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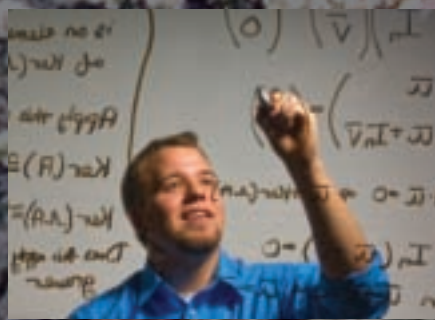
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

Last July, I became a charter signatory to the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment, which formally commits Saint John's to becoming a carbon neutral campus over time.

Saint John's has been described as an oasis for arts, culture and spirituality. Every time I look out my window or traverse campus, in any season (even winter), I am reminded that it is also an environmental oasis. Although it will not be simple to achieve carbon neutrality, it was easy to decide to commit to it – it is deeply congruent with the Benedictine values of our community and reinforces programs that have already long been under way here.

You will be hearing more about this in the months and years to come. And in this issue's main feature, "In the Green," six of our graduates share their efforts to influence lower carbon emissions and create a more sustainable economy. They are at the forefront of what is rapidly becoming a national imperative. Combining business smarts with a desire to steward resources for future generations, they are finding ways to green our economy through for-profit organizations that run the gamut from biofuels and wind energy to composting and hydrogen fuel cells.

As a complement to this feature, we also profile graduates who are living out their interests in environmental issues personally rather than professionally. Required gear for these Johnnies: pedals, paddles, binoculars and drafting boards.

Our second feature, "Going Beyond," could also be titled "Johnnies to Watch." You will thoroughly enjoy these four young men – they have each accomplished something outstanding at the undergraduate level – and I think we may be hearing more about them in the future.

Finally, I urge you to take a look at a special photograph in the Alumni News section. We gathered together the largest number of Fr. Walter Reger Distinguished Alumnus Award recipients in one place ever (19) at the Alumni Association Sesquicentennial Homecoming Banquet last October and took a picture before they could escape. This is one you will want to see.

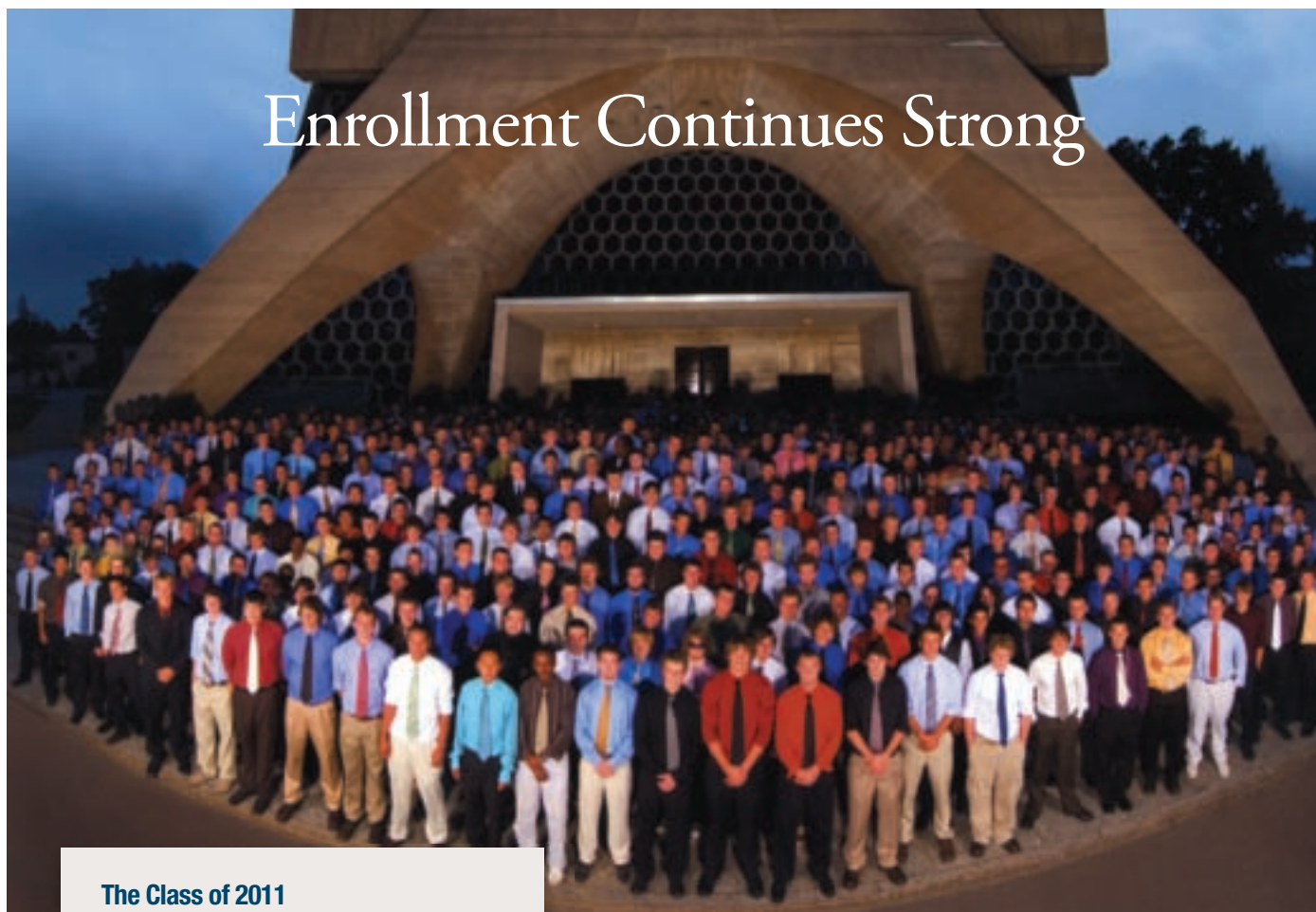
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Dietrich Reinhart, OSB
President



Enrollment Continues Strong



(Photo by Michael W. Becker)

The Class of 2011

(From the Beloit College Mindset List®)

Here are some things that most members of the Class of 2011 – born in 1989 – have in common. Kind of makes you think ...

- What Berlin Wall?
- They have grown up with bottled water.
- Nelson Mandela has always been free and a force in South Africa.
- "Off the hook" never had anything to do with a telephone.
- U2 has always been more than a spy plane.
- Stadiums, rock tours and sporting events have always had corporate names.
- They learned about JFK from Oliver Stone and Malcom X from Spike Lee.
- Women have always been police chiefs in major cities.
- Virtual reality has always been available when the real thing failed.
- The purchase of ivory has always been banned.
- They're always texting 1 n other.

The Class of 2011 in front of the Abbey Church.

515 young men became first-time Johnnies last August. Together with 537 new Bennies, this brings the Class of 2011 to **1,052**, the **third largest** in CSB/SJU history. This class comes from **25 states** and **10 foreign countries**. Nearly **10** percent of them are American students of color and international students. Their academic profile is **higher** than last year's class.

Put the Class of 2011 together with the Classes of '08, '09 and '10, and you get **3,966** undergraduate students, the **largest** enrollment of any undergraduate national liberal arts college.

Public Policy and Global Education Centers Established

Saint John's University and the College of Saint Benedict have received pledges of \$10.3 million to establish two centers of academic excellence and distinction. The centers will enhance student learning, promote faculty development and raise public awareness about pressing issues of our day.

SJU received a \$5 million gift pledge from Dan and Katharine Whalen for the creation of the Eugene J. McCarthy Center for Public Policy & Civic Engagement, named in honor of this former Minnesota senator, congressional leader, presidential candidate and 1935 graduate of Saint John's.

In announcing the McCarthy Center, SJU President Br. Dietrich Reinhart, OSB, emphasized SJU and CSB's long record of producing political leaders at the local, state and national level. "Through policy institutes, learning communities, field work, faculty development, visiting lectureships and student internships, the McCarthy Center will leverage our strengths

and become a catalyst for helping solve the real-world challenges that loom over our communities in this globally interdependent century," he said.

Dan Whalen is a 1970 graduate of Saint John's and immediate past chair of Saint John's Board of Regents. Katharine Whalen has an M.A. in public policy from the University of Minnesota's School of Public Affairs and has held various positions in city and environmental planning.

CSB received a \$5.3 million commitment from Tom Petters, founder, chairman and CEO of Petters Group Worldwide, for the creation of the Thomas J. Petters Center for Global Education.

The Petters Center will help broaden understanding and strengthen engagement of students and faculty in looking outside the United States to understand the global nature of business and model citizenship in our world. It will also build on a nationally recognized study abroad program. CSB and SJU operate 16 separate study abroad sites on six continents including a 25-year partnership with Southwest Uni-

versity in BeiBei, Chongqing, China.

Petters, a St. Cloud native, is a member of the CSB Board of Trustees. He is an active philanthropist with particular interest in the development of young people pursuing global understanding and international business.

Students Work with Mayo Clinic

Four students at Saint John's University and the College of Saint Benedict are participating in an internship program to research projects submitted by Mayo Clinic professionals.

The Mayo Scholars Program gives selected undergraduate science and business students, working with M.B.A. students, the opportunity to research specific projects through the Mayo Ventures and Licensing activity. Last spring, eight students from SJU and CSB participated. One group analyzed costs of several knee implant devices to determine if it was possible to reduce implant costs without sacrificing positive clinical results. The other group researched the use of designed or isolated

If A Road Runs Through It Airs on Public Television

Produced by The Project for Under-Told Stories at SJU under the direction of Fred de Sam Lazaro, the film documentary *If A Road Runs Through It* made its broadcast premiere on Twin Cities Public Television on Oct. 28. It was also screened at Saint John's.

The documentary addresses the challenges that rapid development has brought to the Avon Hills area of Stearns County. This area includes Saint John's and has been identified as one of the last best places to live by the Nature Conservancy and as an Important Birding Area by the Audubon Society.

The film is, in part, an elegy for the passing of a way of rural life nurtured for over a century by family farms, Saint John's Abbey and Saint Benedict's Monastery. The Saint John's Arboretum may be the last refuge of the old landscape and ecosystem.

(To view *If a Road Runs Through It*, go to csbsju.edu/undertoldstories.)

(Photo by Jim Kron)

peptides as indicators of treatment options in medicine.

The program is a collaborative effort between the Mayo Clinic and Minnesota private colleges and universities with financial support from the Medtronic Foundation and the Minnesota Private College Council.

Graduates Teaching in Austria

Three recent graduates are teaching in Austria through the Austrian Ministry of Education Teaching Assistantship program administered by the Fulbright Commission in Vienna.

They are Mark Bublitz '07, Erik Hendrickson '07 and David Lambert '07.

Since 1962, the Austrian Fulbright Commission has managed the U.S. Teaching Assistantship Program for the Austrian Ministry of Education. A record number of 144 U.S. teaching assistants will be in Austria for 2007-08.

John Gagliardi Named National Coach of the Year

Saint John's University head football coach, John Gagliardi, was named the 2007 Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year for NCAA Division III on Dec. 29. The award honors the college football coach who best exemplifies responsibility and excellence on and off the playing field.

Gagliardi will receive \$50,000 from Liberty Mutual to support his civic and charitable activities and \$20,000 in scholarship funds to the Saint John's Alumni Association. He'll also be recognized in the permanent Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year display at the National Football Foundation's College Football Hall of Fame in South Bend, IN. For more information and a video of this award, visit gojohnnies.com.

In the past year two SJU coaches have received national coach of the year honors. Last May, Golf Head Coach Bob Alpers '82 was named the Eaton Golf Pride National Coach of the Year after his team won the national title.



(Photo by Michael Crouser)



Campus Ministry Assists Flood Relief

A SJU and CSB Campus Ministry trip took students to southern Minnesota to assist in flood cleanup after abnormally heavy rains last August.

The group helped Paul '99 and Sarah '99 Freid rebuild an environmentally sustainable straw bale house. They also repaired areas of the house that had been damaged by the heavy rains. In addition, they helped in a cleanup effort at an elderly man's house in Rushford, MN, one of the communities hardest hit by the floods.

Students Receive Awards for Study in Asia

Two SJU students received Freeman Awards for Study in Asia (also known as Freeman-ASIA). Aaron Brown '08 and Zachary White '09 each received \$5,000 grants.

White, from Duluth, studied this past fall at Southwest University in Beibei, China. Southwest and CSB/SJU have had a relationship for more than 25 years. Brown, from Grand Rapids, studied this past fall at Bunkyo Gakuin University in Tokyo, Japan, which has been a collaborative partner of SJU and CSB for more than 15 years.

Freeman-ASIA's primary goal is to increase the number of U.S. undergraduates who study in eastern and southeastern Asia by providing them with information and financial assistance. Since the program's launch in 2000, it has helped more than 3,000 U.S. undergraduates to study in Asia. Freeman-ASIA is administered by the Institute for International Education with the generous support of the Freeman Foundation.



Former Regent Named 2007 Philanthropist of the Year

Nicky Benz Carpenter was awarded the Association of Fundraising Professionals' highest honor, the Twin Cities Philanthropist of the Year award.

Carpenter served on the Saint John's University Board of Regents from 1984-1993 and is currently serving on the university's capital campaign committee. She served as chair of the board of the Hill Museum & Manuscript Library (HMML) of Saint John's University from 1994 to 2005. She was awarded lifetime membership on the HMML Board in 2005 for her exemplary leadership and commitment. In the same year, she was vested as a member of the Order of Malta.

Nominated by the HMML staff, Carpenter received letters of support from Minnesota Public Radio, Minnesota Orchestra, Minnesota Opera and MacPhail Center for the Arts – all organizations that have benefitted from her leadership and philanthropy.

Carpenter received a B.A. from Vassar College. She has been self-employed as an educational consultant in Wayzata, MN, since 1977. Her background includes various admissions positions at Barnard and Pembroke colleges and Villa Mercedes School in Florence, Italy.

Lilly Grant to Address Men's Involvement

Saint John's University has been awarded a \$599,900 grant from the Indianapolis-based Lilly Endowment to identify ways to increase men's involvement in volunteering, leadership training and vocational decision-making activities.

There is growing concern nationally that men attending liberal arts colleges are less involved than college women in internships, study abroad, volunteering and other experiential learning activities. As one of the four remaining men's colleges in the country, Saint John's is uniquely positioned to tackle this project.

Saint John's will convene teams from 14 schools to experiment with pilot projects to identify the best ways to increase college men's involvement. Some of the schools are Davidson, Morehouse, Georgetown, Hastings, Wabash, Hope, Saint Norbert and Luther colleges, and Saint John's, Duke, Wake Forest and Furman universities. Two colleges have yet to be named.

The Saint John's pilot project is a service and study trip in 2008 to India, Nepal, and Tibet. The Men's Center at SJU will host two national conferences where "think tanks" will develop conceptual models to better understand why men are less likely than women to participate in vocational exploration activities and what might increase their involvement.

Governor Declares Saint John's Abbey and University Day

Gov. Tim Pawlenty of Minnesota declared Friday, Nov. 9, 2007, Saint John's Abbey and University Day in Minnesota in honor of the "contributions of Saint John's Abbey and University to the community, state and world."

Nov. 9 was the first day Saint John's held classes 150 years ago. Nov. 9, 2007 marked the closing event of the Saint John's Sesquicentennial.

The closing was celebrated at Saint John's with a program including remarks by Annette Atkins, author of *Creating Minnesota: A History from the Inside Out* and CSB/SJU professor of history, as well as the presentation by Minnesota Housing Commissioner Tim Marx '79, representing Gov. Tim Pawlenty, of the official proclamation declaring Saint John's Abbey and University Day.



(Photo by Jessica Handwerk '08)

Minnesota Housing Commissioner Tim Marx '79, representing Gov. Tim Pawlenty, presented an official proclamation declaring Nov. 9, 2007 Saint John's Abbey and University Day at the closing celebration of the Saint John's Sesquicentennial.

(Photo by Michael Crouser)



ACCU Honors Finn

Daniel Finn, CSB/SJU professor of theology and William E. and Virginia Clemens Professor of Economics and the Liberal Arts, received the third annual Monika K. Hellwig Award, presented to an individual in recognition of outstanding contributions to Catholic intellectual life by the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities (ACCU). The award was presented at the ACCU's annual convention in Washington, D.C. on Feb. 2.

"All of us at Saint John's and Saint Ben's are very proud of Dan's accomplishment," said Br. Dietrich Reinhart, OSB, president of Saint John's University. "He has a distinguished record in the areas of theology, social justice and economics, and his contributions to Catholic intellectual life certainly qualify him for this award."

The award was created in memory of the late Monika K. Hellwig, Ph.D., an internationally renowned theologian and former president of the ACCU. Hellwig was a pathfinder in ecumenical and inter-religious dialogue, in initiatives to open opportunities for women in higher education and theological scholarship, and in efforts to foster peace and justice through education.



Naples Art Museum to Host Tupa Exhibit

Painting the Pilgrimage: From Paris to Compostela, a show of 42 watercolors and 22 oil paintings by Fr. Jerome Tupa, OSB, opened at the Naples Art Museum in Naples, FL, on Jan. 29. Tupa's work is a visual recollection of a pilgrimage he made in 2001 to the shrine of Saint James at Compostela in northwestern Spain. The show recounts scenes from the traditional routes to Santiago that originate in France, as well as diversions to cities in the south of Spain.

Painting the Pilgrimage is one in a series of works by Tupa that focus on pilgrimage to the great shrines of Christianity. *The Road to Rome* and *The Road to Jerusalem* complete the trilogy, while his earlier exhibit on *The California Missions* served as an artistic preparation for the pilgrimage trilogy.

Tupa has taught French and led international studies programs. He currently serves as director of campus ministry at Saint John's University. *Painting the Pilgrimage* runs through May 18.



FIN THE GREEN

It wasn't long ago that the U.S. corporate establishment viewed the terms "renewable" and "profitable" as mutually exclusive concepts. In those not-so-good old days, a seemingly endless supply of natural resources enabled companies to maximize output and profits without much regard to the long-term impact of their decisions. The harsh realities of climate change, resource depletion and national security have begun to change this business model. "Businesses are waking up to the environmental and social implications of their decisions," says Ernie Diedrich, professor of economics at Saint John's University and the College of Saint Benedict. "Once the costs of pollution and waste disposal are considered, the economic equation changes dramatically."

Joe Pavicic '81, Ed Driscoll '83, Doug Jaeger '89, Mason Sorenson '96, Brad Matuska '95 and Bob Goff '62 have discovered that this new, more comprehensive economic model can open doors to business opportunities that are both profitable and consistent with their desire to steward the Earth's resources.

BY PETER B. MYERS

The Road to Biofuels

Joe Pavicic '81 and Ed Driscoll '83 embody the dual qualities of entrepreneurial spirit and a sense of responsibility to future generations often found in SJU graduates. Their business acumen led each of them into a series of successful ventures en route to the biofuels industry. As the world adjusts to the stark realities of global climate change and \$100-a-barrel oil, it may just be that these Johnnies have picked an industry whose time has come.

Neither Pavicic nor Driscoll arrived at biofuels through any deliberate career path. On the contrary, both received their inspiration when they least expected it. For Driscoll, it came during a family road trip, courtesy of a carload of opinionated college students.

"A few years ago, my family and I were taking a weekend trip in our old bus, which we had bought in lieu of a cabin," Driscoll recalls. "As we were driving through Santa Monica, this VW Beetle full of college kids asked us to roll down the window and, in a very condescending and judgmental tone, asked, 'What kind of gas mileage do you get with that thing?' And I had a horrible answer: about eight miles to the gallon. It really irritated me. So I got to work on cleaning up my act. And that's how I got into alternative energy as a business."

Today Driscoll is a principal in Rational BioEnergy, LLC, an engineering company dedicated to the development of a technology platform that will convert non-food biomass into renewable fuels and chemicals for which there is an existing demand and distribution infrastructure. One example is dimethyl ether, which is used as a propane and diesel substitute. This model is fundamentally different from the standard model used in ethanol or biodiesel production, which produces a single product for an end user. As Driscoll explains, "We're in a commodity-driven business. If the price for your product is good this month, you're fine. If not, you're dead. The petroleum industry long ago figured out that you need to make multiple products and have a multiple client model in order to survive in a commodity-driven business."

Driscoll believes this flexible model can be replicated anywhere in the world be-



Ed Driscoll '83 and the bus that inspired his interest in alternative fuels.

cause it can utilize whatever local biomass is available, from farm waste to orange peels to coconut shells, and it can adjust production according to current demand for each of its products.

The petroleum industry is not the only sector that holds valuable lessons for Driscoll. He sees parallels between the evolution of information technology and today's progression from a petroleum-based economy to a multiple-fuel-source economy. "For years, all we had was the mainframe, and when we shrank that down to a minicomputer it opened up a whole new market," he notes. "When

we shrank the minicomputer down to a PC we opened an even bigger market. Instead of the highly centralized production model that you find in petroleum, we can have a completely decentralized model with smaller plants, redundancy and close proximity to sources of biomass. It's a sustainable, self-recovering model. History is repeating itself, just in a different industry."

Like Driscoll's encounter with the college kids, Pavicic's entry into the biofuels industry sprang from a challenge, in this case issued by his wife. "One day Kay Marie told me she'd like to run a car on used



vegetable oil,” he remembers. “I didn’t know what she was talking about, so I did some research. It turned out that straight veggie oil would cause carbon to build up on the cylinder heads, but that adding a small percentage of biodiesel would solve the problem.” Pavicic then set out to see whether the economics of biodiesel would work. Convinced of its potential, he formed Liquid Renewable Fuels in 2006 along with Johnnies Scott Nelson ’81 and Hans Alwin ’84. The company was incorporated to focus on biodiesel using proven technology. While he has since stepped

down from management, his confidence in biofuels remains high.

Pavicic sees many advantages to biodiesel: It is biodegradable, recyclable, non-toxic, safer to store and handle than petroleum-based fuels, and emits dramatically less carbon dioxide than regular diesel fuel. The major drawback is a higher nitrogen oxide (NoX) output, which he believes technology can solve.

The convergence of diminishing oil resources, environmental concerns and technological advances in biofuels point to a promising future, in Pavicic’s opinion. “The future of plant-based renewable fuels is in alternative feedstocks (raw material), including prairie grasses and oilseed crops that grow on marginal lands with no need for inputs such as irrigation and fertilizer. Even the big energy companies like BP, Shell and Dupont are involved now.”

While biofuel technology is now his focal point, Pavicic says that his fascination with the three Rs – reduce, reuse and recycle – began at Saint John’s, courtesy of Fr. Gordon Tavis, OSB, and the garbage-burning incinerator. At the time, Fr. Gordon was in charge of the physical plant and the burner. Garbage haulers would pay Saint John’s a tipping fee to deliver refuse that would power the burner, which in turn generated both heat (steam) and electricity. At the same time, landfill use would be reduced. It was an intriguing business model. “Getting paid to deliver the fuel you need to operate? Could this be? Really?” he remembers asking Fr. Gordon in an interview on student-run radio.

It would be many years before the young entrepreneur would return to the three Rs as a business. After graduating from Saint John’s, his interest in investments led to senior management positions at several high-profile companies including Merrill Lynch and Shearson Lehman Brothers. Along the way, he earned an array of investment licenses and currently is president of J. Pavicic Securities, Inc., a financial consulting firm he founded in 1988.

Like his fellow Johnnie, Driscoll has also pursued a variety of business ventures since leaving Collegeville. As co-founder, chairman and CEO of WAM!NET, Inc., a content delivery network for businesses, he led the enterprise from a two-person start-up to a global IT powerhouse, prompt-

ing Ernst & Young to select him as an “e-Commerce Entrepreneur of the Year” in 2000. He also has been involved in growing and financing numerous businesses, including a small film production company, and last year was executive producer of the acclaimed feature film *Sweet Land*.

Having such diverse business interests begs the question of whether there is a common thread that weaves through them all. In Driscoll’s view, that common thread is responsibility: to one’s self, one’s family and the community. This value was instilled in him by his father, whom he describes as “a tremendous example of personal and community responsibility, with a strong work ethic and a strong personal relationship with God.” It was also nurtured by the Benedictine philosophy that he absorbed while at Saint John’s and continues today in the form of a “personal board of directors,” a group of four (including two Johnnies) who meet regularly to help each other stay true to their values in both their personal and professional lives.

Pavicic also is motivated by a combination of entrepreneurial energy and social responsibility. He believes in biofuels not only because they make good business sense, but because “being good stewards of the land is in step with Benedictine values. Creating things and using your talents makes life interesting and fulfills the mission of improving our collective sense of community. I hope that biofuels will help provide for the world’s energy needs while lowering greenhouse gas emissions.”

Currently he is moving forward with pioneering three new biofuel investments, two in feedstocks and the other in producer technology. In the meantime, he says, “My mechanic could not believe how nice it was to change the oil on our diesel that was running on 100 percent biodiesel. And how quiet it was when he started the car, and most of all the incredible lack of diesel smell. Wow.”

And what about Driscoll’s bus? “We still have it,” he proudly claims, “but now

it runs on biodiesel. I’m looking for those kids in the Beetle and I’m going to tell them, ‘Listen, pals, you’re burning up a lot more fossil fuel than I am!’”

Catching the Wind

“It’s Not Easy Being Green,” sings Kermit the Frog in one of the most memorable songs from the long-running children’s program *Sesame Street*. While the title refers to the skin color of the likeable amphibian, it could easily be the theme song for today’s electric utilities. An enormous industry originally built around the burning of fossil fuel is now facing immense pressure to simultaneously go green, maintain stable rates and satisfy an ever-growing hunger for electricity.

Doug Jaeger ’89 and Mason Sorenson ’96 are tackling these formidable challenges by reinventing the way in which Americans get their electric power. They are deeply involved in the burgeoning wind power industry, where they have discovered opportunities to promote viable business models that meet a critical need while appealing to their sense of good stewardship. In different ways, they are working to unlock the tremendous potential of wind power by overcoming complex physical and political obstacles.

It is the complexity and challenge of the industry that most excites Jaeger, vice president of transmission for Xcel Energy. Xcel is one of the nation’s largest utilities, serving customers in eight states from Minnesota to Texas and Colorado. One of Jaeger’s primary responsibilities is to enable the company’s growing use of wind power by overseeing the building of transmission lines that move power from the windy, rural areas of southwest Minnesota and the Dakotas to the cities where it is most needed.

As part of Xcel Energy’s senior leadership team, Jaeger takes an active part in the company’s environmental consciousness. “We now question every decision from the standpoint of environmental



Doug Jaeger '89

impact,” he explains. “For example, new pole-mounted transformers are using soy instead of oil. And while replacing carbon-based power with renewable energy is great for the planet, it will cost more, at least in the short term. In order to help customers stabilize their costs, we’re working to help them reduce their energy usage through conservation. Since 1992, we have helped customers save 2,200 megawatts of electricity. That’s the equivalent of nine medium-sized power plants.”

While Jaeger approaches wind power from the corporate perspective, Sorenson sees it from the entrepreneur’s point of view. He is the manager of legal affairs and project development for Midwest Wind Finance, a young company in Minneapolis that helps landowners finance their wind turbines.

Financing and building wind farms is a relatively new activity, one that does not fit neatly into familiar business models. Midwest Wind Finance fills this niche by funding projects that traditional banks of-

At all times let us recall that everything which we use in this life was here before us and will be here after we are gone. This world and everything in it is on loan, entrusted to our care for our time.

The Rule of St. Benedict



ten cannot. "We get calls almost every day from interested landowners," says Sorenson. "It could be a sophisticated developer, or Bob the Farmer who calls up and says, 'It's windy here. Can you help me finance a wind farm?'"

A typical wind turbine costs anywhere from \$1.2 million to \$3 million and generates between one and 2.5 megawatts of electricity. Most of Midwest Wind's projects are 10 to 40 megawatts in size. In many ways, installing the turbines is relatively easy compared to the other parts of the equation. "There are many moving parts in this complex business," Sorenson explains. "The permitting process can be extensive. Each owner must negotiate a power purchase agreement with the local electric utility. And the lead time for ordering turbines can be two years or more. General Electric, the country's largest turbine manufacturer, is already sold out through 2009. They're now taking orders for 2010 delivery." Midwest Wind helps

customers navigate these and other hurdles to bring their projects to fruition.

It's easy to understand landowners' enthusiasm for wind power. First, a successful wind farm can generate a permanent income stream for the landowner after loans are paid off, while requiring only routine maintenance. And the Upper Midwest has abundant wind resources, particularly in the Buffalo Ridge area, in southwestern Minnesota, sometimes referred to as the Saudi Arabia of wind power. However, as Jaeger explains, "The areas that are richest in wind capacity tend not to be where the customers are. Building new lines is no simple matter. It can take three to seven years to build a transmission line. Second, there is always the question of who should pay for these lines. Third, landowners like wind turbines but not transmission towers and lines. Part of my job is to educate people about the importance of transmission if we want to take advantage of this renewable energy source."

Jaeger and Sorenson are both working on CapX 2020, a multibillion dollar initiative to build major transmission lines in order to tap the vast wind resources of southern and western parts of Minnesota and the eastern Dakotas. This will require approval from regulatory commissions in four states. It will also require an ongo-



(Photo by Steve Weit)

Mason Sorenson '96

ing effort to educate the public about the importance of these lines in order to overcome objections.

Despite the challenges, both Johnnies are bullish on wind power. "Xcel is the number-one provider of wind energy in the nation," Jaeger states. "Today, nine percent of our power comes from wind. By 2020, wind will account for 25 percent of our portfolio."

Sorenson is equally optimistic, believing that "Wind is the most exciting energy source that is available today in the combination of cost-effectiveness and clean energy. It's exciting to be working with landowners on projects they will eventually own, after the loans are paid back." He also sees enormous room for growth. "Denmark gets 20 percent of its electricity from wind. The U.S. gets less than one percent. The good news is that we're finally at a tipping point with the national debate about climate change. We have serious momentum down this green path. We simply cannot afford not to do this."

Sorenson's foray into wind power actually began when he was writing his undergraduate honors thesis, titled *The Economics of Wind Energy with a Case Study at the College of St. Benedict/St. John's University*. "Back in 1996, wind power was not viable from a strictly economic perspective," he says. "However, if you took into account the external costs of other power sources, such as the environmental damage caused by strip mining or the CO₂ emissions caused by burning fossil fuels, the economics of wind power started to look pretty attractive."

Working with Ernie Diedrich, Sorenson developed an economic model that attempted to quantify these externalities. They even made presentations to SJU faculty groups and the SJU Board of Regents. Diedrich then succeeded in getting a grant that funded the installation of anemometers on Saint John's and Saint Ben's campuses to measure wind patterns, the first step in determining the feasibility of a wind turbine installation. Business opportunities for wind power did not really exist when Sorenson graduated, so he applied his entrepreneurial instincts to the fields of education, publishing and small business consulting. He joined Midwest Wind Finance in June 2007.

For Jaeger, wind power is consistent with the Benedictine mandate to care for the earth. "In my freshman English colloquium, Fr. Roger Kasprick challenged us to consider how our decisions can impact an entire population. Similarly, Ernie Diedrich forced us to look at the impact of U.S. decisions on the well-being of the whole world." The core message for Jaeger is stewardship, as stated in the *Rule of Saint Benedict*: "At all times let us recall that every thing which we use in this life was here before us and will be here after we are gone. This world and everything in it is on loan, entrusted to our care for our time."

Topsoils in Cold Spring, MN. His plant takes in more than 100,000 pounds of biosolids each week from the Cold Spring Gold'n Plump chicken-processing facility and mixes it with wood chips to produce clean, organic compost that is sold to regional garden centers and nurseries. The process produces a high-quality consumer product and solves what had become an overwhelming waste-disposal challenge for Gold n' Plump, which processes 170,000 chickens per day.

"We were in a unique situation in which Gold'n Plump was under pressure from multiple directions to handle its waste in a



(Photo by Amy Leither)

Brad Matuska '95

Waste Not

When Brad Matuska graduated from Saint John's University in 1995, the notion of owning his own business was far from his mind. His route to entrepreneurship resulted from a series of opportunities that more or less fell into place. Trips to China, a job selling composting systems, and the needs of one business ultimately drew the young biology major into a venture that would transform a waste product into a valuable commodity.

Today, Matuska runs Mississippi

manner that would be acceptable to neighbors and to the environment," Matuska recalls. "Applying biological organic waste directly to farm fields made sense in this agricultural area, up to a point. But they just had too much for the agricultural market. They needed a different solution."

Inspired by his trips to rural China, where virtually nothing is wasted, Matuska began wondering how America could turn more of its waste products into something useful. While working for a company that made composting systems, he visited the

Gold'n Plump facility and learned about their waste disposal problem. He also met Math (Mathias) Miller, a longtime entrepreneur who owned the property next door. Seeing a unique opportunity, they formed a partnership and raised \$1.5 million to build a waste processing facility on Miller's property. Nine years later, the business is thriving, the "Soil Essentials" product line has expanded to include compost, potting soil, planting mix and composted manure, and Matuska is brokering other products to his customers.

"The whole premise behind our business

is that we're taking a waste product and making a value-added product," explains Matuska. "To me, that's our future, and that's what gets me out of bed every morning. As a society, we have to look at things differently. We can't continue down the path that we're going. You need the profit, but you also need to be a good citizen."

Matuska's philosophy blends economics with a strong belief in stewardship. As he explains, "I don't consider myself an environmentalist. I would hang my hat more on the sustainability concept, not only environmentally but also economi-

cally and socially. And if you can get those three pillars of sustainability accomplished in whatever you're doing, I think you're headed in the right direction."

Market Forces and Fuel Cells

Bob Goff '62 has three words of advice for the Saint John's Class of 2008: Join the revolution! Strong sentiments from a soft-spoken engineer, perhaps, but Goff knows the satisfaction that comes from choosing a profession that is poised to revolutionize the way we live.

Goff is president of R4 Energy, a consulting firm that he co-founded in 1999 after completing a 31-year career conducting R&D and launching high-technology businesses at 3M. One of these was fuel-cell technology, which Goff believes is the energy source of the future.

"When we started this venture at 3M, there were six companies in the U.S. involved in fuel cells, and we knew them all," Goff recalls. "Today it's hundreds, if not thousands. The growth of the field, and the fact that we were pioneers, is fun and rewarding. If we used a crystal ball to look 50 or 100 years into the future, we'd see a world powered by clean nuclear and hydrogen, and pollution from energy production would be virtually nonexistent."

Market forces are rapidly taking hold in this emerging industry where early research was supported largely by government R&D grants. In Goff's view, there will



Bob Goff '62

be three primary applications for hydrogen fuel-cell technology: transportation, stationary power and portable power. “Automakers are less than 10 years away from producing viable hydrogen-powered vehicles, which will emit no pollution, only water vapor,” he says. “The big challenge is the infrastructure.” In order to overcome this challenge, Goff does pro-bono work for Upper Midwest Hydrogen Initiative (UMHI), an industry-led, public-private effort to accelerate North America’s shift toward clean, domestic, carbon-neutral hydrogen production and use.

Fuel-cell technology will also be found in power generation, forecasts Goff, including small home-based systems and distributed energy, which relies on a network of smaller interconnected sources rather than one large, central power plant. But the first widespread commercial application may be in portable electronics. “Fuel cells will offer much longer life for laptop computers, camcorders and other devices,” he believes. “Rather than three hours of battery life, you’ll get eight hours from a methanol-water fuel cell cartridge.”

Goff’s interest in energy dates back to his high school days when he wrote to a Russian scientist about a new device designed to make hydrogen fusion. It continued at Saint John’s, thanks to two influential faculty members. “One of them was my physics professor, Fr. Casper Keogh. He taught a very rigorous course, with difficult tests. But on Saturday mornings he would often dispense with the rigor and just talk about the future. He would inspire us with tales about the future of technology and how it would impact our lives.” The other influential professor was Fr. Walbert Kalinowski, OSB, his calculus professor, who taught him that the only way to learn math was to push the pencil.

“Back in those days, the big revolutions were in semiconductors and telecommunications. People in those fields were entering exciting, fast moving and satisfying careers. Today, the revolutions are in energy, the blending of medicine with electronics, and biotechnology. Those are the areas with the greatest opportunities, and that’s where I would aim my ship.”

Peter B. Myers is a writer and media consultant based in Saint Paul, MN. He frequently covers environmental issues.

SJU Pledges Carbon Neutrality

Dietrich Reinhart, OSB, president of Saint John’s University, has joined other national campus sustainability leaders as a charter signatory of the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment, directing Saint John’s to an ultimate goal of carbon neutrality as part of an ongoing commitment to good stewardship. The climate agreement requires SJU to conduct annual audits of its climate-changing emissions, carefully track energy and fuel use and develop efficiency strategies to reduce the environmental impacts of all campus operations. The new agreement will build upon years of stewardship work, including such projects as the earth homes, waste incinerator and Saint John’s Arboretum, while also providing momentum for new efforts.

Because of the connection between climate change and energy production/use, many options for conservation and greening the power we must use are currently being explored. Campus visitors in the not-too-distant future may be greeted by wind turbines that reduce our need for grid power produced from coal, a major source of carbon emissions. Rooftops may be graced by photovoltaic solar arrays, cleanly and quietly generating power for offices and labs. The familiar smokestack of the power plant may even be connected to boilers fired by synthetic gas produced from biomass, such as wood or agricultural residue, instead of coal.

In addition to the policies developed under the Presidents Climate Commitment, SJU has taken the significant step of establishing an endowment, the Green Fund, targeted specifically to future environmental projects ranging from feasibility demonstrations of new technologies to student-initiated and more traditional efforts such as ride-sharing and recycling competitions. (For more information on the Green Fund, please contact Jim Dwyer at 320-363-2116 or 1-800-635-7303.)

– Derek Larson, associate professor of history and environmental studies program director

The University's Living Room

Creating a Learning Commons

by Eric Hollas, OSB
Senior Associate for Arts & Culture

When five monks steamed up the Mississippi River to St. Cloud in 1856, a few trunks filled with books were among their prized possessions. It was unlikely baggage for the Minnesota frontier, but it was the seed of a dream to be a center of culture and learning for the newly-settled German immigrants.

Their vision has materialized into an educational resource they scarcely could have imagined. Today the surviving books from that journey reside in Alcuin Library, which boldly sits opposite the Saint John's Abbey Church in the center of campus. Together with the collections at the College of Saint Benedict, the joint library system ranks as one of the largest among liberal arts colleges in the United States.

Responsibility for Alcuin Library today rests on the shoulders of Kathy Parker, who came from West Virginia Wesleyan in 2006 to assume the position of director of the libraries and media. She arrived at a crucial moment: Collection development has strained shelf capacity, the Breuer-designed building is in need of significant renewal, and the role of libraries is undergoing dynamic transformation.

Parker values most two major assets of the library system she directs. First, Alcuin Library has remarkable strength in history, theology, literature and the arts. Along with the resources of Clemens Library

at CSB, this collection serves both the resident academic community as well as thousands of users across the country via interlibrary loan.

The second element that has been important for the quality of the library is its dedicated staff, says Parker. "Their continuity in office and professional dedication have built the remarkable collections. But their eagerness to serve has made it more than a job. They appreciate most the chance to interact with students and faculty."

Expectations of libraries are evolving, and in Parker's judgment a library cannot be merely a book depository. "It has to provide a learning environment that is an extension of the classroom. It needs to support students in their pursuit of individual research, but it can also be the living room of the university, where faculty and students meet to discuss great ideas."

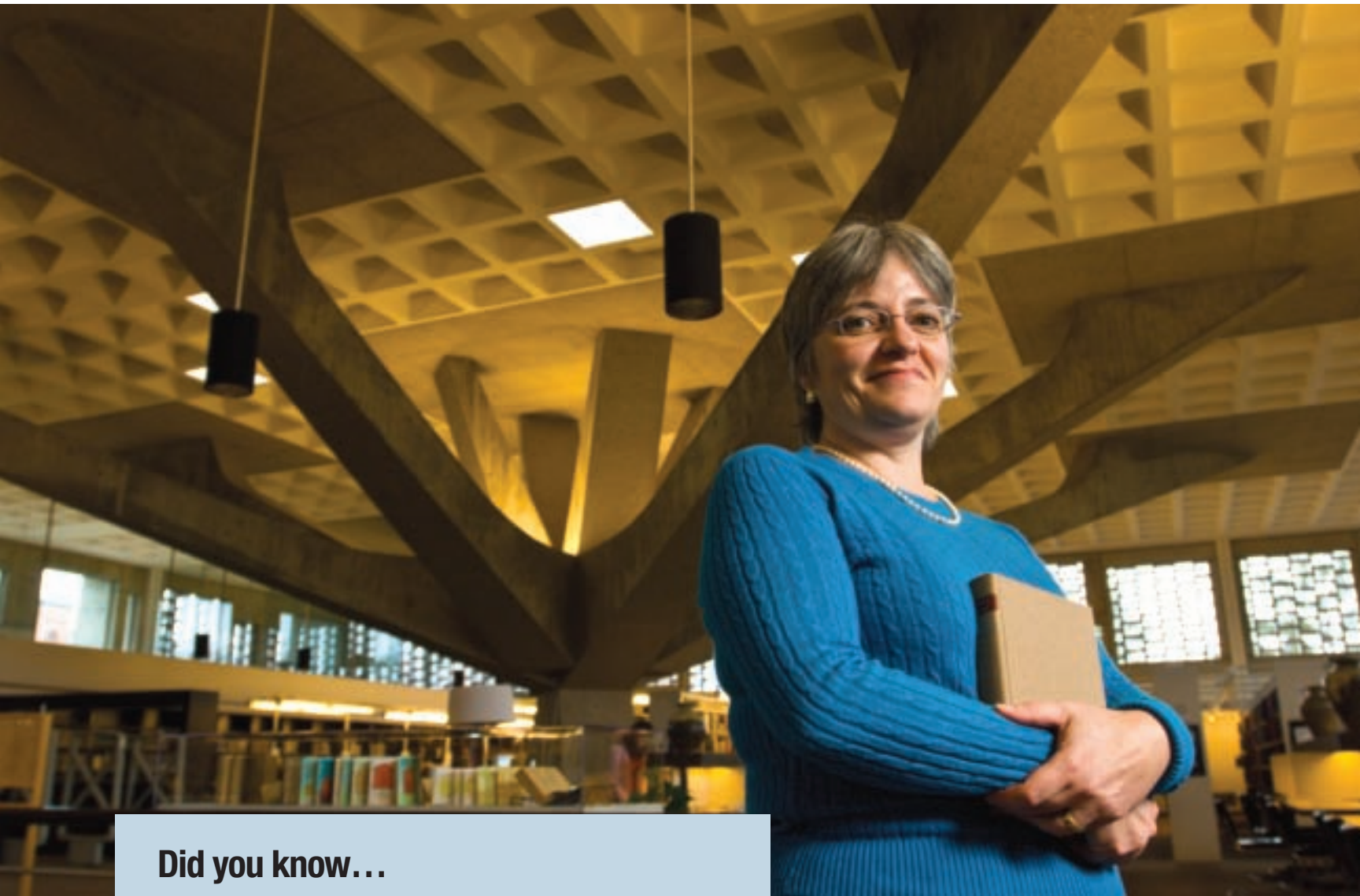
Those concepts have significant implications as the university begins planning the renovation and expansion of Alcuin Library. Nearly 40 years after its construction, book storage is at capacity and space for expanding collections is vital. New space designed to enhance the work of the staff is also necessary. And if the library is to be the learning commons that Parker envisions, the seminar rooms and lecture halls in Alcuin Library must be reclaimed

for their original purpose.

Since the initial design of Alcuin Library in the 1960s, technology has been the factor that has most influenced libraries. It has enhanced access to resources and made the search process vastly more efficient. But rather than replacing traditional libraries, it has made them increasingly valuable. "Our students have a high comfort level with technology, and they have high expectations of it as well," says Parker. "Yet, what's on Google isn't good enough." Parker views the university's willingness to invest in expansion as a key element in nurturing a lively intellectual culture.

Parker has other hopes for Alcuin Library. Among her objectives is the increased use of special collections and the creation of a rich visual environment that includes art, photography, maps and artifacts. She points to a recent student exhibit of handmade books as an example of the creative exchange that should characterize a library that blends both self-directed research and collaborative learning.

Parker concludes with the observation that Alcuin Library is "a great building with great bones." It is a place created for reading and the arts, and she is convinced that the university understands well the role of Alcuin Library as the living room of the campus.



Did you know...

Date Alcuin opened	1966
Architect	Marcel Breuer
Number of books in Alcuin collections	436,463
Total items circulated annually	64,873
Annual visitors to library	155,547
Typical number of visitors per week	4,300
Most circulated book	<i>Theological Investigations</i> by Karl Rahner
Rare books	7,080
Oldest printed book	St. Thomas Aquinas, <i>Diui Thome Aquinatis continuum in lib[rum] euangelii [secundum] Mattheu[m] [-Iohannis]</i> , Rome, 1470.
Students receiving library instruction annually	4,100
Languages spoken or read by library staff	16

CSB/SJU Director of Libraries Kathy Parker under one of two giant concrete “trees,” distinctive architectural features of Breuer-designed Alcuin Library.

Going Beyond

By Jean Scoon

Sneakers for the stars? Polyal-
bums? Implementing federal election
laws? Ph.D.-level math proofs?

Meet Jon, Charlie, Nick and Matt
- four enterprising students. You
might be surprised by what each has
accomplished as an undergraduate.

Of course, maybe you knew it all
along: Saint John's students can do
just about *anything...*

Jon Goodman '09 can help
you express your shoe-self.
But get in line quickly. Business
is booming for this Johnnie
entrepreneur.

The Shoe Guy

He claims he's just a "college student who paints shoes." But don't you believe it.
With a customer list that includes music and sports celebrities, and a waiting list so long
he can't keep up with it, you know there's something else going on here.

It began with Jon Goodman's own appreciation for shoes. He's got lots of them. "Shoes
are a great way to express your individuality. I've been seriously into shoes, especially Nikes,
since junior high."

In tenth grade, after seeing a pair of painted Nikes on NikeTalk.com, the Web site for
Nike super fans, Goodman painted a pair of his own. He "got some good buzz," so he
created a Web site to advertise his designs.

He soon found himself in business as JGoods, Inc. "It
was helpful that I knew my way around the Internet so
well. I'm not sure it would have been possible other-
wise."

Most high school kids don't run businesses, but
Goodman says it was fun. "It didn't feel like work," he
explains. "I was able to grow at my own pace. I still had
time to be captain of the golf team."

The Donald McNeely Center for Entrepreneurship
attracted Goodman to Saint John's, and things have been
moving faster ever since.

Rap musicians Cam'ron, Memphis Bleek and Paul
Wall are now shod in JGoods designs. He also designed
a pair for Jay-Z ("possibly the most famous rapper in the
world," says Goodman) that were auctioned for charity
in Jay-Z's *Water for Life* event.

And Joe Mauer of the Minnesota Twins has recently
been in touch about footwear.

Most of the shoe designs are one of a kind, and these
days a pair will typically run you about \$700-\$1,000.

Goodman is also marketing a line of paint kits for do-it-your-
self shoe painters, using the paint formula he designed himself, which doesn't crack when
the shoe flexes – an important aspect of JGoods quality.



(Photo by Steve Worth)

Between writing papers for classes and keeping up with JGoods growth, Goodman admits he struggles to maintain balance. He paints shoes in his apartment when he has time, and his younger brother fulfills paint-kit orders and manages the Web site. "It can take anywhere from four to 48 hours to produce a pair of shoes. I had hoped to play golf at SJU, but I couldn't do it."

But Goodman is content being a student entrepreneur. "I make a profit, and I have a lot more shoes now. But mostly I love running my own business. I like making all the decisions."

"At first it was about designing and painting," he continues. "Now it's about the whole creation – the Web site, everything I've done and built."

And according to Goodman, this is just the beginning: "There's tons of potential. All those plain, white shoes out there. Pretty boring, don't you think?"

► For a look at some Goodman designs, go to thejgcustoms.com.

The Music Man

The excitement in his voice is almost palpable: "Hearing my composition played by an orchestra was the best musical experience of my life."

McCarron won the Duluth Superior Orchestra's Young Composers Competition last year for his composition *The Singing Bone*. As part of the prize, the symphony performed his piece at a series of public concerts in April 2006.

But his most recent composition might be a new best for McCarron. It's called *Grey Matters* and is a "polyalbum" – two pop-format CDs that can be played alone or together. McCarron is a music composition major, and *Grey Matters* is his honors thesis.

He hopes listeners will hear and enjoy the two CDs separately, then play them together for a third distinct listening experience. *Grey Matters* draws on several media: music for orchestral and folk rock instruments, spoken dialogue and electronic sound mixing.

This sounds incredibly complex, and it is. That's why McCarron likes it.

"I like to make things hard on myself," he says. "It's fun. It's rewarding mentally and stimulating to break new ground."

The polyalbum tells the story of a man named Grey Matters, who discovers supernatural cognitive abilities as his tale unfolds throughout the CDs. McCarron intends the three pieces to provide an experience that will feel "uplifting, epic and ambiguous" but not too far out. "I want to create a cohesive and tasteful body of music that will not alienate listeners," he says.

McCarron comes from a musical family and says he's always been able to pick up tunes quickly. He "messed around on the piano" when he was little but didn't start serious music training until he took up violin in fifth grade. His first formal composition followed, a piece for two violins composed a few years later. He started guitar in high school and formed a band that continues to perform today under the name *awayfromcaves*.

A Charlie McCarron '08 composition was featured by the Duluth Superior Symphony Orchestra when he was a sophomore. Now he's producing two CDs – or is that three?



(Photo by Steve Wojt)

How does a college sophomore implement a federal election law? “I asked people their opinions. I didn’t dictate to them,” says Nicholas Truso ’09.



(Photo by Steve Wolt)

The computer is as much a part of McCarron’s own story as music. He’s been fascinated by computers since he was two and still is. (He has a double minor in psychology and computer science in addition to the music composition major.)

“I don’t know how I could compose major works without computers,” he muses, referring to the computer’s ability to synthesize notes of different instruments and play them back to him. “Haydn had a live orchestra to try things out on as he wrote. My orchestra is in my computer.”

Good news: you can hear the premiere of *Grey Matters* when McCarron presents his thesis on May 2, in the Stephen B. Humphrey Theater. “Everyone’s invited,” he says. If you can’t make that, come to CSB/SJU’s Creativity and Scholarship Day on April 23 to hear some excerpts.

► To hear some of McCarron’s music right now, go to CharlieMcCarron.com.

The Election Administrator

He showed up for work at the Minnesota Secretary of State’s office in May 2006. His task? To implement a new federal election law by the November elections.

Called the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), the law mandated that every polling place make it possible for voters with disabilities, like the blind, to cast a private vote at the polls. (In the past, many disabled voters had to rely on the assistance of an election judge to mark their ballots, which meant they had to disclose their private opinions.) To accomplish this, Minnesota unveiled a voting machine that made it possible for voters with disabilities to privately mark a paper ballot like everyone else does.

“I was given two goals: first, election administrators and election judges throughout the state had to know the law and how to use the new machine; second, disabled voters had to know how to use it. I had eight college student workers to do training in the field. It was up to me to figure it out from there,” says Truso.

This meant coordinating the largest voter education initiative ever undertaken in the state of Minnesota. From scratch.

But when November rolled around, Truso had successfully coordinated government, nonprofit and private sector partners statewide to make the education and outreach as comprehensive and far-reaching as possible. Ultimately, he organized 130 training events statewide in 52 counties throughout Minnesota.

“My approach was to work with the existing infrastructure,” Truso explains.

“It was about establishing trust. Many in the disability community have felt disenfranchised when it comes to elections. But once they knew they could trust us, it went smoothly.”

On Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2006, Truso and his team waited eagerly to learn if they’d been successful. “When all we heard were positives, no negatives, we knew we’d done it,” he says with a smile.

After election day, the testimonials came pouring in. Today, Minnesota’s implementation of HAVA is considered a national model. Truso has since won four awards for his accomplishment – the Medallion Award from the National Association of Secretaries of State, the Odyssey Service Award from the Minnesota Department of Human Services and Minnesota Board on Aging, the Excellence in Assistive Technology Award from the Minnesota Department of Administration and the Human Rights Award from the League of Minnesota Human Rights Commission.

According to Secretary of State Mark Ritchie, “The success of our office’s voter education initiative was due in large part to Nick’s winning personality... Nicholas set the tenor for the whole voter education team and for the initiative.”

So ... Nicholas Truso is a political science major, right?

Wrong. Accounting and management!

“Ernst & Young, here I come,” he says, referring to his plans for next summer.

“But I’ll always strive to be an involved and engaged citizen.”

Mr. Math

So ... we all know what stars are, right? And we know stars are complex – physics and light years and all that.

Problem is, it's not really about *those* stars. And the complexity is so, uh ... complex, that, for most of us, Matt Voigt might as well be living on another planet (or star?) when he starts to explain it.

"Matt's honors thesis is in pure mathematics at the graduate-school level," says his thesis adviser Kris Nairn, CSB/SJU associate professor of mathematics. "This is the level of math you'll find in math Ph.D. dissertations."

Nairn, whose Ph.D. is in pure mathematics, says she found a "kindred spirit" in Voigt. Early on, she recognized both his ability and his love of math for its own sake. "So I suggested he might want to try his hand at some entry-level work related to my Ph.D. thesis, and he went for it."

"It was the hardest and most fulfilling thing I'd ever done to that point," says Voigt, without hesitation.

First step: Master a few graduate-level math concepts – before you've taken the undergraduate courses that most people take just to be able to apply to grad school.

In order to quickly establish the math foundation necessary to tackle the proofs, Voigt received a research grant from CSB/SJU and spent the summer before his junior year studying intensively under Professor Nairn. He completed his honors thesis as a junior – something most students don't attempt until their senior year.

"It takes much more than math aptitude to do what Matt did," Nairn asserts.

She elaborates: "It took fortitude, commitment, maturity – to learn the necessary math over the summer, and then to launch into the unknown of the two proofs. And to keep at it despite the inevitable setbacks, dead-ends, frustrations.

"Matt might easily work on an equation for six hours straight, only to find that it wouldn't work. This just goes with the territory. He had to take it in stride and keep going."

Voigt agrees: "After staring at my computer for hours and hours without coming up with an answer, I'd sometimes feel like I was going insane."

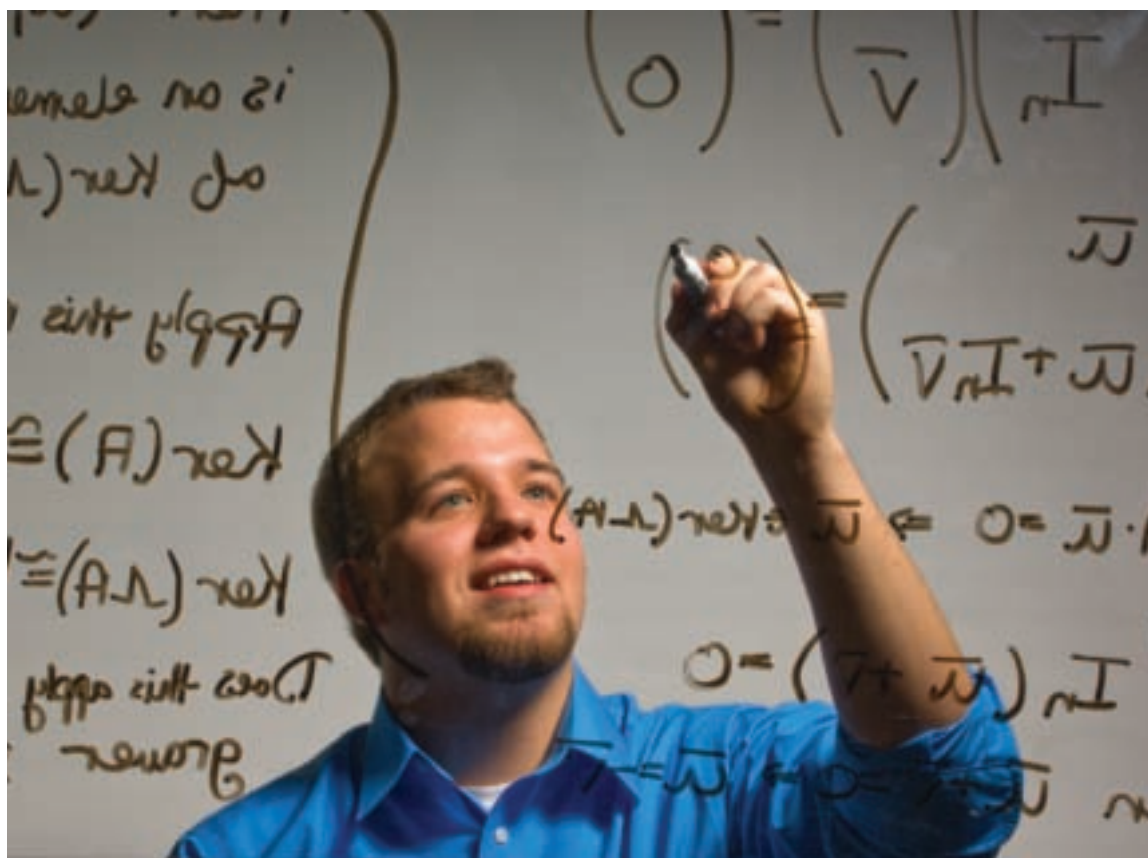
Also frustrating was how hard it was to explain what he was doing.

"I'd tell my friends how sweet it was, how I was really loving it," Voigt says. "But if they asked me what I was doing, and I'd begin explaining it, it was like I was speaking a foreign language. I'd end up just saying, 'Oh, stuff.'"

Yet Voigt is really clear about what kept him going despite the grueling work and isolation: "Exhilaration! The 'aha' moments, when I would feel it clicking. I owned it. I knew no one else had shown the proof this way before."

Nairn claims that "after doing this, Matt can do anything." Anything? "Well, anything that takes complex math." Voigt hopes that means graduate school and a career as a professor some day.

It's titled *The Complexity of the Stars*, and Matt Voigt '08 did this honors thesis in doctoral level math as a junior. Algebraic geometry, anyone?



ADVANCING THE MISSION

150 Years ... \$150 million

By Rob Culligan '82
Vice President for Institutional Advancement

When the Saint John's University Board of Regents authorized the Saint John's capital campaign, *One Generation to the Next*, in May 2005, it set two ambitious goals. The first was to raise \$150 million. To put this into perspective, the largest previous capital campaign at Saint John's netted \$38 million. Needless to say, this represented quite a stretch, and there were more than a few skeptics among the Johnnie faithful. And as if the first goal wasn't a big enough challenge, there was a second: to raise the \$150 million by June 2009. In many respects, this was even more daunting. The clock was ticking.

For the past few years, the Saint John's capital campaign has been running well ahead of schedule. In January 2006, Saint John's announced that it had eclipsed an historic landmark – \$100 million. About a year later, in February 2007, we announced that we had reached \$125 million. When we completed the fiscal year on June 30, 2007, that number had risen to \$140 million. It was then that we realized it was well within the realm of possibility to surpass \$150 million by our Sesquicentennial Homecoming (Oct. 5-7, 2007), which would be a fitting way to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Saint John's University.

But first, all of the cards would have to fall into place.

Over the summer months, Saint John's received a number of campaign gifts and pledges, and we continued to inch closer and closer to \$150 million. Near the end of September, we were approaching \$145 million, but it appeared we would fall short of \$150 million by homecoming.

But something remarkable happened. Over the course of about a week, Saint John's received five commitments that totaled slightly more than \$5 million. This is the story of five donors who helped Saint John's celebrate its sesquicentennial and along the way propelled the capital campaign beyond \$150 million.

Five Days, Five Donors

Thursday, September 27: The tide began to turn a week before homecoming when Saint John's received official word of two significant grant awards from the Lilly Endowment. The first, for nearly \$1 million, was the renewal of support for the *Conversatio*



Susan and Steve Zimmerman '72

program at Saint John's School of Theology• Seminary to help us serve and connect with those working in the church. The second, for approximately \$500,000, was for a program to

identify ways to increase men's involvement in volunteering, leadership training and vocational decision-making. The Lilly Endowment is an Indianapolis-based private foundation that supports church-related, liberal arts colleges and universities in establishing or strengthening programs that help students examine the relationship between their faith and vocation.

Tuesday, October 2: The campaign received another significant boost the week of homecoming when Saint John's received notification of an estate gift from Albert Kosek. A resident of Edina, MN, Al had named Saint John's a \$2.5 million beneficiary of his estate. Neither an alumnus nor a parent, Al was a dear friend who became a member of the Saint John's Fellows Society many years ago. His legacy gift will support a number of priorities at Saint John's, most notably student scholarships and the construction of a community center in Flynttown.

Wednesday, October 3: Earlier in the campaign, Steve Zimmer-

man '72 and his wife, Susan, had named Saint John's University as the beneficiary of two \$1 million life insurance policies. But this was not the extent of their generosity to Saint John's. On homecoming Wednesday, the Zimmermans notified Saint John's that they had established a third life insurance policy. As a result, upon their passing, Saint John's will receive \$3 million in support of an endowed scholarship fund.

Thursday, October 4: The day before the Homecoming Banquet, the board of regents held its fall meeting at Saint John's. The student representative to the board of regents is a young man, Nick Truso '09. Upon learning that the Saint John's campaign was within a stone's throw of \$150 million, Nick said that he would do his part by pledging \$100 to the Annual Fund. In thanking Nick for his generous support, the chair of the capital campaign, Dan Whalen '70, noted how especially moving it was to receive this gift from a student.

Friday, October 5: When the sun rose the morning of the Saint John's Sesquicentennial Homecoming Celebration, Saint John's was roughly



Nick Truso '09

(Photo by Steve Wort)



Ardeth CSB '52, and Ev Duthoy '52

\$400,000 shy of \$150 million. Clearly we were in need of divine intervention. And, as fate would have it, that's exactly what happened. At approximately noon that day, a fax arrived from Ev and Ardeth Duthoy. A 1952 SJU graduate, Ev was celebrating his 55th Reunion that weekend, and in honor of this occasion, he and Ardeth informed us that they had made a \$500,000 will provision to Saint John's and a similar amount to Ardeth's alma mater, the College of Saint Benedict.

That evening, before a capacity crowd at the Sesquicentennial Homecoming Banquet, Dan Whalen made the following announcement:

"I am pleased to announce that we have surpassed \$150 million in our capital campaign, *One Generation to the Next*. I would like to take this moment to publicly thank everyone who has contributed to the Saint John's campaign thus far. It speaks volumes to your loyalty and dedication to alma mater.

The capital campaign is slated for completion in June 2009, so there are still 21 months left to go ... There are nearly \$27 million worth of priorities in the campaign that have not been funded or are underfunded, and a number of new priorities have arisen ...

In light of these circumstances, our instinct is to keep going full throttle on the campaign. And yet, before forging ahead, we recognize the importance of engaging in a conversation with our alumni and friends and to involve you in the discussion of our needs and priorities and the future course of the campaign.

So, with this in mind, we plan to enter into a consultation period. This will be an opportunity for us to tell the story of the success of the campaign thus far and what it has been able to accomplish for Saint John's. It is also an opportunity to discuss our current needs and future aspirations. And it is a time to listen and to seek advice and direction.

I invite all of you to be part of this process by sharing your ideas with Saint John's. Together, we will continue to create exciting opportunities for our students and faculty, from *one generation to the next*."

Bill O'Connell '70 Becomes National Fellows Chair

Bill "Oak" O'Connell '70 has accepted the new volunteer position of national chair of the Saint John's University Fellows Society. In this position, he will lead volunteer efforts to increase both membership in the Fellows Society and Fellows-level contributions to the Annual Fund.

The new position was created because of the importance of Fellows – those who give \$1,000 or more annually – to the Annual Fund. There are currently 650 Fellows, and their contributions account for more than 60 percent of Annual Fund support.

"The generosity of others enabled me to attend Saint John's, and the education I received has been the foundation of my modest success in life," says O'Connell. "I'm passionate about this position, and I'm happy to support Saint John's this way."

A native of St. Cloud, MN, O'Connell was an economics and accounting major at SJU. He is currently a national partner

at the accounting and consulting firm, Deloitte & Touche, where he has worked for the past 35 years. He and his wife, Jeanie, live in Georgetown, TX. They have four children and, more importantly, says O'Connell, five grandchildren.

O'Connell led the effort to establish the Thomas J. Murray Accounting Endowment in 2000 and also supports the Senegal Student Scholarship at SJU.

He says that, for him, one of the most satisfying aspects of Annual Fund giving is that the funding goes to work immediately. "Endowment and planned giving play a critical role in the overall picture, of course," he says. "But it's important to me that current SJU students are benefiting from my giving."

He would love to hear your thoughts on the Fellows Society. Please contact O'Connell at woconnell@deloitte.com or 214-679-6552 or Jon Ruis, director of annual giving and Fellows relations, at jruis@csbsju.edu or 320-492-9577.



Bill O'Connell '70 with daughter, Cari Ann (L), and wife, Jeanie (R).

(Photo by John Bias)

Fellows Society Membership Levels

Walter Rieger Fellows	Yearly gifts of \$1,000 - \$2,499
Martin Schirber Fellows	Yearly gifts of \$2,500 - \$4,999
Virgil Michel Fellows	Yearly gifts of \$5,000 - \$9,999
Donald LeMay Fellows	Yearly gifts of \$10,000 - \$24,999
Don Talafous Fellows	Yearly gifts of \$25,000 or more

Alumni Association President to Members: “It’s for All of Us”

A Conversation with Bernie Tuohy ’72



(Photo by Andra van Kempen)

Bernie Tuohy ’72

Let’s start with your passion for Saint John’s. Where does it come from?

Most alumni have a passion built into them from their college days. But the passion you’re asking about – that’s something that’s happened since I’ve reconnected with Saint John’s as an older person. This reconnection is about a lot of fine people that I’ve rediscovered here.

What has surprised you the most since becoming president of the Saint John’s Alumni Association?

In my role as president, many doors have opened. And what I have found is

a fine collection of men and women – a whole community that’s associated with this place, not only regents or staff but the entire community that surrounds Saint John’s. The surprise for me was how deep this community goes and how readily accessible people are.

What do you wish more alumni understood about the Saint John’s Alumni Association?

That there is a Saint John’s Alumni Association, and *all alumni* are automatically members. We all know there is a strong Johnnie following out there, but the alumni association is more than that. It’s a connection, an opportunity for personal enrichment. The Saint John’s “fraternity” connects men of all backgrounds, age groups, geographical locations. We can all personally benefit from this alumni association and also give back to the university.

What are Saint John’s greatest challenges in engaging alumni?

A major challenge is balancing its relationship with alumni as a resource with its desire to help alumni connect with each other for social, career, educational and other needs. Both are legitimate and necessary. The university must support alumni in forming this volunteer organization while also encouraging and educating alumni about the essential role they play in giving back to Saint John’s.

What is the alumni role in ongoing university advancement?

In addition to helping alumni maintain and grow their connections to each other, the alumni association must have a higher

mission of community service. All of the most meaningful and long-lasting fraternal associations have a higher mission. One of the reasons for forming our alumni association is to have Saint John’s here. That is our higher purpose – to give to one another and this institution. We are here to help keep this distinctive community healthy and vital for future generations of families and young men.

How can alumni be involved in Saint John’s ongoing success?

A natural channel is to be involved in your alumni association. The more active and more involved I’ve become, the more doors have opened up. It’s the nature of this place. The alumni association is welcoming and willing to listen to your ideas and is a venue for those ideas to be materialized.

What is your favorite place here on campus when you come to visit?

To pick one place is difficult, but I’d have to say the abbey church – the permanence of it all. And when I look at the complexity of the curved pews surrounding the altar, it reminds me of my father, who built those pews. They speak so much to my father’s passion for wanting to do something exceptional. He was impassioned by the project. At first it was the rare opportunity to work with Marcel Breuer. But after a while, what he became more impressed with was the monastery – the culture of this place and the men who chose Breuer. I think he was absolutely accurate about that.

JOHNNIES IN THE NEWS



(L to R) Herb and Sue Lethert; Katie and Nick '97 Abdo; Julie, Libby and Jay Abdo.

Nicholas Abdo '97 won an Emmy for Best Director-Promotion for a compilation of promos he directed for FOX TV in the Twin Cities. He dedicated his award at the Oct. 20 ceremony to his grandfather, Ken Berg, the late former editor of the *Mankato Free Press* in Mankato, MN.

Matt Schnobrich '01 is competing for a spot on the U.S. Rowing Team at the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing and competed for the U.S. in the Men's Four at the World Championships this past August. Schnobrich, who began rowing at Saint John's in 1997, is a three-time national team member and is currently training for the winter with the U.S. team in Clemson, SC. "My rowing experience at Saint John's was wonderful in fostering an overall enjoyment of the sport. In my mind there is no more idyllic or peaceful venue than Lake Sagatagan," says Schnobrich.



Matt Schnobrich '01 hopes to row for the U.S. at the 2008 Olympic games.



Award-winning picture "Aguas Vistas" by Michael Crouser '85 from *Los Toros*.

Michael Crouser '85 was featured in *Sports Illustrated* with six photos from his new photo book on bullfighting, *Los Toros* (Twin Palms Publishers, 2007). *Los Toros*, an exploration of the world of the bullfight in Spain, Mexico, South America and France, was also profiled in *RangeFinder*, a national magazine for professional photographers. *RangeFinder* writer Peter Skinner said, "If commitment to personal work is an indicator of a photographer's passion for his craft, then it can be truly said that editorial and advertising/commercial

shooter Michael Crouser is the consummate photographer's photographer." Another book, *Dog Run*, is due in the fall of 2008 (Viking Studio). Many alumni may already be familiar with Crouser's photo essay of Saint John's, *Saint John's in Pictures* (The Veronica Press, 1994). Examples of Crouser's work and books are available on www.michaelcrouser.com.

E. Chip Ray '82 has been promoted to the position of executive vice president—corporate planning for Chicago Bridge & Iron Company N.V. (CB&I), according to *Forbes* online. Ray has more than 25 years of global experience in strategic planning, mergers and acquisitions, marketing, sales, operations and communications. He holds a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Saint John's and an M.B.A. from Duke University.

CB&I is one of the world's leading engineering, procurement and construction companies.

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A Homecoming to Remember

(Photos by Andra van Kampen)



A sea of Johnnie red swept over campus on Oct. 5-6 at SJU's Reunion and Homecoming 2007. Nearly 12,500 fans made the journey to Collegeville from all parts of the country and filled the stands at Clemens Stadium to cheer on the home team. It was the largest homecoming attendance in the university's history.

The weekend kicked off by welcoming back more than a thousand Johnnies from the classes of 1957, 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997 and 2002 for reunion year gatherings. The celebration continued with a post-game carnival and hospitality tent with activities for guests of all ages.

All roads lead to Collegeville again next year, so mark your calendars now for Reunion and Homecoming 2008 on Sept. 26-28.



An Historic Reunion

For the first time since its inception, 19 Fr. Walter Reger Distinguished Alumnus Award recipients gathered on Friday, Oct. 5, during the Alumni Association Homecoming Banquet to celebrate Saint John's University's Sesquicentennial. The recipients in attendance dated back to the 1978 award. Their presence reinforced the historic nature of this year's homecoming banquet.

Front row (l to r): Tom Joyce '61, Dan Coborn '52, Fr. Don LeMay, OSB, '49, Fr. Don Talafous, OSB, '48, Dan Whalen '70, George Hawkins '49, Leroy Lilly '55, Tom McKeown '52. Back row (l to r): Jerry Donovan '53, Len Mrachek '58, Jack O'Connell '42, Bob Wicker '64, John Rogers '63, Michael Dady '71, Joe Mucha '66, Dick Nigon '70, Bill Sexton '55 and Thom Woodward '70.

This year's award was presented to Dick Nigon '70. The award recognizes outstanding service to the Saint John's community by an alumnus and is the highest honor given by the Alumni Association.

FINE ARTS PROGRAMMING EVENTS

Performing Arts Series

Turtle Island Quartet with Stefon Harris

Sunday, February 10 @ 2:00 p.m.
Stephen B. Humphrey Theater, SJU

Seán Curran Company

Saturday, February 16 @ 7:30 p.m.
Petters Auditorium, CSB

Max & Ruby

Friday, February 22 @ 7:00 p.m.
(family performance)
Stephen B. Humphrey Theater, SJU

Minnesota Orchestra

Sunday, March 2 @ 2:00 p.m.
Petters Auditorium, CSB

Regina Carter Quintet

Saturday, March 8 @ 7:30 p.m.
Petters Auditorium, CSB

Edgar Meyer

Sunday, April 20 @ 2:00 p.m.
Stephen B. Humphrey Theater, SJU

Urban Bush Women

Saturday, April 26 @ 7:30 p.m.
Petters Auditorium, CSB

Minnesota Orchestra

Sunday, April 27 @ 2:00 p.m.
Petters Auditorium, CSB

BeauSoleil avec Michael Doucet

Saturday, May 3 @ 7:30 p.m.
Petters Auditorium, CSB

Four Stand Up Dads

Sunday, June 15 @ 2:00 & 5:00 p.m.
Stephen B. Humphrey Theater, SJU

Visual Arts Series

Samuel Johnson-Ceramics

February 11-April 7, 2008
Gorecki Gallery, BAC

Jennifer Davis-Paintings/Collage

February 11-April 7, 2008
Gallery Lounge, BAC

Sam Spiczka-Sculpture

February 25-April 7, 2008
SJU Art Center

CSB/SJU Senior Exhibits

April 14-May 9, 2008
Gorecki Gallery & Gallery Lounge, BAC
SJU Art Center

Brian Gardner-Photography

May 22-July 11, 2008
Gallery Lounge, BAC

Kim Bromley-Paintings

May 30-July 25, 2008
SJU Art Center

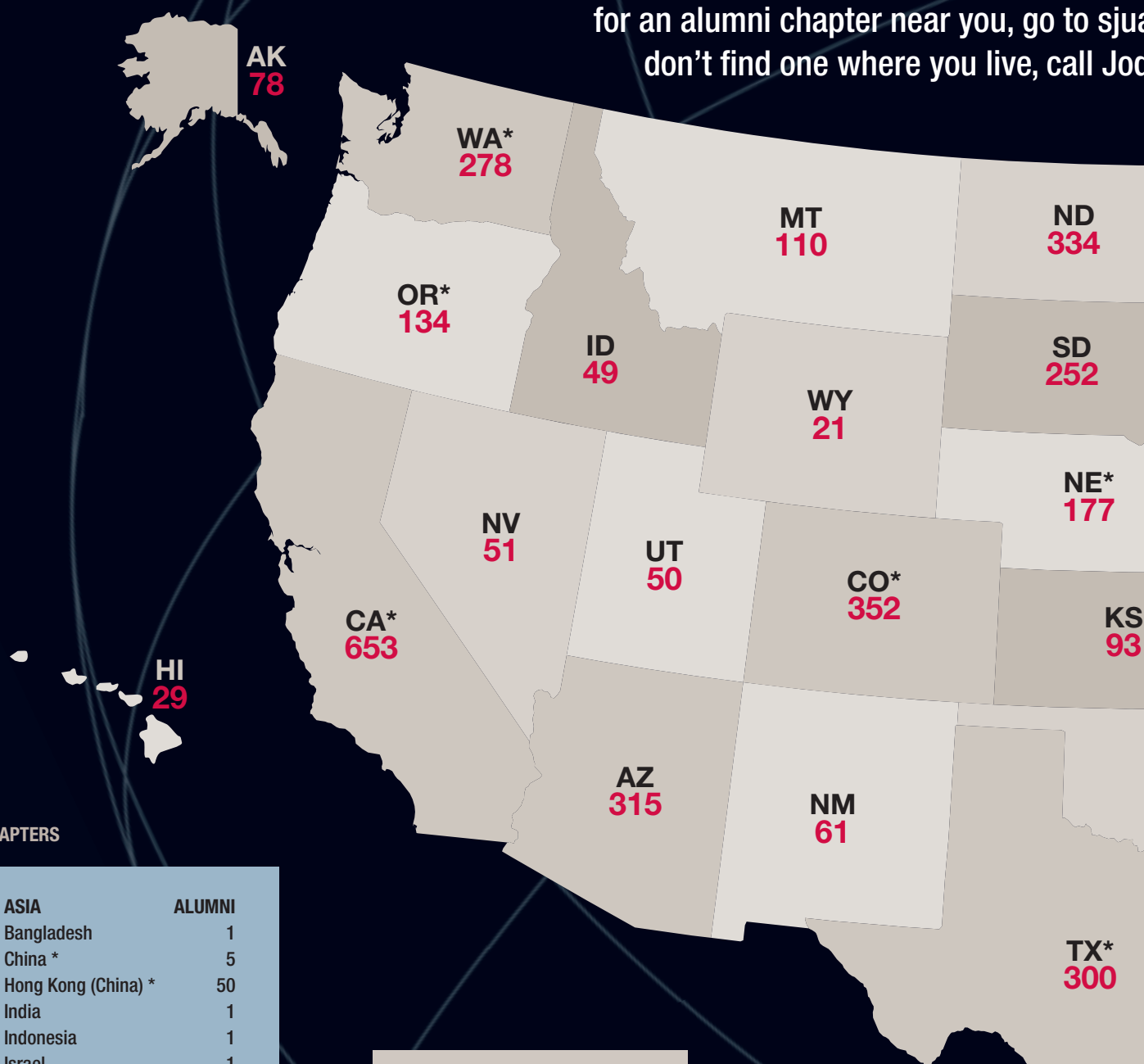
Mark Your Calendar!

February 13	Saints Network Midwinter Luncheon with the Presidents Solera Restaurant, Minneapolis
February 18	Twin Cities Job and Internship Fair Reception Securian, St. Paul
April 16	Senior Banquet SJU Campus
April 18	Saint John's Day SJU Campus
July 14	Alumni Golf Scramble Bunker Hills Golf Club in Coon Rapids
September 26-28	Homecoming and Reunions 2008

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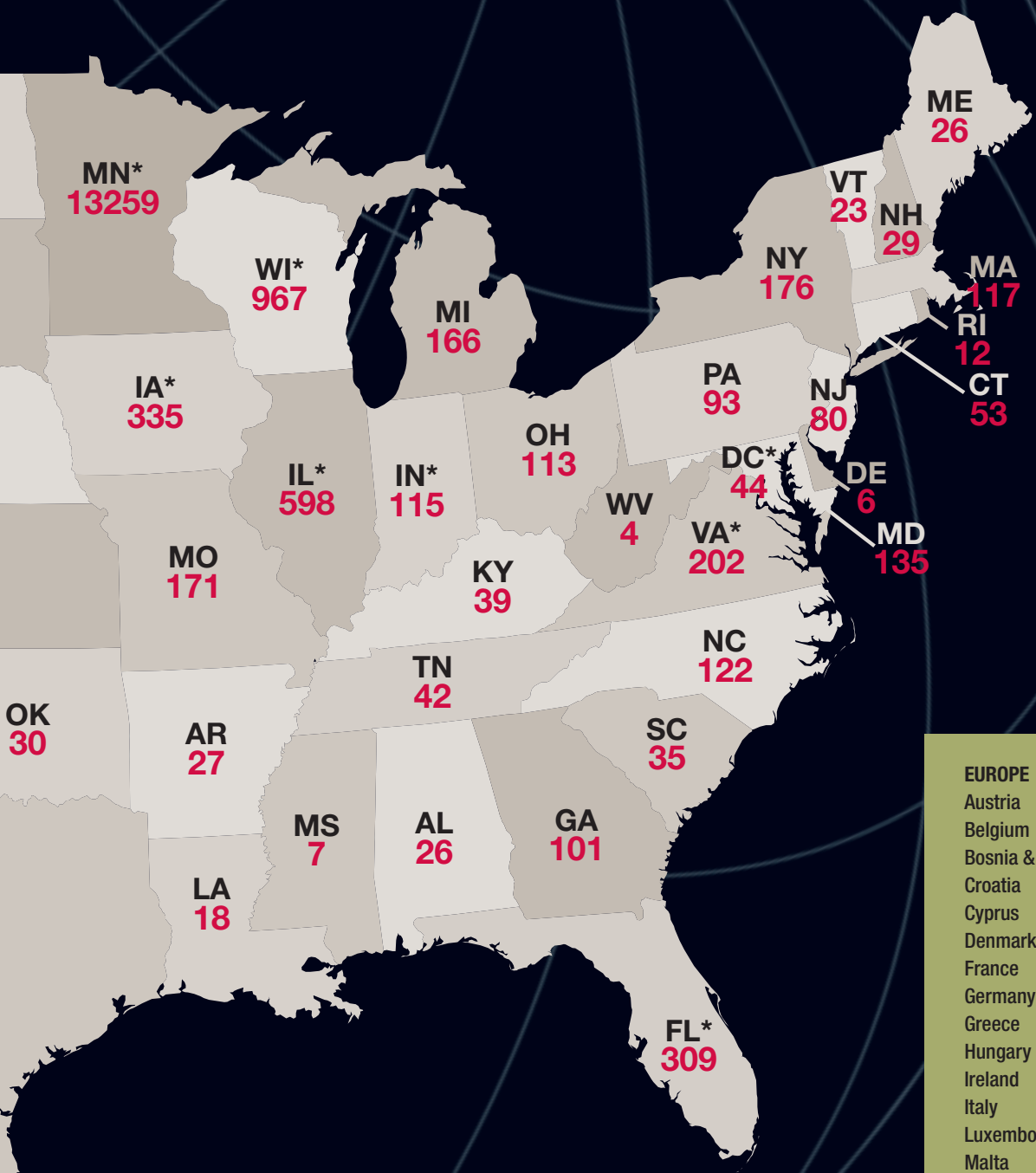
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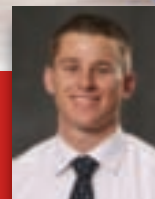
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On and Off the Rink, Tom Freeman '08
Knows Where He's Going

By John Taylor '58

Tom Freeman '08 recalls that his first taste of politics was listening to his grandparents, parents and older brother discuss Jesse Ventura's candidacy for governor.

"What influenced me most was that I was never told how to think politically. In fact, in many ways, my politics are the opposite of my parents. Well, similar to my grandfather." His father, John Freeman, is the Distinguished McKnight University Professor in political science at the University of Minnesota and an internationally respected writer on the implications of market globalization for democracy. "Dad never directly influenced me; maybe it's in my gene structure," Freeman reflects.



The Stats

Hometown: Eagan, Minnesota

Major: Political Science

Sport: Hockey: Forward with 38 points (22 goals), four-year letter winner, All-Conference honorable mention, and assistant captain during the 2007-08 season.

Other: Dean's Council member

Freeman grew up in Eagan, MN, and played hockey and soccer in high school, where he was a three-year letter winner in hockey and four-year in soccer. Now an assistant captain for the Johnnie skaters, he observes that “hockey has helped focus me, given me a strong work ethic, thick skin and taught me how to work with others.

“However, the most important skill it has taught me is time management,” he emphasizes. “I spend more than 30 hours on the rink during the season. Given my credit load and academic expectations, I really have to manage my time. It’s tough reading Plato’s *Republic* on a crammed bus.”

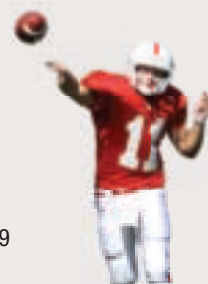
Freeman got turned on to the study of government in a first-year American political science course and the Bush v. Kerry presidential race that year. “As far back as I can remember, I loved the study of American history. It seemed the only subject that I really understood. In my sophomore year at Saint John’s, I had to write a political autobiography. I was able to articulate my more conservative bias in that paper. I had to think it through for myself.” Freeman talks about how this helped him grow. “I had to be able to defend my position, and that intellectual challenge has given me more poise and confidence.”

This past summer, Freeman participated in the Washington Summer Study Program sponsored by the Eugene J. McCarthy Center for Public Policy & Civic Engagement. As an intern for David Turchi ’63, a principal in a federal advocacy firm in D. C., he helped write the company newsletter, research bills and followed the appropriation process. “David and his associate, Kody Hill-Davis, were so helpful. I met with every Congressperson and staff in the Minnesota delegation.”

After finishing his senior thesis on state judiciary elections and graduating, “I would love to catch on as a Hill staffer for a couple years, and return to Minnesota, study law and raise my family here,” Freeman says.

JOHNNIE SPORTS ROUND-UP

FOOTBALL ended 2007 with a 10-2 overall record and a 7-1 record in the MIAC. The Johnnies earned a berth in the NCAA Division III playoffs for the third consecutive season and 18th overall but lost in the second round to Central College, Iowa. Quarterback Alex Kofoed ’08 ended his career as the MIAC’s all-time leading passer and holder of eight SJU records. A 2007 Gagliardi Trophy finalist as Outstanding NCAA Division III Football Player, Kofoed set Aztec Bowl records for completions and attempts in Team USA’s 37-19 win over Mexico. Defensive tackle Nick Gunderson ’09, Andrew Salvato ’08 and defensive end Mike Schumacher ’09 were named to the D3football.com All-West Region team. Safety Kevin Boegel ’08 earned Academic All-America honors. Head Coach John Gagliardi, the winningest coach in college football history, won his 450th career game this season at Gustavus Adolphus, 40-0 on Oct. 13. Gagliardi finished his 59th season with a 453-122-11 (.782) career record and a 429-116-10 (.782) record in 55 seasons at SJU.



SOCCER finished with a 7-6-2 overall record and a 5-4-1 record in the MIAC, good for fifth place in the final regular season conference standings. Head coach Pat Haws completed his 30th season at the helm of the Johnnies’ soccer program with a 325-123-47 (.704) career record.



CROSS COUNTRY, led by MIAC Men’s Cross Country Coach of the Year Tim Miles, won its second consecutive MIAC championship and finished 13th out of 32 teams at the NCAA Division III Championship. It was the Johnnies’ 23rd appearance at the NCAA Championship, and the 19th under Miles. Chris Erichsen ’08 earned All-America honors and was named the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches’ Association (USTFCCCA) Central Region Cross Country Athlete of the Year and the MIAC Cross Country Athlete of the Year. Erichsen, Kelly Fermoye ’08 and Zach Hunter ’09 were named to the 2007 USTFCCCA All-Central Region Team.

GOLF finished in the top three in six out of the seven tournaments this fall, including a second-place finish at the MIAC Championship. SJU has now finished in the top two at the MIAC Championship nine consecutive seasons. Joe Schoolmeesters ’09 led the MIAC with a 73.7 stroke average.

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Marriages

'80 Shereen Loth to **Don Schultz** '80, Aug. '07
 '94 Ensign Tilney to **Thomas Burke** '94, Sept. '07
 '94 Abby Young to **Mike Cunningham** '94, Oct. '07
 '94 Josie Villasenor to **Tim Jendro** '94, Aug. '07
 '96 Karen Doyle to **Andrew Kaus** '96, June '07
 '96 Takako Fujimoto to **Joe Sandkamp** '96, Aug. '07
 '98 Shannon Hogan to **Luke Hattenhauer** '98, Sept. '05
 '98 Beth Siracusa to **Jeremy Yokota** '98, July '07
 '99 Kay Ward to **Patrick Breen** '99, July '07
 '99 Ashley Bryant to **Brian Eisenschenk** '99, Aug. '07
 '99 Karey Gertsema to **Scott Frieler** '99, Sept. '07
 '99 Nicole Heitzman to **Jeremy Kletzin** '99, May '07
 '00 Andrea (Terhaar '02) to **John Krueger** '00, June '07
 '00 Robyn (Magalska '00) to **Daniel Liebl** '00, May '07
 '00 Jessica (Lessard '01) to **John Maslow** '00, Sept. '07

'00 Debra (Chelberg '02) to **Mark McCarthy** '00, Aug. '07
 '00 Bridget Johnson to **Jon Meyer** '00, Aug. '07
 '00 Sejal (Shah '99) to **Matthew Peckosh** '00, Apr. '07
 '00 Stacy (Deery '00) to **Shane Stennes** '00, Sept. '07
 '01 Sara (Egan '02) to **Dave Hassel** '01, Dec. '06
 '01 Emily Bunce '01 to **Peter Wanning** '01, Nov. '06
 '01 Jessie (Engelhardt '01) to **John Zins** '01, Aug. '07
 '02 Alice Rosenwald to **Aaron Bidle** '02, Aug. '07
 '02 Kathryn (Hoen '02) to **Jason Mousel** '02, Aug. '07
 '02 Evelyn Johnson to **Nathan Nelson** '02, Aug. '07
 '02 Angela (Laveen '01) to **Gaurav Pokharel** '02, Oct. '07
 '02 Sarah Montag to **Luke Yurczyk** '02, May '07
 '03 Sarah (Johnson '03) to **Mark Bot** '03, July '07
 '03 Catie (Scherer '03) to **James Brackin** '03, June '07
 '03 Andrea (Barnett '03) to **Matthew Egberg** '03, July '07

'03 Monica (Hurtubise '04) to **Kevin Hartman** '03, June '07
 '03 Kimberly (Shackleton '07) to **Brian Kuhl** '03, July '07
 '03 Christa (Lynner '03) to **Thomas Sebo** '03, June '07
 '03 Amy (Moeller '03) to **Jared Shogren** '03, June '07
 '03 Heather Hall to **Dustin Uppgren** '03, Sept. '07
 '04 Susan (Bellin '04) to **Jeremy Bye** '04, Apr. '07
 '04 Erin (Cooney '02) to **Ben Fisher** '04, June '07
 '04 Allison (Grones '04) to **James Haws** '04, June '07
 '04 Bea (Egan '04) to **Michael Hellickson** '04, Dec. '06
 '04 Elizabeth (Koch '05) to **Aaron Hirsch** '04, Aug. '07
 '04 Ashley (Thiner '06) to **Pius Kimeu** '04, Aug. '07
 '04 Juliet (Govern '04) to **Thomas O'Keefe** '04, Aug. '07
 '04 Leah (Laurich '04) to **Jacob Omann** '04, Nov. '07
 '04 Amanda (Henning '04) to **Paul Stenberg** '04, Aug. '07
 '04 Melinda Brockopp to **Derek Tamm** '04, Oct. '07



(Photo courtesy redbrickhealth.com)

Design for Sustainability: Bill Pelfrey '88

Bill Pelfrey admits he wasn't especially interested in sustainability until "my wife dragged me, kicking and screaming, to live on a farm." She began raising organic products under the Morning Glory Farms label, and Pelfrey became intrigued by the possibility of turning the Stillwater, MN, farm into a model of sustainability.

Pelfrey is president of Red Barn Development, Inc., a business development company that works with start-up businesses.

He says that life on the farm woke him up to natural cycles. "Farmers used to burn their own timber for heat and raise their own meat and vegetables. Animal waste fertilized the fields. It was an independent and self-sustaining cycle."

He's particularly interested in energy. He's got 11 buildings, six furnaces and a pool on the farm and would like to integrate wind, solar and geothermal options throughout. "To make significant strides, I need a whole system designed for sustainability," he says.

Pelfrey hopes to achieve this goal with help from Sustainability Associates, a CSB/SJU student consulting business led by Ernie Diedrich, CSB/SJU professor of economics. The Pelfrey farm served as their pilot project last year. "It's still on the drawing boards, but I look forward to implementing it some day," says Pelfrey.

'04 Melodie (Attema '04) to **Nicholas Winscher '04**, Dec. '06
 '05 Mara (Ebacher '05) to **Patrick Hegel '05**, July '07
 '05 Jackie (Pelgrin '05) to **Joseph Henry '05**, Sept. '07
 '05 Kristin Seal to **Jeremy Laughlin '05**, Sept. '07
 '05 Nicole Johnson to **Brent Peterson '05**, Aug. '07
 '05 Gillian (Korpi '06) to **Erik Siverson '05**, June '07
 '05 Mary (Simmons '06) to **Joshua Thom '05**, July '07
 '05 Claire (Spanier '05) to **Brian Wavinak '05**, Aug. '07
 '06 Carol O'Brien to **Seth Allen '06**, Sept. '07
 '06 Johanna (Hatch '05) to **Evan Creed '06**, June '07
 '06 Kathryn (Enger '05) to **Joshua Enke '06**, Aug. '07
 '06 Liz (Sieh '06) to **Michael Henderson '06**, Sept. '07
 '06 Kelly (Denne '06) to **Adam Minnich '06**, July '07
 '06 Angie (Moeller '06) to **Dave Nolan '06**, Oct. '07
 '06 Christine (Pladson '06) to **Christopher Wayne '06**, Oct. '07

'06 Abby (Schwalbach '07) to **Dan Willaert '06**, Aug. '07
 '07 Jessica (Lund '07) to **Eric Denn '07**, Aug. '07
 '07 Tara (Fasciana '07) to **Benjamin Durham '07**, May '07
 '07 Megan Ekstrom to **Adam Gosiak '07**, July '07
 '07 Dorothy Johnson to **Adam Hanna '07**, June '07
 '07 Martina (Talic '06) to **Russel Younglao '07**, Sept. '07

Births

'79 Nancy Nistler & **James Jarvis '79**, boy, Christopher, June '07
 '81 Suzette (Sutherland '84) & **Brad Neary '81**, girl, Moira, Sept. '07
 '84 Mary Beth & **Mark Nicklaus '84**, girl, Lucia, Aug. '07
 '85 Leslie Ferster & **Bryan Leary '85**, girl, Devyn, Jan. '07
 '87 Rita (Rosenberger '89) & **Dave Barthel '87**, boy, Ernest, Aug. '07
 '87 Nancy & **Dan Bieniek '87**, boy, Luke, Feb. '07
 '87 Helen & **Tim Healy '87**, girl, Shannon, Sept. '07

'88 Andrea & **Sean Harlin '88**, boy, Tadhgan, July '07
 '89 Kimberly & **Tim Teske '89**, boy, Adam, Apr. '07
 '90 Laura & **Jim Brattensborg '90**, girl, Brooke, Aug. '07
 '90 Renee & **John McGearly '90**, boy, Joseph, Aug. '07
 '90 Betsy (Struck '94) & **Vincent Moga '90**, boy, Matthew, Mar. '07
 '90 Cindy & **Mike Ramler '90**, boy, Nathan, Aug. '07
 '91 Megan & **Michael Cummings '91**, girl, Molly, Sept. '06
 '91 Jamie & **Tim Flynn '91**, girl, Katherine, June '07
 '91 Christine & **David Minke '91**, girl, Hannah, May '07
 '91 Sarah (Hogan '92) & **Pete Odegard '91**, boy, Samuel, Feb. '07
 '92 Ann & **Jim Hardman '92**, boy, Daniel, Sept. '07
 '92 Anne (Battig '94) & **Dave Kaluza '92**, girl, Evelyn, Sept. '07
 '92 Kathi & **Jon Mocol '92**, boy, Jacob, Sept. '07
 '92 Joanne (Hansen '92) & **Chris Ostman '92**, boy, Nathan, Nov. '06



Important Bird Area Ahead: Bob Russell '67

A wetland bird biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bob Russell also serves on the Saint John's Arboretum board and the Important Bird Area Committee for the Minnesota Audubon Society. These two roles came together last November when he successfully nominated the Avon Hills in Central Minnesota – an area that includes the SJU campus – for Important Bird Area (IBA) designation by the Audubon Society.

IBA is an internationally recognized term for a site that provides essential habitat for one or more species of bird. The designation helps drive conservation priorities. A 2007 Arboretum bird count yielded more than 125 species of birds, making it one of the most diverse sites in the state, according to Russell.

Three of those species are threatened by widespread habitat destruction and are the main reason for the Avon Hill's IBA status: the red-shouldered-hawk, the cerulean warbler and the blue-winged warbler.

"You've got a valuable habitat there. Due to preservation and good land management by Saint John's, it's probably a healthier ecosystem now than it was in the 1960s. IBA status should increase the local community's appreciation for this area," says Russell.

MILESTONES

'92	Christine & Donn Scroggins '92, boy, Leo, Aug. '07	'94	Tina (Kerkhoff '95) & Jeffrey Zignego '94, girl, McKenna, Feb. '07	'96	Lisa (Johnson '97) & Mike Wolf '96, boy, Nathan, May '07
'92	Paula & Randall Sturm '92, boy, Brayden, Mar. '07	'95	Teresa & Bob Donnett '95, girl, Bridget, Oct. '07	'96	Nicole (Vaia '95) & John Wood '96, boy, John, Oct. '07
'92	Annette Marthaler & Joe Twomey '92, girl, Willa, July '07	'95	Elena & Bill Frank '95, girl, Claire, Feb. '07	'97	Anne & Ethan Gannaway '97, boy, Henry, Dec. '06
'93	Orit & Dominic Ackerman '93, girl, Libi, July '07	'95	Julie & Daniel Jost '95, boy, Oliver, Aug. '07	'97	Molly & Peter Griffith '97, boy, Harrison, July '07
'93	Dawn & Chris Connor '93, boy, Ayden, Apr. '07	'95	Sarah & Jon Klocker '95, girl, Lillian, May '07	'97	Jennifer (Arnold '97) & Jesse Kuechle '97, girl, Isabella, Sept. '07
'93	Tina & Joe Hengel '93, girl, Reagan, May '07	'95	Angie & Jim McDonough '95, girl, Clare, July '07	'97	Kathryn (McLoone '98) & Jason Marsh '97, boy, Evan, May '07
'93	Ashley & Sean Mahoney '93, girl, Laura, Sept. '07	'95	Susan (Willard '96) & Alexander Roeser '95, boy, Charles, Nov. '06	'97	Christy & John McBroom '97, girl, Zara, Apr. '07
'93	Jennifer (Holton '95) & Steven Tacheny '93, boy, Delvin, Sept. '06	'95	Cori & Jeremy Schroeder '95, boy, Kaden, Jan. '07	'97	Luz & Marc Mortl '97, girl, Madeline, Apr. '07
'93	Janelle & Dennis Wenzel '93, girl, Josephine, June '07	'95	Anita (McNamara '95) & Matt Sonnek '95, boy, Owen, June '07	'97	Charlene & Jeb Myers '97, twins, Sela and Paxon, July '07
'94	Jennifer & Greg Bastian '94, boy, Louis, Aug. '07	'95	Teresa (Sandy '96) & Andrew Westrich '95, girl, Anya, July '07	'97	Melissa & Danny Notsch '97, boy, Brady, June '07
'94	Holly & Matthew Etzell '94, girl, Addison, June '07	'96	Sherry & Tony Amelse '96, boy, Anthony, June '07	'97	Tina (Baggenstoss '98) & Ryan Spanier '97, boy, Maxwell, Nov. '06
'94	Stephanie & Bruce Hennen '94, boy, Andrew, Nov. '06	'96	Amy & Brent Feddema '96, girl, Abby, June '07	'97	Katie (Vanselow '98) & Michael Zuehlke '97, boy, Griffin, May '07
'94	Jennifer & Terry House '94, girl, Alexandra, May '07	'96	Michelle (Wetternach '98) & Steve Just '96, boy, Isaac, May '07	'98	Jodi (Friedrich '98) & Michael Berndt '98, boy, Andrew, Aug. '07
'94	Kerry (Fierke '96) & Gardner Lepp '94, boy, Sawyer, Feb. '07	'96	Kelly & Mick Mullen '96, boy, Logan, Feb. '07	'98	Laura (Schwope '99) & Josh Capistrant '98, girl, Thea, Apr. '07
'94	Mayko (Vang '96) & John Moline '94, boy, Kellen, Sept. '07	'96	Rachel (Hoof '96) & Curtis Ricard '96, girl, Sophia, Aug. '07	'98	Angie (Schmidt '98) & Christopher Churchill '98, boy, Samuel, July '07
'94	Jodi (Boerboom '94) & James Reddan '94, boy, William, June '07	'96	Susan & Doug Stang '96, girl, Monica, Sept. '07	'98	Kadi (Kutchmarek '98) & John Groppoli '98, girl, Elise, Mar. '07
'94	Amanda & Steve Thielen '94, boy, Beau, Apr. '07	'96	Kara & Michael Sullivan '96, boy, William, May '07		

Biking Is Better: Fueled by Rice

On Sept. 16, 2007, four Johnnies and a Bennie left Beijing and headed for Europe via Asia – on bicycles.

Calling themselves Fueled by Rice (FBR), the group consists of, from L to R, Adam Wolf '03, Jim Durfey '04, Nakia Pearson '05, Drew Spidahl '03 and Pete Ehresmann '04.

By August 2008, they hope to have traversed China, Vietnam, Laos, Thailand, Myanmar, Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Iran, Turkey, Bulgaria, Romania, Hungary, Austria, Germany, and be pedaling into France.

Their goal is threefold: To learn more about the people of the world, to support a charity in each country they pedal through and to advocate reducing carbon emissions.

"We hope that our (rather extreme) example of how effective bicycles are in human (and luggage) transport may encourage you to keep that car of yours parked a little longer between outings," writes Ehresmann in his FBR blog.

For the latest updates, go to fueledbyrice.org



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For the Sake of the River: Jim Huot-Vickery '73

He's paddled thousands of miles in the past 30 years. And when author Jim Huot-Vickery (in the bow) was asked to canoe the length of the Red Lake River in northwestern Minnesota for the Red Lake River Corridor Enhancement Group (RLRCEG), he says he knew immediately it was something he was meant to do.

The RLRCEG planned the 195-mile trip last spring to raise public awareness of the river's environmental, historical, recreational and aesthetic values. Huot-Vickery, who grew up on the Red Lake River, adds one more value to the list — spiritual.

"The Red Lake River has exceptional scenery, high water quality, 50 miles of intermittent rapids and is a refuge for wildlife. It evokes reverence."

Huot-Vickery and Wayne Goeken, organizer of the trip, were joined at various stages by 60 other canoeists and kayakers and a hydro-biker. Their passage was celebrated with food, music and education at riverside communities along the way. Both the *Grand Forks Herald* and the *Thief River Falls Times* gave the trip ample coverage. "Mission accomplished," says Huot-Vickery.

An Ely-area resident, former park ranger and author of three books, Huot-Vickery is now at work on a book about his 1,100-mile canoe journey from northeastern Minnesota northward to Hudson Bay.



(Photo courtesy Grand Forks Herald/Eric Hylden)

'98	Denise & Stephen Heinz '98, boy, Joseph, July '07	'99	Robyn (Ruschmeier '99) & Chris Courchane '99, boy, William, July '07	'00	Sally (Roering '99) & Karl Nathe '00, twins, Gabriel & Nicholas, July '07
'98	Sandra (Matschke '98) & Chris Jerdee '98, boy, Gavin, Aug. '07	'99	Laura (Fahey '99) & Peter Michon '99, girl, Erin, May '07	'00	Johanna (Steffen '01) & Michael O'Malley '00, boy, Lucas, Mar. '07
'98	Eleanor (Mamer '98) & Micah Kiel '98, boy, Harrison, Aug. '07	'99	Amy (Moulzolf '01) & Willy Patefield '99, girl, Lauren, Dec. '06	'00	Jennifer & Brian O'Neill '00, boy, Deklan, July '06
'98	Bethany (Vukson '98) & Matthew Kostolnik '98, boy, Joseph, Feb. '07	'99	Meagan (Sauder '99) & Eric Ricard '99, boy, Gavin, Aug. '07	'00	Stacy (Otto '00) & Dave Rynders '00, girl, Abigail, Aug. '07
'98	Angela (Schmalzer '98) & Nicholas Kulenkamp '98, girl, Teagan, July '07	'99	Monica & Colin Robertson '99, boy, Tate, Apr. '07	'00	Emily (Haeg '01) & John Saunders '00, boy, Atticus, Apr. '07
'98	Jennifer (Finder '99) & James Meyer '98, boy, Alexander, Dec. '06	'99	Kristi (Meier '00) & Cory Sabrowsky '99, girl, Kenna, June '07	'00	Christina & Matthew Tinguely '00, girl, Rosemary, Aug. '07
'98	Mandy & Dennis Olson '98, boy, Chase, July '07	'99	Cindy & Casey Scheidt '99, boy, Parker, Aug. '07	'00	Melanie & Michael Wirth '00, girl, Isabel, Feb. '07
'98	Amy & Nate Omann '98, boy, Drew, July '07	'99	Lisa (Soma '98) & Ryan Vaske '99, girl, Sarah, Jan. '07	'01	Jessica (Kollmann '02) & Joe Beckman '01, girl, Sophia, Mar. '07
'98	Mae & William Petrangelo '98, boy, Jack, May '07	'99	Beth & Bill Zacher '99, boy, Owen, Aug. '07	'01	Angela (Sinner '01) & Joe Begnaud '01, girl, Ella, May '07
'98	Teri & Matthew Schrandt '98, boy, Cael, June '07	'99	Angela (Hoffmann '99) & Eric Strabala '99, boy, John, Nov. '06	'01	Susan (Gebeck '01) & Mark Berglund '01, boy, Maxwell, Apr. '07
'98	Melissa & Eric Stalboerger '98, boy, Jacob, May '07	'00	Erin (Peterfeso '03) & Chad Edlund '00, girl, Brooklynn, Aug. '07	'01	Wenonah (Speltz '02) & Benjamin Carmody '01, boy, Joachim, Sept. '06
'98	Kristin (Koch '98) & Chad Terrell '98, girl, Danika, Apr. '07	'00	Katie & Kris Hagen '00, girl, Madison, July '07	'01	Michelle (Crow '01) & Sean Flannery '01, boy, William, Apr. '07
'98	Lori & Kevin Uphoff '98, girl, Megan, Aug. '07	'00	Anna & Josh Hart '00, girl, Piper, Oct. '07	'01	Billie Jo & Gregg Fox '01, girl, Ava, July '07
'98	Anne (Berrisford '99) & Patrick Josephson '98, boy, Ryan, Apr. '07	'00	Abby & David Kreft '00, boy, Saul, June '07	'01	Valerie (Meyer '00) & Brian Jarstad '01, twins, Alexander & Elizabeth, June '07
'99	Lori & Jamie Andler '99, boy, Aden, June '07	'00	Kelly & Chad Krueger '00, boy, Cullen, May '07	'01	Carrie & Adam Klepetar '01, girl, Ellen, July '07
'99	Sara (Heinz '99) & Scott Bryan '99, boy, Maxwell, May '07	'00	Laura & Jacob Menden '00, boy, Wilson, July '07	'01	Kelley (Schmidt '01) & Nick Polasky '01, boy, John, Sept. '07
'99	Angela & Heath Carter '99, boy, Kieran, June '06	'00	Stacy (Kaye '01) & Nigel Nagassar '00, girl, Annaliese, Apr. '07	'01	Alicia (Baumgarn '01) & Travis Radel '01, girl, Ariana, June '07

MILESTONES



'01	Molly & Brian Willaert '01, boy, Lukas, Aug. '07	'42	Marie Nollette, daughter of deceased Leon '42 and mother of Peter Lafferty '89, Sept. '07	'59	Roger Claesgens '59, July '95
'02	Becky (Cole '02) & Justin Ahlstrom '02, girl, Carly, Apr. '07	'42	Joe Twit '42, Aug. '07	'59	Tora Enestvedt, spouse of Dave '59, June '07
'02	Laura (Sufka '02) & Jeff Campbell '02, girl, Carly, Sept. '07	'43	Albin Schleper '43, July '07	'59	Michael Lischke, son of John '59, Sept. '07
'02	Sarah (Madge '03) & Mike Carey '02, boy, William, July '07	'44	Rose Livingston, spouse of Paul '44, Sept. '07	'59	Edward Virnig '59, Oct. '07
'02	Katie (Low '02) & Curt Coudron '02, boy, Ethan, Apr. '07	'44	Bob Matthews '44, Sept. '06	'60	John Connelly '60, July '07
'02	Ingrid & Tom Hildreth '02, boy, Jackson, Aug. '07	'47	Dick Schmidt '47, twin brother of Robert '47, Aug. '07	'60	Lois Ries, sister of Jim Simon '60, Oct. '07
'02	Mindy (Schumer '03) & Shane Hoefer '02, boy, Benedict, Sept. '07	'47	Vera Zins Werner, mother of Donald '47, June '07	'61	Margaret Leahy, mother of James, Jr. '61 and Tim '64, June '07
'02	Kate (Tillemans '02) & Travis O'Hara '02, boy, Thomas, Feb. '07	'48	Rev. Earl Barcome '48, Sept. '07	'61	Bernard Legatt '61, July '07
'02	Jessica (Anselment '02) & Mike Pocrnich '02, girl, Anna, Jan. '07	'48	Rev. Alfred Scheidler, OSB '48, Sept. '01	'61	Marie Reim, mother of deceased Vic '61, May '07
'02	Adina & Bob Schneeweis '02, boy, Kian, June '07	49	William Macaskill '49, Mar. '07	'61	Raymond Tauscher, brother of Rev. Donald OSB '61 and Leon '69, June '07
'02	Jana & Chris Schuver '02, boy, Nathan, July '07	'49	John Reisdorf, brother of deceased George '49, Donald '58, Richard '59	'61	Kathy Tenvoorde, spouse of Jack '61 and mother of Mike '95, Oct. '07
'03	Megan (Sand '06) & Charlie Carr '03, boy, Nathan, May '07	'49	Clara Schanhaar, spouse of Bob '49, July '06	'61	Mary Varley, mother of Jim '61, Tom '65 and Leo '79, May '07
'03	Sara & John Crever '03, girl, Lauren, May '07	'50	Don Dobmeyer '50, Sept. '07	'62	Leone Bauerly, mother of Ronald '62, June '07
'03	Mara & Joshua Halverson '03, boy, Logan, Oct. '07	'50	Dorothy Hilsen, sister of Melvin Warnert '50, July '07	'62	Earl Blaylock, father of Lawrence '62 and David '72, July '07
'04	Dayna (Logering '05) & Stephen Francis '04, girl, Jayda, Jan. '07	'50	John Hollenhorst '50, Apr. '07	'62	Helen Brandt, mother of John '62, May '07
'05	Heidi (Krippner '05) & Brad Lucas '05, twins, Brock & Mava, Dec. '06	'50	Al Kunkel '50, Sept. '07	'62	David Esselman '62, brother of Gerald '59, June '07
		'50	Bill Ridley '50, Apr. '07	'62	Viola Klein, mother of Jim '62, Sept. '07
		'50	John Terhaar '50, May '07	'62	John Kuffel, father of Dick '62, May '07
		'50	Herbert Terhaar '50, brother of Jerome '48, Roger '50 and deceased Severin '36, Aug. '07	'62	Mary McRaith, mother of Bernie '62, May '07
		'50	Bob Yanz '50, July '07	'62	John Moosbrugger '62, father of Thomas '84, June '07
		'51	George Nelson '51, July '07	'62	Jim Veit '62, June '07
		'51	Warren Potter '51, Sept. '07	'63	Jim Blake '63, brother of William '65 and Jerome '69, Sept. '07
		'51	Donald J. Walsh '51, July '07	'63	Thomas Kinney, brother of Vincent '63, May '07
		'52	Robert Van Sloun, brother of Bill '52, Oct. '07	'63	Ervin Kohorst, brother of Melvin '63, July '07
		'53	Rev. Theodore Gustin '53, Dec. '06	'63	Tom Roufs '63, Oct. '07
		'53	Richard Rentz, brother of Donald '53, June '07	'63	Elmer Schmainda, brother of Frank '63, June '07
		'54	Regina Collins, spouse of Bob '54, May '07	'64	Michael Byrne '64, June '07
		'54	Rev. Placid Hatfield, OSB '54, date unknown	'64	Lorraine Grahm, mother of Frank '64, July '07
		'55	Al Macho '55, Aug. '07	'64	Mary Hanson, sister of Roger Wagner '64, Aug. '07
		'55	Edwina Meyer, mother of Alvin '55 and Harvey '56, May '07	'65	Genevieve Gobeil, mother of deceased Edward '65 and Daniel Hawthorne '69, Oct. '07
		'55	Jim Schneider '55, Apr. '07	'65	Lawrence Bloch, brother of Don '65 and Bea Britz SOTA '00, June '07
		'55	Philip Urbanski, son of John '55, July '07	'65	George Hennig '65, son of Bernard, Sr. '38, father of James '92, brother of Bernard, Jr. '62, Richard '67 and Michael '78, Dec. '06
		'56	Luella O'Fallon, mother of Mike '56, John '59 and David '65, July '07	'65	Roman Saffert, father of Ken '65 and Ron '76, Sept. '07
		'56	Larry Tavis '56, 2004	'65	S. Marilyn Sieloff SOTA '65, unknown
		'58	Allen Cebulla, brother of Thomas '58, July '07	'65	Florrie Sipe, spouse of John '65, mother of John Jr. '89 and Daniel '91, Oct. '07
		'58	Catherine Gales, spouse of George '58, Aug. '07	'66	James Hartle, son of Joseph '66, June '07
		'58	Francis Hughes '58, father of Daniel '84, Michael '86, Paul '89 and Nathan '91, Apr. '07	'67	Joseph Delisi '67, Feb. '07
		'58	Donald Marohn '58, Sept. '07		
		'58	Malcolm Morley, brother of John '58, Oct. '07		
		'58	Beata Wanger, sister of H. Peter Meysembourg '58, July '07		
		'58	George Wright, father of Rev. David SOTA '58 and Donald '64, July '07		

Deaths

'23	Rev. Angelo Zankl, OSB '23, July '07
'35	Zook Iten '35, Aug. '07
'36	Virginia Cater, spouse of Kenneth '36, July '07
'37	Joseph Keller '37, May '07
'37	Quirren Klasen '37, Nov. '06
'38	Robert Thielman '38, July '07
'39	Hildie Callanan, spouse of deceased Edward '39 and mother of James '68, May '07
'39	Lyle Hartman '39, father of Terrance '66 and Denny '76, Aug. '07
'39	Mary Knese, mother of Bill '70 and the sister of Rev. Charles W. Henry OSB '50, Edward Henry '43, Robert Henry '51, deceased John Henry '39, June '07
'40	Tom Erchul '40, June '07
'40	The Rev. Bernard Gervais '40, July '07
'40	Frank O'Keefe '40, Aug. '07
'40	Phil Raths '40, father of Jeremy '75 and Tim '76, June '07
'41	Earl Blommer '41, June '07
'41	Hazel Egerman, spouse of Lyle '41, June '06
'41	Wallace Ess '41, June '07
'41	George Wegener '41, May '07
'42	Raymond Bauer, Sr. '42, July '07

MILESTONES

'67	Catherine Johnson, mother of Donald '67, July '07	'73	L.T. Miller, father of Rev. Greg Miller, OSB '73, Sept. '07	'83	Murray Mylrea, father of John '83, Sept. '07
'67	Richard Krekelberg, father of Chuck '67, July '07	'74	Mary Jane Byron, mother of Dennis '74, George '76 and Raymond '78, Apr. '07	'83	Aloysius Nordick, father of Rev. Jerry Nordick SOTA '83, Aug. '07
'67	Crist Pohlen, father of Chris '67, May '07	'74	John Suerth '74, Aug. '07	'83	David Ring, father of Robert '83, June '07
'67	Norb Skarie '67, Apr. '07	'76	William H. Muske, Sr., father of Mike '76, June '07	'83	Rufus Wilson, father of Steve '83, May '07
'68	Carl Luxem, Sr. father of Carl Jr. '68, Michael '73, Dennis '75, May '07	'77	Norman Berns, father of Robert '77, July '07	'84	Luverne Carlson, father of Gregg '84, Aug. '07
'68	Margaret Mullen, mother of Joseph '68, July '07	'77	Judy Chavez, sister of Richard J. Chavez '77, Aug. '07	'84	Emmett McCue, father of Joe '84, May '07
'68	Frances Precourt, mother of Robert '68, May '07	'78	Leo Lenczewski, father of deceased Joe '78 and John '84, Sept. '07	'84	Joseph Offerman, father of Steve '84, June '07
'68	Kathleen Voight, mother of James '68, May '07	'78	Ernest Stoll, father of Joseph '78, Sept. '07	'85	Mary Larson, mother of Gregory '85, Sept. '07
'69	John Bahnak, Jr. '69, brother of deceased Bruce '71, Aug. '07	'78	Jim Yurczyk, Jr. '78, July '07	'86	Mary Ann Caldwell, mother of Dave '86 and Dan '95, Sept. '07
'69	Daniel Thiegs, Oct. '07	'79	Toni Meyer, sister of Marty Meyer-Gad '79, June '07	'86	Linda Weidner, mother of Frank '86, May '07
'70	Bette Keyes, mother of Jim '70 and Dan '76, July '07	'79	Jacquelin Sullivan, mother of Joe '79, Dan '82 and Tom '85, May '07	'87	John O'Brien, father of Joe '87, May '07
'70	Beatrice Mumma, mother of Dave '70, Dec. '06	'79	Jane Ellen Teigen, mother of Robert '79 and Richard '82, July '07	'88	Shirley Auran, mother of Paul '88, July '07
'70	Forrest Olson, son of Rod '70, Aug. '07	'80	Douglas Hanowski, father of John '80 and Paul '87, Oct. '06	'88	William Mealey, brother of Mary Melia SOTA '88, Oct. '07
'70	Joseph Roche, brother of Patrick '70, July '07	'81	Vince Bazzachini, brother of John '81, Aug. '07	'90	Mary Cutter, mother of John '90, Aug. '07
'71	Kathryn Anderson, mother of James '71, June '07	'81	Terry Bishop, brother of Dan '81, July '07	'90	Jerry Doran, father of Patrick '90, July '07
'71	Kathleen Debruycker, mother of Rev. James DeBruycker '71, Sept. '07	'81	Donna Hoban, mother of Richard '81, June '07	'90	Virginia McDonell, mother of David '90, Sept. '07
'71	Clara Friendshuh, mother of Frank '71, Apr. '07	'81	Leroy Jasmer, father of Br. Paul Jasmer, OSB SOTA '81, Aug. '07	'91	Daniel Dorn, brother of James SOTA '91, Aug. '07
'71	Rose Hackenmueller, mother of Tony '71, Aug. '07	'81	James D. Touhey, brother of Nadine Touhey, OSB SOTA '81, June '07	'91	Marcene Reder, mother of Dean '91, June '07
'72	Russell Gilmer, father of Michael '72, May '07	'82	James A. Piechowski, father of James C. '82, John '86 and Dave '89, Oct. '07	'92	Joseph Mocol, father of Jon '92, July '07
'72	Anna Spinler, mother of Mark '72 and Paul '75, Aug. '07	'83	Eva Barnard, mother of Michael '83, June '07	'92	LeRoy Oelrich, father of Rev. Anthony Oelrich SOTA '92, Aug. '07
'73	S. Maryanne Dooher, OSB, SOTA '73, July '07	'83	Carol Leach, spouse of Joseph (Dan) '83, June '07	'92	Leonard Williams, father of Roy '92, Sept. '07
'73	Herbert Kelly, father of John '73, Apr. '07	'83	Lyle McCloskey, father of Michael '83, July '07	'94	Katherine Gamble, mother of James '94, Aug. '07
				'94	Monty W. Hoffstrom, father of Monty J. '94, Aug. '07
				'95	Georgeann Pyke, mother of Daniel '95, Mar. '07
				'97	John Elsen, father of Mike '97, Aug. '07
				'97	David Swanson, father of Dan '97, Jan. '06
				'99	Judy Grossman, mother of Craig '99, Aug. '07
				'00	Donald Abrams, father of Ben '00, Sept. '07
				'00	Robert Landkammer, father of Andy '00, Aug. '07
				'02	Richard "Kevin" Lindstrom, father of Derrick '02, May '07
				'02	Suzanne Walsh, mother of Michael '02, Oct. '07
				'02	Richard Young, father of John '02, Sept. '07
				'03	Ambrose Scherping, father of Dec. Rick Scherping SOTA '03, July '07
				'05	Kendrick Laloo, brother of Br. Neal Laloo, OSB '05, Sept. '07
				'05	RaeDell Robbins, mother of Will '05, Sept. '07
				'06	Mark Klocker, father of David '06, Aug. '07
				'06	Joseph Thomas '06, July '07

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What Our Leaders Could Learn from the Benedictines

by Eric Schubert '92

Editor's Note: *The following article is excerpted from an op-ed piece in the Star Tribune on Sept. 19, 2007.*

Before the last two regular Minnesota legislative sessions, policymakers gathered at the Humphrey Institute to discuss overcoming gridlock. Yet each time they return to the people's house, they seize opportunities to squander opportunity.

Before they and the governor meet again on Minnesotans' behalf, they'd benefit from insights of humble leaders whose adherence to centuries-old rules help them stay tethered to what is beneficial about the past while stepping boldly forward to shape tomorrow.

In 1856, five Benedictine monks left Pennsylvania for Minnesota. The men built Saint John's Abbey and Saint John's University. All are celebrating their sesquicentennial.

They carried *The Rule of St. Benedict*, a 73-chapter sixth-century guide for bringing individuals together to build vital, permanent monastic communities. Within its medieval prose are intentional acts such as listening, moderation, hospitality, humility, service, stewardship, empowerment, embracing change, respecting people, personal responsibility, learning, prayer and work.



Called "the little rule for beginners," it fuels collaborative leadership to take "what could be" to make "what is better." Among other things, Benedictines brought health care and schools, innovated in natural-resource management, preserved ancient global texts, built timeless architectural works and made Minnesota Public Radio possible. Ignoring merger mania, they maintain single-sex colleges and traditions within a unique coeducational experience.

The Rule worked yesterday; it works today, and tomorrow policymakers could borrow from it to seize opportunity instead of squandering it.

• **Listening:** Benedictines listen to all members of their community when making decisions. Rather than leading to weak groupthink, disciplined listening expands

possibilities and spurs decisiveness. St. Benedict says "listen with the ear of your heart."

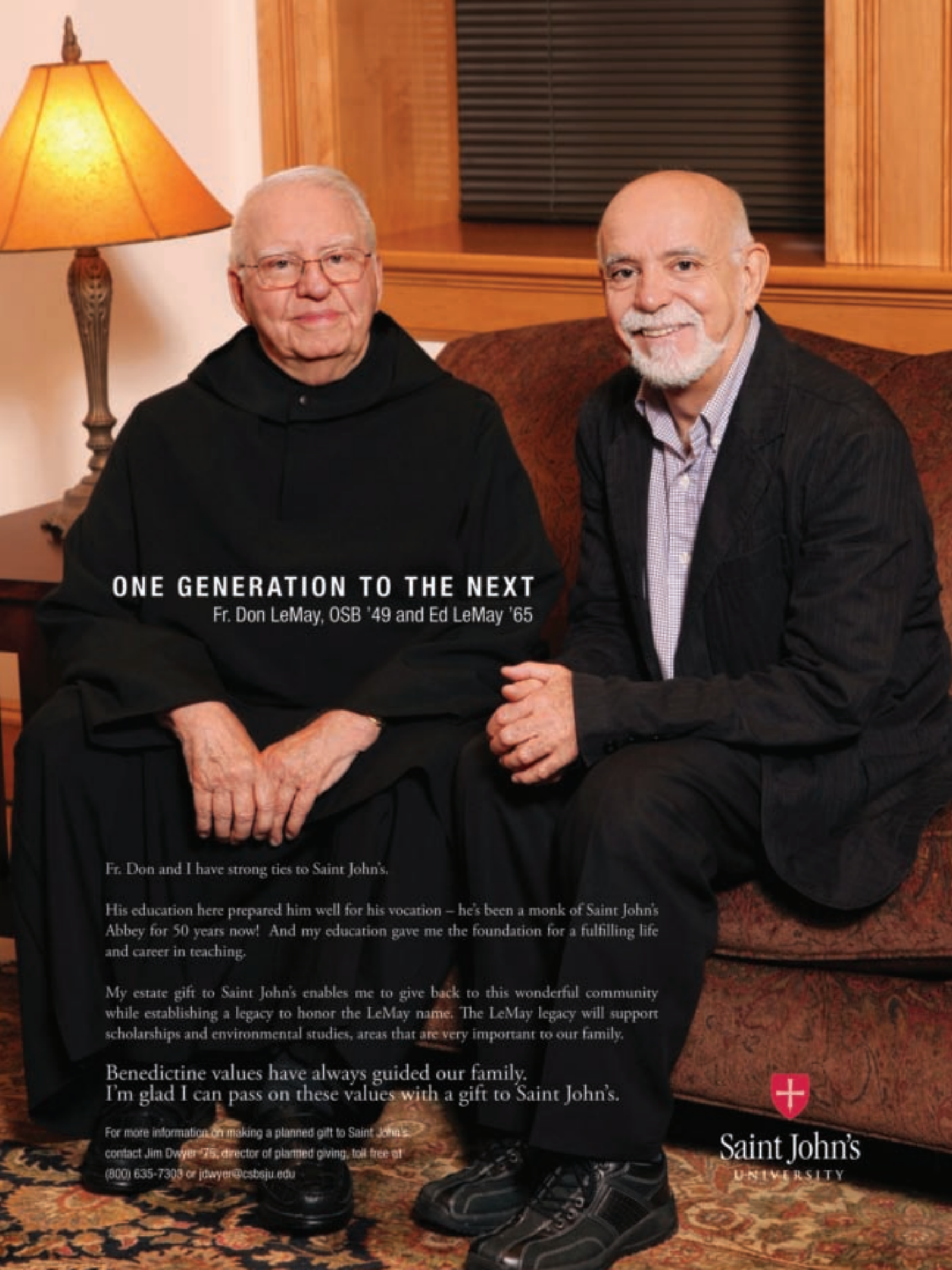
• **Trust:** Benedictines fundamentally trust and extend hospitality. When individuals egregiously break trust, community members join to bolster what's broken.

• **Empowerment:** St. Benedict says "keep death daily before your eyes." In doing so, Benedictines empower individuals to take initiative for their community's common good.

• **Stewardship:** Benedictines protect and expand entrusted resources to make things better. Policymakers must realize that stewardship isn't simply about saving or saying no. It also means investing new dollars to innovate.

Br. Dietrich Reinhart, OSB, president of Saint John's University, says that Benedictines have built strong communities in Minnesota for 150 years because courageous people saw needs in the broader world, often anticipated them, endured opposition, and pulled together to make new things happen. That tradition of transformation to meet the deepest needs of others drives the Benedictines' story. And it's not over.

Eric Schubert '92 is a communications professional living in Inver Grove Heights, MN.



ONE GENERATION TO THE NEXT

Fr. Don LeMay, OSB '49 and Ed LeMay '65

Fr. Don and I have strong ties to Saint John's.

His education here prepared him well for his vocation – he's been a monk of Saint John's Abbey for 50 years now! And my education gave me the foundation for a fulfilling life and career in teaching.

My estate gift to Saint John's enables me to give back to this wonderful community while establishing a legacy to honor the LeMay name. The LeMay legacy will support scholarships and environmental studies, areas that are very important to our family.

Benedictine values have always guided our family.
I'm glad I can pass on these values with a gift to Saint John's.

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Jeff Jackson '08 and toddler friends in the play house at Resurrection House AIDS Haven in this photo by Alexa Gallet '08, which won first place in CSB/SJU's study abroad photo contest last fall. Jackson and Gallet were among 25 Johnnies and Bennies who studied in Port Elizabeth, South Africa, for a semester in 2007. The group volunteered weekly at AIDS Haven, a support community for children and adults living with AIDS.