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A Match Made Under the Oaks

by Sara Gadzik

FOR MORE THAN 50 YEARS, Sally (Landd) Quinn '38 has found a little present by her breakfast plate on the seventh day of the month. It might be a pie from the shop down the street, a book or, years ago, a pair of nylons. The tokens are month-a-versary presents from her husband, Jim, and since they were married on June 7, 1947, he hasn't forgotten a date.

Each February, the Alumni office sends Valentines to more than 500 Ambrosian couples—alums who are married to other alums.

They met in the St. Ambrose library in the late 1930s, when the library took up the basement of Davis Hall. Although officially Ambrose was all male, the "women's division" of

St. Ambrose College admitted women to campus for classes in the afternoon. To help pay the \$75 semester tuition, Sally worked in the library. "Of course that was the Depression era,



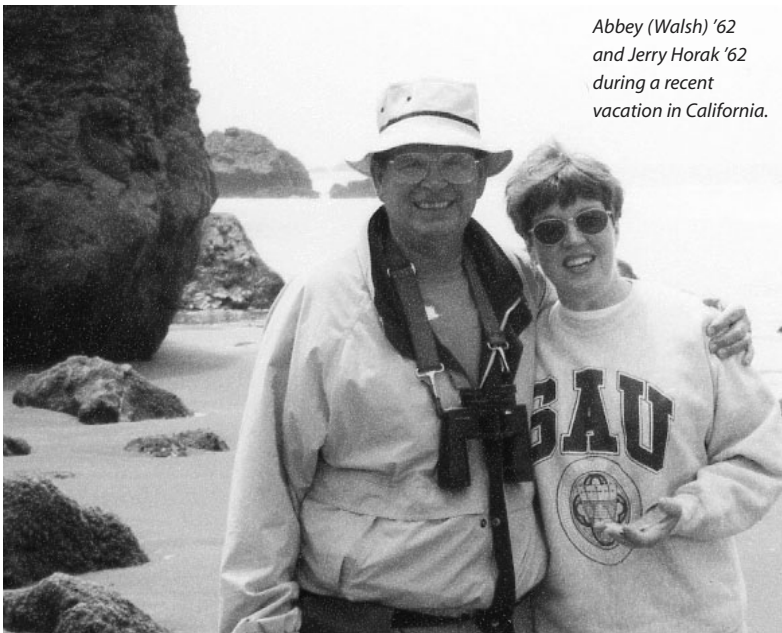
so most everyone had part-time jobs," she says. After graduating in 1938, she began teaching at United Township High School in East Moline, Ill., but came back to the library during the summers.

Ambrose paid 50 cents an hour; clerking at Woolworth's was only 26 cents.

Jim Quinn worked for a few years before he entered St. Ambrose as a seminary student in 1937. "He was a 'churchie' so he wasn't supposed to be interested in girls," remembers Sally. But there was an immediate friendship between them, even though both swear the romance didn't begin until after he graduated in 1941. They had started making wedding plans, but decided to wait after he enlisted to serve in WW II. Sally explains, "They had rules back then that if you were married you couldn't teach. I said, 'What's left, work as a clerk in a dime store?'" After the war, they married and eventually bought a drug store in Hampton, Ill., where they raised three daughters. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1997.

The Quinns weren't the first couple to begin their courtship under the cover of oak leaves, and most certainly they weren't the last. Each February since 1996, the Alumni Office has sent Valentines to more than 500 Ambrosian couples—alums who are married to other alums. That number doesn't even include all the Marycrest-Ambrose matches made in the '50s and '60s, when Marycrest was the "sister school" to St. Ambrose's all-male population.

"Ambrose and Marycrest were extremely close at one time, when Mother Geraldine was at Marycrest and Monsignor Burke was president at Ambrose," recalls Jerry Longbons '56, who went by Wally at Ambrose. A Marycrest-Ambrose Interclub Council put on joint



Abbey (Walsh) '62 and Jerry Horak '62 during a recent vacation in California.

campus events, like the Mardi Gras dance held at Davenport's Blackhawk Hotel in 1956. At the time Wally's roommate was dating a Marycrest girl. The couple wanted to use Wally's car for the dance, so they set him up with her suitemate, Millie Ulrich '57. "I really didn't want to go on that blind date," she recalls. But a classmate convinced her to go by commenting, "You know, you don't have to marry him!" "I must have forgotten that part!," Millie says.

The following night Wally was scheduled to work the concession stand at a basketball game, and he invited Millie to stop by. "I told him in no uncertain terms that if he wanted to date me he had to pick me up at the door at Marycrest," she said. Sure enough, Wally arrived promptly the next night at North Hall. Six weeks later they were going steady.

Although the Marycrest nuns didn't allow their students to drink alcohol, Wally and Millie occasionally would slip across to Rock Island to enjoy the live music at Bivettes. Other evenings they went to dinner at Mirando's in Milan or the Flamingo in East Moline.

On sunny, warm Sundays, they would join other couples for picnics at the riverfront. "Those were the days when we couldn't wear slacks. It was hose all the time," recalls Millie. For picnics though, "We would sneak out with slacks on underneath our skirts. Then we'd take off our skirts."

After going steady through the summer, the couple got engaged, and they were married the following August. They still live in East Moline.

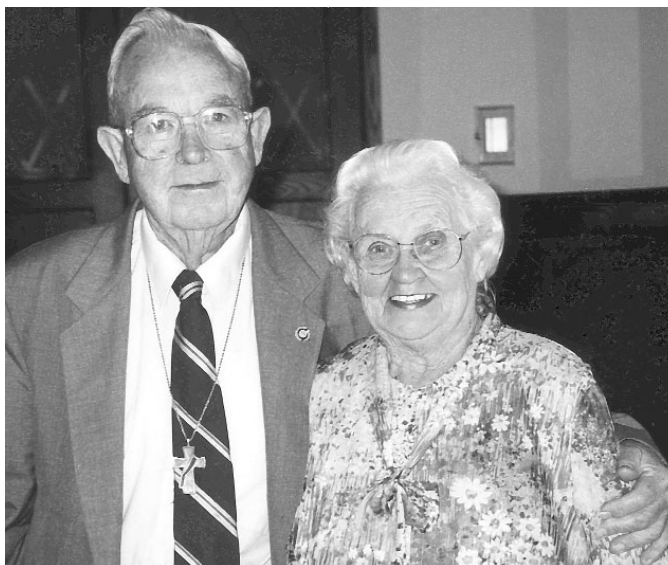
Another Ambrose couple, Abbey (Walsh) '62 and Jerry Horak '62 had their first date on a dare. Abbey explains, "We met at a party in the dorms. Jerry was friends with a boy I used to date. He likes to tell the story that his friend bet him a six pack he couldn't get me to go out with him."

"They were breaking up at the time anyway," Jerry adds.

Jerry was a history major, and Abbey was one of the "Mercy nurses" enrolled in the nursing program offered jointly by St. Ambrose and Mercy Hospital. Women lived in Miriam House dormitory on the Mercy Hospital grounds, and walked to classes at St. Ambrose.

For their first date, Jerry took her to Riefe's restaurant on West Locust Street—the place with the best tenderloins, he remembers. "It was sort of a drive-in, hangout place. They had six or eight booths inside and a counter you could sit at," says Abbey. "We didn't have tenderloins the first time. It was one of those coffee dates."

The coffee date soon led to dinner, nights out at Brissey's bar in Rock Island, and movies. Besides the



RKO and Capitol theaters downtown, Jerry recalls, "There was a theater on Brady Street where Ambrose students weren't allowed to go because they showed 'X' movies." "But they had good movies too," says Abbey. "Jerry and I walked over there to see *West Side Story*."

They continued dating through graduation, and married in 1964. Soon after, they moved to Kansas City, where they still live.

While the Horaks were college sweethearts, other couples took a few years to get together. Among the nursing students on Abbey's floor at the Miriam House was Mary Malony '62. She and Abbey didn't

Sally (Landt) '38 and Jim Quinn '41 at Duck Creek Park in 1941 and today after more than 50 years of marriage.



left and below: Millie (Urich) '57 and Jerry '56 Longbons before a Marycrest-Ambrose dance and today

right: Of about 50 in Millie Longbons' graduating class, 13 were engaged, and at least six of those were to Ambrose men. They flashed their diamonds for this 1957 photo in the Davenport newspaper.



run in the same circles, but occasionally Abbey's brother Bill Walsh '62 would give a bunch of nurses a ride back to Mercy. "That's how you picked up girls," Bill explains. "I drove back and forth between Ambrose and Mercy and looked for pretty nurses."

"I only knew him because he was the brother of a classmate of mine," says Mary. After graduating, Bill enlisted and was stationed in Florida, while Mary headed out to Denver for a hospital job. After work

one Friday in August of 1966, she and some friends headed across the street to the College Inn, a "dating bar" for hospital staff. About midnight, Mary, walking out of the bathroom, was accosted by a "hello," from a vaguely familiar face that took her a

second to place. "You're Bill Walsh!"

He had arrived in Denver a few weeks earlier to work with a special Navy project, and was sitting at the bar with a couple of his Ambrose buddies. A whirlwind romance followed, and Bill and Mary tied the knot about six months later, on Feb. 4, 1967.

More than 30 years later, they still live in Colorado, and have four grown daughters.

Janice (Brimeyer) '82 and Jim Morris '81 didn't date at Ambrose either. "I knew she was cute from a

distance," says Jim. "It was a small campus so you kind of knew who everyone was." Jim played basketball, so Janice was familiar with him from attending the games held at Assumption High School. "We were never introduced though," he said.

A few years after graduation, she was teaching at Jordan Catholic School in Rock Island. A long-time friend of Jim's also taught there. This friend had set Jim up on several blind dates in the past, so when she mentioned she worked with a Janice Brimeyer, his response was only natural. "Oh, she's cute. If you ever get a chance,

fix me up with her." In April of 1985, Jim got his chance. Five months after their first date, he proposed to her in a hot air balloon over Davenport, and they were married in June of 1986. Today they live in St. Louis with their three children.

Lois (Nuesseli) Wagner '73, didn't wait for an introduction to meet her future husband. A transfer student in the fall of 1971, she was waiting in line on the second floor of Ambrose Hall to get her ID photo taken. Tom Wagner '73 was taking the photos. "I thought he was cute, so I got an old yearbook and found out who he was," she says. Through the grapevine, he found out she was interested, and they arranged to meet at an Ambrose dance. "It was on Sept. 8, I remember that. I came up to him and we started talking," Lois says. That was the beginning.

Unlike some of their classmates, "We weren't big drinkers. A lot of people went to The Circle, and the Tiptopper on Harrison Street," she says. "We spent a lot of time in the Beehive. We went for walks, went to church, hung out in the dorms and ordered pizza. That's what we did for fun." Many times their walks took them to Cal and Bob's, a little grocery on 17th and Harrison Streets, for pop and candy.

Tom and Lois graduated in May, and were married the next month. "We just celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary. People are shocked when they find out we're still married," she says. They both

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Davenport.**

work for the Davenport School District and have three children.

Ambrose dances have served as the catalyst for more than one romance. Marie (Hart) '87 and J.J. Rothan '88 were in a computer class together, but things didn't get moving until a friend properly introduced them one night in the Pub—the bar that was then in the Beehive in Ambrose Hall.

They played racquetball a few times in the PE Center, and then Marie asked J.J. to the 1985 Homecoming dance at the Blackhawk Hotel. J.J. had already made plans to “hang out and do guy things” with his friends that night, but somewhat reluctantly, he accepted the invitation. “We dated ever since, until we got married,” says J.J.

Many weekend nights they headed out with friends to McButts, TCS or the Uptown on Harrison Street. On Sunday nights, though, “We would go to Harris Pizza on East Locust for a pitcher of beer and pizza. That was our time together, to get away from studying,” Marie says. They were married in 1989 and moved to Peoria, where they live with their two children.

In the '90s, Cupid has been busier than ever on campus. One of the newer Ambrose couples, Lou (Jamison) '97 and Scott Jensen '96 were married in August 1997. They were classmates in psychology class, but didn't really get to know each other until a long chat one weekend at Uptown. After Lou visited Scott a few times when he worked at the desk in the PE Center, friends convinced them to go on a proper date. “We took it from there,” says Lou. “It's not really that interesting of a story.”

Au contraire, Lou. Every Ambrose story is a good one, and they get better with age. Just wait 'til you tell your grandchildren.

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Do You Sing To Your Plants?

by Margaret Rogal

“WELL, NO,” was John Horn’s response when a classmate at Oberlin College asked him, “Do you sing to your plants?”

But why not? As an undergraduate at Oberlin, Horn was majoring in biology and in music. Wouldn’t he sing to his plants to help them grow, and be inspired by the beauty of his greenery to sing exquisitely?

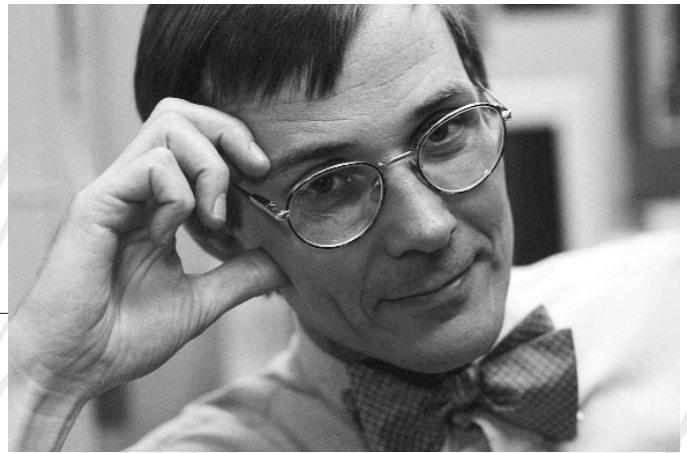
Horn didn’t see it that way. Biology was one thing and music another. He simply loved both and wanted to learn about them. As professor of biology at St. Ambrose, Horn continues to express himself as both a scientist and a musician. Equally at home in the classroom, field, or performance hall, Horn has been a member of Nova Singers, one of the mid-west’s premiere professional chorale ensembles, since its inception 12 years ago.

What is remarkable and curious about the biology department at St. Ambrose is that Horn isn’t the only member of the faculty who is involved with music. Associate Professor Kirk Kelley is also a singer, and Professor Rich Legg plays the piano and cello. Is there a connection? What draws the scientist to the world of music?

The scientists themselves have lots of answers. Kelley suggests that both science and music involve analysis and mathematics. Legg says that scientists tend to look for symmetry in the natural world and find that same symmetry in music. Horn says scientists are drawn to music because it provides a balance in their lives; whereas science is analytical, music is expressive and irrational.

All these explanations are probably valid, but talking with the three bio-musicians it’s apparent their love of music has more to do with who they are as individuals than with their professions. Each of them turned to music because music offered something nothing else in their lives did.

All three professors experienced the presence of



music in their lives while growing up, although none of them had much formal training until adulthood. Horn heard music all about him; his family was full of organists, pianists, and singers. Except for a grade school introduction to the clarinet, membership in choirs, and a few piano lessons with his sister,

however, he didn’t study music until he arrived at Oberlin, where the music conservatory provided an opportunity to take courses and voice lessons.

Kelley didn’t even get the chance to take up an instrument—his parents had been burned once when his older brother quit the clarinet—and they weren’t taking another chance. He used the only instrument that didn’t cost a penny—his voice—and participated in every choir he could find. He never had a lesson. Aside from the cost, voice lessons might ruin his voice, or so he was told by a well-meaning friend.

Although Legg didn’t find himself in the middle of a musical family, he grew up in the rich cultural milieu of New York City where music was part of the atmosphere.

Each biologist was ripe for making music a more central activity in their lives; all he needed was a catalyst, and for each that catalyst came along in the form of another musical individual.





counterclockwise from left: John Horn, biologist and vocalist; Richard Legg biologist, pianist and cellist; Kirk Kelly, biologist and vocalist

Music itself brought the right person into Horn's life. It was the second day of Raisin Gaiz's career at Oberlin, and she arrived at the conservatory to audition for the Oberlin Choir. As a second year student, Horn was helping with the auditions. They met, they sang together at Oberlin, they married, and they've been singing together ever since.

By the time Kelley's wife Jennifer Kelley '97, a music education major, got around to persuading her husband to study voice, he didn't need much arm bending. He had noticed the immense pleasure she was having with her own lessons, and he had begun to wonder if the well-meaning friend had been right about the ruinous effects of voice training. Kelley signed up for lessons with Weyburn Wasson, former assistant professor of music, and six years later, now studies with Assistant Professor Patricia Romza.

When Legg was in graduate school, he happened to sit in the fourth row at a performance by Rudolf Serkin. "Out came this frail guy who proceeded to accomplish an amazing physical feat, and that made me want to make some noise with the piano," Legg said. But it wasn't until 1981 when Legg was teaching at Ambrose and Joan Trapp, professor of music, came into his life as colleague and close friend, that he found an opportunity to study. Legg signed on to Trapp's student roster—"my only piano teacher"—and launched a 15-year obsession with the piano.

All three biologists have discovered that the burning desire to play beautiful music doesn't guarantee it will be easy.

"The greatest frustration I had," Horn says, "was what I wanted to do with music was so far beyond my ability. With singing there's lots I can't

do, but I can come closer. With piano, something comes between me and the music. There's a third party involved."

Legg experienced similar feelings. "Playing any musical instrument is frustrating. You can't do it; you walk away and it's imperfect or there were ideas you couldn't express, no matter how good you are." Two years ago, worn out from practicing three to four hours daily for 15 years, Legg gave up the piano. He revised his goals for playing music and started over with a new instrument—the cello. "I've always loved the cello, and I've decided not to be obsessive about it. I don't have repertoire goals and I don't practice more than one hour a day. I'll stop if I do because it's the death of you. I'm reconciled to futility."

Despite trials, all the musical biologists earn a high return for their musical investment. Legg's satisfaction derives from trying to make a new instrument work. "I'm not trying to learn how to play music yet; what I'm learning requires physical control...What I like about it is that you can't do it."

Kelley derives immense pleasure from the music itself. "I'm always finding new songs that I fall in love with. It's not so much the performance anymore. I still enjoy the feedback from the audience, but there are so many songs that I never would have heard or been exposed to."

Although Horn still doesn't sing to the plants that line his windowsill in Lewis Hall, since his college days he has discovered a deeply spiritual link between biology and music. Whether rambling in the woods or catching a strain of music, Horn finds he has to stop and listen. "I have a friend who says that he was 17 before he realized that not everyone thought they were in the presence of God when they heard an organ playing. For me, music is one experience that leads to a sense of the presence of God, and being outdoors is another."

Whether music is a challenge, a joy, or an awe-inspiring event, all three musical biologists in Lewis Hall unhesitatingly make music a part of their lives. They may not sing to their plants, but they insist on making room for biology and for music. As Kelley puts it, "I can't imagine not having music be a part of my life."

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The Grind and the Glory of Graduate School

by Margaret Rogal

EVER WONDER WHERE those smiling, exultant graduating seniors are heading as they walk across the stage to accept their diplomas? To jobs surely, a few to marriage and families; but some Ambrosians just can't get enough of academics and are walking right off the commencement stage into graduate school.

After four years of a steady round of classes, labs, and study sessions, why go back for more? Eight former Ambrose students who are currently in graduate school talked about their decisions to continue their education and about their experiences as graduate students.

For several students, the idea of graduate school didn't even surface until teachers at St. Ambrose suggested it. Jeff Forret '95 grew up loving history. His mother's passion for the subject, along with a handy set of encyclopedias and maps, early on destined him to major in history. He planned to teach

high school until Jon Stauff, assistant professor of history, asked him if he had ever considered graduate school. It took Forret three semesters to think over Stauff's proposal. In spring 1998, he earned his master's in history at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, and in the fall began pursuing a doctorate at

the University of Delaware.

Like Forret, Aaron Holst '94 had no questions about his college major—art—and he even had a job picked out for himself, as a medical illustrator. But everything changed when he arrived at Ambrose, and started studying with Associate Professor of Art Kristin Quinn, who opened up other possibilities in the art world. Holst now studies painting and printmaking in the master of fine arts program at the University of Iowa.

As a first year student at Ambrose, Kelli Andresen '95 thought she wanted to study business. But while her first business class caused her to question her future career, a job at the Handicapped Development Center introduced her to the satisfaction of helping people overcome physical disabilities. She changed her major to biology with the intention of pursuing physical therapy. Associate Professor of Biology Kirk Kelley suggested she consider medical school. She's now in her fourth year at the University of Iowa School of Medicine.

"The first day of medical school," Andresen says, "I walked into an anatomy lecture. I was used to 15 students in an upper-level course. There were 190 students in that lecture. The lecturer was using slides. He'd click on a slide, we'd write, he'd click; it was overwhelming, but I fell into the style of teaching and learning and I adjusted rapidly. I had to."

David Banash '93, who is earning a doctorate in English at Iowa, says that his program presents "one hurdle after another." Banash has to "make candidacy" by defining a project that faculty approve. Once he becomes a candidate, he prepares for comprehensive exams by reading for a year. After passing the comps, he proposes a dissertation topic. On top of the pressure imposed by the requirements of the program is the pressure to publish so he can get a teaching job once he graduates. "The need to publish drives me," Banash says. "I'm always thinking, can I turn this paper into a published article?"

Although graduate school is extremely demanding, most Ambrosians say they wouldn't trade it for anything. Patrick Budelier '90, who is now an associate professor of music at St. Ambrose, and is working on his doctorate in music theory at Indiana University, says that one of the pleasures of graduate school is being immersed in a world that speaks to his particular passion. "It's great in Bloomington. There's a lot of music there and the best students in

These students are self-starters; they're not afraid of hard work and they don't need invitations to jump in. Their assertiveness as undergraduates helped them prepare for graduate school.

the world. You share a great love for music. It's a different world."

"There's an energy," Holst says. "People are working and I enjoy being around that. If I were in my own little box, it wouldn't be the same. There's an energy level that you can tap into, that fuels things. If it wasn't for my peers, I wouldn't be where I am. Exciting stuff is being created; all I have to do is go next door or upstairs."

Or to a teacher's office, as Darcee Datteri '95 knows. She is working on a doctorate in cognitive psychology at Texas Christian University, and collaborating closely with her major professor. "He's open to my research; he wants to make it work for me. He cares about my future and my welfare."

Banash says that the demands on him to perform at Iowa are not completely negative. "The pressure to publish has made me a better writer. It forces me to push my reactions and hone them, to distinguish what I say from what other people say, to be more precise. It's a challenge to write here; the people who review your work are major people in their fields."

These students are self-starters; they're not afraid of hard work and they don't need invitations to jump in. Their assertiveness as undergraduates helped them prepare for graduate school. Datteri says students get out of St. Ambrose what they put in. "I came with a strong work ethic and passion for school. I always put a lot into my work. I put things on myself; I did my own research project, for example, with Dr. Robin Anderson."

Andresen also took advantage of every opportunity to shape her own education. She conducted research for two summers in the neuropathology lab at the University of Iowa. She did an independent study in anatomy and presented three lectures to students. "Those unique experiences really made a difference with who I am, what I turned out to be."

Andresen, Datteri, and Doug Gross '97 say that their experiences in theatre and music at St. Ambrose, although not directly related to their current studies of medicine, psychology, and English, benefit them today as graduate students. Being an actor helps Gross, who is working on a master's in English at the University of Northern Illinois, think on his feet in the classroom, and enables Andresen to talk to patients. Not only does Datteri get relief from the grind of grad school by singing in choirs at the university and in church, but she is doing research on the psychology of music perception.

It isn't just the extra-curriculars that gave these students such a strong background. Forret credits his English classes with giving him a boost in graduate school. "I was prepared how to write, absolutely; it's the most valuable skill you can bring to grad school,

the ability to write and to read with comprehension."

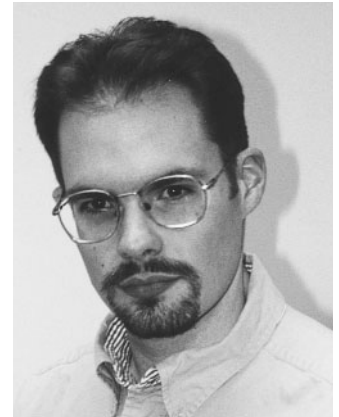
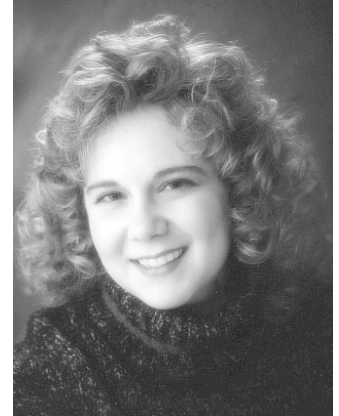
Some students choose the academic express. Others plot a more circuitous route. For Michael Hunsicker '93, the three-year break he took before entering the doctoral program in philosophy at Marquette University was not only a rest, but a necessary part of the preparation. "I knew that graduate school would come, but I wasn't prepared for it. I wasn't ready in maturity. I wanted to do some volunteer work and get firmly in mind what I would focus on in graduate school."

Hunsicker taught religion and English in a junior high at an Indian reservation in Montana where, he says, he was changed. "I was influenced by the honesty of those people. There's no impressing them. You have to learn to be yourself, to get organized, and figure out what they're about. I had to bring myself into line with them, their way of life." At the reservation, Hunsicker deepened his thinking about the environment. At Marquette he is studying environmentally based ethics systems. "I wouldn't be doing what I'm doing now if it weren't for the reservation."

What happens after graduate school doesn't seem to worry many students. Banash feels the pressure of competing for future jobs, but he says that the overriding motivation for him is love of the field. Faced with a tough teaching assignment at Iowa—two sections of a rhetoric course with 22 students each that involves critical writing, reading and speaking—he says, "I love teaching. I created a website for the course and wrote a textbook. You have to love what you're doing; otherwise there's no payoff."

These students are passionate about their studies. They also want to make a difference in the world. Seven want to teach, one possibly in high school. The eighth will work in health care as a doctor. They are all interested in making their academic study useful to people. Hunsicker, for example, wants to promote ethical responsibility towards the environment.

Being professionals isn't what drives these Ambrosians—it's the excitement of the painting, reading, writing, clinical practicing and teaching they are immersed in at the moment. All would no doubt agree with Aaron Holst: "What I like is being in the middle of the soup."



Darcee Datteri '95, graduate student at Texas Christian University in cognitive psychology

Jeff Forret '95, graduate student in history at the University of Delaware

UNDERBILT

Campus News



James Collins



Michael Marks

Two Alumni Elected to Board of Directors

St. Ambrose has been fortunate this year to enlist the leadership skills of two exceptional and enthusiastic alumni. James Collins '69, of Davenport, and Michael Marks '53, of Larchmont, N.Y., became members of the board of directors this winter.

A long-time Ambrose booster, Collins served as the Ambrose Alumni Association president from 1991 to 1996. During Homecoming Weekend celebrations in 1991, the University recognized his accomplishments with the Alumni Service Award. He has also served as a minority student counselor. In 1984, he was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame for track.

Professionally, Collins has been associated with Deere & Company in Moline, Ill. for more than 30 years. While his current position is director of general office personnel and administration, he has also served as industrial relations representative, line supervisor, Equal Employment Opportunity coordinator, personnel manager and director of affirmative action.

His civic contributions are even more numerous. He is a former board member and past president of the Illinois Quad-City Chamber of Commerce, a trustee of the Putnam Museum in Davenport, a commissioner on the Iowa Civil Rights Commission and past chairman of the Iowa Association of Business and Industry's human rights and employment practices committee. He was the founding chairman of the Business Advisory

Council to the Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services and the JOBS NOW Network.

Marks earned his degree from the University of Iowa College of Law before heading to the East Coast to begin a career in law. Today he is a partner in the New York law firm of Willkie Farr & Gallagher. His areas of practice include mergers and acquisitions, insurance, securities and accountants' liability.

A member of the bar of the State of New York, he serves on the law and accounting committee of the Section of Business Law of the American Bar Association. In keeping with his Midwest roots, he is a member of the Iowa Law School Foundation.

He is active on the administration committee of the Archdiocese Pension Fund of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, and he is a member of the parish council and former president of the Greek Orthodox Church of Our Saviour in Rye, N.Y.

He is a trustee of the Larchmont Yacht Club and a former governor of the University Club of Larchmont, N.Y.

THE GOALS

Ambrose Hosts Teen Business Students

The 38 campers at St. Ambrose came to develop a product, write a business plan and create a marketing video—an impressive feat for any entrepreneurs; even more impressive considering they're high school students.

The Quad Cities Business Horizons camp, for high school sophomores and juniors, helped 38 teen-agers from Scott County in Iowa and Rock Island and Henry counties in Illinois develop an appreciation for the world of business. For the first time, the Iowa Association of Business and Industry Foundation (ABI) presented the economic education program during the summer in the Quad City area, with students working and living on campus.

A consortium of Quad City area business and education organizations were instrumental in bringing

the program to the Quad Cities. In addition, workshops on quality, team building and career choices were conducted by Quad City area business people.

"St. Ambrose University, with its strong tradition as a business school and its prevailing entrepreneurial spirit, was the logical choice for hosting such a program," said Scott Tunncliff, president of the Bettendorf Chamber of Commerce. Tunncliff, who earned his MBA at St. Ambrose in 1997, is among the volunteer business people who led activities, presentations and workshops.

The students stayed on the St. Ambrose campus, where they also enjoyed sports and social activities. Quad Cities Business Horizons was sponsored by the ABI Foundation in conjunction with St. Ambrose and the Iowa Department of Education, Junior Achievement of the Quad Cities, the

Bettendorf and Illinois Quad Cities Chambers of Commerce, Rockwell, ALCOA, the

Iowa Bankers Association, Lee Enterprises, the John Deere Foundation, and through a joint grant from the Scott County Regional Authority and the Riverboat Development Authority.

Operation Bear Lift

The holidays were more bear-able for Central American children because St. Ambrose collected 430 teddy bears for kids affected by Hurricane Mitch.

Rachel Serianz, associate professor in the St. Ambrose education department, teaches an early childhood course that addresses the need to involve children in projects of social action. She and her students decided to assist Operation Bear Lift, an international effort, by writing notes to children, furnishing postage needed for shipment and providing bears. Students, faculty, staff and generous members of the community brought bears to Ambrose Hall.

Casa Alianza/Covenant House Latin America originally launched a drive for 100,000 teddy bears to be distributed throughout Honduras and Nicaragua. The toys were collected in Covenant House Florida in Fort Lauderdale. Casa Alianza in Tegucigalpa in Honduras, where Hurricane Mitch struck, cares for many homeless children in several Central American cities.



Schermer Scholars Named

Five St. Ambrose students received the Lloyd G. Schermer Scholarship this fall. The annual scholarship program was established in 1993 by The Lee Foundation, with the scholarship honoring Lloyd Schermer, chairman of the board of Lee Enterprises and past member of the Board of Directors of St. Ambrose.

The program benefits students in the MBA program who show significant academic progress in a program discipline and demonstrate a history of commitment and service to the community and employment by a not-for-profit service provider in the Quad Cities community.

Five grants totaling \$5000 were awarded to these students:

Victoria Felger, Genesis Medical Center, has five years of experience with non-profit organizations. She has done volunteer work with Junior Achievement, Race for the Cure, In from the Cold, Task Force on Mental Health and Project Renewal.

Juli Gillespie, Center for Alcohol & Drug Services, has three years of experience with non-profit organizations. She has done volunteer work with Center for Alcohol and Drug Services-sponsored alcohol and drug prevention programs geared to children.

Ronald Lofgren, City of Davenport Fire Department, has seven years experience with non-profit organizations. He has done volunteer work to provide fire safety education to the community and high school groups and to raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. He is treasurer of the International Fire Museum.

Patricia May, of Genesis Medical Center, has 23 years experience with non-profit organizations. She has done volunteer work with the American Heart Association, American Cancer Society, the Quad-City Times Bix 7, Ride the River and Quad City Arts Festival of Trees.

Kim Van Lerberghe, of Royal Neighbors of America, has 10 years of experience with non-profit organizations. She has done volunteer work with the Alzheimer's Association, March of Dimes, Race for the Cure and United Way.

Dress Rehearsal for the Job World

The booming economy promises greater employment opportunities for recent graduates, but gaining a competitive edge—and finding out if a certain job is the right one—still concerns students putting together their first resumes. Increasingly, students are turning to internships as a way to set themselves apart when it comes time to interview.

More than 50 percent of all new college graduates hired in 1997-98 had internship experience, according to the National Association of Colleges and Employers—up from less than three percent in 1980. Formerly reserved for students going into medicine or science, internships are now offered in more than 25 percent of businesses, including public relations, journalism, marketing and finance.

These figures don't surprise Dr. Craig Shoemaker, St. Ambrose business administration professor and unabashed internship booster. "Students want to eat after paying for an education," he candidly offers, "and the internship experience gives them a leg up." For his own advisees, Shoemaker requires internships, in addition to campus activities, sports and other extracurricular endeavors.

Shoemaker solicits internships from business contacts at every opportunity, and asks students who've done them to hire other aspiring interns after becoming decision-makers themselves. "Internships permit employers and students to test the waters, without making a commitment," he says. "They're low risk for the employer especially."

Although some departments make their own internship arrangements, the Career Development Center serves as the campus clearinghouse. Director Pat Robinson-Heinze helps primarily, but not exclusively, business majors. She maintains listings of available opportunities





St. Ambrose senior Liandra Martinez, an economics major from Fort Madison, Iowa, interns with Tony Singh, assistant vice president and senior financial consultant at Merrill Lynch. Singh regularly works with St. Ambrose interns.

and assists in securing openings for students who request them.

Positions that provide a mentoring relationship are the best, Robinson-Heinze maintains, as opposed to those that simply allow students to sample a job while providing an employer with low-cost labor. Although most internships are paid—and those that aren't often go unfilled—there are notable exceptions. Merrill Lynch doesn't pay its interns, she says, but offers an excellent background for finance students.

While earning her master in business administration, Sandra Ortiz Siu '98 worked 15 hours per week at the well-known brokerage firm. Her duties included analyzing stocks for their investment potential, creating a database of prospective clients and assisting a financial consultant to organize investment seminars.

"I chose Merrill Lynch because I did not have a strong financial background," Ortiz Siu explains. Not intent on becoming a stock broker herself, she was more interested in gaining research and analysis skills to apply in an international business setting. "I've been really happy with Merrill Lynch. It's even helped my own personal finances. Now I know what to look for when buying stocks."

Merrill Lynch financial advisor Tony Singh has been mentoring interns for about nine years, and he helped guide

Ortiz Siu through her experience. Singh divides responsibilities into three areas: administrative, marketing and investment research. Early in the three-to-four month period, he tries to "get a feel for each intern and determine where the student can best be used." Conceding that the exceptionally well-motivated intern will be accommodated, Singh strives for a "balanced experience." That includes some of the "grunt work" like photocopying that goes with administrative duties.

Besides specific work-related tasks, Singh requires each of his interns to read Stephen Covey's *Seven Habits of Highly Effective People* for the "honesty and ethics" the highly popular business author stresses. As a small perk, the book is provided gratis.

Beyond the value of Covey's philosophy, or how the brokerage business works, Singh points out that interns "get to learn a bit about the corporate culture, the lingo, and receive a letter of recommendation."

Of course, many interns are looking past recommendations—they hope the companies they intern with will hire them after graduation.

Rachel Schrader '98 had that thought in mind when, as an accounting major, she did a stint at Deloitte & Touche, working on staff audits at Deere & Company and helping prepare annual

reports. "They treated me as an equal...it was a really good experience, bringing what you learn in the classroom to real life." Deloitte & Touche offered Schrader a position; she never interviewed with another accounting firm.

Likewise, Brian Bahns '97, an industrial engineering major, secured his current position as an RCI (Rapid Continuous Improvement) engineer at the HON Company, an office furniture manufacturer in Muscatine, Iowa, after working as a paid intern. Through the summer and fall, he did time studies and helped set up a new incentive system and pay rate. Now he's assigned to a production line, charged with finding ways to improve efficiency.

"Obviously, the internship helped me get my job at HON, but it would've helped no matter where I interviewed," Bahns offers. "The learning experience was incredible. It really gave me a lot of confidence in what I was doing, instead of just coming fresh out of school. I got some idea of what people were expecting of me. I didn't think I'd ever get this much out of interning for six months."

In their quest for the right job, graduates agree that internships provide a welcome chance to audition. And if they get the "role," internships may be considered a good dress rehearsal.

TWENTY YEARS OF

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On Sunday afternoons in February for the past 20 years, adult learners have come to St. Ambrose University to escape the winter doldrums by participating in a community-based program devoted to lifelong education. This landmark anniversary was occasion for CommUniversity to celebrate a score of successful seasons bringing inquiring minds together.

Robert Sorensen, past Augustana College chaplain and former senior pastor at St. Paul Lutheran Church, got the idea for “CommU” in the mid-’70s, while teaching and serving as campus minister at the University of North Dakota. Inspired by a similar program at his alma mater, Concordia College in Morehead, Minn., Sorensen inaugurated a series of weekend liberal arts courses



at the university. Having once met with success, he thought he’d try it again when he moved back to the Quad Cities.

Shortly after accepting his position at St. Paul’s in Davenport, Sorensen organized a meeting with local church leaders to discuss implementing the CommU concept here. Grants were obtained from the Iowa Humanities Board and Illinois Humanities Council, coupled with support from the Jewish Foundation, Churches United, First Presbyterian and other area religious institutions, colleges and non-profit organizations.

St. Ambrose was selected to host the program because it could provide both the requisite facilities and administrative support services—organization, publicity, registration, organization—to handle the annual event.

CommU was launched in 1979, offering a variety of humanities-oriented liberal arts courses taught by educators from area colleges and churches. Although the mix of courses has changed to reflect shifting interests, the founding purpose of CommU remains its guiding principle.

“We offer short-term well-taught, low-cost continuing education opportunities for adults and youths during a downtime part of the winter season,” explains Chuck Landon, executive director of Churches United and past chair of the CommU gov-

erning board.

The board’s curriculum committee, made up of educators representing Augustana, Black Hawk, St. Ambrose, Eastern Iowa Community and Marycrest International colleges, selects course presenters and participates in topic selection. Current religious and political issues, science and ethics, local history, and famous authors are some of the perennial

favorites. Longtime presenters, such as Rabbi Henry Karp of Temple Emanuel, St. Ambrose English Professor Owen Rogal, and Black Hawk College’s Arthur Pitz have their following too.

Humanities is still the bedrock, but other courses have been added over the years in response to interest from attendees. Computer instruction has become part of the standard repertoire. Meditation techniques, such as yoga and t’ai chi, have become regulars, too.

Scott Caulpetzer has taught t’ai chi—a meditative martial arts form emphasizing relaxation and body mechanics—to students ranging from teens to seniors for the past six years. Definitely a participatory activity, Caulpetzer finds that some attendees “just want to sit back, but others are enthusiastic and want to jump right in.”

If there’s a trend in the curriculum, it’s toward “more hands-on, less lecture-focused courses,” Landon confirms. These include computer instruction, drawing, writing and others which involve participants in doing as well as listening. In response to some attendees’ time constraints, a couple of short courses—running for just two sessions instead of the usual four—are now part of the schedule.

“I remember once getting a letter from an 83-year-old gentleman who had never been able to set foot in a college or university,” Sorensen recalls. “He wrote to say how pleased he was to be part of the experience.”

Now there’s a testament to life-long learning.



St. Ambrose instructors Kristin Quinn (top left) and Scott Caulpetzer (bottom foreground) enjoy a change of pace from the regular classroom in working with CommUniversity students.

Star Gazing

by Margaret Rogal

ALTHOUGH GUY WORTHY didn't settle on astronomy as his chosen field until he was a junior at the University of Wyoming, his love for the stars was sparked much earlier. Growing up in Casper, Wyo., Worthey had a telescope and plenty of sky to look at.

Any young boy can set up a telescope in a backyard, but not many go on to Worthey's triumphs in astronomy. After two years as a lecturer at the University of Michigan, he spent three as a Hubble Fellow—a grant that is only awarded to 10 astronomers a year. In September 1997, he joined the St. Ambrose faculty as assistant professor of physics and astronomy and the director of the Menke Observatory. He holds a doctorate in astronomy from the University of California, Santa Cruz.

His passion is a small galaxy called M-32—two million light years away—which he studied through the orbiting Hubble telescope, operated exclusively by scientists at the Hubble Space Telescope Science Institute in Baltimore. Although the Hubble is open to anyone in the world, scientists have to apply for time on the telescope and the competition is stiff.

Worthey has earned the distinction of twice being granted time on the Hubble. He already has the data from his first proposal, which involved using the Hubble's infrared camera. The data arrived neatly packaged on a computer disk that he inserts into the computer sitting on a table in his office in Lewis Hall. In a matter of seconds, he can pull up a picture of a few hundred stars. He then begins determining the chemical composition, brightness, and temperature of the stars. Such data, he says, contributes to our developing understanding of how galaxies are formed.

With the computer doing much of the work, does his analysis become routine? Hardly, Worthey responds. "Astronomy is always creative, almost



like art. It's a case of extracting the data in the best way possible, and then interpreting it correctly." He has already found that the brightest stars in M-32 are less bright than previously thought.

When the computer screen loses its allure, and he gets the urge to view the night sky for himself, he heads out to Dixon, Iowa, where the white dome of the Menke Observatory looks otherworldly nestled among the rolling fields of Iowa farmland.

"The observatory is a rare gem," Worthey says. "What's special is its location away from city lights. You can see more. You can see everything in the solar system and lots of deep sky objects, which are things beyond our solar system." He occasionally hauls his astronomy students out to Dixon where they learn to point a telescope and draw maps of the moon.

On evenings when he holds an open house at the Observatory, members of the Quad Cities Astronomical Society gather around the telescopes waiting for their turns to look, or they set up their own portable telescopes in the meadow. With a host of frogs loudly chirping in the background, the stargazers stroll about, look heavenward, and chat softly. "The amateur astronomers are great," Worthey says. "A bunch of fairly quiet people in the middle of a cornfield with their telescopes."

For Worthey, astronomy holds a beauty and fascination all its own. "The thrill of science is when your particular subject makes sense, and it's always unexpected. Discovering the sense that astronomy makes is very exciting."

Faculty/Staff News

Marylaine Block, associate director for public services at O'Keefe Library, had an article published in the October 1998 issue of *Searcher: the Magazine for Database Professionals*. Her article was titled "Making It Up as I Went Along: A Webmaster's Saga of Trial and Error." She also gave two presentations at the Internet Librarians Conference in Monterey, Calif.

Sandra Cassady PhD, associate professor of physical therapy, made poster presentations at the APTA Scientific Meeting and Exposition in Orlando, Fla., titled "The Effect of Warmup on the Prediction of VO_2 Max" and "Can Children Use Perceived Exertion to Self Select an Exercise Intensity?"

John Collis PhD, dean of the College of Business, was re-elected director of the Executive Committee for the Midwest Business Deans Association at the Midwest Business Deans Association Conference in Des Moines, Iowa.

Kristofer Eitrheim, technical director of the Galvin Fine Arts Center, co-presented "Romeo and Juliet: Survival of the Fittest," with Dr. Corinne Johnson at the American Theater in Higher Education National Convention in San Antonio, Texas.

Kevin Farrell, assistant professor of physical therapy, earned his doctorate from the University of Iowa. His thesis topic, "Proximal Provocation Position Affects Nerve Conduction in Carpal Tunnel," was also the subject of a presentation he gave at the APTA Scientific Meeting and Exposition in Orlando, Fla.

Monica Forret PhD, assistant professor of economics and business administration, co-authored an article in the *Journal of Vocational Behavior* titled "Applicant Attraction to Firms: Influence of Organization Reputation, Job and Organizational Attributes, and Recruiter Behaviors."

Corinne Johnson PhD, associate professor of theater, attended the American Theater in Higher Education National

Convention in San Antonio, Texas, where she co-presented "Romeo and Juliet: Survival of the Fittest" with Kristofer Eitrheim. Dr. Johnson was also one of three presenters on a panel, "In the Company of Women: Gender Issues in Directing."

Kathleen Lampe, instructor of physical therapy, presented "Utilization and Training of Physical Therapy/Aids Technicians," at the APTA Science Meeting and Exposition in Orlando, Fla.

James Loftus, vice president for enrollment management, received his doctoral degree from the University of Iowa. The topic of his thesis was "Adults Returning to College: A Descriptive Study."

Carol Lyon, director of reading study skills, presented a session on "How to Train Tutors to Work with International Students" at the College Reading and Learning Association Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Rev. George McDaniel PhD, professor of history, was elected international vice president of Lambda Chi Alpha International fraternity's board of directors, at the organization's 47th General Assembly and Leadership Seminar in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Rita Melissano PhD, associate professor of social work, presented a paper, "Women in Mid-Life: A Journey Into Wholeness," at the Illinois Association of Marriage and Family Therapy Conference in Chicago.

Wayne Oberle PhD, associate professor of economics and business administration, chaired a session and presented a paper on sexual harassment at the National Social Science Association meeting held in New Orleans, La.

Brenda Peters PhD, assistant professor of biology, was selected to participate in Project Kaleidoscope, a network of academics selected to create an agenda to reform science and mathematics in liberal arts institutions.

John Pollitz, director of O'Keefe Library, was appointed to the Library Network Advisory Council by the Iowa

Telecommunications and Technology Commission.

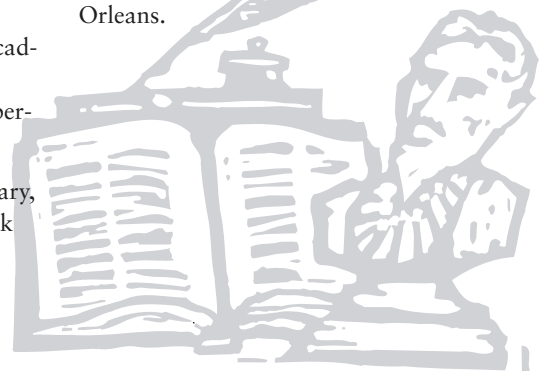
Kristin Quinn MFA, associate professor of art, had 50 mixed media pieces exhibited at the Des Moines Art Center as part of the "Iowa Artists 1998" show. Her artwork was also featured in an edition of "New American Paintings/Juried Exhibitions in Print."

Veronica Riepe, director of student activities, received the Outstanding New Professional Award from the National Association of Campus Activities, based on her work with student clubs and organizations, fund-raisers and membership recruitment.

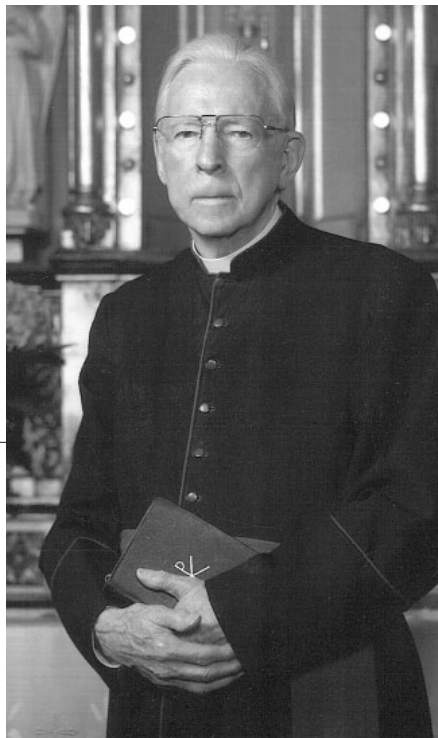
Martha Shockey PhD, assistant professor of sociology, presented a paper, "Doing Relationships: Finding the Meaning of Life or Meaning of 'The Life?'" at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology in Washington, D.C. She also contributed a chapter, "Class Dismissed? Quad City Women doing 'The Life,'" to an edited volume titled *Everyday Inequalities*.

Juanita Smart PhD, director of writing, presented "Out of Wack or in Synch? Writing Across the Curriculum and the Chemistry of Writing Administration" at the Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Jon Stauff PhD, assistant professor of history, presented "Peace Activism on a Roman Catholic Campus," at a conference on religion and society at William Penn College. He also presented "Workers Culture in Weimar Germany: Old Arguments New Directions," at the European Studies Conference at the University of Nebraska. In addition, Stauff was appointed to the advisory board of Loyola Institute of Catholic studies at Loyola University, New Orleans.



Monsignor Ambrose Burke 1895–1998



Throughout five decades, St. Ambrose College and Msgr. Ambrose Burke shared infinitely more than a namesake. Msgr. Burke served for 16 years—longer than anyone else—as president of the school, and he was a student, faculty member and supporter for many more. When he passed away on Oct. 6, at age 102, St. Ambrose University lost a dear friend and steadfast leader.

“Truly the man dedicated his life to St. Ambrose,” said Dr. Ed Rogalski, of his predecessor. “Msgr. Burke will be remembered for his long tenure at this institution.”

Msgr. Burke was born Nov. 27, 1895, in Sigourney, Iowa. He came as a student to St. Ambrose Academy at age 14, graduated, and went on to study at the college. In 1921 he returned to campus as an English instructor, and continued with the faculty until he assumed the presidency in 1940. Before he left in 1956, he oversaw the construction of Christ the King Chapel and the Administration Building, which became McMullen Hall.

In a brief memoir, Msgr. Burke wrote that when Bishop Henry Rohlman appointed him president of the college, he didn’t want the job. “What I wanted was to continue teaching. But in those days, one did not disagree with the bishop.” St. Ambrose was indeed fortunate that Msgr. Burke turned out to be an obedient servant, although it hadn’t always been so.

During his second year as a St. Ambrose College student, he and two other boys had planned to return to school a day early for some “carousing”

downtown. When school authorities intercepted a letter about their plans, the students were dismissed from school and sent home. It was a year-and-a-half before Msgr. Burke was reinstated as a seminarian.

Perhaps it was incidents such as this that gave Msgr. Burke his wonderful sense of humor, and allowed him to understand so thoroughly the needs of the students in his care. “He was a little quiet and reserved, but his door was always open. If you had a question or problem he was ready to listen,” remembers Dick Hollembaek ’50, who as a student worked in the administrative offices. “He got along with everyone so well.”

This gentle spirit and kind ear was well received by St. Mary Parish in Clinton, Iowa, where he went to serve as pastor after leaving the Ambrose presidency. He remained there until his mandatory retirement in 1973. “The people admired him and loved him very much. They didn’t really want to see him step down,” recalls retired Davenport Bishop Gerald O’Keefe, who met Msgr. Burke in the early ’60s. “At 75 he was still ready to work.”

Retirement didn’t mean much to

someone who would live another 25 active years. Upon “retirement,” he served as chaplain of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Clinton and continued there until 1985. The lasting impact he had on so many priests, faculty, and former students, not to mention those he touched through his parish and hospital ministry, was never more evident than at his 100th birthday, when he celebrated public Mass at Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace Parish in Clinton. Countless well-wishers, including more than 50 priests, celebrated with him, and many, many more joined him the following day for a party in Cosgrove Hall on campus.

“It is impossible to say how many hundreds, even thousands, of lives he touched and inspired. It is certain that he will be missed,” said Rogalski, upon Msgr. Burke’s death.

Among the writings of his namesake, Saint Ambrose of Milan, are these words: “As we have known him in life, let us not forget him in death.” There is little chance Msgr. Burke ever will be forgotten.

Sports Scene

Varsity Roundup

St. Ambrose athletes can be proud of their accomplishments in 1998-99. The Bees captured four conference championships: men's cross country, women's golf, women's soccer and women's volleyball. Three other squads finished in second place: men's golf, women's cross country and men's soccer. St. Ambrose produced 14 Academic All-American Scholar Athletes, five All-Americans and 16 All-Midwest Region Team selections as well as 30 Midwest Classic Conference and Mid-States Football Association First Team selections.

The football team (5-5), coached by Todd Sturdy, finished fourth in the Mid-States Football Association. They had a strong start by defeating NCAA Division I

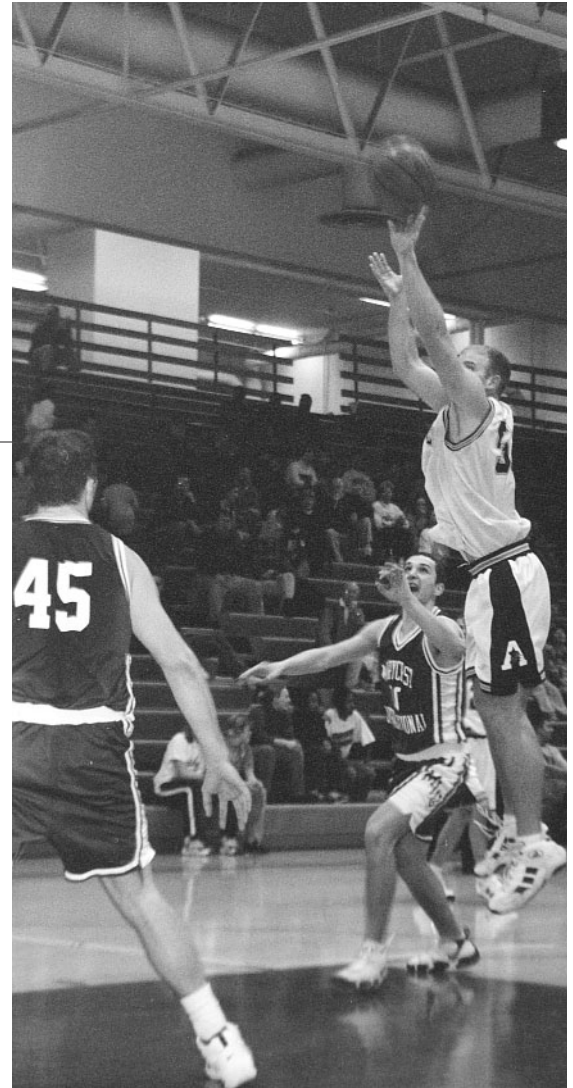
Drake University at the newly renovated Brady Street Stadium. The Fighting Bees were ranked as high as 14th in the NAIA National Polls during the season.

Ranked 22nd in the NAIA National Poll, the women's volleyball team (26-19) won its fourth consecutive MCC title, and earned a second place finish in the NAIA Midwest Region. Senior Molly Shurr repeated as Conference Player of the Year, while coach Bruce Billingsley was named Conference Coach of the Year.

The men's cross country team, guided by coach Kevin

Rose, was the Midwest Classic Conference champion. The team also placed second in the NAIA Midwest Regional meet in which two runners qualified for Nationals. Andrew Nauman received Harrier of the Year recognition, while Rose received the Conference Coach of the Year award.

Two runners on the women's cross country team also qualified for Nationals at the NAIA Midwest Regional meet. Under the direction of coach Kevin Rose, the team finished second in the MCC and third at Regionals.



Rounding out another successful season with an MCC championship, the women's golf team ranked 11th in the NAIA National Polls. The Queen Bees also qualified for the National tournament in the spring. Brandi Freeborn repeated as Conference Player of the Year, while Laura Ekizian was selected as Coach of the Year for the MCC.

As North Division Regional Champions, the men's golf team, coached by Jeff Griebel, won all five fall tournaments, competing against mostly Division I schools. Ranked 12th in the NAIA National Poll, they qualified for Nationals in the spring. Griebel was honored as Regional Coach of the Year.



The women's soccer team (16-6-1), coached by Mike Orfitelli, claimed the MCC Championship while finishing third in the NAIA Midwest Regional Playoffs. Sarah Foltz was named Player of the Year and Orfitelli was named Coach of the Year.

Under first-year head coach Jose Morzan, the men's soccer team (11-10-1) finished their season with second place in the MCC. The Bees also captured the Mayor's Cup trophy for the second straight year in their battle with cross-town rival Marycrest International.

Guided by coach Nada Diab, the women's tennis team made it to regional competition in Springfield, Ill. Senior Shayla McNeill lost in the finals of No. 1 singles while freshman Alyssa Holle won the finals in No. 5 singles.



New Hall of Fame Members

St. Ambrose inducted five new members into its Athletic Hall of Fame during Homecoming festivities: Chris Lansing, St. Louis, Mo.; David Smykowski, Chicago; Jerry Klostermann, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Bobby Sturms, Bettendorf; and Patty Campbell Harper, Honolulu.

Chris Lansing '88, a Dyersville, Iowa, native, played football at St. Ambrose for four years. In 1986, he was selected as the most valuable junior player and as a member of the All-District 15 Team. He repeated that honor in 1987, and added the NAIA recognition of being selected as an All-American to the list. The team appointed him captain of the 1987 squad. A member of the defensive unit for the Bees, he saw a lot of playing time, including playoff appearances in three of four seasons. Chris and his wife, Anne '88, have a son, Sean.

David Smykowski '83 was honored for his basketball talent as a member of three Fighting Bee teams under head coach Leo Kilfoy. He transferred to St. Ambrose from Eastern Illinois University, where he played his freshman year on the very successful basketball team that finished third in the nation in NCAA Division II. At St. Ambrose he left his mark each year by leading the team in a variety of categories. During the 1980-81 season, he was selected as a member of the NAIA All-District 15 basketball team, and won the Bob Murphy MVP award for St. Ambrose. He also led the team in total points scored, assists, steals and field goal percentage. That successful season led to another during the 1981-82 campaign when, as a junior,



The newest members of the Athletic Hall of Fame include (left to right): Chris Lansing, David Smykowski, Jerry Klostermann and Bobby Sturms. (above) Patty Harper couldn't make it back to campus for the induction ceremony, but sent best wishes from her home in Honolulu.

he became the 22nd member of the 1000 Point Club, earned the Best Defensive Player award, and led the squad again in assists, steals and blocked shots. By the end of his senior year, he had the highest scoring average and earned selection to the Blackburn College Invitational All-Tournament team. He and his wife, Julia, have two children.

Jerry Klostermann '89 was an integral part of the 1987 football team. A former Western Dubuque prep, he came to St. Ambrose to play for Coach John Furlong and the up-and-coming Bees. His honors included the highest possible recognition by the NAIA: He was selected for the Kodak Team, and was the first St. Ambrose football player to earn this recognition. He also was named to the Kodak All-American Team Division II, First Team NAIA Defense as a lineman, Associated Press NAIA Division II All-American Team, NAIA First Team All-American, All-District Defensive Team and the Kodak All-American Small College Team.

Bobby Sturms '92 played basketball

during the 1987 through 1991 seasons. He came to St. Ambrose from Bettendorf High School, where he developed his talent in basketball and baseball. While at Bettendorf, he earned Athlete of the Year honors and was named MVP in both basketball and baseball. He played on the 1986 state champion basketball team his senior year. He made an impact each year he played at St. Ambrose, capped by a terrific senior year performance. He served as captain of the team and earned first team All-District 15 honors and became a member of the 1000 Point Club.

Patty (Campbell) Harper '92 is a native Quad-Citizen who came to St. Ambrose from West High School where she was a stellar basketball player, earning several awards and honors, including most valuable player recognition for her high school team. She was on the NAIA All-District Team in 1986 and 1987, a St. Ambrose MVP in 1987 and 1988 and a Second Team All-American in 1988. She had 2073 career points and led the team in career rebounds. During her time as a Queen Bee, the team began its domination of the National Catholic Basketball Tournament. She earned tournament MVP honors in 1988. She and her husband, Darnell, have one child.

Alumni News

New Alumni Association President Stresses Involvement

When Charles Roeder '65 talks about his "St. Ambrose family," he means it. His son, Brook Viktor; his sister, Cindy Hinke; brother-in-law, Norlan Hinke, and niece, Molly Hinke, are all Ambrose grads, and two of his cousins are currently enrolled. As senior vice president of Seabury & Smith Associates, he also bumps into many Ambrose alumni at his workplace.

This past year, Roeder added a new tie to his Ambrose family when he became president of the Alumni Association. His first priority is to get other alumni more involved with the SAU community.

"I have always felt that there was a real sense of family at the university, that you are a real person and not just a number," says Roeder, who wants that sense of family to extend to alums. "Whenever and wherever possible, I would like to see them participate in the various St. Ambrose alumni regional activities." He also encourages alums to return to campus to participate in functions such as Homecoming and Reunion.

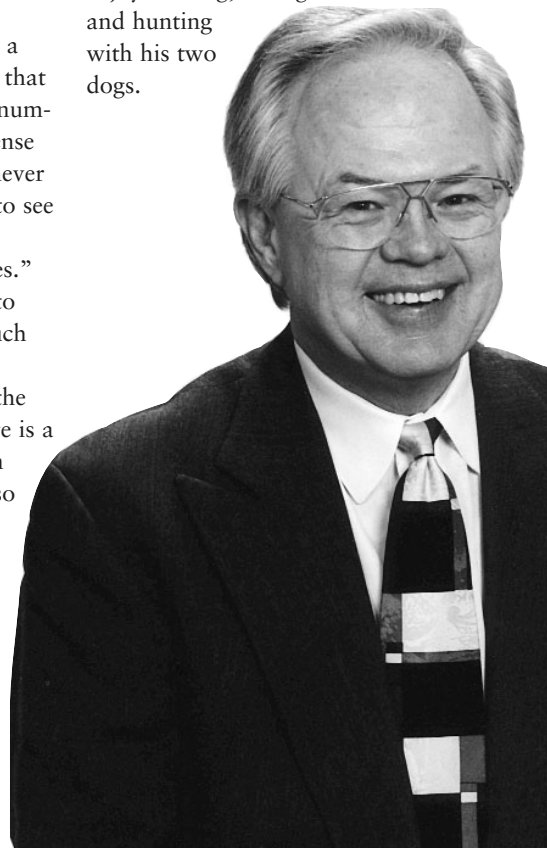
"They also can become active in the formation of an alumni group if there is a significant alumni population base in their area," he suggests. "I would also like to see alums volunteer to host small get-togethers for any potential St. Ambrose students in their area."

Alums need to know how much St. Ambrose has changed physically

and academically, he says. "St. Ambrose is a good community citizen and students, in addition to earning their degrees, are given many opportunities to learn about life and helping others."

Roeder's community involvement includes United Way, Genesis Foundation, the Putnam Museum of History and Natural Science and the Davenport Public Library. He served on the St. Ambrose Mardi Gras committee for four years, including two years as co-chairman with Jim '92 and Polly '92 Brownson.

In addition to Brook, Roeder and his wife, Linda, have a daughter, Ann, son, John, and daughter-in-law, Lisa Schreiber, and a grandson. An avid golfer, Roeder enjoys fishing, hiking and hunting with his two dogs.



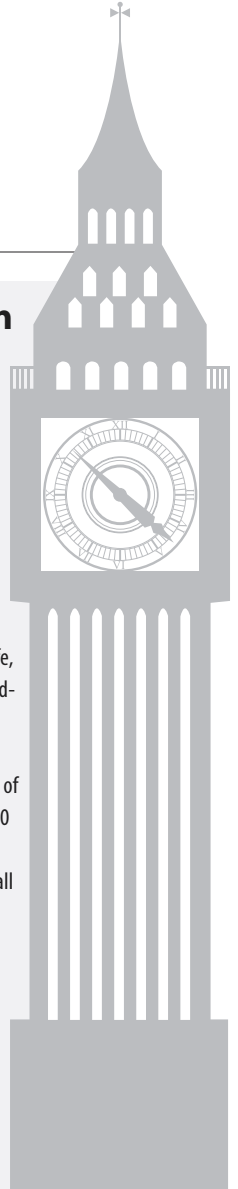
Ambrosians Can Enjoy Trip to England, Scotland

St. Ambrose University alums and friends can enjoy a trip to England this summer.

The "Best of Britain" trip May 27–June 10 will be hosted by President Ed Rogalski, and his wife, Bobbi. The package includes round-trip airline tickets via United Airlines to London.

Travelers will enjoy 13 nights of first-class accommodations and 20 meals, including daily breakfasts and seven dinners. Cost includes all hotel, service charges, baggage handling and local taxes. Participants will be fully escorted during their sightseeing journey through England, Scotland and Wales. Sites will include London, Stonehenge, Salisbury, Plymouth, Bath, Wales, Chester, the Lake District, Glasgow, Loch Lomond, Isle of Skye, Edinburgh, York, Stratford, Coventry and Oxford.

Cost is \$2500 for a double, \$2900 for a single and \$2425 for triple accommodations. Insurance, which is recommended, is \$99. For more information, call the Alumni and Parent Relations office at 319/333-6290 or toll-free, 800/SAU-ALUM. Arrangements are being made through KDM Travel, 319/324-3201 or toll-free, 800/779-6614.



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Alumni and Friends Honored at Homecoming

During Homecoming 1998 weekend festivities St. Ambrose honored 10 individuals with prestigious Alumni Association Awards at a ceremony and dinner.

I. Weir Sears Jr. '51 received the title of Honorary National Alumni President, the highest honor bestowed by the Alumni Association acknowledging alumni who have given exemplary service to Ambrose over many years. Sears, chairman of Sears Mfg. Co. in Davenport, is a member of the university's board of directors. A past president of the Alumni Association, he previously received the association's Alumni Merit Award for distinguished achievements, and an honorary doctorate of business administration from St. Ambrose. He was co-chair of the campaign for the restoration of Ambrose Hall in the 1970s and is a member of the Heritage Roll of Honor.

Awarded the title of Honorary Ambrosians were Mary Joy Allaert Feeney, and Harriet and Richard Gottlieb. This award honors those who have not received an academic degree from St. Ambrose yet have demonstrated exceptional dedication to the mission and values of the university, and have unselfishly supported the institution.

Allaert, one of the university's most generous benefactors, has demonstrated a deep loyalty to St. Ambrose in the tradition of her late father, Wilbur Allaert. She became a member of the Heritage Roll of Honor through her gift to St. Ambrose in memory of her father, for whom the theater, Allaert Auditorium, in the Galvin Fine Arts Center is named.

The Gottliebs have long been active in Quad City civic and educational causes. Harriet Gottlieb has been involved in many service and cultural organizations including the Putnam Museum board of trustees, Temple Emanuel board of directors and Temple Emanuel Sisterhood



Pat and I. Weir Sear Jr. (middle) joined Ed and Bobbi Rogalski at the Homecoming ceremonies honoring Weir as Honorary National Alumni President.

board. She joined the St. Ambrose board of directors in 1992. Richard Gottlieb, president and CEO of Lee Enterprises Inc., joined the company in 1964. He became publisher of the Journal Times in Racine, Wis., then was promoted to vice president-newspapers of Lee Enterprises, before accepting appointment to his present position.

Edmund Conroy '58 and Edward Flanigan '86 received Distinguished Alumni Awards. It recognizes alumni who have brought honor to St. Ambrose through their professional achievements, volunteer leadership, community service and promotion of social justice.

Conroy, president of Riverside Truck Sales & Service, Davenport, also is direct or part owner of numerous other truck-related businesses in Iowa and Illinois. A history major, he was a student of Fr. Catich and played varsity basketball. His son, Duffy Conroy, is continuing the athletic tradition as a member of the Ambrose men's basketball team.

Flanigan, a computer operator at the Community Hospital, Ottawa, was in music ministry, Alpha Phi Omega and Rotaract at Ambrose. He is a member of the Streator, Ill., United Way, and a Junior Chamber International Senator. Through his activities with the Jaycees, he has earned many awards.

C. Les Pierce '68 received the Alumni Service Award, which honors alumni who have distinguished themselves through their unwavering commitment to education, their loyalty and affection for their alma mater and their leadership and service to the Alumni Association.

Pierce and his wife, Jackie, are co-chairs of the Admissions/Financial Aid Committee of the Executive Council of Parents. Through the years, they have hosted and planned numerous picnics at their home for incoming St. Ambrose students from the Chicago area. The Pierces children, Matt '97, '98 MBA, and Sarah, an Ambrose junior, are carrying on the family's Ambrose ties.

Recent Alumni Awards went to John Anderson '87 and Jon Turnquist '92. This award honors more recent graduates who have used their undergraduate education to enrich the lives of others while exemplifying the Ambrosian ideal of service and leadership.

Anderson, a lifelong Quad-Citizen, is senior vice president of Quad City Bank & Trust and serves as a member of the Ambrose board of directors. He is chairman of the Vera French Community Center Foundation and a member of several boards of directors for civic organizations, including the Quad City Symphony, Rejuvenate Davenport, Scott

County Humane Society and the board of trustees for the Ridgecrest Foundation.

Turnquist is a rehab/acute therapist and head of the Freedom From Incontinence Program at Genesis Medical Center, Davenport. He has returned to Ambrose as a tutor in anatomy, guest lecturer and co-instructor of the OT adaptive class. He has received the Star of Rehab and Living the Vision honors at Genesis.

The Graduate Program Alumni Award went to Nancy Owens Mulcahey, a 1995 MBA graduate. This award honors graduate alumni who exemplify the Ambrosian ideal of service and leadership. She is the economic development manager for the City of Moline. She also is on the board of directors for the United Way and the Moline YMCA.

Michael Duffy '73 received the Special Recognition Award. This rare honor, which is not bestowed annually, recognizes an individual for exceptional service to St. Ambrose.

The president and general manager of Per Mar Security Services, Duffy began his career with the corporation in 1967. He earned his bachelor's degree in business administration and criminal justice at St. Ambrose. He held various positions within the company and was elected president in 1977.

Past president of Ambrose's Alumni Association, he has served on many boards, including Firststar Bank and Scott County YMCA. A co-founder of Rejuvenate Davenport, he has been chairman of, and participated in, numerous local fund drives for not-for-profit organizations.

Upcoming Events

April

- 14 Reunion 1999 Planning Session, Oak Brook, Ill.
- 20 ACCEL Open House/Alumni Event, Davenport
- 26 English Department Mini-Reunion, Campus
- 27 Alumni Event, Boston, Mass.
- 29 Professor/Staff of the Year Presentation, Campus

May

- 1 Parents Campus Beautification Day, Campus
- 7 Graduate Student Commencement Reception, Bishop's House Inn, Davenport
- 8 Undergraduate Student/Parent Commencement Reception, location TBA
- 9 Commencement Ceremonies, Campus
- 14 Fighting Bee Golf Classic, Port Byron, Ill.

June

- 12 Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting, Campus
- 12 Emeritus Dinner and Class of 1949 Induction Ceremony, Campus
- 13 Heritage Day, Campus
- 25 Chicago Golf Outing, Darien, Ill.

July

- 4 Academy All-Class Reunion, Campus
- 17 Occupational Therapy Department Mini-Reunion, Campus

Event dates and locations are subject to change. For additional information, or to confirm an event, please contact the Alumni and Parent Relations Office at 800/SAU-ALUM, or via email at alumni@sau.edu

Regional Alumni News

Atlanta

An Atlanta Braves baseball game and pre-game party on Aug. 6 was the first event for Atlanta area alumni and friends in about eight years. Ambrosians gathered at The Bull Pen Bar and Grill, then headed over together to watch the Braves take on the Cincinnati Reds at the new Turner Field. Dr. Rogalski greeted all the alumni, including Kim Clarke '91, a former Queen Bee athlete and a Hall of Fame member who has special memories of Turner Field and its original purpose. As a member of the 1996 Summer Olympic handball squad, she walked in opening ceremonies in the stadium.

Central Illinois

Joe '48 and Freddie Waugh once again hosted a wonderful holiday celebration for Central Illinois alumni and friends at Jonah's Seafood House in East Peoria, Ill., on Dec. 7. As a new twist to the festivities, area high school students and their parents were invited to attend and meet several campus representatives as well as local alumni. The response was very positive with more than 45 people attending the casual gathering.

The Ambrose Admissions Department gets a helping hand every year from alumni in the Phoenix area. For the past few years, alums including Charlie Rosenfield '51, below right, have set up a St. Ambrose booth at the Xavier High School Recruitment Night, trying to entice students from the arid west to greener pastures in Iowa.



Chicago

The holiday spirit was in full swing on the North Side at the annual party at Peg Leg Sullivan's on Dec. 9. Once again, Phil Cahill '73 organized the lively event with help from loyal Ambrosians like Stephanie Sieren '90. They estimated the crowd as one of the largest ever—more than 75 people—including about 20 recent alumni who were making their first appearance at an alumni event. Plenty of old friends caught up on each other's lives and met new friends with the common Ambrose bond.

There was a new twist for Chicago area alumni attending the South Side holiday party on Dec. 19. With the Fighting Bee basketball team taking on St. Xavier the same day, alumni were invited to the game in the afternoon and then hopped across the street to the gathering at Gilhooley's, owned by Bob Rea '65. Bees basketball coach Ray Shovlain '79 brought the team by, along with some parents, before making the trip back to Davenport.

Dallas

Dallas/Fort Worth alumni were treated to an evening of spectacular jazz music at The Dallas School of Music on Nov. 11. Bob Lawrence, Dallas chapter president and owner of the music school, organized the evening event which featured many of the school's faculty. Afterward, a small group of Ambrosians continued the festivities at a near-by restaurant.

Kansas City

Kansas City area alumni who attended this year's holiday party on Dec. 11 all agreed they're lucky to have Paul '60 and Judy Trenshaw in the area to keep the Ambrosian spirit alive and well. Once again, Paul and Judy opened up their home for a wonderful gathering which included great food and equally delightful company. Of course time was set aside to share a campus update and the latest news, which made for a special Ambrosian night.

Nashville

The first attempt to hold an alumni event in the Nashville area last summer was canceled when a destructive tornado hit downtown the day before the scheduled event. Four months later, on Aug. 8, the event was back on and better than ever. Nashville Ambrosians gathered at the Market Street Brewery to catch up on the latest campus news and developments and to visit with Dr. Rogalski and Fr. Drake Shafer '69 who made the trip from campus.

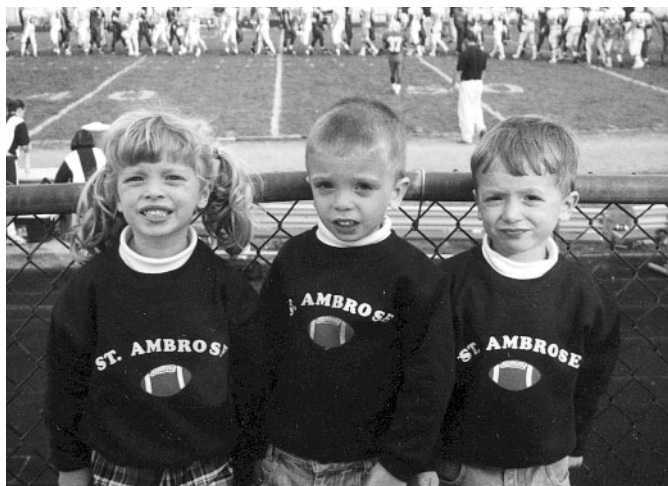
Phoenix

A sellout Ambrose crowd convened for the Arizona alumni football party on Oct. 11. About 50 Ambrosians headed over to Sun Devils stadium in Tempe to watch the Chicago Bears take on the Arizona Cardinals. After a disappointing showing by the Bears, many in the group headed over to the Olive Garden restaurant to socialize and round out the day.

For a number of years, Arizona alums have celebrated the Feast of St. Ambrose Mass together on Dec. 7. This year a group again gathered in Scottsdale for an evening Mass and dinner afterwards. Credit goes to Jeanne Kinney for organizing the gathering.

Quad Cities

A new tradition is developing among St. Ambrose alumni residing in the greater Quad City area when it comes to launching the holiday season. Held on Dec. 2 at the Outing Club in Davenport, the Quad City Christmas Party again attracted more than 200 alumni and friends to celebrate the season with a



wonderful selection of hors d'ouvres and a special performance by the popular student singing group STAMVOJA. The students showcased their enormous talents for the crowd with a variety of Christmas carols and holiday favorites.

San Francisco

The Fort Mason Officers Club next to Fisherman's Wharf was the perfect venue for a San Francisco holiday party on Dec. 9. Manny Mier '66 receives credit for arranging the delightful evening. Ed and Bobbi Rogalski, and their son J.J. and his wife, Kristen, were welcome additions to the group, and guests jumped at the chance to hear all the news from campus.

St. Louis

When plans were made in early June for the annual alumni Cardinals baseball event on Sept. 8, who would have thought it would collide with baseball history? More than 40 Ambrosians were in Busch Stadium that night to witness Mark McGuire's legendary record-breaking home run. Anticipation began mounting at the Ambrose pre-game tailgate, and continued far into the evening. Kudos to Jim Morris '81, Mark Wall '67 and Dick Hollembaek '50 for organizing an unforgettable event.

It looks like Ambrosians are getting younger every day. Ron '88 and Mary (Fiste) '87 Hotchkiss took this picture of their 3 year-old triplets at their first Ambrose football game versus Tiffin University in Tiffin, Ohio. Apparently Meredith, Tyler and Alexander (left to right) enjoyed it so much, whenever they see a football game on television, they say they want the Bees to win. Go Bees!

ALUMNI PROFILE

Claudia Windal

by Linda Cook

SOMETIMES THEY COME TO HER seeking spiritual guidance.

Sometimes they come seeking shelter. Sometimes they just come for understanding. Often, they have AIDS.

And the Rev. Dr. Claudia Windal '75, an Episcopal priest and registered nurse, is determined to help them as long as she can. Windal is the AIDS program director for the Indian Health Board of Minneapolis, Minn. She recently published "Cultural and Societal Impediments to AIDS Education in the Native American Communities" as the first chapter in *Confronting the Aids Epidemic*, Africa World Press. She serves the Episcopal Diocese of Minnesota and has had several long-term parish commitments.

Windal, originally from Chicago, earned her registered nurse's degree at St. Anthony's School of Nursing in Rock Island before graduating from

St. Ambrose with a major in psychology. "At that time, I was a Roman Catholic nun," she says. She worked at Mercy Hospital while she attended St. Ambrose.

After graduation, she returned to Chicago to work as an emergency nurse, then went into the seminary in

1978. In 1981, she began seeing cases of AIDS. "By the next year, we had children coming to the hemophilia camp who were HIV positive," she said.

Part of her interest in working with AIDS patients, she said, "was being gay myself, and seeing the large number of people living with HIV at the time being gay men. Back then, from the time you were diagnosed as HIV-positive until the time you died was less than two years."

Meanwhile, she was ordained in 1982 as an Episcopal priest "at a time when it was not handy

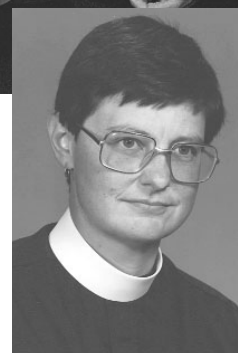
for women to be ordained, in Chicago, anyway," she said. She continued to work as an emergency room nurse. "My AIDS stuff was

kind of secondary then. But in the ER, we saw a huge number of patients with HIV. It was hard for them to come into an emergency room and find someone who wasn't scared to death of them."

"I tried to be their primary contact person or just hang out with them," she said. "I reached out to the guys to set an example for the other nurses by being very public about giving them a hug and not worrying about touching them. I thought there was a lot to be learned."

She stayed in the Chicago area until 1985, when she was called to be the rector in a church in Minnesota. "I served the Diocese of Minnesota on their Bishop's Commission on AIDS, and became part of the national Episcopal Church's AIDS Coalition," she said. "I became active in voicing my opinion and becoming an educator."

She bought a two-bedroom home in Minneapolis, where she hooked up with the Minnesota AIDS Project. "Over the course of five years, I had nine men with AIDS live with me. Many times it was because they were in unsafe living situations, with families just finding out they were gay or living with AIDS." They stayed from a month to six months. Many of them she nursed herself. She continued to be a full-time nurse and filled in at parishes on Sundays "when someone needed a priest. I'm rented out to four parishes every month



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now; my partner refers to me as rent-a-priest.”

In the mid-'80s she began working on her doctorate of ministry at Luther Seminary in St. Paul after finishing her master's in psychology. Her dissertation was a Stations of the Cross for people living with HIV and AIDS, which the Veterans Administration published in a mini-version that was distributed to all VA hospitals and published in *The Witness*, an Episcopal magazine.

Graduating with her doctorate in 1993, she began her work one month later as AIDS case manager for the Indian Health Board. The urban clinic provides medical, dental and mental health services to the Native American community of Minneapolis. Windal has been personally and spiritually influenced by her associations with Native Americans. Several years ago, she was adopted by a Native American family, and is learning the Lakota language.

Through the years, she has adapted to a changing AIDS society. “Although we still have a large number of people with HIV who are gay, we're looking more at lower income people,” she said. “The population has turned dramatically now. There are more women, more people on the streets who are probably drug-using and prostituting. People have fewer and fewer and fewer resources and support.”

As an AIDS worker, she has gone from working with a population of “predominantly white middle-class gay men...to 45 clients who pretty much operate on a crisis-to-crisis mode.”

Being in the pulpit every Sunday, she often addresses issues relating to AIDS. “I think that if clergy would just be brave enough to preach about AIDS from our pulpits, people would start to listen.” While congregations believe AIDS is an important issue, she said, they're sometimes slower to take action. “We need to be the catalysts of that.”

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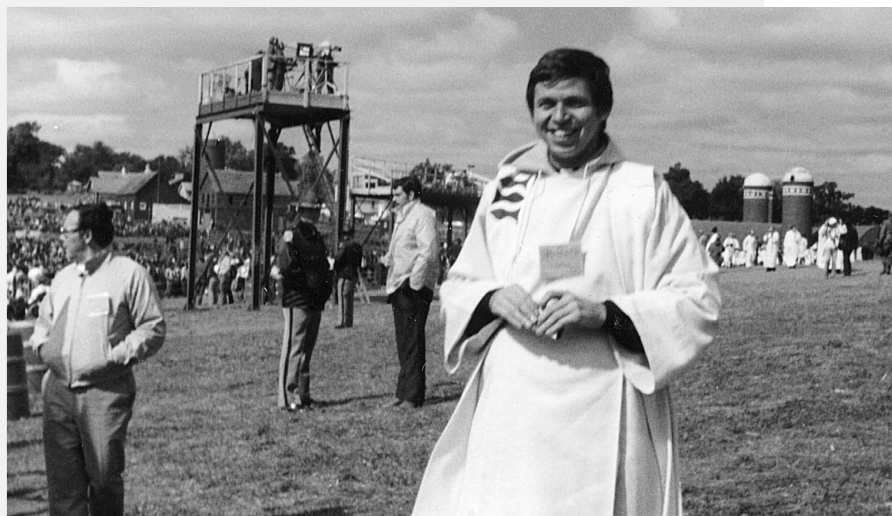
Remembering John Paul in Des Moines

The Pope's January trip to St. Louis, Mo., brings back memories of another papal visit 20 years ago, when several busloads of Ambrose stu-

dents and faculty trekked to Des Moines to see John Paul II in his first American appearance. It was an adventure—the buses broke down, coming and going, and the gym floor at St. Theresa's wasn't exactly deluxe accommodations. It was all worth it though, to watch the Pope's face as the Ambrose Music Ministry sang “Sto Lat,” a Polish song of good wishes, for him as he greeted the crowd after saying Mass at Living History Farms.

In honor of the 20th anniversary of the trip to Des Moines, Maureen (McNulty) Valvassori '81, Fr. Drake Shafer '69 and Fr. Bud Grant '80, are working with the Alumni Office to hold a special reunion for all those who went on the trip during Homecoming '99, Oct. 1-3.

They need help in compiling a list of all those who participated. If you were part of that unforgettable trip, please contact the Alumni Office at 800/SAU-ALUM, or 319/333-6290 or alumni@sau.edu. Then, in the coming months, watch your mail for more information about the reunion.



Class Notes

30 The Thirties

Sr. Mary Jude Birck '39, a member of the Sisters of St. Francis in Clinton, Iowa, celebrated her 70th anniversary in the sisterhood. She taught high school for many years, and now resides at The Canticle in Clinton.

40 The Forties

John Carey '41, of South Bend, Ind., was elected vice-chair of the Fellows of the American Bar Foundation, an honorary organization of attorneys, judges and law professors.

Lawrence McCaffrey '49 is the author of *The Irish Catholic in America*, published in 1998. He was also featured in the PBS documentary, "The Irish in America: The Long Journey Home."

50 The Fifties

Gerald Bixenman '50, owner of Bix Manufacturing in Ashland City, Tenn., was named Tennessee Employer of the Year by The ARC of Tennessee, a national organization for the mentally challenged.

Michael Florescu '47 Academy, '51 served as an ambassador for official visitors from Romania for the International Visitors Council in Detroit, Mich.

Sr. Mary Ellen Kelly '52, a member of the Sisters of St. Francis in Clinton, Iowa, celebrated her 70-year jubilee. After teaching for many years, she resides at The Alverno in Clinton.

Sr. Margaret DeWit '54 celebrated her 70th anniversary of religious life. As a Sister of St. Francis, she is a former teacher, librarian and choir director. She resides at The Canticle in Clinton, Iowa.

Mitchell Ware '55 accepted appointment as a judge in the Illinois Circuit Court of Cook County.

D. Quinn Martin '56 has retired after practicing law for 36 years. He lives in Waterloo, Iowa, with his wife, Jane.

Dick Caffery '57, of Racine, Wis., retired from Case Corporation after 40 years. He writes he is staying active working part-time for Case, golfing, wood refinishing and entertaining five grandchildren.

60 The Sixties

Dr. William Duax '61 attended the Third International Congress of the Cuban Chemical Society in Hanvana, Cuba. Dr. Duax is executive vice president for research at the Hauptman-Woodward Institute in Buffalo, N.Y.

Michael Hart '61 is the chair of the Pathology Department at the University of Wisconsin School of

Medicine in Madison. He and his wife, Jane (Wallace), a 1962 Marycrest College graduate, have four children.

Charles Rotkis '61 retired from General Electric after spending 33 years with the company. He lives in Lancaster, Ohio, with his wife, Judy. They have seven grown children.

Chuck Bubany '62 was named the George Herman Mahon Professor of Law at Texas Tech University School of Law. He was also voted Outstanding Professor in 1998.

John Mikesch '64 writes that he has passed the 30-year mark as a producer/director with King's Television (NBC) in Seattle, Wash.

Darrell Steffensmeier '64 received the Fellows Award from the American Society of Criminology. He lives in Boalsburg, Penn.

Fr. Aaron (Chuck) Pirrera, OSB '66 accepted an appointment as director of development for Subiaco Abbey and Academy in Subiaco, Ark.

Sr. Michelle Cale '67 celebrated her 50-year jubilee. A member of the Sisters of St. Francis in Clinton, Iowa, she serves as a chaplain at Samaritan Health System in Clinton.

70 The Seventies

Phil Roberts '71 was honored as Outstanding Man of Walcott,

Iowa, and Outstanding Firefighter. He has been a member of the Walcott Fire Department since 1976 and has served as assistant chief and EMT. He is self-employed in public relations and teaches at Scott Community College.

Michael Coleman '73 earned his doctorate of education in vocational education from the University of Minnesota.

Rev. John Sullivan '73 was appointed pastor of St. John Church in Glenwood, Ill., in November.

William Kelley Jr. '74, '82 MBA was promoted to vice president of operations and quality for Superior Industries International, Inc., a maker of cast aluminum wheels. He work in the corporate office in Van Nuys, Calif.

Cathy Langtimm PhD '74 is dividing her time working for the Caribbean Science Center in Gainesville, Fla., and the Harvard Forest Long-Term Ecological Research Site in Petersham, Mass., and working as a research associate at Holy Cross College in Worster, Mass. She received her doctorate in zoology in 1992.

Fr. Mark Spring '76 returned from active military duty to his ministry as a pastor in the Davenport Diocese. Since 1984, he had been serving as a chaplain with the U.S. Air Force.

Dennis Donahue '77 was promoted to president of Aon Risk Services of Missouri, a subsidiary of Aon Corporation.

Craig Smith '77 accepted a promotion to lieutenant with the Illinois State Police. He lives with his wife, Pat, in Springfield, Ill.

Kenneth Golden '78 has been promoted to manager, public relations at Deere & Company in Moline, Ill. He formerly worked at Deere's Health Care Division.

Joseph Adam '79, '96 MBA is director of the Pleasant Valley School Board in Pleasant Valley, Iowa. He is the vice president and general counsel for John Deere Insurance in Moline, Ill.

80 The Eighties

John Pischke '81 is certified in 19th Century Limestone Building Restoration. He is self-employed and restores old limestone structures to historic specifications.

Maureen (McNulty) Valvassori '81 published her first children's book, *Barney and Baby Bop's Garden*, in March 1997. She had two more books released in 1998. She lives in Glencoe, Ill., with her husband, Alex, and three sons.

Mark McLaughlin '82 gave a reading of his published fiction at the World Fantasy Convention, a literary event in London. He also illustrated a book of poetry, *Night's Voice*.

Martin Ryan '82, senior vice president for ACTRA Rehabilitation Associates, Inc., was honored for his efforts on behalf of his patients and providers of orthotic and prosthetic care. He received the Legislative Advocate Award from the American Orthotic & Prosthetic Association at its annual business meeting.

Wilson Warren '82 received the Throne/Aldrich Award from the State Historical Society of Iowa, in recognition of his article on Ottumwa meatpackers published in the *Annals of Iowa*. He is an assistant professor of history and director of the social science education program at Indiana State University.

Jayne Hermiston '83 of Eldridge, Iowa, has been appointed chief financial officer for the Newspaper Publishing Group of Lee Enterprises, Inc. She and her husband, Jim, have two daughters.

Lori (Johnson) Black '83 and her husband Michael welcomed a daughter, Anna, into the world in January 1998.

Therese (Dixon) '84 and **David Larres** '86 celebrated the first birthday of their daughter, Elise Catherine, in January. They live in Boonville, Ind.

Mary Bakeris '85 has accepted the position as vice president of membership development for the Davenport Chamber of Commerce.

Medicine Man

Thomas J. Coleman, MD, '38, has practiced medicine for 55 years.

With five brothers and sisters he grew up in Davenport, where his father was the head of a lumber company. He attended St. Ambrose Academy and, like his late brothers, John and Robert, graduated from what then was St. Ambrose College.

"When I was at St. Ambrose I thought I might become a writer. It wasn't until I graduated that summer that I thought about going to medical school at the University of Iowa," he said.

During World War II, he was a battalion surgeon in the U.S. Army Medical Corps, and saw the terrible casualties at Omaha Beach on D-Day. "I was with the 29th Division. Sixty percent of the soldiers were either wounded or killed during two-and-a-half days," he said. "A few yards from me, a friend of mine was killed. It makes me feel fortunate to have lived through it."

When his stint in the Army ended, he became a specialist in internal medicine. After he finished his residency in internal medicine in Temple, Texas, he considered returning to Davenport to practice. "But at that time internal medicine wasn't recognized in Iowa."

And so he went to Fort Worth, where he began working at the W.I. Cook Memorial Hospital, which "gave free care to older men and poor working girls. That's where I started, along with eight other doctors." After that, he became one of the founders of the Fort Worth Clinic, where he also established the Clinical Research Foundation for doctors in practice looking for better treatment methods.

During his five decades of practice, Coleman has seen many advances in medicine, including the advent of antibiotics. "After World War II, antibiotics came in pretty strong, and that was a big change. Before we had antibiotics, 35 to 40 percent of those who had pneumonia died from it."

He has treated thousands of patients over the years, with numerous and memorable success stories. "It's wonderful to treat a person for a condition like a heart attack, and then see them do well," he said. "Or sometimes there's an infection, or even cancer, you can clear up, and the patient leads a normal life for many years."

Coleman and his wife Jean "still miss Iowa some," and have returned to St. Ambrose for special occasions.



Teri (Ewers) '85 and **Bill Carman** '86 live in Good Hope, Ill., with their sons, Robby and Ryan, and daughter, Amberose. Bill is a CPA for Clifton Gunderson, and Teri is a civil service supervisor at Western Illinois University.

Michael Muldowney '85 joined Nextera Enterprises, a subsidiary of Knowledge Universe, as a partner and vice president of finance. He and his wife, Daniela, have two children and live in Dover, Mass.

Sheila (Curran) Harmon '86 and her husband, David, celebrated the birth of their son, Joseph, in January 1998. Four sisters, Sarah, Mary, Anne and Grace, welcomed him home in Brimfield, Ill.

Jeffery Zelnio '86, '92 MBA joined the HON Company in Muscatine, Iowa, as a senior project manager, after 12 years with Sears Manufacturing. He and his wife, Kathleen, have a daughter, Katelyn, and a son, Kyle.

John Anderson '87 accepted the position of senior vice president with Quad City Bank and Trust in Moline, Ill. He had been with Brenton Bank.

Lee Dentlinger '87 and his wife, Sharon, moved to Lancaster, Penn., where Lee is an assistant manager at NTN-BCA Corporation. They have two children.

Madelyn (Doty) Flaherty '87 is a caseworker for the Department of Children and Family Services and CPS for Lake County, Ind. She, her husband, Jim, and sons, Jared, Sean and Ethan, live in Hammond, Ind.

Laura Glaser '87 graduated from Northern Illinois University with her master's degree in education specializing in adult continuing education.

Dave Burke '88 is director of operations for Von Maur in the Quad Cities. He and his wife, Susan, had their third child, Margaret Mary, in February 1998. Older siblings are Katie and Brian.

Timothy Keeney '88 is pursuing a master of science degree in civil/structural engineering at the University of Iowa, and is working as a graduate research assistant. He and his wife, Marisa, reside in North Liberty, Iowa.

Chris Melink '88 and Erin Schiele '89 welcomed their second son, Ryan, in August. He joins his older brother, Collin Christopher, at home in Castaic, Calif.

Steven Meyer '88 was promoted in April to CFO at Standard Forwarding Company in East Moline, Ill. He lives in Davenport with his wife and two children.

Jeff Wicker '88 was hired at Dowling High School in West Des Moines, Iowa, as choir director and flute choir instructor. On the "off-season," he is a manager at Adventureland amusement park.

Jeanne Hughes '89 made her professional debut playing Micaela in "Carmen" with DuPage Opera

Theatre in Glen Ellyn, Ill. She teaches Spanish at Downers Grove North High School and sings with the Chicago Symphony Chorus.

Jerry Klostermann '89 and wife, Kim, reside in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, with their son, Beau Nicholas. Jerry is employed by United Parcel Service.

Douglas Wagner '89 is the press secretary for Iowa Congressman Jim Leach. He lives in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and has an 8-year-old son.

Kevin Zeimet '89 has been promoted to controller for Kent Feeds, Inc. He previously served as assistant controller.

90 The Nineties

Mark Erikson '90 and his wife, Sarah, had their second child, Benjamin Eli, in October 1997. Their oldest son is Jonathan Levi. The family lives in Jefferson, Iowa.

Tracey Meyer '90 is a marketing assistant at The Richard Michael Group, an employment agency in Chicago.

Tom Balunis '91 and his wife, Heather, live in Bettendorf, Iowa, with their 2-year-old daughter, Natalie. Tom sells pharmaceuticals for Dura.

Tammy (Fritz) Conrad '91 was named the principal of St. Vincent's School in Keokuk, Iowa. She and her husband, Scott, have two sons, Garrett and Riley.

Laura (Schlotfeldt) Garver '91 works for Trustcorp in Mishwaka, Ind., as a loan processor. She and her husband, Mike, live in Niles, Mich. They celebrated their second anniversary in June of 1998.

Artie Paar '91 accepted a promotion to senior reporting with Carlson Companies in Minneapolis. He and Jennifer Gilmore were married in May.

Rotary Governor

John J. Harmon '56 wants to put Rotary International in the spotlight where it belongs. And he is in the perfect position to do that, because he has been elected governor of Rotary International District 6450.

Harmon, of Joliet, says that Rotary is the best-kept secret in the country. "We need to become more visible," he says. He will serve as district governor for the years 2000 to 2001, representing 61 Rotary clubs in northeastern Illinois including the Chicago area. He will be able to spread the word about Rotary International's four avenues of service: Club, community, vocational and international. He especially wants to educate new Rotarians on the importance of vocational programs.

"A lot of our clubs have great international or educational programs, but it seems the vocational area has gotten the crumbs," he says. Also, he would like to see two or three new clubs founded during his term of office.

A charter member of the Plainfield Rotary Club, he has held all offices in the local organization. He has been chairman of the local club's annual golf outing for several years, and with that event helped raise more than \$90,000 in scholarship funds for high school seniors.

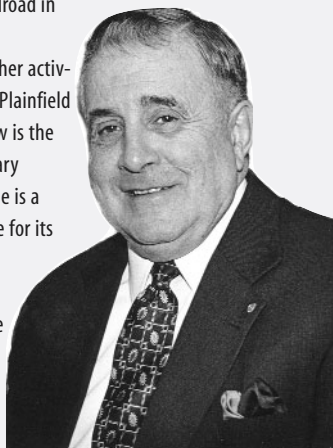
He sponsored the first female member of the Plainfield Rotary Club, Marianne Murphy, who became the first female Rotary Club president in the district.

He was a governor's group representative on the district level from 1988 to 1995, and he was club service representative in 1995. He also served on the governor's nominating and selection committees.

A retired loan officer, he was employed by First Midwest Bank in Plainfield. Before that, he worked in the consumer finance division of Associates Discount Corp. in Joliet and for the Rock Island Railroad in Ottawa, Ill.

In addition to his Rotary work, his other activities include 24 years of service with the Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department, where he now is the senior engineer. He is a member of St. Mary Immaculate Church in Plainfield, where he is a member of the church finance committee for its expansion project.

He and his wife, Sharon, an independent artist and travel agent with Creative Travel in Crest Hill, have three grown children.



Christine (Van Meenen) Reed '91 is teaching second grade and coaching track in the Cambridge Illinois School District. She writes that she and her husband, Brent, enjoy spending time with their daughter, Taylor, age 3.

Jennifer (Peters) Gentile '92 and her husband, Tom, live in Naperville, Ill. She writes she enjoys being at home raising her children, Tommy and Elizabeth.

Sally (Gehlsen) McAleer '92 and her husband, Sean, celebrated the birth of their son, Mitchell Patrick, in March 1998. They live in Wauwatosa, Wis.

Michael Mathews '92 earned his MBA from Northern Illinois University. He is a territory manager for Ameritech, and resides in Naperville, Ill., with his wife, Jill.

Marlene Miller '92 moved to Lee's Summit, Mo., after spending 20 years in the Quad Cities.

Jennifer Rouse '92 works for the Department of Treasury in Washington, D.C. She served an assignment on the House Appropriation Committee for the Congressional House of Representatives.

John TeBockhorst '92 started a mail-order silk flower business, Send Our Silks, with his brother in 1997. He lives in Davenport.

Bridgid (Knott) Moody '93 and her husband, Tom Moody '92, live in Cedar Falls, Iowa. Tom works for State Farm Insurance Co. and Bridgid is at home with daughters Shannon and Kate.

Elizabeth Murphy '93 passed the Missouri State Bar exam in July 1997 and now works as a clerk for the Honorable Mary Russell, a State Appellate Court judge in St. Louis. She also had an article published in the Journal of Dispute Resolution.

Rick Hammond '93 and **Jenny (Bain) '95** were married in May 1995 and live in East Dubuque, Ill. Rick is an industrial control specialist, and Jenny works at

home as a freelance writer for a major publishing company. Their daughter, Sarrah Michelle, was one year old in December.

Doreen (Abens) Sheen '93 and her husband, James, had their first child, Abigail Marie, in November 1997. Doreen works at the University of Nebraska-Kearney in the Registrar's Office.

Cheryl (Wedewer) '93 and **Scott Thompson '94** welcomed a daughter, Madison Marie, to their family in April. They reside in Kansas City, Mo.

Sophia Falcon '94 is employed at Glendale Adventist Medical Center in Glendale, Calif., as lead OTR. She continues to be involved in OT awareness in California high schools and colleges.

Anthony Lewis '94 graduated from Palmer College of Chiropractic in 1997 and has accepted a position with the Static Clinics in Palermo, Italy.

Jayne (McAleer) Riedesel '94 is a kindergarten teacher at St. Joseph's School in DeWitt, Iowa. She, her husband, Jason, and son, Nicholas, reside on a farm near Grand Mound, Iowa.

Rebecca Birdschik '95 graduated from Mennonite College of Nursing in May 1998 with a bachelor of science in nursing. She accepted a clinical partner-RN position at Provena Covenant Medical Center in Urbana, Ill.

Jim Buckley '95 accepted a position as director of security at the Old Chicago Main Post Office. In October, he ran his first marathon in Dublin, Ireland, as a part of the Leukemia Society's Team In Training Program.

Jeff Forret '95 received a master of arts degree in history from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. He has accepted the Stewart Fellowship to pursue a doctoral degree in history at the University of Delaware.

Patrick Gainer '95 and his wife, Susanne, celebrated the first birth-

Eastman Fellow

With his fifth St. Ambrose major, Dr. John R. Monnier struck gold—chemical gold, that is.

Monnier '69, of Kingsport, Tenn., has been named a technology fellow at Eastman Chemical Company in Kingsport. A native of Basco, Ill., he earned his bachelor's degree in chemistry at St. Ambrose, where says he was an "unfocused" student, at least for a time.

In fact, "I really hadn't given that much thought to college," said Monnier, whose father, John E. graduated from St. Ambrose in 1942. "But St. Ambrose was small; it wasn't frightening to me."

He was 17 when he entered St. Ambrose with a Presidential Scholarship based on need and ability. "I suspect I would've been overwhelmed" at a larger university, he said.

He changed majors five times. "I was a little unfocused, you could say," he says. "Dr. Ed Rogalski, who was dean of men at the time, would have referred to me as unfocused."

Nonetheless, he graduated No. 1 in his class, and went on to earn his doctorate in physical chemistry with a specialty in catalysis at the University of Wisconsin. He began his career with Eastman Kodak in 1972 and transferred to Eastman Chemical Company in 1993. Before he became a technology fellow, he served as a senior research associate. He has worked 26 years in research labs "where there's an intellectual challenge every day."

In 1986, Monnier discovered a catalytic process that allows the company to produce an industrial chemical that is one of the most versatile small molecules ever made industrially. "We can make a chemical for \$1 a pound that, if purchased from specialty chemical manufacturers, would cost \$5000 per pound," he said. The chemical can be used in pharmaceuticals, agricultural chemical, fuel additives, anti-AIDS drugs, Spandex and specialty polymers, he said.

He and his wife, Pamela, have three children. He is a member of the Catalysis Society, the American Chemical Society, the Los Alamos Catalysis Advisory Board and the Knights of Columbus.



day of their daughter, Abby Susanne, in August. They live in Davenport.

Erin Hart '95 is teaching second grade in the Milwaukee Public Schools.

Rebecca Neavins '95 has accepted a position as assistant branch manager at American General Finance, Inc. in Downers Grove, Ill. She was previously employed as a manager at Target.

Randall Pischke '95 teaches at Pleasant View Elementary in Pleasant Valley, Iowa. He also assists with several athletic events at Pleasant Valley High School.

Felicia (Toher) Pfluger '95 and her husband, Jeffrey, reside in Brookfield, Ill. She volunteers at a homeless shelter and counsels abuse victims, while caring for their children, Justin and Alyssa.

Catherine (Villasis) Woods '95 and **Toby Woods '96** celebrated their first anniversary in June. They live in Virginia Beach, Va., where he is a marketing representative for a newspaper, and she is an occupational therapist.

Anne (Heckinger) Cordes '96 and husband, Scott, have purchased their first home in Rockford, Ill. In September, she began teaching

preschool full time at St. Rita's Catholic School.

Rebecca Emerson '96 teaches fourth and fifth grades at Drexel School in Cicero, Ill. She also teaches aerobics and spin at the local YMCA. In the spring, she plans to begin a master's program to become a school psychologist.

William Griffith '96, '98 MBA accepted a promotion to cost center manager for Pella Corporation in Pella, Iowa.

Scott Jensen '96 began the master of physical therapy program at Elon College in Burlington, N.C., in January 1999.

Stacey Morgan-Huffman '96 lives with her husband, Ross, in Marshalltown, Iowa, where she is an occupational therapist with Marshalltown Medical and Surgical Center. She is working toward a master's degree in health care administration.

Jill Welch '96 joined the Peace Corps and is stationed in Gabon, Africa, for two years. She is helping to develop a mechanism for townspeople to get fish from local streams.

Wendy (Ethridge) Dolan '97 is employed as an occupational therapist at Moncrief Army Community Hospital in Ft. Jackson, S.C. She was married Aug. 15 to First Lieutenant Michael Dolan.

David Gisleson '97 has been named regional sales manager, central region for Kent Feeds, Inc. He joined Kent Feeds in 1991 and previously served as advertising, merchandising, and public relation manager.

Elizabeth Hoenshell '97 is employed at Norwest Banks in Davenport as a filmer. She recently participated on a conference panel for "More Able Autistic People" in Indianapolis, Ind.

Christopher Salrin '97 accepted a position as a marketing communications specialist for Growmark, Inc., an agricultural supply and

grain marketing cooperative in Bloomington, Ill.

Regina Tremmel '97 is employed by Consolidated Communications as an advertising consultant for the Southern Indiana area. She resides in Evansville, Ind.

Graduate Alumni

James Bonebrake '90 MBA works at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange as a senior trader with SMW Trading Company. He and his wife had their first child, Cole James.

Jeffery Zelnio '86, '92 MBA joined the HON Company in Muscatine, Iowa, as a senior project manager, after 12 years with Sears Manufacturing. He and his wife, Kathleen, have a daughter, Katelyn, and a son, Kyle.

Laurie Finn PhD '94 MBA has published several articles in academic journals on learning disabilities at the post-secondary level. She is an adjunct professor at St. Ambrose.

Jack Dougherty '96 MBA has been promoted to vice president, commodities, for Kent Feeds, Inc. He joined the company in 1973. He and his wife, Sue, live in Muscatine, Iowa.

Joseph Adam '79, '96 MBA is director of the Pleasant Valley School Board in Pleasant Valley, Iowa. He is the vice president and general counsel for John Deere Insurance in Moline, Ill.

William Griffith '96, '98 MBA accepted a promotion to cost center manager for Pella Corporation in Pella, Iowa.

The Boy Scout Way

Michael Schierbrock '82 of West Point, Iowa, has been honored with Scouting's prestigious Silver Beaver Award. He received the honor last year at an annual Scout council meeting.

A correctional counselor at the Mount Pleasant Correctional Facility, he has worked for the State of Iowa since 1982. He began his Scouting career at the age of 7 as a Cub Scout. "I was in second grade, and it was just something that boys did," he said.

He continued with scouting even through his busy college days at St. Ambrose as a business administration major. "I was in college from 1978-1982, the Centennial Class. During the summers I came home and went to camp with the kids even when I was in college. I had a very good Scoutmaster who kept me very involved."

As a boy, he already had attained the rank of Eagle Scout. Then, at the unit level, he was a Webelos leader, a committee member, a committee chairman, assistant Scoutmaster, Scoutmaster and unit commissioner.

At the district level he served on the River Valley District Advancement Committee, the River Valley District Camping Committee, was a district commissioner and received the District Award of Merit.

At the council level, he has been associate lodge advisor for the Order of the Arrow. An active participant in fund-raisers for the council, he has served on the summer camp volunteer staff for many summers and is a member of the Camp Master Corps.

Still very active with West Point's Troop 20, which has been around for nearly 70 years, he continues to be involved in the Red Cross and the Knights of Columbus, and is a lifetime member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in West Point.

"Maybe Scouting is a relief from my real job," he says. "Hopefully you can make a difference in one kid's life that he doesn't end up in a place like that."

Scouting has undergone tremendous changes since Schierbrock's days as a Cub Scout. "Scouting went from an urban program back to the original Scouting program that focuses on the outdoors. Scouts again are outside camping and building fires," he said.

He and his wife have a toddler who already is a veteran of summer Scout camping.

Marriages

William Glendon '66 and
Maureen Scannell, Moline, Ill.

Richard Juarez '83 and Sherry
McAllister, Davenport

Jana Patch '87 and Bill Crouse,
Bolingbrook, Ill.

Elizabeth Seefeldt '87 and
Gregory Weber, Davenport

Thomas Nagle '88 and **Jennifer
Hillmann '96** MBA, Long Grove,
Iowa

Tracey Oetzmann '89 and Jeff
Ruge, Davenport

Michele Davison '91 and Mark
Mess, Eldridge, Iowa

Ken Harbauer '91 and **Melissa
Lee '93**, Downers Grove, Ill.

Mary Stanton '91 and Timothy
Iossi, Walcott, Iowa

Katherine Bakeris '92 and
Kristopher Wagner, Cleveland,
Iowa

Christine Cook '92 and Mark
Chambliss, Iowa City, Iowa

Kerri Foster '92 and David
Marsengill, Long Grove, Iowa

Angela Pascazio '92 and Daniel
Ryan, Davenport

Robert Sturms '92 and Tamara
Franklin, Davenport

David Tallman '92 MACC and
Colleen Blough, Davenport

Kelly DeSmet '93 and Valerie
Wilson, Coal Valley, Ill.

Kristin Doerscher '93 and
Matthew Reed, Des Moines, Iowa

Lori Kappeler '93 and Rod
Rochholz, East Moline, Ill.

James Toal '93 and Denise
Tarpein, Moline, Ill.

John Hemmen '94 and Adria
Johnson, Moline, Ill.

Kari Anne Johnston '94 and
Joseph Girsch, Davenport

Michelle Kline '94 and Jason
Montgomery '94, Chicago, Ill.

Stacie Leech '94 and Kenneth
DeVries, Davenport

Daniel Prohaska '94 and **Alicia
Malley '95**, Addison, Ill.

Rochell Schmidt '94 and Alan
Heimdal, Corwith, Iowa

Tim Schneckloth '94 and Brandi
Younkin, Park View, Iowa

Leslie Studemann '94 and **Juan
Raya '94**, Geneseo, Ill.

Warren Wright '94 and Melissa
Johnson, West Des Moines, Iowa

Eric Ammann '95 and Sonia
Allen, Morton, Ill.

Christopher Beuthien '95 and
Melissa Parr, Grand Mound, Iowa

Leslie Korth '95 and Bret
Callison, Durant, Iowa

Mark Leverenz '95 and Kristie
Treseler, Springfield, Ill.

Ryan O'Connor '95 and Eric
Stewart, Andalusia, Ill.

Daniel Timmons '95 and **Kelly
Wiersema '97**, Centerville, Iowa

Leah Brundies '96 and Kim
Woolison, Davenport

Mark Croy '96 and Sharon
Sassen, Pompano Beach, Fla.

Caroline McGay '96 and
Matthew Marple '98, Manorville,
N.Y.

Stacey Morgan '96 and Dr. Ross
Huffman, Marshalltown, Iowa

Eric Perry '96 and Laura Conner,
Davenport

Jennifer Ramsey '96 and Jamie
Hartman, Moline, Ill.

Felicia Toher '96 and Jeffery
Pfluger, Brookfield, Ill.

Michelle Washam '96 and
Thomas Hernandez, Bettendorf,
Iowa

Dana Willimack '96 and Kelly
Myers, Bettendorf, Iowa

Carla Winegar '96 and Matthew
Schmidt, Normal, Ill.

And Baby Makes Seven

In 1997 Rachel Watkins Schoenig '91 lived a relatively quiet home life with her husband Chris and their dog. By 1998 her household included a husband a dog and five children. She and her husband adopted four children and, almost exactly nine months later, Rachel gave birth to Gabrielle.

"Last Mother's Day I wasn't a mom. This Mother's Day I was the mother of five," she said. The Wilton, Iowa, couple met the four children of Chris' estranged relative when Chris' mother brought them to visit. "She told us these children were in foster care. Rachel and Chris kept thinking about the children." The first time Melissa met me, she said, "I wish you were my mom." They're such wonderful kids."

Suddenly, the couple began to consider becoming instant parents. "We sat them down and talked to them and asked them if they wanted to come live with us." And so they made plans to legally adopt Kathy, 16; Nile, 14; Melissa, 13; and Kelly, 10.

The adoption itself was on a Thursday. The Tuesday before that, thinking she had become ill, Rachel went to a doctor and discovered that she was pregnant. She told the children right away, and reassured them that there was enough room in their new parents' hearts for all their children.

"We had the actual adoption hearing and that was incredibly emotional; it was wonderful. That weekend we had a huge party at the Abbey, and we had an adoption ceremony. We wrote adoption vows and the kids wrote adoption vows...oh, we were sobbing. It was one of the most amazing days of my life."

Rachel teaches business law at the St. Ambrose ACCEL accelerated degree program, and is a practicing attorney at Stanley, Lande & Hunter. She has become a master at coordinating schedules because the children, three of whom have paper routes, are so involved in a variety of sports. And the five kids regularly see both sets of grandparents, both of whom are minutes away.

Her faith, which she shares with her family at Grace Lutheran Church, has carried her through her recent changes. "I am so much richer, and my life is so blessed with these children," she said. "I couldn't script my life any better."



Kimberly Gelande '97 and Ron O'Brien, Silvis, Ill.

Catherine Godwin '97 and Timothy Stensby, Seattle, Wa.

David Hall '97 and Linda Aydelott, Davenport

Nicole LeGrand '97 and Jeremy Borden '98, Davenport

Anthony Myers '97 and Mary Dunker, Davenport

Joanne Wernimont '97 and Shawn Reynolds, Lindenwood, Ill.

Heidi Engstrom '98 and Jeffrey Bernhardt '98, East Moline, Ill.

Alicia Bergmann '98 and Brian Stone, Davenport

Kelly Ray '98 and Brian Wilske, Chicago

Amy Skahill '98 and John Weiman '98, Davenport

Deaths

Rev. John Scannell '29, San Diego, Calif., Feb. 14, 1998

John Brady '31, Richmond, Va., March 31, 1998

Francis McLaughlin '32, Sperry, Iowa, March 31, 1998

Nazareno Rapagnani '32, Springfield, Mo., Sept. 14, 1998

Paul Ebeling '34, Davenport, Nov. 10, 1998

Eugene Ehrecke '34 Academy, Davenport, July 10, 1998

Max Ramey '34, Davenport, Nov. 29, 1998

Frances Wehman Kasenberg '37, Moline, Ill., Sept. 1, 1998

H.T. "Tom" Lewis '37, DeWitt, Iowa, Nov. 23, 1998

John McNamara '39, Bettendorf, Iowa, Nov. 26, 1998

Oscar Severson '39, Geneva, Ill., April 19, 1998

Msgr. Paul Clunan '40, Memphis, Tenn., July 20, 1998

Sr. Miguela Hines '40, Dubuque, Iowa, Feb. 14, 1998

Ben Kausal '40, Dayton, Ohio, March 4, 1999

Ralph Bach '41 Academy, Davenport, Nov. 10, 1997

Fr. James O'Connor '41, Dubuque, Iowa, Feb. 7, 1998

Richard Schwab '37 Academy, '41, Davenport, May 11, 1998

Thomas Mullin '34 Academy, '42, Davenport, April 15, 1998

Dr. Edwin Motto '43, Bettendorf, Aug. 4, 1998

Donald Conroy, Class of '44, Atlanta, Ga., May 9, 1998

Daniel Ryan '40 Academy, '44, Bettendorf, Sept. 16, 1998

Armin Grossell '45, Milan, Ill., Nov. 7, 1997

Andrew Lumbrazo '47, Tinley Park, Ill., Sept. 10, 1998

James Tobin '47 Academy, Long Grove, Iowa, April 14, 1998

F. Wayne Blackwell '48, Rock Island, Ill., March 5, 1998

Bernard Knouse '48, Davenport, Dec. 19, 1997

William Schultz '48 Academy, Davenport, Nov. 12, 1998

Dr. Robert S. Smith '44 Academy, '48, St. Louis, Mo., May 8, 1997

Robert Wahl '48, Sterling, Ill., July 4, 1998

Robert Duncan '49, Rock Island, Ill., Dec. 10, 1997

Michael Lawrence '39 Academy, '49, Mishawaka, Ind., Jan. 7, 1998

Robert Beyer '46 Academy, '50, Davenport, March 18, 1998

William Blough '50, Windsworth, Ohio, Jan. 4, 1998

Thomas Camfield '50, South Bend, Ind., July 18, 1998

Alvin "Jack" Cline '50, Davenport, March 30, 1998

Rev. Gerald Dye '50, Payette, Ind., March 6, 1998

Bernard Gillman '50, Moline, Ill., Nov. 22, 1997

Ben Kristal '50, Las Vegas, Nev., April 16, 1998

Vincent Nelson Jr. '53, Davenport, Aug. 28, 1998

Arthur Serbo '53, Sun City West, Ariz., Aug. 9, 1998

Dr. Louis Dondanville '50 Academy, '54, Moline, Ill., April 29, 1998

James Ganzer '55, Wauwatosa, Wis., April 17, 1998

Rev. Carlos Leveling '55, Davenport, May 24, 1998

Thomas Roeder '56, Bellevue, Ill., March 23, 1997

Patrick Conway '57, Davenport, July 8, 1998

Conrad "Connie" Andrews '58, Audubon, Minn., June 16, 1998

James Edgeworth '59, Rock Island, Ill., Sept. 4, 1998

Theodore Lobberecht '59, Bridgeton, Mo., Dec. 29, 1997

Susan Daly '53, Wood Dale, Ill., Sept. 12, 1998

Thomas Speck '63, Westmont, Ill., Feb. 24, 1998

Donald Bender '65, Tustin, Calif., Feb. 25, 1997

John David Prina '66, Galesburg, Ill., Dec. 11, 1998

James Laciak '70, LaGrange, Ill., March 4, 1998

Robert Cotiguala '73, Palos Hills, Ill., Jan. 5, 1998

Jim Roehr '73, Moline, Ill., July 28, 1998

David Robnett '74, Davenport, Sept. 20, 1998

Michael Ferguson '84, East Moline, Ill., Feb. 19, 1998

Marie Dohrer '85, Rock Island, Ill., March 4, 1998

Anne Glowacki Iossi '89, '95 MBA, Davenport, June 29, 1998

Former Faculty and Friends

Michael Dunne, Boca Raton, Fla., April 21, 1998. Mr. Dunne was a professor in the biology department from 1967 to 1978.

Joseph Nahra, Chicago, Jan. 28, 1998. Mr. Nahra taught philosophy at St. Ambrose in 1969 and 1973. He also taught at Marycrest College.

B.L. "Bud" Tiedemann, Bettendorf, Iowa, July 3, 1998. Mr. Tiedemann was a long-time supporter of St. Ambrose, and a member of the President's Club. He received an honorary alumnus award in 1987.

Della Sacco, River Forest, Ill., April 26, 1998. Mrs. Sacco was a generous benefactor of St. Ambrose and the wife of Tony Sacco '40, Forest Park, Ill.

Award Nominations Requested

The St. Ambrose Alumni Association, in cooperation with the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations, is now accepting nominations for alumni awards to be presented during Homecoming / Reunion 1999, October 1–3. The awards provide fitting recognition of alumni and friends of the University for extraordinary public, professional or volunteer work, as well as close ties to St. Ambrose. Nominations should be submitted by April 1, 1999.

Honorary National Alumni President is the highest honor bestowed by the Alumni Association. This award honors those alumni who have given exemplary service to St. Ambrose University over the course of many years.

Honorary Ambrosian honors those who have not received an academic degree from St. Ambrose yet have demonstrated exceptional dedication to the mission and values of the University, and have unselfishly supported this institution and its extended family.

Distinguished Alumni Award honors alumni who have brought honor to St. Ambrose University through their professional achievements, volunteer leadership, community service and promotion of social justice.

Alumni Service Award honors alumni who have distinguished themselves through their unwavering commitment to education, their loyalty and affection for their alma mater, and their leadership and service to the Alumni Association.

Recent Alumni Award honors alumni who received their undergraduate degree from St. Ambrose within the past ten years and who have used their education to enrich the lives of others while exemplifying the Ambrosian ideal of service and leadership.

Graduate Program Alumni Award honors graduate alumni who have used their education to enrich the lives of others, and who exemplify the Ambrosian ideal of service and leadership.

The Athletic Hall Board of Directors is accepting nominations for athletes to be inducted into the 1999 **SAU Athletic Hall of Fame**. Nominees must have attended St. Ambrose for at least two full years and participated in a sports activity. Their class must have graduated from St. Ambrose at least five years prior to their induction year.

For more information, or to request nomination forms, please contact the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations.

Alumni Update

WE WANT TO DO THE BEST WE CAN to keep you informed about your fellow St. Ambrose alums and the university community. Recently, the St. Ambrose database underwent a conversion. In case there is an error, please let us know if your name or address needs correction or if you receive duplicate copies of magazines.

Also, we hope you keep us informed about what you're doing—to share what's going on in your life, whether it's a personal landmark or a career achievement. Please write or email to:

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518 West Locust, Davenport, Iowa 52803
alumni@sau.edu

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 - Regional chapter organization
 - Student recruitment

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Coup De Gras

by Eda P. Hofmann

Eda Hofmann '82, of Pleasant Valley, Iowa, began her studies in higher education during the 1940s but took a 40-year hiatus to care for her five children before she returned to earn a degree in English at St. Ambrose. This story first appeared in the 1998 issue of "Quercus," the St. Ambrose journal of literary and visual art.

BILLY'S SENSE OF CURIOSITY was different from mine from the very beginning. He is my first child, so I didn't know quite what to expect. Certainly not my clone, but then not someone whose interests were quite so diverse from mine either.

From the time I was quite small I liked words. Billy was more interested in numbers, facts and figures. It was this basic difference between us that separated our choice of literature. His passion is science fiction—a form I find too unreal to enrich my everyday life. As he became an adult, I learned to choose books that he would like—not that I thought he should like—and that made Christmas gift-giving easier.

It also led to interesting discussions when we were together. One day I remarked I had no idea what he found so intriguing about such "way out" stuff as Ray Bradbury and Frank Herbert. He puzzled over it for awhile and then said, "Okay, Mom. Think about this. What if a satellite from outer space landed in our front yard right now and two strange creatures emerged. How would you converse with them?"

I looked out the picture window to an imaginary landing spot and ran through my limited grasp of languages. Fluent English. Fair Spanish. Halting German. I eliminated all of them and, because I didn't have an answer, replied: "How would you?"

"That's easy." He was as close to being smug as I'd ever seen him. "I'd use mathematical formulas which—if they had found a way to travel to our universe—those strange creatures from outer space

would surely understand."

I pondered this wisdom for a time. A mathematical equation hardly seemed like a warm way to greet a stranger. Besides, if mathematics were the idiom, I would have to remain tongue-tied. There had to be another way.

I had it!

"I'd use music. What better way? Music has the precision of math robed in such an exquisite manner it is easily accessible. Think of the integrity, the purity of a Bach fugue. It is complex enough to satisfy any mathematician and yet, astonishingly simple. A single theme is expressed, explicated, built upon, variations explored. There is a grand summation and then you are back to the simplicity of the opening theme."

I smiled. Then I delivered my coup de gras. "Many centuries ago strangers from outer space did contact earth. A journalist of the period recorded the encounter. Let me quote: 'And there were shepherds in the same district living in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold an angel of the Lord stood by them, and the glory of God shone round about them: Fear not; for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy that shall be to all the people: for this day is born to you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth to men of good will.'"

"They sang, Billy. Those angels sang."