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Theater Grottesco in

## *The Angel's Cradle*

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THE ABBOT AND THE ARCHITECT

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## The Abbot and the Architect

by Albert Eisele '58

Breuer associate R. Hamilton Smith, standing, describes a feature of the plans for the Abbey church to Abbot Baldwin Dworshak, O.S.B., and architect Marcel Breuer.



The death last year of Abbot Baldwin Dworshak, O.S.B., the 90-year-old former abbot of Saint John's Abbey, received scant notice outside of Minnesota and the worldwide Benedictine community. But he deserves to be remembered as an important figure in the history of monasticism and church architecture in America.

Thanks to Abbot Baldwin's extraordinary vision and quiet leadership, Saint John's forged a partnership with world famous architect Marcel Breuer more than 40 years ago to produce what Williams College art historian Whitney Stoddard has hailed as "the most exciting architectural story since the building of the great medieval churches of Europe."

Abbot Baldwin, a soft-spoken former English professor with a personal interest in the fine arts, would seem ill-suited to serve as the catalyst for a unique collaboration between a monastic community devoted to a life of disciplined "worship and work" and a leading figure in the worldly, ego-driven world of big-time architecture.

But he made a bold and remarkably farsighted decision in December, 1950, shortly after he was elected the sixth abbot of Saint John's, that led to what one art historian has called "a milestone in the evolution of the architecture of the Catholic church in this country."

One of the first problems the 43-year-old abbot faced, after the three-decade reign of his predecessor, was the need to care for the growing number of aged and infirm monks in the 300-member community.

"It all started because we had to take care of the older retired monks," Abbot Baldwin told me in a 1991 interview. "When I became abbot, I felt very much the need to carry on in the same way as Abbot Alcuin Deutsch, O.S.B., because many of the older monks felt you shouldn't make a sudden change after 30 years. But the demands of the community by 1951 were beginning to show the need for expansion."

Guided by the admonition laid down by Saint Benedict in the sixth century that abbots should seek the counsel of their com-

munity on important decisions, Abbot Baldwin appointed a six-member building committee in 1951. He asked the committee to advise him on what should be done to provide adequate facilities for the older monks, and to meet the needs of a rapidly expanding postwar student population at the University and Preparatory School.

Since it was founded in 1856 by Bavarian monks to minister to German immigrant families and serve as missionaries to Chippewa Indians on the Minnesota frontier, Saint John's had grown haphazardly. Its most important building was the red brick quadrangle built after the Civil War that housed classrooms and administrative offices. It was anchored by a traditional Romanesque church with soaring 99-foot twin towers, completed in 1882, that served as a symbol of the Abbey and University.

In March, 1953, the building committee submitted its recommendations. It called for the construction of a number of facilities, including quarters for the older monks, and a new church that would reflect in its archi-

tectural form the liturgical renewal movement in the U.S. being led by Saint John's. This renewal would find its ultimate expression a decade later in the Second Vatican Council.

A short time later, acting with the consent of his community, Abbot Baldwin took the unusual step of inviting 12 renowned architects to design a comprehensive building plan for the second centenary of Saint John's, which was to begin in 1956. The audacity of his action is evident in the list of architects he approached.

Chosen on the basis of reputation, ability and experience in comprehensive planning,

In what must have seemed presumptuous to the recipients of his letter, Abbot Baldwin wrote, "The Benedictine tradition at its best challenges us to think boldly and to cast our ideals in forms which will be valid for centuries to come, shaping them with all the genius of present-day materials and techniques."

All 12 architects responded enthusiastically, and all but Saarinen and Belluschi, who were occupied with other commitments, applied for the assignment. Five were invited to Collegeville for interviews, and after 20 months of intensive study, Abbot Baldwin announced in April, 1954, that

meant to lift one often and easily to what is to be."

But Breuer quickly discovered that his new client, a community of men whose lives were governed by the 1,500-year-old Rule of Saint Benedict, was unlike any he had ever encountered. "He soon became aware that his relationship with us would be unique," Abbot Baldwin recalled dryly in a 1990 memoir:

"When we invited Marcel Breuer to design buildings for us, we asked him to serve our community by pulling the community well beyond its practical intentions so as to serve its most profound needs, namely, to

old religious order. "After all," he said, "what are a few generations to the Benedictines?"

Abbot Baldwin later recalled the warning of a Catholic bishop who had told him "very emphatically" that "you will not get by with the building of that church you are planning." Although the bishop was to be proven wrong, there was ample reason for his skepticism, according to Abbot Baldwin. "Up to the opening of the Council, the whole Church had been held on a tight rein," he wrote. "The building of a church and its architectural style were instinctively felt to be governed by ecclesiastical authority."

Uncertain as to whom he should submit

priest to face his congregation.

Construction of the initial phase of Breuer's plan, a box-like rectangular monastic wing, was completed in 1956. Work on the church, the cornerstone of the plan, began in 1958. The three years it took to build it were a time of historic ferment in the Catholic Church. As Abbot Baldwin later noted, "the period 1958-61 . . . was a time when change was about to spring upon the Church in that most radical form, the Second Vatican Council," which would institute radical changes in all aspects of the life of the Church, especially for a more active participation of the laity in the liturgy.

(As the elected president of the American Cassinese Congregation of Benedictine Men, Abbot Baldwin attended the final session of the Second Vatican Council in 1965 and was a voting member. "He can be credited with the 'Americanization' of monastic life at Saint John's as the community, sometimes rambunctious but usually reasonable, slowly and surely broke out of the mold of European monasticism crafted by previous abbots," his present day successor, Abbot Timothy Kelly, O.S.B., said at his funeral.)

Completed in October 1961, the new structure was seen as a radical, and to many people, a shocking, departure from traditional church architecture. Fronted by a 180-foot vertically cantilevered trapezoidal bell banner that echoed the twin towers of the old church was a huge trapezoidal building of reinforced concrete, with corrugated lateral sides covered by granite. Behind the bell banner, at the main entrance to the church, was a honeycombed wall of brilliantly colored stained glass. At the church entrance, in a glass walled atrium with a skylight, was the baptistry, squarely on a central axis with a dramatic altar surrounded by the stalls of the monks, with the abbot's throne directly behind the altar. The floor was polished red brick, and on the bare interior walls of exposed concrete, the scars of the wood construction framework were conspicuously visible.

Some critics — among them, monks and parishioners — found the church uninviting, austere and not conducive to devotion. But it was hailed as an architectural masterpiece by others. Bernard Jacob, a fellow of the American Institute of Architects, called it "an important and meaningful example of religious architecture in this century." While the church and other proposed structures "did not initiate a new style of architecture," Jacob commented in 1981, "they do represent the apotheosis of modern architecture made subservient to the humanism, the aspirations of a religious community," which, by dramatizing its ideals, "transcended them in form and expression." Declaring

that the church represented a "rare symbiosis between architect and client that produces extraordinary results," Jacobs concluded that the building "is unlike anything Breuer had designed before and probably better than anything he designed thereafter."

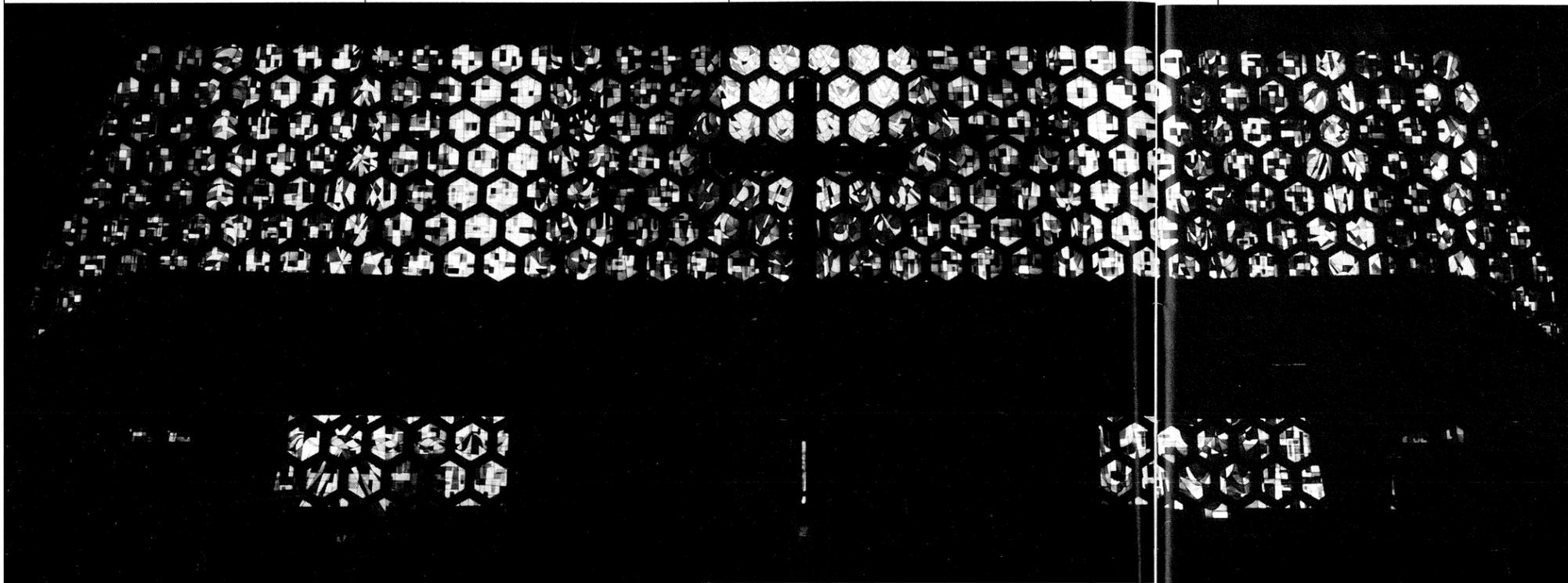
Breuer himself seemed to agree with at least the first part of that judgment. After watching the four-hour rite of consecration of the Abbey church in October, 1961, he told Abbot Baldwin, "All I can say, Father Abbot, is that this is the first building I have designed and the first object I have designed which has been made so sacred, or, as you would say, consecrated to God. I am more deeply moved by this than I can tell you."

On the 25th anniversary of the dedication of the church in 1986, Abbot Baldwin recalled that, "Mr. Breuer was always grateful when he heard or read that this church fulfilled our expectations liturgically and contributed much to the prayer life of the monastic community and that of the students."

He quoted Breuer's words that, "Although the church may be a new sensation to the eye, the architectural concepts resemble those of the Middle Ages. . . Church architecture at its best is always identical with the logic of the enclosure. I merely put a shell around the sacred space designed by the monastic community. How much we will be affected by the building, how much it will signify its reverent purpose will depend on the courage it manifests in facing the ancient task: to render the enclosed space a part of infinite space."

When Breuer died on July 1, 1981, Abbot Baldwin, who had retired 10 years earlier, paid a warm tribute to him at a memorial Mass in the great church that was the result of their collaboration: "We are especially grateful to Marcel Breuer who designed this church, this altar, as well as the rest of the furnishings," he said. "We thank God for him. If a community has with great care selected a competent and skilled person as architect for its church, it will receive from him a design which will stimulate and inspire as well as serve the needs of the community for a space or a building for praying, singing, for listening and speaking, for active participation — where the mysteries of God are recalled and celebrated in human history."

Acknowledging that Breuer "knew that he would have to be faithful both to what we asked of him and, at the same time, to his own instincts and talents," Abbot Baldwin said, "The kind of fidelity with which Breuer responded to our deeper spiritual needs . . . was possible only because of a profound relationship which came to exist between Breuer as architect and the monastic



they included seven famous architects from the U.S. and five from Europe. Among them were two leaders of the Bauhaus school of architecture, Walter Gropius, onetime dean of the Harvard School of Architecture, and his former partner in private practice, Marcel Breuer, the famed Finnish-American architect, Eero Saarinen, Pietro Belluschi of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Thomas W. Sharp of Oxford, England. Even more audacious was Abbot Baldwin's challenge to the competing architects to come up with a design for "building a church which will be truly an architectural monument to the service of God (and) will remind us constantly that contemporary Benedictines, in these troubled times, have something to say to the Church, to the world-at-large."

Saint John's had chosen Breuer. The decision to hire the Hungarian-born New York architect was a momentous one for Saint John's and for Breuer, who had just received his first major independent commission, the UNESCO headquarters in Paris.

Breuer's response set the tone for what was to become a close relationship with Abbot Baldwin and Saint John's that lasted until Breuer's death in July, 1981: "What I see before me," he wrote to Abbot Baldwin, "is a community of men deliberately oriented towards God, guided at all times by a 'Rule' of life which sets it down as a necessary condition to live a life of 'worship and work.'...I can see that for you a sense of life, its ultimate meaning, translates readily into a sense of place that looks far beyond what is here. The glory of what is here I presume is

give, architecturally, a true and lasting expression of the life that it represents. The buildings we created together were a new thing, expressing not just the style of the architect, but also the spirit of the community."

In the spring of 1954, after much discussion and sometimes blunt criticism by the monks of Breuer's preliminary designs, Breuer unveiled a dramatic 100-year plan for a new Abbey church and monastery, and 19 additional buildings for the University and Preparatory School — nine were eventually built. Breuer's plan drew international attention and acclaim. When Time Magazine asked Abbot Baldwin how he could justify such an ambitious undertaking obviously beyond his financial resources, he replied that a century means little to a 1,500-year-

Breuer's plans to at the Vatican, Abbot Baldwin sent Fr. Cloud Meinberg, O.S.B., a trained architect who was Saint John's principal liaison with Breuer and frequently corresponded with him, to Rome in 1956 with instructions "to make inquiries of anyone who seemed to have the authority to approve modern art and architecture for church use." Fr. Cloud was directed to Cardinal Antonio Canastanini, who "showed considerable interest and surprise" at the Breuer design, Abbot Baldwin recalled, "but in no way expressed disapproval, and added that if asked for his approval, he would give a favorable opinion." With that assurance, Saint John's and Breuer moved ahead to carry out his design, which anticipated many of the changes ordered by the Vatican Council, including an altar that allowed the

community.”

In the end, Abbot Baldwin declared, one of the most important choices he and Saint John's ever made “was our choice of Marcel Breuer as architect of the place where we come every day to renew our faith and our vision; where we celebrate what is most personally ours and what is most nobly human; where our actions witness the great deeds God has done and where we confirm our covenant with Him who is our God.”

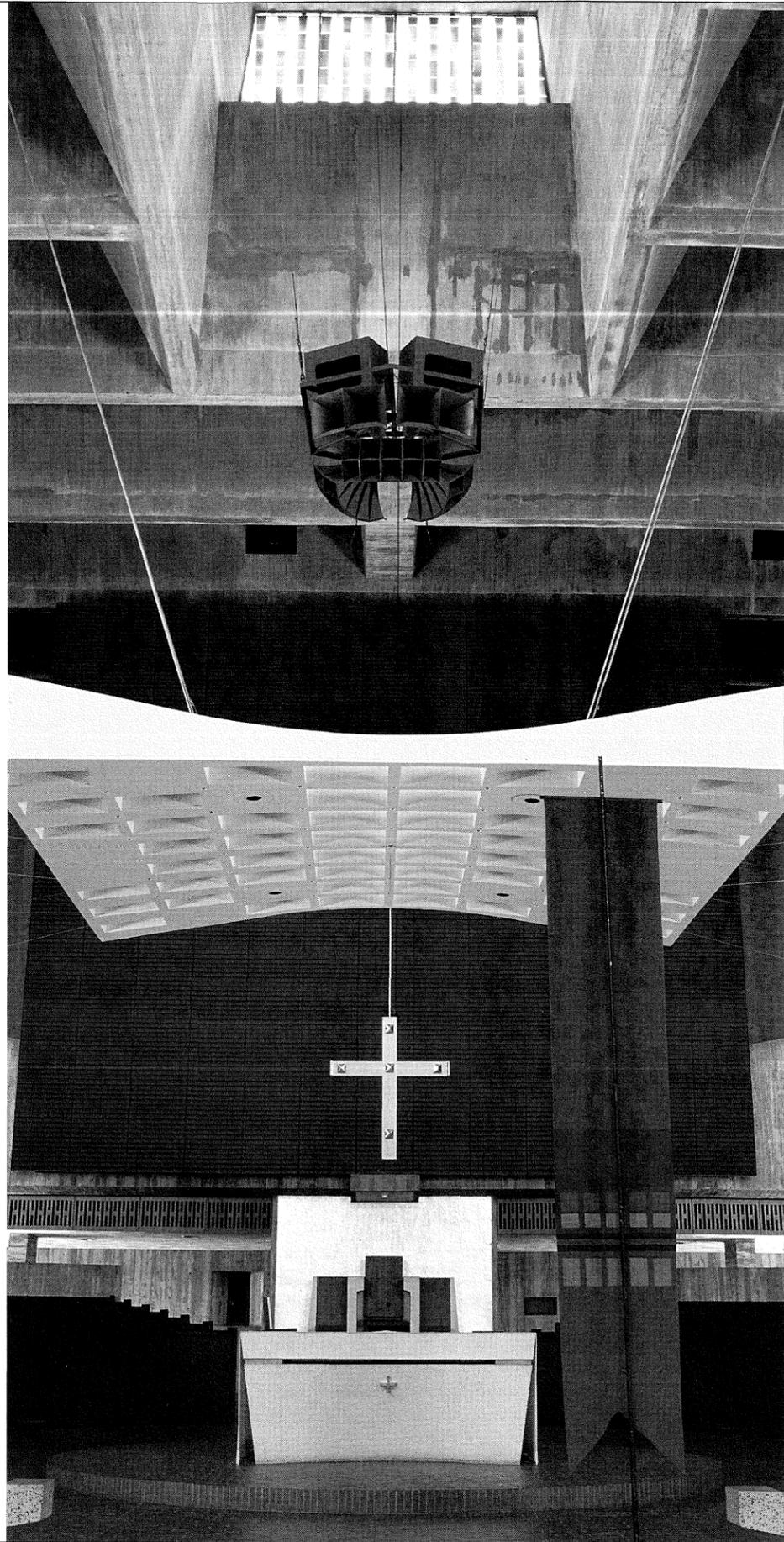
There was an ironic footnote to the story of Breuer's love affair with the Saint John's monks — and vice versa. After his death, Saint John's abandoned Breuer's plan, partly because of financial constraints, and partly because the local architects his successor brought in to complete his plan did not want to follow it.

Abbot Baldwin, always the gentleman, would not criticize his successor or his community's decision, but he clearly did not think it had been faithful to the covenant he had made with Breuer. “I don't like to say this lest I give the wrong impression,” he told me in 1991, “but at one point the community decided to kind of forget Breuer's plan and proceed independently. . . . I think we should have insisted that the plan was not done lightly.”

And how did Abbot Baldwin, whose efforts to prepare Saint John's for the future, won him the nickname, “Baldwin the Builder,” think Breuer would react if he knew that his 100-year plan had been abandoned after less than half of his grand design was completed?

“I think he was very realistic,” Abbot Baldwin said in 1991. “I think he knew in time that his plan would not be followed closely. I don't know whether I or anybody else should have tried to say to the younger monks, ‘Look, this is a sacrosanct plan, you can't touch it or interfere with it.’ The (new) architect felt he could not be held to doing a Breuer building. . . . He said he respected Breuer and would not depart from his style, but he found that very hard to do. He did change the plan, and we have what we have now.”

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## “I hope you fail . . . gloriously!” 1997 Commencement Address

by Phil Steger '97

A good friend and respected elder told me that any public performance in which you don't have butterflies in your stomach isn't going to be worth much. The trick, he said, is to make them fly in formation.

I have the great honor of having been selected to deliver this year's student address. It's a strange honor. I was selected from five candidates; this, of course, means that as much as 79 percent of the class may have preferred somebody else to speak. Therefore, I do not presume to speak for all of you. Indeed, I don't presume to speak for any of you. I do not feel that I have been given that permission. What I accept is what has been offered: the extraordinary opportunity to speak to you; and not as some strange recitation or mystical embodiment of the class of 1997, but as myself.

My friends, I hope that I have your permission to speak freely. This talk is not “peppy.” I have too much respect for your intelligence and your integrity, as well as for the intelligence and integrity of this center of learning, composed of both Saint John's and Saint Ben's. This celebration, these degrees, are a testimony to your ability to respond to the world in an intelligent and mature manner. You are not naive. And I am not going to try to blow sunshine into your eyes. This is a joyous day, but my friends, these are serious times.

The world we live in is full of abstraction, alienation and dissolution. Today, even martyrdom, that ultimate act in which one dies rather than to betray a belief or a way of life, is meaningless. People are dying in droves for no other reason other than that they are in the way: of a missile, of an army, of an economy. Life itself, is under attack. Whole ecosystems are disappearing as we peel them from the planet like skin.

When we look at the violence and the suffering, we feel silly, or stupid. Helpless. Looking on from some distant and far removed vantage point. And we imagine that we are not involved. And so we concentrate on the one thing by which we feel that we can mea-

sure our lives: success. We go out and race the course laid out for us, charting our progress at the checkmarks that society has erected for us.

My friends, I am concerned about success. What will happen to us? This is a time of celebration, it is true, but what will happen if we go tripping along this path from one celebration to another if there is no one along the way to ask us what it is that we are doing? We run through life picking up badges and titles and parties, whether we will go on to get our M.A., our Ph.D. or a partnership in the firm. Everyone will be gathered around to clap for us and smile and pat us on the shoulder. And for the effects of our success on others, on the planet, on whatever communities to which we belong, will we care? Will anyone ask at the risk of ruining the party? This is the cause of my urgency, why I have spoken as I have. When will we be reminded of other values, transcendent values that can take something as messy, as complicated, as painful as human life and transform it into something beautiful, something sublime?

This may be the last place that we will be in any kind of a professional or formal role where the persons around us show any kind of concern over who we are. People have gotten to know us here. We won't be remembered for our ACT scores, for our grades, or our punctuality. We will be remembered and valued here because we laughed, because we got up at 2 a.m. to drive a buddy home from the bar. Because we loved people and related to them as people and not as commodities to buy, trade, terminate, or sell.

But let us not be naive. We have experienced these values because the people who are here and who have been here before us have been committed to them. They have resisted social pressures, or at least have struggled against them, rooted and strengthened in their identity as an institution founded upon community- and person-based values such as charity and hospitality. An identity which they have so far, more or

less refused to allow to be manipulated. It is this identity which is the reason for Saint John's existence. And it is this struggle which has defined its identity. The absence of struggle would be precursor to the loss of identity, which in turn would strip Saint John's of its reason, and one suspects, its *permission*, to be.

Minnesota writer Bill Holm wrote, “Money earned, suit brand, car model, school degree, powerful army, big bombs, bootstrap rhetoric, make no difference. Everything the success culture takes for granted turns to fog that burns off when you put light on it. At the bottom of everything is skin; under that, blood and bone.”

It is a paradox, but to be sure that we have maintained, or even exalted, our humanity throughout all of our successes, we must first not only face, but learn to value, our *failures*.

Holm writes:

Two failures we teach children to fear are poverty and alcoholism. We state them positively: work hard and stay sober. Yet Christianity, to which we give lip service, praises glad poverty; and many alcoholics date the birth of their true humanity from the realization of booze's awful power in their lives.

Like poverty, alcoholism is a failure hard to deny, for denial leads to suicide. Drunks black out, remember nothing; to go to A.A. requires memory, the acknowledgment of alcohol's effects on self and others, then apology and atonement. You must make right what you have put wrong with your drinking; pay just debts. Imagine America coming up from one of its blackouts to apologize to Cambodia, Nicaragua, the Sioux, interned Japanese or the children of Iraq. Imagine yourself.

The serenity prayer, spoken at every A.A. meeting, is the true national anthem of the country of failure people dream about when their conscience tires of brutalizing others and longs for the true failure in humanity:

*God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; the courage to change*

the things I can; and the wisdom to know the difference.

Holm finishes:  
No bombs bursting in air in that one.

My friend, you are all successes. All of this, the flags, the robes, the degrees, are a testimony and a celebration of this fact. But what I honestly wish for you in the future is tension and struggle. I cannot help but also pray for your success as well, you're my friends. But whenever success demands the sacrifice or dissolution of community, the destruction of humanity or the devastation of our planet, then I hope you fail ... gloriously!

I hope your failure sends a cry of exultation across the sky. I hope angels blow their trumpets at your failure. I hope men and women in pubs and bars all around the world raise their glasses and sing songs to you; and all the dead gods of war moan and gnash their teeth. And I hope that your parents will understand your failure, and swell with love and pride in the knowledge that their sons, the boys they conceived, the ones they birthed, held, fed, taught to walk, to speak, educated, loved and finally let go, had the strength and insight to stand on their own two feet, secure in their identity and fail for humanity. Mother and fathers, may your sons be free men!

My friends, I say to you, know who you are! For at its deepest center, it is nothing less than a miracle. You are immeasurable. And no degree, no sale, no partnership in any firm, nor any commencement address will ever do it justice, nor set it against any standard.

1997 graduates of Saint John's University, I thank you for the honor of speaking to you today. I hope that I have not betrayed your favor. God speed.

Quotations from: Holm, Bill, *"The Music of Failure,"* The Music of Failure, Plains Press (Southwest State University), Marshall, Minn., 1985, pp. 77, 80.

## Ex-Arkansan [and Johnnie] has a hit show, don't ya know, in Minnesota

by Werner Trieschmann, *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

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Perhaps you heard about this movie "Fargo," eh? It's the big movie picture with all those Minnesota characters tossin' out phrases like "you betcha" and "fer sure." Ya, everybody's talkin' about it, don't ya know?

But ya probably haven't heard about this hit musical, "How to Talk Minnesotan." Now that's not too bad a deal up there in the frozen north, near the Twin Cities up there. But did you know an Arkansas boy — ya, one born and reared in Little Rock — has had a big hand in the project. Ya. He wrote the lyrics and stars in the show, don't ya know.

It's true. Drew Jansen [83], the 36-year-old Arkansan turned die-hard Minnesotan, has helped bring to life a musical that gently lampoons but mostly celebrates the distinctive speech pattern of his adopted state.

"We just did a sold-out show while the [University of Minnesota] Gophers were playing Kentucky in the Final Four," Jansen says. "When the actors weren't on stage, they were backstage watching the game. It's gotten so huge. We had to add shows almost immediately. Weekends are sold out through May."

"How to Talk Minnesotan," based on humorist Howard Mohr's book of the same name, opened to good-to-great reviews in late January. Jansen, who co-wrote the lyrics with Mohr, composed the music, and performs in the show, feels that the musical will run for a good while.

Is the musical anything like the dark comedy of "Fargo"? Jansen insists they are worlds apart. For one thing, nobody in the musical goes into a wood chipper.

"We're very careful from the outset," says Jansen. "Howard [Mohr] insisted the characters should be real people. The accents of Fargo are exaggerated. They take it a step beyond reality. Like the phrase, 'You betcha.' Minnesotans never say that. They say 'You bet.'"

### Four seasons

Taking up permanent residence in the home of long winters and reserved demeanor wasn't by accident. Jansen was interested in the area because his father, Little Rock dermatologist Dr. Tom Jansen is a native of neighboring Wisconsin. When he graduated from Catholic High School for Boys in 1979, the younger Jansen was looking for a school way beyond Arkansas' borders.

"I went to Saint John's University," Jansen says. "It's in a small town outside of Minneapolis called Collegeville, if you can believe that. I wanted to go to a Catholic college. It's run by the Benedictines. I like their philosophy of work hard and play hard."

After he got a degree from Saint John's in music and composition, it wasn't long before Jansen established a home in the St. Paul suburbs.

"I fell in love with the place," says Jansen. "We have four seasons here. Sure, winters can get long around March. But I just bought a Subaru Outback, so I get around."

And it wasn't long before Jansen established himself in the Twin Cities' theatrical community.

"I got involved with Dudley Riggs' Brave New Workshop," Jansen says. "It's a theater along the lines of Second City. They do political satire and social satire. I cut my teeth there. I was musical director for five years."

Although he was a sought-after advertising copywriter and toured as a performer with Forbidden Broadway, his most notable credit was his one-season stint as a contributing writer for Mystery Science Theater 3000, the cult TV show that features a wacky cast making snide comments about bad movies.

Jansen, who helped write the show during its sixth season, says that the writers met in a small office in a strip mall near Minneapolis.

"You sit in the room with a bunch of sofas and chairs," Jansen says. "One person would be responsible for choosing the film. One person edits the movie down because of commercials and breaks; they never show the whole movie. We would take turns sitting at the computer. People would throw lines out and whatever made the room laugh would be typed into the computer. This line might work at such and such time."

Jansen has fond memories of working for Mystery Science Theater 3000, but he doesn't remember many of the movies he provided cutting remarks for.

"One of them was one of those ghastly Mexican boxer movies," Jansen says. "When I got the job, I thought I would tape every show. I watched them so many times that I realized I didn't want to see the damn things anymore."

### Polka Pants

Despite all the fuss made over and attention brought to Minnesota by "Fargo," Jansen hasn't seen it.

"I have a lot of friends in the movie," Jansen says. "I probably need to see it just to say I saw them in the movie. But the violence

in it concerns me. I don't want to come off as a prude, but I would rather be home watching a rerun of 'Mama's Family.'"

"How to Talk Minnesotan" is a feel-good musical, he says. The piece includes such numbers as "Polka Pants," "Guns 'n' Lures" and "Probably Love or Whatever." Jansen says "How to Talk Minnesotan" was created as a commercial venture and not a deep, thought-provoking work of art. There are

*"How to talk Minnesotan" is playing at the Plymouth Playhouse located in the Best Western Kelly Inn in Plymouth. Performances are at 8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday through Christmas. For ticket information, call (612) 553-1600.*

plans to present it to corporations around Minneapolis.

Nevertheless, Jansen hopes the work can correct the stigmas associated with accents from different parts of the country.

"Regional dialects have been unjustly maligned," Jansen says. "If you wanted a character to sound stupid, you gave him a Midwestern or Southern dialect. I always wondered why you can't have an intelligent person with a Southern accent. That's why I was such a fan of 'Designing Women.' Finally, there was a show that had intelligent dialogue and Southern characters."

While Jansen's work sends up the famous reserve of his Minnesota friends and neighbors, the composer and performer isn't at all shy about expressing his contentment at his current lot in life.

"It took me a while to get used to the idea of your job being fun. If you enjoyed it, it couldn't possibly be the right career path."

The current perks of Jansen's career are pretty good.

"It's past 10 [a.m.] and I'm sitting in my bathrobe and drinking coffee," Jansen says with more than a little glee and Minnesota in his voice.



If you love Saint John's, your family, and others —  
and you have one or more highly appreciated assets:

## *You should think like Mary!*

*This is the first of a regular new entry in the Saint John's magazine. We will call this the "Philanthropy Page." The word, "philanthropy," comes from the Greek words philia, meaning "love," and anthropos, meaning "humanity." The English word means "the love of humanity." Our page will consist of stories about people being good philanthopists, their strategies for making gifts, the projects they are making possible with their gifts, and their own personal testimonies to their philanthropy.*

—**Gary Stoos**, director of planned giving

Mary is the widow of Saint John's alumnus George. During his lifetime, George always looked forward to reading the materials that came from Saint John's. He was regular in his gifts to the annual fund. And he loved to attend as many of the fall football games as he could. When he died, Mary was left with George's IRAs, their home of many years, a small amount of insurance, and a portfolio of stocks which, while modest when purchased, had grown to almost \$90,000 in value. Mary estimates she and George paid \$25,000 for all of the stocks.

Years ago George and Mary made a solemn commitment to themselves and their two children. They would provide the children with a secure childhood, an education, and their eternal love. Beyond that, they would not feel obligated to leave the children large sums of money, although they did want to leave objects of personal importance and those things that were full of memories. Both children have advanced professionally, so Mary and George have not worried about the children's financial futures. Before George died, they talked about setting up some kind of education fund for the three grandchildren.

Because Mary and George have always been philanthropic people, her financial advisor has suggested two planned giving

strategies that make good tax sense for Mary, while benefiting her, the grandchildren, and Saint John's University (where Mary would like to establish an **endowed scholarship fund** in memory of George and herself). Mary's financial advisor suggests the following for Mary's consideration:

1. Mary should request a "designation of beneficiary" form from the administrator of her IRAs, and **designate Saint John's University as the beneficiary of the remainder of the IRAs after her death**. She should tell Saint John's Planned Giving Office (320-363-3113) she has done this and, at the same time, say clearly that she wants the money to go into an **Endowed Scholarship Fund** which will be established in memory of her and George.

Her financial advisor explains this strat-

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egy makes good tax sense because the money in the IRAs, unlike other money or property she might leave her heirs, will be taxed at ordinary income rates before it goes to the heirs. In addition, if Mary's estate is large enough to be taxable (more than \$600,000), this money will have estate tax (up to 55%) deducted from it.

2. To increase current and future cash available to her from her stock portfolio, her advisor suggests she place her appreciated stocks into a **charitable remainder trust**. He tells her Saint John's will help her set up the trust and then serve as trustee for the trust. Mary will receive a large charitable deduction for her gift to the trust. In addition, she will pay no capital gains tax on all of the capital gains in the stocks contributed to the trust. She will receive income from the trust for her lifetime and, after her death, the remainder of the money in the trust will go to the **endowed scholarship fund**.

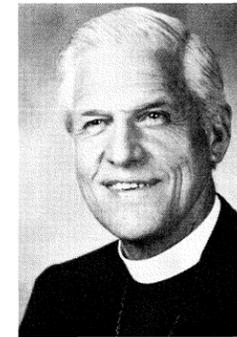
3. The financial advisor suggests that Mary take the tax savings from her gift deduction (which could be approximately \$13,500) and put that money in an **education trust** for her grandchildren. The oldest of the grandchildren is now seven years old, so the trust should be able to more than double in value before this grandchild reaches college age. It is anticipated that the education trust will be able to provide more than \$10,000 for each grandchild's college expenses. Of course, Mary may add dollars to this trust if she wishes to do so, but her tax savings alone will have created a wonderful gift for each grandchild.

If you would like help in figuring out how you might help Saint John's students, help yourself, and help your family through planned gift strategies tailored to your needs and dreams, please call or write to the Planned Giving Office at Saint John's. Fr. Don LeMay, O.S.B., Gary Stoos, or Jeff Bretherton '93 will be happy to plan and dream the possible dream with you.

## News Review

by Glen Beltt,  
SJU Director of Public Affairs

Two dynamic Christian leaders received the Pax Christi Award from Saint John's Abbey and University this spring. The award was presented to David W. Preus, Presiding Bishop Emeritus of The American Lutheran Church, during the University's spring commencement ceremonies on May 25. Abbot Placid Reitmeier, O.S.B., Abbot of Abadia del Tepeyac in Mexico City, received the award at Saint John's on June 8.



Bishop Preus

A native of Madison, Wis., Preus is a graduate of Luther College and Luther Theological Seminary. He studied at the University of Minnesota Law School, the University of Edinburgh and Union Seminary. Ordained in 1950, Preus served pastorates in Brookings, S.D., from 1950 to 1951, Vermillion, S.D., from 1952 to 1957 and Minneapolis from 1957 to 1973. He was vice president of the Lutheran World Federation and a member of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches. In 1988, Preus was appointed distinguished visiting professor and executive director of the Global Mission Institute at Luther Northwestern Theological Seminary. Preus has actively supported civil rights legislation, was a founding delegate to state and national councils on religion and race, and helped to plan the desegregation of the Minneapolis schools.

Abbot Placid grew up in Richmond, Minn. and graduated from SJU in 1947. He entered the novitiate at Saint John's Abbey in 1944, made solemn vows in 1948 and was ordained to the priesthood on June 2, 1951. Saint John's Abbey founded Abadia del Tepeyac in 1947. Abbot Placid was sent to Mexico to work in the schools in 1951. He was elected prior of the independent priory in 1970. The present abbey in Tepeyac was built under Abbot Placid's direction. On Dec. 22, 1971, he was elected abbot of the community.

Abbot Placid founded Intercambio Internacional de Estudiantes, A.C., in 1959. A program for boys and girls between 12 and 18 years of age, it gives youth an opportunity to take advantage of their vacation periods to learn another language and other customs while living with a host family in a foreign country and promoting international understanding.

While assigned to the Archdiocese of Mexico City, Abbot Placid served as superintendent and executive director of the Federation of Private Catholic Schools from 1962 to 1967. An efficient administrator, among the highlights of his contributions to this organization was the idea of "convivencias," where thousands of educators, both religious and lay, met for the purpose of sharing practical and meaningful goals in keeping with Vatican II.

The Tepeyac community, led since it became an abbey in 1971 by Abbot Placid, now numbers 38 members and currently educates some 3,300 students in grades K-12, a university preparatory division, and an afternoon school for children of the poor.

First awarded by Saint John's Abbey and University in 1963, the Pax Christi Award honors persons who have distinguished themselves in their devotion to God through life's works that reflects the ideals of Benedictine monasticism. While esteeming spiritual values above all else, such persons honor the intellectual and aesthetic achievements that crown human dignity. Since 1963, 43 people have been presented the Pax Christi Award.

The Pax Christi Award honors people who have devoted themselves to God by working, in the tradition of Benedictine monasticism, to serve others and to build a heritage of faith in the world. Since 1963, 42 people have been presented the Pax Christi Award. Past recipients include former senator and presidential candidate Eugene McCarthy '75; former Archbishop John Roach of the Minneapolis-St. Paul Archdiocese; Mary Jo Copeland, founder and director of Minneapolis' Sharing and Caring Hands; Amy Grant, a contemporary Christian singer; and the late Cardinal Joseph Bernardin of the Chicago Archdiocese.



Abbot Placid

Presiding Bishop  
Emeritus Preus,  
Abbot Reitmeier receive  
Pax Christi Award

## Appeals Court Judge Guido Calabresi gives SJU commencement address

Guido Calabresi, 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals judge, delivered the commencement address at SJU on Sunday, May 25. Ceremonies featured the awarding of the Pax Christi Award to David W. Preus, Presiding Bishop Emeritus of The American Lutheran Church, and the presentation of three honorary degrees. Joan Chittister, O.S.B., author and executive director of Benetvision, a research and resource center for contemporary spirituality, received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree. Jack Willis, outgoing president and CEO of Twin Cities public television, and Calabresi received honorary Doctor of Laws degrees.

The 1997 SJU graduating class included 355 seniors, three of whom graduated with perfect 4.0 grade point averages, and 15 School of Theology graduates.

The author of four books, Calabresi was a law clerk to Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black from 1958 to 1959. Calabresi began teaching at Yale Law School in 1959 and was named Sterling Professor of Law from 1978 to 1995. When he was appointed full professor, Calabresi was the youngest full professor at Yale University and one of the three youngest in the history of the institution. The dean of Yale University Law School from 1985 to 1994, Calabresi is now the Sterling Professor of Law Emeritus and professional lecturer at Yale. He was named to the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in 1994.



## Faculty group prepares for Asia study tour

Six CSB/SJU faculty members have completed a summer tour of Japan, Taiwan and China in advance of incorporating Asia-related content into 13 courses. Members of the study group included: John Hasselberg, associate professor of management; S. Nancy Hynes, O.S.B., professor of English; Henry Jakubowski, associate professor of chemistry; Kaarin Johnston, professor of theater; Diane Veale Jones, associate professor of nutrition; and Gregory Walker, professor of music. Project co-directors, Stephen Burmeister May, director of international studies, and P. Richard Bohr, associate professor of history and Asian studies, accompanied the group.

In Asia, members of the group, who conducted extensive research in advance of their field study, met with counterparts in their field of expertise to explore Asian approaches to such issues as traditional and modern approaches to medicine, nutrition, population growth and health care; musical, literary and theater forms and practices; role in modern Asian business management; and the role of academic exchanges in preparing Americans for the Pacific century. Group members have been invited to lecture on American perspectives regarding these issues.

The group will collectively meet with leaders in academic, arts, business, civic, diplomatic and government circles — as well as members of the Benedictine communities in Japan and Taiwan — to discuss ways to strengthen CSB/SJU's academic exchanges with in Tokyo and Southwest China Normal University in Sichuan province. The group also will attend cultural events and visit temples, schools, courtrooms, private homes, scientific institutions, stock markets, health care facilities and museums.

"The delegation's exposure to new curricular elements, opportunities for enhanced student exchanges and its commitment to expand Asia-related extra-curricular activities considerably strengthens the Asia studies program's ability to prepare CSB/SJU students for the Pacific Century," said Bohr.

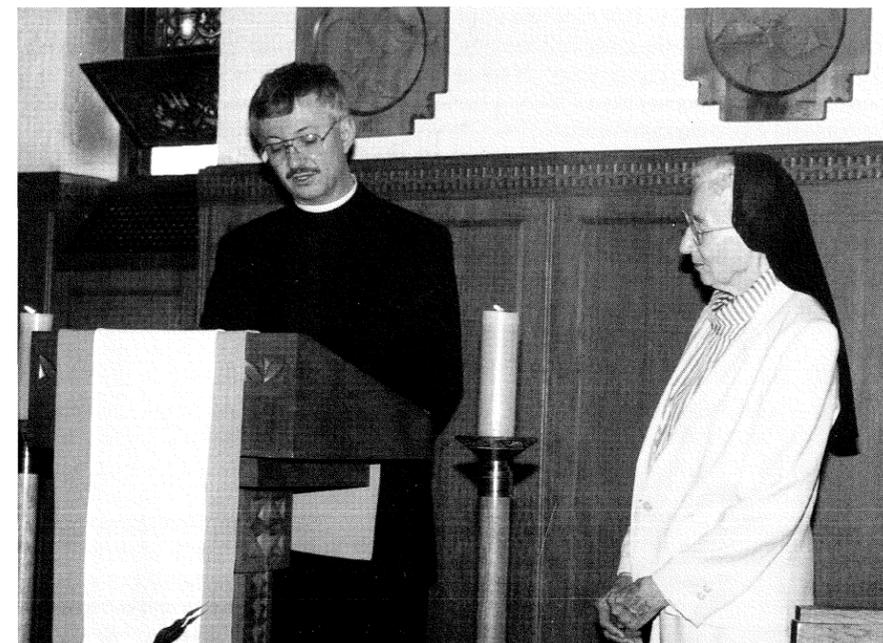
The knowledge and expertise gained from the Asia study tour will be incorporated into six core and seven departmental courses that the faculty will begin teaching in 1997-98. Members of the group will become involved in the on-going process of developing the long-term institutional plan for the Asian studies program. CSB/SJU anticipates that this innovative approach to enhancing the curriculum through the infusion of Asia-related content and broadening the institutional commitment to international and multi-cultural learning will serve as a model for developing additional area studies at CSB/SJU.

S. Mary Anthony Wagner, O.S.B., professor emerita at CSB, was presented with a presidential citation by SJU on Thursday, May 15 by SJU President Br. Dietrich Reinhart, O.S.B., at a banquet honoring graduates of the Saint John's School of Theology.

S. Mary Anthony served as assistant director of the Benedictine Institute of Sacred Theology from 1958 to 1963. She was instrumental in the formation of the graduate school in 1964, where she served eight years as assistant to the dean. From 1974 to 1978 she served as dean of the Saint John's School of Theology.

"S. Mary Anthony Wagner, O.S.B., provided courageous, path-breaking leadership to the graduate theology program in the 1960s and 1970s. The character and ethos of the School of Theology has been shaped in untold ways by the efforts and example of S. Mary Anthony," said Fr. Dale Launderville, dean of the School of Theology. "The current commitment of the School of Theology to collaborative ministry would hardly be possible without the skill and dedication of S. Mary Anthony and her colleagues in the School of Theology in the 1960s and 1970s."

Currently, S. Mary Anthony is the editor of *Sisters Today*, a magazine for women of the religious faith across the world.



The Saint John's Arboretum was dedicated in a ceremony held on Friday, May 9, at the oak savanna located off SJU's main entrance road. Paul Gruchow, author of such noted wilderness texts as "The Necessity of Empty Places" and "Journal of a Prairie Year," spoke at the event.

According to the project mission statement, the dedication of the natural areas of Saint John's grounds as an arboretum is intended to "celebrate the beauty and values of God's creation through the preservation of indigenous plant and wildlife communities of central Minnesota and introduced plants representative of our Benedictine heritage." The 2,480 acres of natural area that comprise the arboretum are home to varied recreational, scientific and educational use.

The arboretum is directed by Saint John's land manager, Fr. Paul Schwietz, O.S.B. It includes restored prairie and wetland communities, relatively undisturbed native forest, and managed conifer and hardwoods — home to a wide variety of mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish, invertebrates and insects.

## S. Mary Anthony Wagner, O.S.B., receives Presidential Citation from SJU

## Saint John's dedicates arboretum

## CSB/SJU offers unique Elderhostel service programs

A new Elderhostel program this past summer offered senior citizens a rare opportunity to examine and restore the treasures of two historic central Minnesota mansions that have been closed to the public. "Historic Homes on the Mississippi," the first service learning Elderhostel program in the state of Minnesota, is sponsored by CSB/SJU in partnership with the city of Little Falls. The program was held April, June and August. An upcoming, fully enrolled, program is scheduled for October.

The programs are set in Little Falls, a historic river town approximately 30 miles north of CSB/SJU, at two 19th century mansions of lumber empire founders Charles A. Weyerhauser and Richard Drew Musser. The mansions have been kept intact, but have been unoccupied for some time. The two homes have rare and extensive collections of antique furniture, artwork, dolls, sheet music, music magazines, china, linens, film memorabilia and glassware as well as other treasures not yet unearthed from the attics of the homes.

The only curation program among Elderhostels across the nation, this program not only provides curation for the rare collections, but it also contributes to establishing these historical mansions as community centers to educate the public about local history. Elderhostelers are assisting with the organization, categorization, historical research, photography, appraisal and display of the rare pieces.

CSB/SJU is sponsoring this program as part of a mission commitment to serve others through programs, like the Little Falls Elderhostel program, that address the greatest needs of other communities. The program is being staffed collaboratively by faculty members, house hosts and personnel from CSB/SJU, the city of Little Falls and experts in the field of museum and rare collection curation.

"The establishment of this program has caused great excitement here and in Little Falls," said Deb Lehman, CSB/SJU Elderhostel coordinator. "CSB/SJU are continually trying to find new ways of making education a life-long process."



Elderhosteler Hazel Keppel, Albert Lea (right), works on restoring and appraising part of the mansion's doll collection with Kathy Stommes, one of the team leaders from the CSB/SJU community.

## WEBSTER gives students electronic access to course information

CSB/SJU has launched WEBSTER (World Wide Web Student Electronic Retrieval), an electronic information system that students will be able to access on the World Wide Web to view up-to-date personal academic and course information.

WEBSTER provides a secure, user-friendly interface with the student and course databases of the colleges through the Web. Students can sit at a personal computer and — with no new training — check their class schedules to confirm the meeting times and classrooms of their courses, review their transcripts or learn what grades they earned in the courses they just completed. Students will also be able to access and browse through a listing of courses offered during the term to learn which sections of a course have open spaces, the times they are offered and by which instructors. Student account data will also be available. Soon, the on-track advising guide and additional academic detail will be available on WEBSTER.

WEBSTER's interface provides instantaneous updating of the information viewed. As soon as grades, registrations or course changes are received by the registrar's office and entered into the database, WEBSTER will reflect them.

WEBSTER will change the way students register for classes. A fully live registration process for use on WEBSTER is expected to be introduced within the coming academic year. This feature will advise students immediately whether there is space in the class they have requested and reserve that space for them. If the class is closed, users will be able to select an alternate class immediately.

The SJU Board of Regents has named Robert Dumonceaux '61 as Regents Professor of Mathematics — the University's highest faculty honor.

"Dumonceaux progressed naturally from his years as a student at Saint John's to his life as a member of the University's mathematics faculty, teaching here as well as at the University of Wisconsin, University of Missouri at Rolla and Penn State University," said W. Clark Hendley, CSB/SJU provost for academic affairs.

Dumonceaux received a master's in math analysis from the University of Wisconsin at Madison in 1963 and a doctorate in math statistics from the University of Missouri at Rolla in 1970. A member of the American Statistical Association and the Mathematical Association of America, Dumonceaux is currently a college teacher and site director for the University of Minnesota Talented Youth Program.

"To recognize Robert Dumonceaux with Saint John's highest award for faculty achievement is to affirm publicly the value he brings to our institution," said Hendley.

The position of Regents Professor is made through a nomination by the SJU Board of Regents, based upon a candidate's recommendation by the University president, provost and the candidate's department chair.

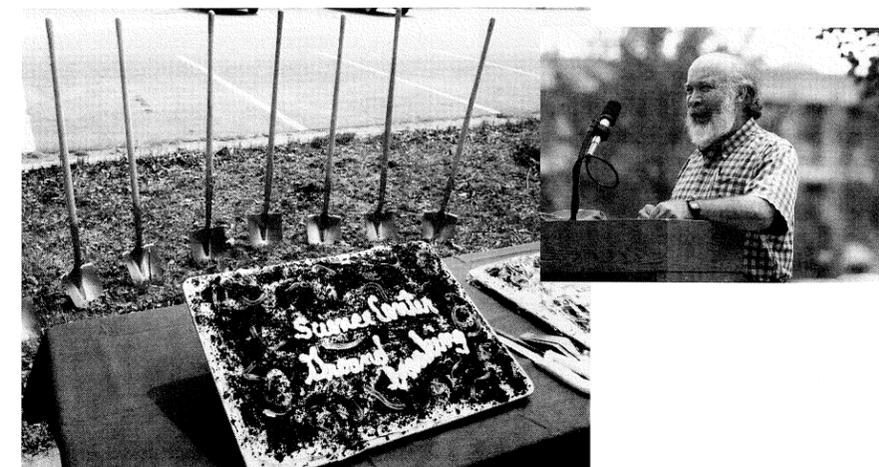
SJU began one of the largest building projects in the history of the University with the groundbreaking of the science facilities expansion and renovation project on Thursday, June 19.

The construction of an \$8 million, 48,000 square-foot building; and a \$3.3 million renovation of the existing Science Center is included in the science facilities program. The Science Center addition will be the primary home for the biology department. The two-level building will be connected to the existing Science Center by a ground-level, enclosed walkway. The addition should be ready for the 1998-99 academic year. Since the existing Science Center was built in 1965, the number of science majors at CSB/SJU has quadrupled.

The lower level of the addition will contain introductory biology laboratories and preparation space, an astronomy classroom and a museum.

The upper level of the addition will house an advanced technological laboratory and research space for faculty, students and upper-division biology classes, faculty offices and a conference classroom. It will also feature biology, microbiology, histology, molecular biology and biochemistry laboratories. There will be an electronic seminar room, cold room, incubator and cell culture space, plus dedicated laboratories for student/faculty research. The facility will enable SJU, along with CSB, to fully utilize a \$10 million investment to upgrade campus computer technology and to network all faculty and students.

The renovation of the existing Science Center will help the computer science department's teaching and research spaces to be centrally located close to a fiber-optics line, and the mathematics department research spaces consolidated into one room. The physics department research spaces will be rearranged and renovated to provide suites of related laboratory rooms with additional electrical services. The psychology department will have suitable classroom space as well as a counseling suite. It will also feature an animal facility approved by the American Association for the Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care. Centralized teaching and research space will be available for ecology, environmental science, genetics, botany, physiology and taxonomy.



## Dumonceaux named Regents Professor

## SJU breaks ground for new science facilities

Because of the extensive construction on-campus, the Saint John's Special Events crew supplied a cake for the groundbreaking reception featuring "dirt piles" (Oreo cookies) and gummi worms. Biology professor and department chair James Poff delivered a few remarks before ground was broken.

## CSB/SJU honor top faculty members

CSB/SJU has presented Teacher of Distinction awards to Jeff Anderson '86, assistant professor of peace studies, and Kaarin Johnston, professor of theater, for their work during the 1996-97 academic year.

The awards publicly celebrate the importance of excellence in teaching at CSB/SJU. Johnston was presented with the *S. Mary Grell Teacher of Distinction Award* from CSB. The president of CSB from 1963 to 1968, Grell taught biology for 30 years beginning in 1933. She later served as superior of the dependent priory of St. Anselm's College in Manchester, N.H., before her death in 1981.

Anderson received the *Robert L. Spaeth Teacher of Distinction Award* from SJU. The award is named in honor of Spaeth, who died in 1994. He served as dean of the college at SJU for nine years in addition to offering lengthy terms of service as a professor of liberal studies and director of freshman symposium.

CSB and SJU also presented Advising Awards for outstanding work in advising students during the 1996-97 academic year to S. Ann Marie Biermaier, O.S.B., associate professor of education; Richard Bohr, associate professor of history and director of the Asian studies program; Tom Darnall, associate professor of theater; Fr. Luke Mancuso, O.S.B., assistant professor of English; Bela Petheo, professor emeritus of art; Chuck Rodell, professor of biology; Fr. Dan Ward, O.S.B., professor of political science and Lynn Ziegler, associate professor of computer science.

Faculty receiving promotions this year to the rank of professor were Phil Byrne, mathematics and S. Dennis Frandrup, O.S.B., art.

Faculty receiving promotions to associate professor and tenure included Tony Cunningham, philosophy; Andrew Holey, computer science; Janet Hope, sociology; Aubrey Immelman, psychology and Kristen Vonnegut, communication. Faculty receiving tenure included Joann Wessman, nursing.

Bela Petheo and Fr. Don Talafous, O.S.B., were appointed Professors Emeriti, while Fr. Godfrey Diekmann, O.S.B., and Jon Hassler were appointed Regents Professors Emeriti by SJU President Br. Dietrich Reinhart, O.S.B. CSB President Mary Lyons appointed S. Linda Kulzer, O.S.B., and S. Colman O'Connell, O.S.B. as Professors Emeritae. Other CSB/SJU faculty retiring this year include S. Angelo Haspert, O.S.B., assistant professor of theology; S. Emmanuel Renner, O.S.B., professor of history and S. Margaret Van Kempen, O.S.B., assistant professor of geology.

Seven chemistry, biology and physics experiments created by students at Saint John's Preparatory School will be tested in space during a shuttle mission scheduled to blast off next spring. The experiments focus on issues related to micro gravity and primary cosmic rays.



Nine SJP students and three teachers were involved in developing the experiments. SJP alumnus Myron "Mike" Muckerheide, a NASA scientist, helped to link the school with NASA's Goddard Space Center Payload Division.

To announce the project, SJP held a news conference in May in Collegeville. NASA astronaut Col. Mark Lee, a Wisconsin native, received the Lumen Gentium (Light of the World) award from Fr. Mark Thamert, O.S.B., president of SJP. Lee and NASA senior scientist Konrad Dannenberg also left their footprints in wet cement to begin the school's "space walk" sidewalk. The event was covered by WCCO-TV, KARE-TV and KSTP-TV from the Twin Cities.



Jeff Anderson and Kaarin Johnston

## Saint John's Prep science students launch projects on space shuttle

## Faculty and staff news

**Gwen Bachmann Achenreiner**, assistant professor of management, recently had the paper, "Learning Strategies for the Next Generation: Assessing a Computer-Based Module to Teach Break-even Analysis," accepted for publication in a forthcoming issue of *Marketing Education Review*. The paper was also presented at the University of Minnesota Marketing Colloquium Series in April.

**Jose Bourget**, director of intercultural programs, presented "The Matching of College Students' Learning Stages to Instructional Techniques" at the Eighth National Conference on College Teaching and Learning. The conference, "Teaching, Learning & Technology: Creative Uses of the World Wide Web," was held in Jacksonville, Fla.

**Stephen Burmeister-May**, director of international education, was one of five presenters at the workshop session, "Consortium: An Effective Way to Enhance International Education," at the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of NAFSA: Association of International Educators on May 21 in Vancouver, British Columbia. The interactive session focused on how consortial arrangements can enhance international education offerings.

**Rueyling Chuang**, assistant professor of communication, presented a paper titled "Essentialism, Positivism and Eurocentrism: An Ontological/Epistemological Examination of Cross-cultural (Interpersonal) Communication" at the 88th annual convention of the Eastern Communication Association in Baltimore, Md., in April. She has been elected secretary for the Intercultural Communication Interest Group of the Eastern Communication Association for 1997-99. She has also been elected secretary for the Association of Chinese Communication Studies for 1997-99.

**Connie Cross**, CSB director of public affairs, received the Athena Award at the St. Cloud Chamber of Commerce Awards Luncheon on Tuesday, April 29. The prestigious Athena Award is given annually to people who have made significant personal and business achievements and have supported women in business and the community. Cross is the only CSB/SJU employee to have won the award since S. Colman O'Connell, O.S.B., won it in 1989.

**Ernie Diedrich**, professor of economics, gave a presentation on June 5 entitled "A Framework for Sustainable Communities; Learning to Play by Nature's Rules" at a regional meeting of the Minnesota Sustainable Communities Network in Little Falls. The meeting was co-sponsored by the Office of Waste Management and the Central Minnesota Initiative Fund.

**Bernard Evans '65**, Virgil Michel Ecumenical Chair in Rural Social Ministries, was a presenter at the April conference, Project Ecosphere: Kairos 2000. The conference examined the role of religious faith in shaping our response to environmental challenges as well as intergenerational justice. Evans' presentation focused upon the potential contributions of major world religious traditions.

**Jennifer Galovich**, assistant professor of mathematics, gave the keynote address at the spring meeting of the North Central Section of the Mathematical Association of America held in Mankato, Minn. in April. The title of her talk was "Various Versions of Inversions."

**Kate Graham**, assistant professor of chemistry, developed a grant proposal to the Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation for the purchase of a new GC-MS. The Dreyfus Foundation has awarded \$30,000 for the new GC-MS, which will allow the chemistry faculty to do new analytical techniques such as MS-MS and Liquid Chemical Ionization. Another integral part of the grant includes the development of an environmental science course for the environmental studies minor which will focus on analytical techniques used in environmental research.

**Susan Harrison**, archivist, has been named to the board of advisers of the Oral History Association of Minnesota for a two-year term.

**Eva Hooker, C.S.C.**, professor of English, has had three poems accepted for publication in the 1997 spring/summer issue of *Vermont Literary Review*: "So unlike anything I know," "Waiting Room in P-Town," and "Lascia ch'io pianga." Another poem, "Ask this of those who live there" will be published in the 1998 Minnesota Poetry Calendar.

**Aubrey Immelman**, assistant professor of psychology, served as faculty moderator for three student research presentations by CSB/SJU junior psychology majors at the 32nd Annual Minnesota Undergraduate Psychology Conference, held April 19 at the University of St. Thomas.

**Diane Veale Jones**, associate professor of nutrition, presented two workshops on "Ethnic Foodways in Minnesota" at the Staff Development Conference for Child Nutrition Staff, sponsored by the Minnesota Department of Children, Families and Learning; the Nutrition Education and Training Program; and Minnesota School Food Service Association.

**Fr. John Klassen, O.S.B.**, associate professor of chemistry, presented two papers at the 30th Annual Great Lakes Regional American Chemical Society Meeting at Loyola University in Chicago in May. The papers were "The Effective Introduction of High-Field NMR into the Organic Curriculum" and "A Mechanistic Puzzle: The Use of High-Field NMR for Problem-Solving." The authors of this paper included John Klassen, Kate Graham, Brian Johnson and Chris Schaller, all of SJU's chemistry department.

**Philip Kronebusch '81**, assistant professor of political science, delivered a paper titled "The Pragmatic Value of Legal Pragmatism" at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in April. Kronebusch also chaired a panel on "Democracy, Pragmatism, and Social Inquiry."

**Cynthia Malone**, associate professor of English, presented a paper on 18th- and 19th-century representations of pregnancy at the Interdisciplinary 19th Century Studies Conference in Berkeley, Calif., in April. Malone also presented a paper titled "Near Confinement: Pregnancy, Anxiety, and the British Novel" at the Northeast Victorian Studies Association Conference in Hartford, Conn., in April.

**Fr. Luke Mancuso, O.S.B.**, assistant professor of English, published his book, *The Strange Sad War Revolving: Walt Whitman, Reconstruction, and the Emergence of Black Citizenship*, from Camden House Press. This cultural studies volume, available at the SJU bookstore, was selected by the editors to appear in their *Studies in English and American Literature, Linguistics, and Culture* series.

**John Merkle**, professor of theology, was recently elected chair of the Christian Scholars Group on Judaism and the Jewish people, a national organization of Catholic and Protestant scholars engaged in the study of Judaism and Christian-Jewish relations.

**Br. Richard Oliver, O.S.B.**, participated in a training session at Digital Equipment Corporation through arrangements made by Roger Brown, consultant for the CSB/SJU Learnscape technology-assisted learning initiative. This is the first time a non-DEC employee has been invited to participate in a training course at DEC's Nashua, N.H., facility. The course is designed as an introduction to web development for DEC's programmers and related Internet professionals.

**Jamie Partridge**, assistant professor of management, had a paper that she co-authored published as a working paper for the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. The paper is entitled "Midwest Family Income Inequality: Is It More Cultural or Can State and Local Policy Affect It?"

**Gary Prevost**, professor of political science, chaired a panel entitled "Analyzing the Nicaraguan Elections" at the International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association in Guadalajara, Mexico, in April.

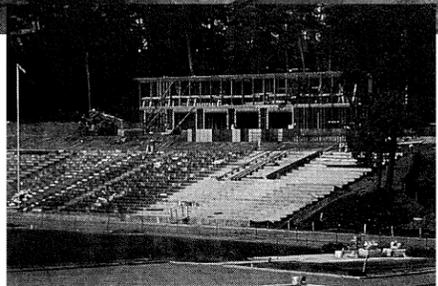
**Frank Rioux**, professor of chemistry, has published "Numerical Methods for Finding Momentum Space Distributions" in the May issue of the *Journal of Chemical Education*.

## Athletic facilities update

Construction of the athletic facilities is well underway and ahead of schedule. The renewal features construction of a multi-purpose field house and outdoor track, as well as renovation of the Warner Palaestra and football stadium. The stadium will be ready for the Sept. 13 home opener against Saint Olaf. The Warner Palaestra will be available for use this fall; the field house will be finished next spring.

The new and improved facilities will provide safe, quality space for athletes to train and compete. The renewal project is expected to enhance the University's efforts to recruit students and student-athletes.

We are now in the final phase of our development efforts to complete this project.



The choir at Hallstätter Lake, Hallein, Austria in the Salzkammergut Alps.

## Europe Choir

by Curtis Brown '97

Just days after the spring commencement ceremonies at CSB and SJU, the Europe Choir left Minneapolis bound for Amsterdam to begin a three-week concert tour of Belgium, Germany, Austria and the Czech Republic. The choir was composed of 51 singers from the SJU Men's Chorus, CSB/SJU Chamber Choir and CSB Campus Singers, along with director Axel Theimer and organist Kim Kasling. Upon arrival back home in mid-June, we as a choir could be proud of the music we made in Europe. We also brought home memories of many unforgettable experiences.

The choir worked all of the 1996-97 school year preparing our repertoire. The music we sang was representative of many different styles and eras. We opened nearly every performance with the powerful "Missa Brevis" by Zoltan Kodaly. Dr. Kasling's great talent was displayed in this piece which included a spectacular organ accompaniment. The second half of the concert included some pieces representative of choral music from the United States. These American songs included spirituals as well as the classic "Shenandoah."

Several of our songs came to have very special meaning for us as a choir. In Weimar, a city of the former East Germany, we performed a spiritual called "Keep Your

Lamps," which is symbolic of the hope the underground railroad provided for slaves in the American South. After the concert, one member of the audience told Dr. Theimer that the lyrics were reminiscent of the emotions felt by many East Germans during the not-so-distant days of communist rule. Another memorable experience with our music was when we were able to sing the "Missa Brevis" during an actual mass at a beautiful Franciscan church in Salzburg, just blocks away from Mozart's birth house. We were also able to lend a little Americana to that mass with our performance of "Who'll be a Witness," a rousing spiritual. Getting the chance to sing for the Archduke of Austria at the summer palace in Bad-Ischl, was another once-in-a-lifetime musical experience.

The hospitality of our host families in Temse, Belgium; Rommersheim, Germany; and Ebensee, Austria was top-notch. Most concerts were usually followed by a reception with plenty of food and, of course, European wine and beer. We also witnessed the worldwide universality of Benedictine hospitality as we were invited to sing at Benedictine churches in Trier, Germany; Vienna, Austria; and Melk, Austria. Treating us as truly honored guests, the monks of the Melk Abbey put on an impressive reception in a beautiful hall with acoustics just

right for singing into the night, which we gladly did.

Though our tour certainly moved right along at a quick clip, we were able to slow the pace a bit every few days. In Belgium, we spent a couple days seeing several beautiful cities both as a group and with our host families. The cathedral in Cologne, the Dachau concentration camp, and the tour of the MUH milk factory stand out as being especially memorable experiences from Germany. Austria brought us the magnificent Alps and the historic cities of Salzburg and Vienna. We enjoyed two free days in Vienna during which members of the choir took advantage of the beaches on the Danube, attended concerts and operas, and just experienced the culture of the city. The Czech Republic was a great chance to learn about a nation emerging from communism. It should be mentioned that Prague had some of the best shopping we had found in Europe!

Dr. Theimer always concluded our concerts with a remark to the audience expressing our hope that we could sing for them again in the near future. Indeed, it would be a great opportunity for the vocal musicians and organists of CSB and SJU to take our music and the spirit of our schools to the people of Europe once again!

# Alumni News

by Thom Woodward '70,  
Director of Alumni Relations

Saint John's University Stand-ups have been a tradition for decades. The unique name for a gathering of SJU alumni, parents and friends dates to the 1920s when the Alumni Association Board of Directors was looking for a motto. One alumnus offered: "Let us all stand up and toast Saint John's!" That was a good idea then, and it's a good idea now.

Stand-ups are conducted around the country (- and in Tokyo in June). The events offer alumni in a particular region a chance to learn what's new back in Collegeville and St. Joseph, to meet area Johnnies, to share some Johnnie Bread and to toast alma mater. With the advent of the Internet, however, alumni don't have to wait for a specific invitation to get a slice of life at Saint John's.

Alumni with Internet access are encouraged at any time to call up the SJU/CSB home page at [www.csbsju.edu](http://www.csbsju.edu). As the pace at work speeds toward the next century and the demands on free time increase, it's nice to take a moment to view the quiet greenery of Saint John's campus ([www.csbsju.edu/Visit/images/sju.air.jpg](http://www.csbsju.edu/Visit/images/sju.air.jpg)) or listen to the bells of the Abbey/University Church ([www.csbsju.edu/hmml/audio/bells.html](http://www.csbsju.edu/hmml/audio/bells.html)). Browsers can also check out what's being offered in each major academic field, read "The Record," order sweatshirts from the Bookstore and even apply for admission.



## J-Club welcomes new members

The Saint John's University J-Club, the organization of former letter winners dedicated to supporting Johnnie athletics, welcomes all alumni, parents and SJU fans to the Club. Membership is \$25; the dues provide members with a pass to regular-season varsity games on campus and newsletters in the winter and spring with team updates. Those who pay dues this year will receive a lapel pin.

In recent years, J-Club dues have been returned to the athletic department to purchase computers, to supplement post-season playoff budgets and to help cover extraordinary expenses.

The J-Club also gives "J" blankets to graduating seniors, helps identify prospective Johnnie student athletes through the "spotter" program and conducts the Gagliardi Trophy.



Sixty-five alumni and alumnae attorneys earned continuing legal education credits at a seminar and reception on campus in June. Keynote speaker was the Hon. John Simonett '48; in the photo above, he makes a point with (from left) Paul Elskamp '85, Art Hessburg '49 and Fr. Dan Ward, O.S.B. '67. Elskamp co-chaired the event with Doreen Mohs '88 (at left). Planning committee members included Mike Fahey '75 of the SJU Alumni Association Activities Committee, DePaul Willette '51, Austin Ditzler '60, John Knapp '71, Jim Malter '76, John Dorgan '77, Jack Perry '84, Mary Cullen Yaeger '82, Beth Giebel Mandel '85, Kelley Sohler '86, Karen Janisch '87 and Gina Serio Brandt '88.

## Ladner to receive Reger Award at Homecoming

Frank Ladner '48, who has been an active alumnus for nearly 50 years, will receive the Fr. Walter Reger Distinguished Alumnus Award at the annual Homecoming banquet on Friday, September 26. Other weekend highlights feature celebration of the 50th anniversary of AKS, Saint John's service fraternity; class reunion activities; and a general reception on Saturday, Sept. 27, featuring music by Dr. Wayne Liebhard '79 and his band, "Solid Gold." Homecoming concludes on Sunday, Sept. 28, with celebration of the Eucharist at 10:30 a.m. in the Abbey/University Church and the alumni soccer game at 1 p.m.

Special reunion activities include  
1952 - celebration of the Eucharist with classmate Fr. Jerry Holtzman presiding  
1957 - dinner on Saturday night  
1967 - class gift aimed principally at supporting the Interfaith Sexual Trauma Institute  
1972 - picnic on Saturday afternoon  
1987 - picnic on Saturday morning.

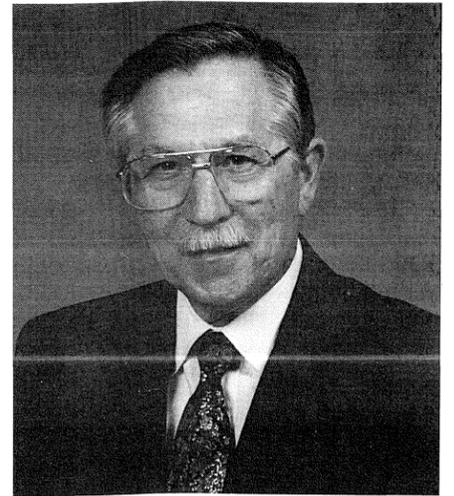
The Saint John's University distinguished alumnus award is named for Fr. Walter Reger, O.S.B., long-time Alumni Association secretary who died in 1971. Fr. Walter was known to generations of Johnnies as "Mr.

Saint John's" for his tireless efforts as history professor, prefect, musician, and purveyor of Johnnie Bread. Each year, the Alumni Association Board of Directors seeks to recall Fr. Walter and to recognize one alumnus who has had a history of outstanding service to Saint John's.

Within a year of graduation, Ladner was the prototype of the career networking volunteer, recruiting alumni to his insurance business. He also was eager to help recruit students; in 1954 he wrote to the late Fr. Martin Schirber, O.S.B.: "Thanks so much for the good Johnnie Bread... We hope to keep the alma mater well supplied with new students in the years to come."

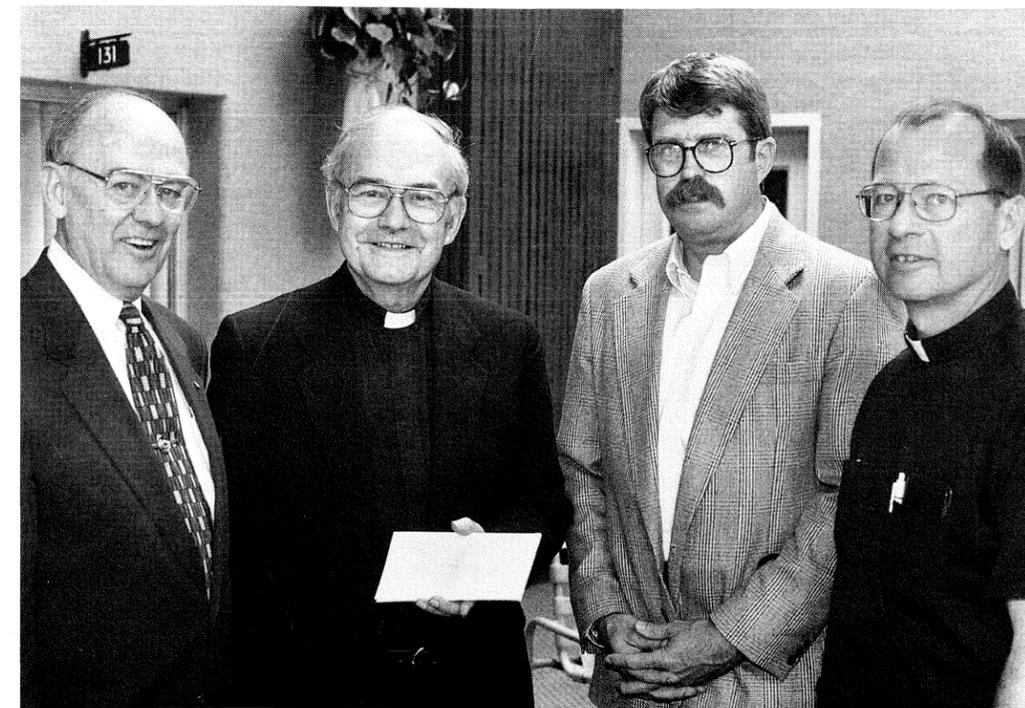
Ladner, a financial services executive in Lawrenceville, Ill., has used his sales background and management expertise to serve Saint John's in a number of ways. He was a member of the National Advisory Council in the 1970s, chairs the resources committee of the SJU Board of Regents and continues to be a capital campaign volunteer. He and his wife, Julia, have established a family scholarship at Saint John's.

And he's still recruiting - new members to the Board of Regents, friends of the University to support SJU development initiatives and students. At the Class of 1997



**Frank Ladner**

Banquet in May, one senior from Illinois allowed at the "open mike" that he committed as a high school junior to attend the University of St. Thomas - until meeting Lander. Having sat together by chance at a political dinner, the older Johnnie convinced the Tommie wannabe that he should investigate SJU. Ladner's two-hour sales pitch convinced the young man to visit Collegeville - and from the Great Hall he called UST to say he had enrolled at Saint John's.



Saint John's University students and alumni pitched in to help the Catholic communities of the upper Red River Valley rebound from the April flood. The Class of 1997, the J-Club and the Central Minnesota Alumni Chapter each made \$1,000 gifts - matched by the Catholic Aid Association of Minnesota. At a luncheon in Grand Forks, N.D., in June, checks were presented to three parishes and Sacred Heart High School. Pictured from left are Flip Spanier '55, president of Catholic Aid; Fr. Bill Sherman '51, pastor of St. Michael's; Thom Woodward '70, director of alumni relations; and Fr. Len Loegering '71, pastor of Holy Family Parish. Additional support has come from the College of Saint Benedict and the joint Twin Cities Chapter. Photo by Dave Brown, Catholic Aid.

## ALUMNI CALENDAR

Saturday, Sept. 6	Stand-up, Pep Rally and Johnnie Football, Bemidji
Monday, Sept. 8	Blazer Open, St. Cloud
Saturday, Sept. 13	Alumni Association Summit, SJU
Sunday, Sept. 21	Central Minnesota Stella Maris Mass/brunch, SJU
Weekend, Sept. 26-28	Homecoming, SJU
Sunday, Sept. 28	Millstream Arts Festival, CSB
Sunday, Sept. 28	Alumni Soccer, SJU
Friday, Oct. 24	CANE Fair, SJU
Weekend, Oct. 24-26	Family Weekend, CSB/SJU
Friday, Nov. 7	Pep Rally and Metrodome Football vs. St. Thomas, Minneapolis
Saturday, Nov. 15	Novemberfest, Pep Rally and Johnnie Hockey, Duluth
Saturday, Dec. 6	"Celebrating the Season" concert, Minneapolis
March 12-20	Piano recitals by Fr. Bob Koopmann, O.S.B., Arizona
March 25	Arizona Golf Event
March 28	Arizona Standup

## Alumni business leaders recognized

Three alumni making their mark in the business world were featured this spring in business journals.

Bob Basten '82 and Jim Kopp '84 were listed in "Minneapolis-St. Paul City Business" in April among the "40 under 40"—the next generation of leaders in the Twin Cities. Basten, who helps organize a charity golf event in memory of Scott Mason '82, is president and CEO of American Express Tax and Business Services in Minneapolis. Kopp is president and CEO of Professional Computer Services in Edina. Both Basten and Kopp had begun at Saint John's as pre-med students. Basten turned to accounting and Kopp to computers.

Mike McCarthy '75 was featured in the Omaha "Daily Record" in May. He is chairman of the McCarthy Group Inc., Omaha's fastest growing company. McCarthy's firm recently merged with Business Records Corp. of St. Cloud where Mike Bauer '76 is general manager. The 10-year-old company was saluted by the Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce.

## Homecoming Schedule

### Friday, September 26

10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Art Gallery open  
 3 p.m.-5:30 Registration (pick-up dinner, brunch, football tickets); Great Hall  
 5 Liturgy; Abbey/University Church  
 5:30 Reception; Great Hall  
 6:30 Dinner and presentation of the Fr. Walter Reger Distinguished Alumnus Award to Frank Ladner '48; Alumni Lounge  
 8-11 Coffee/dessert; Fireplace Lounge, Sexton Commons  
 10-1 a.m. Willie's Pub open; Sexton Commons

### Saturday, September 27

9:30 a.m. Registration (pick up brunch, football tickets); Sexton Commons  
 10-noon A "Taste of the Saints" (tickets available for evening pig roast); Mary Hall lawn, lower level  
 10-4 p.m. Art Gallery open  
 10-4 p.m. Open house; Quad Computing Center (former Bookstore location)  
 11-5 p.m. Open house; Pottery Studio  
 10:30 Alumni Association brunch honoring the reunion classes (all are welcome); Old Gym (Charged tickets will be held only until 11 and then released for others to purchase; brunch will be served until 11:30; after that time, brunch tickets will be honored in the Refectory)  
 10:30-1 Hill Monastic Manuscript Library Fall Medieval Festival  
 11 Willie's Pub open; Sexton Commons  
 11-12:30 Jon Hassler '55 book signing; Bookstore  
 11-5 Bookstore open  
 11:30-1 Shuttle bus available for those parking along the entrance road  
 11:45 SJU class reunion photos; Old Gym  
 1 p.m. Johnnie football versus Hamline  
 3:30 General reception; Old Gym  
 5 Liturgy; Abbey/University Church  
 5-7 Pig roast sponsored by SJU Student Senate; mall outside Old Gym (Please indicate on the reservation form if you might join the students at the pig roast; tickets can be purchased at Taste of the Saints)  
 5-7 Entertainment by Wayne Liebhard '79 and the Solid Gold band; mall outside Old Gym  
 7-10 Karaoke; Willie's Pub  
 10 Fireworks sponsored by SJU Student Senate

### Sunday, September 28

10:30 a.m. Liturgy; Abbey/University Church (Fr. Ray Pedrizetti, O.S.B., presider)  
 2 Alumni soccer; George Durenberger Fields

## Homecoming activities reservation form

Please complete and return by September 19 to the SJU Alumni Office; PO Box 7222; Collegeville, MN 56321-7222. Pre-registration for the Friday banquet and Saturday brunch and adherence to the September 19 deadline are strongly requested to assist the Dining Service with advanced preparation of the meals. Enclose with this form a check made out to Saint John's University for the total amount. Members of the reunion classes should please consult their recent class letters for reunion activities and a reservation form specific to their class.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class year \_\_\_\_\_

Number	Event	Cost	Total
_____	Friday evening Walter Reger Banquet *	\$16	\$ _____

Saturday Alumni Association brunch *			
_____	Adults	\$ 8	\$ _____
_____	Children 10 and under	\$ 5	\$ _____

Football game (there are no reserved seats; J-Club passes only for admission or please purchase tickets)			
_____	Adults	\$ 4	\$ _____
_____	Students	\$ 3	\$ _____

Post-reception pig roast (indicate if you expect to attend; tickets can be purchased at Taste of the Saints)			
_____	Adults	\$ 4	\$ _____
_____	Students	\$ 3	\$ _____

Registration fee		Cost	Total
_____	Total amount enclosed (check made out to Saint John's University)	\$ 1	\$ _____

\*Pre-registration for these meals is greatly appreciated!

## Class Notes

### 1948

Phillip McManus, 5001 Douglas Dr., Minneapolis, MN 55429  
 Jerome Terhaar, 1924 Eva Ln., South St. Paul, MN 55075  
 Bob and Dorothy Fitzgerald's e-mail address: fitz@mcsnet.net.

### 1959

Dale Craft, 1731 S. Eighth St., Fargo, ND 58103  
 Thomas Daly, 3729 Pillsbury Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55409  
 Roger Gries, O.S.B., was featured this spring in the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*. He is chancellor of Benedictine High School and abbot of St. Andrew Abbey in Cleveland, Ohio. He is 1 of 240 Benedictine abbots in the world, 45 of whom are in the U.S. He is the only abbot in Ohio.

### 1964

Merlyn Jerzak, 29458 Kiwi Court, St. Joseph, MN 56374  
 Robert O'Donnell has been named president of MetroWest Health Plan, an HMO in Ft. Worth, Texas. Rick Theisen, a teacher in Osseo, is the newly elected vp of the National Council for the Social Studies; he will serve as the organization's president 1999-00.

### 1966

Pat Maxwell, 5006 Emerson Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55419  
 John Poepl, president of Vermillion State Bank, continues to work closely with the career counseling offices at SJU and CSB in recruiting Johnnie and Bennie employees.

### 1968

Joseph Cronin, 4607 Browndale Ave., Edina, MN 55424  
 Michael Perry, 4810 Caribou Dr., Minnetonka, MN 55345  
 Dr. James Mohs received the 1997 Minnesota Family Physician of the Year Award from the Minnesota Academy of Family Physicians.  
 John Musich moved to 5135 Cardinal Dr., Troy, MI 48098; phone 248-952-0722.

### 1969

John McCambridge, Three Circle E., Edina, MN 55436  
 Herbert Schulte, 5805 Stuart Ave. S., Edina, MN 55436  
 Bruce Gooding is taking a good

thing and making it better. Based on the success of a mini-class reunion in Washington, D.C., last year, he and the cohorts (Chris Hitchcock, Fr. Jim Suntum, Denis O'Brien and Larry Kidder) are planning a Caribbean cruise for April. All are welcome. Ports of call: San Juan, St. Maarten, Antigua, St. Thomas, Martinique and Barbados. The cruise line will host a party for the group on the first night with complimentary food and beverages. Another highlight: a private mass with Fr. Jim. For more information, contact Bruce at 919/598-0091 or bruce.gooding@reichhold.com. Rev Robert Flannery was presented the William Philbin Award at the National Association of Diaconate Directors annual convention this spring.

### 1970

John Agee, 1446 Delaware Ave., West St. Paul, MN 55118  
 Jim Hamburge, president of Benilde-St. Margaret's High School, was named the 1996-97 outstanding secondary school president by the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Mpls. Archbishop Flynn commented that Jim has "promoted our Catholic schools with fervor and faith. He has enabled countless children to have an opportunity for a Catholic education, to learn of the works of Christ and grow in the love of the Lord." Jim Tembrock is editor for the Kappa Phi chapter newsletter for members of Sigma Theta Tau. Jim recently received a masters from St. Scholastica. Tom Welch, a career coach, published *Work Happy, Live Healthy*. He is working with corporations to eliminate negativity in the work place. Tom was featured in the Palm Beach (Fla.) Post newspaper in April.

### 1971

Pat Vandrovec, 43658 County Rd. 9, Holdingford, MN 56340  
 Kevin Moehn, president of Hemar Insurance in Sioux Falls, S.D., has been very active as a successful coach with the growing youth soccer program in the city.

### 1972

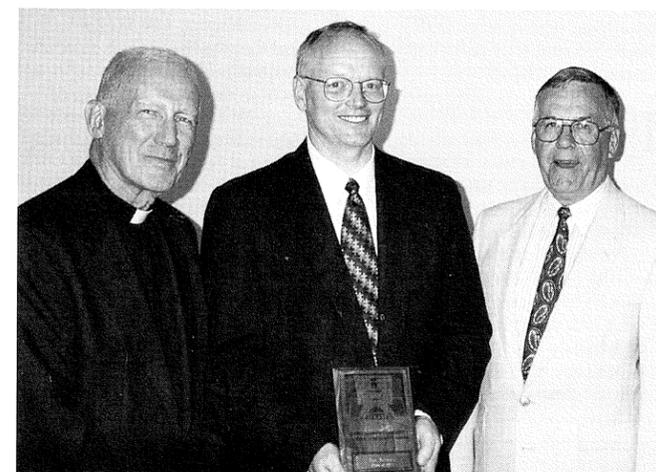
Rick Speckmann, 2545 Queensland Lane N., Plymouth, MN 55447  
 Jerry Wright volunteered this spring to help raise funds to be distributed through the Minnesota Private College Council. He is the manager of Alexandria Power & Light.

### 1975

Thomas Brever, 2717 St. Anthony Blvd., St. Anthony, MN 55418  
 Daniel Mareck, 5958 Highview Place, Shoreview, MN 55126  
 James Balogh, CEO of Spectrum Research in Duluth, was elected as chair of the Minnesota Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience and Interior Design this spring. Spectrum Research conducts contracting services, statistical analyses, data management and software and systems development.  
 Tom Iacarella is controller of Raven Industries in Sioux Falls, S.D.

### 1976

John Asmussen, 1305 Furlong Ave., Mendota Heights, MN 55120  
 Frederick "Rick" Sheldon, assistant prof at U of Colorado, received the 1996-97 outstanding



Don Schwarz '77 (center) received the Alumni Achievement Award in June for his corporate and civic leadership; he is president of Jonti-Craft in Wabasso. With him are Fr. Don Talafous, O.S.B. '48, Alumni Association chaplain who made the presentation, and Bernie Archbold '58, chair of the banquet and former member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors.

dissertation award for his PhD dissertation at the U of Texas from the UTA chapter of the Society of Sigma Xi.

## 1977

Joe Wentzell, 2054 Pleasantview Dr., New Brighton, MN 55112

**Bob Berns** is a financial planner with Financial Network in Alexandria. He helped raise money this past year for the Minnesota Private Council Fund.

## 1979

John Welsh, 1839 Rolling Green Curve, Mendota Heights, MN 55118

**Tim Marx**, St Paul city attorney, will be Mayor Norm Coleman's new chief of staff and deputy mayor effective in February. Lt Col **Scott Thein** assumed command of 2nd Battalion, 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment at Ft Bragg, N.C. in June. **Brad Weydert** bought one piece of property in the Chilean wilderness to remain as undeveloped wilderness. **Chuck Hendrickson** heads the First Savings Bank of Beresford, S.D. He and his wife, Marcia, also raise horses — quarters and hunters — at their Lincoln Farm south of Sioux Falls.

## 1980

Joseph Sokolowski, 3716 Huntington Ave. S., St. Louis Park, MN 55416

**Thomas Casey** is human resource manager at Becton, Dickinson & Co, a manufacturer of medical supplies in Franklin Lakes, N.J. **Tom Casey** is human resource mgr at Becton, Dickinson & Co, a manufacturer of medical supplies in Franklin Lakes, N.J. He was quoted in April in the Hackensack (N.J.) Record in an article on jobs for new college grads. His advice: sharpen people skills. "You have to not only work hard," he said, "but work hard at building relationships with people who are your peers and people you work for."

## 1982

Gary Zweber, 17143 Sunrise Ave. SW, Prior Lake, MN 55372

**Robert Basten** is president and CEO of American Express Tax & Business Services Inc in Mpls. He has been recognized as one of the Twin Cities emerging leaders by the *City Business* newspaper. **Jim Suel** has been accepted to the U of M medical school this fall.

## 1983

Raymond Brau, 4612 Cedar Lake Rd., Apt. 1, Minneapolis, MN 55416

Michael Spanier, 5483 Sycamore Trail SW, Prior Lake, MN 55372

**Drew Jansen** co-wrote the lyrics to the musical "How to Talk Minnesotan" with Howard Mohr, the author of the book. Drew formerly wrote script for Mystery Science Theater 3000. (See story this issue.) **Scott Schaefer** is in product management at Deluxe Corp in Shoreview.

## 1984

Daniel McDermott, 4625 Forestview Ln., Plymouth, MN 55442

**Jim Kopp** is president and CEO of Professional Computer Services Inc, an Edina firm that delivers outsourced information-technology services to small and mid-sized firms. *City Business* newspaper calls him one of the top 40 business leaders under 40 years of age. **Paul Li** is vice president of State Street Bank & Trust Co and lives with his wife, Sarah, at Apt A, 16/F Victoria Ct, 56 Hing Fat St, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong. **Mike Smith** finds it hard to believe that he has been working in the insurance business for 14 years. He is in charge of property/casualty insurance for commercial customers at Roger Butler Insurance Agency, 5 Court St, Westfield, MA 01085. Mike proudly reports that the agency was recently cited by Travelers Insurance Co for having sold the world's first auto insurance policy in 1887. **Paul Livermore** is in charge of investments for Midland National Life Insurance in Sioux Falls, S.D.

## 1985

Paul Germscheid, 4635 Fifth St. NE, Columbia Heights, MN 55421

Daniel McKeown, 1854 Prior Ave. N., Falcon Heights, MN 55113

**Paul Germscheid** is an outreach coordinator in the student services offices at the U of M, College of Biological Sciences. **Matthew Knip** is administrator and music director at St Luke's Lutheran Church in New York. **David Matz** was ordained a priest for the Missionaries of the Precious Blood in November 1995. He is currently a parochial vicar at St Francis of Assisi Church and St Vincent Pallotti Church in Abilene, Texas. His address is St Vincent Pallotti Church, 2525 Westview Dr, Abilene, TX 79603. **Bob Tarnowski** is manufacturing operations manager at Medtronic in Mpls.

## 1988

George Ramler, 14301 Stewart Ln., Minnetonka, MN 55345

Peter Stoddart, 2701 McKinley St. NE, Minneapolis, MN 55418

**Mike Reilly** is a sales rep for Galco International, a manufacturer of concealment holsters and fine leather goods in Phoenix. Mike lives in Scottsdale, Ariz., with his wife, Kat.

## 1989

Michael Moynagh, 798 Spring Hill Dr., Woodbury, MN 55125

Peter Seltz, 4800 Cheshire Ln. N., Plymouth, MN 55446

**Michael "Wally" Goth** is a school psychologist at Brimhall Elementary in the Roseville area schools. He lives with his wife, Leanne, and son, James (2), at 4717 Oxborough Gardens, Brooklyn Park 55443. **Greg Johnson** is general mgr of Billion Toyota in Sioux Falls, S.D. 1991

## 1991

Douglas Lawrence, 5135 Chicago Ave., Minneapolis, MN 55417

Murray McCartan, 4435 Parklawn Ave., Apt. 302, Edina, MN 55435

Thomas Nicol, 4940 Devonshire Circle, Shorewood, MN 55331

**Dan Corrado** manages an MCI Wireless branch office in Chicago. **Troy Erickson** will be in Duluth in December doing cardiology and family practice. He hopes to meet up with a few classmates and relive a few of the old times. Troy can be reached at troy.erickson@internetmci.com or 810-415-6958. **Dennis Genereau**, his wife, Christine Smuda '91 and daughter, Shannon (infant), have moved to 23010 Kerry St, #205, St Francis 55070; phone 612-753-5662. **Bob Hesse** teaches math at Hillsdale College in Michigan.

**Coleman McDonough** was hired to coach football and teach at Arlington High School, St Paul, in January 1996. **Dan Miller** is employed by Prudential Securities and lives in Mpls with his wife, Lisa, and daughters, Emily (2) and Abby (infant). **Steve Perry** moved to 19263 Meadowridge Dr, Livonia, MI 48152; phone 383-387-0246. **Adrian Pulkrabek** is a dentist in Tucson, Ariz. **Dan Freese** is a stock broker with Piper Jaffray in Sioux Falls, S.D. His wife, Laura '91, is a stay-at-home-mom with daughter, Abbi. **Coleman McDonough**, a social studies and English teacher at the new Arlington High School in St Paul, convinced the school board to add football to the extra curricular sports line-up. Until he started recruiting players and selling his

plan, the board was only going to offer Alifelong@ sports such as golf and tennis.

## 1992

Morgan Donohue, 910 Lawnview Ave., Shoreview, MN 55126

Chris Fairchild, 1180 - 124th Ln. NE, Blaine, MN 55434

C. J. Lyngen, 3150 Excelsior Blvd., Apt. 101, Minneapolis, MN 55416

**Grant Carlson** lives at 771 2nd Ave NW, New Brighton 55112; phone 612-636-6612. **Brent Christian** is an attorney with Christian, Spartz, Keogh & Christian in LeCenter. **Jay Conzemius** received a JCL (licentiate in Canon Law) degree from U of Ottawa and is now vice chancellor and defender of the bond for the Sioux Falls Diocese. He lives with his wife, Sabina, at 520 N Prairie, Sioux Falls, SD 57104; phone 605-331-7841. **Scott Franzmeier** is an assistant executive director with Ewald Consulting Group Inc, a government relations and association management firm in St Paul. His address is 2654 Sylvan St, Little Canada 55117; phone 612-415-0747. **Tom Karlen** works for RJ Steichen & Co in Mpls. **Tony Roemer** is senior consultant at Cube Squared Consulting Services. His new address is 2278 E Cork St, Apt 2B, Kalamazoo, MI 49001; phone 616-383-1524. **Scott Schueller** and his wife, Petra Noble, moved to Nuevo Leon 230, Dept 102, Colonia Condesa, Del Cuauhtemoc, Mexico, D.F. 06140. **Mike Schupantz** and his wife, Gina, live at 8706 Queens Gardens, Brooklyn Park 55443. **Mike Witchger** is a project analyst for ABN-Amro Services Co Inc in Chicago. His address is 917 E Golf Rd, Apt 3, Arlington Heights, IL 60605; phone 847-357-1919. **Todd Witcraft** and his wife, Jen '92, have moved to 18898 Wynnfield Rd, Eden Prairie 55347; phone 612-937-9449. **Andrew Young** is client representative/business partner with IBM in Hong Kong.

## 1993

Andrew DeCoux, 21 Deer Hills Dr., North Oaks, MN 55127

Paul Skrbec, 840 Randolph Ave., St. Paul, MN 55102

Erik Sorenson, 14716 Gleason Lake Dr., Plymouth, MN 55447

**Ted Potthoff** is a homeless shelter grant manager for Minnesota. **Marty Roers** is finding his work in Kenya to be very rewarding. The majority of his time is taken up with visiting/assisting the sick of the Bura Tana district and tutoring 7th and 8th graders in math and science. **Arno Shermock** and his wife, Katrina Schmidt '93, attended an alumni brunch in April with

their infant son, Joseph. Arno works for Hewlett Packard in Colorado Springs. **Doug Spanier** is an attorney with the Minnesota Ag Dept; he graduated from William Mitchell College of Law last year.

## 1994

Joseph Cavanaugh, 3220 Niagara Ln., Plymouth, MN 55447

Timothy Radaich, 1278 Spruce Point, Apt. 1, Eagan, MN 55123

Scott Wilts, 10417 Thomas Ave. S., Apt. 3, Bloomington, MN 55431

**Richard Kammueler** and his wife, Susan Shea '94, live at 820 W 65th St, Apt 204, Richfield 55423; phone 612-866-6272. **Steven Loeding** graduated from the Mpls Police Recruit Academy in May and is now a police officer in Mpls. **Brian Murphy** graduated in June from the U.S. Coast Guard Recruit Training Center in Cape May, N.J.

## 1995

Patrick Melvin, 5511 Benton Ave. S., Edina, MN 55436

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William Thom, 1759 Livingston Ave., West St. Paul, MN 55118

**Trent Anderson** is in his first year of dental school at the U of M. **Tony Donatelle** is a manager at Donatelle's Restaurant in the Twin Cities. **Brad Erbes** is associate director of Global Studies Institute in Red Lake Falls. **Dan Jost** recently completed EMT-B training and will be attending paramedic school. He is also a CPR instructor and EMT tutor at Inver Hills Community College. **Jon Libbesmeier** is attending dental school at the U of M. **Pat Young**, after spending 1996 in Birmingham, England, as a youth worker, is now working in a home for abused/disadvantaged boys outside of Denver. His address is Boy's Hope, 6724 S Buckley Rd, Aurora, CO 80016.

## 1996

Sean J. O'Halloran, 18273 Shavers Lake Dr., Deephaven, MN 55391

Mason V. Sorenson, Education Industry, P.O. Box 1819, St. Cloud, MN 56302

Jason R. Struck, 5035 Aldrich Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55419

**Tony Amelse** works in the admission office at CSB. **Nathan Jones** works construction for his father while anticipating work on a PhD in aquatic biology. **Tim Kocher** is an equipment analyst for the leasing group of Cargill's Financial Market Group. **David Rocchio** is a Jesuit volunteer for the Georgia Justice Project (non-profit), which helps provide criminal defense to

the poor and helps ex-convicts get back on their feet. His address is 1065 Deckner Ave SW, Atlanta, GA 30310; phone 404-758-1352. **Pat Ryan** works for IBM in Rochester. **Tony Bushard** has started a grad program in music at the U of Kansas. **Dan Hergert** is a production chemist with Stern Rubber. He lives at 101 2nd Ave W, #2, Staples 56479.

## Births

- '75 Denise and **Craig Knox**, girls, Sarah, February 1996, and Morgan, February 1997.
- '75 Taryn and **Steven Mathews**, girl, Maia, December 1995.
- '79 Stephanie (Palubicki) '78 and **Michael Kennedy**, girl, Shannon, April 1997.
- '79 Laura and **John Kessler**, boy, John Gabriel, October 1996.
- '79 Kimberly and **Scott Thein**, boy, John Michael, April 1997.
- '81 Kelly and **Dan Bishop**, boy, Luke Patrick, May 1997.
- '81 Valerie and **Christopher Jackson**, boy, Tyler Alden, January 1997.
- '82 Kathleen (Murray) and **Kevin "Casey" Eichler**, girl, Margaret Ann, May 1997.
- '82 Bonnie and **Mike Franta**, boy, Samuel John, May 1997.
- '83 Kate and **Scott Schaefer**, girl, Clare Margaret, December 1996.
- '83 Cecilia Michel and **Rick Villalta**, boy, Matthew Donald, June 1996.
- '84 Maureen Graham '86 and **Michael Lamb**, boy, Kevin Michael, February 1997.
- '86 Amy Leung and **Francis Ng**, girl, Sabrina, July 1996.
- '87 Nicole and **Raymond Brooks**, boy, George Clay, April 1997.
- '87 Katie '88 and **Thomas Reschenberg**, boy, John, July 1996.
- '89 Julie (Danielson) '91 and **Michael Brott**, boy, Alexander Michael, January 1997.
- '90 Nancy (Cameron) '91 and **William Kunderling**, girl, Erin, April 1997.
- '91 Joan (Beach) and **Eric Bettag**, girl, Sarah Marie, May 1997.
- '91 Laura (Hanson) and **Dan Freese**, girl, Abbi, October 1996.
- '91 Christine (Smuda) and **Dennis Genereau**, girl, Shannon Marie, March 1997.
- '91 Karen (Schneider) and **Thomas Laird**, sons, Andrew Thomas, June 1995, and David Stewart, April 1997.
- '91 Lisa and **Dan Miller**, girl, Abby, March 1997.

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Saint John's University  
Saint Luke's 112  
Collegeville, MN 56321

**E-mail:** vkrueger@csbsju.edu

- '92 Sarah and **Alan Johnson**, girl, Josephine Anne, February 1997.
- '92 Julie (Meierhofer) and **Matthew Maruska**, twin boys, Samuel and Joseph, June 1997.
- '93 Katrina (Schmidt) and **Arno Shermock**, boy, Joseph, October 1996.
- '94 Colleen (Hicks) '95 and **Chris Gregg**, boy, Noah Clifford, January 1997.
- '94 Kristine and **Scott Wilts**, girl, Madison Lee, April 1997.

## Marriages

- '83 **Raymond Brau** to Roxana Merz, June 1997.
- '86 **Michael McGraw** to Shannon Schouveiler, May 1997.
- '90 **Kevin Burke** to Christina Cannon, May 1997.
- '92 **Jay Conzemius** to Sabina Mirabelli, June 1997.
- '92 **David Kaluza** to Anne Battig '94, May 1997.
- '92 **Stephen Thein** to Kari Roach, June 1997.
- '92 **Andrew Young** to Agnes Yu, June 1997.
- '93 **Andrew Hawkins** to Erinn Joyce '99, June 1997.
- '94 **Richard Kammueler** to Susan Shea '94, June 1997.
- '95 **Jason Scherber** to Deborah Theis, June 1997.
- '96 **Mike Pazdernik** to Stephanie Halverson, June 1997.
- '97 **Noah Brandenburger** to Holly Larson '97, July 1997.

## Deaths

- '33 **Frank Hogan**, June 1997.
- '43 Rev. **Lawrence Strandenaes** (SOT), April 1997.
- '46 Rev. **Adrian Foxxe**, May 1997.
- '47 **John Fandel**, brother of **Val Fandel** '37, **Thomas Fandel** '50, and **Michael Fandel** '58, June 1997.
- '47 **John Runningen**, March 1997.
- '54 **James Peyton**, father of **James Peyton** '81, June 1997.
- '59 **Clemens "Jack" Heltemes, Jr.**, May 1997.
- '62 Kurt Hacker, son of **Helmut** and brother of **Peter** '88, July 1997.
- '63 **Roger Stephan**, April 1997.
- '69 Angela Brewer, wife of **William Brewer**, December 1996.
- '69 Sylvia Determan, mother of **Wayne Determan**, **Warren Determan** and Sylvia Determan-Green '76, May 1997.
- '71 **S. Mary Eva Geiskopf**, OLVM (SOT), January 1997.

- '70 Edmund Elchert, father-in-law of **Dan Hollenhorst**, June 1997.
- '72 Paul Blake, father of **David Blake**, May 1997.
- '74 Lorryne Brinkman, mother of **Kevin Brinkman**, June 1997.
- '75 Rosemary Twohy, mother of **John Twohy**, **James Twohy** '82 and **Kevin Twohy** '83, May 1997.
- '78 Patricia Cella, mother of **Joseph Cella**, **John Cella** '80, **James Cella** '85 and **Thomas Cella** '94, May 1997.

## Chapter News

Additional chapter information may be obtained by checking the Saint John's/Saint Benedict's alumni home page on the Internet ([www.csbsju.edu/](http://www.csbsju.edu/)); by writing [twoodward@csbsju.edu](mailto:twoodward@csbsju.edu); or by calling 320/363-2591 or 800/635-7303.

### LAKE SUPERIOR

The Board of Directors continues to keep student recruitment as a top priority. Current students joined alumni in welcoming members of the Class of 2001 to Saint John's and Saint Benedict's at the annual August student sendoff.

### FARGO-MOORHEAD

The Fargo-Moorhead Chapter Board of Directors invites Johnnie football fans to a Stand-up on Saturday, October 18, following the Concordia football game in Moorhead. For more information, contact the SJU Alumni Office.

### ARIZONA

Planning is underway for a series of events early in 1998. Snowbirds Pete Herges '52 and Tony Schulzetenberg '51 in Central Minnesota work closely with Terry Kelly '78 in Phoenix to coordinate a Stand-up, golf and other events March 23-30.

Fr. Bob Koopmann, O.S.B.'68 will perform concerts in mid-March. Alumni and friends interested in attending the performances are encouraged to purchase tickets by November 1.

Fr. Bob will play works by Brahms, Chopin, Hummel and Ginastera as part of the Spirit of the Senses Series in Phoenix on Thursday, March 12 (phone Dr. Larry Thienes at 602/943-7149 for more information) and at the Desert Foothills Foundation Gala Concert and Dinner in Cave Creek on Saturday, March 14 (call 602/488-1090 to make a reservation).

Alumni who live in Arizona during the winter are encouraged to give their temporary addresses to the SJU Alumni Office.

## CSB/SJU Admission Office welcomes alumni, family

What better time to show off the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University to prospective students than on a Saturday in the fall before a home football game? Alumni with have sons and daughters who are sophomores, juniors or seniors in high school who might be interested in continuing the family tradition at CSB/SJU, are encouraged to visit the Admission office (CSB, Main 110; SJU, Quad 111). Both offices are open from 9 a.m.-noon on Saturdays.

So the staff can best accommodate your needs, please call ahead to schedule an appointment with an admission counselor. For Saint Benedict's, call 1-800-544-1489; for Saint John's, call 1-800-245-6467.

If you are unable to visit our office or would just like to pick up some information, check out our admission information booth in front of Sexton Commons (SJU) from 10 a.m. until half-time of the football game.

If you would like to share information with prospective students unable to visit campus, please let us know their names. Complete the form below and return it to the Alumni Office, Box 7222, SJU, Collegeville, MN 56321-7222; it will be forwarded to the Admissions Office. Indicate if the student is a candidate for the College of Saint Benedict, Saint John's University, the School of Theology or Saint John's Prep School.

Student's name \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

High school \_\_\_\_\_

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Please call the Alumni Office at 1-800-635-7303 and let us know your winter address.

For those of you in the Arizona area,  
the planning for next year has already begun.

Saint John's will be visiting Arizona  
in March. Watch your mail  
for details.

Parents, mark your calendars!

## Family Weekend

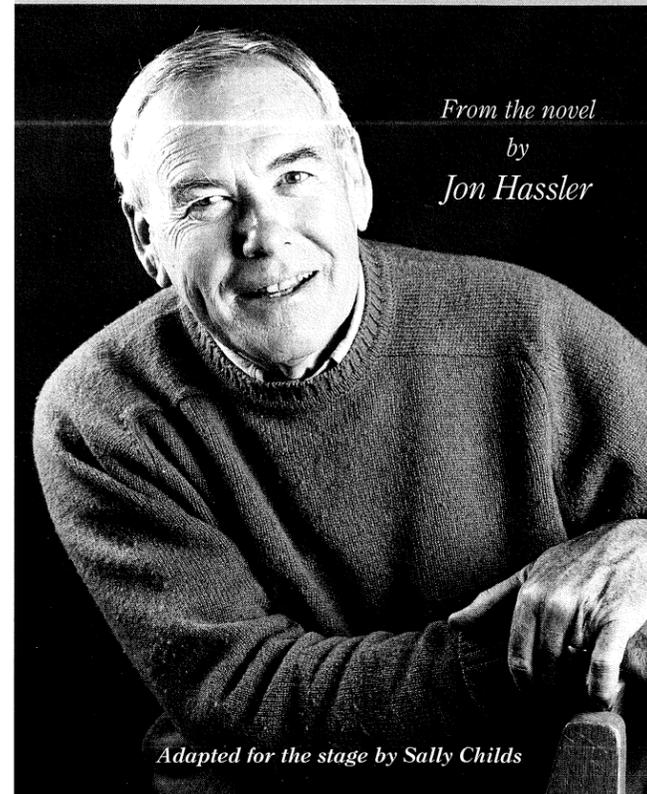
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