

A photograph of a man and a woman in a living room. The man is standing in the background, wearing a dark suit, blue shirt, and red patterned tie. The woman is sitting in the foreground, wearing a black jacket and an orange scarf. They are both smiling. The room has large windows overlooking the ocean, a blue and white striped armchair, and a wooden coffee table.

Leadership and Service

**A couple gives
tirelessly of
themselves**

Plus:
Aiding Young Mothers
New Buildings
Breaking Ground
Reunion Recap

This was the festive scene at the 2007 Alumni Reunion held at the Queens campus in June. More than 750 alumni and friends of the classes ending in "2" and "7" came back to enjoy a great weekend of events and ceremonies.





Dear Friends,

As the calendar year rapidly draws to a close, I find myself reflecting on the many successes with which St. John's University has been blessed during the past few months.

I am pleased to report that over 27,000 young men and women, the most in St. John's history, applied for admission to the Freshman Class of 2007. Of those applicants 3,160 ultimately accepted our offer to enroll. These new students came to us with higher academic credentials than ever before, reflecting the reality that St. John's continues to be the university of choice for the best and brightest students at the local, national and international levels. Our total student population once again exceeds 20,000.

The caring and compassionate spirit of St. Vincent de Paul continues to serve as the foundation of everything that we do at St. John's. Of the new students who joined our St. John's family this year, 41% were classified in the category of having the greatest financial need. The financial assistance that they will receive comes in large measure from the generosity of our loyal alumni and special friends, without whose support these young people would be unable to realize their dream of a St. John's education. Vincent also walked among us in September, when more than 1,400 students, staff and alumni participated in the University's Sixth Annual Service Day, reaching out as volunteers to the needy in communities throughout the greater New York metropolitan area.

The articles found in this issue are a reflection of the uniqueness of the St. John's experience. You will assuredly delight in the heartwarming story of Thomas E. '64UC, '01HON and Paula G. McInerney, respected and admired professionals whose success in business is matched by the satisfaction they derive from their success as parents and grandparents. As family values take prominence with the McInerneys, they are also reflected in the story of Pat Shea '62Ed, whose extended family includes the residents of MOMMAS House, a residential facility on Long Island that she founded in 1986 for young unwed mothers and their babies. You will undoubtedly also enjoy reading about the many new University construction projects, some of which are already nearing completion, designed to enhance the academic, residential, social and cultural environments on the Queen campus.

I am pleased to share this issue of the *St. John's University Magazine* with you and trust that it will serve as an interesting and informative way to maintain your ties to *alma mater*. You are an important part of our St. John's family, and our University remains grateful for your ongoing dedication and support.



Donald J. Harrington, C.M.
President



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Board Welcomes New Members

Three new members were elected to the St. John's University Board of Trustees in May. William L. Collins '76C, founder, chairman and chief executive officer of Brencourt Advisors, LLC; Margaret Mary Fitzpatrick, S.C., Ed.D., president of St. Thomas Aquinas College in Sparkill, NY, and Joseph O'Connor '82CBA, managing director and partner of Nationwide Separate Accounts LLC, joined the board and were enthusiastically welcomed by University President Rev. Donald J. Harrington, C.M.

"I am delighted to welcome William Collins, Margaret Mary Fitzpatrick and Joseph O'Connor to our Board of Trustees," Fr. Harrington said. "Each of them has served on the University's Board of Governors and brings knowledge of and dedication to St. John's that will be invaluable in guiding us to success in the years to come." The three cumulatively have many years of experience and

achievement in both the higher education and corporate worlds.

After his graduation from St. John's, Collins received an MBA from New York University. Prior to founding Brencourt Advisors in 2001, he was a senior managing director at ING Furman Selz Asset Management, where he managed over \$1 billion in customer assets through Taurus Partners, L.P. and Taurus Capital International Ltd., two collective investment funds. In addition to his service on St. John's Board of Governors, he served as dinner co-chair of the President's Dinner in 2005, 2006 and 2007. He is also president of the Board of Trustees of the Dwight Englewood School in Englewood, NJ.

Dr. Margaret Fitzpatrick, S.C. has been president of St. Thomas Aquinas College since 1995 and previously served as senior vice president here at St. John's, with responsibility for athletics, institutional advancement, student development, and

strategic planning as well as government and community relations. She earned a doctorate in higher education administration at Columbia University and was awarded an honorary doctorate by St. John's in 2000. She is a commissioner of the Middle States Commission on Higher Education and serves on the Board of Trustees of The Catholic University of America.

Joseph O'Connor has enjoyed a career of more than 25 years on Wall Street. Currently he is a managing director of Nationwide Separate Accounts LLC, based in Irvington, NY. Previously he served as a managing director at Donaldson, Lufkin and Jenrette, where he managed the Corporate Bond Department. In addition to membership on the St. John's Board of Governors, he has served on The Peter J. Tobin College of Business Board of Advisors and as co-chair of the Loughlin Society with his wife Antoinette ('82CBA).

To Sir with Love

A longtime beloved professor was honored in May with a special tribute. About 100 alumni, students, faculty and friends joined for a Mass and gathering held in honor of Jack Franzetti '45UC, '46G, '56Ph.D. on the Queens campus.

Franzetti has been an inspiration to many for the more than 50 years he has served at St. John's. Some guests who attended the mass and celebratory brunch and who lauded Franzetti for his many talents and contribution included Thomas Kitts, Ph.D., '77NDC, Nick Plakoris, '77SVC, '83MBA and Dean Kathleen Vouté MacDonald, Ed.D., of St. John's College of Professional Studies. Franzetti has been teaching since 1956 and during his long career has chaired several departments and served as a professor, dean, and administrator at St. John's University. Franzetti said he was touched by the event. "I was overwhelmed," he said later. "I'm not sure I deserved such a tribute. I was gratified and I am intensely pleased that I have been able to contribute to the growth of my students."



From l. Dr. Frank Brady, chair of Mass Communication, Journalism, Television and Film; St. John's College of Professional Studies Dean Kathleen Vouté MacDonald, Ed.D.; and Franzetti at the event.

The Red Goes Green

An announcement was made in June that St. John's will join eight New York City colleges and universities in accepting Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg's invitation to become a "PlaNYC Challenge Partner" and reduce its greenhouse gas footprint and increase energy efficiency by developing and executing plans within their institutions.

Mayor Bloomberg adopted PlaNYC on Earth Day in April 2007 and, with the help of a Sustainability Advisory Board made up of leaders from the private, public and non-profit sectors, has developed strategies that focus on five key dimensions of the city's environment: land, air, water, energy and transportation. Institutions of higher learning are ideal partners for the initiative, Bloomberg

said. "Universities are really the right group to help lead the charge on climate change," he said at a press conference held to announce the partnership. "First of all, they are in the business of shaping the leaders of tomorrow which means they have a huge stake in the future. It is only right that they should also be leaders in meeting the greatest challenge of our time."

In addition to St. John's officials, Bloomberg was joined at the press conference by representatives from Barnard College; the City University of New York (CUNY); Columbia University; Cooper Union; Fordham University; The New School, New York University; and Pratt Institute. Dr. James Pellow, executive vice president and chief operating officer for



New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg making the announcement.

St. John's, said the University community welcomed the partnership. "Mayor Bloomberg has embraced a challenge that many thought insurmountable," he said. "He has developed a

thoughtful and realistic strategy that takes the long view while establishing concrete short-term goals. And, by bringing together this group of universities, he sends the message throughout New York City and across the country that material change is within our grasp. Mayor Bloomberg is a catalyst for positive change in our city and in our culture."

The University has already taken steps towards fighting global climate change including implementing a full energy audit to establish means and methods for reducing usage and shrinking the carbon foot print of existing facilities; embracing LEED standards for 200,000 square feet of new construction; and migration to dual fuel vehicles on all campuses.

Discovering More of the World

Discover the World Africa was launched in May with a lecture held at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, DC.

Konrad Tuchscherer, Ph.D., an associate professor in St. John's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and a specialist in African history and languages, helped inaugurate a new exhibition at the National Museum of African Art at the Smithsonian, and lectured on ancient alphabets. Tuchscherer — who has been nationally recognized for his discovery of a lost language in Cameroon and is a recipient of several awards including the Fulbright — discussed the discovery of the Rosetta stone and the decipherment of Egyptian hieroglyphs and also talked

about ancient rock art in the Sahara Desert, African cosmograms found in Mali and Kenya, and the 2,000-year-old alphabets of the Tuaregs and Ethiopians. He concluded his talk with highlights of the Bamum Scripts and Archives Project, a major cultural preservation project in Cameroon that is being sponsored by St. John's University.

His appearance served as a launching pad for Discover the World Africa, the latest offering in the University's unique study abroad initiative which gives students the international perspective needed in today's global economy. Students will have the opportunity to study in a modular program that commences in New York City while performing service to the



Tuchscherer delivers his lecture.

African immigrant communities there, and then travel to Rome, Italy, and ultimately Cameroon in western Africa, for additional course work and academic service-learning.

Tuchscherer, who is also director of Africana Studies and assistant provost for external scholarships and fellowships, predicts that Discover the World Africa "will be a life-changing adventure" for students. "Before long our students will be earning credit on the mountain plateaus of central Cameroon," said Tuchscherer, who is serving as coordinator of Discover the World Africa. "Classrooms will be rural villages." The ultimate goal, he said, is discovery. "In the end, students will learn as much about themselves as they do about Africa," he added. "The magic and beauty of Africa will change their worlds forever."

Within the past year, Discover the World Europe and Latin America have both been launched.

Former U.S. Secretary Visits Manhattan Campus

Former United States Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright was the guest lecturer at the William J. Parkinson Distinguished Lecture Series held in June and sponsored by St. John's University's School of Risk Management, Insurance and Actuarial Science (SRM) and The Kathryn and Shelby Cullom Davis Library.

The event, held in the Saval Auditorium at the Manhattan campus, began with a brief welcome by Ellen Thrower, Ph.D., executive director of SRM, and opening remarks by Brian Storms, chairman and chief executive officer of Marsh Inc. and a member of the SRM's Board of Overseers. Storm introduced Secretary Albright who lectured on "The New Reality of Risk: A Global Perspective." "To paraphrase Secretary Albright, 'Once we start to view risk as the natural context for any great endeavor, we will start to manage risk more



Former United States Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright signs copies of her book at the Manhattan campus.

effectively,'" said Storms. "We can all benefit from her unique perspective and pragmatic world view."

Albright, the 64th U.S. Secretary of State, kept the audience of insurance leaders, faculty, students and St. John's administrators enthralled as she shared her

many insights. "Risk is indeed an inescapable part of life today," she said. "The moral of the story is we should never be too certain of our assumptions because we can never be sure what will happen next. There is always risk that we will be wrong." She went on to say, "The challenge for our leaders, whether in government or

business, is to respond to risk positively and with the right mix of daring, so that essential purposes are achieved and inevitable dangers contained. For this we need the humility to understand what we do not know, the energy to seek the best information we can get and the

wisdom to seek the best advice we can receive."

At the conclusion of Albright's lecture, moderator John J. Hendrickson, founder and managing partner of SFRi LLC and also a member of SRM's Board of Overseers, held an informal question and answer session before Albright adjourned to a private reception and book signing of her latest work *Mighty and The Almighty*.

The William J. Parkinson Distinguished Lecture Fund was established at the then The College of Insurance (TCI) in 1987 in memory and recognition of William J. Parkinson and his many contributions to Johnson & Higgins and the insurance and risk management industry. In 2001, TCI merged with St. John's The Peter J. Tobin College of Business and was renamed the School of Risk Management, Insurance, and Actuarial Science.

TCB Gets New Dean

St. John's University The Peter J. Tobin College of Business is now under new leadership with the election by the Board of Trustees of Steven Papamarcos, Ph.D. A highly respected educator, Papamarcos is enthusiastic about taking the helm. "I am very excited about the opportunities at the Tobin College," he says. "Our mission is to develop men and women of character able to lead the way in today's rapidly globalizing economy. With three campuses in New York and our Graduate Center in Rome, Italy, we provide state-of-the-art business education with a global perspective."

A professor of strategic management, Papamarcos was

recently the recipient of St. John's Award for Excellence in Graduate Teaching, the Tobin College's Award for Outstanding Research Contribution, and St. John's Service-Learning Award. He was also the inaugural winner of the Tobin College's Teaching Excellence Award.

Before joining St. John's, Papamarcos was on the full-time faculty at Baruch College of The City University of New York where he won the Teaching Excellence Award in the Zicklin School of Business, the largest business school in the United States. His primary research interests include culture's psychological, organizational and economic consequences.

Prior to his academic career, he spent nine years in the corporate world in positions including general manager of a subsidiary of a Fortune 500 corporation, and vice president of a major investment banking house where he specialized in the purchase and management of heavily troubled or bankrupt companies.



Dean Steven Papamarcos

Papamarcos holds a Bachelor of Arts from the State University of New York at Stony Brook, an MBA from The College of William and Mary, and an M.Phil. and Ph.D. from The City University of New York. He succeeds Dr. Richard Highfield who stepped down as dean to return as a member of the faculty.

Pharmacy Seminar Honors Professor

About 90 alumni, family, friends and professionals attended the inaugural Dr. Charles I. Jarowski Industrial Pharmacy Seminar held in June on the Queens campus. The event served as a kick off for what is to be an annual gathering for St. John University's College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions to address current issues in the industry as well as honor Jarowski, a St. John's professor and renowned pharmaceutical scientist and researcher.

The day began with a continental breakfast and a student research poster exhibition at the Health Education Resource Center located in St. Augustine Hall. Attendees reconnected with the College's faculty who were present and discussed various research projects with the students who came to explain their work. The main presentation was held in Sullivan Hall and featured keynote speaker Mansoor Khan '92Ph.D., director of product quality research at the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.



Dr. Charles Jarowski

Khan spoke on the topic, "Opportunities and Challenges: FDA Perspectives on Pharmaceutical Product Development in the 21st Century."

Following a question and answer session, the College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions Dean Robert Mangione '77P, '79GP, '93PD, '99Ed.D. presented Khan with a plaque of appreciation in recognition of his outstanding leadership in the field of pharmaceutical sciences.

Mangione said after the seminar that it is vital to bring former professors like Jarowski back and honor them. "It shows that we are giving them the respect they deserve for the tremendous contributions they have made to the college," Mangione said. "I think that it is important that we emphasize a sense of history at the college because there is a great history here and if we don't relate that to our current students and faculty then it could be lost."

The day concluded with a luncheon and remarks from Jarowski who was thankful for the dedication of the seminar in his name. Pharmacy professionals who attended were also eligible to receive one professional continuing education credit to meet their annual requirement.

Cruisin'

A gorgeous July evening provided the perfect backdrop for an alumni networking cruise around lower Manhattan. More than 30 alumni and friends sailed from New York Skyports on the East River aboard the "Half Moon" and enjoyed stunning views of the setting sun over the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, Governor's Island, and the Manhattan skyline.

Guests enjoyed cocktails and networked at this memorable event, one of many sponsored by the Office of Alumni Relations throughout the year

to aid alumni in reconnecting with each other and the University. The event proved to be a success, with alumni and friends exchanging business cards and contact information. "We had a great time," said Amish Dalvi '04CPS, '07MBA. "We really enjoyed the ride and the networking opportunity with St. John's alumni!"



Attendees enjoy the evening cruise.

STJ in the East

St. John's students, student-athletes and faculty traveled to Vietnam in May as part of a multi-platform initiative involving academic, athletic, artistic and service-based elements explored in Vietnam.

The St. John's women's volleyball team participated in the Vietnam Television International Women's Volleyball Cup where they took the silver medal. They became the first U.S. collegiate women's volleyball team to compete in the tournament. Their appearance marked the second Vietnamese trip made by a St. John's athletics team as last year the men's soccer team participated in a series of exhibition matches against local professional teams after an invitation from the Vietnamese Sports Commission. The volleyball student-athletes

signed autographs and took pictures with their newly acquired fans after the medal ceremony before enjoying a buffet dinner back at their hotel with the national teams of Japan and Kazakhstan. During their time in Ho Chi Min City and Hanoi, the team members also enjoyed some sightseeing and a friendly match against Hong Bang University.

Faculty, undergraduate and graduate students from the Department of Psychology were also in the country as part of a two-week, academic service-learning program that introduced an American model of psychology to a leading university in Hanoi. The St. John's academic group engaged in intensive, for-credit course work while collaborating with psychology professors and students from Hanoi National



St. John's volleyball players join players from Shikoku, Japan at the Opening Ceremonies of the VTV Tournament Cup.

University of Education (HNUE) to help them gain a better understanding of contemporary psychology methods. Such contemporary methods have been slow to develop in Vietnam, a country that traditionally has regarded psychology as a philosophy rather than an empirical science. A group of professors from

St. John's Department of Biological Sciences also visited Vinh University to lay the groundwork for research collaboration and student exchange between the two. Students also enhanced their study abroad experience by visiting with street children being educated at the Daughters of Charity's Cho Quan (Schools of Love) in Ho Chi Minh City. The term "street children" can refer to children who have to sell items on the street as a means of survival either because their families live well below the poverty line or because they are without families. In keeping with the Vincentian mission, the students presented the classes with books donated through the United States-based Vietnam Culture Development Society, a non-profit organization founded by Duong Trinh '07G to provide educational materials for the underprivileged in Vietnam.

In 2002, a Memorandum of Understanding was crafted to better enable students from Vietnam to come to the U.S. to study at St. John's and resulted in a reciprocal study abroad opportunity and invitations for Red Storm teams to travel to Vietnam and interact with student-athletes and coaches there.

A Day on the Links

The 28th Annual Staten Island Golf Outing held at the South Shore Country Club helped raise funds to benefit the many deserving students attending the Staten Island campus and honored some of the University's most ardent supporters.

The event serves as a fundraiser for the John Sipp/Paul DeStefano Scholarship Fund and

this year's honorees were Harry P. Doherty, retired chairman and chief executive officer of SI Bank & Trust; Annette Sangiorgio Angiuli '78NDC, '85G public relations consultant; Ronald Mazzucco '73L, attorney at law; and the Brian Cannizzaro Scholarship Committee. Despite some intermittent rain, about 75 golfers turned out to enjoy

the day and managed to get in a full round of golf. A cocktail reception and dinner were held, during which time members of the Brian Cannizzaro Scholarship Committee presented the University with a check for \$25,000.

Honoree Ronald Mazzucco encouraged those present to continue their giving. "What we're doing is so important," he said. "If just one student at St. John's was able to graduate and succeed in this world because of the work that this golf outing does, then that's enough." Fellow honoree Annette Sangiorgio Angiuli agreed. "Our college years were wonderful, and that's what keeps bringing people back," she said.



From l. honorees Doherty; Mazzucco; Sangiorgio Angiuli; and John Pisapia '92CBA and Allen Terjesen, representatives of the Brian Cannizzaro Scholarship Committee.

Race Day

Central and Northern New Jersey Chapters

The Central and Northern New Jersey Alumni Chapters joined together for the Third Annual Monmouth Park Day at the Races. More than 50 alumni family members and friends enjoyed the great weather, barbeque and races. Mike Brill '79MBA is chapter co-coordinator for Central New Jersey and said a fun time was had by all. "This was a great opportunity to spend a day at the races with fellow alumni and friends and as in the past the weather was excellent," he said. "Each year we attract more and more alumni to this event and we look forward to an even larger group next year."

Chapter members enjoying their day at the races.



Greater Hampton Roads/ Richmond Chapter

The Greater Hampton Roads/Richmond Alumni Chapter Day at the Races was held in July at Colonial Downs Race Course in Williamsburg, VA. The alumni gathered in a private sky box suite with a balcony which included food and drink, closed circuit televisions and self service betting terminals. Joe Farnitano '76NDC said that it was great to meet with so many fellow alumni and others in attendance said they looked forward to next year's outing.



Attendees at the Greater Hampton Roads/Richmond Alumni Chapter Day at the Races take a break from the event to pose for a photo.

Albany Chapter

The Albany Alumni Chapter spent a day at the racetrack in Saratoga Springs, NY, in August. About 30 alumni and friends gathered for hors d'oeuvres and to watch the races under the Festival Tent inside the historic Saratoga Race Course. The sixth race of the day was named after St. John's and alumni enjoyed themselves throughout the afternoon. "I had a great time!" commented Michael Moran '69CBA, who attended for the first time and is already looking forward to attending next summer. This is the fifth year that the Albany Chapter has held the event.



Take Me Out

Charlotte Chapter

Members of the Charlotte Alumni Chapter gathered at Knights Stadium in Fort Mill, SC in June for a fun night out at the ballpark. Alumni, friends and their families had a picnic-style dinner before the baseball game and watched as the local Charlotte Knights played the Indianapolis Indians. A fireworks display concluded the evening's events. "It was a fun night getting together with old friends and making new ones," said Mike Maroney '87SVC, chapter coordinator. "The Charlotte Knights even chipped in a couple of extra innings of baseball on the house!" Chapter members are currently planning future events.



Attending the game were back row from l. Robert Louis; Michael Clarke '92CBA; Diana Clarke; Michael Maroney '87SVC; Michael Maroney, Jr.; Leslie Mason; and Frank Mason '55C. Front row from l. were Kathi Louis '86C; Patrick Louis; Brenna Maroney; Kathleen Maroney; Brody Maroney; William Louis; and Sandy Maroney.



San Diego Chapter

The San Diego Alumni Chapter enjoyed a Padres vs. Mets game at Petco Park in San Diego, CA, in July.

Central New Jersey Chapter

Members of the Central New Jersey Alumni Chapter enjoyed good friends, good food, and a good baseball game at FirstEnergy Park, home of the Lakewood BlueClaws in August. More than a dozen chapter members partook of a picnic-style dinner, a great baseball game and quality time together. "I had an excellent time, the weather was perfect, the game was fun to watch and I enjoyed reconnecting with my fellow alum," said Chapter Co-coordinator Mike Brill '79MBA. "This event is a favorite of alumni in Central New Jersey." Attending a BlueClaws baseball game has become an annual event and a favorite of the chapter.

Openings

United for Change

By Steve Vivona '92SVC

The greatest resource a university possesses is intellectual capital. For the past four years, St. John's has been investing that capital with wonderful returns at the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See at the United Nations.

In 2003, Archbishop Celestino Migliore, Apostolic Nuncio of the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to the UN, asked University President Rev. Donald J. Harrington, C.M. for his assistance in identifying faculty members who could aid the Mission with specific expertise related to the interests of the Church and the broad agenda of the United Nations. "He wanted an inventory of competent persons he could call upon," says Sr. Margaret John Kelly, D.C. '64G, '67Ph.D., executive director for the Vincentian Center for Church and Society and coordinator of the Faculty Expert Program.

As a Permanent Observer to the United Nations, the Holy See maintains absolute neutrality in specific political problems but is able to educate and advocate in other



Kelly and Archbishop Celestino Migliore, Apostolic Nuncio, Permanent Observer of the Holy See at the United Nations.

develop reports which are sent to Rome by the Mission. Faculty are also able to participate in other educational, religious and social

experience," she says. "As we offer our perspectives on the issues at the Mission, we find we learn from each other."

"This experience has really informed my teaching practices and my ability to think and act on a more global scale. I've been able to bring an international flavor to what I do, and students are eager to hear what takes place in the international environmental arena."

– Frank R. Cantelmo, Ph.D., associate professor in the Department of Biological Sciences and the Environmental Studies Program

arenas. The Holy See is permitted to participate in the debate of the General Assembly and has the right to have its communications issued and circulated directly as official documents of the Assembly.

In collaboration with the academic deans, the Vincentian Center has organized a cadre of faculty members across several disciplines with expertise on issues the Church may wish to address. These faculty members attend UN sessions and conferences and

events at both the Mission and the UN and a joint Holy See Mission/St. John's committee develops "Side-Events" held in conjunction with sessions of the General Assembly for ambassadors, Non-Governmental Organizations, UN staff and others.

Mary Ann Dantuono '81L, associate director of the Vincentian Center, is part of a St. John's team that attends sessions on women's issues. "We all approach the meetings with different expertise and

Dantuono also says that "you literally meet the world" during these sessions, and form very cordial relationships. "You get firsthand accounts of people's experience," she explains.

Frank R. Cantelmo, Ph.D., an associate professor in the Department of Biological Sciences and the Environmental Studies Program who participates as a Holy See Expert in the UN Forum on Forests, echoes the same sentiments. When seated next to other delegates he found himself talking

about family issues, favorite recipes and pets before getting down to serious UN business. "A real bonding takes place with one-on-one understanding of the other UN delegates," he says. "This experience has really informed my teaching practices and my ability to think and act on a more global scale. I've been able to bring an international flavor to what I do, and students are eager to hear what takes place in the international environmental arena."

Walter Petrovitz, a professor of English as a second language, says he found his sessions on linguistics and the naming of countries stimulating as they reveal the importance of language and culture in respecting history and promoting peace. Charles Clark and Andrew Russakoff from The Peter J. Tobin College of Business, Rene Parmar from The

express himself and influence both policy and practice to develop poor persons," she notes. "The halls of power where far-reaching decisions are made are very appropriate places for people who are committed to bridging the sectors of society and advancing the integral development of all people, but especially the poor and the vulnerable."

"Vincent cared about the poor and organized resources to respond to the needs," Dantuono adds. "People are suffering in every corner of the world today, especially women and children. As his followers, we must also respond to needs and help promote basic human rights, opportunities for education and access to health care."

Kelly stresses that it is imperative the Church continue to offer its perspective on critical issues facing the world using forums

"Like Vincent, we're at the service of humanity and are affirming the dignity of every human person and advancing the common good."

– Sr. Margaret John Kelly, D.C. '64G, '67Ph.D.



School of Education, and Barrett Brenton from St. John's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences are faculty with expertise in statistics who attend relevant sessions of the UN Statistical Commission where global demographic, social and economic data is presented and studied.

Sr. Margaret John Kelly says the work done by St. John's faculty with the Holy See is not only consistent with the University's mission, it embodies it. "Vincent was a man who knew how to be where he could

such as the United Nations. She adds that the most important aspects of Catholic social thought have a direct relationship to global issues such as migration, violence against women and children, access to clean water, work, civil participation, sustainable development and peace. "The United Nations is a very appropriate place for us to be," she says. "Like Vincent, we're at the service of humanity and are affirming the dignity of every human person and advancing the common good."

From I. Dantuono; Candy Hill, senior vice president for social policy for Catholic Charities USA; Lisa Kurbiel '92L social affairs officer in the Best Practices Unit, Department of Peace-Keeping Operations, United Nations; Archbishop Celestino Migliore; Marilyn Martone '86G, associate professor in the Department of Theology and Religious Studies at St. John's; Lori Nessel, professor of Law and director of the Center for Social Justice at Seton Hall University School of Law; and Kelly.

Ground Breaking Partnership

Work is under way for a new and larger facility to house St. John's Bread & Life program in Brooklyn and a ground breaking ceremony was held in June to celebrate the new location.

University President Rev. Donald J. Harrington, C.M. offered a blessing for the new facility, which is scheduled to open in April 2008, and ceremonially dug the first bit of ground. Joining Fr. Harrington in the shovel ceremony were Anthony Butler, executive director of St. John's Bread & Life, Thomas McInerney '64UC, '01HON, chairman of the Board of Trustees at St. John's University and a member of the board of St. John's Bread & Life, and Rev. James J. Maher, C.M. '84C, vice president for Student Affairs at St. John's University and chairman *emeritus* of St. John's Bread & Life. Butler said the groundbreaking continued the momentum of the "exciting partnership between Bread & Life and St. John's University." "It's yet another sign of the University's commitment to Bread & Life," he said. "We will be able to expand our services to serve the hungry in this area, a need which continues to grow."

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– Rev. James J. Maher, C.M. '84C, vice president for Student Affairs at St. John's University

St. John's Bread & Life was founded in 1982 at 75 Lewis Avenue, the original home of St. John's University and currently serves more than 1,000 meals daily to those most in need. Last year, the University acquired the program from the Diocese of Brooklyn. In addition to meals for the hungry, St. John's Bread & Life also provides social outreach services including nutrition counseling,



From l. Butler, Fr. Harrington, McInerney, and Fr. Maher join in the official groundbreaking.

medical support referral services, a legal clinic and support groups. The new facility, to be located at 795 Lexington Avenue, will be nearly double the size of the current location with 22,000 square feet and will

feature a new kitchen, a restaurant style dining area, and much needed additional space for social service activities. There will also be reception areas, cold storage and a demonstration kitchen for food-prep training, as well as indoor parking for the Mobile Soup Kitchen.

Fr. Maher welcomed those VIPs in attendance at the groundbreaking and

expressed delight with the planned, new facility. The relationship between St. John's and the program is beneficial to all involved, he said. "It's a wonderful opportunity to utilize the strengths of the University in the areas of teaching, research and service," said Maher. "It's a great win-win opportunity not only for Bread & Life but also for the University to best be able to use its resources." Members of the St. John's Bread & Life Capital Campaign Committee who have worked diligently to make the new center possible include: David Belt, president, DBI Construction Consultants; Margaret Mary Fitzpatrick, S.C., Ed.D. '00HON, president, St. Thomas Aquinas College; Helen T. Lowe, executive director of development, Archdiocese of New York; Paula McInerney, Bluff Point Associates; Charles McQuade, retired chairman and chief executive officer, SIAC; Thomas Nedell, vice president for Business Affairs and treasurer at St. John's; Jane O'Connell, consultant; Mary P. Tobin '00HON, managing trustee, Peter and Mary Tobin Family Foundation; and Robert Wile '99SVC, chief of staff to St. John's University's President.

A Safe Haven

The spirit of St. Vincent de Paul dictates that aid be offered to those most in need. A group of students working at St. John's School of Law clinic are doing just that, and in some cases helping to save the lives of those seeking asylum in the United States.

The Refugee and Immigrant Rights Clinic is a two semester clinical program open to second and third year law students who provide direct representation to immigrants with a focus on refugees and asylum seekers who are involved in judicial proceedings.

The clinic is a partnership between the School of Law and Catholic Charities for the Archdiocese of New York and is a highly competitive program with students vying for the opportunity to both gain hands-on experience in the law and help immigrants who may be facing torture or even death if they return to their place of origin.

"The work the students are doing is important and they are completely involved," says Mario Russell, an adjunct professor and senior attorney for Catholic Charities Immigration Legal Services who along with a colleague oversees the clinic's students. "From interviewing the client, to conducting research, preparing witnesses and drafting legal documents, they become fully responsible. Under supervision, they manage all aspects of the case." Russell says that over the course of two semesters, students are assigned two to three cases that are litigated and they often work well beyond the 13 hours a week that are required. "Our clients come from all parts of the world and the students learn a great deal," Russell says. "Many are students who already have an interest in international protection rights and the work is extremely intense."

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– Mario Russell, adjunct professor



According to a report from the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, by the close of 2006 there were an estimated 9.9 million refugees globally. A refugee is defined as a person who flees to a foreign country or power to escape danger or persecution. Professor Ann Goldweber, director of Clinical Education at St. John's, helped establish the clinic and praises it. "The Refugee and Immigrant Rights Clinic is an excellent addition to the Law School's clinical offerings," she says. "Students have the invaluable opportunity to represent clients who have been subjected to torture

and abuse in their countries and are seeking asylum in the United States."

Hasan Ahmed '05L says serving at the clinic was his single greatest law school experience. He worked with clients from Tibet and the Congo and said he and his fellow students "really got into the trenches." "We were dealing with people in terms of life and death situations," says Ahmed who now works as a patent examiner at the United States Patent and Trademark Office. "All three of the clients were granted asylum. They were given refuge and a second chance at life." Ahmed says he came away with a greater respect for the legal system. "I learned that the law can be a very

powerful tool," he says. "Prior to this, I thought of the law in terms of the order of society. After this experience, I saw the human side of the law and how it can serve for the betterment of humanity."

Raisa Cohen '07L is a native of Uzbekistan and says she could relate to the clients she worked with based on her own immigrant experience. "I myself was a refugee," she says. "I know how painful the process can be and the opportunity to help other people was very attractive to me." Cohen says she also benefited from

working closely with Russell's office. "Not only was I learning life experience, but I was also building my confidence as a professional."

Russell says students quickly learn that they can affect change. Last year, the group worked on a case involving a client from China that the United States government said hadn't filed on time. The clinic was able to get the decision reversed and the students were overjoyed with their legal victory. "It's a powerful moment for [the students] when the judge says 'I grant you asylum'" Russell reflects. "It often confirms for them their reason for going to law school."

Detecting a Hot Trend

Stories of computer hackers and online identity thieves abound these days in the media. From online predators to companies that have had customers' information illegally accessed to individuals that have seen thousands of dollars of debt fraudulently racked up in their names, there is an increased emphasis on how to make computers and the internet safer. A new degree in computer security systems debuting this fall at St. John's College of Professional Studies will prepare its graduates to compete in a high demand and burgeoning field that combats such computer cons.

The four-year bachelor of science degree in computer security systems is designed to provide a comprehensive education that could lead to such initial careers as network security analyst, web security administrator and electronic evidence collection specialist. In addition, it will prepare graduates for further academic and professional study in computer security, computer science and telecommunications. The new degree is offered as part of the Division of Computer Science, Mathematics and Science and will include the option to follow several customized tracks including cyber forensics, criminal justice and corporate security. Ronald Fechter, Ph.D., division chair, says St. John's program is the only computer science-based security program being offered in the New York metropolitan area. Included on the faculty will be a nationally recognized computer-crime expert who will help to develop new courses, Fechter says, and there will be a new cyber forensics minor. "It is an exciting area involving intellectual pursuit," he says of the new program. "It's in a field for which there is a relatively high demand."

Fechter points out that the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics *Occupational Outlook Handbook* 2006-2007 Edition, projects an overall increase of 27 percent or more

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chair of the Division of Computer
Science, Mathematics and Science



through 2014 in computer science related occupations. Many of these occupations involve a component of computer or network security. Salaries are higher

because the demand for well trained professionals is higher, Fechter says. He cites such publications as the March 2007 issue of *CIO* magazine which stated "Security needs to be tightly tied to the business, and there needs to be someone in-house to manage it. Treating it as any less is playing Russian roulette with the entire enterprise" as further evidence that the field is a vital one. And the need to have the security-related jobs "in-house" also means that those positions are not as likely to be outsourced as some others have been, Fechter says. The expansive curriculum being offered as part of the program will serve the St. John's students well, Fechter explains. "Companies want people who have a broad base of knowledge," Fechter says. "They want people who have more than one strength and our program offers that."

Fechter says graduates will be able to work in various sectors: local government, state government, federal government and the corporate world. From financial to government institutions, our society is so closely tied to its computer systems that they must be protected, Fechter says.

"We could be crippled in the middle of a physical attack if our computer systems were also disabled," he notes.

"Think about the implications of that, and the inability to logistically respond because we are so dependent [on computers]." To support the new program, six specialized computer-security courses including "Cyber Threats and Detection," "Computer Forensics," "Network Security," and "Cyberlaw and Ethics" have been added to the curriculum. In addition to the bachelor's degree, there will also be an associate degree program and a certificate program offered.

Growing Vincentian Leaders

The 19th-century scholar Frederic Ozanam was a man of keen intellect and deep social consciousness. So it is not surprising that an exciting new program for students dedicated to learning and Vincentian service bears his name.

The Ozanam Scholars Program debuted in September with a group of 43 incoming freshmen selected based on their record of strong academic achievement and commitment to service. Participants with backgrounds including service to the marginalized and the poor — be it mission trips abroad or volunteering at local projects — entered the four year program implemented to create students whose academic and research skills will help improve the lives of the disadvantaged.

St. John's Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer James Pellow, Ed.D. says Ozanam "had a special talent for developing creative solutions to complicated problems" and that the desire is that St. John's students will follow in his path. "The Ozanam scholars," Pellow says, "will be our 'honors students of service' during their four years at St. John's, working directly with the poor — in New York City, and at national and international locations — to implement best practices and, through field

research, to discover new best practices for eradicating poverty." which met weekly to contribute to a secret collection and visit the poor in their homes. The new St. John's program is designed for 30 scholars who, in addition to forming a Learning Community to participate in unique, individualized programs of study and service, will receive a \$10,000 scholarship annually.

James Keane, Ed.D., assistant provost and director for Academic Service-Learning and the Ozanam Scholars Program, says that due to the flood of applications for the launch, more than 40 participants were accepted for the program's inaugural year. He credits Dr. Pellow and University Provost Julia Upton, RSM, Ph.D. '73G, '75G with recognizing the value of such a program. "Both Dr. Pellow and Dr. Upton saw a need to create some type of scholars program that specifically looks at the Vincentian mission and charism of the institution," Keane says. "This program is very much an academic focused program with the hope being that students will



difference in the world. In the first year, students will participate in a Discover New York section where the curriculum will focus on social justice and social agencies in New York. In January, the group will venture to

Italy and France to offer international service and for a two week

Vincentian Heritage seminar on the writings and teachings of St. Vincent de Paul, Ozanam and St. Louise de Marillac and leadership development.

In the second year, participants will serve as mentors to incoming scholars and will begin learning the dynamics of community based research.

The third year will find the scholar-focused on their research where the students will form a community based research team along with a faculty member and non-profit agency for an in-depth study of an area of poverty. In the fourth year, they will finalize their work and present their findings through an academic forum.

Lauren Miller '11C learned she was accepted into the Ozanam Scholars Program not long after returning from a mission trip to the Yucatan Peninsula organized by her high school. The idea of receiving a quality education augmented with a focus on service was appealing to her, she says. "I was really excited to learn that there was something I could do in college very similar to what I had been doing in high school," she says. "I've been blessed with so much and if I can give back at all, I want to try." Keane says there are high hopes that scholars like Miller will embrace the opportunity the program offers them to live the Vincentian values. "The ultimate goal of the program is, at the end of the day, how did these students change and how did they decrease poverty and suffering in the world," he says.

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Throughout the four years, scholars will engage in structured programming designed to enhance the learning experience, no matter what their major, and to make a

research, to discover new best practices for eradicating poverty."

Ozanam, a disciple of St. Vincent de Paul, was born into a European culture rife with social inequality and class conflict. With the aid of a small group of friends, Ozanam formed the first "Conference of Charity,"

Open Hands

Open Hearts

Thomas ('64UC, '01HON) and Paula McInerney possess a great deal of love: love for their family, for the philanthropic work they do, for the lives they are living and, of course, for *alma mater*. But there is a group of young ladies who maintain a special place in their hearts and who have them utterly and completely enthralled — their seven beautiful granddaughters, all younger than the age of four. “The babies,” Paula says, smiling. “They are wonderful.”





*Tom and Paula
McInerney relax
on the deck of
their home.*



The McInerney granddaughters

The McInerney grandchildren have been born into a legacy not only of great affection, but also one of integrity, commitment and generosity.

Those same qualities have been passed on to the McInerney's five children and the couple also exhibits those attributes to the many people whose lives they touch personally, professionally and through their altruism. While both are accomplished leaders of industry and busy with everything that such success entails, they still excel at the balance needed to make their lives run smoothly. "They are wonderful parents and amazing grandparents," says their daughter, Amy Owens. "One of the greatest things about them is that they can be so many different things to so many people and do it all well."

They certainly fill many roles at St. John's, where they are loyal benefactors, trusted friends and, in the case of Tom, a proud alumnus. He is currently chair of the Board of Trustees and has been tireless in his efforts as chairman of the advisory board of the Rome campus. As a trustee, he has

been an esteemed member of the board for more than seven years, serving in various capacities including chairman of the Fiscal Resource Management Committee and member of the Executive Committee.

His business acumen has been a boon to the University Investment Portfolio which realized an annual return of 15.6% for the three year period ending June 30, 2006, placing it in the top 10% of the 701 institutions participating in the 2006 National Association of College and University Business Officers Endowment Study. The couple has also supported various initiatives at the University including the Student Managed Investment Fund, the Institute for Writing Studies, the Rome Scholarship Fund, Taffner Field House and St. Thomas More Church.

An English major who maintains a love of poetry, Tom put in long hours as a student working in midtown Manhattan and attending night classes at St. John's Schermerhorn Street campus in downtown Brooklyn before traveling home to Flatbush. He credits St. John's with giving him his start and putting him on the path to a great

career. St. John's has been good to his family, he says. "Two of my brothers and I received bachelor's degrees and one of my brothers went on to get a law degree from St. John's, so there's a lot of history there," Tom says.

Paula has embraced her husband's passion for the University. A native of the Bronx, her parents moved first to Westchester before settling in Connecticut. After graduating from Manhattanville College, she later completed an MBA at New York University. Her career has included stints as chief of staff to the director of operations at Dean Witter Reynolds, managing director and a member of the Business Council at Bankers Trust Company and chief operating officer at Oppenheimer Funds.

Education has been key for both of the McInerneys and they are huge proponents of higher education being available to all who desire it. "Our generation was the first to graduate," Paula says. "To be given such an opportunity is really amazing and it's important that others be given that same opportunity."

The couple has cemented their closeness with St. John's through active involvement.

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– Anthony Butler, executive director of St. John’s Bread & Life

“Working with the administration at St. John’s is a pleasure,” Tom says. “We travel with them a great deal because we go to Rome usually three times a year in connection with the Rome campus and you tend to spend a lot of time together when you are overseas with someone and they are just great people.” “I think that St. John’s is unusual in just attracting wonderful, down to earth, really nice people to the board as well,” adds Paula. “We have thoroughly enjoyed the friendships and the events. It’s never a chore when a St. John’s event comes up because the people are so wonderful.”

The couple was thrilled last year when the Diocese of Brooklyn transferred control

of St. John’s Bread & Life to the University as they are also both very involved with the organization which provides an array of social services including a soup kitchen, food pantry and outreach programs. Paula serves on the Board of Members which has responsibility for oversight of the St. John’s Bread & Life board. The McInerneys became involved several years ago after Rev. James J. Maher, C.M. ’84C invited them to sponsor a family. Now, every Christmas season, members of the McInerney family can be found volunteering at St. John’s Bread & Life packing gifts and holiday meals for those in need. “We do it every year,” Paula says. “We have lots of

family members who join us and when our grandchildren are a little older they will be coming as well. It’s such a joyful event as well as a good reminder of how fortunate we are.”

Anthony Butler, executive director of St. John’s Bread & Life, says the McInerneys are generous, not only monetarily, but also with their time and commitment. They recognize, Butler says, the value of those they help. “Their vision of philanthropy is inspiring as it works not simply to respond to social ills, but witnesses to that truth that those served by their resources are inherently valuable,” he says. That sensitivity to others is a hallmark of the McInerneys.



The McInerneys join St. John’s University President Rev. Donald J. Harrington, C.M. at the dedication of the Institute for Writing Studies.

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– Lori McInerney Church

“They are both extremely intelligent and have a high level of empathy for others,” says their daughter, Lori McInerney Church. “They feel fortunate in not only their careers, but also in their families, and they are very generous of themselves.” Fr. Maher praises the couple for their ability to both “excite and inspire others.” Despite their high profile, successful careers, they have remained humble people, he says. “Their whole lives have been lived as lives of service to others so we were really privileged that they would even consider being a part of Bread & Life,” he says. “That is the core of who they are and they give themselves fully to others and organizations.”

For several years, they have also devoted themselves to work with several other worthy organizations including the Diocese of Brooklyn/Queens Futures in Education Foundation, the Robin Hood Foundation and the Inner-City Scholarship Fund (ICSF)

which helps to provide funding for schools under the auspices of the Archdiocese of New York in some of the poorest neighborhoods in Manhattan, the Bronx and Staten Island. Throughout the years, the McInerneys have taken to their hearts and worked closely with two of the schools in Manhattan — St. Gregory the Great, and St. James elementary schools. The erudite couple, who have been dedicated members of a book club for more than a decade, understand the value of academics and fully support ICSF’s goal to offer a safe environment in which their students can receive a quality education. “We both feel very, very strongly about education,” Tom says. “Particularly for people who are economically disadvantaged because it’s the only way to break out of that cycle.”

For that reason, they have been steadfast in offering whatever help they can to ICSF, from volunteering with the students, getting art and music classes added back to the

curriculum and making sure the facilities are maintained and improved. Paula also serves on the board of Little Sisters of the Assumption Family Health Service in East Harlem and was instrumental in construction of their new, five story building. “Sr. Judy Garson is just amazing and the work that they do [in Harlem] is wonderful,” Paula says. “You see these incredible people who dedicate their lives every single day and do it with such generosity of spirit. Then you see them doing it in conditions that are just appalling and you think you have to do something about this. You have to fix it in the small ways that you can so that the people are respected, the guests are respected, and the staff is respected.”

That shared vision of service has been evident from the start of the McInerney’s relationship. The pair met after being introduced by a mutual friend, a headhunter who was trying to recruit Paula to another company. She wasn’t interested in the job but he had something else to offer. “He said, ‘I know this fellow, Tom McInerney, and you two would be perfect for each other’ which is an interesting comment I guess coming from a headhunter,” Paula recalls. They both worked in the same building in lower Manhattan and although it took a while to arrange a meeting, they were soon having lunches, which then became dinners and led to matrimony. Theirs is an extremely close knit family. “My siblings are my friends,” their daughter, Amy Owens says. “Our parents have instilled in us such a great



Tom and Paula McInerney talk to Sr. Carol Keehan, D.C., member of the University’s Board of Trustees.

sense of family. It's wonderful to watch them together. Even when they are caught in those moments of family chaos, they always manage to find time to show affection."

Their partnership has deepened over the years. He is "officially semi-retired" as a partner at Welsh, Carson, Anderson and Stowe and she is the president and chief executive officer of Bluff Point Associates, the couple's private venture capital firm. They work closely and revel in their time together. "One of the nice things about where we are in life now is that we spend an incredible amount of time together," Paula says. "In a wonderful, wonderful way, we are partners," he says. "We are partners in St. John's, we're partners in philanthropy, and we're partners in business." "And of course with the children and the grandchildren," she adds to which Tom jokes that in the family structure his wife is "the senior partner." "They like me, but they idolize you," he says, laughing.

There are plenty of reasons to put both of them on the pedestal. In their idyllic home on the water in Connecticut, the McInerney's décor could easily be dubbed "grandparent chic." Comfortable couches rest near highchairs and sippy cups share space with elegant glassware. They are spending more time there these days as their children have relocated to Connecticut and their nearness means more shared family time. The couple couldn't be happier with their lives. "We have wonderful children and we are blessed with these incredible grandchildren who change day by day and week by week," Paula says. "We are so lucky that we are healthy and able to participate in their lives as much as we can."

It is the realization of those blessings that fuels their genuine desire to give back. "We've been so fortunate, not just financially, but also in our children and the lives that they are leading and that our grandchildren are healthy," Tom says. "You put all that together and if you don't feel like you should be giving something back then you don't have a heart."



*The McInerneys
enjoy the view from
their Westport, CT home.*

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ANYONE NOT IN THE KNOW COULD BE FORGIVEN FOR BELIEVING PAT SHEA '62ED IS THE MOMMA REFERRED TO IN MOMMAS HOUSE.

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*Above: Pat Shea reads a story to one
of the children at MOMMAS House.*

*Opposite page: Amaya and Stephanie,
residents of the home in Jericho.*



Perhaps it's her eyes, warm with the compassion she so clearly feels for pregnant young women, or the steely authority lurking just beneath the surface when she discusses the rules the residents must follow. Or maybe it's the passion for her work and the love you sense she has for those she has helped. "It obviously was in God's plan that this is what I should be doing with my life," Shea says. "It's about opening yourself up to being led to where you are supposed to be."

For the record, there is no momma in MOMMAS House, as it stands for "Mary Our Model Mothering Adolescent Services." Shea is the executive director and founder of the Long Island, NY- based organization that aids young, single, homeless mothers ages 17 to 21 years and their babies. The young women and their children live in a residential home for a maximum of two years where the mothers are able to continue their education or vocational experience while also receiving support for life skills such as parenting and personal finance. Each home provides daycare for the children as well as a social worker and the goal is to enable the young women to become self sufficient and responsible parents. They have chores, rules to follow and their own room. For some, it's the first time they have had such stability and structure. "It's a family atmosphere," Shea says simply.

At the head of that family is Shea — herself the mother of five — who spends as much time with the children and their

mothers as she does attending to her administrative duties. She fights for the residents, pulling together funding from grants and donations. She understands the young women she serves and they instinctively feel her sincerity. "We love their babies and we think [the mothers] are wonderful and courageous," Shea says. "Our expectations are realistic because we know where many of the girls are coming from."

MOMMAS House began in 1986 as an outgrowth of Birthright of Nassau/Suffolk County, which provides pregnancy services for young women. Shea says it soon became apparent that these young mothers-to-be also needed housing so volunteers started taking them into their homes. "Very quickly we realized that they needed a lot more than a bed to sleep in, they needed a whole program," Shea now recalls. "They needed schooling, training and parenting classes so we had to develop something more viable." Moved by the need for such a program, a prayer group committed themselves to praying for MOMMAS House and one of the group's members, Joe Haley, so believed in the concept that he purchased a home and the first MOMMAS House opened in Wantagh, NY.

That original house closed and other homes sprouted throughout Long Island in Malverne, Brookville and Glen Cove thanks in part to the generosity of parishes which offered the use of buildings, rent free. In 2002, the program moved out of the



Left: A young, former resident of the Brookville home.

Bottom: Jericho resident Sharon and her son Elijah.

Malverne location and a year later the organization purchased a home in East Massapequa, NY, to serve as transitional housing for MOMMAS House residents to move to when they complete living in the group home. The Brookville location closed after 14 years, and the organization relocated to a home in Jericho, NY. A third home recently opened in Hempstead, NY.

Running a not-for-profit organization was not at all the career path Shea planned. She was a math major in The School of Education while at St. John's with plans to

teach, but that never happened. At the University, she was recruited to participate in mission work for the summer in Mexico which she did right after graduation. "I had never seen real poverty and the effects it had on people, especially the children," she says. "I came back and decided I wasn't going to teach." Instead, she opted to go into social work. Her father, John Connell '35C, was more than a bit surprised at her change of plans. "He could barely speak for about a week," Shea says, smiling.

Many of the participants today are thankful for Shea's change of heart. Joan Phillips was one of the first residents of the Wantagh location more than 20 years ago and now is a married mother of three. But back then, Phillips was a young, unmarried mother whose family told her she couldn't come home with her baby. "Raising a child alone is scary and society puts a lot of pressure on these girls," Phillips says. "Pat sees the success these girls can become and she doesn't even look for a thank you." Shea's help had such a profound influence on Phillips life that she now works for MOMMAS House as a supervisor and serves on the Board of Directors. She can't say enough wonderful things about the woman who was there for her in her time of need. "Pat has a huge heart and she is just so kind," says Phillips, who recently completed a master's degree in social work. "She just gives and gives and gives."



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Above: A group of residents and their children enjoy some playtime at the home in Jericho.

Below: Katherine holds her daughter, Rhianna, in the Jericho home.



Shea is also generous to *alma mater*. Students have ventured to the homes to participate in service-learning projects and Service Day activities and Shea has returned to campus to speak about her experiences. Belenna Lauto, an associate professor of fine arts at St. John's, first started volunteering at MOMMAS House in 1997 and has also served on the board. Over the years, she has photographed the residents and borne witness to the bond between Shea and the young mothers. "I remember once Pat threw a birthday party for one of the girls and the girl burst into tears because she had never had a birthday cake before," Lauto recalls. "She really gives them hope." Shea also takes a personal interest in their lives, Lauto says. "Pat is really like a Mom to them and she's very strict," Lauto says. "If they don't follow the rules they can't stay there and I think that's very important because

she teaches them accountability." Each home has only a few residents and Shea dreams of the day she can open a building with apartments for residents as well as space for a job training program, a healthcare site and a daycare facility that would be open to the community. And, of course, she desires to see more group homes. "We could fill 10 houses," she says. "The need is great. Nobody else was addressing the need at the time we started and it still is woefully inadequate to the amount of young women and their babies that need to be someplace safe."

Shea's daughter, Deirdre Shea '04C, serves as assistant director and the elder Shea says she feels a deep sense of relief that when she is ready to retire, her daughter will be able to continue her vision of helping mothers and their children. For Pat Shea, there can be no greater calling. "I truly feel blessed that I found work to do that impacts people's lives," Shea says. "I really feel that I have been able to reach some people and help them. What more can you ask for in life than to know that you have made things a little bit better for someone else while you are here?"

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CAMPUS

When the St. John's community returned to the Queens campus to begin the new academic year, they were greeted by the sights and sounds of major construction taking place in the area adjacent to St. Thomas More Church. Begun last spring, the new Vincentian Residence will be named the Rev. John B. Murray House in honor of the beloved Vincentian who served as a St. John's faculty member and administrator from 1952 until shortly before his passing. The project is scheduled for completion in January 2008, and will house the members of the Vincentian community who currently reside in St. Vincent Hall. Once the Vincentian community has relocated into their new residence, St. Vincent Hall will be converted into additional student living spaces, providing approximately 210 additional student beds that are presently planned to house the Ozanam Scholars.

The hallmark and, by far, most dramatic portion of the current state of construction will begin Spring 2008, when ground will be broken for the new University Center/Academic Building, one of the largest and most comprehensive construction projects in St. John's recent history. Located between Sullivan Hall and the Taffner Field

House on the site that currently serves as stadium seating for lacrosse and track and field events, the 110,000 square foot complex has been designed to significantly enhance student life on campus. The strikingly beautiful edifice, which will rise dramatically over the upper campus, will contain 14 technologically sophisticated, state-of-the-art classrooms with approximately 800 seats. In addition, it will include a café, lounge, recreation and entertainment spaces, student organization offices and conference and meeting rooms devoted exclusively to student use.

According to St. John's Provost Julia A. Upton, RSM, Ph.D. '73G, '75G, the new classrooms will enable the students who use them to become more active learners. "The students will be entering into flexible environments that will allow them to participate more fully in the learning process," she says. "The new classrooms will allow them to re-group themselves into various configurations apropos to the topics that they're discussing. I've always believed that we need more interactive space in our academic buildings."

The project has been an interactive one, Dr. Upton notes. "All of our academic leaders got together last year and decided that we wanted this building to be warm and welcoming, a place where the students could really feel at home and at ease while going about the business of learning," she explains. "I have to say that

*A rendering of the
planned new University
Center/Academic Building.*

I'm really excited about this project, and I know that our students will absolutely love it."

That excitement is shared by Rev. James J. Maher, C.M. '84C, vice president for student affairs at St. John's. "This new building will be a wonderful blessing for the students," Maher says. "It will give them a physical location that they can call home and enjoy the unique sense of belonging that has always been such an important aspect of the St. John's experience. We're all so very grateful to the donors who helped to make this happen, and I'm personally excited about what this great new facility will add to student life on our campus."

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The building will overlook DaSilva Field, and will provide an exceptional view of the Manhattan skyline. In addition, plans have been drawn up to convert the adjacent land into an Academic Grove, a green space and courtyard area where students and faculty can come to read, relax or simply socialize with each other in a beautiful and serene environment, essentially duplicating the environment that is today found on the Great Lawn on the upper campus.

As St. John's reputation as an internationally acclaimed university continues to grow, it has become imperative that additional housing alternatives be made available to respond to the growing demand of students who desire to live on campus. Accordingly, construction has begun on a series of 14 on-campus townhouses, to be located adjacent to the new Vincentian residence. Designed in the Tudor style, these three story townhouses will be built around five courtyards and be comprised of 42 suites, providing much needed housing for approximately 294 students. "The construction of the new University Center/Academic Building and the townhouses will do much to foster the living and learning community that is such an important part of the St. John's experience" says Dr. Jose Rodriguez, associate vice president of student affairs and dean of students on the Queens campus. "The new buildings represent St. John's commitment to our students, and will have a tremendous impact on student engagement in general."

In addition to the major construction projects, there are a number of smaller but equally important initiatives that are currently in

A rendering of the University Center/Academic Building as viewed from DaSilva Field.





various stages of completion throughout the University. The start of the Fall 2007 semester marked the opening of the Financial Information Laboratory, a state-of-the-art facility designed to enhance the curriculum of St. John's The Peter J. Tobin College of Business. Located on the second floor of Marillac Hall, this technologically sophisticated facility offers software systems and databases that will bring real-time news, market information, financial data and analysis to support real-world, hands-on student learning and faculty research.

Reflecting St. John's commitment to offering our students and faculty superior resources as components of the science curricula, construction of a new Imaging Suite designed to house the University's microscopes and imaging equipment has been completed in St. Albert Hall, as have four research laboratories for use by the science imaging research faculty. Two new biology research laboratories and two new chemistry teaching labs also opened this fall, representing the completion of the second phase of the multi-year Science Master Plan.

At first glance, visitors to the Queens campus might well believe that they have arrived at what some have called the "new" St. John's and in one sense they would be correct. When the construction is completed, the look of the campus will forever be

altered for the better. And yet, it is those very changes that give testimony to the stability and continuity that have guided the University for over 137 years.

The look may change, but the core values will always remain the same, as rock solid today as they were in the beginning. The new buildings and facilities are, ultimately, tangible reflections of the dedication to excellence which has always served as the bedrock of the St. John's experience.

Top: A rendering of the student townhouses.

Bottom: A rendering of the Rev. John B. Murray House.



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The Vincentian values of caring and compassion for others that have served as the cornerstone of the St. John's mission for the past 138 years are reflected in the generosity of the very special individuals who have chosen to become a member of one or more of the societies listed below. Their support is a striking reflection of the ideals of St. Vincent de Paul in action, and we are both grateful and indebted to those who join us in continuing his work in a very real and very necessary way.

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Reunion 2007



Coming Home

Alumni Reunion 2007 was a rousing success as more than 750 alumni and friends attended various events held at the Queens campus in June. Members of the classes ending in "2" and "7" came back to enjoy a weekend chock full of events including academic seminars, a special medal ceremony and a dinner dance.

On Saturday afternoon, participants ventured to various suites to enjoy educational seminars on topics including service-learning and economics. Then dean of St. John's The Peter J. Tobin College of Business, Richard Highfield, Ph.D., introduced a team of professors from the college who provided updates on current and future programs and shared their

expertise on the financial industry. Dr. Elizabeth Brondolo, professor of psychology in St. John's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, gave a talk on her research on racism and its impact on health. She cited statistics to support her claim that racism not only has adverse emotional effects but physical effects on individuals as well. St. John's College of Professional Studies professor Dr. Harvey Schlossberg presented a seminar titled "BioTerrorism: Facts and Fiction." An international consultant to law enforcement, Schlossberg explained terrorism and bio-terrorism, addressed the effects of terrorism on human behavior and shared with his audience what to do in the event of a terrorist attack. St. John's The School of Education alumni were treated to a tour of the newly renovated Sullivan Hall by Dean Jerrold Ross, Ph.D.

Over in the anniversary suites, graduates celebrating 50, 40 and 25 year anniversaries poured over yearbooks and caught up with old friends as they celebrated their milestones. Joan DeRiso '57UC, '59G said she was thrilled to return to *alma mater* and reminisce about her time as a student at the downtown Brooklyn campus. "St. John's was a very big part of my life," she said. "It started me on my career as a teacher and I met many good friends who I keep up with. We all want to go back to our roots and this is it." Some participants stayed on campus at the dorms and others took the opportunity to tour the campus and see all of the many changes. James Gaw '67G was impressed. "I think there were only three buildings when I attended St. John's," he said. "There were no gates or fences

Loughlin Society Reception



Champagne Brunch



Return to *Alma Mater*

Make plans to attend the Alumni 2008 Reunion to be held June 13-15. Enjoy a fun filled weekend with special celebrations for those graduating in years ending in "3" and "8."



and it still looked like a golf course. But the change has been positive."

Members of the Loughlin Society celebrating graduation anniversaries were treated to a special reception held in Marillac Terrace. Thea Graves Pellman '57CBA attended the event and said the University, and the opportunity to be a member of the giving society, is close to her heart. "My husband and I met here and we both have very special feelings for St. John's," she reflected. "Within our family we have seven St. John's degrees, and we all enjoy the opportunity to give back — and come back — whenever we can. We're happy that our Loughlin Society gifts go to support student scholarships, because that's really what has always made St. John's so special." Saturday night included a Special Medal Ceremony. Members of the 50th anniversary class of

1957 received a gold medal, those from the 40th anniversary class of 1967 a bronze medal, and those from the 25th anniversary class of 1982 a silver medal.

Immediately following the ceremony, the Alumni Dinner Dance was held in Taffner Field House. A sumptuous meal which included St. John's red velvet cupcakes for dessert was held following cocktails and Master of Ceremonies Robert Wile '99SVC welcomed everyone before turning over the microphone to Joseph Gagliano, Jr., Esq. '82C, '85L who sang the national anthem. Nancy Renaud Dejean '82C, '86GEEd said she was glad friends convinced her to attend the festivities. "This is really wonderful," she said. "It's nice to be back home." President Rev. Donald J. Harrington, C.M. welcomed the presentation of the class gift

of more than \$1.7 million, one of the most generous in recent years, which was met with a rousing applause. He thanked everyone for coming and asked that they continue to remember with affection their affiliation with St. John's. "I ask that you remember often the days that you spent in our classrooms, on our athletic fields and in our chapels," he said. "I urge you to recall the evolution that ever so quietly took place between your first and last days on campus. And then, I ask that you take a moment to enjoy a well-deserved smile of satisfaction, a smile that acknowledges that you and your University were, and still are, partners in an endeavor that knows no bounds."

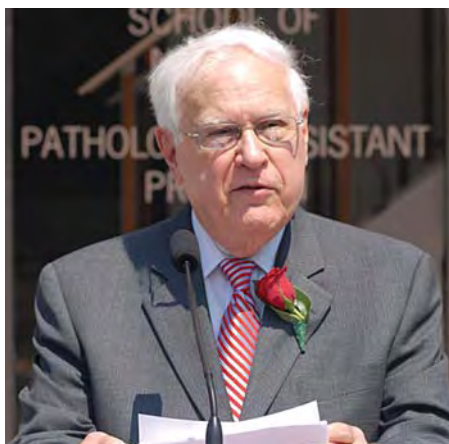
The weekend's festivities wrapped up with a Mass and champagne brunch held in Montgoris Dining Hall. Next year's Reunion will be held June 13 - 15.

Bricks & Mortar Update

New Center Celebrated

An outdoor ceremony held in June marked the official dedication of the Dr. Andrew J. Bartilucci Center and drew University officials, colleagues, friends and family members of the esteemed dean *emeritus* for whom the facility is named.

University Provost Julia Upton RSM, Ph.D. '73G, '75G welcomed those gathered and was followed in remarks by St. John's College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions Dean Robert Mangione '77P, '79GP, '93PD, '99Ed.D. who is also a former student of Bartilucci's. The event proved to be an emotional one for the center's namesake as he tried to express his appreciation of the honor. "I stand before you finding it hard to believe what is happening," Dr. Andrew



Dr. Andrew J. Bartilucci

Bartilucci '44P, '98HON said at the ceremony. "I am so grateful to God for the satisfying direction my professional life has taken, it

being memorialized in this stone and brick edifice. Who would have thought when I was asked to join St. John's University that it would culminate in this."

University President Rev. Donald J. Harrington, C.M. officially dedicated and blessed the facility with the help of Rev. Joseph V. Daly, C.M., assistant to the president. Harrington spoke of the devoted service Bartilucci gave to St. John's and the vital role he has played at *alma mater*. "I can honestly say that there has been no major decision in these past 18 years that Andy has not been a part of," Harrington said. "Without Andy's support and wisdom there is no way that I would still be president today, much less have had the success we've been able to

Rome campus gets new space

St. John's University's Rome campus just got bigger thanks to an agreement to lease space in a beautiful building located within walking distance of Vatican City, the Old District, and River Tiber. The Collegio Leoniano (Vincentian Motherhouse) is situated in the Prati neighborhood of Rome, is approximately 184,000 square feet, and covers four floors and a basement. The building includes a courtyard that is divided in the middle by a church.

In Spring 2007, the University reached an agreement with the Congregation to lease part of the building to occupy, including roughly about half of the ground, first, and second floors, and the entire third floor. A multi-phase renovation program is currently underway and as each phase is completed, the relevant area will gradually become occupied. All areas are expected to be ready for occupancy by September 2009.

The building will be used to house St. John's existing study-abroad program as well as the Discover the World program. It will include more than 200 beds, more than a dozen classrooms, a student lounge and a conference room.



have as an administration.” Located in Fresh Meadows, NY, near the Queens campus, the building is the former Saint Vincent’s Catholic Medical Center School of Allied Health Professions and was acquired as part of an expansion of the course offerings for the College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions. It was renamed for Dr. Bartilucci ’44P, ’98HON who during his more than 30 years as dean of the College of Pharmacy established many of the allied health programs currently offered. He went on to serve as the University’s executive vice president and special assistant to the president. Upon his retirement in 2002, he was named both dean *emeritus* and executive vice president *emeritus*.



Staten Island campus celebrates

The Staten Island campus enjoyed two events to herald changes within the community.

In May, Rev. Michael Carroll, C.M., executive vice president for mission and branch campuses, blessed the St. Vincent de Paul statue which now stands at the main entrance of the Staten Island campus. The statue, which depicts St. Vincent caring for two small children, is believed to have been created by 19th century French sculptor Thenon-Meuni and was bequeathed to the University by the Sisters of Charity. The statue previously stood at the entrance of St. Vincent’s Medical Center in the West Brighton section of Staten Island.

St. Joseph Hall on the Staten Island campus was also blessed and renamed Notre Dame House in April in recognition of the devoted service of the Sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame and as a result of the generosity of the Notre Dame College Alumnae Association. The blessing of the building, which is the new home of Campus Ministry, was followed by a luncheon and held during a celebration for the 50th anniversary of the Notre Dame College class of 1957.



*Rev. Michael Carroll, C.M.
blesses the statue.*

Gleeful Harmony: A Look Back at Campus Singing Groups

By Blythe E. Roveland-Brenton, Ph.D. '00G

Choral singing groups have been an important presence on the St. John's campuses for over a century. While the early history of vocal performances at the University is sketchy, it is probable that choirs were part of student life during the first decades of the college's operation. But, it was not until the fall of 1900 that a Glee Club was listed as an official student organization. The 20-member Tigellian Glee Club, directed by Rev. John J. O'Byrne, C.M. '30HON, gave a performance at the 31st Commencement Exercises in 1901. Its stated purpose was "the advancement of its members in the art of singing and musical culture." The group faded into obscurity after the Commencement performance and other short-lived glee clubs, octets and choruses also made brief appearances during the early 20th century.

Vocal music was a requirement for freshmen and sophomores pursuing their studies within the Classical and the Latin-Science tracks from 1908-1915 as part of a liberal education to create "cultivated gentlemen" students. St. John's founded a Conservatory of Music in 1907, which occupied a Victorian mansion across from the college on Lewis Avenue. During its operation and through the early 1920s, the Conservatory was headed by Professor T. Bath Glasson, director of the Brooklyn Catholic Oratorio Society and chair of music for St. John's Seminary. The Conservatory offered vocal instruction as part of its curriculum for children and adults and its pupils held regular public recitals which included an annual concert held at the Waldorf-Astoria.

The most long-lived troop was the St. John's College Glee Club. In the spring of 1927, a group of interested students met for the first time to discuss the formation of a new Glee Club. Those efforts received a boost when, later that year, the Rev. Gregory Campbell, C.M., serving as a faculty adviser, called organizational meetings for three new musical arts clubs—a Band, an Orchestra,



Fr. Rivard takes a bow at a 1948 Glee Club performance.



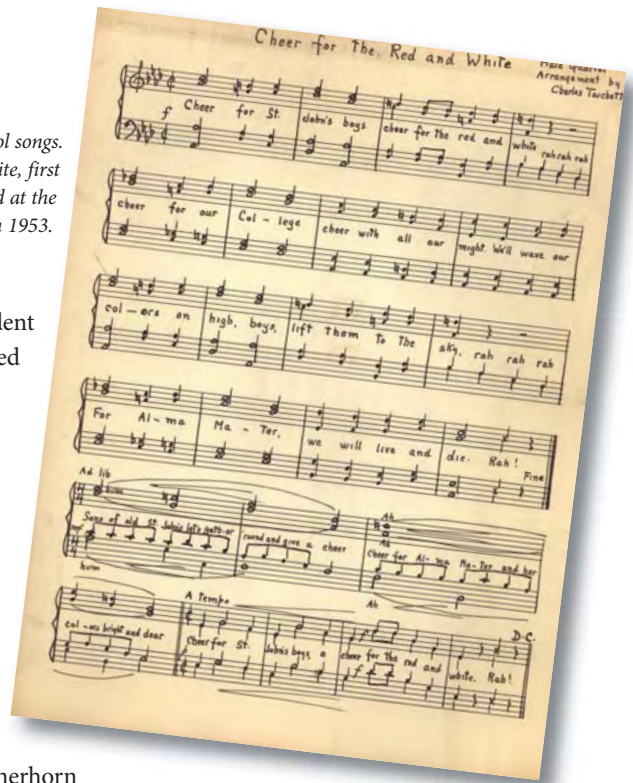
A quartet of the University College Glee Club rehearses with Prof. Frank T. Molony for a Christmas program at local nursing homes in the early 1940s.

and a Glee Club. In February 1928, “Madame Volpi” (stage name of Kathryn Fuchs, wife of chemistry professor and St. John’s alumnus Francis Fuchs ’09C), an operatic contralto, agreed to be the Glee Club’s first director. The group held its opening recital in April, performing the school’s “traditional anthem” and an old English melody “Drink to Me Only with Thine Eyes.” The club soon appeared regularly in concert. By 1930, the group had even been featured on local radio broadcasts. The Glee Club, also called the Choral Club, remained strong until the onset of WWII, when membership waned, and the men’s voices fell silent for several years.

Early in 1947, the Rev. Robert Rivard, C.M. ’48G took the helm as musical director of a newly organized Glee Club and the group quickly became enormously successful. In the first year, about fifty students participated and by October they were already performing on Sunday night broadcasts of WNBC’s “Catholic Hour” hosted by Msgr. Fulton Sheen. The group’s first television appearance aired on Easter Sunday in 1949 on WNBT, a New York affiliate of NBC, on which they performed their signature “O Sanctissima” along with other sacred music. Another milestone occurred in the spring of 1950 when the Glee Club cut a three-record album of some of their most popular secular and religious pieces.¹ The spring of 1950 also marked the first national broadcast of their recordings on ABC’s “Hour of Faith” program for which they recorded Easter music. Besides numerous radio and television appearances, the Glee Club also held countless concerts on the road and close to home at venues such as the Brooklyn Academy of Music.

The singers were a staple at various University occasions, community and church functions, as well as benefit concerts,

The Glee Club’s repertoire included school songs. This arrangement of the Red and White, first sung in the early 1920s, was performed at the annual spring concert in 1953.



to support such causes as the Student Relief Campaign for war-devastated countries and the New York Foundling Hospital. Frequently, the men joined in concert with other college glee clubs, including the women of Notre Dame College (which would later become the University’s Staten Island campus).

The St. John’s College Glee Club was not the only choral group at the University.

Choruses sprung up at the Schermerhorn Street campus as well. In 1928, the students of the School of Commerce formed their own Glee Club which performed on and off through the mid-1950s, including in radio broadcasts and at area hospitals to share

group, and was part of the Schermerhorn Street campus until its closing in 1971. The Chorus took the stage at school concerts in addition to more impressive venues like the Metropolitan Opera House.



Members of the Girls’ Glee Club made their unofficial singing debut at the Christmas assembly in 1956. 1957 Vincentian yearbook.

the Christmas spirit with patients. An Alumni Glee Club also rehearsed and performed with them. University College students had a chorus, too. Organized in the early 1940s, it was the first co-ed singing

A particularly memorable event was a trip to Vermont for a choral competition during which St. John’s choristers visited the Trapp family. Upon the opening of the new Staten Island campus in the early 1970s, a chorus

¹ Listen to a recording of Fr. Rivard’s 1950 Glee Club singing “Hymn to St. John’s” (written by Rivard) and “Alma Mater” at the following Web address: <http://www.stjohns.edu/gleeclub>



The Tom-Toms, comprised of members of the Men's Glee Club, harmonized in the 1960s. 1963 Vincentian yearbook



The Women's Glee Club flourished through the early 1970s. Photo circa 1971.

could not be sustained, reportedly because of the inability of many students to attend late afternoon rehearsals.

In the 1950s, the Lewis Avenue School of Education had a Mixed Chorus. Women on the newly established Queens campus formed their own club in 1956. The "Girls' Glee Club" was officially recognized in 1957 (the name was changed shortly thereafter to the Women's Glee Club). The women enjoyed their own successes including taking first place in 1972 at the Catholic Intercollegiate Women's Glee Club Association competition. The various musical groups of the University put on solo and joint concerts over the years. Smaller ensembles like the Schola Cantorum and Varsity Octet in the 1950s and Tom-Toms and Ten Little Indians in the 1960s showcased the singing talents of the student members from the larger glee clubs. In 1975, the Men's and Women's groups merged to

become one Glee Club, changing its name a few years later to the Mixed Chorus. The chorus overcame some rough years when the membership lagged, but today it is a vibrant student group, conducted by Mr. Kim Oler, a two-time Emmy winner for his work in music direction and composition with others for the daytime soap opera "All My Children."



The Mixed Chorus traces its beginnings to 1975. Here, Richard Pretzer leads the Mixed Chorus at an event in May 1993.

Photo: Robert Floyd.

St. John's Glee Clubs performed at both New York World's Fairs — on June 7, 1940, designated St. John's Day at the Fair, and during the 1964-65 World's Fair, when the women and men sang together. Throughout the years, the Glee Clubs have appeared in concert with well-known performers such as tenor Franco Corelli and contralto Carol Brice and with orchestras like the Brooklyn Philharmonic. The Mixed Chorus has performed at St. Patrick's Cathedral, held regular concerts with the Nassau Pops Symphony Orchestra, and in 2005, had the privilege of singing the National Anthem at Yankee Stadium.

Like its predecessors, the current Mixed Chorus has been involved in community service by singing at nursing homes and hospitals. In addition to the Mixed Chorus, student talent is showcased in the Music Ministry, a service program of Campus Ministry, and the Voices for Victory, the University's gospel choir organized in 1988. Today, all of these student performers continue the long and proud tradition of choral singing at the University.

Blythe Roveland-Brenton is the University's archivist.

Were you a member of a Glee Club, Mixed Chorus or one of the University's other choral groups? Do you have photographs, programs, recordings, memorabilia or other items that you would like to share? To discuss a possible donation, write to: St. John's University Archives, Library, Room 430, 8000 Utopia Parkway, Queens, NY 11439; call (718) 990-1465; or e-mail archives@stjohns.edu

An Evening with the President

The Second Annual Evening with the President was held in May at the Richmond County Country Club. Three distinguished members of the Staten Island community were honored and more than 140 alumni, friends and local business owners were on hand to recognize the accomplishment of the honorees and to support the Staten Island Scholarship Fund.

The President's Medal was presented to Linda Baran and posthumously to Patricia Gilmartin '56NDC for their exceptional personal and professional success and their outstanding service rendered to society and the University. The Terence Cardinal Cooke Medal was presented to John Brennan for his almost 50 years of academic excellence at the University and work on behalf of the Staten Island community.

The awards were presented by University President Rev. Donald J. Harrington, C.M. and Vice Provost Sharon Lynch Norton, Esq. '74L. Norton hailed the award



From l. Brennan; Theresa Dicks, who accepted the posthumous award for her sister, Patricia Gilmartin; Baran; and University President Rev. Donald J. Harrington, C.M.

recipients. "[The honorees] have embraced the spirit of St. Vincent de Paul and extended his philosophy of caring and compassion for others into very real situations for very

real people," she said. In addition to the awards presentation, the evening included a cocktail reception.

Out of the Bullpen

The 10th Annual Baseball Bullpen Outing was held in July at the Plandome Country Club in Plandome, NY. More than 125 attendees enjoyed a day of golfing followed by a cocktail reception and dinner. This year's honoree was Vincent Adimando '71CBA, '77MBA who received the Jack Kaiser Baseball Advocate Award. Other notable attendees included Frank Viola, the 1988 A.L. Cy Young winner and MVP of the 1987 World Series, famed basketball coach Lou Carnesecca '50C, '60GED, '00HON and Athletic Director Emeritus Jack Kaiser '49C for whom the award is named.

More than \$35,000 was raised from the event and the funds will be used to benefit the baseball program. "This year's golf outing was once again very successful," said Head Baseball Coach Ed Blankmeyer. "Financially it was a success and we were also very happy with the amount of alumni that we had involved. The event simply gets bigger and better every year."



Standing from l. Blankmeyer; Greg Rom; Frank Viola; Doug Latrenta '80CBA; Bill Sheridan '77CBA; and Al Osofsky '75CBA. Seated from l. Tom Reilly '75CBA; Robert deGruchy '82SVC; Greg LaCasse '80SVC; and Bob Kovalsky '82CBA.

Tee Off For a Cause

The 20th Annual Newman Golf Outing continued the tradition in June of an enjoyable day of golf held to support scholarships for St. John's students when more than 160 alumni and friends ventured to the Hempstead Country Club for a day on the green.

During the past two decades the golf outing has become one of the most successful of University fundraising events, generating more than \$2.5 million for scholarships and other types of financial assistance for academically deserving and financially burdened students. Part of that success has been attributable to the hard work of Rev. James Dorr, C.M. '79GEd. In recognition of his many years of dedication he was presented the President's Medal at the post-golf reception and it was announced that the event was being renamed The Rev. James F. Dorr, C.M. Golf Classic. University President Rev. Donald J. Harrington, C.M.

hailed Dorr for his continued commitment to the St. John's family. "Fr. Jim Dorr has spent 32 years using his own talents, in his own way, to strengthen the University," Harrington said.

In accepting the President's Medal, Dorr graciously credited the committee members who have worked tirelessly over the years for the event's continued success. "It's the committee that really should share in this Medal," he proclaimed. "The Newman Golf Classic has been a success for the University and it's brought a lot of good friends together for good times." Harrington agreed as he also thanked all of the participants that have shown their support. "St. John's is what it is today because there are so many people who, each in his or her own way, has made a contribution of their time and talent to this University," he said. "Tonight's gathering is yet another example of that wonderful support."



Event honoree Rev. James Dorr, C.M. (r.) and University President Rev. Donald J. Harrington, C.M. share a laugh at the golf outing.

Oh What a Night

Members of the Loughlin Society ventured to the Queens campus in June for a relaxed "Evening Under the Stars with the President" held at Marillac Terrace. The informal event was a special "thank you" to the loyal members of the giving society who dined, chatted and enjoyed music with University President Rev. Donald J. Harrington, C.M.

Initially planned as an outdoor event, the threat of summer rain moved attendees indoors but didn't put a damper on the excitement of being on campus and in the company of those who support the St. John's mission. Tarik Turner '98C was happy to be in attendance and said his time as a student was so meaningful to him that he has made it a priority to remain close to the University. "It's always important for me to come back and show my support for the school," he said. "Going to college was one of the most important times of my life. The



From l. Carl Martorana '57P, '60GP; Rosalind Martorana; Lisa Liotti; and Tony Liotti.

four years I spent here were crucial in making me the person I am today. It's a special part of my life and I continue to keep my involvement at a high level."

Gloria Henn '64Ed, '65GEd echoed Turner's sentiments. "St. John's was a

blessing for me," she said.

"It's nice to remain connected to something that I was so connected to when I was an undergraduate and graduate student."

University President Rev. Harrington, C.M. welcomed those present and pointed out that the event was held in addition to a Loughlin Society reception held in Manhattan in the fall as an opportunity to thank the members for their continued support. He

briefed the crowd on the many changes that have occurred on the Queens campus and the changes yet to come including planned construction of new student housing.

"We have had another banner year at the University," he said. "This is all possible

Alumni Enjoy a Day at Saratoga

Some members of St. John's top level giving societies spent an August weekend at Saratoga Race Course in Saratoga Springs, NY. The group included members of the McCallen Society, Loughlin Society and Founders Society who enjoyed a relaxing stay at The Saratoga Hotel and famed historical racetrack.

The weekend began with a cocktail reception and dinner held to welcome and honor all of the guests. The group then traveled to the racetrack on Saturday where they lounged in a luxury suite complete with lunch, theater-style seating, and an open-air



Attendees enjoy the weekend's festivities and pose in the winner's circle.

because of the support of you, our alumni and friends who have not forgotten St. John's."

Members of the Loughlin Society celebrate the legacy of John Loughlin, the first Bishop of Brooklyn who called upon the Vincentians to establish a Catholic college to provide a quality education for the children of immigrants, by contributing a leadership gift of \$1,000 or more toward any University fund. Founded in 1990, the society also includes the Loughlin Society Associate program which is open to alumni within one to four years of graduation who contribute \$150 or more, those within five to seven years of graduation who contribute \$300 or more and those within eight to nine years of graduation who contribute \$600 or more. The Loughlin Society Patrons program recognizes outstanding donors who are also St. John's University employees.

"St. John's helped to prepare me for a career in business and I'm grateful for my success in life. It is my pleasure to be able to support the University by sponsoring this event."

– Kevin Langan '63CBA

observation deck. The sixth race of the day was named in honor of St. John's and attendees posed for a photo with the jockey in the winner's circle. Sunday included a Mass and breakfast before the group returned home.

Kevin Langan '63CBA sponsored the weekend and was presented a commemorative clock during the festivities. Langan expressed delight with the success of the weekend. "St. John's helped to prepare me for a career in business and I'm grateful for my success in life," he said. "It is my pleasure to be able to support the University by sponsoring this event." Board of Governors member Joseph Mattone, Sr. '53C, '55L, '94HON

attended with his wife Mary Ann and said he enjoyed the event immensely. "On a grading scale, this was an 'A' performance," Mattone said.

The event was held in appreciation of the attendees unwavering dedication and generosity to the University as evidenced by their membership in the various societies. The Loughlin Society is comprised of donors who make leadership gifts to St. John's annually, the McCallen Society is for donors who establish a planned gift for the University such as a bequest or a charitable gift annuity, and the Founder's Society includes donors who make cumulative gifts of \$1 million and more to the University.



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40s

EDMUND PELLEGRINO '41C, '71HON, professor *emeritus* of medicine and medical ethics at Georgetown University in Washington DC, was appointed to the President's Council on Bioethics. Pellegrino is the founding editor of the "Journal of Medicine Philosophy" and the author of more than 550 published articles and 24 books. His many accolades include 46 honorary doctorates and he is a master of the American College of Physicians, fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences. He also served as the 11th president of The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC.

50s

KATHERINE SHERIN-ZAUNER '51UC spoke on "The Creative Power of Our Words" at the Spring '07 Honors Convocation at the Charlotte Campus of Edison College in Punta Gorda, FL, and presented the Speech Award. She was also invited to participate in the People to People Ambassador Program professional delegation in the 2007 U.S.-Egypt Education Forum held in Cairo.



VINCENT LA SALA '55C is an executive administrator at Nassau BOCES (Board of Cooperative Educational Services) and was recently honored at their "Education Partner" Awards Gala. He was honored as one of the many influential people in Nassau County who have positively impacted public education. The event, which was held in Woodbury, NY, was sponsored by the Nassau BOCES Educational Foundation.



JOHN MURPHY '56C, '61G is a professor at Brigham Young University, Provo, UT.

KENNETH ROSENMAN '56P is now a supervising pharmacist with CVS/Pharmacy in South Bellport, NY, after retiring from Genovese/Eckerd Pharmacy where he served for 25 years as supervising pharmacist in Mattituck, NY.

Reconnecting In Rome



JOHN TUTUNJIAN '59UC (r.), a member of St. John's University The Peter J. Tobin College of Business Advisory Board, spent two weeks this summer as a participant in the Executive in Residence Program at the Rome campus. He is pictured here with his wife, Florence (l.), and **HIS EMINENCE WALTER CARDINAL KASPER '02HON** (c.), president of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity. The couple first met His Eminence at the Rome campus in 2002 when he was receiving an honorary degree during graduation and they have remained in touch. "He impressed us as a kind, understanding, and humble leader of the Church when we first met him and we welcomed the opportunity to visit with him once more," John said. "It was the highlight of our trip."

60s

JOHN HOGAN '60C has been working for more than 40 years as the facility manager of Fogarty Funeral Home in Flushing, NY and was named the president of the National Funeral Directors Association. He is also president of the Flushing Chamber of Commerce and the Flushing Lions Club.

JAMES COSTELLO '61C joined Morgan Stanley & Co. as a senior vice president, financial advisor in Garden City, NY.

JAMES KEARNEY '61G was honored by the Dominican Sisters of Blauvelt and received the Mary Ann Sammon Award for compassion and service. He currently serves as president of the Board of Trustees of the Lavelle School for the Blind, Bronx, NY.

NANCY SCHMIDTMANN '62G, '82MLS is a reference librarian for Jericho Public Library in Jericho, NY and was elected the 2007 vice president (president elect) of the Catholic Library Association based in Pittsfield, MA.

RICHARD HADDAD '63UC is president of the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce in Westminster, MD.

CHARLES WROBLEWSKI '63C, '66L was named Seaford Lion Club's "Lion of the Year" in Seaford, NY.

ROSE ANN VOLPE '64MT retired from the School Board of Broward County, FL, after 29 years as a science teacher.



EDWARD J. SULLIVAN '66C served as chair of the Chicago, IL-based American Bar Association's Section on State and Local Government for the 2006-2007 year.

NADYA PARKER '68Ed retired from public education as a principal of Hazel Park Middle School in St. Paul, MN and is now working full time at Metropolitan State University as their executive director for the Urban Teacher Program, Minneapolis, MN.

A Good Scout



ARTHUR MIRANTE II, ESQ. '68L, '98HON, president of Global Client Development at Cushman & Wakefield, Inc. in New York City, received the "Good Scout" award for his outstanding community service from the Boy Scouts of America at the 2007 Peter D. Nelson Memorial "Good Scout" award reception held in New York City. The award honors those who exemplify in their daily life the ideals of the Boy Scouts as expressed in the scout oath and law. At St. John's, he is a member of the Board of Trustees, chair of the Board of Governors and former co-chair and chair of the President's Dinner, the University's premier, annual fundraising event. He has also helped to build the largest facility in the world dedicated to dance for the Alvin Ailey American Dance Company as a *pro bono* project and has served on the board of Just One Break, a non-profit employment agency serving the special needs of workers with disabilities.

VICTOR VISCONTI '68Ed retired after 39 years in public education from his administrative position in the middle country central school district in Brookhaven, NY. He will continue to teach as an adjunct professor as SUNY Old Westbury, Westbury, NY.



CARMINE CALZONETTI '69C was named president of Tuesday's Children, a non-profit organization that provides a wide range of support programs to families of September 11th victims. A former collegiate athletic league director and securities firm partner and broker, he also served as president of Learning Through Experience

and was a former partner in Cantor Fitzgerald Securities, a company that sustained great losses in the World Trade Center attacks.



DR. BARBARA PELTZMAN '69GED was honored at St. John's The School of Education Leaders in Education Awards Dinner held at the Staten Island campus.

A beloved educator, she first came to the University as an adjunct in 1974 and joined the faculty as an associate professor at The School of Education in 1985. She has been the recipient of the University Merit Award and the Outstanding Faculty Achievement Award. She also serves on the Board of Directors of Restreck School in West Yorkshire, England.

RICHARD WILLIAMS '69CBA retired from JP Morgan Chase & Company as vice president after serving for 30 years in banking in Melville, NY.

70s

RICHARD CONIGLIO '70P is a pharmacy manager for Neighborcare Pharmacy in Pompton Plains, NJ, and was honored by the New Jersey Pharmacists Association with the "Russ Mannino Award" for his lifetime meritorious service to the profession.

DIANE SCHMIDT '70C is a teacher at Sacred Heart School in Glendale, NY, and designed two board games "Take a Hike Through France" and "Take a Hike Through Spain" as well as the computer game "Let's Hike Through France" which have all been manufactured and are sold through catalogues.



JOSEPH JULIANO '72CBA, '77MBA was appointed chairman of the Board of Directors for Nevada Gold & Casinos, Inc., Houston, TX.

JAMES CATERA '73C retired after 28 years as a vice president with The Bank of New York in New York City.

JOHN DeBIASE '73SVC, an associate executive director of the Association for Neurologically Impaired Brain Injured Children, has received approval from the Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities to build senior housing for the developmentally disabled in New York City.

KAREN HAUSER '73Ed retired after 32 years of service with the Internal Revenue Service as a real estate analyst in Washington, DC.

NICHOLAS LANANNA '74C, '76G was named chairperson of the United Nations Inter-Agency Worldwide Travel Network in New York City.

REGINA WHITE '75PD, '81Ed.D. is an education director for the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center of Nassau County in Glen Cove, NY, and received the Woman of Valor Award which was presented to her by the American Jewish Committee of Long Island.

Home Again



MEL DAVIS '75CBA has returned to *alma mater* to serve as director of leadership gifts for the Carnesecca Initiative. A former St. John's player who turned his passion for basketball into a profession, he was a first round New York Knicks draft pick in 1974 and also played for the New Jersey Nets and the European Professional League. After returning to the United States, he spent nine years in the marketing division of PepsiCo before accepting a job as director of Player Programs with the NBA League Office in 1990. Prior to accepting the position at St. John's, where he will oversee fundraising for Carnesecca Arena, he served as the executive director of the National Basketball Retired Players Association. In addition to his degree from the University, he holds a master's degree in Psychology from Fordham and a degree in Career Planning from New York University.

PAMELA ROEHROL-LACK '76P, '78GP graduated *cum laude* with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Florida, in Gainesville, FL, and is an outreach marketing coordinator for the United States Department of Veterans Affairs in New York City.



MAUREEN BRADY '77C is a senior vice president and director of eBusiness for SunTrust Banks, Inc. in Atlanta, GA, and was nominated for the 2007 Women of the Year in Technology Awards. The awards are sponsored by the WIT "Women in Technology" organization which recognizes the achievements of women in leadership roles in Georgia's technology community.



GERARD DIEBNER '78P, '83L joined the law firm Dreier LLP in New York City.

MICHAEL BRILL '79MBA was appointed head of sales and operations for NetNames USA in New York City.

THOMAS DiCANIO '79MBA was ordained as a deacon in the Diocese of Trenton, NJ.

ANGELA ROBINSON '79P, '85GP is a clinical lab technologist at Winthrop University Hospital in Mineola, NY, and is the first clinical lab technologist to achieve clinical lab technologist licensure under the Department of Education in New York State for Long Island.

80s

THOMAS IADANZA '80CBA was named as commercial banking president for Sovereign Bank for their Metro New York-New Jersey Division.

STEPHEN NOVECK '80SVC is an associate editor for *Newsweek* magazine in New York City.



MAUREEN LICCIONE '81L, a partner at Jaspan Schlesinger Hoffman LLP in Garden City, NY, was named one of Long Island's 50 Top Women by the *Long Island Business News* and elected director of Suffolk County Bar Association.

JOSEPH PROFACI '81C celebrated his 15th year as a financial advisor for Edward Jones in Newburgh, NY.

HOWARD JASTROW '82GEd, '99G is a speech-language pathologist for Cerebral Palsy Associations of New York State in New York City.

GEORGE ANTHONY '83NDC was a recipient of the 2007 Excellence in Education Awards program which is presented by Staten Island Academy in cooperation with the *Staten Island Advance* newspaper and the borough's business community. He is a teacher at Susan E. Wagner High School in Staten Island, NY.

GUY PALUMBO '83C, '84G celebrated his retirement after serving more than 22 years of honorable service with the United States Navy Reserve. He was awarded his fourth Navy Achievement Medal and was also elected president *emeritus* of the Guild of Italian American Actors.

JOHN COSTER '84P joined Rite Aid Corporation as vice president, federal affairs and public policy. The company is based in Camp Hill, PA.

PATRICK MCGUIRE '84C is the associate dean for the College of Information and Computer Science at the C.W. Post Campus of Long Island University, Brookville, NY.



ANDREW PALMIERI '84CBA was one of four attorneys from Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP in Washington, DC, that was named Washington DC.

Super Lawyers® for 2007. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce and serves as *pro bono* legal counsel to the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria, Washington DC.

WILLIAM FORRESTER '85G, an executive vice president and chief operating officer of Goodwill Industries of Greater New York and Northern New Jersey, was named as Outstanding Association Executive for 2007 by The New York Society of Association Executives.

ROBERT TRENCHENY '85C is a political scientist at Lawrence Livermore National Lab in Livermore, CA.



ALAN EAGLE '86L, a partner at Rivkin Radler LLP, Uniondale, NY, was on the faculty of the Practising Law Institute's "Insurance Law 2007:

Understanding the ABC's" a seminar/program which was held in New York City.

DENNIS ITALIA '86CBA is the owner of Metro Building Solutions, Inc. in Flemington, NJ.

THOMAS ZEREGA '86MBA is an equity sales trader at Caris & Company, New York City.

JOHN BARRY '87CBA is the president for JMB Wealth Management, Inc. in Torrance, CA.

LISA STEPHAN '88L is a member of the firm for Berkman, Henoach, Peterson & Peddy, P.C. in Garden City, NY.

PAUL STRAFACI '88SVC is a second grade detective and assigned to the Narcotics Division of the New York City Police Department in New York City.

SANDY WELFARE '88SVC was promoted to managing director, business processing services for Xchanging in Shoreditch, London, England.

KEVIN HYNES '89L is senior counsel, vice president for Claymore Securities Inc. in Lisle, IL and serves as volunteer president of the Autism Center for Enlightenment in Naperville, IL.

PAUL KONZ '89CBA is a sales manager with Thomas C. Wilson in New York City, a member of *Madison Who's Who of Business Managers* and a consultant for Archimedes Game Design in Queens, NY.

JOSEPH TANCREDI '89CBA joined Freddie Mac as a regional director of underwriting and credit in their Multifamily Sourcing Division in New York City.

90s

DERRICK WALLACE '90P is an otolaryngologist for North Jersey ENT in Belleville, NJ.

ROBERT BUCHALTER '91SVC is director of development for Hurricane Entertainment in Tarrytown, NY.

ROBERT MCFARLAND '93MBA earned his certified financial planner certification and is a certified financial planner professional for AXA Advisors, LLC in Bethlehem, PA.

Assisting *Alma Mater*



REV. KEVIN CREAGH, C.M. '91SVC '04PD is assistant vice president, branch campuses and assistant to the vice president for Institutional Advancement at St. John's. From 1996 to 1998, he was assigned to Niagara University in Niagara, NY, where he served as campus minister, instructor of theology and religious studies and coordinator of the university's community action program. From 1998 to 2004, he held various positions at St. John's including as campus minister and associate director of the Staten Island campus. Prior to his current role, he was director of vocations for the Congregation of the Mission.

JOHN RUSSO '93CBA was named vice president of operations for Royal Oaks Building Group, LLC in Raleigh, NC.

JOSEPH BOCCIO '94CBA, '96MBA is a vice president, divisional compliance manager with Citigroup in New York City.



CHRISTINA BOULOUGOURIS '94L joined the law firm of Norris McLaughlin & Marcus, P.A. as an associate in Somerville, NJ.



PAUL MAJKOWSKI '94L joined the Insurance and Coverage Litigation Practice Group at Rivkin Radler as an associate in Uniondale, NY.



THOMAS PEASE '94L joined Quinn Emanuel Urquhart Oliver & Hedges as a partner in New York City.

CHANTAL SANTUCCI '94C is an Italian teacher at Plainedge High School in North Massapequa, NY.

MATTHEW TURK '94SVC is a sports information director at Simpson College of Iowa and recently earned two national publication awards for *Turk's Men's and Women's Basketball Guide* and *Turk's Wrestling Guide*. Both publications finished second in the College Sports Information Director's Association Division C Multi-Sport publication contest and in the *Amateur Wrestling News'* Division III publication contest.

VINCENT APREA '95SVC works for the New York City Police Department Aviation Unit Marine Park, Brooklyn as a commercial pilot flying airplane/helicopter equipment. He was formerly assigned to the Emergency Service Unit, squad 2 and freelances as a security consultant, police/aviation expert witness. He also supervises protective service for Marrone Consultants, LTD in Pleasantville, NY.

RAYMOND FERGUSON '95C graduated from New York College of Podiatric Medicine and practices in Great Neck and Garden City, NY. He is also an attending physician at North Shore University Hospital in Manhasset, NY.

WILLIAM JACKSON '95C, '97G is an attorney at Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP in New York City.

JOSEPH LaCASCIA '95GEd, '96PD is an assistant principal for the New York City Department of Education and was elected as president-elect of The New York Academy of Public Education for 2008-2010. He was also honored by the Catholic Teachers Association of the Diocese of Brooklyn with the St. John the Evangelist Award.

THOMAS BRADY '96CBA, '03MBA was named controller for Coda Octopus Group, Inc. in New York City.

THOMAS DOOLEY '96MBA is teaching communications technology at Osborn Middle School in Phoenix, AZ.

JEFFREY MCCARTHY '96SVC is a vice president and portfolio advisor with Jennison Associates in New York City.

FRANCESCA SICILIANO '96C, '99GEd is a school counselor for Babylon School District, Babylon, NY.

CHARLOTTE TROCCHIO '96CBA, '99L is an in-house attorney for Kimco Realty Corporation, New Hyde Park, NY.

CRAIG HORLEBEIN '97SVC is a police officer for the New York City Police Department in Staten Island, NY.

ALLISON WICKERT '98C is a special instruction provider with Sunny Days Consulting Services and the Volunteers of America Early Learning Center in Staten Island, NY.

PATRICIA DONNELLY '99Ed is a third grade teacher at P.S. 11 in Staten Island, NY.

CHERYL LIMBERT '99C is a bioethical healthcare consultant for Vital Decisions in Millburn, NJ.

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JOSEPH DETZ '00CBA is a senior trust administrator with Bear Stearns in Princeton, NJ.

PHILLIP ERRIGO '00C is a managing partner with Muratek in New York City.

KRISTINE STROMNES '00Ed is a special education pre-K teacher at P.S. 37 in Staten Island, NY.

JAMES WINTERS '00CPS is a firefighter with the New York City Fire Department and assigned to Engine Company 250 in Brooklyn, NY.

LISA CARSTENS '01CPS is a marketing manager with Hachette Filipacchi Media U.S. for *Sound and Vision Magazine* in New York City.

ANDREA SOLOMON '01MBA served as the 2007 Diamond Ball Committee chairperson for the American Cancer Society's 28th Annual Diamond Ball held at the Crystal Plaza in Livingston, NJ.

MARISA CALABRESE '02C is a speech language pathologist for Silver Lake Specialized Care Center Nursing Home and The Perfect Playground in Staten Island, NY.

ALISON HERBERT '02C, '05G is an operations manager with Dome-Tech Engineering in New York City.

LORETTA KENDLE '02CPS is a paralegal specialist at Merrill Lynch in New York City.

ERICA RUSINAK '02C, '04G is a speech pathologist with Theracare Agency in Staten Island, NY.



in the family way

80s

STEPHEN NOVECK '80SVC and wife, Rebecca, a daughter, Madeleine – November 29, 2006

GUY PALUMBO '83C, '84G and wife, Samantha, a son, Matthew Joseph – June 12, 2007

EDWARD MURO III, '87SVC and wife, Lisa, a son, Edward IV – September 13, 2006

KEVIN O'CONNOR '88CBA and wife, Shari, triplets, Alexis Elaine, Brian Sean and Colin Francis – June 21, 2007

LISA STEPHAN '88L and husband, Dean, a daughter, Victoria Marie – June 22, 2007

90s

RAYMOND FERGUSON '95C and wife, **CHARLOTTE TROCCHIO '96CBA, '99L**, a son, Raymond Gerard III – November 11, 2006



in holy matrimony

80s

PAUL KONZ '89CBA to Mary Lyke – April 21, 2007

90s

DIANA VELOZA '91C to Michael Cronin – June 8, 2007

JOSEPH BOCCIO '94CBA, '96MBA to Kelly Ratchford – March 17, 2007

CHANTAL SANTUCCI '94C to Salvatore Giambrone – July 20, 2007

JEFFREY MCCARTHY '96SVC to Elizabeth Matthews – May 11, 2007

CRAIG HORLEBEIN '97SVC to Krissie Potter – March 30, 2007

ALLISON WICKERT '98C to Paul Tagliaferro – May 18, 2007

CHERYL LIMBERT '99C to David Yaverbaum – October 8, 2006

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JOSEPH DETZ '00CBA to Victoria Eisen – June 8, 2007

PHILLIP ERRIGO '00C to **LISA CARSTENS '01CPS** – March 30, 2007

TIMMY LEE '00C to Cynthia Hernandez – May 27, 2006

KRISTINE STROMNES '00Ed to Alfred Lombardo – April 13, 2007

JAMES WINTERS '00CPS to Brianne Haggerty – May 12, 2007

FRANCESCA SICILIANO JOHNSON '96C, '99GED and husband, **MICHAEL JOHNSON '96SVC**, a daughter, Michaela Elizabeth – January 10, 2004 and a son, Ryan Thomas – May 1, 2006

ANNA MAKRINOS '97C and husband, Sean Callahan, a daughter, Maria Margarita – July 24, 2007

DOREEN LERNER QUINN '98L and husband, Dennis, a daughter, Kathryn Cecilia – April 17, 2007

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LISA DIPIAZZA YATES '00CBA and husband, **JAMES YATES '00C**, a daughter, Alexandria Hope – October 26, 2006

ANNAMARIE LEVY '01Ed and husband, Eric, a son, Jack Ryan – October 17, 2005

JENNIFER SUTERA-CEDERROTH '04Ed and husband, Thomas, a daughter, Ava Valentina – April 13, 2007

FRANK SCIARABBA '02CPS is a physical education teacher at Paulo Intermediate School in Staten Island, NY.

NICOLE TOZZO '02Ed, '04GED is a mathematics teacher at Laurie Intermediate School in Staten Island, NY.

MICHELLE URRICO '02CPS is a program coordinator with Smith Barney in New York City.

APRIL BEIN '03C is a teacher with the city Department of Education in Staten Island, NY.

CHRISTINA KLING '03Ed is a kindergarten teacher at P.S. 45 in Staten Island, NY.

WILLIAM MARTINOV '03Ed.D. joined Stony Brook University as senior associate director of athletics for external services and advancement. He previously served as director of athletics at the State University of New York Maritime College in Throggs Neck, NY, and associate director of alumni relations and director of equipment operations/strength and conditioning at St. John's.

JENNIFER MATULA '04Ed, '06GED is a third grade teacher at P.S. 30 in Staten Island, NY.

CHRISTINE PALLADINO '04TCB is an assistant controller for Adam's European Contracting, Inc. in Brooklyn, NY.

MARK RINALDO '04TCB is an investment banker for the structured derivatives desk of KBC Financial Products in New York City.



BARBARA DE LALEU '05CPS is an affiliate sales director for the New York City office of "Take on the Day: Dr. Laura Program." She is also the local Long Island weekend on-air talent for radio station 102.3 WBAB.

NATHANIEL BERMAN '06L was appointed policy and law advisor for the United States Secretary of Labor in Washington, DC.



JEFFREY GREENBLATT '06L joined the law firm of Sahn Ward & Baker as a practicing member in Uniondale, NY.

MICHELE O'CONNOR '06PD is a science teacher at Prall Intermediate School in Staten Island, NY.

TIMOTHY RIFFLE '06C is the operations associate for PL Developments in Westbury, NY.

MARISA CALABRESE '02C to Michael Romano – March 10, 2007

ALISON HERBERT '02C, '05G to Vincent Ward – March 17, 2007

LORETTA KENDLE '02CPS to Gibran Ali – August 11, 2007

ERICA RUSINAK '02C, '04G to Chad Solfaro – May 5, 2007

FRANK SCIARABBA '02CPS to **NICOLE TOZZO '02Ed, '04GED** – July 21, 2007

MICHELLE URRICO '02CPS to Thomas Carlini – May 5, 2007

APRIL BEIN '03C to Christopher Maniscalco – July 20, 2007

JOEL GONZALEZ '03C, '05GED to **AMANDA PARDEE '07GED** – July 7, 2007

CHRISTINA KLING '03Ed to Vincent Lenza – June 30, 2007

DANIELLE RICCA '03TCB, '04MS to Arne Mattsson – June 16, 2007

HOLLY DEMAREST '04TCB to Justin LaGrega – March 24, 2007

MARK RINALDO '04TCB to Laura Ferreira – June 9, 2007

JENNIFER SUTERA '04Ed to Thomas Cederroth – October 29, 2005

DIANA CUPPINI '06Ed to Anthony Park – July 7, 2007

MICHELE O'CONNOR '06PD to Robert Rieb – July 21, 2007



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Alexander Birnbaum '31L
Norman Bobowick '31L
Joseph Tepperman '31L
Morris Tusher '31L
Salvatore Pennisi '32L
Harry Starr '32L
Samuel Sussman '32L
Paul Weltman '32L
William Williams '32L
Robert Cochran '34C
John Pirro '34L
Augustine Sperrazza '34C
Louis Stechel '34L
Louis Stutman '34L
John Whelehan '34L
Maurice Bernstein '35L
Joseph Percoff '35L
Irving Weinstein '35L
Martin Yazmajian '35L
Samuel Bernstein '36L
Theodore Sternberg '36L
Julius Tantleff '36L
Bernard Cohen '37L
Harold Nohe '37CBA
Kathleen Rogers '37NDC
George Doyle '38C
Irene Geller '38L
Herbert Hagen '38CBA
James Keane '38C
William Seif '38CBA
Charles Anderson '39CBA
Arthur Banks '39UC
Joseph Beckerman '39P
Anne Blum '39L
Philip Blumberg '39L
Rita Gaughan '39NDC
Charles Graham '39C
Harold Tamarin '39L
Tobias Tepperman '39L
Irving Weissman '39L

40s

Leo Borak '40CBA, '42L
Mary Haynes '40Ed
Victor Persico '40CBA
Frederick Sanders '40C, '47G
Josephine Zafonte '40L
George Alexander '41L
Margaret Bushong '41GEd
John Kane '41C, '49L
Anthony Lavia '41P
Frank Leverone '41CBA
Sidney Schnapp '41CBA
Philip Basso '42CBA
Charles Lynch '42L
Walter Woebcke '42CBA
James Brady '43C
Doris LoGiudice '43NDC

Louise Friscia '44G
Joseph Gutleber '45C, '46L
George Lutfy '45UC
John Perry '46L
William Podell '46L
Nicholas Stevason '46L
Anthony Tranfo '46CBA
Michael White '47L
Dorothea Whitney '47Ed
Mary Griffin '48Ed
Helen Reardon '48Ed
David Alexander '49L
Walter Babcock '49C, '50L
Angelo Barra '49L
Peter Bedrossian '49CBA, '54L
Mary Ewens '49Ed, '70GEd
George Finnegan '49CBA
Mary Kelly '49NEd, '56GNEd
Eileen McMullen '49Ed
Henry Pfeiffer '49L
Andrew Rubino '49C
James Tilt '49L
Joan Worden '49C
Morton Zucker '49L

50s

Robert Adams '50C
Alfred Jollon '50C
Arthur Schenkel '50P
Charles Sheedy '50CBA
Vincent Suozzi '50CBA
Henry Benedetto '51CBA
James Fitzgerald '51C
Margaret Flanagan '51UC
Hugh McCool '51C
Francis McLennand '51CBA
Charles Mengler '51CBA
Charles Peck '51CBA
John Sweeney '51L, '52UC
Lawrence Ascione '52P
Michael Dahowski '52L
Robert McCabe '52CBA
James McHugh '52UC
Stephanos Tavuchis '52L
Raymond Baessler '53CBA
Louis Caramatti '53P
Joseph Dwyer '53Ed
John Farrell '53C
Edward Friedman '53L
John Greeley '53L
George Klugherz '53CBA
Marcel Letourneau '53L
George Paglia '53P
Joseph Bonacore '54L
Kenneth McLaughlin '54C
Robert Koehler '54L
James Ryan '54CBA
Donald Doyle '55CBA
Michael Pavese '55C, '58L

Willard Sprowls '55L
William Buchan '56G, '71PD, '76Ed.D.
Joseph Connelly '56C, '62G
Jean McElligott '56NDC
Timothy Mullane '56CBA
Edward Hagmann '57C, '67MBA
Roger Lewis '57L
Rev. Thomas McGourty, C.M. '57Ed
John Farley '58UC
Peter Nicholson '58CBA
George Rossi '58UC
Frederick Bleasdale '59L
Michael Darnowski '59C
Anthony Loria '59CBA
Vincent Macchiarulo '59CBA
John Mahoney '59CBA
Richard Martini '59CBA, '61MBA
Francesco Rodriguez '59C
Rev. John P. Sullivan '59CBA, '71Ed

60s

Frank Adipietro '60L
Alice Gavin '60NEd
Frances McKenna '60UC
Arthur Schreiber '60CBA
Thomas Thistelton '60CBA
Thomas Traino '60CBA
James Ferguson '61C, '63G
Edward McEvoy '61CBA
Francis Mullan '61G
Henry Perez '61L
Thomas Smith '61CBA
Francis Sweeney '61CBA
Kevin Clare '62CBA
Robert Guagnini '62C
Lorraine Lecarie '62G
Maureen McNulty '62L
Vitold Standish '62MBA
Thomas Yeager '62CBA, '65L
Richard Brandt '63C
Thomas Davenport '63UC
Edward Doyle '63CBA
William Lubrano '63C, '77MBA
Sr. Mary Dorothy Mendal '63G
Benedict Amendolara '65CBA
Richard Borzumato '65CBA
William Kehoe '65P, '71GP
Joseph Reynolds '65CBA
Albert Ross '65UC
John Bailey '66UC, '76MBA
Rev. John T. Keane, S.J. '66G
Janet Thompson '66Ed
Diane Lau '67P
Grace Nolan '67G
Robert Tadler '67CBA
Thomas Tunney '67L
Joseph Viola '67L
Diane Busch '68CBA
Harry Lynch '68L

Loreto Reynolds '68G
Michael Sisti '68CBA
Robert Zink '68CBA
Joseph Billotti '69C
Charles Coletta '69P
Linda Devito '69Ed, '74GEd
Eileen Dunn '69Ed, '71GEd

70s

Connie Baer '70Ed
Michael Caponegro '70GEd
Kevin Connor '70Ed
George Curtis '70MBA
Frank McVeigh '70G
Michael Mentasti '70C
D. Francis Sabatella '70Ed
Elaine Schuckman '71GEd
Martin Tall '71G
Rosemary Biggio '72C, '74G, '83Ph.D.
Robert Flanigan '72MBA
Patricia Hartigan '72PD
Claire Strack '72Ed
Larry Tersigni '72MBA
Kevin Upton '72MBA
Louis Damato '73P
Mildred Horwitz '73G
Peter Hynes '73MBA
George Lynch '74L
Madelon Mullen '74G
Michael Grimes '75C
Helen Coleman '76CBA
Mary Zerega '76NDC, '82GEd
Dennis Finneran '77MBA
Patrick Garziona '77GEd
Kathleen Greene '77CBA, '81MBA
Judith Banham '78SVC
Janet Brennan '78NDC, '80GEd
Caroline Moore '78MBA
Brian Roth '78MBA
Jo-Anne Schick '78NDC
Seymour Gerschwer '79L
Joseph Lee '79MBA

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Ronald Liss '81CBA
Susan Hauptman '82C, '89G
Paul Matthes '83L
John Benintende '84CBA
Richard Henley '84C
Richard Mooney '88L
Joseph Messina '89CBA
Denise Palazzolo '89Ed

90s

Arthur Straub '91CBA
Miriam Brignoni '93SVC
Gina Comitini '93SVC
Robert Wright '95NDC
Ericka Little '98C

Rev. John B. Murray, C.M. '89HON

Rev. John B. Murray, C.M., a longtime member of the University community, was beloved as scholar, mentor, and friend. Following his ordination in 1942, he taught at Niagara University before leaving to join the faculty of St. John's in 1952. During his long and illustrious career, he founded the University's Department of Psychology and served as its chair for 18 years. He collaborated in the development of a nationally recognized curriculum that has served as a model for programs at other educational institutions; mentored generations of doctoral students; and provided strong, inspirational leadership for his faculty colleagues. The author of nine books, and more than 70 articles, he was also a licensed psychologist and a consultant to such publications as the *Journal of General Psychology* and *Psychological Reports*. In 1986, he was named distinguished professor. He retired in 2006. "Father Bud" as he was lovingly known, was recognized for his many contributions at St. John's by the conferral of an honorary Doctor of Pedagogy. He was also a recipient of the Gold Medal, the University's highest honor, and the Andrew J. Bartilucci Award. In June 2007, the University's Board of Trustees named the new on-campus residence currently being constructed for the Vincentians the Rev. John B. Murray House.

Rev. James Kiernan, C.M. '01HON

A longtime administrator and trustee, Rev. James Kiernan, C.M. served St. John's in a variety of roles. A native of Philadelphia, PA, he graduated from St. Joseph Preparatory Seminary and St. Joseph's College, both in Princeton, NJ, and later studied at Mary Immaculate Seminary in Northampton, PA, before entering the priesthood. He began his tenure at St. John's in 1987 as campus chaplain at the Staten Island campus and the following year was named vice president for campus ministry there. His duties were expanded in 1989 to include the Queens campus and soon after he was named senior vice president for the Staten Island campus. He led the initiative for the approval and design of both the Kelleher Center and the DaSilva Academic Center. He worked diligently

to strengthen the ties between St. John's and the Staten Island community and held memberships in the Staten Island Rotary Club and the Staten Island Chamber of Commerce. He left the University in 1999 to become pastor of St. Joseph's Parish in Emmitsburg, MD, and in 2004 he was named to the St. John's University Board of Trustees. Last month, he was remembered at a special Mass held on his beloved Staten Island campus. As a permanent memorial of his faithful and exemplary service, the President's Room in the Kelleher Center was renamed the Rev. James O. Kiernan, C.M., Suite. A picture of Father Kiernan is prominently displayed.

Ruth Mulan Chu Chao '83G

Ruth Chao was a dedicated wife, mother, scholar, philanthropist and alumna. The spouse of trustee *emeritus* Capt. James S.C. Chao '65MBA, '79HON and mother of United States Secretary of Labor Elaine Chao '91HON, Mrs. Chao returned to school at the age of 51 to complete a master's degree in Asian literature and history. She excelled in her studies and became a mentor to many of her fellow students. Born in China, she emigrated to the United States as a young mother of three to join her husband in 1961 and eagerly embraced the American dream. She never forgot her native land and established several foundations that provide scores of scholarships annually in China. A devout Catholic and a lifelong church and community volunteer, she impressed those she met with her dignity and generosity.

Kathleen Rogers '37NDC

Kathleen Rogers was devoted to education and was a teacher and administrator in the New York City public school system for 35 years. Born in West Point, NY, she received a bachelor's degree from Notre Dame College before it merged with St. John's and later completed a master's degree at Teachers College, Columbia University. She spent 19 years as a director at the Board of Education headquarters in Brooklyn, NY, and served as New York City president of the National Council of Administrative Women in Education during which time she chaired its national 50th celebration held in Washington, DC.

She was also elected president of the New York City High School Teachers Association and for 15 years served as secretary of the New York Academy of Public Education. She retired in 1979 but continued her good works with several organizations including as trustee of St. Vincent de Paul Church, as a member of the Executive Board of the Bayonne Branch of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, as membership chairwoman of the Friends of Bayonne Public Library and Cultural Center and as a Eucharistic minister.

Arthur Banks, Jr. '39UC

Dr. Arthur Banks, Jr. blazed trails as the first African American college president in Connecticut. After completing a bachelor of science degree in 1939 at St. John's, he received a master's degree from New York University in 1945 and a doctorate from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD in 1949. He was a professor of political science at Morehouse College in Atlanta, GA, from 1956 to 1967 before coming to Hartford, CT as the first president of Greater Hartford Community College, now known as Capital Community College. During his tenure there, he received several awards and honorary degrees commending his pioneering contributions to higher education. He later served as a trustee on boards for The Hartford Hospital, the Hartford Symphony and the Hartford Library in addition to many other corporate and civic organizations. The Arthur C. Banks Library at Capital Community College is named in his honor and he retired from there in 1985 as founding president and president *emeritus*.

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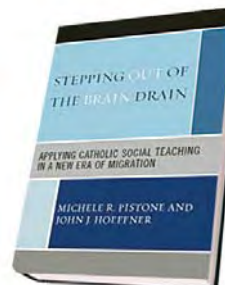
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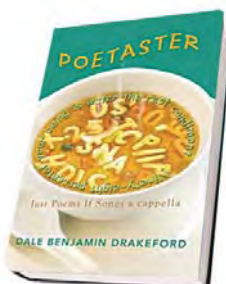
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Aurelio ('47CBA) and Theresa Gelardi '51CBA

There are some that might say the match between Aurelio and Theresa Gelardi was one made in heaven. It was the spring of 1948 and the world was an ever changing place. The Communist Party had seized complete control of Czechoslovakia, Burma declared its independence from the United Kingdom and the World Health Organization was founded by the United Nations. Stateside, the first color newsreel was filmed and New York raised the subway fare from five cents to 10 cents.

At St. John's, the Vincentian Society sponsored a Sunday morning Mass in the Quonset hut at 96 Schermerhorn Street which was to be followed by a Communion breakfast at a nearby hotel. Having enrolled as a night student in 1946, Theresa attended the Mass and afterwards looked around for friends to join. A young woman approached her and, introducing herself as Rose Esposito, asked Theresa if she would like to join her group for breakfast. She accepted and dined happily with Rose, Tony Tranfo '46CBA, Agnes Ferguson and a handsome young man known as Aurie Gelardi.

After the meal, Theresa and Aurelio ventured back to his fraternity house and later that evening went out to dinner. A courtship ensued, in 1950



Aurelio and Theresa Gelardi on their wedding day in 1951.

they announced their engagement and they married in September 1951 with Tony serving as best man. Housing was tight at the time and they appealed to family and friends for assistance in locating an apartment. Eventually, Agnes called to say that Rose was vacating one on Carroll Street off Eastern Parkway in Brooklyn and the couple happily rented it.

Today, the Gelardis are ensconced in another love nest — their home in Patchogue, NY — and enjoying retirement. Aurelio worked many years as a certified



Theresa and Aurelio Gelardi today.

public accountant and Theresa held positions including as a manager for a patent trademark law office. The couple raised five children and are doting grandparents. They have also remained loyal to *alma mater* with Theresa active in the Alumnae Association and both strong supporters of the Alumni Reunion with Theresa celebrating the 55th anniversary of her graduation in 2001 and Aurelio celebrating his 60th anniversary this past June. They say they cherish the friendships and the lasting memories they formed at St. John's.

Richard ('82CBA) and Beatrice Maffia '82CBA

The former Beatrice Caputo owes her friend, Catherine Tassi Giorgio '82CBA, big time since it was she who led Beatrice to the love of her life. It was 1979 when Richard and Beatrice were first introduced in the commons at the Queens campus. The sophomores quickly became good friends and even shared a class together.

They stayed in touch over the years and while both dated others, they formed a close bond and were soon best friends. They began dating in 1989 and married in 1991. These days, they are as close as ever with Richard running the family business, R&M Sporting Goods in Astoria, NY, and Beatrice keeping the books. The couple lives in Manhasset and says cupid hasn't been selfish when it comes to *alma mater* and their family — all five of the Caputo daughters attended the University and three of them met their husbands at St. John's.



Beatrice and Richard Maffia at Alumni Reunion 2007.

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To the Tee

You won't catch Andrew Svoboda '03TCB shaving a few strokes off of his golf score.

That's because the former member of the University's golf team is so incredibly talented that he doesn't have to. The Larchmont, NY, resident has been making quite a name for himself since going pro in 2004 and last year was one of 18 players in a field of 153 to qualify for the U.S. Open, missing the cut by one stroke and finishing two strokes ahead of famed player Tiger Woods in the second round of the Open. He has also consecutively won the Winged Foot Golf Club Championship for several years and this year won the Atkinson Open on the North American Pro Golf Tour and shot a 1-over par 72 to win the North Fork Bank New York State Open at Bethpage Black in Long Island, NY. His success is no surprise to his St. John's teammates as Svoboda captured 13 individual titles while a student. He recently took a break from his busy touring schedule to take a swing at some of the questions posed by the *Magazine*.

How long have you been golfing? I'm 27 now so for about 17 years.

What first drew you to the sport? I grew up on the sixth hole of the east course at Winged Foot [Golf Club in Mamaroneck, NY]. My family had a membership there and they had a pool so we would go swimming. I started going to the golf clinics at the club when I was 10 and I started caddying when I was 12. That taught me a lot about the game and from then on I would play whenever I could.

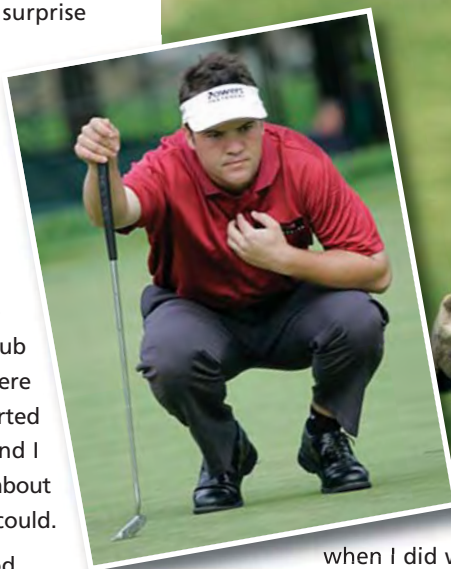
Growing up, were you always athletic? I was a good soccer player and I played some basketball. I was starting point guard but I don't think I was all that great a basketball player. (Laughing) I definitely wasn't going to be going pro or anything like that.

What are some of your best memories of being on the golf team at St. John's? Hanging out with the guys on the team. They were a great group of guys and we had a lot of fun. We got the opportunity to travel and to play on some really nice courses. We won quite a few times too so that was fun also.

How did playing at the University prepare you for your career? Just playing Division I in college really helps you to learn how to manage your time. It teaches you what you need to do to get to the next level. It was a strong conference and you played against a number of talented players and teams.

Have you always wanted to be a pro golfer?

My senior year I won six events out of 14. I was playing quite well and then I played a lot of top amateur tournaments and



Andrew Svoboda

when I did well I realized that I had the ability to make it going pro. It's funny because some of my friends turned pro too and a lot of the guys I played college golf with I am still competing against.

What's the most challenging thing about being a pro golfer?

The lifestyle. You are traveling all the time and staying in different hotels. Living out of hotels constantly is probably the most difficult thing.

What's the best thing about being in your field?

You get to play golf all day and you meet people with whom you share a common interest.

Do you have a favorite course to play on?

St. Andrews in Scotland was pretty cool. The whole town there just loves golf so that made it even better to play there.

If you weren't golfing, what would you be doing?

That's a really good question. Probably something business related, like working on Wall Street or perhaps in real estate. Hopefully, I won't have to do that.

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