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Fr. Wilfred Theisen '52, OSB, professor emeritus of physics, was minding his own business one sunny May morning when this indigo bunting hopped onto his hand. The little fellow had stunned himself on a window on campus and needed a quiet spot to recover. He found one! (Photo by John Biasi)

Cover: Capt. Jack Moore '04 in Iraq, where he served as a member of a field artillery platoon division. He is one of six alumni featured in "Conflict Zone" (page 10).

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

From time to time, people have commented to me about the fact that SJU has both an ROTC program and a peace studies department. Isn't this a contradiction? But as the lead article, as well as the Inspiring Lives section in this issue demonstrate, there are no pat solutions to the problems of conflict between peoples. Many Johnnies are or have been involved in the Middle East in a variety of capacities – as soldiers, diplomats, community-builders, chaplains and observers. We hear from a number of them in this issue, in their own words. We are honored that these men took the time to respond to our inquiries from their posts in Afghanistan, Iraq, Moscow and elsewhere abroad and at home. Their comments are reflective and many dimensioned.

Wherever each of us may be on the political spectrum, we can learn something important from these Johnnies about how to contribute to peace.

Our second feature brings us back to campus and gives us the opportunity to pay tribute to a great man and coach: Jim Smith, the winningest coach in Minnesota college basketball. Coach Smith has led Johnnie basketball for 44 years and to 685 wins, including seven MIAC titles and appearances in three NCAA tournaments. Along the way, he has been a model and mentor for scores of Johnnies, who credit him with an influence that extends far beyond their college days. We look forward to dedicating the newly renovated basketball court in Sexton Arena to Jim and his wife, Adrienne, in November.

Seven years ago, Saint John's launched the most ambitious capital campaign in our history, *One Generation to the Next: The Campaign for Saint John's*. I am pleased to announce that the campaign has raised \$168 million – \$18 million more than the campaign goal of \$150 million. The Board of Regents voted to conclude the campaign a year ahead of schedule, on June 30, 2008. This is a moving testament to your generosity and commitment to our liberal arts mission – thank you! There is much more about this in the Advancing the Mission section.

I look forward to seeing you at Homecoming/Reunion weekend in September, which will include a special celebration of the campaign conclusion.

God bless!



Dietrich Reinhart '71, OSB  
President



(Photo by Michael Crouser)



### **Second-largest Class in History Graduates**

William Green, superintendent of Minneapolis Public Schools, delivered the commencement address at Saint John's University in May. The 2008 Saint John's graduating class included 458 undergraduate men, the second-largest in school history, and 45 School of Theology•Seminary graduates. With the College of Saint Benedict's 446 graduates, the 2008 combined undergraduate graduating class was 904. Green and Eric Jolly, president of the Science Museum of Minnesota, received honorary Doctor of Laws degrees, and Saint John's Abbey and University presented its Pax Christi Award to the Most Reverend Elias Chacour, archbishop of Akka, Haifa, Nazareth and All of Galilee. Tom Connelly '08 was the student commencement speaker.

# BEHIND THE PINES

## Holocaust Oratorio Performed in Europe

Singers, instrumentalists and faculty soloists from Saint John's University, the College of Saint Benedict, St. Cloud State University (SCSU) and the SCSU Cantabile Girls Choir performed "To Be Certain of the Dawn," a Holocaust oratorio, in May at Natzweiler-Struthof, a former Nazi concentration camp in France. This was the European premiere of the oratorio and one of several concerts performed in Germany, Switzerland and France during the May-June study tour.

"To Be Certain of the Dawn," by composer Stephen Paulus and librettist Michael Dennis Browne, was premiered in 2005 by the Rev. Michael J. O'Connell at the Basilica of Saint Mary in Minneapolis to celebrate two important events – the 60th anniversary of the liberation of the death camps at the end of World War II and the 40th anniversary of the Vatican II document *Nostre Aetate* that condemned the blaming of Jews for the death of Christ. Rooted in themes and subjects of mutual interest to the Jewish and Christian faith communities, the oratorio pays tribute to those who lost their lives in the Holocaust and honors survivors and their descendants.



(Photo by Dave Schwarz/St. Cloud Times)

A performance of "To Be Certain of the Dawn" at St. Matthieu Church in Colmar, France, one of several stops on the European tour.



(Photo by Dave Schwarz/St. Cloud Times)

Members of the European premiere of "To Be Certain of the Dawn" view the site of the former Nazi concentration camp at Natzweiler-Struthof, in France, where they performed in May.

### Caritas Awards Ceremony Honors Alumni

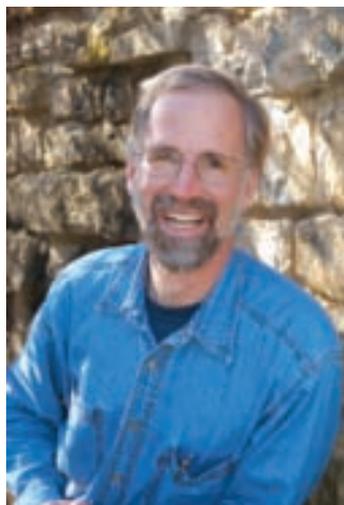
At the 13th annual CSB/SJU Caritas Awards ceremony in April, four graduates were honored for their commitment to and involvement in service and social justice activities: Paul Conroy '05, Christine Kustelski '96 and '08 graduates Ben DeMarais and Maya Main.

### Saint John's Arboretum Named Important Bird Area

The 2,700 acres surrounding the Saint John's campus, called the Arboretum, and the surrounding Avon Hills area of Central Minnesota have been recognized as an Important Bird Area (IBA) by the Audubon Society. Saint John's received the distinction at the annual Arboretum Spring Birding Day in May. In addition, the Avon Hills Initiative and The Nature Conservancy cooperated on a new conservation action plan, highlighting the conservation goals of Saint John's Arboretum and the surrounding areas. In March, Stearns County passed a comprehensive plan in which the Arboretum and the surrounding 40,000 acres are given special environmental consideration. The Saint John's Arboretum is one of the most diverse ecosystems in Minnesota and plays an increasingly important role in sustainability education and initiatives in the region.

### Environmental Historian William Cronon Receives Colman Barry Award

Saint John's presented the 16th *Colman J. Barry Award for Distinguished Contributions to Religion and Society* to William Cronon in honor of his service as one of our nation's foremost environmental historians and thinkers. Cronon is Vilas Research Professor and Frederick Jackson Turner Professor of History, Geography and Environmental Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He is the author of two award-winning books, *Changes in the Land* (1983) and *Nature's Metropolis* (1991), and has edited two influential essay collections, *Under an Open Sky* and *Uncommon Ground*. He serves on the Governing Council of The Wilderness Society and on the National Board of the Trust for Public Land.



### McCarthy Center Hosts Al Eisele '58 as Scholar-in-Residence

The Eugene J. McCarthy Center for Public Policy & Civic Engagement hosted Al Eisele '58 for a week's residency in March as part of the Eugene J. McCarthy Scholar-in-Residence program. In addition to being editor-at-large of *The Hill*, one of Washington, D.C.'s top political newspapers, Eisele was also a distinguished visiting professor at the University of Oklahoma's Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication last fall. He was a public policy scholar at the Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars and fellow of the Institute of Politics at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and is the former press secretary to Vice President Walter Mondale. Among other special events during the residency, students were treated to a visit from Minnesota Congressman Keith Ellison, the first Muslim to serve in the U.S. Congress, who spoke about his experiences during his first term.



Students meet with Congressman Keith Ellison and Al Eisele '58 (center, left and right) during the McCarthy Scholar-in-Residence program in March.

### Nadeau '09 Wins Third Prize in Elie Wiesel Essay Contest

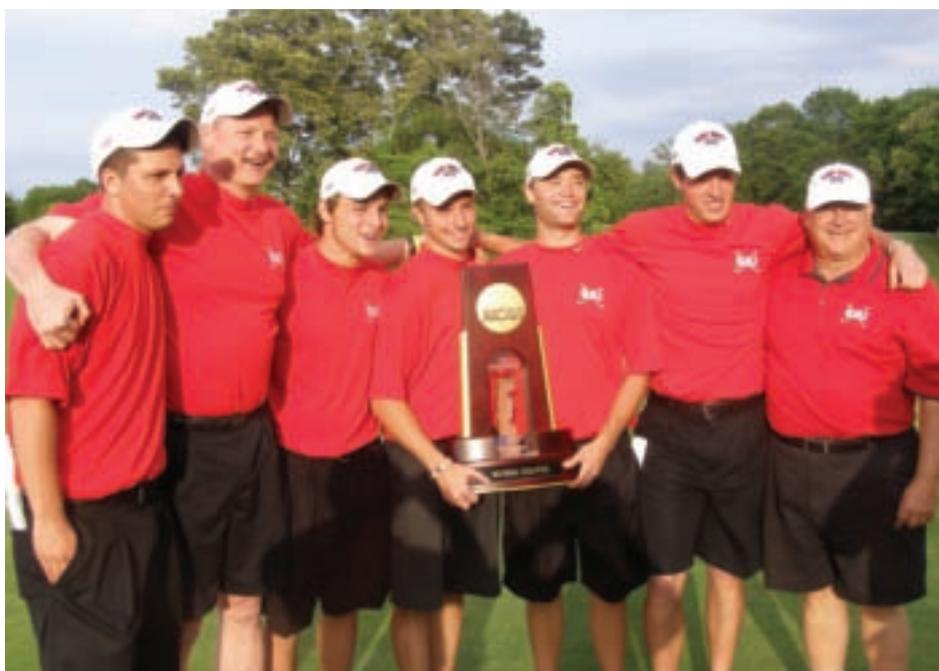
Nik Nadeau '09 won third prize nationally in *The Elie Wiesel Prize in Ethics* essay contest sponsored by the Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity. Nadeau is the first Elie Wiesel Prize winner at SJU. An English major, he earned \$1,500 for his essay titled "The Ethics of Reclaiming." The essay examines how the South Korean government treats overseas adoptees, which number an estimated 200,000 worldwide.

## Golf Team Wins Second Straight Title

SJU golfers used a dramatic final-round rally to capture a second consecutive NCAA Division III national championship in May at the Chateau Elan Resort in Braselton, GA. They became the first team to repeat as national champion since Methodist University won six straight national titles from 1994-99.

The University of Redlands placed second with a 1,195 total, with St. John Fisher College placing third with 1,199. St. John Fisher was the team leader heading into the final day of competition on the resort's Chateau Course.

The late heroics came at an opportune time for the Johnnies, who were 14th after the first day of competition and fourth after the second round. Saint John's was playing in its ninth consecutive national tournament.



(Photo by Ryan Klunker)

The golf team celebrates its second consecutive NCAA Division III national championship May 16 at the Chateau Elan Resort in Braselton, GA. (L to R) Joey Polingo '09, Head Coach Bob Alpers '82, Joe Daly '09, Clinton Dammann '08, Matt Bohlig '08, Joe Schoolmeesters '09 and Assistant Coach Mike Percuoco.

## Julian Bond of NAACP to Deliver McCarthy Lecture

Julian Bond, chairman of the board of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), will deliver the next Eugene J. McCarthy Lecture on Oct. 29 at SJU. Bond is Distinguished Professor at American University in Washington, D.C., and serves as professor of history at the University of Virginia. As a student at Morehouse College in Atlanta, Bond helped found the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). He served in the Georgia House of Representatives from 1965-75 and the Georgia Senate from 1975-86. Bond was the first president of the Southern Poverty Law Center, and since 1998, has served as the chairman of the board of the NAACP, the oldest and largest civil rights organization in the United States. In 2002, he received the prestigious National Freedom Award. The annual public lectureship reflects McCarthy's deep commitment to the ideals and principles of democratic self-



government. It seeks to inspire a new generation of young people to pursue fresh ideas, to challenge the status quo, to effect positive change in their communities and, like McCarthy, to lead with honesty, integrity and courage.

## Professor Annette Atkins Wins Spur Award for Distinguished Writing

Annette Atkins, CSB/SJU professor of history, was presented with a Spur Award by the Western Writers of America (WWA) in June. Atkins won in the category of Best Western Nonfiction Historical for her latest book, *Creating Minnesota: A History From the Inside Out* (Minnesota Historical Society Press, 2007), which provides a new history of the state as well as a rethinking of what state history ought to be. *Creating Minnesota* was also a finalist for a Minnesota Book Award. The Spur Awards, given annually for distinguished writing about the American West, are among the oldest and most prestigious in American literature.



(Photo by Greg Becker)

## Retiring Professors Honored

Eight professors were honored last May on their retirement from more than 100 combined years of service at Saint John's University and the College of Saint Benedict: Fr. Allan Bouley '59, OSB, professor emeritus of theology; Robert Fulton, professor emeritus of chemistry; S. Nancy Hynes, OSB, professor emerita of English; S. Helen Rolfson, OSF, professor emerita of theology; Kevin Seasoltz, OSB, professor emeritus of theology; Dr. Vera Theisen, professor emerita of French; Fr. Hilary Thimmesh '50, OSB, professor emeritus of English; and Philip Welter '59, professor emeritus of music. (They may have left our classrooms but they haven't left our hearts and minds. Good luck and best wishes!)



(Photo by Adam Konczewski)

(L to R) Fr. Allan Bouley '59, OSB, S. Helen Rolfson, OSF, Fr. Hilary Thimmesh '50, OSB, Dr. Vera Theisen and Dr. Robert Fulton celebrating their retirement at the 2008 faculty awards reception.

## Nelson '83 Receives Presidential Citation

Steve Nelson '83, vice president - portfolio manager with Merrill Lynch, received a Saint John's Presidential Citation at an alumni reception in Phoenix, AZ in February. The citation recognized Nelson's profound commitment to the cultural and spiritual life of his community, and for his pivotal role bringing *The Saint John's Bible* exhibition to Phoenix. Nelson is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Phoenix Art Museum. "From Tucson to Prescott, from Flagstaff to Yuma, from Sun City to Sun Lakes, you have traversed the state to promote awareness of The Saint John's Bible," observed Br. Dietrich Reinhart. "With the drive of a politician and the fervor of an evangelist you have embodied the spirit of Saint John's patron: You have been a modern John the Baptist, preparing in the desert a way for *The Saint John's Bible*."



Steve Nelson '83 and Dr. Kristen Nelson

## Saupe, Immelman, Thamert '73 Win Teaching Awards

Faculty from the disciplines of biology, psychology and German walked away with this year's teaching "Oscars." The SJU Robert L. Spaeth Teacher of Distinction Award was presented to Fr. Mark Thamert '73, SOT '79, OSB, associate professor of German. The CSB S. Mary Grell Teacher of Distinction Award was presented to Stephen Saupe, professor of biology. The Linda Mealey Teacher-Scholar Award went to Aubrey Immelman, associate professor of psychology.



(Photo by Adam Konczewski)

(L to R) Dr. Stephen Saupe, Dr. Aubrey Immelman, and Fr. Mark Thamert '73, SOT '79, OSB, with award plaques at the 2008 faculty awards reception.

## ADMINISTRATIVE AND FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

**Mullin Named Vice President for Student Development**

Doug Mullin '76, SOT '82, SOT '07, OSB, was recently named SJU vice president for student development. Mullin was previously associate professor of education at the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University and a faculty resident in the SJU campus residence halls. Mullin received his B.A. from SJU in elementary education, M.A. degrees in divinity and religious education from Saint John's School of Theology•Seminary, an M.A. in school administration from the University of St. Thomas and a Ph.D. in educational leadership from the University of Minnesota.



Mullin is a member of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics and the American and Minnesota Associations of Colleges for Teacher Education. He is former chair of the CSB/SJU education department; dean of students and director of residency at Saint John's Preparatory School; teacher and principal at Saint Mary's Mission School in Red Lake, MN; and subprior for Saint John's Abbey. Mullin also serves on the board of directors for the Saint John's Boys' Choir and the United States Catholic China Bureau.

**Triggs to Direct *The Saint John's Bible Heritage Program***

Jim Triggs has been hired as executive director of *The Saint John's Bible Heritage Program*. He will oversee the creation, promotion, marketing and sales of the fine art reproduction of *The Saint John's Bible*. Triggs was the co-founder and president of KB Gear Interactive, vice president of business development for Zomax, Inc., and vice president of sales and marketing for WynEdge Software. Most recently, Triggs was the CEO of Ascend Professionals, a marketing and sales consulting firm in the Twin Cities. He has a B.S. from Gonzaga University and an M.B.A. from the Carlson School of Management. He and his wife have five children. Their son Kyle graduated from Saint John's University in 2007.

**Abell Becomes HR Director**

Carol Abell was appointed human resources director for the College of Saint Benedict and the Order of Saint Benedict last October. Abell has been in the human resources field for 26 years, the last 18 in the Minnesota State Colleges and University (MNSCU) system as the chief human resources officer for Anoka Technical College and Pine Technical College. Abell has a B.A. in business administration from Colorado State University. She received the HR Star Award through MNSCU in 2001 and 2004. She also received the Minnesota Chapter Distinguished Service Award through CUPA-HR, Midwest Region, in 2004.

**Holey New Natural Sciences Division Head**

Andy Holey, professor of computer sciences, has been appointed CSB/SJU division head for the natural sciences. Holey has been a member of the computer science faculty since 1991 and served as chair of that department. As chair of the New Core Task Force from 2003-06, Holey played a key role in guiding the new common curriculum through the Joint Faculty Assembly.

**Jose Joins Fine Arts Programming**

Brian Jose has been appointed CSB/SJU executive director of fine arts programming. In this position, he will be responsible for leadership of the programming, operational and financial performance of fine arts programming. Jose comes to his new position from the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center at the University of Maryland at College Park, where he was director of marketing and communications. His previous experience includes marketing, planning, corporate development and management with such organizations as the College of Fine Arts at Arizona State University, the Phoenix Art Museum, the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra (NY) and the Columbus Symphony Orchestra (OH). Jose holds a B.A. from Wittenberg University.



## NEW REGENTS NAMED



**Thomas Schnettler '79** is the president and chief operating officer of Piper Jaffray. He has been with the company since 1986. Prior to his current position, he served as vice chairman and chief financial officer, a position he held since August 2006. Previously he served as head of the corporate and institutional services business, the equities and investment banking group and the investment banking

department. Schnettler received a B.S. from Saint John's University and a law degree from Harvard Law School. He serves on the board of directors of Catholic Charities of St. Paul and Minneapolis. He and his wife, Cheryl L. Appeldorn (CSB '81), reside in Edina, MN.



**Marilyn A. Dahl** is regional president of small business banking, Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Well known for her commitment to providing outstanding customer service, Dahl has worked in virtually every area of banking and within every business line in her 42-year career with Wells Fargo (formerly Norwest). She also has 30 years of direct line experience in banking. Dahl's term chairing the board of directors for the Metropolitan Economic Development Association (MEDA) was completed in June 2007. She remains a board member of MEDA. She serves on several additional boards, including the Better Business Bureau. Dahl lives in Hopkins, MN. Her son, Casey, graduated from Saint John's University in 2005.



**Dan Whalen '70** is an active community volunteer and private investor. Whalen founded or co-founded several telecommunications or related services companies. He is currently the principal investor and executive chair of Vello, Inc., a teleconferencing startup. Whalen received a B.S. from Saint John's University, an M.B.A. from Stanford University's Graduate School of Business and an M.A.

from Stanford University's Food Research Institute. He was an SJU Regent for 10 years, serving three years as vice president and three years as chair of the board until 2007. He is the chair of the Saint John's capital campaign, **One Generation to the Next**. Whalen and his wife, Katharine, live in Oakland, CA.



**Paul Krump '82** is executive vice president of Chubb & Son and chief underwriting officer for Chubb. He has a B.A. from Saint John's University. He has also attended executive management programs at IMD in Lausanne, Switzerland; the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University in Evanston, IL; and the U.S. Army War College/Columbia Business School. Krump is active in several charities. He has also been the regional chair of the SJU capital campaign in New York/New Jersey. Krump and his wife, Anne (Schmidt) CSB '82, live in Mendham, NJ. Their daughter, Emily, graduated from CSB in 2006.



**Fr. René McGraw, OSB**, associate professor of philosophy and peace studies, is the newly elected monastic Regent. Fr. René joined Saint John's Abbey in 1955. He was ordained in 1962. McGraw rejoins the board after serving as a Regent for 12 years and for four years on the predecessor to the Board of Regents. During this term, he will be a member of the student affairs committee of the board.



**Michael Scherer '67** served 20 years as vice president and chief operating officer of Scherer Bros. Lumber, retiring in 2000. He received his B.S. from Saint John's University. He served in the U.S. Army in 1968 and 1969 as platoon leader with the 101st Airborne Division in Vietnam. Scherer is an active volunteer on many boards and committees. He is a trustee of the Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Medina and board member of Senior Catholic Services of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. He serves on the Saint John's Building and Grounds Committee. Scherer and his wife, Susanne, reside in Wayzata, MN.



# CONFLICT ZONE

## Johnnies in the Middle East

By John Rosengren '86

The war in Iraq is now in its sixth year. News of unrest and bloodshed from Israel, Palestine and Afghanistan continue to fuel the front pages.

Is there a future for peace?

We asked six Saint John's alumni who are serving or have served in the Middle East – two in the military, two in the State Department and two in non-governmental organizations – to share what they've learned about peacemaking from this conflict zone.

What did they say?

Capt. Jack Moore '04 and Jeff Morency '05 want us to realize that war is not an abstraction. It is about real people, suffering and dying in terrible ways.

John Chromy '64 advises us to listen to women. Because they are responsible for the children, they often focus more on new possibilities and less on old arguments.

Jeremy Richart '00 and Tim Enright '99 tell us to learn to understand the world from someone else's point of view, no matter how different from your own it may be.

And Col. (Dr.) Jim Pfaff '78 reminds us that you can't always have your own way.

Is there a future for peace? There are no easy answers to this question. But there are answers. In the following pages, these six Johnnies share some hard-earned wisdom from this conflict zone. Let's pay attention.



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John Chromy '64 at opening ceremony for CHF-funded agro-processing plant in Lebanon.

It is critical to have tried, trusted and effective mechanisms to bring people together in deciding how to share power and resources.

In Afghanistan, you have the traditional *jirgas*, which bring tribes and families together to decide what can be done to resolve disputes over land, cattle, water, stealing and so on — before resorting to violence. The year after the Taliban fell, the international community brought together about 1,300 leaders for a national Loya Jirga to decide on Afghanistan’s constitution. The Taliban are still trying to undermine the agreements made by the Loya Jirga.

When dissident groups violently refuse to accept joint decisions, that’s when military forces must intervene. You have to give the sane voices the chance to make

the decisions and implement them.

We consistently find that when you bring women into the process, they tend to be more capable of compromise and concerned for the welfare of the whole community.

I observed this in Lebanon with the implementation of an irrigation channel. After months of bitter wrangling among the male elders from three villages over the channel, groups of women from the opposing Christian and Muslim sects conducted their own meetings and approached CHF to complete the project.

When the male elders objected, the women called a community meeting, and 200 women told the men ‘it was time to end this angry dispute – the children needed the food that could be grown with



Lebanese farmers view economic development resources at CHF-constructed plant nursery.

the return of irrigation; the future of their lives and the villages were at stake here, and it was not going to be stopped by the bitter battles of old men.’ There was much cheering and dancing when the project was approved.”

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## JOHN CHROMY '64

John Chromy is a vice president at CHF (Cooperative Housing Foundation) International, whose mission is “to be a catalyst for long-lasting positive change in low- and moderate-income communities around the world.” One of its major roles is to assist people in unstable situations or post-conflict areas. Over the past two-dozen years, Chromy has been involved assisting people to stabilize their communities and defuse conflicts in more than 30 countries, including recently Afghanistan, West Bank/Gaza, Lebanon and the Darfur region of Sudan.

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Most people don't think about what it's like to walk around on foot patrol in 120-degree heat or what it's like to watch somebody burn to death. There's a vast array of lessons to be shared from the trenches that would shed a different light on conflict resolution or using violence to achieve political objectives.

Many middle and upper class Americans have a rosy and unrealistic understanding of humanity due to the sheltered lives we lead. It is important to understand war at the lowest levels to be able to think about war as a concept at the higher levels.

You've got 19-year-old privates who know more about Middle Eastern customs and are accomplishing more diplomatically than a lot of people who are older and have more education. I saw specialists and young sergeants speaking with Iraqis on the streets and in their homes, using broken Arabic and hand gestures to express our commitment to them. Privates would pull me aside to let me know how they thought we could improve the situations of those we encountered. They understand



**Capt. Jack Moore '04 in a buried IED (improvised explosive device) crater near Taji in Baghdad Province. (Moore is also pictured on p. 10 with his interpreter on a mission in Mushada.)**

how to address an Iraqi woman or walk into an Iraqi home to search for weapons.

It's important to understand the cultural norms to achieve any sort of political or military objectives. With conflicts – whether in general or in Iraq specifically – it boils down to the level at which the

opposing sides understand each other and are willing to compromise for one another.

If people thought of themselves as working for the betterment of the human condition instead of for this party or that one, they would get more accomplished for the betterment of all.

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## JACK MOORE '04

Capt. Jack Moore went through the Army ROTC program at Saint John's and served in Iraq for seven months as part of a field artillery platoon division. Among his duties there, he trained Iraqi soldiers and led foot patrols in Baghdad. After Moore completes his military service in 2009, he plans to pursue a master's degree combining international relations and world religions. He hopes to eventually put this degree and his experience to work for another branch of the United States government or a non-governmental organization.

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*A sense of ownership is essential. I always try to make sure that the local leaders on the project have as much ownership and say as possible.*

There are always conflicts in reconstruction work. While nationalism does exist in Afghanistan, tribal and ethnic differences and neighbor conflicts still play an important role in daily life. Certain people just won't deal with other people because of some historical dispute – think Hatfields and McCoys.

Understanding this reality makes shifting and adjusting easier. It also helps to work with local individuals and power brokers in order to implement a project that the community wants. That way we can work through the problems together.

On the Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT), I represent the development aspect

of U.S. foreign policy. My role is to help incorporate long-term sustainability in the projects that the PRT implements. I work with communities to help them figure out what will help and to work out a plan to solve the problem.

After I'm done, the local population has to live with the results. They have to be able to fix or adjust the project on their own. A sense of ownership is essential. I always try to make sure that the local leaders on the project have as much ownership and say as possible. After all, they are the ones that have to sell it to the community at large, take the heat if it fails and, if it fails, figure out how to fix it so the heat disappears. It's a slow, multigenerational process in which I'm playing a small part.

I think colleges like SJU should push more students to volunteer internationally as part of their study abroad trips. This would give them the opportunity to witness and deal with conflicts in another culture, to see how things might be done differently.

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Jeremy Richart '00 in the Panjshir province of Afghanistan, where he is a USAID officer. (Richart is also pictured on p. 11 shaking hands with the governor of the province.)

## JEREMY RICHART '00

Jeremy Richart is a USAID field program officer serving on a Provincial Reconstruction Team in the Panjshir province of Afghanistan. His role is to help communities and governments regain their capacity to function and deliver services to their citizens. Prior to this, Richart served in the Peace Corps in a village in Armenia, where he worked on educational programs with children and addressed various environmental concerns.

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*Honest and frank discussion was critical to resolving differences. The patient's best interests always came first.*

When people came into our hospital – whether they were enemy combatants or U.S. soldiers – we didn't separate them into 'bad' guys or 'good' guys. We separated them only by their injuries and level of acuity. Our goal was to take care of anyone who came through that door. I think that's what being a health care provider and taking the Hippocratic Oath is all about.

My interactions involved patient care, primarily, and sometimes medical staff disagreed with each other. Medicine isn't an exact science, and there are multiple ways to care for patients with certain conditions or injuries. For instance, medical staff might differ on whether or not to take a trauma patient directly to the operating room versus doing a test like a CT scan. Honest and frank discussion was critical to resolving differences. The patient's best interests always came first.

All conflict resolution comes down to communication and compromise, whether on a personal or political level. Politics do create polarized areas, but there's got to be some common ground.

While most of us serving in Iraq tended to be conservative, there was a broad range of ideologies and viewpoints



Col. (Dr.) James Pfaff '78 at the 325th Combat Support Hospital near Tikrit, Iraq, in 2008.

represented there. We all learned to give a little in our conversations. You have to be willing to listen to different points of view. You can't always have your own way.

Being in a war zone takes uncertainty to an uncontrollable level. My faith in God has always been a way for me to find the strength and confidence I need to do my job.

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## JAMES PFAFF '78

Col. (Dr.) James Pfaff retired from the Army in 2002 after serving as an emergency medicine physician in three conflict areas – Grenada, Panama and the first Gulf War. But earlier this year he left his faculty position at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, TX, and returned to active duty as a retiree recall. The 52-year-old physician worked in the emergency medical treatment unit of a combat support hospital near Tikrit, Iraq, for four months.

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I have a hard time with statistics. Every 'statistic' in a conflict is a human being with a story, a family and a hope of escape.

When I spoke with Iraqi refugees in Damascus in 2007, I found each individual account of torture, killing, arrest or separation from family uniquely terrible. And there are more than one million Iraqi

refugees in Syria. None of us, as observers, can ever really understand. But an individual, emotional connection to others can give us a much needed perspective.

Americans – through the Western media – are often presented with broad generalizations, for example, that Arabs or Muslims are inherently violent. These are

gross mis-characterizations. I don't think that any person is inherently violent. In resistance, violence is used as a last resort because of the absence of other avenues of expression.

To resolve conflicts without violence, there has to be a willingness from all parties to consider the other's perspective – whether it be an individual or a country. There also has to be a willingness to make legitimate concessions.

People need to abandon their construct of zero-sum politics. When they think you're either for Israelis or for Palestinians, either Democrat or Republican, that construct is a false dichotomy. We have to stop thinking in polarizing opposites so we can try to understand the opposition.

Everybody should study languages. That's the most important thing we can do to prepare ourselves to live in the world. When I spoke Arabic to someone I met in the Syrian desert, and he smiled and said 'thank you for learning our language,' it brought us together in a way nothing else could have.

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Jeff Morency '05 in front of the monastery (ad-Deir) at Petra, Jordan in 2006.

## JEFF MORENCY '05

Jeff Morency, recipient of an Upper Midwest Human Rights Fellowship, worked in the West Bank with the Palestinian Human Rights Monitoring Group in 2006. He has spent more than a year in the Middle East, living, traveling or studying in Israel, Palestine, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Yemen, Egypt and Turkey. Now pursuing a master's degree in Arab studies at Georgetown University, Jeff reads, speaks and writes Arabic at an advanced level. He hopes to work for the U.S. government or an international non-governmental organization when he completes his degree.



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Tim Enright '99 at an Iraqi site.

I'm able to listen to people with extremely different backgrounds from mine and not only empathize but also share their point of view. This is a wonderful gift that Saint John's helped me develop. This kind of listening is the key to understanding where others are coming from and what their motivations are.



Tim Enright '99 (back, second on left) with Ambassador Khalilzad (front, center) and members of the political-military section of the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad in 2005.

And I think this level of understanding is the key to resolving conflicts without violence.

While in Iraq, I worked with Iraqis in the Office of Veterans Affairs in the Ministry of Defense who were Sunnis, Shia and Kurds, to solve problems they faced aiding Iraqi veterans. We helped secure the payment of pensions for these Iraqi veterans, thus keeping them from joining the insurgency for monetary purposes.

I also served on a committee where I worked very closely with people who represented various ministries in Iraq with different ideas about how to solve problems. I learned to appreciate and understand their differing points of view, enabling me to better coordinate with everyone on the

committee. Working together, we were able to resolve vital security issues.

People will instinctively seek to resolve disputes through dialogue, but after hundreds of years without an opportunity to express themselves, they'll use violence to get their point across. By respecting others' opinions and allowing them to be heard, we'll keep them from seeking violence as a tool.

Anyone who wants to understand and resolve conflict should examine two extremely different opinions. This helps you develop a sense of empathy and understanding that opinions, regardless of how strange or outlandish they may be, are valid and must be respected for conflict resolution to ever take place.



## TIM ENRIGHT '99

Tim Enright served as a political military officer at the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad for a year in 2005-06, monitoring the security organizations in Iraq and briefing U.S. government policy makers on them. In addition, he coordinated with U.S. and Coalition military forces on how to build the institutions of the Iraqi security forces. He is currently serving as a consular officer at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow, where he assists Americans living and working in Russia with a variety of citizen services including passports, emergency assistance and voter registration.

# The Heritage Program of *The Saint John's Bible* Unveiled

By Eric Hollas, OSB,  
Senior Associate for Arts & Cultural Affairs

In special ceremonies this April in Rome, Cleveland and St. Paul, Saint John's University inaugurated the Heritage Program, the limited edition, fine art reproduction of *The Saint John's Bible*.

At the Vatican on April 4, the Papal Foundation (along with representatives from Saint John's and members of the Gerald and Henrietta Rauenhorst family) presented His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI with the Wisdom volume of the St. Peter Apostles Edition. This was followed on April 12 by the presentation of the Wisdom volume to John Carroll University by the Target Corpo-

ration in honor of retired executive John Pellegre, former regent of Saint John's University and alumnus of John Carroll University.

Finally, Br. Dietrich Reinhart, OSB, and Abbot John Klassen, OSB, in a service at the Cathedral of Saint Paul on April 24, joined members of the Gene and Mary Frey Family in presenting the Wisdom volume from the Heritage Edition to Archbishop Harry Flynn, in celebration of his 11 years of pastoral service in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis.



His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI enters the audience hall at the Apostolic Palace, with the Wisdom volume of *The Saint John's Bible* in the foreground, while Abbot John Klassen, OSB, Br. Dietrich Reinhart, OSB, and Donald and Mabel Jackson look on.

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(Photo by Kim Taylor Photography)

Jim Frey '78, chair of the SJU Board of Regents, reads from the Wisdom volume of the Heritage Edition at the Cathedral of Saint Paul.



(Photo by Rob Wetzel)

(L to R) Br. Dietrich Reinhart, OSB; Fr. Robert Niehoff, SJ, president of John Carroll University; John Pellegrine; and Abbot Timothy Kelly, OSB, flank the display of the Wisdom volume.



(Photo by Kim Taylor Photography)

Archbishop Harry Flynn (center) views the Wisdom volume with (L to R) Abbot John Klassen, Mary Frey, Gene Frey, and Carole Wolfe.



# Making the Right Turns: Coach Smith Nears 700 Wins

By Mike Killeen  
Assistant Director of Media Relations

Jim Smith knows that life is a series of turns – some safe, some unpredictable. Turns, after all, are part of basketball, the sport Smith has coached quite well at Saint John's University for the past 44 seasons.

But as Smith realized on a Sunday in Atlanta just over a year ago, it's the unexpected turns that make life more interesting.

In 2007, Smith and his wife, Adrienne, attended the NCAA Division I men's basketball Final Four. On the tournament's off-day, they attended a play about Marquette University men's basketball coach Al McGuire, who coached Marquette to the 1977 national title. Both Smiths graduated from Marquette, and McGuire helped Jim Smith start the SJU basketball camp many years ago.

The McGuire character in the play spoke about always taking the same route to get to Marquette – day after day, season after season. Then one day, McGuire decided instead to make a right turn, "to take a risk," Smith recalled of the play. He drove out to the country, met some farmers in a small café, had coffee with them and "had a great time," Smith says.

The moral of the story? "I encourage everybody to take that right turn every once in a while and take a risk," Smith says, quoting the play and laughing heartily.



Life is good for a coach who is not afraid of taking risks. With 685 career wins as he enters his 45th season at Saint John's this fall, he is 15 wins away from becoming the 27th coach in collegiate men's basketball history to reach the 700-win pinnacle. And when the Johnnies open their 2008-09 home schedule against St. Cloud State University on Nov. 22, they'll do it on a redesigned floor – the Jim and Adrienne Smith Court at Sexton Arena in the Warner Palaestra.

“Having a basketball court named in our honor in Sexton Arena is just a fantastic thing,” Jim Smith says. “I’m honored and humbled and everything else in regards to it. It is a wonderful thing.”

### Saint John's? Where's That?

The funny thing is, when Smith came to Saint John's, he very much took a right turn.

The safe thing would have been to stay in Milwaukee. He was an assistant coach under Jack Nagle for two years and Eddie Hickey for three years at Marquette. He then coached high school basketball for three seasons in Milwaukee before being contacted by Saint John's about its coaching vacancy for the 1964-65 season.

“I had never heard of Saint John's before,” Smith says. “Anything west of Milwaukee I thought was sort of wilderness. Being from the Chicago area and being in Milwaukee, I had just never heard of SJU until I had the call from then athletic director George Durenberger.

“I took a train from Milwaukee to St. Cloud, and I got off at the train station in St. Cloud. There's a cabbie there, and I said, ‘Take me to Saint John's.’ The guy almost passes out, because it was probably the longest fare he ever had,” Smith says.

That was on a Sunday morning. He saw the monks and students celebrate Mass at the still relatively new Abbey Church, rising majestically out of the pines. Impressed, Smith decided he should return with his wife in tow.

“We had five kids at the time, and, when they did invite him up, as far as I was concerned – and I think he felt the same way – here was a chance to get away from the kids,” says Adrienne Smith, his wife of 51 years. The Smiths eventually had seven children.

“We came up, we looked at it and then met with some of the players,” Jim Smith says. “It was interesting to sit down and talk to them. I was very impressed by them, just in talking to them. I had no idea how good they were as basketball players, but they were the kind of guys you felt that you could build a program around, because they had some ability. They were sharp, they were smart – guys like Joe Mucha, Hardy Reyerson, Roger Hipwell and Jim Murphy.”

*“I think he has been a successful coach because he's a good person first.”*

– John Wichoff '84

“At some point during the visit, I could see the climate changing,” Adrienne Smith says. “I sensed that something was not the same as it had been. I knew he was not up there anymore just for a long weekend. He was becoming bonded with these players. He had fallen in love with the people he had met.”

Jim Smith took the right turn, and became the basketball coach at Saint John's.

### Moving Up

Maybe it was a good thing he hadn't seen the Johnnies work out before he accepted the position. In the nine seasons leading up to Smith's arrival, the Johnnies finished in the bottom third of the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) standings eight times. Talent, it seemed, had taken a left turn on the SJU campus.

But things did get better under Smith, from a sixth-place finish in the MIAC his first season, to third, to back-to-back second-place finishes. In his fifth season (1968-69), the Johnnies won the first of their seven regular-season MIAC titles under Smith – and their first league crown since 1915-16, when they played in the Minnesota Dakota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

“Jim Smith sees the best in people, including the young people he coaches,” says Michael Dady '71, an attorney in Minneapolis, who played on that first championship team for Smith. “Additionally, he sees, in his players, particular gifts that his players have not

(Photo by John Biasi)



*“I don’t think you’d be able to find a guy who played for Jim Smith who would say that he wasn’t treated well, that he wasn’t treated with respect, that he wasn’t cared about as a person, and that he didn’t have the opportunity to improve himself as a player and as a person.”*

– Bob Alpers ’82

realized. A significant part of Coach Smith’s success is that he can identify as yet undiscovered gifts and bring those gifts out in his players, to allow them to perform at their highest possible level.”

But the Johnnies were just getting going. In the 1970s, SJU won two additional MIAC titles and appeared in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) playoffs five times. Their leader on the court was Frank Wachlarowicz ’79, a Little Falls, MN, native, who remains the leading scorer in Minnesota collegiate basketball history, with 2,357 points.

In 1979, with Wachlarowicz leading the way, the Johnnies advanced to the NAIA national tournament with an 84-82 overtime district championship win over Minnesota State University, Mankato.

“People still talk about that game,” says Lloyd “Butch” Raymond, coach of the Mavericks at the time and currently commissioner of the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference. “It was college basketball at its best: two championship teams, All-Americans on both teams, a standing-room-only crowd, and an outstanding overtime game won by Saint John’s.

“Even though my team was on the losing end, I enjoyed every moment of the competition and could accept the tough loss due to the respect I had for the opposing coach, Jim Smith,” says Raymond, who also coached against Smith at Augsburg College and St. Cloud State. “Through all these years of competing against each other, it is my good fortune to call Jim Smith a dear friend.”

The success carried on into the 1980s, with two additional NAIA tournament trips. When the Johnnies switched national affiliations, they made three NCAA Division III tournaments in the 1980s (and eight to date).

### **It’s About the Team**

“I think he has been a successful coach because he’s a good person first,” says John Wiehoff ’84, CEO of C.H. Robinson Worldwide in Minneapolis, who played for Smith after a fine prep career at nearby Sartell High School. “In terms of specific coaching philosophies or styles that make him successful, the primary thing that I reflect on is how the team was always first, versus individual accomplishments or egos. Coach Smith has always had clear team rules, disciplines and approaches to the game that everyone had to follow to be part of the team.

“When I think back to the successful teams we had at Saint John’s, I think about having a balanced, respected leader in Coach Smith, and how we won a lot of games by team effort and execution,” Wiehoff adds.

“One of the reasons why he has been as successful as he has been is that he’s able to adapt to changes,” says Bob Alpers ’82, who played for Smith from 1978-82 and served as his assistant coach from 1986 to 2006. “There are some constants that haven’t changed. One of the things is, I don’t think you’d be able to find a guy who played for Jim Smith who would say that he wasn’t treated well, that he wasn’t treated with respect, that he wasn’t cared about as a person, and that he didn’t have the opportunity to improve himself as a player and as a person. Those things have stayed constant.

“I think as long as you do those things, you’ll succeed (with) any generation that you’re working with,” says Alpers, who is now coach of the SJU golf team, which won the 2007 and 2008 NCAA Division III national golf titles.



(Photo by John Biasi)

### **Off-Court Turns, Too**

Even in one of the scarier moments of his life, a right turn helped Smith survive a bout with colon cancer in 2003. During a medical checkup with university physician Dr. Rebecca Hafner, he was asked to have a colonoscopy.

“I said I never wanted a colonoscopy,” Smith admits. “I really didn’t care to have one. She scheduled one for me anyway and told me it was up to me to keep the appointment or not. I think she saved my life.”

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– Lloyd “Butch” Raymond,  
former basketball coach of Augsburg,  
St. Cloud State and Minnesota State University, Mankato

## Career Milestones

**Career record:** 685-475 (.591 winning percentage), all at Saint John’s University.

**Winningest coach** in Minnesota college basketball history

**No. 7** among active men’s basketball coaches

**No. 27** among men’s college basketball coaches at all divisions

**Winning seasons:** 30.

**MIAC regular season titles won:** Seven. The Johnnies have won titles in each of the past five decades under Smith.

**MIAC playoff titles won:** Five.

**NAIA playoff appearances:** Nine.

**NCAA Division III playoff appearances:** Eight.

**Coaching honors:** Smith is a three-time NAIA District Coach of the Year, two-time NCAA Division III West Region Coach of the Year and six-time MIAC Coach of the Year. Smith is also a past president of the National Association of Basketball Coaches.

**High school:** Attended St. Edward’s High School in Elgin, IL. All-conference performer in basketball, football and track. Smith was inducted into the St. Edward’s Sports Hall of Fame. He is also a member of the Elgin Sports Hall of Fame.

**College:** A 1956 graduate of Marquette University, Smith received his B.A. in English and history. Was a four-year letter winner in basketball at Marquette. Smith also received his M.A. in counseling and guidance in 1961 from Marquette.

## Winningest College Men’s Basketball Coaches

Name	Last/Current School Coached	Record
1. Bob Knight	Texas Tech	902-371
2. Don Meyer*	Northern State, S.D.	891-299
3. Dean Smith	North Carolina	879-254
4. Adolph Rupp	Kentucky	876-190
5. Herb Magee	Philadelphia Univ.	855-339
6. Jim Phelan	Mount St. Mary’s	830-524
7. Clarence Gaines	Winston-Salem	828-447
8. Jerry Johnson	LeMoyne-Owen, Tenn.	821-447
9. Eddie Sutton	San Francisco	804-328
10. Mike Krzyzewski*	Duke	803-267
11. Lefty Driesell	Georgia State	786-394
12. Lute Olson*	Arizona	780-280
13. Lou Henson	New Mexico State	779-412
14. Jim Calhoun*	Connecticut	774-337
15. Jim Boeheim*	Syracuse	771-278
16. Henry Iba	Oklahoma State	764-339
17. Ed Diddle	Western Kentucky	759-302
18. Phog Allen	Kansas	746-264
19. John Chaney	Temple	741-312
20. Glenn Robinson*	Franklin & Marshall, Pa.	730-284
21. Jerry Tarkanian	Fresno State	729-201
22. Norm Stewart	Missouri	728-374
23. Ray Meyer	DePaul	724-354
24. Don Haskins	Texas-El Paso	719-353
25. Dave Robbins	Virginia Union	713-194
26. Dick Sayers	Albany, N.Y.	702-330
27. JIM SMITH*	SAINT JOHN’S	685-475
28. Denny Crum	Louisville	675-295
29. Dennis Bridges	Illinois Wesleyan	666-320
30. John Wooden	UCLA	664-162

\* Active coach



(Photo by Michael Crouser)

He spent some time trying to decide if he was going to undergo the procedure. He finally capitulated when he found out that Katie Couric – then a host on NBC’s *Today Show* – was going to have a colonoscopy on live television. “I thought if she could do it, I could do it,” Smith recalls.

But life tossed him a curve. He had colon cancer. Surgery was later that day.

“It was very, very shocking,” Adrienne Smith says. “It was one of those instances where you hear the words, but they don’t sink in. You heard them, you know what they mean, but it really doesn’t sink in. It was something we had to do right away. It was right away, that afternoon, which was a blessing. And he didn’t need chemo, he didn’t need radiation. That was another blessing.”

“It’s amazing how many people still, to this day, say, ‘How are you feeling? You look pretty good,’” Jim Smith says. “I’ve received a clean bill of health, and I’ve had various tests, and so far, so good – knock on wood. But it was a real shock.”

Which takes us back to that day in Atlanta, when it was proven again that life does take some funny twists. Take the fact

that Adrienne Smith introduced her husband to legendary coach Dean Smith (no relation), who was sitting in front of the couple at the play *McGuire* – even though she had never met the former University of North Carolina coach before.

“I just said, ‘Coach Smith, I want to introduce you to Coach Smith,’” Adrienne Smith says. “Of course, Dean Smith didn’t know me from Adam, but I thought, ‘Why shouldn’t I do that?’ Smitty has revered the man for a long time, and I thought he would never just tap Dean Smith on the shoulder and say hi.”

The ensuing play resonated so much with the Smiths that they saw it twice that day – and ended up getting a dog to boot (a black and white papillon, their first four-legged companion in their 51 years of marriage).

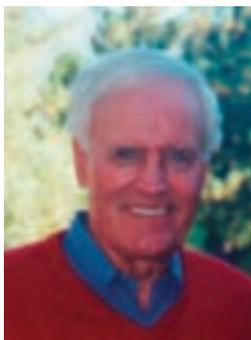
“Al McGuire decided to take a right turn, to turn off the beaten path. That’s how he met those wonderful people,” Adrienne Smith recalls. “I said to Smitty, what do you think about getting a dog? And he said yeah, I think that would be a good idea. I said for us, that would be a right turn. And we both agreed that really would be a right turn. So we decided his name had to be McGuire, because of Al McGuire saying that.”

(Photo by John Biasi)



*“I didn’t play for Jim Smith – I played basketball at Saint John’s before his time – but I have greatly admired him and his coaching philosophy. It’s not just about winning, though his teams have certainly had their share of victories. Rather it’s about team work, sportsmanship, character and other life lessons.*

*In recognition of everything that he and his wife, Adrienne, have done for Saint John’s and for hundreds of young student athletes, my family thought it would be fitting to dedicate the basketball court in Sexton Arena in their honor. We are*

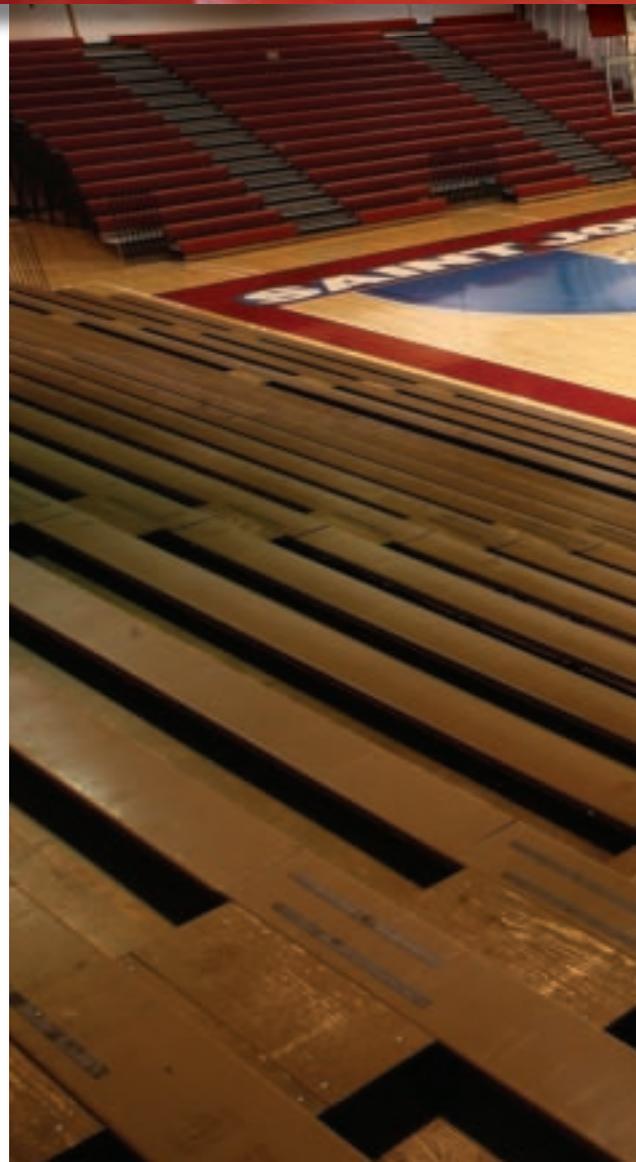


*thrilled that other Johnnie basketball players have joined us in paying this special tribute to Jim and Adrienne.”*

– Bill Sexton '55



Jim and Adrienne Smith  
(Photo by Dave Schwarz/St. Cloud Times)



(Photo by John Biasi)

In 1998, Bill and Joyce Sexton made a gift to upgrade the basketball arena that now bears their name. When it came time to re-surface the court this year, the Sextons stepped forward with the idea of honoring Coach Smith's long and outstanding career by naming it in Jim and Adrienne Smith's honor. Thanks to the Sextons and the support of a group of former players, including Joe Mucha '66, Michael Dady '71, Tom Grudnowski '72, Pat McKenzie '78, Tim Kosiek '80 and John Wiehoff '84, the court was refinished this past June.



# Storyteller Jon Hassler



(Photo by Greg Becker)

*Editor's Note: Writer-in-Residence and Regents Professor Jon Hassler '55 passed away on March 20. At a memorial service in his honor in the Abbey Church on April 30, Jon was fondly remembered by family, colleagues and friends. The following is excerpted from introductory remarks by President Br. Dietrich Reinhart, OSB.*

We come together today to celebrate a good and gentle man, a generous friend and teacher, a writer of imagination and stamina. If, as Dostoevsky wrote, "beauty will save the world," then surely we already have a glimpse of what is to come because of Jon Hassler's life in our midst.

Jon's immense life's work started quite simply with images that meant something to him, images derived from close observation and compassionate listening, images worked over faithfully, in season and out of season, by one whose heart was always open to us, a good and generous friend, the best of all.

Five years ago Saint John's University presented Jon with the *Colman Barry Award for Distinguished Contributions to Religion and Society*. The citation makes for good reading on an occasion like this.

Jon Hassler, you tell our story. You are our witness.

We are young and old; we are teachers, shopkeepers, parents and children—ordinary folk, living in small Midwestern towns, pursuing happiness with the usual mixed results.

With a gentle but penetrating gaze, you see us for who we really are, and you give us to ourselves, with love. As we duck around the corner, thinking to escape whatever it is God wants us to do next, we bump right into ourselves running away. We can only stop with a rueful laugh and open our hearts as you so quietly and persistently remind us we must.

Your worldly accomplishments are many: Your books are known and loved from coast to coast, your work is reviewed in the prominent journals of the nation, and literary awards and honorary degrees crowd your biography. But the accomplishment beyond all others for which we honor you today is one that is achieved without fanfare, over and over, as many times as there are readers: We turn the pages of your books, laughing and mourning with our friends in Staggerford, Rookery,

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Hope and Plum, and, when we have turned the final page and closed the book, we find that you have turned us toward God. We weep for our brokenness; we rejoice in our redemption.

Miss Agatha McGee [a main character in several of Hassler's novels] would be quite incensed if not included in our celebration today. Circling 90 these days, that feisty, intelligent, honorable, quick-witted, reactionary-but-progressive, hot-tempered, indignant, pragmatic, nurturing old lady sounded a lot like someone we all know. And Miss Agatha had something to say about the challenges of aging. Her penmanship, like Jon's, had become shaky with age. She relied on her younger friend Janet Meers, to do her handwriting for her, just as Gretchen has done for Jon these past several years. Through Agatha, Jon wondered if "death is a flaw in God's plan."

All great stories come from a writer's heart, a place of vulnerability, strength and imagination. Today we celebrate the life of a man who never stopped giving, right up to the end. The disease that crippled Jon and blinded him never touched his heart and could not corrupt his masterful use of language. Jon's verbal prowess, kept alive by his creativity and hard work – even to the point of finishing his last novel with only a handful of days left – provides all of us with an example of courage to treasure all our days. Where Jon has gone, we one day will follow. But meanwhile let us bask for awhile in the memory of this good and gracious man.



Jon Hassler '55 and Ryan Kutter '03 reviewing the collection of papers given by Hassler to Saint John's in November 2003. Kutter worked closely with Hassler to organize and catalog this valuable collection of papers representing drafts, galley proofs and miscellanea related to his novels, plays, screenplays and other works.

## A Jon Hassler Selection

Hassler was a prolific writer of novels, short stories, essays and poems. The following are some of his best known works.

*The New Woman*, 2005

*The Staggerford Murders; the Life and Death of Nancy Clancy's Nephew*, 2004

*Stories Teachers Tell (with Gretchen Kresl Hassler and Jerry Fearing)*, 2004

*The Staggerford Flood*, 2002

*Good People – from an Author's Life*, 2001

*The Dean's List*, 1997

*Rookery Blues*, 1995

*Dear James*, 1993

*North of Hope*, 1990

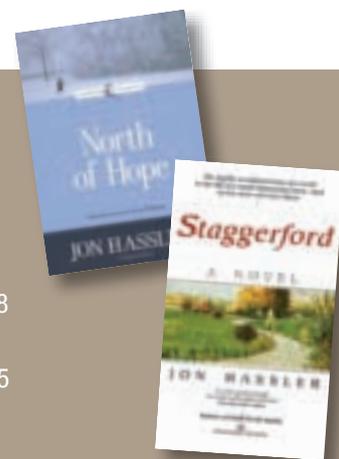
*The Love Hunter*, 1988

*Grand Opening*, 1987

*A Green Journey*, 1985

*Simon's Night*, 1979

*Staggerford*, 1977



## ADVANCING THE MISSION

### Saint John's Concludes Historic Capital Campaign



Saint John's will celebrate the successful conclusion of *One Generation to the Next: The Campaign for Saint John's* during Homecoming/Reunion weekend, Sept. 26 -28. Please join us for activities at the annual Alumni Association Banquet on Friday, Sept. 26, as well as festivities during and after the football game on Saturday, Sept. 27. For more information, visit [sjualum.com/supportSJU](http://sjualum.com/supportSJU).

The most ambitious capital campaign in Saint John's history, *One Generation to the Next*, has come to a close, bringing unprecedented support and new opportunities for current and future generations of students, faculty and scholars.

"The Saint John's capital campaign has been an extraordinary success," declared Dan Whalen '70, chair of the campaign. "We set forth to raise \$150 million, and I am extremely pleased to say that we far exceeded this goal by raising \$168 million. This is \$18 million over goal and nearly four and a half times larger than any previous Saint John's campaign. The Saint John's community rose up."

As a result of this unparalleled success, the Board of Regents passed a resolution concluding the campaign on June 30, 2008, one full year ahead of schedule.

"This was a great way to commemorate the Saint John's Sesquicentennial," remarked Joe Mucha '66, vice chair of the campaign. "Through this campaign, we have strengthened the foundations of Saint John's University, the Abbey, the School of Theology and the Hill Museum & Manuscript Library, and we have positioned Saint John's to better serve the needs of a new generation of undergraduate Johnnies and graduate theology students."

"The Saint John's community is pro-

foundly grateful to those who contributed to the success of this campaign," stated Br. Dietrich Reinhart, president of Saint John's University. "It is particularly impressive to know that more than 23,000 alumni, parents and friends made gifts to the campaign over the past seven years. This speaks volumes to the loyalty and generosity of our alumni and friends, and it is a resounding endorsement of our educational mission."

"I am really humbled by how many people stepped forward, digging deep, making a difference," stated national campaign committee member Jim Hoesley, '71. "I'm utterly awe-inspired by its success."

### **Anthony '71 and Kathleen Biebl Endowed Scholarship**

Tony '71 and Kathy Biebl have made a \$500,000 pledge to establish a scholarship to benefit undergraduate students from small towns and rural areas.

Tony Biebl grew up in New Ulm, MN, and graduated from Saint John's University with a B.A. in biology. He began his professional career with Pillsbury's Green Giant Group, where he worked from 1971-1981. In 1981, he joined the Clorox Company as director of manufacturing for their food service division and served in various executive capacities until his retirement in 2002 as senior vice president of product supply.

Kathy Biebl grew up in Bloomington and New Ulm, MN, and graduated from Minnesota State University, Mankato.



### **Fr. Wilfred Theisen '52, OSB, Endowed Scholarship**

Members of the Theisen family established the Theisen scholarship in their family's honor. It will benefit students majoring in physics.

Theisen received a B.A. in classical languages and philosophy from Saint John's, an M.S. in physics from the University of Colorado in 1962 and his Ph.D. in the history of science in 1972 from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He celebrated 50 years as an ordained priest in 2006.

Theisen retired in 2005 after a half-century of teaching physics, history of science and honors. He also served as associate director of the Hill Museum & Manuscript Library from 1980-83. He is an avid Johnnie sports fan, attending most sporting events, including every football game. Over the years, he has been a friend to many student athletes.

### **Frank '48 and Julia Ladner Make Additional \$2 Million Campaign Gift**

Frank Ladner '48 and his wife, Julia, announced an additional gift of \$2 million for undergraduate endowment. With this generous gift, the Ladners commitment to the campaign exceeds \$7.5 million.

In 2004 and 2005, the Ladners made gifts totaling over \$5 million directed to the Ladner Family Endowed Scholarship and the Abbey Guesthouse.

In commenting on their latest gift, Ladner shared, "Three weeks after I was born my father died, so I never knew my own dad. There were three of us and we moved to Fargo, ND, and my mother raised us on her own. We were no strangers to poverty. When I was in high school, my mother married a wonderful man, and he helped put me through Saint John's. To save the family money, I cut a deal with Fr. Martin Schirber – I needed to graduate in three years, which I did. I enjoyed it very much. It was a tremendous experience, and Saint John's has played an instrumental part in my life."

Frank Ladner was a University Regent from 1985-1999, followed by a term on the Board of Overseers of Saint John's School of Theology\*Seminary. In 1997, he was honored by Saint John's with the Fr. Walter Reger Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Julia Ladner is a graduate of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College, received an M.A. in theology from the college and has served as a trustee. Together they reared six children. They reside in Lawrenceville, IL.

Frank Ladner has been in the insurance and financial services business since graduation. President from 1961-1983 of the Golden Rule Insurance Co. and a former director, he is the Illinois branch manager for R.T. Jones Capital Equities, Inc., St. Louis, MO. He is the past president of the Illinois Association of Life Insurance Companies.



# ONE GENERATION

\$168 million raised for



**College of Arts & Sciences**  
*a premier catholic liberal arts education*  
**\$117 million**

- \$51 million for endowed scholarships
- \$34 million for endowed and non-endowed academic programs
- \$16 million for direct student support from the Annual Fund
- \$11.5 million for other endowed programs
- \$4.5 million for facilities and land acquisition



**Saint John's Abbey**  
*a vital monastic witness*  
**\$23 million**

- \$12 million for the Abbey Guesthouse
- \$3 million for the Petters Pavilion and other facilities
- \$5 million for apostolate missions, healthcare and vocations
- \$3 million for annual support

# ON TO THE NEXT

our strategic priorities:



**School of Theology-Seminary**  
*leadership for the church*  
\$14 million

- \$4.3 million for graduate student scholarships
- \$1.3 million for faculty and academic endowments
- \$6.9 million for theology vocations and academic program support
- \$1.5 million for annual support



**Hill Museum & Manuscript Library**  
*preserving cultural legacies*  
\$14 million

- \$4 million for manuscript preservation efforts and scholarly research
- \$5 million for *The Saint John's Bible*
- \$3 million for project support and special initiatives
- \$1 million for Special Collections and other programs
- \$1 million for annual support

## On the Ball: JASON DALY '09

By John Taylor '58



Senior soccer defenseman and math and physics major Jason Daly decided on Saint John's because its priorities matched his own. "I was looking for a place where I

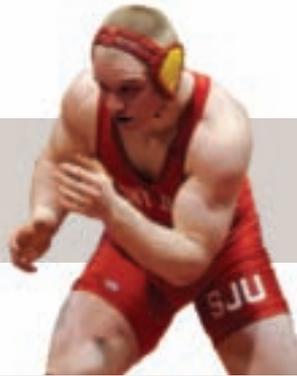
could get a great education and play soccer. Saint John's places an emphasis on the student, the sport comes second, and that really suited me," Daly says. A three-time

all-state and two-time all-region high school standout, Daly was pursued by several other D-I and D-III schools.

Daly reports that all his teachers and coaches here have been outstanding. He singles out two recent classes as exceptional. "Tom Sibley, my math prof, and his foundations of math class, was incredible. He wrote a new textbook, and we were able to work with a pre-publication copy. Tom is always around to help, and his book actually teaches you something." Dan Finn, economics and theology professor and Clemens Chair in Economics and the Liberal Arts, also receives accolades: "Dan's class has had a profound influence on me. He really involves everyone in the class. He pushes you. He had a way of presenting concepts in a way that I had never thought about before."

And, of course, there's soccer coach Pat Haws '72. "Pat is the real reason I decided to come to Saint John's," says Daly. "He believes so passionately that Saint John's is the best college experience anyone could dream of that I decided to trust him and come here. The way he truly cares for his players is awesome. He is a great coach and a father figure to me. I've learned so much about life from him."

Last summer Daly worked as an actuary at a subdivision of United Health Care in the Twin Cities. "I'm really interested in the field, maybe because that is what my grandpa did. He helped me get ready for my internship by sending me sample tests and problems to review as I prepared to take the first actuarial exam this past June."



**BASKETBALL** (14-12, 11-9 MIAC) tied for fifth and made its 17th appearance in the MIAC tournament. Ryan Lieser '08 and Brady Brink '08 were named to the All-MIAC first team. Brink was also one of five players selected to the MIAC All-Defensive Team. Lieser became the 31st player in school history to score 1,000 career points and ended his career with 1,057 points, for 26th all-time. Chris Schwartz '11 was named to the All-MIAC First Year Team. Head coach Jim Smith ended his 44th season at SJU with a 685-475 (.591) career record.

**BASEBALL** (16-17, 10-10 MIAC) finished tied for sixth in the conference. Shortstop John Heinbigner '08 was a 2008 All-MIAC selection, leading SJU in batting average (.358) and hits (38), and improved his batting average 71 points over last season.

**GOLF** came from behind to win its second consecutive NCAA Division III Men's Golf National Championship at Chateau Elan Resort in Braselton, GA. The Johnnies shot rounds of 314, 291, 296 and 291(+56) to finish three strokes ahead of second-place Redlands (+59). Joe Schoolmeesters '09 led the Johnnies with a four-round total of 294 (+10) to finish sixth overall and earn PING All-America first-team honors. Matt Bohlig '08 earned second-team All-America honors, while Joe Daly '09 and Joey Polingo '09 were named to the All-America third team. Daly was also named a 2008 GCAA All-America Scholar. Head coach Bob Alpers was named the Eaton Golf Pride Central Region Coach of the Year for the third time in his career and the second consecutive season.

**HOCKEY** (13-12-2, 8-6-2 MIAC) finished fifth and made its 12th appearance in the MIAC tournament in the last 13 seasons. Pat Eagles '08 and Jordan Swan '08 were named to the All-MIAC first team. After 15 seasons



with the Johnnies, head coach John Harrington resigned this past spring to accept a head coaching position with HC Ambri-Piotta, a professional team in Switzerland's National League A. SJU named Doug Schueller, an assistant at NCAA Division I Bowling Green State, its 22nd head coach in the 76-year history of Johnnie hockey.

**NORDIC SKIING** saw Mason Bacso '11, Trevor Drake '10 and Derek Neal '09 named to the 2008 NCAA All-Academic Ski Team. To qualify, they had to maintain a minimum GPA of 3.5 during the fall 2007 semester and participate in the 2008 NCAA Regional held in Biwabik, MN in February.

**SWIMMING AND DIVING** finished fifth at the MIAC Championships, garnering 12 top-10 finishes in the three-day meet. Marcus Rien '11 was named the MIAC Co-Diver of the Year after claiming the conference championship in the one-meter dive.

**TENNIS** (10-9, 5-4 MIAC) ended the season with a 5-1 loss to St. Thomas in the quarterfinal round of the MIAC tournament. Luke Odegaard '10 was named All-MIAC in singles competition, while Trevor Beach '08, Ted Lauer '08, Dan Ruehl '08 and Kevin Gohl '09 were named All-MIAC in doubles.

**TRACK AND FIELD** finished second at both the MIAC indoor and outdoor conference meets and seventh at the NCAA Division III Outdoor Championships, giving them a total of seven All-America performances, including two at the NCAA Indoor Championships in March. Chris Erichsen '08 was named the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches' Association (USTFCCCA) Central Region Track Athlete of the Year, was awarded the MIAC Indoor and Outdoor Outstanding Performance at the meet and was a finalist for the *College Sporting News* Senior Student-Athlete of the Year Award for the MIAC.

**WRESTLING** competed in the 2008 NCAA Championships with Mogi Baatar '10 (31-9 final record at 125 lbs.), Dustin Baxter '11 (29-11 final record at 184 lbs.) and Matt Schrupp '09 (26-9 final record at 165 lbs.). Baatar, from Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, finished seventh overall to become the 16th Johnnie in school history to earn All-America honors.

#### CLUB SPORTS

*(Editor's Note: In addition to 12 varsity teams, SJU fields 13 club teams that bring home regional and national records to be proud of. With 300 men competing annually in sports ranging from crew and volleyball to ultimate frisbee and cycling, we thought it was time to add club sports to our seasonal score round-up.)*

**AUSSIE RULES FOOTBALL**, a new club, organized just before the 2008 national championship, soundly beat Vanderbilt and the University of North Carolina, before defeating UNC in the championship match 56 to 38.

**LACROSSE** finished 2008 as UMLL D II champions regionally. The team lost in the quarterfinals of the nationals. Brian Strauss '09, Tony Dana '12, Michael Freeman '09 and Brian Kubovec '11 were named UMLL All Conference.

**RUGBY** closed 2007 with one of the most exciting finishes in Johnnie history. After winning the Minnesota Final Four tournament, SJU finished second at the Midwest Final Four tournament in Collegeville.

**WATER POLO** brought in a second in the Heartland Division and finished fifth at Nationals. Clarence Manuel '12 was named Honorable Mention All-American and All-American on the Division III Heartland Division team.



# Fr. Walter Reger Distinguished Alumnus Award Dave Wendt '63

By Bob Wicker '64

*The 2008 Fr. Walter Reger Distinguished Alumnus Award will be presented to Dave Wendt '63 at the Homecoming Banquet on Sept. 26. Fr. Walter Reger, OSB, was the driving force behind the Saint John's University Alumni Association from the 1930s through the 1960s. He became known as "Mr. Saint John's." Since 1971, the Saint John's University Alumni Association has presented the Fr. Walter Reger Distinguished Alumnus Award in honor of Fr. Walter's many years of dedicated service to the university. The award recognizes one alumnus each year at Homecoming for his outstanding volunteer service to the Saint John's community. It is the highest honor given by the Alumni Association.*

To Dave Wendt '63, Saint John's has been a compass throughout life – as an undergraduate, in the early years after graduation, as a successful independent insurance professional and as a dedicated “super-alumnus” soon to celebrate his class's 45th anniversary, which he serves as class agent.

Dave and his wife, Karin, are frequent visitors to campus and show up for all things “Saint John's”: SJU-sponsored educational, cultural and religious functions in the Cities and elsewhere; Class of '63 functions and annual giving phonathons; and Johnnie football games and other campus events. So much is Saint John's a major part of their life together that Karin and Dave celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in Collegeville last year, bringing up more than 30 guests to stay in the new Abbey Guesthouse.

“This place is key to who both Karin and I have become,” Dave explains. “Saint John's gives to all who will listen its 1,500

years of divinely-inspired truths, guidance, direction, wisdom and experience with the human condition, but the Benedictines don't want us to check our brains at the door. We're taught to pursue the truth as we discern it and use that exposure to make our world — at least that part we can influence — a better place. Karin married into Saint John's and now is as much of a Johnnie as I am.”

Dave says that his avid support of Saint John's is one way he can show appreciation for all he was given as a student and now as an alumnus who enjoys close relationships with several monks.

The Alumni Association Board of Directors selected Dave as this year's recipient in recognition of his nearly four decades of loyal service to alma mater. True to form, Dave expresses humble thanks, deflecting honor first to his wife, Karin, whom he says deserves the honor as much as he since they are a team in their passionate support for Saint John's Abbey and University. Dave also wishes to share the award with the late Rich Hall '63, his classmate, close friend and class co-chair, whose own Johnnie spirit may never be equalled.

But the selection committee knows a great recipient when they see one. Dave has been his class agent since 1984 and among the most responsible class agents for the Annual Fund, a former vice president of the SJU Alumni Board, a career networking volunteer and a member of the National Consultation Team for the *One Generation to the Next* and other campaign committees. He and Karin miss very few Twin City Standups or alumni functions in the Cities or at Saint John's. They have been members of the Benedic-



Dave Wendt '63

tine Legacy Society since 2004.

Dave also reflects the best of Saint John's by his activities in other spheres. He has just completed a year as president of the Edina Rotary Club and chaired a Twin Cities branch of the Sierra Club in 2001-02. He is in his fifth year of teaching a series of professional lectures at the Carlson School of Business at the University of Minnesota.

“Saint John's remains a beacon in my life,” says Dave. “I hope many more Johnnies will come back to find what a truly peaceful but powerful resource Saint John's can be to them throughout their lives.”

## Alumni Chapters: All Shapes and Sizes

When the legislature was in session in St. Paul, Vic Moore '72, Gene Ranieri '69, Pete Lindstrom '93, Mike Charboneau '74 and others would often notice a host of alumni in the Capitol rotunda at work on various public policy-related initiatives. And when the CSB/SJU Eugene J. McCarthy Center for Public Policy & Civic Engagement was launched, Moore and colleagues saw an opportunity to help the next generation of Johnnies and Bennies interested in public service through an alumni chapter focused on this field.

The Saint John's University and the College of Saint Benedict Politics and Public Policy Chapters were chartered in March through their respective alumni associations, with Moore as SJU chapter president and Christine Zimmer-Lonetti '88 as CSB chapter president. Each chapter has a 10-member board and a group of advisors

including Dan Whalen '70, former Rep. Mark Kennedy '77, former Sen. Dave Durenberger '55 and Al Eisele '58.

This is just one of many chapters that have been chartered this year, connecting alumni geographically or through affinity interests, and providing internships, mentoring and career opportunities for current students. Chapters also help identify prospective Johnnies and Bennies and assist them during their college years.

Other newly chartered chapters include Rochester, Owatonna, Northwest Twin Cities, Colorado, Hong Kong, Tokyo and the Bahamas. In June, alumni living in Bosnia-Herzegovina were presented with their chapter charter during a visit by Whalen and University President Br. Dietrich Reinhart '71, OSB. (Visit the chapter page at [www.sjualum.com](http://www.sjualum.com) to join or start a chapter.)



Vic Moore, '72, president of SJU's Politics and Public Policy affinity chapter, and Matt Lindstrom '92, CSB/SJU associate professor of political science and director of the McCarthy Center for Public Policy & Civic Engagement, at the Capitol in St. Paul.

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### New Alumni Chapters Chartered

Alumni chapters are being chartered far and wide, from Japan to Colorado to Minnesota. The newly formed Japan Chapter hosted Dave Bennetts, CSB/SJU professor of history, at its charter party in June. Additional new chapters also formed in Colorado; Rochester, MN; and the Northwest Twin Cities.



Japan



Colorado



Rochester



Northwest Twin Cities

## Johnnies in the Media



**Denis McDonough '92**, a senior foreign policy adviser to presidential hopeful Barack Obama, is a Johnnie to watch in the media as election season heats up. During Mr. Obama's tour of Europe and the Middle East in July, McDonough was quoted in "Cast of 300 Advises Obama on Foreign Policy," appearing in both the *New York Times* and the *International Herald Tribune*. He was also quoted in articles in the *New York Times* and the *Los Angeles Times* commenting on Mr. Obama's appearance in Germany during the tour.



**Art DeCaboooter '64** was featured in an eight-page section in the *Scottsdale Republic* in April for a "lifetime of achieving." DeCaboooter retired this year after 30 years as president of Scottsdale Community College in Scottsdale, AZ. He is the longest-serving president in the 10-college Maricopa County Community College System, the largest community college system in the U.S.



**Richard Bresnahan '76** and a teapot he made and fired in the Johanna Kiln at the Saint John's Pottery were discussed in a February article in the *New York Times*. The Bresnahan teapot is part of artist Fritz Haeg's personal collection. The article was about Haeg, who grew up near Saint John's and whose own work was on exhibition at the Whitney Museum in New York City.

**David Rom '91** was named a Twin Cities "Forty under 40" in May by *Minneapolis-St. Paul Business Journal* for opening the Platinum Bank in Oakdale, MN, in 2007, becoming president and CEO at the age of 39. The bank focuses on small- to mid-sized businesses.



**Jaime Ramirez '00** was named one of "25 on the Rise" in 2008 by the Minnesota Hispanic Chamber of Commerce as reported by *Twin Cities Business*. The 25 on the Rise mission is to spotlight the accomplishments of Latinos under age 40 and create role models for young Latinos and others. While an undergraduate, Ramirez created Fast Forward Youth Program, an outreach program for Latino youth. He went on to earn a M.S.W. and is now a social worker at the St. Cloud VA Medical Center.



**Savo Heleta '06** was featured by WICC-AM, WCCO Radio, *The St. Cloud Times* and *Weekend Post* (South Africa) on the topic of his recently published memoir, *Not My Turn to Die* (Amacom, 2006), about his experience in the war in Bosnia in 1992. Heleta is now studying conflict transformation and management at Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University in Port Elizabeth, South Africa.



**Andy Clark '87**, former SJU hockey player, was featured in the *Rocky Mountain News* for his role in starting the Rocky Mountain Pond Hockey Championships, now in their second year. Clark, president of the Vail-Eagle Youth Hockey Association, brought the idea to Colorado from Minnesota, where the U.S. Pond Hockey Championships began in 2005. "I thought it would be a great way to introduce kids to what I used to do as a kid and get the adults back together the way they used to play," Clark said.

**"Prefer nothing whatever to Christ."**  
*Rule of Saint Benedict*

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## C.J. Lyngen '92, Alumni Association Board President: "See You at Homecoming"

It's my privilege and honor, as president of the Saint John's University Alumni Association, to invite you, your family and friends to Homecoming 2008, Friday-Sunday, Sept. 26-28. You don't want to miss this exciting weekend, teeming with Johnnie spirit!

You'll find so much to do at a Saint John's Homecoming:

- Get caught up with classmates and college buddies and re-connected with favorite professors.

- Salute Dave Wendt '63, a dedicated and loyal alumnus and recipient of this year's Fr. Walter Reger Distinguished Alumnus Award.

- Cheer the Johnnies to victory in football against Gustavus Adolphus on Saturday and in soccer against Central (IA) on Sunday.

- Enjoy the fun, games and entertainment on the Tundra on Saturday afternoon.

- Celebrate the liturgy at the Homecoming Mass in the Abbey Church.

- Celebrate the successful conclusion of

the Saint John's capital campaign, *One Generation to the Next*.

For a list of all activities and to register, go to [www.sjualum.com](http://www.sjualum.com) and click on Homecoming.

Join the Alumni Association Board of Directors as we host what we know will be a grand Johnnie Homecoming.

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# MILESTONES

## Marriages

- '70 Nerys Parry to **Roy Glover** '70, Jan. '08
- '93 Sheila Becking to **Carlos Fuentes** '93, Sept. '07
- '95 Holly Ford to **Matt Hoefler** '95, Oct. '07
- '97 Laurie Kobienia to **Joseph Nemanich** '97, Nov. '07
- '99 Brenda Garding to **Pete Klaphake** '99, Apr. '07
- '00 Amy (Larson '00) to **John Sand** '00, Oct. '07
- '01 Valerie Bottelberghe to **Blair Folkens** '01, Sept. '07
- '01 Bridget (Brown '03) to **Nick Leonard** '01, Sept. '07
- '01 Michelle (Koch '01) to **Mike Rose** '01, July '07
- '01 Katie (Strei '04) to **Dan Smith** '01, Oct. '07
- '01 Leah (Gustafson '01) to **Joel Towers** '01, Mar. '08
- '02 Jennifer (Limpert '03) to **Anthony Eiden** '02, Dec. '07
- '02 Jessica (Foster '03) to **Benjamin Imdieke** '02, Apr. '08
- '02 Jill (Carr '06) to **Mark Koch** '02, Dec. '07
- '02 Sara Kohn to **Mark Kupfer** '02, Sept. '07
- '02 Georgja (Lavoie '02) to **Andy Lane** '02, Sept. '07
- '02 Maria Barbera to **Andrew Stolp** '02, Oct. '07
- '03 Ann (Cushman '03) to **Gabriel Berendes** '03, Aug. '07
- '03 Erin (Utzinger '03) to **Louis Doth** '03, July '07
- '03 Angela (Prindle '04) to **Luke Palen** '03, Aug. '06
- '04 Jenni Swanson to **Chuck Block** '04, Sept. '07
- '04 Jenn Olson to **Tim Cheesebrow** '04, Sept. '07
- '04 April Serani to **Ryan Damlo** '04, Oct. '07
- '04 Gretta (Ecker '04) to **Brian Eder** '04, Sept. '08
- '04 Elizabeth (Leslie '06) to **Joseph Housman** '04, Dec. '07
- '04 Maggie (Kane '04) to **Brent Masica** '04, Apr. '07
- '04 Leah (Laurich '04) to **Jacob Omann** '04, Nov. '07
- '04 Brigette (McKenzie '04) to **Adam Pettit** '04, Fall '08
- '04 Melissa (LaVoir '04) to **Daniel Preiner** '04, Aug. '07
- '05 Patricia (Nolan '06) to **Shaun Meling** '05, Oct. '07
- '05 Anne to **Mark Reiner** '05, Oct. '07
- '05 Sara Nigon to **John Rogers** '05, July '07
- '06 Laura (Zwach '07) to **Scott LaVoy** '06, Sept. '07
- '07 Valerie (Kostyk '07) to **Hans Paul** '07, July '07

## 2008 Alumni Achievement Award Honorees Named

Seven alumni will be recognized with the Saint John's University Alumni Achievement Award during Homecoming/Reunion weekend, Sept. 26-27. Presented by the SJU Alumni Association Board of Directors and the University, the award salutes professional and career accomplishments as well as personal contributions to church and community. The awards will be presented at recipients' class reunion dinners.

Past recipients include the late Sen. Eugene McCarthy '35; the late National Football League Hall of Famer Johnny (Blood) McNally, who attended SJU in the early 1920s before returning to complete his degree in 1949; missionary priest Fr. Jack Davis '65; Wall Street executive Roger Birk '52; and Mike Hennessey '70, sheriff of San Francisco.

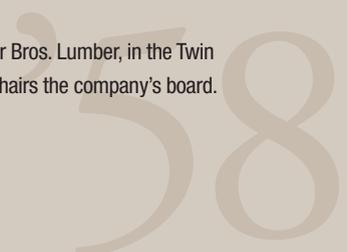
Nominations for the 2008 award were made for the reunion classes of 1958-88. Class committees reviewed the names and forwarded a ranked list to the Alumni Association Board Executive Committee for final selection.



### Class of 1958: Roger Scherer, business and civic leader

Roger Scherer continues to make his mark in the Twin Cities. A former state legislator (1966-72) and past chair of the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce (1990), Scherer has served numerous terms on the Metropolitan Council during the last 30 years. He was appointed most recently in 2007 by Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty, the third governor to ask Scherer to serve. He's had other volunteer posts with the Minneapolis Chamber and was on the City of Plymouth planning commission. In addition, Scherer has been active with his parish and served on the Saint John's University Board of Regents from 1988-97.

Scherer's professional career was with the family business, Scherer Bros. Lumber, in the Twin Cities, where he was president and CEO from 1978-95. He currently chairs the company's board.



## Class of 1963: Art Froehle, educator

Art Froehle may have retired from the classroom, but the former teacher is still an educator. His 33-year career as an English teacher, mostly in urban Twin Cities schools, ended officially in 1998. It wasn't long after, however, that Froehle found two part-time labors of love – one serving immigrants and others through the Minneapolis Franklin Public Library literacy programs, and another helping low-income fathers earn high school diplomas and learn parenting and other life skills. His second venture has expanded into a partnership with the Minneapolis Public Schools' program in adult basic education, so Froehle serves not just young fathers, but any adult in Minneapolis who needs help with a G.E.D.



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### Births

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| '80 | Shereen & <b>Don Schultz</b> '80, girl, Elise, Dec. '07                      | '93 | Jennifer (Huge '92) & <b>John Feltl</b> '93, girl, Julia, Oct. '07      | '95 | Sarah & <b>Dan Benson</b> '95, girl, Elizabeth, Dec. '07                        |
| '88 | Ashley & <b>Tim Hughes</b> '88, girl, Elizabeth, Dec. '07                    | '93 | Laura & <b>Ryan Hagan</b> '93, girl, Caroline, Oct. '07                 | '95 | Kathryn (Kreft '95) & <b>Andrew Lang</b> '95, boy, Edward, May '07              |
| '89 | Jennifer Randt & <b>Timothy Boisjolie</b> '89, girl, Kimberlie, Feb. '08     | '93 | Karen & <b>Mike Kaczowski</b> '93, boy, Alexander, Nov. '07             | '95 | Jennifer (Combs '95) & <b>Paul Menke</b> '95, boy, Grant, Dec. '07              |
| '90 | Kathryn (Lawrence '97) & <b>Jeff Boyle</b> '90, girl, Gabrielle, Mar. '08    | '93 | Krista & <b>Doug Spanier</b> '93, boy, Sean, Nov. '07                   | '95 | Marla & <b>Kerby Plante</b> '95, boy, Nicholas, Apr. '08                        |
| '90 | Christine & <b>Michael Koalska</b> '90, girl, Katherine, May '07             | '93 | Angela & <b>Will Steinke</b> '93, girl, Greta, Mar. '08                 | '95 | Gretchen & <b>Christopher Schaak</b> '95, boy, Dillon, Jan. '08                 |
| '90 | Amy & <b>Jim Wolford</b> '90, boy, Phineas, Dec. '07                         | '93 | Jill & <b>Jeff Tallman</b> '93, boy, Samuel, Nov. '07                   | '96 | Connie (Goeden '97) & <b>Drew Gottfried</b> '96, boy, Ethan, Mar. '08           |
| '91 | Kelly (Fritz '92) & <b>David Dolan</b> '91, boy, Charles, Jan. '08           | '94 | Kelly (Wolfe-Bellin '94) & <b>Rob Bellin</b> '94, boy, Paul, Mar. '07   | '96 | Nancy & <b>Craig Jerdee</b> '96, boy, Chase, Dec. '07                           |
| '91 | Michelle (Miller '92) & <b>Ryan Heining</b> '91, girl, Isabelle, Dec. '07    | '94 | Jessie (Konrad '94) & <b>John Bueckers</b> '94, girl, Mildred, Nov. '07 | '96 | Michelle (Jansky '96) & <b>Todd Krenke</b> '96, boy, Tyler, June '07            |
| '91 | Sarah & <b>Casey Martin</b> '91, boy, Charlie, Jan. '08                      | '94 | Courtney & <b>Tom Dey</b> '94, boy, Camden, Oct. '07                    | '97 | Rebecca (Mettenburg '97) & <b>Jason Austin</b> '97, girl, Natalie, Nov. '07     |
| '91 | Stacy & <b>Greg Schumacher</b> '91, twin boys, Jonathan and Joseph, Nov. '07 | '94 | Sarah & <b>Jason Kruger</b> '94, girl, Maya, Apr. '07                   | '97 | Gena (Edwards '98) & <b>Trevor Borgmeier</b> '97, boy, Caleb, July '07          |
| '91 | Cindy & <b>Tyler Smith</b> '91, girl, Adelaide, Aug. '07                     | '94 | Melissa (Herbst '94) & <b>Jeff Lage</b> '94, boy, Ian, Sept. '07        | '97 | Rebecca & <b>Jeff Davis</b> '97, boy, Brady, July '07                           |
| '92 | Caprice & <b>Todd Bass</b> '92, boy, Merick, June '07                        | '94 | Stacie & <b>Thomas Muggli</b> '94, boy, Jasper, Feb. '07                | '97 | Kathryn & <b>John Devlin</b> '97, girl, Genevieve, Aug. '07                     |
| '92 | Ami (Trempe '95) & <b>Daniel Bieurance</b> '92, girl, Lily, Dec. '06         | '94 | Rebecca & <b>Joe Schaaf</b> '94, boy, William, Apr. '07                 | '97 | Marie (Sykora '98) & <b>Dave Gatz</b> '97, twin girls, Anna and Emma, Sept. '07 |
| '92 | Jennifer (Koopmeiners '93) & <b>Kaz Gazdzik</b> '92, girl, Lauren, Jan. '08  | '94 | Hillary & <b>Tony Sandeen</b> '94, girl, Audrey, Oct. '07               | '97 | Stacy (Schmitz '98) & <b>Ben Jansky</b> '97, girl, Jenna, July '07              |
| '92 | Julia & <b>Dan Rohda</b> '92, girl, Megan, June '07                          | '94 | Asleigh & <b>Daniel Varley</b> '94, boy, Delan, July '07                | '97 | Melina (Canlas '97) & <b>Jon Koch</b> '97, girl, Mena, Nov. '07                 |
| '92 | Anne (Garbee '93) & <b>Aaron Smith</b> '92, boy, Archer, Nov. '07            | '94 | Mary & <b>Tom Weitzel</b> '94, boy, Aaron, Apr. '08                     | '97 | Norah (Swartz '97) & <b>Stacy Morris</b> '97, boy, Peter, Apr. '07              |
| '93 | Kim (Scheidt '93) & <b>Dan Brown</b> '93, twin                               |     |   | '97 | Susan (Kannas '98) & <b>Brett Olsen</b> '97, boy, Tanner, Sept. '07             |

## MILESTONES

- '97 Rachelle & **Tony Peleska** '97, girl, Liliana, Mar. '07
- '97 Rachael (Weiss '97) & **Aaron Wachlarowicz** '97, boy, Eli, Aug. '07
- '97 April (Olsen '98) & **Jeff Reibestein** '97, boy, Finley, Jan. '08
- '97 Lori (Dagit '96) & **Scott Wendt** '97, boy, Jackson, Jan. '08
- '97 Sandra (Breth '98) & **Joshua Woodrum** '97, girl, Haley, June '07
- '98 Andrea (Hawkins '98) & **Sean Bagan** '98, boy, Eli, Dec. '07
- '98 Jennifer (White '98) & **Brett Baloun** '98, girl, Lucia, Sept. '07
- '98 Amy & **Eric Fowler** '98, girl, Lily, Nov. '07
- '98 Christine (Blanchard '98) & **Kyle Hartnett** '98, girl, Samantha, Feb. '08
- '98 Jenny & **Eric Kraus** '98, boy, Anderson, Sept. '07
- '98 Denise Kohout & **Brian Massmann** '98, boy, Owen, Dec. '07
- '98 Laura & **Christopher Polikowsky** '98, girl, Lillian, Oct. '07
- '98 Betsy (Dyran '00) & **Aaron Schmucker** '98, boy, Adam, Feb. '08
- '98 Amy & **David Vogel** '98, girl, Ellen, July '07
- '98 Amber (Nelson '98) & **Adam Walsh** '98, girl, Quinn, Apr. '07
- '98 Amy (Olson '98) & **Matt Wieber** '98, boy, Jack, Nov. '07
- '99 Kendra (Zenner '99) & **Matt Adelman** '99, boy, Brody, Feb. '08
- '99 Maria & **Matthew Bushard** '99, twin boys, Joseph and Anthony, June '07
- '99 Joelle (Hedin '00) & **Jason Cognetta** '99, boy, Dimarco, Feb. '08
- '99 Jennifer (Ward '99) & **Todd Hesli** '99, girl, Sofia, Mar. '07
- '99 Amy (Karison '99) & **Michael Frie** '99, boy, Robert, Feb. '07
- '99 Jen (Cereck '99) & **Kevin Jost** '99, girl, Mallory, Oct. '07
- '99 Robin & **Jeffrey Kremer** '99, girl, Anna, Dec. '07
- '99 Rebecca & **Adam Langer** '99, boy, Preston, Nov. '07
- '99 Kate & **Eric LeCompte** '99, girl, Hannah, May '07
- '99 Katherine & **Ross Kopher** '99, girl, Cameron, Feb. '08
- '99 Karmyn (Tuma '99) & **Grant Nelson** '99, boy, Gavin, July '07
- '99 Kelli & **Tad Palmquist** '99, boy, Jack, Oct. '06
- '99 Colleen (Salzer '01) & **Daniel Reiland** '99, girl, Julia, Feb. '07
- '99 Jessie (Johnson '99) & **Jeffrey Turner** '99, boy, Nathan, Feb. '08
- '99 Jennifer & **Lucas Weigelt** '99, girl, Peyton, Oct. '07
- '00 Anjali & **Biraj Bista** '00, boy, Kaibalya, Dec. '07
- '00 Jessica (Schmoll '00) & **Nathan Collins** '00, boy, Noah, Jan. '08
- '00 Andrea & **Christopher Daly** '00, boy, Matthew, Jan. '08
- '00 Carolyn & **Todd Dube** '00, boy, Michael, Jan. '08
- '00 Desiree (DeRosier '02) & **Michael Faletti** '00, girl, Alayna, Mar. '07
- '00 Sarah (Pangerl '00) & **Jeff Hildebrand** '00, girl, Addison, Feb. '08
- '00 Leigh (Degiovanni '00) & **Steve Klaverkamp** '00, girl, Luciana, Feb. '08
- '00 Danica & **Tom Linnemann** '00, girl, Nora, Oct. '07
- '00 Liz & **Matthew Logelin** '00, girl, Madeline, Mar. '08
- '00 Karen & **Chad O'Hara** '00, boy, Logan, Mar. '08
- '00 Heidi (Sunderman '00) & **Brent Schloe** '00, boy, Henry, Nov. '07
- '00 Melissa & **Joel Torborg** '00, girl, Faith, Apr. '08
- '00 Amy (O'Brien '00) & **Andrew Vohs** '00, girl, Lauren, May '07
- '01 Anna (Polzin '01) & **Adam Brett** '01, girl, Abigail, June '06
- '01 Suzanne (Kuboushek '01) & **Ben Britton** '01, boy, Samuel, Jan. '08
- '01 Angela (Busse '01) & **Arthur Boylan** '01, girl, Claire, Dec. '07
- '01 Colleen (Probst '01) & **Chris Chams** '01, girl, Lauren, Nov. '07
- '01 Jackie (Cronin '01) & **Brandon Dols** '01, girl, Kylie, Mar. '08
- '01 Melissa (Hemmelgam '01) & **Mike Fox** '01, girl, Emily, Feb. '08
- '01 Amanda (Albers '01) & **Patrick France** '01, girl, Anna, Oct. '07
- '01 Sarah (Glover '01) & **Andy Hover** '01, boy, Kael, Jan. '08
- '01 Jess & **Jim Kaczrowski** '01, boy, Tyler, Dec. '07
- '01 Laura (Wendorff '00) & **Nick Meyer** '01, boy, Alexander, Jan. '08
- '01 Michelle (Koch '01) & **Mike Rose** '01, girl, Mackenzie, Nov. '07
- '01 Stacey (Nelson '01) & **Tom Sweetman** '01, girl, Samantha, June '07
- '01 Katina (Wood '02) & **Kelly Wynn** '01, boy, Everett, Nov. '07
- '02 Polly (Kulas '02) & **Chuck Berendes** '02, girl, Charlotte, Jan. '07
- '02 Molly (Miller '03) & **Kyle Casey** '02, boy, Carter, Dec. '07
- '02 Jennifer & **Josh Eager** '02, girl, Ella, Oct. '07



### Class of 1968: Greg Scherer, business partner and volunteer

Greg Scherer put in plenty of hours as senior partner and vice president of marketing and personnel with the family business, Scherer Bros. Lumber, in the Twin Cities. Scherer also found ample time to volunteer and is doing a lot more of that since retiring in 2001. Scherer has been an active youth rugby coach, soccer referee, lector, American Legion Honor Guard member and frequent public speaker on social justice issues. He has also served as a trustee of Holy Name Church in Medina, where he has taught religious education for 34 consecutive years; the YMCA; Hammer Residences; and the College of St. Scholastica. In 1989, Scherer made a volunteer trip to Guatemala through Common Hope and has since returned 28 times as a team leader and volunteer. He's been on the Common Hope board of directors since 1993.





## MILESTONES

'47	Bob Schmidt '47, twin brother of deceased Richard '47, Nov. '07	'51	Arline Fahrenkrug, spouse of Vernon '51, Mar. '07	53	Margaret Patterson, sister of deceased Dave McMahon '53, Dec. '07
'47	Cecelia Schmitz, spouse of deceased Bob '47, Nov. '07	'51	Lawrence Peterson '51, July '07	'53	Virginia Ramler, sister of Marlin '53, Feb. '08
'47	Hortense Terhaar, sister of Jim Terhaar '51 and deceased Fred '47, Mar. '08	'51	Mary Jane Schulzetenberg, spouse of Tony '51, Feb. '08	'54	Hildegard Cunniff, mother of Charles Cammack '54, Apr. '08
'48	Arthur Barnett '48, Mar. '08	'51	Rev. Raphael Stovik, OSB '51, Sept. '07	'54	Jim Roth '54, Feb. '08
'48	Hazel Mahoney, spouse of James' 48, mother of Patrick '72, Feb. '08	'51	Bernice Sauer, mother of John '66 and Mark '83; sister of Sylvester Thielman '48, Rev. Kenneth Thielman '51, Br. Nicholas Thielman '59., Nov. '07	'55	Tom Unger '55, father of Bob '78, Bill '80, John '83; brother of Jack '54, Dec. '07
'48	Bronson Simonet '48, father of Matthew '88, brother of Eddie '47, Jan. '08	'52	Merrill McKibben '52, Feb. '08	'55	David Welter '55, Apr. '08
'48	Mary Schmidt, sister of John Streitz '48, Feb. '08	'52	Beverly Ann Martin, spouse of Wayne '52, May '08	'56	Gladys Kotsmith, mother of Bill '56, Jan. '08
'48	Norm Von Rueden '48, Feb. '07	'52	Bill Nilles '52, father of Bob '80, Dec. '07	'56	John McCarthy '56, father of Dick '88, Apr. '08
'48	Kurt H. Kutscher '48, Nov. '07	'52	Rose Marie Oehrlein, sister of James Oehrlein '52, Mar. '08	'56	Pat Mulligan '56, Jan. '08
'48	Wayne Wander '48, father of Roger '74, John '75, Bill '80, Ted '83, Dec. '07	'52	Joe Palmquist '52 brother of deceased Richard '51 and James '53, Apr. '07	'57	John Berling '57, Apr. '08
'49	Betty Demuth, spouse of Ernest '49, Oct. '07	'52	William Plantenberg, brother of Jerry '52, Dec. '07	'57	Mike Colwell '57, father of John '90, brother of deceased Joseph Patrick '53, Mar. '08
'49	Albert Hinnenkamp '49, Feb. '08	'52	Wilfred Raeker '52, brother of deceased Gerard '49, Nov. '07	'57	MaryLou McGraw, spouse of deceased, Larry '57, Nov. '07
'49	Mary Knevel, spouse of deceased Harold '49, step-mother of John '76, Feb. '08	'52	Joan Thene, spouse of Don '52, Feb. '08	'57	Richard Meemken, brother of deceased Rev. Eugene Meemken '57, Dec. '07
'50	Donald Conrad '50, brother of Wally '42, Jan. '08	'52	Lillian Knevel, sister of Arnold Zent '52, Feb. '08	'57	Rev. Eugene Meemken '57, Mar. '08
'50	Doug Froelick '50, Oct. '07	'52	Charles J. Spies '52, Feb. '08	'57	Rebecca Pfeffer, daughter of David Pfeffer '57, Mar. '08
'50	Leonilla Feneis, mother of Ralph '70, Steve '76, Tom '71; sister of Linus Guggenberger '50, Feb. '08	'53	Jack Amann '53, father of Pete '90, Dec. '07	'57	Virgil Schiffer, brother of Richard '57, Jan. '08
'50	Richard Lorge '50, Feb. '08	'53	Carola Ann Russell, sister of James Loonan '53, Dec. '07	'57	Gerald Skjolsvik '57, May '08
'50	Joseph Luzius '50, Apr. '08	'53	Dave McMahon '53, Nov. '07	'58	Francis Hughes '58, father of Daniel '84, Michael '86, Paul '89, Nathan '91, and Jacob '93, Apr. '07
'50	Rev. John Mitchell '50, Mar. '08	'53	Patricia Miller, sister of Tom Studer '53 and Dennis Studer '56, Nov. '07	'58	Dave Judge '58, Feb. '08
'50	George Ramier, II '50, father of Joe '84, Oct. '07	'53	Dick Notermann '53, father of John '79, Oct. '07	'58	Rev. Benedict McKean, OSB '58, Feb. '06
'50	John Simmonds '50, Aug. '07			'58	Carol Taylor, mother of John '58, Feb. '08
'50	Gordon Zahn '50, Dec. '07			'58	Alphonse Welle '58, Aug. '07
'51	Sid Dierberger '51, Apr. '08				



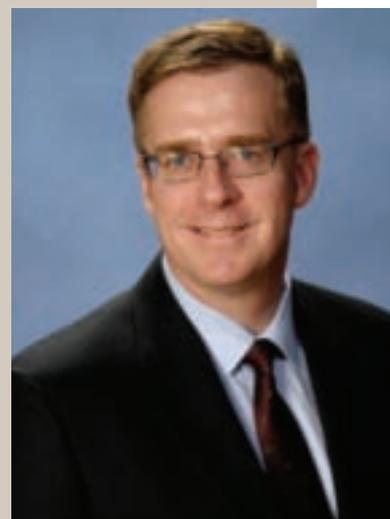
### Class of 1978: Matt Stergios, teacher and coach

Matt Stergios has an outstanding record as a history teacher at Loyola Sacred Heart High School, his alma mater in Missoula, MT. His advanced placement students consistently score high marks in national testing. In the past 25 years, 15 of his students have participated in the William Randolph Hearst Senate Youth Program in Washington, D.C. Stergios was voted "Missoula's Favorite High School Teacher" in a readers' poll in the city newspaper in 2003.

His coaching success, however, might be worthy of the *Guinness Book of Records*. Ever since 1984, in his third year as coach, Stergios's speech and debate team has won the Montana state championship. His record of 25 consecutive titles is the longest for speech and debate programs in U.S. history and is among the five longest championship runs among all high school sports and activities in the country.

## Class of 1983: Bernie Dan, president and board chair

Now doing consulting work, Bernie Dan gained wide recognition and business success while serving as president and CEO of two organizations: Cargill Investor Services and the Chicago Board of Trade. At the Board of Trade, Dan took the company public and orchestrated a merger with the Chicago Mercantile Exchange in 2007 that resulted in the world's largest and most diverse exchange. Dan is a Saint John's University Regent and serves on the boards of Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce, National Futures Association and One Chicago. He is also a member of the Executives Club of Chicago, the Commercial Club of Chicago and Operation Hope, Inc.



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|-----|---|-----|---|-----|---|
| '59 | Adeline Flaig, mother of Bob '59, Tom '62, Richard '64, Feb. '08                    | '63 | Richard Burger, father of Lane '63, Jan. '08  | '68 | Hildegard Nett, mother of Donny '68, John '61 and Joe '71, Jan. '08   |
| '59 | Margaret Keefe, mother of Dennis '59, Nov. '07                                      | '63 | Kristine Ann Rose, daughter of John '63, sister of Michael '94, Jan. '08                    | '69 | Michael Cowley, brother of Tom '69, Dec. '07                          |
| '59 | Ralph Kruchten, brother of Harvey '59, Mar. '08                                     | '63 | Helen Wieber, mother of Bob '63 and step-mother of Gary '68, Mar. '08                       | '69 | John Dragich '69, Mar. '08  |
| '59 | Adelaide Skudlarek, mother of Rev. William, OSB '59, Thomas '77, Mark '82, Apr. '08 | '64 | Monica Conn, mother of Jim '64, Apr. '08  | '69 | Regina Fritscher, mother of John '69, Dec. '07                        |
| '59 | Don Tielke '59, Aug. '07  | '64 | Donald Donnay, father of Richard '64, Dec. '07  | '69 | Vivian Johnson, mother of Larry '69, Apr. '08                         |
| '59 | Robert Wacloff '59 Oct. '07   | '64 | Elizabeth Linnihan, mother of Gerald '64, Nov. '07  | '69 | Anna Kalscheuer, mother of Michael '69, Feb. '08                      |
| '60 | Marie Haberman, mother of David '60, Nov. '07                                       | '64 | Helen Sieve, mother of Mark '64 and Jon '69, Apr. '08                                       | '70 | Charlene Foreman, mother of Tim '70, Nov. '07                         |
| '60 | Margaret Hutcheson, mother of J. David '60, Jan. '08                                | '65 | William Dingmann, father of Eugene '65, Feb. '08  | '70 | Jim Reil '70, July '03  |
| '60 | Marlene Hanson, sister of James Simon '60, Mar. '08                                 | '65 | Bill Earls, brother of Rev. J P Earls, OSB, SOTA '65, Nov. '07                              | '71 | Anthony Brezczinski, father of Lanny '71, Jan. '08                    |
| '60 | Vernette Walz, sister of Al Walz '60, Apr. '08                                      | '65 | Laura Ann Kaczrowski, spouse of William '65, mother of Michael '93 and Andrew '97, Nov. '07 | '71 | Robert DeBruycker, father of Rev. James DeBruycker '71, Oct. '07      |
| '61 | Marie Goth, mother of Gary '61, Dec. '07  | '66 | Dennis Faulkner '66, Mar. '08   | '71 | Kathleen DeBruycker, mother of Rev. James DeBruycker '71, Sept. '07   |
| '61 | Hildegard Nett, mother of John '61, Donny '68, Joe '71, Jan. '08                    | '66 | Walter Haefliger, father of Donald '66, Nov. '07  | '71 | Betty Jane Dufresne, mother of David '71, Feb. '08                    |
| '61 | Michael Rusk '61, Oct. '07  | '66 | Francis Poepl, father of John '66, Jan. '08   | '72 | Kathleen Merz, mother of Greg '72, Steve '74, Doug '77, Feb. '08      |
| '61 | Marjorie Schuster, sister of Gene '63 and Ron '61, Mar. '08                         | '66 | Adolph Rossini, father of Mark '72, James '68, John '66, Dec. '07                           | '72 | Paul Springer, father of James '72, Thomas '74, William '76, May '07  |
| '61 | Jack Tenvoorde '61, father of Mike '95, Nov. '07                                    | '66 | Lorraine Voss, mother of Kenneth '66, Nov. '07  | '72 | Bernice Sufka, mother of Al '72, Feb. '08                             |
| '61 | Kathy Tenvoorde, mother of Mike '95 and spouse of deceased Jack '61, Oct. '07       | '67 | Isabelle Carlson, mother of Dr. Mark Carlson '67, Feb. '08                                  | '72 | Diana Wells, spouse of James Carlson, Jr. '72, Dec. '07               |
| '62 | Kathleen Basch, spouse of Don '62, Mar. '08   | '67 | Bill Kayser '67, Dec. '07   | '73 | Marlin Abbott, father of Dan '73, and Mike '77, Feb. '08              |
| '62 | LeRoy Bergen, father of Bob '62, Dec. '07   | '67 | Dorothy Robinson, mother of Daniel '67, Feb. '08  | '73 | Charles Cutter, father of Wes '73, Apr. '08                           |
| '62 | Jarl Johansen '62, brother of A. Nick Johansen '56, Feb. '08                        | '68 | Patrick Antrim '68, Jan. '08  | '75 | David Kirwan, father of David '73 and James '75, Oct. '07             |
| '62 | Mike Weller '62 son of deceased Jerome '30, Feb. '08                                | '68 | Albert C. Brixius, father of Albert A. '68, Mar. '08  | '73 | Charles A. McGraw, father of Dr. Charles '73, Dec. '07                |
| '62 | Mary Anne Geving, sister of Edward Zapp '62, Apr. '08                               | '68 | Earl Curran, father of Michael '68, Jan. '08  | '73 | Lorraine Neisen, mother of Peter '73, Joseph '76, Chris '84, Dec. '07 |
| '63 | S. Rose Althoff SOTA '63, Apr. '08  | '68 | Russell Miller '68, Oct. '07  |     |   |

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- '73 Cyril Schweich, father of Jerome '73 and Len '83, Feb. '08
- '73 Reuben Swanson, father of David '73 and Daniel '78, Dec. '07
- '73 Irene Swanson, mother of David '73 and Daniel '78, Mar. '08
- '73 Josita Duquette, mother of Jacques '93 and the sister of Jim Huot-Vickery '73, Oct. '07
- '74 Walter Zurn, father of Dan '74, Apr. '08
- '75 Bill Kaufman '75 brother of Marty '82, Apr. '08
- '75 Ralph Plas, father of Tim '75, Jan. '08
- '76 Robert Degen, father of Larry '76, Sept. '07
- '76 Richard P. Dunsmore, father of Richard '76, Nov. '07
- '76 Herbert Schoenecker, Jr., father of Joe '76, Feb. '08
- '76 Jeanne Schulte, mother of Rev. Francisco Raymond Schulte, OSB '76, May '08
- '76 John Wilch, father of Matt '76 and Tom '84, Dec. '07
- '77 Marcella Braun, mother of Mark '77, Nov. '07
- '77 Richard Edwards, father of James '77, Apr. '08
- '77 Richard Gerlach, father of Mark '77, Feb. '08
- '77 Nathan Keith, brother of Kent '77, Dec. '07
- '77 Ann Nolan, mother of Bruce '77, Jan. '08
- '77 Roman Radermacher, father of Frank '77, Apr. '08
- '78 Carl Glocke, father of Steven '78, Feb. '08
- '78 Mary Koshmrl, mother of Michael '78, Dec. '07
- '78 George Mader, father of Rev. Stan '78, Greg '80, George '87, Mar. '08
- '78 William J. McDonough, father of Bill '78, Denis '92, Jim '95, Apr. '08

## In Memoriam

*We remember the following members of the faculty of Saint John's University and the College of Saint Benedict:*

Otmar Drekonja, Professor Emeritus, German (July 2007)  
 Phil Durkee, Associate Professor, Natural Science (November 2007)  
 Jack Farley, Professor Emeritus, Management (April 2007)  
 Jon Hassler, Regents Professor Emeritus, Fiction (March 2008)  
 Kristin Malloy, OSB, Professor Alumna, English (September 2007)  
 Art Spring, Associate Professor, Education (February 2008)

- '78 Earl Spengler, father of Gordy '78, Oct. '07
- '78 Tim Stover '78, twin brother of Thomas '77, Nov. '07
- '78 Mary Zieske, mother of Lynn Richard '78, Apr. '08
- '79 George Hermann, father of Jim '79, Jan. '08
- '79 Philip Smith, father of Dan '79, Oct. '07
- '79 Raymond Smith, father of Kevin '79, Sean '84, Colin '85, Matt '88, Tim '90, Jaime '96, Feb. '08
- '80 Vivian Guetzke, mother of Tom '80, Oct. '07
- '80 James Krenik, father of Greg '80, Apr. '08
- '80 Joseph Trobec, father of Jay '80, Scott '83, Ken '87 and the brother of Roger '68, Mar. '08
- '81 Terrence Bishop, brother of Dan '81, July '07
- '81 Mary Lawler Byron, mother of Fr. Michael Byron '81, Joseph '92, Feb. '08
- '81 Chris Doyle '81, brother of John '80 and Thomas '79, Dec. '07
- '81 Raymond Sobaski, father of Leonard '81, Mar. '08
- '82 Frank Beddor, Jr., father of Steven '82 and David '84, Nov. '07
- '82 Daniel Dorwart, father of Michael '82, Mar. '08
- '82 Kevin Earley, father of Joseph '82, Feb. '08
- '82 Sylvester Hauser, father of Alan '82, Oct. '07
- '83 LuVerne Torke, father of Wayne '83, May '08
- '84 Irene Danahey, mother of Dan '84, Shawn '86, Kevin '87, Jan. '08
- '84 Mike Hickey '84, brother of Steve '86, Dec. '07
- '84 Walter Tiffin, father of David '84, Mar. '08
- '84 Richard Yurek, father of Stephen '84, Apr. '08
- '85 Seth Petra, father of John '85, Apr. '08



## Class of 1988: Rob Fairbank, political consultant

Rob Fairbank is a founding partner of Politically Direct, a Denver, CO-based political consulting firm. While serving in the Colorado House of Representatives from 1998-2004, Fairbank was majority caucus chairman and vice chairman of the finance committee. He is the former political director of the Colorado Republican Party and has been involved in local and statewide campaigns across the country. Fairbank has done campaign training in the Middle East, North Africa, the Balkans, Southeast Asia and the former Soviet Union on behalf of the International Republican Institute (IRI), a non-partisan organization that advances democracy worldwide. Fairbank is a past president of the Denver Alumni Chapter.



- '85 Mary Simmet, mother of Bob '85, Mar. '08
- '85 Harold Ungar, father of Dick '85, Michael '92, James '93, Apr. '08
- '86 Kathleen Theisen, mother of Scott '86, Paul '91, Nov. '07
- '87 John M. Degan, father of John J. '87, Dec. '07
- '87 Bernice Doub, mother of deceased Rev. Nichold Doub, OSB SOTA '87, Mar. '08
- '87 Constance Egan, mother of Patrick '87, Jan. '08
- '87 John Kraker, father of Bill '87, Jan. '08
- '87 Anthony Prozinski, father of John '87, Feb. '08
- '88 Thomas Althoff, father of Jim '88, Nov. '07
- '88 Kevin Kelly '88, brother of Brian '86, Jan. '08
- '88 Marshall Monette, father of Fred '88, Oct. '07
- '88 Donald Persian, father of Steven '88, Nov. '07
- '89 Ambrose Farniok, father of Dan '89 and Bill '94, Oct. '07
- '89 Charles Henry, son of deceased John '39, brother of John, Jr. '71, Joseph '89, Mar. '08
- '89 Laureen Vogel, mother of Daniel '89, Feb. '08
- '89 DeLores Absey, mother of David '89, Feb. '08
- '90 Delores Braun, mother of Tom '90, Jan. '08
- '90 Craig Gagnon, father of Jeff '90, Feb. '08
- '90 Paul Gohl, father of Gregory '90 and Christopher '94, Unknown '06
- '91 Alfred Enneking, father of Rev. Marvin Enneking, SOTA '91, Mar. '08
- '91 John Moonan, father of Michael '91, Dec. '07
- '91 Robert Richtsmeier, father of Thomas '91, Apr. '08
- '91 Randall L. Johnson, father of Craig '91, Dec. '07
- '92 Donald Katchmark, father of Gregg '92, Feb. '08
- '93 Joseph Arbeiter, father of Matthew '93, Mar. '08
- '94 Steven Blonigan, brother of Jim '94, Apr. '08
- '96 Barbara Fitzpatrick, sister of Joseph '96, Nov. '07
- '97 James Clancy, father of Patrick '97, Apr. '08
- '97 John Henderson, father of Jonathan '97, Jan. '08
- '99 Gerald Kelley, father of Justin '99, Jan. '08
- '02 Stephen Gottschalk, father of Michael '02, Mar. '08
- '02 Richard Schneider, father of Thomas '02, Nov. '07
- '02 Isaac James Willenbring, infant son of Jim '02, Feb. '08
- '06 Sherry Smolik Day, mother of Christopher '06, Oct. '07
- '07 Larry Harper, father of Benjamin '07, Jan. '08
- '08 Nick Rossini '08, son of Mark '72, Dec. '06
- '09 Mary R. Albrecht, mother of James '09, Oct. '07

### John Symanitz '26, SJU's Oldest Alumnus

John Symanitz '26 passed away on Feb. 8, 2008 at 103. He was SJU's oldest living alumnus of record. He was well known for his devotion to Saint John's. According to Dorothy Symanitz, his widow, "I have never known anyone who was crazier about his alma mater than my late husband. At any function he was not embarrassed to lecture all about the beauties of being a Johnnie."



## Fine Arts Programming Events

### Radio Macbeth

September 18 - 20 @ 7:30 p.m. each night  
Gorecki Family Theater,  
College of Saint Benedict

### Minnesota Orchestra

Sunday, September 21 @ 2:00 p.m.  
Petters Auditorium, CSB

### James and the Giant Peach

Friday, September 26 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Stephen B. Humphrey Theater, SJU

### Luna Negra Dance Theater

Saturday, October 11 @ 7:30 p.m.  
Petters Auditorium, CSB

### Minnesota Orchestra

Sunday, October 26 @ 2:00 p.m.  
Petters Auditorium, CSB

### The American Boychoir

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

### Mama's Night Out

Thursday, November 6 @ 8:00 p.m.  
Stephen B. Humphrey Theater, SJU

### On Ensemble

Saturday, November 15 @ 8:00 p.m.  
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Friday, December 5, @ 7:30 pm  
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### Theater Latte Da & Cantus – All is Calm: the Christmas Truce of 1914

Sunday, December 7 @ 7:30 p.m.  
Petters Auditorium, CSB



### Kathy Mattea-Songs and the Season

Thursday, December 11 @ 7:30 p.m.  
Petters Auditorium,  
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Above: Luna Negra, featuring Vanessa Valecillos, Jessica A. Wyatt and Kimberly Bleich. Photo by Audia

## My War

By the Rev. Peter Lambert '75, SOT•Seminary '79



When I stepped out that morning in Iraq it was clear and cool. The sky was light blue, and it was quiet. What a welcome relief it was after months of rain, wind, dust and even snow. I walked over to the rec center to pray an invocation for an awards ceremony.

After that I went to the chapel administration tent. I was the first one there on this Saturday morning, and I relished the time alone.

Within 10 minutes the phone rang. It was the ranking sergeant from the Army chapel. All of their chaplains were busy, and they

were bringing in three soldiers whose vehicle had been hit by an improvised explosive device (IED). Could I come over and help?

Several minutes later I arrived at the Army hospital, a mixture of tents and refurbished buildings from a former Iraqi air force base. I then learned that we would be receiving the bodies of three soldiers killed in the blast along with the recovery team. When they arrived, I waited while the mortuary team searched the bodies for identification. The dead included two young men and a young woman. I worked with the recovery and mortuary teams until the Army chaplains arrived and took over.

That evening my homily changed as it was being delivered. The second reading was *I Corinthians 13*, the well-known chapter on love. I told the congregation about what I had experienced. My strongest memories included the blond kinky hair of the young woman who had been found completely wrapped around her body armor, every bone in her body broken. I remembered the wedding ring on the dismembered arm of one of the young men. And the smell of burning flesh would be forever etched in my mind.

I told them that the message that echoed across my mind was, "Goddamn them. Goddamn the people who are responsible for this." Then I explained that so long as we let our feelings rule our hearts, we would never know peace in our world. Over the years, in discussions with other Catholic priests who have been in combat, we have recognized that the only solution to the unending wars and feuds among peoples and between cultures is forgiveness. In light of Paul's magnificent words of love, I recognized that I had to work to put my feelings aside and use my intellect to forgive those who did what they believed was right. Only when I found freedom from my own feelings would I be able to reach out to others with the same message.

*The Rev. Peter Lambert retired in 2007 after 23 years as a military chaplain in the Army National Guard and the Air Force. He served two tours of duty in Iraq.*

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