Richie Regan
His Legacy Lives On
It was a day filled with celebration for the 2,047 graduates who received their degrees during Seton Hall University’s 146th Commencement Exercises on May 12. But the joyous occasion also was bittersweet, as the Seton Hall community honored the three fallen members of the Class of 2003 — Frank Caltabilota, John Giunta and Aaron Karol. Family members accepted memorial degrees on behalf of the three young men while three candles brightly burned in remembrance and hope.

1. Citing the many personal and professional challenges he has faced since his own graduation in 1965, William F. Baker, Ph.D., president and CEO of Thirteen/WNET, shared four keys to success with the Class of 2003: ethics, education, faith and community. “These four factors, alone or in combination, have equipped me to pass any test,” Baker said in his Commencement Address. “I urge you to cultivate them in your own lives, so that they may serve you as life’s challenges begin to come your way.”

Baker, to whom Seton Hall awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree, has shaped American broadcasting in both the commercial and public sectors. A strong advocate for the educational potential of television, he has served as president and CEO of Thirteen/WNET New York since 1987. Among the numerous honors he has received for his work as a producer are seven Emmy awards.

2. Just prior to the academic procession, Tatanya Robinson, M.A. ’03 helps classmate Christine Komoroski, M.A. ’03 adjust her tassel.
3. (From left) Monsignor Robert Sheeran ’67, S.T.D., University president, also presented honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees to Brigadier General William T. Bester, M.S.N. and Margaret Melady, Ph.D. Brigadier General Bester is commander of the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine and chief of the Army Nurse Corps. Melady is president of The American University of Rome. Pictured with them are Baker (who also was awarded an honorary degree); The Most Reverend John J. Myers, J.C.D., D.D., Archbishop of Newark; Kurt T. Borowsky ’61, chair of the Seton Hall Board of Regents; and Robert E. Baldini ’53, member of the Board of Regents and one of this year’s Jubilarians.

4. Robert Browne ’43 was one of 20 Seton Hall graduates honored during the Jubilarian celebration, which took place during Commencement. A resident of Montreal, Browne traveled nearly 400 miles to join in the festivities. (For additional Jubilarian photos and information, visit alumni.shu.edu.)

5. Keane A. Salmon ’03 shares a moment with his 3-month-old son, Brandon.

6. Excited family members point out their graduates as the Class of 2003 enters Continental Airlines Arena.

7. Edward Krayewski ’03 is the youngest graduate of the Class of 2003. And this August, the 17-year-old will receive a Master of Arts in Diplomacy and International Relations from Seton Hall.

For more Commencement 2003 information and online photo gallery, visit academic.shu.edu/commencement
Live National Broadcast Features Students’ Views on War and Foreign Policy

MSNBC’s popular political roundtable television show, the Hardball College Tour hosted by Chris Matthews, made a stop at Seton Hall University on January 29 for a live broadcast before an audience of students. This Washington, D.C.-based series, which travels to a different college or university each week, features top national figures who discuss — and often debate — current events and political issues with the student audience.

The program aired the day after President George W. Bush’s State of the Union address. It featured political editor Joe Conason of the New York Observer; Katrina vanden Heuvel, editor of The Nation; Robert K. Dornan, former Republican congressman from California; and Joe Scarborough, former Republican congressman from Florida. The panel reacted to the address and also examined U.S. foreign policy and the consequences of a war with Iraq.

The diverse views expressed by the Seton Hall student body during the program echoed opinions at campuses around the country. At the time of the broadcast, war was imminent. Some Seton Hall students expressed serious concerns about U.S. involvement in Iraq, citing the potential economic, moral and political consequences of an invasion. Other students, concerned that war could create a new breed of terrorists and produce mass casualties, said they needed more information before making informed decisions about their positions on the looming war. Still others supported disarming Iraq, arguing that its suspected weapons posed serious threats to domestic and international security.

At each stop, one student is selected to take the “Hot Seat” in a rapid-fire Q&A session with Matthews. Seton Hall junior Michael Chen, a history major, answered seven questions correctly, placing him among the contest’s top 12 students.

During the program, Matthews commented, “I love being at Seton Hall. I’ve heard about the school forever. It is wonderful to be here. What a great student body, what a great university!”

Other stops on this year’s Hardball College Tour included Fordham University with Senator John McCain (R-Arizona); the University of Pennsylvania with former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani; and Lehman College with former Vice President Al Gore.

— Dennissa Brown ’01/M.A. ’03

Matthews Fields Students’ Questions on Communication

Audience members were not the only Seton Hall University students who had the opportunity to interact with Hardball College Tour host Chris Matthews. Following the broadcast, Matthews joined nearly 50 students for a Q&A session on careers in communication. He spoke at length on various topics related to the field and gave students an inside look at his own career path.

“I didn’t automatically get my own show,” Matthews said, “I got my start at CBS because they heard me speak about politics and liked how I approached the topic — not because I was good on TV.”

Matthews cautioned students against spending too much time practicing how to read news from a teleprompter. Instead, he advocated building skills through education and making personal contacts in the industry.

“The best way to get into media is through radio,” Matthews advised. “It’s the most powerful medium, more powerful than TV.”

Speaking to the many students in the audience who are interested in careers in public relations, advertising and marketing, Matthews urged them to immerse themselves in the field. “Marketing and public relations firms are great places to begin. You have to start out in a place where you can learn and grow,” he said.

When the subject turned to media influence, Matthews had much to say. Graduating senior Nancy Manno ’03 questioned the level of influence that news organizations have on the public. “We don’t change opinions, we just reinforce the issues,” Matthews argued. He also agreed with Matt McCue, senior communication major and editor of The Setonian, who commented that he felt the media do not tell people what to think, but rather what to think about.

Matthews told students that on-air media personalities and hosts do not become successful based on how they look in front of the camera. “In the end,” he advised, “two things matter — what you’ve learned and who you know. You have to find something you love, and learn everything you can about it, then you’ll be ready to discuss it with the world.”

— Daniel Nugent ’03

Daniel Nugent ’03 (left) and sophomore Vanessa Vera (not pictured) assisted the MSNBC production team with program setup, audience preparation and the live broadcast of Hardball College Tour from the South Orange campus. A communication major, Nugent (pictured with host Chris Matthews) sat in on production team meetings, and later assisted with shooting footage to promote the broadcast and with facilitating media interviews.
Stillman School Offers a Fun Game Plan to Raise Scholarship Funds

Collecting rent on a Boardwalk hotel, picking up $200 as you pass “Go” and owning a railroad — those familiar moments came into play on March 21 when alumni, students and friends gathered for the Stillman School of Business MONOPOLY® Tournament. The event raised nearly $20,000 for undergraduate and graduate student scholarships.

“The uniqueness of the tournament really caught people’s attention,” says Karen Passaro, J.D., assistant dean of the Stillman School and tournament director. “Many participants hadn’t played MONOPOLY® in years, but were excited to find their favorite game piece again and start rolling the dice — all for a good cause.” Guests also enjoyed a tricky-tray auction and cocktail party.

During the tournament, groups of four competed for 90 minutes, following Hasbro’s official rules for this board game that was invented during the Depression. The player at each table who earned the most play money won a prize and went on to play another round. The grand prize winner, Wendy Barber, wife of Daniel Barber, M.B.A. ’02, received a $3,000 gift check.
Visits from Visionaries

Seton Hall University prides itself on bringing distinguished visitors to the South Orange campus. During the Spring Semester, the University welcomed a number of notable authors, business executives and political commentators. Engaging the audience with stories of personal struggle, soul-searching leadership and perseverance, these guests inspired faculty, students and alumni.

Voice of Our Time: Amy Tan

Amy Tan’s talents as a captivating and humorous storyteller were evident during a February visit to Seton Hall. Her lecture was the third installment in the Voices of Our Time Lecture Series, co-sponsored by the University Honors Program and Poetry-in-the-Round. Focusing on the path that led her to become a writer, the acclaimed author recounted the influence that her upbringing as a Chinese-American had in determining who she is today.

“My imagination is fed by a thanksgiving of childhood memories,” Tan noted. “I can revisit my childhood when I write, but furthermore, my writing is an illumination of the world and how I perceive it.” Accompanied on campus by two of her Yorkshire terriers, Tan met with a group of Honors students prior to the lecture. She candidly discussed what led her to write her first novel, *The Joy Luck Club*, as well as the areas in her life from which she continues to draw inspiration. Detailing her own writing techniques with the group of aspiring young writers, Tan advised, “let your inner voice be your guide.”

Leading with Integrity: Betsy Bernard

As president of AT&T Corporation, Betsy Bernard is one of the highest-ranking female executives in the telecommunication industry. In March, she addressed the importance of integrity among corporate leaders in her keynote address during the Stillman School of Business’ fifth annual Integrity and Professional Colloquium.

The colloquium was developed to enable students to focus and reflect on the Stillman School’s core values — integrity and professionalism. Bernard, who leads a nearly $27 billion organization that serves more than 4 million business customers, noted that even after 18 years with AT&T, she still relies on her “personal moral compass” for guidance. “I’ve been around the business block, played with the players, and I’ve been in the game,” she said. “But — and this is a huge but — not all of us play the game the same way. To me, integrity in the business world means never crossing the line.” Bernard emphasized the importance of self-reliance in decision making and of creating a supportive, non-threatening environment for employees that encourages a healthy balance between their professional and personal lives.

Legacy of Nonviolence: Arun Gandhi

The grandson of Mahatma Gandhi came to the Seton Hall community to share a message of tolerance and servant leadership. The visit of Arun Gandhi was organized by the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Association as part of the University’s Black History Month celebration in February. Gandhi spoke about the life lessons he learned from his legendary grandfather — and the challenges presented in applying them in today’s sometimes violent world.

Growing up in South Africa under apartheid, he often endured discrimination before moving to India to live with his grandfather when he was 12. There, the young man learned to deal with prejudice through nonviolent means. In 1987, he and his wife, Sunanda, moved to the United States to study how race issues in the South compare with South African racial discrimination and India’s caste system. The couple co-founded the M.K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence, a nonprofit organization in Memphis, Tennessee. Named in his grandfather’s honor, the institute promotes principles of nonviolence through research, education and programming.

During her visit, Tan discussed with students the aspects of her life that have inspired her fictional writing.

Author Amy Tan’s *The Bonesetter’s Daughter* was published in 2001.

AT&T President Betsy Bernard said she relies on her “personal moral compass” in navigating the business world.

Arun Gandhi heads a nonprofit organization to carry on his grandfather’s commitment to nonviolence.
Indictments Announced Following Investigation of Boland Hall Fire

On June 12, the Essex County Prosecutor’s Office indicted two individuals for their alleged roles in the Boland Hall fire on January 19, 2000, and indicted four others in connection with the investigation. The news comes more than three years after the tragic fire in the residence hall, which claimed the lives of freshmen Frank Caltabilota, John Giunta and Aaron Karol and injured 58 others.

Sean Ryan and Joseph LePore, both of whom who were Seton Hall University freshmen at the time of the fire, were indicted and arrested on charges of arson, aggravated assault, manslaughter and felony murder. Separate charges of obstructing the investigation, witness tampering and related counts were made against Ryan and LePore, as well as Seton Hall student Santino Cataldo. Three LePore family members also were charged with conspiracy and hindering the prosecution of a crime, in addition to other charges. Details of the indictments and arrests can be found on the prosecutor’s Web site at www.njecpo.org/news.htm.

In response to the indictments, and in accord with University policy, Ryan and Cataldo were suspended from the University pending the outcome of a University judicial investigation and hearing. LePore had transferred to another university in 2000.

The grand jury, which had been reviewing evidence and hearing testimony since October 2001, also issued a presentment recommending that New Jersey enact legislation requiring public buildings to meet furniture flammability standards equivalent to California Technical Bulletin 133. Seton Hall voluntarily adopted these standards — which are the highest in the nation — by replacing all undergraduate residence hall lounge furniture with new fire-retardant furniture before the start of the Fall 2000 semester.

Monsignor Robert Sheeran ’67, University president, acknowledged the mixed emotions felt by many in the University community. “While we are saddened by the news that this wrenching tragedy may not have been accidental, we can pray that this is a step toward healing for all,” he said. “In the days, months and years since the fire, we have prayed for healing — and we have asked for justice. We continue to pray that human justice will ultimately intermingle with the divine mercy upon which we all depend.”

Remembering all those who have been affected by the fire, Monsignor Sheeran said, “Our hearts go out to the families of those who tragically lost their lives — the Caltabilotas, Giuntas and Karols — and to Dana Christmas [’02], Alvaro Llanos, Ken Simons, Tom Pugliese and Nick Donato, and so many more who have faced injury and sorrow with courage, grace and hope for the future. Together we move forward, confident that God is at our side.”

A prayer service took place on June 13 at the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception. The service focused on bringing comfort and reconciliation to the entire University community.

A Grand Finale for Maestro Zsako

The 84th concert of the Arts Council International Music Festival included a surprise prelude — flowers, commemorative plaques and applause for Julius Zsako, Ph.D., professor emeritus of music history at Seton Hall University and former director of the University’s Arts Council Concerts. The concert featured the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra and honored The Most Reverend John J. Myers, J.C.D., D.D., Archbishop of Newark.

In February, Zsako announced his retirement from the daily management of the popular concert series. The March 25 concert brought a well-deserved fanfare for his farewell.

“I was speechless when Dean Smith, [Molly Easo Smith, Ph.D., dean of the College of Arts and Sciences] and Jeanette Hile [professor of music] made their presentation to me,” Zsako says. A Star-Ledger review (the third of the season) captured the excitement and quality of the performance, although Zsako assures concert-goers that “the first season was as great as this one!”

Prior to the establishment of the Arts Council in 1982, the Department of Art and Music produced concerts sporadically. Zsako’s vision to bring high-quality performances to Seton Hall on a consistent basis was motivated by his desire to enhance music education for students. In the early days, there was no advertising and little publicity for the concerts, yet the community quickly caught on to this cultural opportunity. “The first priority has always been our students,” Zsako explains. “The program notes are specifically written for them and used in music classes to teach the students how to listen and appreciate the concerts.”

Students and subscribers need not worry about the fate
Five years after the School of Diplomacy and International Relations launched its innovative curriculum — which focuses on training the next generation of global leaders — Seton Hall University named the School in honor of a man who has dedicated his life to promoting diplomacy throughout the world.

To celebrate the naming of the John C. Whitehead School of Diplomacy and International Relations, more than 500 guests, including many political figures and world leaders, attended the December 17, 2002, gala at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City. Noting Whitehead’s lifetime of honorable public service and leadership in global affairs, Monsignor Robert Sheeran ’67, University president, said, “From this night forward, he will help shape generations of students. The School's graduates will, in turn, help shape America and the world of tomorrow.” More than $3 million was raised to support the School’s growing academic programs. The Whitehead School has 450 undergraduate and graduate students from more than 50 countries.

John C. Whitehead, the distinguished statesman, renowned business executive and longtime philanthropist, expressed his commitment to furthering the mission of Seton Hall and its Whitehead School of Diplomacy, now named in his honor. “The importance of furthering education, particularly on foreign policy issues, is paramount,” he said in his address. “Thanks to the School of Diplomacy, a fine idea has been transformed into a first-class reality.” Whitehead served as deputy secretary of the U.S. State Department from 1985 to 1989 and is currently chairman of the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation, which is spearheading the largest rebuilding project in the nation’s history. As chairman of the United Nations Association of the United States of America (UNA-USA) from 1989-99, Whitehead played an instrumental role in establishing the School through a unique partnership with UNA-USA. (He currently serves as UNA-USA vice chairman.) In 1998, Seton Hall awarded Whitehead an honorary Doctor of Law degree in recognition of his personal support and commitment to this endeavor.

Catherine Memory

Three of the four concerts for 2003-04 have been scheduled and will take place in Kozlowski Hall Auditorium: I Musici de Montréal on October 14; pianist Ivan Moravec in Winter 2004; and the Miami String Quartet in Spring 2004. For more information, call (973) 275-2750.

— Catherine Memory

of the series. Zsako mentored Dena Levine, D.M.A., assistant professor of music, to prepare her for taking over the directorship. “Selecting the musicians and scheduling the concerts is like a game of chess — or a gamble,” Zsako muses, “but Dena is up to the challenge, and every future concert will be delightfully different from the rest.”

Levine has 10 years of experience running the Portland (Maine) Chamber Music Festival, complemented by experience as a pianist at Carnegie Hall and other venues. “In the future, I hope to continue cultivating a concert environment that is audience-friendly and encourages performer/audience interaction,” Levine says.

After 40 years in the classroom, Zsako will remain a familiar figure on the Seton Hall campus. “It has been my great joy to give the gift of music to so many students and members of the community,” he concludes, “but I am ready to be among those in the audience, just enjoying the concerts.” He plans to take a front-row seat for the chamber music series, and will continue to teach Music of America, a course for undergraduates.

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Clay Constantinou, J.D. ’81, L.L.M., dean of the Whitehead School and former U.S. ambassador to Luxembourg (left), reflected on the significance of naming the School in honor of Whitehead, who also is a longtime New Jersey resident. “John Whitehead is an outstanding civic leader and a great role model for our students,” the dean said during the gala. “His name brings us prominence and honor, and places upon us the responsibility to live up to a remarkable standard.”
Many national and international dignitaries turned out for the gala, including former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-New York). Also in attendance were Senator Jon Corzine (D-New Jersey), who also was honorary chair of the gala; New Jersey Governor James E. McGreevey; former Governor James Florio; and Fred Hassan, chairman of the board and CEO of Schering-Plough Corporation and former chairman, president and CEO of Pharamcia Corporation (Hassan was honored as the School's Global Citizen in 2000).

As part of the evening’s festivities, Monsignor Robert Sheenan ’67, University president (left), and Constantinou presented Whitehead with a crystal globe, symbolizing his lifelong efforts to further diplomacy on an international scale.

Sharing a table — and conversation — during the event were U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan (left) and The Most Reverend John J. Myers, J.C.D., D.D., Archbishop of Newark. “I am delighted that this School is taking its name from such a distinguished world citizen,” Annan said of Whitehead. “I hope generations of future world citizens will take after your example and serve the world and the country in the way that you have.” The School presented its Global Citizen Award to Annan in 2001.
Institutions, as well as individuals, have a calling to vocation.

With a $2 million grant from Lilly Endowment Inc., Seton Hall University has embarked on a journey to inspire, motivate and promote this call to service and leadership on campus, in spiritual life and throughout the world.

By Carol Stavraka

“A Ca ll To Service. In today’s culture of consumerism, it is all too easy to find oneself in the midst of “a frenzied spiral of acquiring more, doing more, and doing it all faster, while our souls can often feel empty and yearn for renewal,” the proposal eloquently stated. In an era of terrorism, war and scandal, in a time of deeply felt sorrows, there is a pressing need for “transformative leaders,” not only in the Church but in classrooms and workplaces as well.

Seton Hall’s call has been heeded, in a very generous way, first with a planning grant and then with a $2 million implementation grant from Lilly Endowment Inc., an Indianapolis-based foundation that promotes the causes of religion, education and community life.

When Reverend Paul A. Holmes, S.T.D., vice president for Mission and Ministry,
learned early last year that Seton Hall had received a $50,000 grant from Lilly to plan new programs to foster the community’s links between faith and vocation, he was understandably excited. So when he learned in November 2002 that the University’s IMPACTS proposal to Lilly had resulted in a $2 million grant to implement the plan, he was overjoyed.

The joy quickly spread to the team of 60 faculty, staff and administrators who had labored together on The Lilly Project.

The grant is a ringing affirmation of the importance of this calling, and of Seton Hall’s heritage as the oldest diocesan university in the United States. Seton Hall is one of only 39 colleges and universities in the nation to be awarded an implementation grant. (Lilly received more than 300 applications from liberal arts colleges.) According to Lilly Endowment, those who received the grants will carry out programs to encourage their communities to reflect on how faith commitments are related to career choices, and what it means to be “called” to a life of service.

Lilly Endowment challenged each institution to reflect on its particular strengths, history and mission.

“The result is a wonderful amalgam of creative programs that are well-thought-out and have a real chance of success,” says Craig Dykstra, Lilly Endowment vice president for religion. The programs also provide opportunities for students to explore the rewards and demands of Christian ministry, and help colleges and universities prepare the next generation of leaders for important roles in the Church — and society.

A Road Map to Reflection

Seton Hall’s initiative is designed to build upon the University’s strategic goals. “The mission of the University has always been focused on educating competent servant leaders who make positive contributions to society,” Father Holmes says. “This grant helps us accomplish more extensively what we have accomplished for generations. In addition, the grant will help us permeate every process, literally impacting every person associated with Seton Hall.”

Joining Father Holmes on the executive committee of The Lilly Project at Seton Hall are William J. Toth, M.Div., Ph.D., assistant professor of Christian ethics, and Monsignor Richard Liddy, S.T.L., Ph.D., director of the Center for Catholic Studies. Toth explains how the grant directly benefits the community. “In today’s hectic and demanding world, it’s hard for most
people to find time to reflect on the importance of vocation in their lives,” he acknowledges. “But, through a four-year process, this grant will do just that — help individuals find greater meaning in their personal and professional lives through service to others.”

The Path to More Meaningful Pursuits

For many people, one of the challenges in pursuing a vocation is pinpointing what they are called to do. “People often recognize that they want to feel more fulfilled in their lives and serve society, but have no idea how to get there,” Toth says.

To help faculty, staff and students discern these meaningful pursuits, Seton Hall created the four-step IMPACTS process (see page 13).

“Vocation involves a call to self. It evolves through the challenge of turning inward.

Vocation reminds us that what matters most is that, for a time, one be ‘inwardly attentive.’”

— From the IMPACTS proposal

Each step along the way focuses on a different aspect of the journey — self-discovery, character formation, perceiving one’s work as a vocation and servant leadership. “Each of us has unique talents and skills that can make a real difference in the world,” Toth explains. “IMPACTS will help our community draw from these talents.”

All who take part in the IMPACTS journey will have the opportunity to realize the many ways they can view their work and daily life as a calling. IMPACTS also issues a special challenge to undergraduate and graduate students: to consider whether they are called to Church ministry in ordained or non-ordained vocations. “People often associate the word ‘vocation’ with ordained ministry, but there are countless other ministry roles that are essential to the life of the Church,” Toth points out.

A Center Where Mind, Heart and Spirit Connect

Earlier this year, Seton Hall began its spiritual journey by establishing a Center for Vocation and Servant Leadership. The center, which will be housed in Presidents Hall, takes as a key mission the theological exploration of vocation. But it also “creates an engaging environment in which a sense of vocation is awakened and intensified, helping the community hear and respond to God’s call,” Father Holmes says.

This new center will offer a series of retreats, seminars and workshops focused on leading the community through each step of IMPACTS.

“This process will help us all — faculty, alumni, students and staff — to find out where and how we are being called,” Monsignor Liddy says. “We do that by listening, by hearing what others tell us about ourselves and by seeking to find out where we can best serve the world.”

Leading the important work of the center is David Foster, Ph.D., a professor of philosophy in the Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology since 1987. Foster, who was part of the team that helped develop the proposal, is excited about his new role as director of the Center for Vocation and Servant Leadership. “The grant gives us the opportunity to transform our community — to promote a healthy Catholic life in which faith and vocation are vibrant and meaningful parts of our everyday lives,” he notes.

Through 14 initiatives, the center also will engage students, faculty, staff, administrators and alumni by offering multiple opportunities for true service and ministry. Known as SETON CALLS, these initiatives include assisting in the transformation of the University’s core curriculum; offering scholarships for vocational education exploration; and expanding the work of existing programs and groups on campus, among them the Institute for Service Learning, The Career Center and the Institute on Work. “I believe God has a ‘vocation’ for each of us, and that a Catholic university educates its students mindful that God is calling them,” Foster says. “Our center will help Seton Hall fulfill its vocation to educate our community in light of that profound and happy truth.”

Several of the center’s initiatives are under way. In June, a core group of University leaders who helped create the initial proposal were trained in the fundamental concepts and dynamics of the IMPACTS processes. The intensive, three-day event featured scholars and religious leaders skilled in this area. Among them were J. Michael Stebbins, Ph.D., director of the Gonzaga Institute of Ethics at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington; Michael J. Naughton, Ph.D., director of the John A. Ryan Institute for Catholic Social Thought at the University of Saint Thomas in Saint Paul, Minnesota; and Patrick H. Byrne, Ph.D., founder of Boston College’s PULSE Program for Service Learning and the Program for Study of Faith, Peace and Justice. Another group will undergo training in July.

“These sessions help participants develop a common-ground understanding of what vocation is, what it means in our personal and professional lives and how all of us can pursue it,” Monsignor Liddy says. “They also gain greater insight into ways we can heighten this sense of vocation throughout the University community.”
The Rich Dividend of Servant Leadership

Now equipped with the tools to lead others on this journey, these newly trained facilitators will play a pivotal role in bringing this message to the rest of the community — including students, alumni, faculty and staff. Over the next several years, each of these groups will be introduced to this concept through seminars and retreats.

Many of the 14 SETON CALLS initiatives are already in motion. In May, faculty, administrators and staff examined how their faith impacts their managerial skills during the Center for Catholic Studies’ annual seminar. Drawing from Naughton’s book, Managing as if Faith Matters, the 25 participants were challenged to view their managerial role as a unique and transformative vocation. Each one will write a paper on this topic, which will be published in 2004.

Also in May, Seton Hall awarded Servant Leader Scholarships totaling $50,000 to 28 students who have demonstrated a commitment to servant leadership through their understanding and support of social justice issues, diversity and volunteer activities. “It is imperative that we find ways each year to celebrate students who embody the mission of the University, and provide them with opportunities to further explore vocation,” Father Holmes says. Five of the scholarship winners plan to serve as music ministers, cantors or choir members at campus worship services, as well as become resources for churches in the local community. Scholarship winners may reapply each year.

“Making this investment in our people will help us realize rich dividends, namely, the formation of a new generation of spirit-filled servant leaders for the Church — and the world,” Toth states.

While not every person connected to Seton Hall will participate in each Lilly Project activity, Father Holmes believes that word of mouth will help spark interest and participation.

“We want people to be excited about this approach and share their enthusiasm with others,” he says. “There are ample opportunities for meaningful interaction. Together, we can transform our community.”

Lilly Endowment staff members also are excited about the possibilities that abound for grant recipients. “People are getting together with others to exchange ideas and share the most promising aspects of their projects, so the ‘infrastructure’ of connections keeps building,” Dykstra says. “We think that will greatly enhance both their common purposes and the endowment’s ultimate objective of developing a talented new generation of ministers leading healthy and vibrant congregations.”

In a future issue of the Seton Hall University Magazine, we will examine this call to vocation as it infuses the lives of individuals in the Seton Hall community.

For further information about The Lilly Project at Seton Hall, including its purpose and goals, details of all initiatives and upcoming events, visit mission.shu.edu/lilly

Above all, Seton Hall is a place for the spirit. In Catholic tradition, every spark of creativity, every transcendental thrust into beauty, truth and love, every bonding of true community — in short, every good gift to our humanity comes from the befriending Spirit of God.”

— From the IMPACTS proposal

The Four Steps Along the IMPACTS Journey

1. Self-discovery: This first step provides opportunities for members of the Seton Hall community to reflect on their gifts, talents, charisms, inclinations, passions and relationships, as well as on the people and life events defining who they are. Through retreats, seminars and workshops, participants will consider their faith commitments as a rich matrix from which personal callings can be discerned.

2. Character Formation: In this second process, community members are challenged to reflect upon and acquire the skills and virtues needed to become who they are called to be. During this process, Seton Hall’s deepest convictions will be shared, so that the community can embrace — and further cultivate — these values.

3. Work to Vocation: This process involves viewing one’s work not solely as a paycheck, but as a calling in which one’s deepest bliss intersects with the needs of others. The participants are challenged to evaluate their work lives, not only in terms of their technical competencies, but whether these competencies genuinely serve others.

4. Servant Leadership: Community members are given opportunities to respond to the call for servant leadership — exercised for the Church and the world. Retreats, seminars, courses and workshops will teach classic leadership qualities and creative strategies that can be used to meet human needs and engage others in this important work.
Remembering
When Richie Regan passed away on Christmas Eve, the Seton Hall University community lost a dear friend. During his more than five decades of service to the University, Richie proved to be not only a gifted athlete, but also a devoted alumnus, talented coach and able administrator. Now, family and friends fondly recall the man behind the legend.

BY MARGARET M. HORSFIELD BURT, M.A. '02

Richard J. “Richie” Regan ’53/M.A. ’67 was a loyal son of Seton Hall University, beginning on the day he first came to campus in 1949. With unsurpassed fervor throughout his 72 years, he devoted himself to three loves — his family, his alma mater and his friends. His accomplishments, both on and off the basketball court, are as countless as the lives he touched.

The Making of a Legend

Thin and wiry, full of energy and talent, “The Cat” quickly became a Seton Hall standout. In 1949, he led the freshman basketball team to a spectacular 39-1 record, making national headlines. But that was only the beginning — Richie’s athletic ability, sheer quickness and agility gave him the grace to excel throughout his college career.

In his senior year, as a star guard, Richie and his team won the National Invitation Tournament Title. His death on December 24, 2002, fell just a few months before the 50th anniversary of that victory — Seton Hall’s only national championship.
“When Richie played, he was just like NBA Boston Celtics legend Bob Cousy. He was the closest thing to ‘the Cooz’ I ever saw,” recalls Michael “Mickey” Hannon ’54, a teammate and friend. “The things he could do with a basketball are up there with the tricks you see players doing today.”

But Richie was modest, saying, “I prefer team honors, rather than awards that recognize one person.” Arnold “Arnie” Ring ’55, a friend and former teammate, agrees, remembering him with a metaphor: “Richie lived his life as if it were a basketball game — never wanting the glory for himself, he wanted it for the team and Seton Hall. He preferred to get the ball and then give it up, so that another teammate could have that chance. That’s how Richie was.”

In fact, Richie is among the most honored athletes in New Jersey history. A charter member of the Newark Sports Hall of Fame, he also received a Garden State Award from the Collegiate Athletic Administrators and the ECAC Distinguished Service Award, and he was inducted into the New Jersey Sportswriters Association HallofFame and the Sports Hall of Fame of New Jersey. “I am very proud of the recognition I have received, but I always accept these honors on behalf of the University,” Richie said in 1999.

Courtside with “The Cat”

After serving in the U.S. Marine Corps and enjoying a professional basketball career, Richie returned to Seton Hall in 1960 as head coach of the men’s basketball team. It was a job he excelled at, and he proudly held the post for a decade. Following in the footsteps of his coach and mentor, John “Honey” Russell, Richie guided the Pirates to four consecutive winning seasons and 112 career victories.

While winning was always important, so was taking an interest in his players. Reflecting on the time he spent with students, Richie said, “Though we didn’t always have winning seasons on the court, the men who played for me were and still are all winners in the most important game — the game of life.”

Monsignor Robert Sheeran ’67, University president, concurs. “Sports are not only about physical education. Sports are about moral education, too,” he says. “As a seasoned coach, Richie was patient and enriched others’ lives with kindness and encouraging words.”

In 1971, and for the next 14 years, Richie served as director of athletics at the University. In 1979, he orchestrated Seton Hall’s entrance into the BIG EAST Conference.
as one of its original seven members — an accomplishment that helped move Seton Hall’s athletics programs into the national arena.

His talent as an athletic administrator was evident, and, in 1985, he accepted a position as the first executive director of the Pirate Blue Athletic Fund, created to provide immediate financial support to the University’s 19 varsity sports. Over the years, his efforts generated more than $10 million. “He loved his fund-raising work,” says his wife, the former Sue Dilley. A driving force behind women’s athletics, Sue served as Seton Hall’s director of athletics and senior associate director of athletics. “He relished this time in his life because he was strengthening Seton Hall’s athletic tradition in a new way,” she recalls.

Richie so loved his work that, in 1998, rather than retire, he became special assistant to the vice president for University Affairs (now University Advancement). In this new role, he continued providing vital support to the University’s fund-raising and athletic priorities.

Throughout his career, Richie’s loyalty always rebounded to Seton Hall. He summarized his University career in one word: “great.” He added, “Anyone who spends as much time as I have in one place always has special people to look back on who made a significant impact on them. For me, my former players and the Priest Community have always been my favorites.”

Putting Family First

In thinking back on their father’s positions at the University, his children recall the support of their mother, Sheila, Richie’s first wife who passed away in 1991.

“Throughout his career, Mom stood by him, through all the wins, and losses, too,” says Matthew Regan ’86. The eight children especially cherish the memory of the role their father played after their mother’s death. “A transformation took place. My father became both parents,” Matthew says. “Family was extremely important to him, so he became the shoulder to lean on while maintaining his strength as a father.”

Daughter Marybeth Regan ’81 adds, “When my dad married Sue in 1993, all of my brothers and sisters were extremely grateful because we could see happiness return to my father’s eyes. Sue was the perfect addition to our family. She had known my mom and never tried to replace her. Instead, she was herself — loving, loyal, kind and strong — a terrific friend and wonderful companion for Dad.”

For Richie, Seton Hall was an integral part of his family,
The Regan Family

Richard J. Regan ’53/M.A.’67 died on December 24, 2002, at the age of 72, surrounded by his family. He is survived by his wife, Sue (Dilley) Regan; his children (indicated by an *) and their spouses: Kevin* and Megan Regan, Colleen ’78* and George Christie, Marybeth Regan ’81*, Tracey Lynch*, Matthew ’96* and Tami Regan, Ellen ’87* and Howie Dombroski, Meg* and Dave Smith, Kate ’96* and Tim Moloughney; his brother, William; and 15 grandchildren.

A Loyal Friend

More than 600 family, friends, teammates and colleagues gathered for a February 20 Memorial Mass for Richie, appropriately celebrated in Walsh Gymnasium, where he had spent so many memorable moments and dedicated so much of his life. The Most Reverend John J. Myers, J.C.D., D.D., Archbishop of Newark, presided and Monsignor Sheeran served as celebrant, along with 23 members of the Priest Community who served as concelebrants.

Underneath the gym’s banners highlighting athletic accomplishments, many people had tears streaming down their faces. But they also smiled as they thought about a man who seemed so much larger than life. Says Henry Cooper ’54, “He was as much an institution as is Seton Hall, and, as such, we never contemplated his mortality.”

In the homily, Monsignor Sheeran observed that “Richie had many names, ‘The Cat,’ father, husband, brother and, of course, ‘Coach.’ How lucky we are to call him friend! He loved Seton Hall University; he loved us. For a believer, there is no greater joy than this. The angels in heaven are in good, good company.”

Clearly, many people considered him a friend. “Richie had an incredible ability to connect with people,” Sue shares. “He remembered their families and where they went to school — without fail.” Former teammate and friend John Ligos ’52 agrees: “He would hear a name once and remember it forever.”

“Richie’s jovial nature and good-hearted friendliness were endearing and contagious,” says Charles Doehler ’56. When Doehler was director of planned giving at Seton Hall, he says, Richie “had lunch in the cafeteria at least once a week to stay in contact with the students. On the walk to lunch, we met countless people who wanted a minute or two of his time — and he always gave it to them. He made people feel important. Most of all, he made people feel part of the Seton Hall family.”

During the last few months of his life, Richie began working on a project that was very important to him: He became involved in raising funds to provide scholarships for Seton Hall’s student-athletes and significantly improve the University’s athletic facilities. To pay tribute to him and to further his work, the Richie and Sue Regan Endowed Fund for Athletics was established in February (see page 19). Now, the freshman guard who went on to devote more than 50 years to his alma mater will continue to help and inspire Seton Hall student-athletes for generations to come — which is exactly what Richie Regan always wanted to achieve.

Special thanks to the Monsignor William Noé Field Archives and Special Collections Center for providing photos and background for this article.
The Regan Legacy Lives On Through Endowed Fund

“Establishing Seton Hall as a charter member of the BIG EAST put our athletics program on the map. Now, it is our turn to give something back. After all, we owe much of our success to him. The Richie and Sue Regan Endowed Fund for Athletics will honor Richie in a way he would have loved — by strengthening the program.”

— Thomas Sharkey ’54
Secretary of the Board of Regents

To honor their legendary contributions, Seton Hall University in February established the Richie and Sue Regan Endowed Fund for Athletics.

The ambitious goal of raising $5 million for the endowed fund will serve several purposes. An estimated $2.5 million will be used to enable the University to improve and expand athletic facilities, including creating a room where the Seton Hall University Athletic Hall of Fame is showcased and renovating the women’s basketball locker rooms. The remaining funds will be used to create endowed scholarships for student-athletes, as well as to increase operating funds for the Department of Athletics and for individual Pirate teams.

“Richie left us an unparalleled legacy in an athletic tradition of which we can truly be proud,” notes Thomas Sharkey ’54, secretary of the University’s Board of Regents and one of five co-chairs of the committee for the fund.

Adds Charles Doehler ’56, also a co-chair, “The goals of this unique endowed fund are ambitious. By endowing scholarships, we can ensure that the most talented and academically qualified student-athletes are able to choose Seton Hall.”

The committee, which has more than 40 members, also is co-chaired by David Gerstein ’59; Kenneth Kunzman, counsel to the Board of Regents; and former Board of Regents member Frank Walsh.

“Contributing to this fund means directly helping the student-athletes of today as well as those of the future,” Doehler says. “Richie would certainly be proud because he had his own, unwavering tradition of serving Seton Hall. It is a lasting tribute in the Regan name, much like shouting Richie’s two favorite words — Go Pirates! — forever.”

We invite you to be part of the Seton Hall team by supporting the Richie and Sue Regan Endowed Fund for Athletics. Contributions may be sent to:

The Richie and Sue Regan Endowed Fund for Athletics
c/o Joseph Del Rossi
Director, Pirate Blue Athletic Fund
Seton Hall University
457 Centre Street
South Orange, NJ 07079

For more information, contact Joseph Del Rossi at (973) 378-2681.
When South Africa dismantled apartheid in the mid-1990s, one of the major challenges facing the new democracy was to reinvent the higher education system. Until that time, the country’s leading universities were generally only open to white students. Black and mixed-race students were segregated into substandard colleges, where libraries were commonly void of books and very little or no academic research took place.

To assist with what became known as the “transformation” of 1997, South Africa turned to a Seton Hall University professor of education, Joseph M. Stetar, Ph.D. He has been working diligently since 1988 to strengthen the curricula at South Africa’s black colleges. Since 1995, he has been assisting the South African Human Sciences Research Council; and for the past seven years, he has been a research associate at the University of the Free State (UFS).

As vice rector of UFS, Benito Khoteng, Ph.D. had heard Stetar deliver a paper in Austria on the links between education and economic development. After that lecture, Khoteng invited Stetar to help South Africa build a new world of integrated education. Stetar accepted Khoteng’s invitation.

The main campus of UFS, which has its origins in the colonial era, is in Bloemfontein, the capital city of what is now the Free State Province. A research university, it offers classes both in English and Afrikaans. (Branching out from its 17th-century Dutch roots, Afrikaans became the language of the Boer — the white minority who once ruled — but is now widely spoken in southern Africa.)

“The transformation of UFS into a racially mixed institution posed many daunting challenges,” Stetar remarks. “Our first major goal was to increase access for black students. Our other goals were to increase black faculty at UFS and help strengthen the Free State’s historically black colleges.” Part of the challenge, he recalls, was finding a way to “balance the need for access and equality for students at
Integrating the Free State campuses

Through nearly $3 million in grants that Stetar and colleagues secured from foundations, including the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and the Schering-Plough Foundation, they slowly brought many lofty goals to fruition. In 2003, approximately seven years after the beginning of the transformation, nearly 60 percent of UFS’s 18,000 students are black or of mixed race. Mellon Foundation grants of $1.2 million were used to link Free State’s library with several historically black colleges, enabling students to have access to one of the country’s largest university collections. Another $625,000 from the Kellogg Foundation provided scholarships for students, as well as health sciences and education at UFS.

Their goal of increasing the diversity of faculty members at UFS proved more difficult than encouraging students to enroll. “We had an enormous cultural hurdle to climb because the university was located in Bloemfontein, a former Afrikaner stronghold and a center of apartheid,” Stetar recalls. “Because of its history and because Bloemfontein is a more provincial city, whereas Johannesburg and Capetown are the major metropolitan areas of South Africa, it was hard to convince qualified black faculty to settle there.”

Stetar’s solution was his “Grow Your Own Timber” mentoring project, for which he and Khotseng obtained a $900,000 grant from the Mellon Foundation. The project identifies highly qualified South African college students who are interested in pursuing academic careers. These Mellon Fellows are guaranteed faculty positions after they complete their doctoral studies, which are supported through their fellowships. By 2007, 30 new black faculty members will join UFS or one of two historically black campuses: Vista University, with locations in Bloemfontein and other cities, and QwaQwa (now part of UFS) in the city of Uniqwva.

Seton Hall doctoral students also have benefited from Stetar’s projects in South Africa; three of them have participated in exchange programs with UFS. “‘Grow Your Own Timber’ enriches Seton Hall students as well, giving them a global perspective on education in other countries,” Stetar explains. “Concurrently, having the Mellon Fellows join our classes at Seton Hall shattered a lot of misperceptions that our students had about the quality of South African education.”

In September 2002, the University of the Free State bestowed a special honor on Stetar: He became the first American to receive an honorary Doctor of Education degree from UFS. The award recognized Stetar’s work at the university as well as his ongoing research, contributions and commitment to advancing South African education.

A Rural Refuge in New Jersey

From his 200-year-old farmhouse that sits on a 10-acre Hunterdon County property among pastures, orchards and streams, Stetar doesn’t seem at all like an international mover and shaker. But with technology being what it is today, he easily conducts much of his overseas research from the comfort of his home office, taking trips to South Africa several times each year. In addition, he is near the completion of a six-year research project on the privatization of Ukraine’s universities and economic development, geared toward assisting the country’s rural areas. He has been a visiting scholar in Japan at the University of Hiroshima, and has taught at the University of Tampere in Finland and Kyiv State University of Trade and Economics in Ukraine. His scholarly activities also have taken him to London (he was a visiting scholar for a semester), China, Germany, Switzerland and Romania, among other countries.

When asked if there is a thread that links the diverse universities with which he has worked, he replies, “Education is an economic engine, no matter where you go.” He adds, “I am constantly impressed by the quality of students I have taught over the years.”

Born in San Francisco, Stetar grew up in a suburb of Pittsburgh with two younger brothers and a sister. His father was a foreman in the steel industry; his mother owned a restaurant. He was the first person in his family to go to college.

While pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in History at Saint Bonaventure University, Stetar became keenly interested in educational policy and economics. He continued to study higher education at SUNY Buffalo, earning a
Ph.D. In 1974, he began a nine-year career at SUNY College at Buffalo, where he held a variety of positions, including director of continuing education, assistant vice president for faculty and staff relations, and dean of graduate studies and research.

In 1984, Stetar joined the Seton Hall faculty as associate professor of education and associate provost for academic affairs. He recalls immediately feeling comfortable — and says he has stayed because “Seton Hall’s administration and faculty are willing to think internationally. The University permits people to flourish.”

**Seton Hall Attracts More Doctoral Students**

In addition to the progress he has seen in South Africa, Stetar is encouraged by the growth of Seton Hall’s educational programs over the last several years. Interest in the Department of Educational Leadership, Management and Policy is very high — more students are applying for its Ph.D. and Ed.D. programs.

The higher education doctoral program, which he directs, has grown from one to three faculty members in the past six years. Students are recruited from all over the United States and abroad.

“Although we have had substantial growth, we have been careful to maintain individual relationships with students while ensuring that we continue to provide quality programs,” Stetar points out.

Motivating students is not a concern. Stetar marvels at the bright minds and enthusiasm he encounters in his classes. “Most of my students have careers and families,” he says. “By the time they arrive for their evening classes, they have put in a full day’s work, but are still ready to challenge me! They give me a sense of humility by showing me how much they have to offer the world.”

His most important words of advice to his graduate students, he says, are to “think beyond the classroom.” Many of his students are completing doctoral degrees so that they can hold advanced positions in the practice of education, such as school superintendent or college dean. Others are interested in academic and research careers at leading colleges and universities.

Stetar encourages students to consider educational systems as global enterprises where they will need to collaborate with colleagues all over the world. “Seton Hall should be the beginning of your education, not the end,” he advises them. “You have to be student-centered, contribute to research efforts, improve the practice of education and write and speak to the practice of education theory every day.”

**South Africa’s University of the Free State honored Stetar in September 2002 with the first honorary Doctor of Education degree that it has conferred on an American.**

Stetar’s efforts on behalf of South African universities have helped to increase access for black students.

Educating students and improving access to education aren’t Stetar’s only stints in life. As mayor of Bethlehem Township (population 3,850), he regularly tackles weighty issues such as combating sprawl, balancing the budget amidst state cutbacks, enforcing zoning laws and encouraging the protection of the area’s environment and rural character.

In his leisure time, he rides horses and bicycles, plays racquetball, chops wood for his fireplace and enjoys outdoor activities. He jokes that knowing how to plow a field and drive a tractor in a straight line (“not an easy feat,” he says) impressed colleagues in Ukraine.

“Thanks to Seton Hall, I’ve been able to combine rural life with my academic life,” Stetar says. “Living and working at the crossroads of the world, I am blessed to be able to make contributions to educational systems throughout the world.”

— Barbara Iozzia

**Barbara Iozzia is a New Jersey-based freelancer who writes frequently on higher education and healthcare topics.**
Soccer Star Reaches Goal to Play Professionally

Phil Swenda ‘03, a two-time All-Region selection and three-time All-BIG EAST team selection, finished his soccer career at Seton Hall with 61 career points (26 goals, 11 assists) and helped lead the Pirates to back-to-back NCAA Tournament appearances in 2001 and 2002. He was the third BIG EAST player selected by Major League Soccer (Chicago Fire) on draft day in January. “It has always been a dream of mine to play professional soccer,” he says. Swenda is Seton Hall’s highest draft pick since 1996, when the draft began.

Celebrity Readers Promote Literacy

Two freshman Pirate basketball players — Julie Costello and Eric Davis — traded their basketballs for books as part of a local Celebrity Read project sponsored by the South Orange/Maplewood Board of Education and the United Way of Essex and West Hudson. Costello is a forward for the women’s basketball team, and Davis is a forward for the men’s team. The February event was part of Read Across America, a national literacy program sponsored by the National Education Association.
Team Enjoys Runaway Success

With a first-place finish in the 800m run, Kenia Sinclair ’03 helped Seton Hall win its second straight indoor track and field title at the 2003 Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Indoor Championships in March, and earned the ECAC’s Most Outstanding Athlete Award. Sinclair also captured the women’s 800m crown at the 2003 BIG EAST Indoor Track & Field Championships.

Bridgette Ingram ’03 captured her third straight pentathlon at the 2003 BIG EAST Indoor Track & Field Championships and won the pentathlon at the ECAC Indoor Championships.

Men’s basketball: In his second season as head coach, Louis Orr led the Pirates to a final mark of 17-13 and a 10-6 conference record, earning him Coach of the Year honors from the BIG EAST Conference and the United States Basketball Writers Association (USBWA) District II.

With 1,325 points and 479 assists in his career, junior Andre Barrett is the third student-athlete in Pirate history to record more than 1,000 points and 450 assists. Barrett also was named to the BIG EAST All-Conference second team and selected to the All-District 3 team. Freshman Kelly Whitney was named to the BIG EAST All-Rookie Team.

Women’s basketball: Leslie Ardon ’03 received the 2003 BIG EAST Sportsmanship Award. She averaged 8.2 points per game and was third on the team in rebounding, with 5.6 boards per contest.
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Dinean Robinson has a passion for singing that she plans to fine-tune into a future career — with a twist. Though she probably could pursue a recording contract, for now the communication major has chosen to combine her vocal talents with her skills in public relations.

Singing has been a common chord throughout her life. Robinson, who grew up in Buena, a town about 20 minutes from Atlantic City, has been a member of at least one choir ever since third grade. “I’m just continuing the family legacy,” she says. “My mother has a beautiful voice and both my grandmother and great-aunt sang.”

Scheduled to graduate in December, she is now pursuing her passion by making plans for a career in entertainment public relations. “Entertainers bring smiles to people’s faces. That’s a great feeling, and that’s the kind of environment in which I want to work,” Robinson says. People-oriented, a self-starter and a woman of strong convictions, she views this field as a perfect fit for her outgoing personality and her communication talents. “I am used to singing and performing, which has made me very comfortable in front of an audience,” she observes. “This comfort level has helped to build my public speaking and public relations skills. As a performer I also have learned stress and time-management techniques essential to a public relations career.”

Interestingly, it was sports — not music — that first led Robinson to Seton Hall University. “My high school was sports-oriented. The majority of the student body participated in sports,” she notes. Robinson played field hockey and was a member of the track team. In her senior year, she came to South Orange for the Seton Hall Games, an annual event for high school athletes. While on campus, she met Lisa Morgan, M.A., associate track and field coach, who encouraged her to apply.

Robinson’s interest in Seton Hall increased after she met several people from the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP). The EOP combines the funding from the Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) with an innovative support program. “I was impressed by what I heard and the people I met. From that point on, I knew I wanted to attend Seton Hall,” she recalls. Once accepted to the EOP, Robinson had access to a freshman summer program, financial aid, learning center enrichment, tutoring, individualized counseling and other support services. “EOP made me aware of University resources and provided a road map for my educational career,” she says. She also appreciated all of the personal support from her family — especially an aunt — and her church, First Baptist in Richland.

At Seton Hall, one of the first things Robinson did was seek out singing opportunities. In her freshman year, she joined the University Touring Choir and eventually the University’s Gospel Choir. Because the two choirs met on the same night, she had to make a tough choice. On the one hand, the touring choir was a good experience and a great way to exercise her vocal chords. On the other hand, “when I joined the Gospel Choir, I felt like I was coming home,” she confides. She had made her choice.

Robinson is a board member of the Gospel Choir and has served in several leadership positions, including as last year’s president and this year’s treasurer. She also is a member of the fund-raising committee. In April, the choir performed God’s Love: Illustrated in Poetry, Movement and Song, directed by Andre Brown ’03. In addition to a Christmas and spring concert on campus, the choir also performs at metro area churches. “As a Christian organization, we have a responsibility to spread the Word of God both on- and off-campus,” Robinson says.

“When I joined the Gospel Choir, I felt like I was coming home.”
Among her other extracurricular activities, Robinson is the founder of PLUS, an informal student club focused on size acceptance and building positive body images. She founded PLUS because, as she puts it, “If you love yourself, the rest is easy. I believe most women have self-love, but for some, the love needs to be cultivated.” Wise words, especially when you consider that more than 90 percent of people with eating disorders are women. And 56 percent of women dislike their overall appearance, according to a survey sponsored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

True to the PLUS theme of “being comfortable in your own skin,” the group hopes to sponsor a fashion show next fall. “If the majority of the club’s members are proud enough and have enough courage to walk that runway, then the club has accomplished what it set out to do,” Robinson believes. “Participating in the fashion show will be the ultimate display of self-love.”

Her interest in promoting healthy lifestyles began during her freshman year, when she participated in “Just for Girls,” a discussion group that met during the University’s Welcome Week. Following one of the sessions, Sandra Sarro, Psy.D., consulting psychologist for University Counseling Services, invited her to become a peer health educator. Since then, Robinson has been involved in this effort, through workshops, information tables, discussion groups and special events. As one of seven peer health educators, she helps engage students in dialogues about nutrition, depression, substance abuse, stress, violence prevention, sexuality and HIV. “I’m involved in the discussion, but I also facilitate the dialogue, making sure participants interact with one another,” she explains.

Robinson fondly recalls some of her more memorable professors and courses. Much to her surprise, Introduction to Astronomy, taught by Parviz H. Ansari, Ph.D., professor of physics, ranks in her top five. “I am not a science person,” she confesses. “Before taking the class, I thought the professor would follow a strict lecture format, but instead he incorporated hands-on experiments, observation of the stars and constellations, and class debate,” she says. “It was educational, and the level of student involvement was optimal.”

Kathleen Donohue Rennie, M.A. ’93 is “one of my favorite professors,” Robinson continues. “She really connects with the students. When I had her for Public Relations (I), I always sat up front. I didn’t want to miss a thing.” The senior keeps in touch with Rennie through Seton Hall’s chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA). Rennie is the faculty adviser for this student organization that fosters understanding of current theories and procedures in the profession and gives students access to professional development opportunities. As members of PRSSA, Robinson and fellow students handle public relations for the University’s Theatre-in-the-Round. She also applies her expertise to help the Gospel Choir create advertisements and promote its events.

This past semester, Robinson’s classes included Philosophy and the Modern Mind, Music of America, Christian Belief and Thought, Women and the Media and Television-Film Writing. For the latter, she wrote a screenplay. “That class was a great learning experience, and my curiosity was piqued. I wrote a romantic comedy, and at the end of the semester I presented it to my professor [Thomas R. Rodinella, M.F.A.] and my classmates. Who knows, maybe someday you’ll see my name on the big screen,” she says with a laugh.

“In my time at Seton Hall, I’ve learned that people are most important.”

Her internship at the New York City office of PMK/HBH Public Relations helped Robinson confirm her career choice. Widely recognized as a leader in entertainment public relations, the firm handles accounts in the motion picture, television, theater and music industries. Nicole Kidman, Robert Redford and Sony Music are among its clients.

Looking to expand her musical reach, Robinson also wants to learn to play the guitar. And she can’t wait to record a classic rhythm and blues CD, saying, “I would not be complete if I didn’t accomplish this goal!” Like the women who have influenced her musically — the late Phyllis Hyman, Anita Baker, Regina Belle and Tina Marie — Robinson says she has “so much to say. And rhythm and blues is one of the best vehicles for me to say it in. These women made beautiful music that was from the heart and from the soul. It was true and real.”

Heart and soul, in fact, sum up what Robinson puts into her life. “In my time at Seton Hall, I’ve learned that people are most important,” she affirms. “In our efforts to be all that we can be, to be true servant leaders, we have to be careful not to disregard the people who matter to us. In short, we just have to love one another — and everything else will fall into place.”

— Pamela Dungee
“This department features a selection of recently published books by Seton Hall University faculty, alumni, students and staff, as well as books about the University. For consideration, send review copies to Pamela Dungee, assistant editor, Seton Hall University Magazine, 457 Centre Street, South Orange, NJ 07079.

**Pirates in Print**

**Seton Hall Pirates: A Basketball History**
by Alan Delozier, M.A., M.L.S.
(Arcadia, $19.99)

The undeniable strength of the Seton Hall men’s basketball program has made the popular sport an integral part of the University’s history. Now, as the program reaches its 100th anniversary, this book, compiled by Delozier, details the Pirates’ incredible story.

At Seton Hall, Delozier is University archivist and an assistant professor. With many manuscripts, ledgers, photographs, newspapers, scrapbooks, physical artifacts and other archival resources at his fingertips, he jumped at the chance to achieve his lifelong dream of publishing a book. “The opportunity to write a volume on the history of Seton Hall basketball was a stroke of good fortune with a logical link to my academic interests,” says Delozier, who admits to being a New Jersey history buff. “As in any historical work, the past is prologue, and this is true of Pirate basketball, where memorable moments of yesterday are remembered for generations. In this case, the connection between history and sport is truly special.”

An avid basketball fan, Delozier reflects upon a sport that celebrates the University’s athletic talent, school spirit and spectator appreciation. *Seton Hall Pirates: A Basketball History* explores the emerging popularity of hoop action within the context of school history and the growth of the game at large. Its scope begins with the first game in 1903, in which an uncertain Seton Hall tied the Mohawks of Newark club team, and concludes with the hiring of head coach Louis Orr in 2001.

The book features a number of rare photos that capture defining moments in the team’s history, culled from thousands of items housed in the Monsignor William Noé Field Archives and Special Collections Center in the University Libraries. Among these treasures is a photograph of the famed “Starting Five” — the first team to represent Seton Hall in varsity competition in 1903.

Delozier also brings the history of the sport to life with interesting and amusing anecdotes. One such story is about Frank Hill, who in the early 1900s coached both Rutgers University and Seton Hall — a feat made all the more amazing because, at various junctions, he guided both programs simultaneously.

Another passage tells the story of Francis “Pat” Reynolds, who holds the dubious distinction of earning a varsity letter from Rutgers after he inadvertently sank a basket for his opponents during a 1924 tilt. Other significant events also are well-documented, including the team’s first BIG EAST Conference game in 1979 and countless full houses at Walsh Gymnasium. (The crowds eventually led the men’s team to move its home court to Continental Airlines Arena.)

Of course, Seton Hall greats Bob Davies ’42, Walter Dukes ’53, Richie Regan ’53/M.A. ’67, Nick Werkman ’64, Glenn Mosley ’78, Terry Dehere ’93 and many others are prominently featured, along with notable coaches John “Honey” Russell ’36, Bill Raftery and P.J. Carlesimo.

With a number of superlative student-athletes, coaches and unforgettable victories, and a commendable standard of excellence, Seton Hall’s place among college basketball programs makes this book a compelling read for any Pirate fan. “Seton Hall basketball is a proud institution, and this book would not have been possible without all the players, coaches, staff, alumni and fans, all of whom share in the program’s success,” Delozier notes.

— Scott E. Helfman
**Uncommon Faith**  
by John F. Coverdale, J.D., Ph.D.  
(Scepter Publishers, Inc., $14.95)

A professor at Seton Hall University School of Law, Coverdale is the author of several books on Spanish history. In *Uncommon Faith*, he chronicles the early years (1928-43) of Opus Dei. As a personal prelature of the Catholic Church (the status it achieved after the Second Vatican Council), Opus Dei helps its members turn their work — and the rest of their lives — into occasions of loving God and serving others. An Opus Dei follower himself, Coverdale worked in Rome in the 1960s with Blessed Josemaría Escrivá, the movement’s founder who died in 1975 and was canonized in 2002. Coverdale explores the faith of the founder and his early followers. The author also details the movement’s struggles and triumphs — from a series of legal attacks and the outbreaks of anticlerical violence during the Spanish Civil War to its present status with 80,000 followers in 90 nations.

**Hidden Rome**  
by Frank J. Korn ’58, M.A.  
(Paulist Press, $16.95)

A former Fulbright Scholar, Korn is recognized internationally as an authority on the Eternal City and has traveled there 76 times in the past three decades. An adjunct professor of classical studies in the College of Arts and Sciences, Korn takes a special interest in the city’s Roman Catholic heritage. His eighth book, *Hidden Rome*, delivers an insider’s look at the many treasures and fascinating sites not found in conventional guidebooks. In his suggestions for one-day excursions to Assisi, Palestrina, Frascati and other nearby locales, he details not only what to see, but how to see it. The book’s foreward is by Corrine “Lindy” Boggs, former U.S. ambassador to the Holy See.

**Preaching from the Lectionary: An Exegetical Commentary, with bonus CD-ROM**  
by Gerard S. Sloyan ’44  
(Augsburg Fortress Publishers, $40)

A biblical scholar, Sloyan is a graduate of The College Seminary – Saint Andrew’s Hall. His book provides an in-depth analysis of passages from the *Revised Common Lectionary* and the *Lectionary for Mass* for each Sunday and major feasts in the Catholic Church’s three-year liturgical cycle.
Managing Knowledge Workers: Unleashing Innovation and Productivity
by A.D. Amar, Ph.D.
(Quorum Books, $69.95)

A professor of management in the Stillman School of Business, Amar examines how employers can maximize the talents of knowledge workers. The cutting-edge expertise that these skilled professionals possess demands a brand and style of management quite different from what is typically practiced in corporate America. In 264 pages, Amar provides an in-depth understanding of who these knowledge workers are, as well as how managers can select, adapt and develop strategies and techniques to help these employees achieve success for their organizations. Amar’s book provides practical, ready-to-use assessment tools and instruments to help human resource specialists and upper management redesign management practices.

Developing a Successful Baseball Program
by Richard M. Trimble, M.A. ’78, Ed.S., Ph.D.
(Coaches Choice, $19.95)

Through play-by-play examples, photographs, charts and checklists, Trimble details the essentials of establishing a successful baseball program for Little League, middle school and high school teams. The coach covers everything from fund-raising, motivation and team rules to determining the lineup, scouting strategies and handling parents. Trimble systematically reviews the fundamentals, among them practicing and executing, the running game, hitters and hitting, and conditioning drills. The alumnus has been coaching baseball since he was 15. Currently, he is the assistant varsity baseball coach at Ocean County College in Toms River. On staff at the Brookdale Baseball Camp for more than 20 years, Trimble also directs his own instructional camps, Baseball Prep. A man with multiple talents, he coaches ice hockey and has published two drill books for hockey coaches.

Italian Women in Black Dresses
by Maria Mazziotti Gillan ’61, M.A.
(Guernica Editions Inc., $13)

Gillan, the author of eight poetry books, is the executive director of the Poetry Center at Passaic County Community College in Paterson and the director of the Creative Writing Program at Binghamton University (State University of New York). Her latest collection reads like a memoir, detailing the lives of a family across generations. The overall voice in Italian Women in Black Dresses is that of an Italian mother, telling stories and guiding the lives of her daughter and granddaughter. Through poems titled, “Blessed,” “My Mother Who Could Ward Off Evil,” “A Geography of Scars” and “Learning How to Love Myself,” the poet looks into the multiple ways of identifying oneself — from being part of the Italian community in Paterson to life beyond ethnicity. She and her daughter, Jennifer Gillan, have collaborated on Growing Up Ethnic in America and other books.
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It’s a scene that reads like a Hollywood script: A dangerous fugitive, wanted in several states for violent crimes, leads law enforcement officials on a cross-country chase. Finally, an FBI agent, a marshal and a police detective working the case spot him entering a crowded hotel lobby in Manhattan. They approach the man. A struggle ensues. Without warning, he draws a gun, pointing it directly at the detective’s head.

That’s when FBI special agent Timothy Latterner ’87/M.A.E. ’93 makes a lightning-quick decision. He draws his gun and fires, apprehending one of the FBI’s Ten Most Wanted Fugitives (he later died in custody). In addition to saving the life of the detective, Latterner protected the many bystanders who could have met with tragedy.

Following this May 2001 incident, Latterner received numerous local and national awards for his bravery and heroism. He was even featured in re-enactments on the television shows America’s Most Wanted and FBI Files. But the Allendale resident argues that he was simply doing his job. “Although it’s highly unlikely that you will ever have to fire your weapon in the line of duty, you have to be prepared — expect the unexpected,” Latterner says. “There are no second chances, no time to have an off-day. An off-day could be your last day.”

It is this important message, and his real-life experience, that Latterner now shares with hundreds of law enforcement officers each year. Assigned to the FBI’s training division, he teaches critical skills to fellow agents and municipal police officers throughout the tristate area. The subjects he covers include use of firearms, defensive tactics and survival techniques.

Growing up in Queens, New York, Latterner was unsure what direction his career would take. After moving to Waldwick and graduating from Bergen Community College, he transferred to Seton Hall University on an ROTC scholarship. Majoring in criminal justice, Latterner felt instantly drawn to the subject matter. He found that the program, which is liberal arts-based and takes a multidisciplinary approach, offered invaluable insights into the field.

In particular, Latterner recalls how Professor Joseph Palenski, Ph.D. and Associate Professor Harold M. Launer, Ph.D. approached criminal justice from a sociological perspective. The two faculty members focused on the roles that culture and organizational structure play in effective law enforcement and management. “They taught that you have to truly know the culture and neighborhoods you work in to be effective,” he says. “As an investigator, you also must adjust your strategy accordingly to get the information you need to do your job.”

On his job, Latterner frequently applies this same approach. As a police officer for five years, he patrolled suburban Allendale and urban Fort Lee. “These two different experiences really opened my mind to the value of a sociological perspective,” he notes. “Crime is very different in different regions, and crime prevention strategies need to be adjusted.”

While serving as a police officer, Latterner began to consider teaching. He particularly enjoyed working with children through D.A.R.E., the national community outreach program that teaches drug, gang and violence prevention to 26 million elementary school students each year. So in 1991, he returned to Seton Hall to obtain a Master of Arts in Education degree as part of the Police Graduate Studies Program. “I was learning so much in my career, and I wanted to explore the possibility of someday sharing this experience with others working in the field,” Latterner says.

His desire to further explore the profession led him to take a big step in 1995. He joined the FBI and was assigned to its largest field office — New York City. “As an FBI agent, there are opportunities to work in hundreds of areas of law enforcement, spanning the globe,”
Latterner says. In addition to being a member of the Bureau’s SWAT team, he also has investigated cases such as the crash of TWA Flight 800, the U.S. Embassy bombings in Africa and the terrorist attack on the guided missile destroyer U.S.S. Cole in Yemen.

Shortly after apprehending the dangerous fugitive in New York City in 2001, Latterner made another change in his career. He returned to the FBI’s training division, where he had spent two years before joining the fugitive task force in 1999. Without a doubt, the change was motivated by what happened in 2001. “I have an even greater responsibility to help officers understand the dangers of the profession and learn how to protect themselves — and others,” Latterner says. He also has trained police officers from Canada and Ireland and cadets at West Point Military Academy.

The biggest challenge for all law enforcement officers, he says, is preparedness. “There is less than a 1 percent chance that an officer will ever have to fire a gun in the line of duty, yet you need to always be ready for that reality,” he emphasizes. Although it can be painful at times to relay what happened to him while apprehending that fugitive, he also says it is absolutely necessary. “If you don’t talk about these dangerous realities, no one benefits.”

Latterner’s own readiness on that day has earned him the respect and admiration of many organizations. Among the honors bestowed on him are the Federal Law Enforcement Foundation’s Investigator of the Year Award, the Award for Valor from the Federal Executives Board, the New York Police Department Medal of Valor and the Heroism Award from the New York State Shields. His act of valor also was read into the Congressional Record in May 2002 by U.S. Senator Jon S. Corzine (D-New Jersey).

One of Latterner’s most meaningful accolades came from former New York City Police Commissioner Bernard B. Kerik, who cited the incident in his memoir, The Lost Son: A Life in Pursuit of Justice. Latterner, recalling the day he was awarded the NYPD Medal of Valor, says, “I was very honored to have met Commissioner Kerik. I have a tremendous amount of admiration and respect for him.”

Latterner credits his successful career in part to preparation — both as an officer and as a Seton Hall student. “Your success is a direct reflection of your training. I’m a survivor because of good training,” he says. “The Seton Hall program prepares you for any avenue of law enforcement that you might want to pursue — from corporate security to corrections to patrolling the inner city.”

At home, Latterner enjoys the simple pleasures of married life, including coaching son Tim’s football team and taking daughter Courtney to her dance classes. In what little spare time he has left, he likes to go running. He has competed in several marathons and is a certified fitness trainer for the FBI. “Exercise helps me unwind, and it is good practice as well. You never know when you may need to pursue a suspect or get out of a life-threatening situation quickly,” he says. And even when not physically chasing down fugitives, Latterner remains in constant pursuit of justice — taking extraordinary steps to protect others and make the world a safer place.

— Carol Stavraka
It’s easy to see that teacher Linda Ward Gupta, M.A.E. ’95 has a big heart. The developmentally delayed children she has taught are precious to her, and the devotion she has for her husband and their three sons is evident.

Gupta’s love and dedication to education extend far beyond the classrooms where she has taught. In fact, for Gupta, the importance of education has deep roots — roots that were planted by a woman she has sought to emulate throughout her life.

“My mother worked the third shift at a mill and then took classes four nights a week for three years to earn her high school diploma,” Gupta remembers. And while her mother certainly was happy on that graduation day, Gupta was even happier. “It was very grueling for her at times, but when she finally reached her goal, it was tremendous,” the daughter says with pride.

Growing up in Maine, she recalls, “I always loved to read, and was often inspired by my teachers to go in new directions and learn new things.” Knowing that she, too, wanted to inspire others, she chose education as her vocation. In 1977, she graduated from the University of Maine with a Bachelor of Science in Child Development and a teaching certificate for grades K-8.

After moving to Massachusetts, she taught for two years at the Belchertown State School, then a residential school for developmentally delayed adults and children.

“Teaching special-needs children requires expertise, patience, kindness and a personal connection with their parents,” Gupta says. “For all the parents, their children are stars — unique and loved.”

Her husband, Dev Gupta, Ph.D., is a highly successful electrical engineer who launched four technology companies and holds an impressive 30 patents. Today, at one of the firms he founded — Narad Networks, a broadband technology company — he is chairman of the board. Over the years, his career has taken the family to Indiana, New Hampshire, New Jersey and Massachusetts.

During the 13 years that Gupta and her family lived in the Garden State, she once again sought to further her own knowledge of the teaching profession. Emulating her mother’s determination, Gupta decided to earn a master’s degree in education from Seton Hall. “I felt an advanced degree would allow me to grow professionally, giving me a broader perspective to share with students,” she says.

Living in Readington, a rural community in Hunterdon County about an hour’s drive from the Seton Hall campus, might have been a stumbling block to her quest for a graduatedegree. But, through the College of Education and Human Services’ Off-Campus Program, Gupta was able to attend classes five minutes away from her home, at a local “satellite” school.

Convenience was hardly the only factor in Gupta’s choice of a graduate program. She was very familiar with Seton Hall’s strong academic reputation and welcomed the opportunity to attend a Catholic university. “I always loved to go to school and learn new skills. The Seton Hall program was an opportunity to learn side-by-side with other teachers, including some local teachers who had taught my sons,” she says. “I was grateful.
that such a ‘big name school’ would practically come to my doorstep.”

While earning a master’s degree, Gupta worked as a substitute teacher for special needs children. Her days also were filled with taking care of her family. “Few things in life anchor a person, but for me, pursuing a degree at a very good school was mine,” she observes. “Earning my master’s degree reaffirmed my professional choice.”

Gupta was immediately impressed with the Seton Hall program and its “wealth of instructors.” One professor, Frances Hobbie, Ed.D., was well-versed in the field of special education, not only in terms of codes and requirements, but also in the complex nature and needs of mentally challenged students. “She really broadened my view,” Gupta says.

Another faculty member, Mel Shay, Ed.D., now provost and executive vice president for Academic Affairs at Seton Hall, remains one of her most memorable professors. “Dr. Shay spoke eloquently and openly about the profession,” Gupta recalls. “He taught us about the positive aspects of teaching, such as the personal and career development opportunities that exist and the power of effective leadership. He also made us aware of potential challenges, like lack of mobility.”

Though Shay has taught hundreds of students during his Seton Hall career, he remembers Gupta well, especially her views on educational leadership. “Whereas many studying school leadership tend to think from a limited perspective, the one they have from their classrooms, Linda had a larger, community-wide, and even a world view, on the problems related to change in advancing educational improvement,” he observes.

Shay also recalls how Gupta’s personal experiences helped shape her leadership philosophy — a philosophy she openly shared with her peers. “She brought business and international perspectives to the concept,” he says, “and it was a wonderfully refreshing perspective, for both me and the students in the class.”

Gupta’s generous nature has prompted her to help other educators. She decided to give something back to the College of Education and Human Services’ faculty and students through awards and scholarships. In 2000, she made a $50,000 donation to the College — a gift that will positively impact teachers and students alike. Her gift established three programs: The Linda Ward Gupta Award for Excellence in Scholarship, The Linda Ward Gupta Award for Excellence in Teaching and The Linda Ward Gupta Scholarships. These three funds are currently providing financial and research assistance to 10 Seton Hall faculty members, as well as scholarships to four Seton Hall graduate students.

Given her husband’s prominence in the technology field and her own appreciation of technology, it is only fitting that several of the Gupta awards have supported technology-focused endeavors. For example, James Daly, Ed.D., director of secondary education for the College, received a $2,000 teaching excellence award for the application of technology in social studies education.

Shouping Hu, Ph.D., assistant professor, won a scholarship excellence award for his research titled “Computing Experience and Good Practices in Undergraduate Education: Does the Degree of Campus ‘Wiredness’ Matter?” But not all of the recipients are researching high-tech topics. A teacher enrolled in the University’s Catholic School Leadership Program — a unique master’s degree program for Catholic school educators and administrators — is one of the four student scholarship winners.

The Gupta scholarships, which were awarded in December 2002, were open to all of the College’s students enrolled in teacher education programs and who were in good academic standing. But, reflecting Gupta’s interests, preference was given to women re-entering the workforce or transitioning from non-teaching professions to the educational field. “I have a tremendous amount of respect for women who forge ahead in their careers, even when doing so creates a challenge,” she notes.

Now, Gupta is thinking about returning to the classroom once again as a student. This time, she has her sight set on obtaining a master’s degree in the healthcare field or in special education. Because the Guptas now live in Massachusetts, she will probably attend a college in the Boston area, though Seton Hall remains special to her.

“I really appreciate Seton Hall’s tradition of excellence and the way the University reaches out to the community,” Gupta says. “My husband founded his companies not only for his personal betterment, but for the betterment of society. My contributions to Seton Hall are based on that same philosophy — that by giving to teachers, many more people will benefit.”

In reflecting on her former student, Shay adds that “At the time, I had no idea of her ability to give back to education and Seton Hall in the generous way she has, but I’m not surprised. She gave of herself to all of us in that Readington classroom.”

Now as these teachers and future teachers venture out into their classrooms, they will in turn share Gupta’s gift — the gift of learning — with countless students.

“I have a tremendous amount of respect for women who forge ahead in their careers, even when doing so creates a challenge.”

— Sheila Smith Noonan

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1950s

Michael Chicorii ’52, of Boonton Township, and his wife, Barbara, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a gathering of family and friends at Senator’s restaurant in Randolph. The couple married in September 1952.

Achille Onnembo ’53, of Whiting, and his wife, Edith, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a dinner and dance at the Regency House in Pompton Plains. The couple married in September 1952 at Saint Patrick’s Roman Catholic Church in Jersey City. Frank B. Pesci Sr. ’53, of New Carrollton, MD, participated in a panel discussion evaluating the impact of The Sopranos television program on Italian Americans. The event was organized by Anne Arundel Community College in Arnold, where Pesci is a political science instructor.

Joseph M. La Motta ’54, of Pound Ridge, NY, and his wife, Geraldine, were honored last fall at the UNICO Orange/West Orange Chapter’s annual dinner, which took place at Seton Hall University in the Peterson Reading Room of Walsh Library. The La Mottas are the benefactors of the Joseph M. and Geraldine C. La Motta Chair in Italian Studies at Seton Hall.

Monsignor John B. Wehrlein ’55/M.Div. ’78, J.D., of Flanders, received the Paterson Federation of Knights of Columbus Council’s 2002 Humanitarian Award. Monsignor Wehrlein was recognized for successfully leading a range of programs over the last 40 years for people with mental and developmental disabilities. He has served at Saint Philip’s Roman Catholic Church in Clifton and as chaplain of the North Jersey Training School in Totowa. He also founded the Murray House Group Home and is pastor and founder of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Flanders.

1960s

Reverend John R. Doherty ’60, of Bayonne, was honored last fall by the Bayonne Economic Opportunity Foundation for his service as pastor of Saint Andrew’s Church. Ordained to the priesthood in 1964, he has served at Saint Thomas More Parish in Fairfield and Saint Bartholomew’s Parish in Scotch Plains, where he founded the ministry for divorced and separated Catholics and the parish food pantry. John P. McGee ’60/J.D. ’69, of Short Hills, received the Essex County Bar Association’s Lifetime Achievement Award in October 2002. With more than 30 years of experience, McGee was recognized for his contributions to the field of law, particularly in the area of civil trials. He is a senior partner of McDermott & McGee, LLP in Millburn.

Bruce J. Cullen ’64, of Newbury Park, CA, retired as a captain from Delta Air Lines in December 2002 after 30 years. Prior to his career as a commercial pilot, he spent seven years as an Air Force pilot.

Sister Mary Klutowski ’66, of Lodí, was awarded the President’s Medallion from Felician College in December 2002. Sister Mary was honored for 53 years of service as a Felician sister. As provincial treasurer for the Felician Sisters, she manages a range of fiscal and legal responsibilities. The medallion was presented by Sister Theresa Mary Martin, the college’s president.

Richard Kennedy ’67, M.A., of Lake Hiawatha, joined the staff of Oratory Preparatory School in Summit last fall. Kennedy teaches four levels of French and eighth-grade English. He formerly taught at Dwight-Englewood School in Englewood. Donald Naiman ’67, of Danbury, CT, was recognized supervisor of special education and assistant principal at Sarah Noble Intermediate School in New Milford, CT. Previously, Naiman was director of student services, managing programs for grades K-12 in Torrington. He also taught at Immaculate College in Pennsylvania and at Penn State University. Dominic Scaglione ’67, of West Orange, was appointed inspector general by Essex County Executive Joseph DiVincenzo. Scaglione oversees ethics and prevention of fraud, waste and misconduct by county employees. Prior to his appointment, he spent 22 years as an FBI special agent and served as director of corporate compliance for Park Place Entertainment in Atlantic City.

William V. Giglio ’68/M.A. ’70, of Basking Ridge, was inducted into the Union County Baseball Hall of Fame at the annual Hot Stove League Dinner in February. He is the varsity baseball coach at Ridge High School — the 2002 Group II state champions.

Joseph D. Abruzzese ’69, of Darien, CT, was named president of advertising sales for Discovery Networks’ domestic channels and properties in October 2002. Based in New York City, he supervises sales activities in the New York, Chicago, Detroit and Los Angeles areas. Abruzzese has more than 30 years of experience in broadcast network sales, most recently at CBS Television.

John J. Bentalan ’69, M.A., Ed.D., of Tarpon Springs, FL, is the author of the 2003 edition of A Brief Introduction to Florida Government. For 28 years, Bentalan has been a professor of political science and education at Hillsborough Community College in Tampa. Robert J. Fettweis ’69, J.D., of Randolph, was made a partner in the law firm of Wolf, Block, Schorr and Solis-Cohen in Philadelphia. The firm has 18 practice groups and more than 250 lawyers in seven East Coast offices. Fettweis specializes in white-collar criminal defense, arbitration and commercial litigation. Arthur G. Mattei, M.B.A. ’69, of Lawrenceville, retired in July 2002 after 31 years with the New Jersey Judiciary in New Brunswick. At the time of his retirement, Mattei was municipal division manager. Gary T. Reece ’69/M.A.E. ’73, of Skillman, was appointed superintendent of Watchung Hills Regional High School Board of Education in Warren Township. Reece previously served as assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction for the West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District. He was the founding head of school of the Samuel Dewitt Proctor Academy Charter School in Ewing and Trenton — the county’s first open enrollment public boarding school. Reece also served as New Jersey’s assistant commissioner of education for standards and assessment.

1970s

William J. Setaro ’70, Ed.D., of Tinton Falls, was appointed to a two-year term on the board of trustees of CentraState Healthcare System in Freehold. CentraState consists of an acute-care hospital, three senior living centers, a health education and activities center, a clinic for the needy and a charitable foundation. Setaro, who has served as superintendent of Millstone Township Schools for the last two years, has 19 years of administrative experience in education.

Kenneth W. Faistl ’71, M.D., of Freehold, received the Community Service Award from the YMCA of Western Monmouth County in March. Faistl was recognized for his commitment to community health and his success in establishing affordable, quality healthcare programs and services for disadvantaged families in Freehold and Asbury Park. He also received the 2002 EPIC (Exceptional People Impacting the Community) Award from the New Jersey State Nurses Association and the Circle of Excellence Award from the Western Monmouth Chamber of Commerce. John H. Flammer ’71, Ph.D., of BarNEGAT, was awarded Diplomate status in the American Psychotherapy Association. Flammer is principal of the Matheny School and Hospital in Peapack. John Kvasnosky ’71, of Seattle, was named 2002 Public Relations Professional of the Year by the Puget Sound chapter of the Public Relations Society of America. Kvasnosky, director of special projects communications for Boeing Commercial Airplanes, was recognized for leading a team that created and implemented a
communications strategy to support Boeing during contract negotiations with its two largest unions. James E. Pinkin, M.B.A., ’71, of Westfield, was elected board chairman of the Mailing & Fulfillment Service Association, an 83-year-old trade association. Pinkin is the president and chief executive officer of The Corporate Communications Group, marketing support company in West Caldwell.

Sandra Eato-Taylor ’74, M.Ed., of Columbia, SC, presented a session on effective classroom management strategies at the South Carolina Middle School Conference in February and lectured at the Professional Development Schools National Conference in Orlando, FL, in March. On a trip to Ghana for middle school students, she was the curriculum coordinator and guide.

George Z. Hevesy ’75, M.D., of East Peoria, IL, was named director of emergency medical services (EMS) and chairman of the Department of Emergency Medicine at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria. Previously, he was vice chairman of the department as well as the medical director for the Peoria-area EMS system. Since 1985, Hevesy has been actively involved with the OSF Saint Francis medical staff and has served in various capacities, including president. The hospital is a level-one trauma center that treats more than 80,000 patients annually. John P. Jason, M.B.A., ’75, of Washington Crossing, PA, was chosen as the new vice president of pharmaceutical solutions at Target Software, a software engineering firm based in Allentown, PA. He oversees the launch, marketing and sales efforts behind Target SFA — a sales force automation product — and other custom software for the pharmaceutical industry.

Brian K. Ferraioli ’77, of Lebanon, NJ, was promoted to vice president and controller of Foster Wheeler Ltd.’s operations worldwide. Ferraioli has been at the firm for 23 years, serving in a number of managerial roles, including vice president and chief financial officer of Foster Wheeler USA and Foster Wheeler Power Systems. He also has served in senior corporate financial positions for divisions in England, Italy and Spain. Captain Thomas F. Melody ’77, of Colonia, was promoted to his present rank in the Essex County Department of Public Safety. He works with the Special Operations Gang Intelligence Unit.

Howard Piggee Jr., M.B.A.

**Couple Marry Talents to Produce a Video Guiding Parents**

When actor and filmmaker Bill Timoney ’80 and television producer Georgette Reilly ’86 married in March 2002, the couple found a unique way to celebrate their union. Combining his love of film with her expertise in producing and marketing, the Timoneys created **KidSmartz**, an educational video designed to keep children safe.

**KidSmartz** offers parents straightforward advice on how to talk to their children about avoiding potentially dangerous situations that could lead to abduction. It was released in May in conjunction with National Missing Children’s Day. But the video might not have been produced if the couple had not wed.

“At our wedding reception, Bill’s best man [Bryan Cranston] told me about a TV show proposal they had pitched to the networks,” Georgette explains. Cranston is the actor nominated for an Emmy for his role as Hal, the quirky father on *Malcolm in the Middle* on FOX TV. He and Bill had pitched a Saturday morning show imparting safety tips to young viewers. Although several networks expressed interest, none chose to make the program.

“Bryan talked about the good the show could do, confessing that he wasn’t sure how to talk to his own child about protecting herself,” Georgette says. She convinced the partners to change their focus to adults and to produce a direct-to-video program. The new version would give parents the tools they need to speak to their children — in a reassuring and non-threatening manner — about safety issues.

The Timoneys have performed in many Celtic Theatre Company productions at Seton Hall, including Conor McPherson’s *The Weir* in January and February.

Just weeks after their honeymoon in 2002, the couple started conducting research for the video at the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children and at the FBI’s Crimes Against Children Unit. The two wrote the script last summer, while Cranston worked on financing. Filming began in October in Los Angeles.

“Bryan convinced people to donate materials, equipment and talent,” Bill recalls, noting that the *Malcolm in the Middle* crew filmed the video. “We deferred our salaries, so almost everyone worked for free.”

Cranston served as on-camera host and executive producer, and the Timoneys were co-executive producers. A Spanish-language version of the video features Francesco Quinn, Anthony Quinn’s son (best known for his role as Private Rhah in *Platoon*).

The production relied upon generous contributions of time and talent from several Seton Hall University alumni. Mark Roger ’82, who produces a newsletter for Seton Hall’s Theatre-in-the-Round, helped locate L.A.-based actors for the project. As a result, Michael C. Mahon ’81 and Peter Gregory ’82 were cast in supporting roles. Entertainment journalist Alan Carrter ’81 serves as the video’s publicist.

Georgette’s parting thoughts on the project? “It was made possible by the kindness of so many people,” she says. “If this video can help keep even one child safe, then the value of this project is worth its weight in gold — and more.”

For more information or to purchase the **KidSmartz** video or DVD, visit [www.bryancranston.com](http://www.bryancranston.com). A portion of the proceeds benefits the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children.
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78, of Horseheads, NY, was named one of the top 100 information technology executives by Computerworld magazine in January. Piggee was recognized for applying technology to carry out organizational business strategies. He is the former director of information technology and chief information officer for Comming Life Sciences in Acton, MA.

Joseph Monti ’79, of Lavallette, received the Patriotism Award from the Ocean County Marine Corps League and the Distinguished Citizen Medal and Ribbon from the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Point Pleasant last fall. He also was awarded the Distinguished Service Award in December 2002 by the Marine Corps League, Department of New Jersey. Monti, a history teacher at Toms River High School East, was honored for his articles and school programs that celebrate the lives and contributions of American veterans.

1980s

Army Master Sergeant Stephen J. Jarman ’81, of Hope Mills, NC, was transferred to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, in October 2002 by the U.S. Army and is now a military police advisor to the Saudi Arabian National Guard.

Reverend Paul S. Rimassa, M.Div. ’82/M.A.T. ’85, Ph.D., of Hamilton, was appointed executive director of the Center for Sexuality and Religion (CSR) based in Wayne, PA. CSR helps faith communities promote sexual and spiritual health and provides clergy and lay people with related information, education and training techniques. Father Rimassa served as a priest for the Diocese of Trenton from 1983-2002. He also is the founding president of Angel’s Wings Inc., a nonprofit, faith-based organization at Saint Francis Medical Center in Trenton that provides emergency care to abused and neglected children.

Alan J. Genitempo ’84, J.D., of Nutley, was appointed municipal prosecutor and assistant township attorney in November 2002. Genitempo has been a partner with the Nutley firm of Piro, Zinna, Cifelli & Paris since 1988. He has chaired the Nutley Juvenile Conference Committee for the past 13 years. James S. Lusk, M.B.A. ’84, of Basking Ridge, was appointed chief financial officer of MIM Corporation, a pharmaceutical healthcare management company based in Elmsford, NY. Lusk oversees financial operations, including planning, reporting and investor relations. Previously he was president of business services at Lucent Technologies, where he managed a budget exceeding $200 million.

Frank R. Dudis, M.B.A. ’85, J.D., of New York City, was promoted to felony assistant district attorney of the King’s County Public Assistance Crime Unit. The unit was created to prevent fraud in welfare, Medicaid, food stamps and other areas. Sherlyn Pastor ’85/J.D. ’88, of Basking Ridge, was appointed to the Professional Responsibility Rules Committee of the Supreme Court of New Jersey in December 2002. Pastor is a partner in the law firm of McCarter & English in Newark, where she is the practice group leader of the insurance coverage and general litigation group.

Mike Stefaniak ’85, of Wauwatosa, WI, was made a partner at Scheibel Halaska, a business-to-business marketing communications firm based in Milwaukee. As vice president of client services, Stefaniak leads the design and execution of communications plans for clients in manufacturing, information technology and financial services. He has been with the division since 1994.

Michael A. Egenton ’86, of Voorhees Township, was recently appointed vice chairman of the New Jersey Clean Air Council, based in Trenton. The council makes recommendations on pollution control to the Department of Environmental Protection. As assistant vice president of government relations for the New Jersey State Chamber of Commerce, Egenton represents the business community on legislative and regulatory matters to the governor, the state legislature and other state agencies.

John Siberio ’87/M.B.A. ’02, of Bridgewater, was promoted in November 2002 to first vice president of Valley National Bank in Wayne. The community bank has more than 100 branches in northern New Jersey.

Robert J. Curth ’88, of Hazlet, was promoted in December 2002 to supervisor at the Eastern Telephone Counseling Center in New York City. Curth advises clients on asset allocation and retirement
planning in this center, which is a division of TIAA-CREF, a financial service provider.

Vincent Barba ’89, M.D., of Bloomfield, was elected a Fellow of the American College of Physicians-American Society of Internal Medicine. Barba is an assistant professor of medicine at New Jersey Medical School in Newark and serves as director of inpatient medicine at University Hospital in Newark. Donna Delicio, M.A. ’89, of Cranford, graduated from the Johnson & Johnson-Wharton Fellows Program in Management for Nurse Executives, conducted by the Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics at the Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania. Delicio was one of 35 nurse executives chosen nationally. She is the senior vice president of patient care services at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville. Michael G. Gallo, M.A.E. ’89, of West Orange, was presented with a Thomas A. Reynolds Award at Seton Hall Preparatory School’s Annual Family Communion Breakfast in January. The award recognizes men and women in the preparatory school community whose lives serve as stellar examples of Christian tradition and who show consistent and outstanding commitment to students. Richard Lugo ’89, of High Point, NC, was promoted to vice president of operations at Carson-Dellosa Publishing Company, Inc. in October 2002. Lugo was previously the operations manager. The company, based in Greensboro, develops educational books, guides and classroom materials for teachers, parents and students in grades pre-K-8. Patrick D. Roche ’89, of Doyleston, PA, was promoted to senior bank examiner for trading products at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

1990s

Krista (Donches) Glenn ’90, J.D., of Boothwyn, PA, was promoted to assistant vice president of strategic management of ACE USA. Based in the insurance company’s Philadelphia office, she handles complex tort and asbestos cases.

Helen (Lawler) Murphy ’91/M.A. ’96, of Bridgewater, is one of several photographers featured at Expressions Gallery in Chester through August. Her photography captures natural and man-made landscapes. Steve Passmore ’91, of Bedminster, was promoted to director of accounting for Cendant’s Real Estate Franchise Group, comprised of Century 21, Coldwell Banker and ERA Real Estate. Passmore is based in the company’s Parsippany office.

Day at the State House Highlights University’s Mission

With 79 percent of Seton Hall University alumni living in New Jersey, it’s not surprising that Matthew Borowick ’89/M.B.A. ’94 often meets fellow alumni when visiting the State House in Trenton. These frequent meetings inspired Borowick, Seton Hall’s director of government relations, to plan a day spotlighting the University’s unique relationship with the state — and its employees.

Seton Hall’s first Day at the State House took place in December 2002. The more than 150 people who attended included state employees, legislators, lobbyists, reporters and tourists. Six of the University’s seven alumni who were serving in the Senate at the time participated.

“It was clear that establishing a day for Seton Hall in Trenton was a wonderful opportunity for the University to tell its story and highlight the tremendous strides it makes academically and technologically every day,” Borowick says. And with one in five state legislators being a graduate of Seton Hall, he notes, “the time had definitely come to get these messages across to the people who run and influence our state government.”

Borowick explains the importance of the University’s presence in Trenton. “The State of New Jersey is generous to its independent colleges and universities, allocating about $24 million to these 14 institutions,” he says, a figure that translates into $3 million a year for Seton Hall. “The governor and legislature must determine the annual budget. I want to make their job easier. By showing them the benefits of a Seton Hall education, the value of their investment is obvious, and we hope increases the likelihood of additional support in the future,” Borowick observes.

As part of the day’s festivities, Monsignor Robert Sheenan ’67, University president, shared with visitors his vision for Seton Hall. Deans and other representatives from each of the University’s nine schools and colleges staffed exhibits focusing on their academic programs. These displays served several purposes: to engage and re-engage alumni and to reach out to state employees, lobbyists, politicians and others interested in pursuing degrees or sending their children to the University. Joseph Burt, assistant vice president for alumni relations, also was on hand to help alumni reconnect with their alma mater.

The event also offered a unique opportunity for Seton Hall faculty, staff and administrators to meet alumni who have dedicated themselves to public service.

Notes John J. Matheussen ’75, who at the time was a state senator, “A significant number of alumni serve the public in various elected, appointed and volunteer capacities. Seeing the room filled with these fellow alumni reaffirmed for me the University’s sincere commitment to preparing students to make a difference in their personal and community lives. It made me very proud to be a Pirate.” In February, Governor James E. McGreevey chose Matheussen as chief executive officer of the Delaware River Port Authority and president of the Port Authority Transit Corporation, effective April 1.

— Margaret Horsfield Burt, M.A.

Joining Monsignor Robert Sheenan ’67, University president (seated, center), at Seton Hall’s first Day at the State House were (standing, from left) John J. Matheussen ’75 (R-4th District); Nicholas J. Sacco, M.A. ’73 (D-32nd District); John A. Girgenti ’69 (D-35th District and Democratic whip); Henry P. McNamara ’86 (R-40th District) and (seated, from left), Robert J. Martin, J.D. ’79 (R-26th District) and Bob Smith, J.D. ’81 (D-17th District).

Notes

1. M.B.A. ’94
2. M.T. ’92
3. M.B.A. ’86
4. M.B.A. ’91
5. M.B.A. ’92
6. M.B.A. ’93
7. M.B.A. ’94

**Sister Mary Joseph Schultz, M.A., ’93, of Mendham, was inaugurated as president of Assumption College for Sisters in November 2002. The two-year independent liberal arts college in Mendham, dedicated to sister-formation, is guided by the Sisters of Christian Charity. Before joining the college as an adjunct theology instructor in 1997, Sister Mary taught in several parish schools in Morris County and several Catholic high schools in Pennsylvania. As president, Sister Mary plans to expand the recruitment of students from developing countries and ensure the college’s financial stability.**

**Joseph E. Conroy, Ph.D. ’94, of West Long Branch, was awarded Diplomate status by the American Board of Clinical Neuropsychology. Conroy is a Fellow of the American College of Professional Neuropsychology and is an assistant professor of psychology at Georgian Court College in Lakewood. He also has a private practice in child neuropsychology. Martin J. Dunn, M.A.E. ’94, of Jaffrey, NH, was appointed police chief of the Jaffrey Police Department in June 2002. Dunn is a 28-year veteran of New Jersey law enforcement. He served as the chief of police in Alexandria Township, as a Drug Enforcement Administration agent and as chief of campus security in the Lower Camden County Regional High School District. Wendy J. Lemke, M.A. ’94, of Westfield, joined C.R. Bard Inc., a medical device company, as a communication manager in February. Based in Murray Hill, Lemke manages communication initiatives, such as the employee newsletter and public relations events. Previously, she was a communication manager at Celanese Global Communications in Summit. Sharon J. Zaucha, M.S.N. ’94, of Hasbrouck Heights, was appointed assistant professor of nursing at Bergen Community College in Paramus. Zaucha has more than 20 years of healthcare education experience and was formerly the director of the School of Nursing at Saint Francis Hospital in Jersey City. She also served as a clinical instructor of both maternal child health at Felician College and medical surgical nursing at Fairleigh Dickinson University.

**Evan D. Baker, J.D. ’95, of Hackensack, was named partner of the law offices of Rosemarie Arnold in Fort Lee in January. The firm specializes in personal injury law. Baker was made a partner one year after receiving her certification as a civil trial attorney from the Supreme Court of New Jersey. Michael A. Shadiak ’95/J.D. ’98, of Ledgewood, joined the labor and employment law department of Connell Foley, LLP in Roseland. Previously, Shadiak practiced labor and employment law with Courter, Kobert, Laufer & Cohen in Morristown.**

**Lisa (Figueiredo) Callicchio, M.B.A. ’96, of Rahway, recently joined Johnson & Johnson in its Skillman offices as director of human resources. Callicchio had served as a senior human resources manager at Merck & Company, Inc.**

**Marine Sergeant John J. Doyle ’97, of Saint Petersburg, FL, was called to active duty in support of Operation Enduring Freedom while assigned to 4th Assault Amphibian Battalion, 4th Marine Division, based in Tampa. The 4th Marine Division, the largest ground combat element in the Marine Corps, has approximately 22,000 Marines across 42 states. Caffie J. Risher, M.A. ’97, of West Paterson, was appointed the 2002-03 Minority Scholar by the board of trustees of Passaic County Community College, where she is a professor of communications. Risher also is an adjunct professor at Fairleigh Dickinson University, where she teaches communication and leadership.**

**Jesus Cepero, M.P.A. ’98, of North Bergen, was named assistant vice president of patient services for Newark Beth Israel Medical Center. Cepero oversees medical, surgical, pediatric and psychiatric emergency care services for the center’s department of emergency medicine, which serves over 81,000 patients annually. Cepero was previously the director of patient care services at Capital Health System in Trenton. Ida C. Genova ’98/J.D. ’01, of Union, joined the Roseland office of the law firm of Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin in February. Previously, Genova served as a judicial law clerk for the Honorable Jose L. Fuentes of the Superior Court in Hudson County. Neil V. Mody ’98/J.D. ’01, of Edison, joined the law firm of Parker, McCay & Criscuolo as an associate attorney in the Lawrenceville office. He will concentrate on environmental, land use and commercial litigation in state and federal courts. Mody previously served as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Lawrence Weiss of the Superior Court of New Jersey in Union County.**

**William H. Solomons, M.A.E. ’98, of Somerville, was promoted to detective-sergeant in the Office of the Somerset County Prosecutor in December 2002. He has been a detective with the county since 1990 and has worked on cases in the Sex Crimes/Child Abuse Unit and the Forensics Unit. Brian J. Domerstad, M.B.A. ’99, of Denville, was promoted to controller at Pinnacle Communities Ltd. in Millburn. Domerstad had been the corporate accounting and budget manager.**

**2000s**

**Amy McKee ’00, of Middletown, was named Teacher of the Year at Middletown Middle School in March. McKee, a special education teacher, was recognized for her work with autistic children. Robert Otinski, Ed.D. ’00, of Mount Tabor, was appointed superintendent of the Maywood School District. Otinski had been serving as principal of the Eastlake Elementary School in Parsippany. He has 28 years of experience in education as a teacher, guidance counselor and principal.**

**Lieutenant Henry Borawski, M.A. ’01, of Pearl River, NY, was promoted to his present rank in the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Police Department. Christine A. Lehr, M.B.A. ’01 joined ESP Pharma, Inc. as accounting manager, based in the Edison office. Before joining the firm, she was a senior financial analyst with Baxter Pharmaceutical Products. Prior to that, she was a senior accounting analyst with Pfizer. Kim M. Nazi, M.A. ’01, of Athens, NY, passed the American College of Healthcare Executives Board of Governors Exam, and is now a Certified Healthcare Executive and Diplomate. Nazi is a knowledge management officer at VA Healthcare Network in upstate New York.**

**Paul Cypher, M.A. ’02, of Pittsford, NY, was appointed executive director of the Baltimore Museum of Industry, which focuses on the city and region’s industrial, maritime and labor heritage. Prior to his appointment, he was a vice president for advancement of the Rochester Museum and Science Center. He also oversaw fund-raising for Rochester’s Seneca Park Zoo Society. Christopher Durkin, M.A. ’02, of Maplewood, was appointed by Essex County Executive Joseph DiVincenzo to head the Office of Human Resources. Eric Formichella ’02, of Hackettstown, was promoted from business objects developer to regional infrastructure analyst at Mars Incorporated, based in Mount Olive. Formichella is responsible for the integration of major business software applications for North and South America, as well as supporting the company’s global infrastructure.**

**Stephen Lunanuova, M.S.T. ’02, of Lincolft, was promoted to supervisor at the accounting firm of Amper, Politzner & Mattia in Raritan Township. Lunanuova, a member of the tax department, assists clients with tax planning and compliance. Navy Ensign Gary S. Mizhir ’02, of Wyckoff, was commissioned as a naval officer after completing the United States Naval Officer Candidate School at Naval Aviation Schools Command in Pensacola, FL. During his training, Mizhir received extensive instruction in naval warfare, seamanship, navigation, engineering and naval leadership. Air Force Captain Edwina M. Walton ’02, of Bryan, TX, was assigned to active duty at Osan Air Base in South Korea in November 2002. Walton, also a public affairs chief, was assigned to the 51st Fighter Wing.**

**Marriages**

Marguerite McDonough O’Reilly ’79 to Joseph A. Parillo
Stacey Ongaro ’80 to John D. Cook
Barbara Ann Simeone ’82 to Kenneth Maiése, M.D.
Catherine A. Kuzik ’84 to Luis M. Fernandez
James P. Allen ’87, J.D. to Jennifer E. DeCoursay
Sarah McDonald ’89 to
Memories of the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception

Each year as B.J. Barone ’77 and Lucia (Marano) Barone ’77 celebrate their wedding anniversary, they always take time to reflect on their love for each other. The couple, who celebrated their silver anniversary last year, share many special memories that make their marriage more meaningful as time passes by. And even now, living in Florida more than 1,000 miles away from the Seton Hall University campus, they fondly remember the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception and the important role it has played in their spiritual lives.

Engaged in 1975, Lucia dreamed of having her Nuptial Mass there. “The Chapel of the Immaculate Conception was truly the center of our lives as students at the University,” Lucia shares. Commuting to Seton Hall, both B.J. and Lucia adopted the chapel as a home away from home. Attending daily and weekly Masses, they strengthened their bonds to both the chapel and Seton Hall.

“Mass was especially meaningful because the altar is so close to the pews — you are able to make a real connection with the celebrant. You feel as if the priest is talking directly to you. Mass took on a deeply personal meaning,” B.J. says.

“The spiritual aspect of college was very important to us,” Lucia states proudly, and B.J. agrees. He recalls, “We often spent time in the chapel outside of Mass, thinking, looking at the beautiful stained glass windows — even making important decisions about life through prayer — all while sitting in the pews.” And so, the couple was married in the chapel in 1977. Reverend James Cafone ’61/M.A. ’67, S.T.D., assistant professor of Religious Studies and minister to the Priest Community, celebrated the Nuptial Mass.

For the next eight years, B.J. and Lucia continued attending weekday Mass at the chapel, and as their family grew, they brought their three children — Andrea, Jennifer and Daniel — with them. “Seton Hall remained our parish. We met new friends, kept in touch with old friends and were able to remain close to the wonderful Priest Community,” B.J. recalls. With a smile, Lucia says, “We even met an endless supply of college students who were excellent babysitters.” Working near South Orange, B.J. attended daily Mass for 13 years until the family moved away.

“We have wonderful memories of that gorgeous chapel,” B.J. says.

Several years ago, the couple purchased a watercolor print of the chapel, painted by Edwin Havas, professor emeritus of art. In their Florida home, B.J. says, “We look at it constantly, recalling a beautiful time in our lives when we were blessed to have the Catholic faith lay the groundwork for our future.”

— Margaret Horsfield Burt, M.A. ’02

The Path to Preservation of the Chapel

Twenty-six years after the Barones were married in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception, and 140 years after Bishop James Roosevelt Bayley laid its cornerstone, the chapel is in need of repair. The brownstone used to build the chapel gives it a grand and dignified appearance, but this soft stone is especially susceptible to deterioration from the weather. Sections of the brownstone exterior walls are literally peeling away; in some places the mortar is actually falling off the walls. Additional problems inside the chapel, such as water damage and bulging stained glass windows, deserve attention.

Recognizing the spiritual and historical significance of the chapel, Seton Hall has established the Chapel Renovation Fund. For more information about the fund, or to make a donation, contact Lindsey Radeer, major gifts officer in the Division of University Advancement, (973) 378-9810 or e-mail radeerli@shu.edu

— Margaret Horsfield Burt, M.A. ’02

Joseph J. Gleason Jr.  
Matthew R. Hamilton ’90 to Melanie Mercadante  
Elizabeth R. DeLouise ’91 to Brad Kollus  
William F. Becker ’92 to Kelly Ann Maloney  
Clinton Brooker Factor ’92 to Tracy Ellen Haas  
Marlene Hernandez ’92 to Christopher J. Toomey  
Marie Papageorgis ’92 to Edward Lachanski ’92  
Tena M. Kollasch ’93 to R. Kirt Thomason  
Michael R. Strickland, M.A. ’93 to Gwynnith L. Smith  
Jennifer L. Mahoney ’94 to Rafael L. Lagleve  
Matthew Walter Merz ’94 to Amy Jo King  
Ann Marie Rispoli ’94/M.B.A. ’95 to Joseph Zino  
Jacqueline M. Bartley, J.D. ’95 to Joseph W. Oxley  
Michelle Ann Marie Creed ’95 to Brent Buckley Bodick  
Jennifer Mackessy ’95 to Douglas Rutherford  
Patricia Ann Sisto ’95 to Joseph Nicholas Altobello  
William Robert Weeks ’95 to Heather Jane Young  
Kevin Kurtz ’96/M.B.A. ’00 to Kathleen Convenio  
Joan M. Bosio ’97 to Thomas Vander Valk  
John M. Burke, J.D. ’97 to Jennifer Smith  
Craig S. Demareski, J.D. ’97 to Christine E. Seling  
Kathleen Ann Gaughran ’97 to Todd Michael Seelig  
Dawn E. Knapp ’97 to Christopher L. Smith  
Melissa Lewis ’97 to Sean Finnegan  
Neal Francis Dalton ’98 to Sharon Ann McLarney  
Doretta A. Leonards ’98 to Ernest Alexander  

Twenty-six years ago, Lucia (Marano) Barone ’77 and B.J. Barone ’77 exchanged their wedding vows in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception.
Molly Delia McDevitt, J.D. ’98 to Ricardo Angeles Torres
Faith D. O’Leary ‘98 to Kevin Delaney
Colleen Coulter, M.A. ’99 to Michael Gabauer
Marisa C. Grutt ‘99 to Gino Bianco
Andrea Nicole Howard ‘99 to Rodney William Raeford
Gemma Pirelli ‘99 to Ronald Kirtland Jr.
Matthew Reiner ‘99 to Theresa Stockman
Nicole A. Ultimo ‘99 to Geovanny Olaya
Joseph J. Whitehead ’99 to Victoria Mico
Linda Baldassari ’00 to Paul Carfi
Kelly H. Bremigen ’00 to Adam L. Ostrander
Philip Casey Jr. ’00 to Ingrid L. Bayona
Nicole M. Romano ’00 to Matthew J. Stevenson ’97
Margaret M. Savner ’00 to Richard DiLollo ’01
Jennifer Lynn Harwood, J.D. ’01 to Stephen Raymond Haine
Donna L. Jeskey, M.S.N. ’01 to Christopher P. Lowry
Nicole Joy Pantzitta, J.D. ’01 to Robert M. Masella
Ashley Remmey, J.D. ’01 to Thomas McEnroe ’93/M.B.A. ’00
Kirk J. Baxter ’02 to Heather C. Moran
Melanie R. Cushman, M.B.A. ’02 to Sergio Negrin
Steven J. Fontozzi, M.B.A. ’02 to Sharon Ellen Scott
Allison Lorraine Henry ’02 to Barry Scott Fullman
Cheryl S. Korman, M.S.T. ’02 to Geoffrey A. Krenkel

Births

Michael B. Zerres ’84 and Jennifer, a son, Connor Michael, September 24, 2002
Manny J. Arencibia ’85 and Sophia, a son, Joshua Alexander, July 18, 2002
Barbara (Rico) Kallas ’85 and Glen Kallas ’85, a daughter, Alexa Grace, February 12, 2003
Renee Stapleton-Ciszewski ’85 and Edward Ciszewski, a son, John William, December 3, 2002
Robert Birmingham ’86 and Patty, a daughter, Mary Cait, October 29, 2002
Lisa M. Longo ’86/M.Ed. ’92 and Stan, a son, Dean Michael, November 20, 2002
Frank P. Benedetto ’88/M.P.A. ’94 and Stacey, a son, Jack Philip, August 19, 2002
Robert J. Curth ’88 and Laura, a son, Evan William, December 10, 2002
Wendy (Lesnieski) Denmead ’89 and Edward, a daughter, Morgan Elaine, October 20, 2002
Eileen M. Hurley ’89 and John Clifford, a son, Jack Clifford, September 24, 2002
Christine Kurtz-Sanpiero ’89/M.S.N. ’97 and Mark, a daughter, Caroline Margaret, November 1, 2002
Catherine (Leithead) DeNovellis ’90/M.B.A. ’96 and Bryan DeNovellis ’92, a daughter, Emmi Catherine, December 30, 2002
Jacqueline Beck DeMarrais ’91 and John, a daughter, Riley Elisabeth, July 11, 2002
Carrie (Mueller) Falc ’91/M.A.E. ’94 and Dennis M. Falc ’90, a son, Devin Walter, September 10, 2002
Barbara (Mullins) Rudnick ’91 and Russell, a son, Ryan Thomas, July 9, 2002
Eleanor R. (Czysz) Sico ’91 and Steven J. Sico ’92, a son, Thomas Joseph, October 24, 2002
Renee (Jastrzab) Granato ’92 and John, a son, Logan Anthony, January 22, 2003
Christopher J. Kali ’92/M.B.A. and Donna, a daughter, Patrice Marie, August 5, 2002
Susan Kerwin ’92/M.S. ’98 and Mark Kerwin ’90, a daughter, Shannon Mary, October 13, 2002
Clare (Ennis) Murphy ’92 and Michael J. Murphy ’93, a son, Michael Jr., November 7, 2002
JoEllyn (Perry) Powell ’92 and Nickolas A. Powell ’93, a son, Nickolas Vanel, August 15, 2002
Melanie (Jones) Chambers ’93 and Charles E. Chambers ’94, a son, Steven Charles, August 18, 2002
Joanne P. Martino-Shafer ’93 and Matthew T. Shafer ’93, a daughter, Julia Patricia, September 12, 2002
Robert C. Duncheskie ’94 and Liane, a son, Jack Burton, October 11, 2002
Elizabeth A. Long, J.D. ’94 and Carl Guidry, a son, Aidan Christopher, July 17, 2002
Gina Friel (Lancellotti) Capodanno ’95 and Gabe, a daughter, Kate Friel, October 7, 2002
Karim Cindrich-Annunziato ’95 and John Annunziato, Jr., a son, John III, December 22, 2002
Michael P. Finnen ’95 and Joanne, a son, Michael Patrick, April 2, 2002
Erin Nagle ’95/M.A. ’97 and Matthew P. Nagle ’96, a son, Kieran Brennan, January 9, 2003
Karen (Inciotto) Grove ’96/M.A.E. ’01 and Christopher, a daughter, Abigail Mackenzie, July 4, 2002
Melissa Naddeo-Nazzaro ’96/M.A.E. ’03 and Mark Nazzaro ’98, a daughter, Megan Taylor, November 15, 2002
Arous Asdourian-Iskahanian ’98 and Haroud Iskahanian, a daughter, Lianna, October 1, 2002

In Memoriam

John A. Ott ’30
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Charles J. Reilly ’36
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John H. Young ’41
George R. Bonscher ’42
John A. Crofey ’42
Monsignor John R. Ryan ’43/M.Div. ’46
John J. Simons ’43
Reverend Mark Conroy, M.A.E. ’46
Frederick William Gannon ’47
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Memorial Tributes

John A. “Jack” Paterson, D.D.S., dean emeritus of the School of Graduate Medical Education whose dedication and vision moved the School forward during his 10 years of service, died on December 1, 2002. Paterson, 69, served as dean before he officially assumed the deanship on February 1, 1992.

Prior to joining Seton Hall, Paterson was senior vice president for medical affairs at Saint Joseph’s Hospital and Medical Center in Paterson. In addition to his active surgical practice, he also held appointments at Fairleigh Dickinson University School of Dentistry and Saint George’s University School of Medicine. Author and co-author of more than 20 journal articles and books in his field, Paterson was pursuing a doctoral degree in health sciences at the time of his death. His beloved wife, Lois, and his children, Jack and Gina, survive him. Sadly, the day Paterson was appointed dean in 1992, his wife delivered their son Michael Anthony, who died at birth.

In honor of Paterson’s lifetime achievements and commitment to students, the School of Graduate Medical Education has established a scholarship in his name. Contributions may be sent to:

The John A. “Jack” Paterson Memorial Scholarship  
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Patricia Lisanti, M.A.E. ’98, a beloved member of the University family, died on January 13. Lisanti was assistant director of the Executive Ed.D. Program in the Department of Education Leadership, Management and Policy, College of Education and Human Services. During her nearly 11 years at the University, Lisanti considered Seton Hall her family in a special way. With kindness and gentleness, and an ever-present willingness to help others, Lisanti became a treasured colleague and a reliable friend to so many in the Seton Hall community.

She is survived by her mother, Gerry; a sister, Theresa Bonagura; a brother-in-law, Nicholas Bonagura; two nephews; and a niece.

In her memory, the College of Education and Human Services has established the Pat Lisanti Scholarship to benefit students in the Executive Ed.D. Program. Contributions may be sent to:

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Gilbert L. Mattos, Ph.D., chair of the Department of Asian Studies at Seton Hall, died on December 13, 2002, at the age of 63. A highly recognized scholar focused on ancient China and Chinese writing, Mattos also served as director of the Chinese language program at Seton Hall. His many years with the University were dedicated to raising the awareness of Asian studies among students.

Mattos came to Seton Hall in 1990 with a background in government, business and higher education. He earned a Ph.D. in Chinese language and literature from the University of Washington, and then applied himself to reinventing the Chinese language program in the College of Arts and Sciences. “He is missed not only by his department, but by that whole field of study,” says Deborah Brown, Ph.D., assistant professor of Asian Studies.

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When Margaret M. Horsfield Burt, M.A. ’02, Seton Hall University’s director of development communications, set out to write a feature story remembering Richard J. “Richie” Regan ’53/M.A. ’67, she received an overwhelming response from his family, former teammates, colleagues and friends. All of them wanted to share their stories about this memorable man. And while we’ve included many of these remembrances and anecdotes within the feature article (see page 14), there are many more to share — recollections that demonstrate Richie’s selflessness and dedication to serving Seton Hall and its community for more than 50 years. So in lieu of our traditional Endpaper, we’ve dedicated this space to pay further tribute to an alumnus and colleague of whom we are most proud — and a cherished friend we will always remember.

— Carol Stavraka, editor-in-chief

“I can think of no one person in Seton Hall’s history who has been so completely associated with the University his whole life, from the time he was a freshman until the day he died. He was Mr. Seton Hall, as no one else has ever been.”

— Monsignor Robert Sheeran ’67, University president

“Dad never bragged about his days as a basketball player. If you wanted to hear about how talented he was, you had to ask someone else.”

— Matthew Regan ’86, son

“I was a young man growing up in Columbus, Ohio, in the mid-1960s when I first met Richie. My mother was raising me alone and I didn’t have many options. But Richie saw something in me, and he just wouldn’t quit. He insisted that I come play for him at Seton Hall, and I did! I am extremely grateful to him for his positive influence in my life.”

— Charles P. Mitchel ’66/M.A. ’70, Ed.D., chair and associate professor of Seton Hall’s Department of Educational Leadership, Management and Policy

“Aside from being my teammate, Richie was a lifelong friend and a brother. I never had a brother. Richie was my brother.”

— Arnold “Arnie” Ring ’55, former teammate and loyal friend

“Go Pirates!”

— Richard J. “Richie” Regan ’53/M.A. ’67

Seton Hall bestowed one of its highest honors on Richie when it retired the number 12 that he wore on his basketball jersey. In 2000, Richie granted permission for point guard Andre Barrett to wear his number. “To wear his number means more and more to me. He was a great player and he didn’t have to give me his number. I am just trying to keep his tradition going.”

— Andre Barrett, senior and men’s basketball point guard

“As the son of Seton Hall alumni, I was raised in a home that valued and revered Richie Regan. Richie was an icon — a symbol of Pirate basketball and athletics. His love of family, faith and all things Seton Hall made him an institution in New Jersey. Richie’s passing is the end of an era for Seton Hall and New Jersey. Yet, he is the stuff of legends. His name, his contribution and his Irish sparkle will forever reside in our hearts.”

— James E. McGreevey, New Jersey governor

“One of the most important lessons I learned from my dad was respect. He treated each person the same. He saw everyone as a friend or potential friend.”

— Marybeth Regan ’81, daughter

“Richie was unique — not different — unique. His passion for the Pirates and his extreme loyalty to his alma mater were unparalleled. He was a friend to all. Those he touched and those who touched him valued that friendship. And, it was in his family that he found his greatest happiness. He leaves behind countless accomplishments. He also leaves behind many friends, and I am proud to be one of them.”

— Kenneth Kunzman, counsel to Seton Hall’s Board of Regents and dedicated friend of 35 years. He eulogized Richie at the funeral on December 28, 2002.

“When I suffered a stroke in November 2002, Richie called me constantly, just to see if I needed anything. His support meant the world to me.”

— John Keller ’57, childhood friend
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