order in 1808 to recognize those who have advanced the cause of French culture, education and the arts.

Al Baione ’78 Ch.E. is vice president, operations at Perot Systems Government Services in Fairfax, Va. The company provides safety, quality and environmental engineering services in support of high-hazard government agency missions.


Donna Marino Gares ’78 Nur., chief nursing officer at San Jacinto Methodist Hospital in Baytown, Texas, was named to the additional position of chief operating officer.

Navy Capt. Robert W. Boucher ’80 A&S, Pol. Sci. is commodore of Commander, Amphibious Squadron 8 (Kearsarge Expeditionary Strike Group). Previous assignments include serving as chief of staff, U.S. Naval Forces Korea; director of Navy Operations Center Pentagon; command of the USS ELEASE; and chief of staff, program executive officer, Theater Air Defense.

Michael P. Mulrooney ’80 Ch.E. has been appointed president of Basell Polyolefins North America, the world’s largest producer of polypropylene and advanced polyolefin products. He is based in Elkton, Md.

Robert F. Tyson Jr. ’86 VSB, Bus. Adm., ’89 J.D. has opened the Los Angeles office of his law firm Tyson & Mendes LLP, representing clients throughout California in the areas of civil litigation, insurance law, construction law, employment and general liability. Tyson is a member of the Villanova University Alumni Association Board of Directors and immediate past president of the San Diego Chapter.

Gerard H. Warner ’86 VSB, Bus. Adm., of Rochester, N.Y., is the new vice president of global strategy and commercial development—contact lenses at Bausch & Lomb.

Glen Wolfinger, D.M.D., ’86 A&S, Bio., a Philadelphia area prosthodontist, spoke on “Teeth in a Day” and “Teeth in an Hour” at an American College of Prosthodontists meeting on implant prosthodontics.
Class of 1987: 20th Reunion, June 8-10, 2007
Wayne K. Maiorana, Esq., ’88 A&S, Pol. Sci. was elected to partner in the Raleigh, N.C., law firm of Smith Anderson, LLP, where he concentrates his practice in the area of construction, commercial and health-care litigation. He and his wife, Annemarie, Carson Maiorano ’88 VSB, Bus. Adm., and their two daughters live in Raleigh.


Brian F. Zappetti, Esq., ’89 A&S, Comm., ’89 VSB, Acct. was promoted to special counsel in the business department at the Philadelphia law office of Saul Ewing LLP.

1990s
Brian Brady ’90 C&F, Bus. Adm. was elected president of the San Diego Chapter of the Villanova University Alumni Association.

Michele Ricks ’90 A&S, Pol. Sci. received a master’s degree in English language teaching from the University of Bath in England.

Chris Sperduto ’90 A&S, Phil. has assumed directorship of the Makassar International School in South Sulawesi, Indonesia, where he is living. He would appreciate any assistance from fellow students in obtaining equipment for the struggling school, such as used laptop computers, science equipment, computer programs, etc. His e-mail is tidakapas@hotmail.com.

James F. Desmond Jr., Esq., ’91 A&S, Phil. joined the New York Downtown office of Cohen O’Connor as an associate in the law firm’s commercial litigation practice group. He had been assistant district attorney in Suffolk County, N.Y.

Tom Finn ’91 VSB, Acct. is project cost controller at Hess Corp.’s joint venture refinery, Hovensa LLC, in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands. Hovensa is the third-largest refinery in the Western Hemisphere and the eighth largest in the world.

George Freeth ’91 VSB, Acct. was promoted to a manager on the business consultants and accountants team at SolomonEdwardsGroup, LLC, in Wayne, Pa.

James McGowan, Esq., ’91 A&S, Soc. is a police officer at Cleveland’s University Circle Police Department. Formerly assistant prosecuting attorney at the Cuyahoga County prosecutor’s office, McGowan says he “left the practice of law to serve the community in a more hands-on way.”

Class of 1992: 15th Reunion, June 8-10, 2007
Salvatore Alesia, Esq., ’92 A&S, Pol. Sci. is a partner in the Rockville Centre, N.Y., law firm of Satran, Panzavecchia & Alesia, PLLC, specializing in real estate, personal injury, criminal defense and estate planning.

Daniel Galo ’92 A&S, Pol. Sci. in March 2006 relocated to Hamburg, Germany, with his wife, Andrea McGovern Galo ’92 A&S, Pol. Sci. and their two daughters. The couple both work at Unilever. He holds a master’s degree from the London School of Economics and an M.B.A. from the University of Virginia, and she earned her M.B.A. at the University of Chicago. They are eager to reconnect with Villanova classmates.

Jeannine Halphen ’92 A&S, Math., after battling cancer for two and a half years, in November 2006 ran her first full marathon with The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society’s “Team in Training” in Richmond, Va. Her Web site (www.active.com/donate/intnva/Neener) details how to support this cause.

John Ogle ’92 A&S, Gen. is director of education and research at the National Association for Campus Activities in Columbia, S.C. The organization creates educational and business opportunities linking the higher education and entertainment communities.

Krista Saponara ’92 A&S, Comm. is co-founder and independent sports producer in Los Angeles, now is executive producer at TeamWorks Media in Chicago. As an associate producer for TNT’s “Inside the NBA—Playoffs,” she shared a 2006 Sports Emmy for Outstanding Studio Show-Daily.

Paul Vitrano, Esq., ’92 A&S, Pol. Sci., a partner in the Washington, D.C., law office of Ross, Dixon & Bell, LLP, was honored with a Motorcycle Industry Council Chairman’s Award for his contributions to the powersports business.

Susan Wall Evans ’92 A&S, Math. in October 2006 was named Virginia’s Teacher of the Year. She holds a master’s degree from Virginia Tech, where she has also completed her classroom requirements in mathematics for a Ph.D. At Rural Retreat High School, she has “enrolled 47 students in a dual credit pre-calculus course, an extraordinary number for a small, rural high school,” according to a press release from the Virginia Department of Education. She resides in Rural Retreat with her husband, Brian, and their daughter.

Kerry F. Feehery ’93 A&S, Engl. was named director of the Washington, D.C., executive office of Florida Gov. Charlie Crist. She advocates for the people of Florida. Her extensive experience includes most recently serving as communications director for Sen. Mel Martinez (R-Fla.).

Brian Goebel ’93 A&S, Gen. returned from Zurich, Switzerland, where he worked at General Motors, and has joined the firm’s Chevrolet Product Communications in Detroit.

Dr. Dean Libutti ’93 VSB, Mgt. received his doctorate in educational leadership from Johnson & Wales University and has been named associate dean of University College at the University of Rhode Island. He resides in North Kingston with his wife, Julie Oates Libutti ’95 A&S, Pol. Sci., and their two children.

Thomas Little ’93 A&S, Soc., a freelance TV commercial producer, placed 34th in the 2006 ING New York City Marathon with a time of 2:25:55. He runs with the Central Park Track Club.

Thomas D. Mooney ’93 VSB, Acct. was elected to partnership at the Pittsburgh office of KPMG LLP, an audit, tax and advisory firm. He provides services to middle market software, manufacturing and life sciences clients. He is a member of both the Pennsylvania and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Most recently, she was awarded a Crisis Response Service Award for assisting with hurricane relief.

Michael Cunius ’94 VSB, Mgt. was named a director in the equities division at Credit Suisse in Houston.


Dr. Christopher Brigham ’95 Ch.E. in October 2006 received a Ph.D. in molecular microbiology from Tufts University School of Medicine. At the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he researches bioplastics, he was promoted to post-doctoral associate.

Brian F. Colalucci ’95 VSB, Fin. joined Robeco Wealth and Greer in the firm’s New York fixed income group as senior vice president and municipal bond portfolio manager.

Brett Loper ’95 A&S, Eco. was named Republican staff director for the Ways and Means Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives.

John P. Sorgini II, Esq. ’95 VSB, Fin. is an associate in the corporate and securities group at the Boston law office of Fish & Richardson P.C.

Scott R. Reidenbach, Esq., ’93 A&S, Engl., associate attorney at the Berwyn, Pa., law firm of Steven L. Sugarman & Associates, was elected to the Board of directors of the Community Associations Institute. In 2006, he was named a Pennsylvania Super Lawyer Rising Star.

Cmndr. Marie Bridy-Casey ’94 Nur. received an exceptional proficiency promotion to the rank of commander in the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, where she is a nursing consultant in Baltimore. She also received an Outstanding Service Medal, a Commendation Medal and two Unit Commendations.
Class of 1997: 10th Reunion, June 8-10, 2007


Amy Latyak '97 Nur. achieved clinical ladder level III status as an R.N. in the family centered maternity unit of Paoli (Pa.) Hospital. She is also certified as a childbirth educator.

Travis P. Nelson, Esq., '98 VSB, Eco., is an associate in the Princeton, N.J., law office of Pepper Hamilton LLP. His wife, Dr. Kathryn Nunno Nelson '99 A&S, Psy., was awarded a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from The Catholic University of America and completed a post-doctoral fellowship in psychiatry at Johns Hopkins Medicine. The Nelsons live in Bucks County, Pa.

Kristin Resch De Lay '98 VSB, Mkt., in 2004 received a master’s degree in professional communications from La Salle University, where she is coordinator of part-time B.S.N. programs. She and her husband, Jeffrey, reside in Philadelphia.

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

Joseph M. Anthony '02 VSB, Fin., was named senior vice president of Gregory FCA Communications’ financial industry practice in Ardmore, Pa.

Tracey B. Nguyen '02 VSB, Acct., '02 A&S, Comm., '06 J.D./M.B.A., was named an associate in the business law department of the Philadelphia law office of Cozen O'Connor. She had been a summer associate with the firm last year.

Marissa Savino '02 VSB, Mkt., is a licensed financial representative and financial representative in the eastern region for the American Banker.

Rebecca Carter, Esq., '03 A&S, Pol. Sci., has been named an associate in the Baltimore law firm of John H. Denick & Associates, P.A. She earned her J.D. in 2006 at the University of Maryland School of Law.

Bridget K. McDermott, Esq., '03 A&S, Comm./Soc., is an associate in the Chelmsford, Mass., law firm of Gueretta & Benson, LLP. She is a 2006 graduate of Suffolk University Law School.

David Rhodes '03 M.B.A., was promoted to a manager of the business consultants and accountants team at SolomonEdwardGroup LLC in Wayne, Pa. He began his career in chemical engineering and worked for Rohm & Haas for nine years.

Marriages

1990s


Brian Donlon '92 A&S, Pol. Sci., married Mika Mista.

Lisa Chase '93 VSB, Mkt., married Christopher Tobin.


Christina Marie Lamprecht '94 VSB, Mkt., married P. Reed Wilmerding.

Christina Bogia '95 A&S, Comm., married Christopher Androski.

Christopher Brigham '95 Ch.E., married Kathryn Brinner.

Kevin Crowley '95 A&S, Hist., married Lorraine Maevsky.

Ann Fusillo '95 A&S, Soc. served as a military intelligence officer.


Christine Peterson '95 A&S, Pol. Sci., married Vincent Cappello, M.D.


David Temple '96 VSB, Mkt., married Lisa Malchione '02 VSB, Fin.

Robert G. Beane Jr. '97 Ch.E., married Jamie Marie Clarkin '03 VSB, Acct.

Deirdre Harten '97 VSB, Mkt., married Brad Noack.

Deena Brozek '97 VSB, Mkt., married Todd P. Brandow.

Jason Koffke '98 C.E., married Helen P. Ramos.

Kristin Resch '98 VSB, Mkt., married Jeffrey De Lay.

David Whitehouse '98 Comp. Eng., married Julie Carr '95 C.E.


Thomas Murray '99 VSB, Mkt., married Diane Glinn.

2000s

Cara Capponi '00 A&S, Pol. Sci., married Louis Amo.

Brian Farrell '00 VSB, Acct., married Jessica Fahy '99 A&S, Hum. Serv.

Joseph Freer '00 A&S, Soc., married Collette Kelly.

Tara Hooper '00 VSB, Acct., married Michael J. Saraceno.

Heather Hughes '00 VSB, Acct., married Dan Trojan.

Daniel Morell '00 A&S, Educ., married Callie Curran '00 A&S, Hum. Serv.

Richie Russell '00 VSB, Mkt., married Catherine Fabrizio '01 A&S, Comm.

Kristine Sabol '00 A&S, Comm., married Dave Amerikaner.

Sean Langenus '01 A&S, Pol. Sci., married Alison Hughes '01 Nur.

Kristin M. Puzio '01 A&S, Bio., married Eric VanBenschoten.

Joseph Russell '01 A&S, Comm., married Jeanette Tanner.


Christopher Sigel '01 A&S, Psy., married Megan Sando '02 A&S, Psy., '06 M.B.A.


Jessica Mohan '02 VSB, Fin., married Keith Martin.

James Osborn '02 Ch.E., married Sadie Wetherbee.

Jacqueline Remley '02 VSB, Acct., '03 M.B.A., married Patrick Wallace.

David A. Savicki '02 VSB, Mgt., married Kelly E. Ryan.

John Surry '02 E.E., '05 M.E.E., married Elizabeth Stern '02 E.E., '05 M.E.E.

Allison Dunlop '03 A&S, Edu./Soc., married Matt Hollender.


Shanna Kurek '03 A&S, Comm., married Steven Latham.

Emily Andrus '04 A&S, Hist., married Adrian Schau.

Kristen LaMothe '04 A&S, Soc., married Aaron Stone.


Births

1980s

Maureen Sullivan Owens '82 VSB, Acct., boy.

Steven C. Reed '88 E.E. and Katherine Flynn Reed '92 A&S, Pol. Sci., girl.


Lori Mehalick Simpkins '89 A&S, Math., boy.

1990s

Elena Vidal Organ '90 VSB, Acct., girl.

Greg Drechsler '91 VSB, Acct., twins, boy and girl.

Tom Finn '91 VSB, Acct., girl.


John Ogle '92 A&S, Gen., girl.


Jennifer Wysocki Bryant '92 VSB, Acct., girl.


Kerry Henderson Winroth '93 VSB, Mkt., girl.

Kristin Sullivan Clarke '93 VSB, Fin., boy.


Deborah Thomas Ryan '94 VSB, Acct., '97 J.D., boy.

Caline Azouri Treger '95 A&S, Hum. Serv., boy.


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Kristen Trainor Scarlett ’95 A&S, Psy., boy.
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Christopher Nestore ’96 VSB, Fin., ’04 M.B.A., twin boys.
Gintaras Duda ’97 A&S, Physics and Mary Kremer Duda ’96 Ch.E., boy.
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Tim Costello ’98 VSB, Mkt. and Ana Panganiban Costello ’97 A&S, Psy., girl.
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Thomas Murray ’99 VSB, Mkt., girl.

2000s

Sarah Frank Hubbard ’01 VSB, Mgt., boy.
Brian Lewis ’01 A&S, Soc. and Danielle Dutton Lewis ’01 VSB, Mkt., boy.
Joseph M. Anthony ’02 VSB, Fin., boy.
Brian Kolkebetch ’05 E.E., girl.
In Memoriam

1930s
Paul J. Scullin ’31 C.E., on November 2, 2006.

1940s
Jaime Buxeda ’42 VSB, Eco., on November 24, 2006.
Vincent Proscino ’43 M.E., on December 26, 2006.

1940s-2000s
John Eidt ’57 VSB, Eco., on December 11, 2006.
Morton Mozenter ’57 G.S., App., on January 2.

1950s
Timothy J. Osiecki ’77 VSB, Eco., on August 20, 2005.

1960s
Richard C. Garmzmeer ’62 C.E., on March 12, 2006.
MaryAnne Rooney ’65 Nur., on December 27, 2006.
Alan D. Cardinal ’67 VSB, Eco., on December 17, 2006.

1970s
James G. Rinier ’74 G.S., Arts, on December 1, 2006.

1980s-2000s
Ronald M. Bonassar ’83 VSB, Acct., on August 24, 2006.
David C. Bringenbert ’90 G.S., Comp. Sci., on December 1, 2006.
James P. Remick ’90 M.B.A., on October 10, 2005.
Jeanne Marie McWilliams O’Pella ’92 A&S, Phil., on January 16.

Jack Reilly ’57 VSB, Eco., on January 2.

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Memorial Tribute

The Rev. Richard D. Appicci, O.S.A., '57 A&S
Serving in Peru, in prisons and at Villanova, he lived his faith fully.

By James E. McErlane ’64 A&S, ’67 J.D.

On the evening of February 5, we celebrated the life of a beloved, inspirational man. A packed St. Thomas of Villanova Church participated in the funeral Mass for the Rev. Richard D. Appicci, O.S.A., ’57 A&S, who passed on February 1. He would have been 79 on February 4.

For those of us who attended Villanova University in the 1960s, who had Father Appicci as a teacher or who participated in student government or other activities, he was the personification of the man we all wanted to be.

The program listed the Very Rev. Donald F. Reilly, O.S.A., ’71 A&S, D. Min., Prior Provincial of the Province of St. Thomas of Villanova, as the celebrant. Instead, it was the Most Rev. Robert F. Prevost, O.S.A., ’77 A&S, ’85 G.S., J.C.D., Prior General of the Order of St. Augustine, who came up following meetings in Argentina on his way back to Rome. There were three bishops in attendance; scores of priests; scores of alumni. Father Appicci would have scoffed at the assemblage: “Don’t you have something better to do?”

1928 - 2007

The Rev. Richard D. Appicci, O.S.A., ’57 A&S served at Villanova University from 1961-67 before becoming a missionary in Peru. Father Appicci spent more than 20 years ministering to the people of Peru, capturing their hearts and minds with faith, hope and love.

In 1990, Father Appicci became mission director for the Augustinians and spent his life raising funds for the Augustinian missions in Peru, South Africa and Japan. At the same time, he served as a prison chaplain and worked tirelessly to bring justice and peace to the world. Without doubt, his life was a living testament to the Sermon on the Mount.

Father Appicci passed away on February 1. Help carry on his life’s work by supporting The Richard D. Appicci, O.S.A., Endowment for the Augustinian Missions.

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“It is the contributions of people like Father Appicci 40 years ago that helped this institution to achieve the heights it has attained.”

After serving as dean of Student Activities and then as vice president for Student Affairs at Villanova, Father Appicci volunteered to go to the Augustinian missions in Peru, to which he devoted almost 21 years. He worked among the poorest of the poor. He built churches. He “hoped against hope” to eliminate poverty.

The Prior General told a story that had been related by a missionary bishop two days before at a memorial Mass for Father Appicci in South America. People in Chulucanas had enlisted the support of their beloved Padre Ricardo to improve the spotty electricity that the government provided to their town. A “can do, will do” guy, he agreed to take on the job only if the electricity would first be provided to the shantytown and the barrio before being extended to the business area where the “rich people” worked and lived. Sure enough, some months later, the electricity came first to the shanties, and then to the rest of Chulucanas.

Upon returning from Peru, Father Appicci worked from his office at Villanova to support Augustinian missions. In the late 1990s, he was appointed as an Augustinian delegate to the United Nations in New York City. Literally within months of completing that tour, he came back to Villanova, where he volunteered to be to the poor” and “as chaplain to the prisoners.” I didn’t expect him to say “mentor to the students,” but we know he didn’t forget us.

Villanova University has achieved remarkable success. It is the contributions of people like Father Appicci 40 years ago that helped this institution to achieve the heights it has attained. I am confident that Villanova is stronger than ever. Yet I can’t believe that there are any administrators or professors who, 40 years from today, will stop so many alumni in their tracks at the thought of their death. While none of us could have imagined that Father Appicci would spend 21 years in the missions, or go to the United Nations or go to a maximum security prison to sing “I want Jesus to walk with me” with the prisoners, we did know that he would touch the hearts and souls of thousands of people who would become better for the experience of having known him. Villanova is. We are.

James E. McErlane ’64 A&S, ’67 J.D. is senior partner at the law firm of Lamb McErlane PC, in West Chester, Pa. He was named a Pennsylvania Super Lawyer in 2005 and 2006 for general business law, and is an active member of the West Chester community.
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