Unwrapping the University's New Look
SNAPSHOTS

In the Spotlight at Seton Hall

At commencement, Monsignor Robert Sheeran ’67, University president, awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree to Ray Chambers, M.B.A. ’68, a native of Newark. An exceptionally generous supporter of countless efforts on behalf of disadvantaged young people, Chambers quietly has given significant financial resources and time in the past 10 years to revitalizing Newark and creating innovative ways to help the nation’s youth. More than 1,700 undergraduates and graduates received degrees at the May 24 ceremony at the Continental Airlines Arena in East Rutherford.

Senator Bob Dole greeted Joseph M. and Geraldine C. La Motta at the 14th annual “Many Are One” Alumni Awards Gala, celebrated on April 10, to honor the distinguished service and dedication of Seton Hall alumni. A 1954 graduate of the University, Joseph La Motta was honored as 1999 Most Distinguished Alumnus. “Many Are One” raised more than $20,000 for the Alumni Association Endowed Scholarship Fund.

Mary Flake Flores, wife of President Carlos Roberto Flores of Honduras, the country most devastated by Hurricane Mitch last November, received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from the University for her tireless dedication to the people and the future of Honduras.

Seton Hall became the first university in the nation to bestow an honorary degree on Archbishop Gabriel Montalvo (second from left), who this past year was appointed by Pope John Paul II as Apostolic Nuncio (ambassador) to the United States. On hand for the presentation in June were Monsignor Robert Sheeran ’67, University president; Most Reverend Theodore E. McCarrick, Archbishop of Newark; and Very Reverend Thomas R. Peterson, O.P., University chancellor. Accepting the honorary degree, Archbishop Montalvo, who represents the Holy Father to both the Catholic Church and the civil government in the United States, called Seton Hall “my university.”

Paul Nelson accepted an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree on behalf of his wife, Rosemary, an internationally renowned civil rights lawyer who was killed on March 15 when a bomb exploded under her car in Northern Ireland. The University’s honorary degree recognizes her courage in the face of adversity and her relentless pursuit of justice.
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Former ambassador named dean of School of Diplomacy

Citing experience in world affairs and commitment to international understanding, Mark W. Rocha, Ph.D., University provost, named former ambassador to Luxembourg Clay Constantinou, J.D. ’81, L.L.M., dean of Seton Hall University’s School of Diplomacy and International Relations. The appointment of Constantinou completes an international search that took more than a year.

“Ambassador Constantinou is exactly the type of leader we had hoped to bring to Seton Hall to guide the School of Diplomacy and International Relations,” Rocha says. “He brings an unprecedented mix of diplomatic, legal and business expertise to the University. His commitment to lead the School fulfills the ambitious plan that began with its creation in 1997. In addition, we are pleased to bring one of our own, a Seton Hall graduate, to campus in such a pivotal position.”

Constantinou, who became dean on May 1, served as U.S. ambassador to the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg from September 1994 to January 1999. As chief of mission, he was the principal advocate of U.S. diplomatic interests, both bilateral and multilateral, in Luxembourg. He also was responsible for promoting American economic and commercial interests, enhancing the U.S.-Luxembourg defense relationship, and protecting and assisting Americans in Luxembourg and the immediate region.

Constantinou has a B.A. in Political Science from Jersey City State College (now New Jersey City University), from which he received the Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1991. He holds a J.D. from Seton Hall Law and an L.L.M. from New York University’s Graduate School of Law.

At Seton Hall Law, he served as student director of the on-campus Legal Services Clinic and as managing editor of the School’s Legislative Journal. He was named Seton Hall Law’s Distinguished Alumnus of the Year in 1997.

Hobbs becomes dean of the School of Law

After a seven-month national search, Patrick E. Hobbs ’82, J.D., L.L.M. was appointed dean of Seton Hall University’s School of Law. A faculty member at Seton Hall for nearly 10 years, Hobbs has served as the School’s associate dean for finance since 1995. He assumed the deanship on July 1.

Hobbs earned a B.S. in Accounting from Seton Hall before attending law school at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he received his J.D. in 1985. He also holds an L.L.M. degree in taxation from New York University School of Law.

Hobbs practiced law in Morristown, New Jersey, with the law firm of Shanley & Fisher, P.C. before joining the Seton Hall Law faculty in 1990. He has taught courses in law and literature, taxation, corporate tax and business planning. Hobbs was promoted to associate professor in 1993 and full professor in 1996. Named professor of the year by Seton Hall’s Student Bar Association in 1992, he also received Seton Hall’s Faculty Excellence Award for teaching excellence (1996) and was recognized with a top rating in the New Jersey Law Journal’s faculty survey.

As associate dean for finance, Hobbs was responsible for all phases of budgetary planning and fiscal oversight for the School of Law’s annual budget of $22 million.

According to Mark W. Rocha, Ph.D., University provost, Hobbs clearly possesses attributes needed to lead the Law School. “Pat’s background and experience meet all of the needs most critical to the Law School’s success,” Rocha says. “I believe he is the right dean, at the right time, to take Seton Hall School of Law to the top.”

Hobbs succeeds Ronald J. Riccio ’68/J.D. ’71, who resigned as dean after 11 years in that post.

Shay appointed dean of CEHS

Mark W. Rocha, Ph.D., University provost, in July named Mel J. Shay, Ed.D., dean of the College of Education and Human Services (CEHS). Shay has been acting dean since January 1999. He previously served as associate dean.

As academic leader of CEHS, Shay is responsible for the College’s budget development and management, faculty recruitment and development, external affairs, grants and funding activities. While associate dean, a post he held for four-and-a-half years, Shay was responsible for oversight of three departments: Educational Studies, Educational Administration, and Professional Psychology and Family Therapy. He monitored course scheduling, staffing, program and course assessment, and evaluation of programs in accordance with certification and accreditation standards.

Under Shay’s leadership, CEHS inaugurated a new master’s degree in human resource training and development and an Executive Ed.D. doctoral program for...
K-12 school administrators. He obtained federal and other grants for the Principal’s Leadership Institute and Goals 2000. He also was instrumental in organizing the Neo-Catechumenate B.A. in Education/M.A. in Theology program, offered in collaboration with Seton Hall’s Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology. In addition, he currently is working with CEHS faculty in pursuing the accreditation candidacy for several academic programs.

Shay has an Ed.D. in Educational Administration and Economics of Education from Teachers College, Columbia University. He also holds an Ed.S. certificate in Educational Administration from the University of Wisconsin. At St. Cloud State College, he earned an M.S. in Educational Administration and a B.S. in English/Social Science.

An active member of the Seton Hall community, Shay serves on numerous committees, including as chair of the University Distance Education Committee and as a member of the Virtual University Task Force, the Provost Search Committee and the University Image Task Force. He is a member of the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, Phi Delta Kappa and the American Association of School Administrators.

Beeker retires as nursing dean

A leadership change is in the air for the College of Nursing after its dean, Barbara Beeker, Ed.D., retired in July.

Beeker had served as dean of the College of Nursing since September 1987. “It was a great privilege to serve as dean of the College of Nursing,” she says. “With our excellent programs, fine faculty and students, and well-regarded alumni, the College of Nursing will continue to maintain its tradition of excellence.”

Among her proudest achievements as dean are the College of Nursing’s recent reaccreditation by the National League for Nursing Accreditation Commission and the College’s successful accreditation application to the newly established Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. Beeker also cites success in securing new funding to support student scholarships and renovating a computer laboratory to create a technologically advanced environment to enhance student learning, as well as faculty teaching and research. According to U.S. News & World Report, the College of Nursing is one of only two nationally ranked nursing schools in New Jersey.

During her tenure as dean, Beeker served as president of the New Jersey Association of Baccalaureate and Higher Degree Programs, as an advisory board member for Nursing Spectrum, and as a board of review member and accreditation visitor for the National League for Nursing. She also was appointed Seton Hall representative to the Board of Cathedral Health Services and chairperson of its Quality Care Committee and Board of Trustees. At the New Jersey Hospital Association, she was a member of the Board of Trustees, the Health Research and Educational Trust, and the Council on Hospital Governance.

Beeker has an M.Ed. and an Ed.D. from Teachers College, Columbia University; a B.S. from Hunter College of the City University of New York; and a diploma from St. Vincent Hospital’s School of Nursing.

Phyllis Shanley Hansell, Ed.D., will serve as acting dean for the college. Hansell has a Diploma in Nursing from the Mount Sinai School of Nursing, a B.S.N. in Nursing from Fairleigh Dickinson University, and an Ed.M. and an Ed.D. in Maternal-Child Nursing and Curriculum and Instruction from Columbia University. She has been a professor at the College of Nursing since 1975, and has served as chair of the Department of Graduate Nursing since 1996.

Welcome to the nation’s most “wired” Catholic university

Seton Hall burst on to Yahoo! Internet Life’s “America’s Most Wired Colleges” survey, with a ranking of Number 16. The survey, released in the May 1999 issue, places Seton Hall as the number one “wired” Catholic university in the nation.

The ranking was based on areas such as hardware, academics and free services. The University’s technology partnership with IBM, the Mobile Computing Program, financial investment in computers and network equipment, and major infrastructure improvements were factors cited in Seton Hall’s dramatic entry into the survey at Number 16.

“Technology is an important learning tool and a basic core competency,” says Dennis J. Garbini ’72/M.B.A. ’77, vice president for technology at Seton Hall.
“Through the use of technology we are reaching out to students to be proficient in many different fields and in countless disciplines. We are preparing them to be leaders in the world today and tomorrow.”

The survey ranking recognizes the University’s intensive effort over the past three years to upgrade the campus network. The effort began in 1996 with the wiring of the residence halls, continued in 1997 and 1998 with the upgrade to the campus network backbone and servers, and now is culminating with the improved Web delivery of information services. As a result of the partnership with IBM, the University issues IBM ThinkPad® notebook computers to all incoming freshmen, and mobile computing is integrated into the curriculum design, providing students with 24-hour online access to study notes, chat sessions, study groups and library materials.

“Seton Hall University is a community of scholars,” says Stephen G. Landry, Ph.D., chief information officer at Seton Hall. “Mobile computing is designed to break down the barriers of space and time and enable all students to participate in our community and ensure that all students have the access to information and resources that will allow them to achieve high standards of performance.”

Seton Hall hosts
“Equality Agenda: Northern Ireland in 2000”

Top Catholic and Protestant officials met on neutral ground at Seton Hall University in March to discuss the implementation of the historic Good Friday Peace Agreement in Northern Ireland.

The conference, “Equality Agenda: Northern Ireland in 2000,” was hosted by Seton Hall’s School of Diplomacy and International Relations, in conjunction with Columbia University’s School of International and Public Affairs and New York City Comptroller Alan Hevesi. The conference highlighted the issues of equality in Northern Ireland and the promise of last year’s Good Friday Peace Agreement.

The inaugural program in the School of Diplomacy and International Relations’ “Peacemaking for the New Millennium” series, the conference took place a year to the day after Gerry Adams, Sinn Féin president, spoke at Seton Hall. The peacemaking series was established to provide a neutral academic forum for understanding, debating and developing policy on issues relating to the establishment and preservation of peace throughout the world.

The 1998 peace agreement implements a power-sharing government that leaves Northern Ireland under British rule, but links the province to an all-Ireland council. The new government, however, is entangled in a dispute over the disarmament of the Irish Republican Army.

The “Equality Agenda” program brought together representatives from Sinn Féin, the British Labour Party, the Progressive Unionist Party, the Social Democratic and Labor Party, the nonprofit sector and academe. Participants discussed the critical issues confronting Northern Ireland in its efforts to implement the agreement.

The two-day conference dealt with cultural, economic, legal and political equality issues in Northern Ireland, with special emphasis on the commitments made in the peace agreement. One panel discussed the role of government and the private sector in promoting economic equality.

Conference participants included:

- Seamus Mallon, a Catholic politician and member of the Social Democratic and Labour Party who has been named Northern Ireland’s designate deputy first minister;
- Nobel laureate David Trimble, leader of the Ulster Unionist Party and Northern Ireland’s first minister designate;
- Kevin McNamara, member of the British Parliament from the Labour Party;
- Sir Robert Cooper, chairman of the Fair Employment Commission; and
- Mike Tomlinson of Queens University in Belfast.

Program Round-Up

Audiology doctorate offers clinical and research opportunities

Seton Hall University’s School of Graduate Medical Education now offers the only Doctor of Science (Sc.D.) in Audiology degree in New Jersey.

Currently in its first semester, the 138-credit, four-year program includes broad-based academic courses and clinical practica in audiology. It enables students to develop the skills needed to provide assessment and intervention to individuals with hearing problems. The program also offers post-professional opportunities on a full- and part-time basis.

According to Brian B. Shulman, Ph.D., professor and chair of the Department of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, the program combines state-of-the-art academic, clinical and research opportunities through affiliation with prestigious clinical sites and research laboratories.

Inez McCormack, vice president of the Irish Conference of Trade Unions and one of the creators of the MacBride Principles, and Alex Atwood, member of the Northern Ireland Assembly (Social Democratic and Labour Party), at the “Equality Agenda” conference.
“With the implementation of the Sc.D. in Audiology, Seton Hall’s School of Graduate Medical Education will serve as a leader in the development of clinical, professional doctoral education programs in New Jersey and throughout the nation,” Shulman says.

The new program addresses changes being made by the American Speech-Language Hearing Association, the credentialing agency for the audiology and speech-language pathology profession. The new regulations, when they go into effect, will require a doctoral degree as the minimum entry-level education for audiologists.

For more information, call (973) 761-7145.

Work-Life Ministry is first program of its kind

Seton Hall’s Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology now offers a certificate in Work-Life Ministry. The first certificate program of its kind in the nation, this educational and formational program prepares work-life ministers to develop diocesan and parish programs that help Christians make critical work-related decisions in light of their faith.

The program includes an investigation of the complex and rapidly shifting realities of the workplace and a presentation of the significant theological explanations of work that are offered by the Catholic Christian tradition. The program also offers an analysis of the social teaching of the Church as it relates to justice on the job and transformation of the workplace; a study of the dynamics of contemporary spirituality; and training in the basic pastoral dynamics of small-group management.

For more information, call (973) 761-9310 or (973) 761-9633.

CEHS goes online with four new graduate programs

SetonWorldWide has expanded its offerings to include four new online Master of Arts programs offered through the College of Education and Human Services (CEHS).

The four graduate programs that began this fall are educational administration and supervision for K-12; educational administration and supervision for Catholic school leadership; New Jersey State Police Graduate Studies; and counselor preparation.

Online programs share the same philosophy as the equivalent CEHS resident programs. All focus on four central pillars: academic rigor, practical application, technology and ethical standards. Through case study and other interactive methods, students are exposed to potential situations and concerns that challenge today’s educational leaders.

“Most distance learning students are already established lifelong learners,” says Charles P. Mitchell ’66, Ed.D., chair of CEHS’s Department of Educational Administration and Supervision. “We expect prospective distance learning students to bring appropriate professional experiences and the requisite motivation to complete a degree program using primarily online delivery methods.”

The M.A. in Educational Administration and Supervision with a focus on Catholic school leadership is today’s expression of the University’s nearly 150-year-old commitment to meeting the needs of Catholic education. This degree, for Catholic school educators and administrators, is offered in collaboration between CEHS and the Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology.

Courses draw upon both the secular field of educational leadership as well as the Catholic educational and spiritual tradition. “In addition to providing solid academic preparation, the program highlights the importance of ethical standards and strength of character,” says Reverend Kevin M. Hanbury ’68, M.Div. ’75/Ed.S. ’79/Ed.D. ’85, associate dean of CEHS and director of the program.

The M.A. in Educational Administration and Supervision for K-12 prepares students for careers as school administrators, supervisors, and business administrators in elementary and secondary schools.

“Our mission is to provide students with an extensive preparation in educational administration, covering a myriad of academics, skills and techniques,” Mitchell says. This concentration can lead to supervisor certification with the New Jersey State Department of Education. Course work may be applied toward similar certification in other states. With prior approval, principal’s certification also may be built into this degree program, with the addition of an internship required by most states.

The curriculum and instruction reflect the latest research and applications of effective educational administration and supervision.

The New Jersey State Police Graduate Studies Program is designed primarily for members of the New Jersey and New York law enforcement community, according to Reverend Christopher J. Hynes, M.A. ’85, Ed.S. ’86/M.Div. ’92, D.Min., director of the program. “The program works to help students strengthen their professional knowledge and skills and to increase their capacity for leadership in their respective federal, state, county and municipal law enforcement settings,” he says.

The Master of Education in Counselor Preparation provides the necessary experiential and content-based learning experiences to train individuals to work in their communities — locally, nationally and globally. Dialogues concerning ethics, values, spirituality and religion, technology and cultural variables are among the issues to be studied. Supervised training is an essential component for the development of a core competency of skills.

“Counseling professionals will play a vital role in the 21st century as catalysts and facilitators for change and growth in the capacity to think, feel and act in constructive, holistic ways,” according to Delores Thompson, J.D., director of the Counselor Preparation Program in CEHS’s Department of Professional Psychology and Family Therapy.

For more information on CEHS online offerings, call 1-888-SETONWW, visit the Web site at www.setonworldwide.net or e-mail setonworldwide@shu.edu

Science is fun for future teachers at Liberty Science Center

Twenty-one Seton Hall teachers-in-training spent their summer vacations as interns at Liberty Science
Center in Jersey City, New Jersey. The nonprofit center is devoted to informal science and technology education through interactive exploration. Debra Zinicola, M.A., assistant professor of science education in the College of Education and Human Services, created the program in 1998 as a field experience for her Topics in Science class. “The program helps our pre-service teachers build their science foundations while practicing their teaching skills with diverse populations — school groups, tourists, families, summer camps — in an environment that is an extension of the classroom,” Zinicola says.

Missy Warcholik ’99, an intern in summer 1998, says the experience sharpened her communication and teaching skills. “In education, you have to present material in a way that keeps students interested and asking questions,” she says. “Liberty Science Center is all about grabbing its guests’ attention and answering questions.”

Karen Peduto ’99, another intern, observes, “There is such a diverse gathering of children at Liberty Science Center that you become comfortable with different ages, learning styles and teaching techniques.”

Adds Rosemary Wright ’99, “By incorporating the hands-on, scientific activities that Liberty Science Center has to offer, we can make science fun and exciting for our students.”

The interns also joined educators from throughout New Jersey at the center’s teacher training workshops in science education. “At Seton Hall,” Zinicola says, “we encourage our students to become lifelong learners and teachers in the context of real-life experiences, not only in buildings called schools.”

Campus Ministry makes pilgrimage to Lourdes

Through the American Special Children’s Pilgrimage Group, several members of the Seton Hall community recently accompanied nine children with special needs on a pilgrimage to the Grotto in Lourdes, France. As part of the sole American contingent to make the journey, Reverend William P. Sheridan ’85, M.Div. ’89/M.A. ’94, associate director of Campus Ministry and spiritual director for the College Seminary, and five undergraduate students represented Seton Hall, the only American university to participate in the event.

They joined 24 other Americans and the Handicapped Children’s Trust in assisting children with special needs to make the trip. The trust’s 6,000 volunteers are from England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. Lourdes has been known as a place of Divine Intervention since 1858, when apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to Bernadette Soubirous (who became St. Bernadette). The children traveled there not to be healed of their ailments, but to seek spiritual renewal and strengthening.

“This was the first time many of these children were away from home and their parents, and the first time they’ve been given the opportunity to socialize with others who have similar needs,” Father Sheridan explains. “The children conduct their lives with such courage, perseverance and joy — traveling with them gave a whole new meaning to the pilgrimage.”

The group began the journey to help the children, but returned with the feeling that it was the children who had helped them, according to sophomore Rick DiLollo. “I went on the trip expecting to give of myself, but I came back with a new, positive outlook on life.”

Junior Catherine Sigworth added, “Initially, I thought the trip would be for the children’s benefit, but I realize that it has been a personal education for me in what it means to truly have faith.”
To whom much is given…

Community service has been a part of Joseph Hernandez’s life for as long as he can remember. “As early as third grade, I was serving Mass at my home parish in Paterson [New Jersey],” says Hernandez, a senior honors student majoring in philosophy at Seton Hall University. “I don’t know what compelled me to do it — I wasn’t expected to or forced to, but I enjoyed it.

“In eighth grade, I remember sitting down with some friends and the pastor of my church, trying to figure out how to get a youth group going. And by the time I was in high school, community service, either through my high school or youth group, was a big part of my life.”

His service to the community has continued at Seton Hall. A Martin Luther King Jr. Scholar, Hernandez dedicates much of his time to helping others. A resident assistant, he also serves as a member of the Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Association; Adelante/Caribe (Seton Hall’s Latino/Latina student organization); and Dove (the Division of Volunteer Efforts).

“My resident assistant position keeps me very busy because I spend so much time putting together educational and service-oriented programs for the residents who live in my hall,” Hernandez says.

Senior Joseph Hernandez has been honored for his human relations advocacy. During the Spring Semester, he pursued his interest in international relations by studying abroad. Here he is pictured in Paris, with the Cathedral of Notre Dame in the background.

Last October, Hernandez and a fellow RA planned a program to feed some of the homeless in New York City. “We weren’t sure if we would be allowed to sponsor such a program because of the potential risks, and we weren’t even sure if students would be interested in giving up a Friday night to do something for someone else,” he says.

After being given the go-ahead for the program, he and 10 students ventured into New York City to hand out “boxed lunches” to the homeless. “The experience was phenomenal,” he remembers. “It spoke to the fact that students at Seton Hall really are interested in doing good things for others.”

Hernandez’s commitment to service has not gone unrecognized by his peers or the University. He recently was awarded a citation by Seton Hall’s Human Relations Council. The citation is given twice each academic year to members of the University community whose actions and presence contribute to building a positive sense of community at Seton Hall and help to make the University a better place to study, work and live.

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Recognized as an advocate for positive human relations on campus, Hernandez was honored for implementing purposeful programs, including visiting houses of worship, feeding the homeless and organizing a relief fund for those who suffered as a result of Hurricane Georges in Puerto Rico.

“The Human Relations Citation means a lot to me, mostly because I was recognized for doing things I enjoy,” he says. “I never imagined that anyone was really taking note — perhaps my supervisors — but not anyone else. I guess I was wrong.

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— Joseph Hernandez

professor of philosophy at Seton Hall, the program was a perfect fit for Hernandez. “I know him to be a person dedicated to international issues and human rights,” she says.

It was, in fact, Stark who convinced Hernandez to study abroad. He notes, “I’ve always been interested in anything and everything international. When I found the program through SIT, I knew I had to take advantage of the opportunity. It really was under Dr. Stark’s advisement that I made my way over to the international programs office.”

Hernandez also applied to a program through the Washington International Studies Council, where he would have studied at Oxford University in England. He was accepted to the program, but felt that the experience in Switzerland would expose him to more since it is based in Geneva — the center for many international organizations.

“I considered this opportunity a chance to break away from ‘business as usual,’ ” he says. “It’s easy to stay where you are comfortable, but it’s beneficial and more fun to venture off, get out of your comfort zone and experience new things, in new places, in new ways.”

It is important to Hernandez to return to the Seton Hall community and show how beneficial study abroad programs are to the college experience. “The different experiences and opportunities create new ideas and ways to see the world in relation to one’s studies,” he says. “I’m proud to be part of the Seton Hall community — we are doing wonderful and meaningful things here — I want other students to be able to take advantage of the many positive things that are available.”

Up close and “personal” with Joel Friedman

M ore than two decades after he began collaborating on a musical theater production in college, Joel Phillip Friedman, M.M., D.M.A., assistant professor of music, is celebrating the most recent accomplishment of “Personals.” In March, Jay Records released the original London cast recording of the production, and it is now available at music outlets throughout the world and at online distributors such as Amazon.com and CDConnection.

“Personals” is a cross between a traditional musical and a revue (a series of brief, loosely connected, satirical skits, songs and dances), according to Friedman. The show examines the singles scene and the challenges of modern relationships. “The show isn’t just about personal ads,” he explains. “Ultimately, it’s about meeting people and the relationships that develop.”

“Personals” began as a production at Brandeis University in the late 1970s. Four of the writers for the show, including Friedman’s brother, Seth, were from Brandeis. “I was the lone dissenter, a student from Boston University, where I was majoring in music. The four felt there weren’t enough stage roles available at Brandeis and decided to write one for themselves. My brother asked if I would help compose music for the piece,” Friedman explains.

“When we began talking about writing the show, personal ads were still kind of novel, and it struck all of us — what a wonderful, odd, funny, desperate, interesting way to try to meet people,” he continues. “We read pages and pages of ads from a variety of papers and magazines from all over the U.S., from the Village Voice to the New York Review of Books.”
The original production of “Personals” garnered awards from the American College Theatre Festival and the New England Theatre Communications Group, and was performed at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. In 1985, a group of producers decided to bring "Personals" to an off-Broadway theater, and Paul Lazarus was hired to direct the show. Lazarus has directed episodes of “Melrose Place,” “Beverly Hills 90210,” “Friends” and “Everybody Loves Raymond.”

“When we came to New York, we needed to add different styles to the show to enhance its revue-like feel and fluidity,” Friedman says. “By the time ‘Personals’ made it to the New York stage, only one song from the original production performed at Brandeis was still in the show, and 77 percent of the sketch material was new.”

Since its creation, “Personals” has been performed throughout the country, and recently it traveled to London, where it received critical acclaim. The recently released recording of the production, which began as Amazon.com’s 18,000th most requested item, has reached 687 in the Internet company’s sales ranking.

Friedman brought his talent to Seton Hall in 1996 as an adjunct professor of music while finishing his doctoral degree at Columbia University. Hired to teach courses ranging from Music and Civilization to Jazz/Rock, Friedman considers himself a musical “jack-of-all-trades.”

“Teaching at the University has provided me with a lot of new opportunities,” he says. “If you really want to learn something well, teach it. The exchange between teacher and student is both fascinating and invigorating.”

As both a professor and a musician, Friedman explains that his compositions are equivalent to research conducted by professors of other disciplines. “I approach teaching all my courses from the perspective of a composer first, since that’s what I am. The point is to view all music as a living creation, not as an inanimate project,” he says. “Teaching, like composition, is all about expressing an idea in the clearest, most succinct, most original way possible.”

When composing music for a theatrical production, Friedman is faced with the challenge of creating an accompaniment that provides insight to a character’s thoughts and feelings. “One of the greatest things about music is you can have simultaneous emotions happening without confusing the audience,” he says. “For example, if you were to take any number of wonderful moments from the ‘Tonight’ scene in ‘West Side Story’ — where everybody’s singing at the same time to different music, with different emotions, different words — it would be chaos if it were just words. Somehow the music makes everything work out and you create wonderfully vivid portraits of each individual, each emotion. That’s really one of the biggest strengths music gives to theater.”

In most cases, a composer sets the preexisting lyric to music, but there is always give and take with the lyricist, Friedman explains. “You’re given the lyric and you sit down and try to find out about the person, what he or she sounds like. It’s a combination of not just how the character sings, but also what the accompaniment is, because the accompaniment creates the backdrop for the person,” he notes. “Characterization in music is important.”

Friedman, who sometimes composes music on his latenight train ride home to Manhattan, admits that balancing his teaching career with his life as a musician can be challenging. “I’m always busy, but if something is as important to you as music is to me, and you really love it, you find a way to do it.”

And Friedman always finds a way. His works have been performed throughout the country at many venues, including Carnegie Hall. Last fall his jazz- and Latin-influenced composition “Trio de Janeiro” premiered with the New Jersey Chamber Music Society at Seton Hall. He was one of two consulting editors on the critical edition of the piano vocal score to Gershwin’s 1927 musical “Strike Up the Band!,” which recently was released by Warner Brothers Publications in conjunction with the Gershwin Estate and the Library of Congress.

In addition to working on a new concert piece for harp and percussion, commissioned by renowned harpist Gloria Agostini and slated to be recorded this fall, the two Friedman brothers are beginning a new full-length musical theater project. Their production will focus on how various artists dealt with the pressures and moral issues of the McCarthy era. Seton Hall has awarded Friedman a research grant for the project, and he says he will keep his students apprised of his progress so they can see how a musical actually is put together.

“Few things in life are as wonderful as taking all these chances,” Friedman says. “It makes life interesting.”
“A Little Bit of Heaven”

Nine of the priests who have ministered fondly and faithfully to the needs of the Seton Hall community look back over a collective 400 years of service.

By Margaret M. Horsfield

From its earliest existence as a diocesan college for men, Seton Hall has been staffed by priests whose work enhances its Catholic mission and identity. As the University moves into the 21st century, these priests, through their academic and administrative duties, and as ministers to all members of the Seton Hall community, remain some of the University’s longest-serving employees. Just as the lives of some members of the priest community have become intertwined with campus history, both Seton Hall Preparatory School and the University have secured a permanent place in the hearts of many of its spiritual leaders. In the following vignettes, nine priests, with more than 400 collective years of service to Seton Hall, reflect on their experiences here — a place that one of them, Monsignor Edward J. Fleming ’40, M.A., Oxon, S.T.L., Ph.D., LL.D., fondly refers to as “a little bit of heaven here on Earth.”
Reverend John M. Ballweg ’52, M.A., M.S.
Ordained: 1956
Seton Hall History:
1948 enrolled in Seton Hall College
1950 enrolled in Immaculate Conception Seminary
1961 appointed adjunct professor of ethics and Christian marriage
1963 appointed professor of theology
1965 to 1969: served as dean of men, while continuing to teach
1980 to the present: professor of religious studies

Since his first days in the classroom as an ethics professor, Father Ballweg has always loved teaching. His tenure as dean of men inspired him to bring a human dimension to the classroom religious experience of his students at Seton Hall.

As dean of men, Father Ballweg was more than a disciplinarian — he was a confidant and an adviser, and an active participant in the lives of students.

“I want my students to see the connection between faith and their everyday lives …”

— Father Ballweg

“I became involved,” he says. “I shared in their problems and triumphs, and they learned that they could trust me.”

In his classes, Father Ballweg teaches students that faith is a journey that must grow with the individual to become fully developed. “I want my students to see the connection between faith and their everyday lives,” he notes. “Experiencing religious faith at its best can truly bring out the greatest qualities in a person.”

Reverend Eugene J. Cotter ’52, D. Lett.
Ordained: 1956
Seton Hall History:
1944 enrolled in Seton Hall Prep
1948 enrolled in Seton Hall College
1950 enrolled in Immaculate Conception Seminary
1956 appointed Latin, Greek and religion teacher at Seton Hall Prep
1967 to the present: professor of classical studies (served four terms as chair). Father Cotter dedicates time to his award-winning online book or “hypertext,” Roots of English. This 650-page electronic book of etymologies of words derived from Greek and Latin can teach any student the roots of words in the English language. Father Cotter credits his special interest in and love of words and their histories to Monsignor William Noé Field ’36, M.A., M.L.S., who was his English teacher at Seton Hall Prep. The online book is available at http://ablemedia.com/ctcweb/showcase/roots.html

During his days as a student, the academic commitment, brotherhood and service he learned from the priests at Seton Hall Prep prompted this young man to become a priest. “The priests were wonderful,” Father Cotter remembers. “They helped me to see it is the spirit in people that lives forever.” I knew I wanted to work on the spiritual side of things and help myself and my students to see the point of life itself, not just the everyday trials and tribulations,” he recalls. Father Cotter has found that teaching provides him the opportunity to do just that. Inside and outside the classrooms at Seton Hall Prep and the University, he aims to offer students a strong foundation upon which to build their futures.

“If my [Prep] students were going to attend a state college or going to work immediately after graduation, then this might be their last opportunity in the classroom to provide a foundation for their faith,” he notes. “I wanted to lay the groundwork for the strength they might need in their tomorrows.”

“The priests were wonderful … they helped me to see it is the spirit in people that lives forever.” — Father Cotter

Depicted during his student days at Seton Hall Prep, Reverend Eugene Cotter ’52 has grown to love roots of another sort: the roots of the English language.
Monsignor William Noé Field ’36, M.A., M.L.S.
Ordained: 1940
Seton Hall History:
1927 enrolled in Seton Hall Prep
1932 enrolled in Seton Hall College
1935 enrolled in Immaculate Conception Seminary
1940 appointed English literature, grammar and religion teacher; tennis coach; moderator of student activities and the riding club at Seton Hall Prep. Also appointed a part-time faculty member at Seton Hall College
1952 appointed professor of English and chair of undergraduate and graduate English departments at the University and assistant director of University Libraries
1955 appointed director of off-campus libraries (Paterson, Jersey City, Newark)
1963 appointed director of University libraries
1982 to the present: curator of rare books and archives and director of special collections

Always having lived close enough to hear the sound of the bells from Immaculate Conception Chapel, Monsignor Field has a lifelong relationship with Seton Hall. The relationship began with the marriage of his maternal grandparents in the chapel in 1863 and continues through his current position as curator of rare books and archives and director of special collections. It was by the “goodness of God” that he was sent to the University, Monsignor Field says. He recalls taking walks through the South Orange campus as a child and being told by his parents that he would one day be a student at Seton Hall. With the fulfillment of their prediction in 1927, when he registered at Seton Hall Prep, he began his legacy at Seton Hall. In the 72 years since that time, Monsignor Field has dedicated his life to serving the University and its students.

As a professor, Monsignor Field had the chance to do more than teach — he had the opportunity to become part of his students’ lives. “In all my time at Seton Hall, I never have felt lonely, because I have 10,000 brothers and sisters in my students,” he says. “I celebrated their marriages and baptized their children. They continue to be a wonderful family to me, and I am thankful to God for all of these relationships.”

Now in his 80s and retired from teaching, Monsignor Field remains proud of his connection to the University. “In whatever I do in life, I am a representative of Seton Hall,” he says. “What a privilege that is.”

Celebrating his 25th anniversary as a priest in 1965, Monsignor William Noé Field ’36 is joined by his parents, William Noé Field and Marie Natalie Field.

Reverend Francis Finn ’35
Ordained: 1939
Seton Hall History:
1931 enrolled in Seton Hall College
1934 enrolled in Immaculate Conception Seminary
1939 appointed Italian, Latin and religion teacher at Seton Hall Prep and part-time professor at the College
1940 appointed athletic director at Seton Hall Prep and supervisor of Walsh Gym
1949 appointed assistant director of Seton Hall Divinity School for Seton Hall Prep until his appointment as pastor of local church in 1971

“I remember my first week as a teacher at The Prep like it was yesterday,” Father Finn reminisces. “My fondest memories revolve around the true camaraderie that lived among the priests and the students.” It was that spirit that spilled over into Father Finn’s entire teacher-student experience.
While teaching at Seton Hall Prep, Father Finn lived in Presidents Hall with many of the other priests (Immaculate Conception Seminary was built in 1982). Presidents Hall “provided a very welcoming atmosphere for the students,” he says. “Priests were there to help the students in any situation, at any time of the day or night. The students knew that, because they took us up on it every day.”

In 1950, when a group of students from Seton Hall Prep made a trip throughout Europe, Father Finn served as a moderator, along with Monsignor (then Father) Field and several other priests. “The students took hundreds of pictures and made several albums for me. The memories come alive when I look at those pictures, even today,” he says.

Father Finn now resides in Brick, New Jersey, where he assists at the Church of the Visitation, saying Mass and hearing confessions. “I was sad to leave Seton Hall, but I am still in touch, still involved and I still visit.”

“The camaraderie between Seton Hall Prep’s students and priests made an indelible impression on Reverend Francis Finn ’35, who taught Italian, Latin and religion there. This photo is from the 1940 yearbook.

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hile dean of Seton Hall’s University College, Newark, Monsignor Fleming came to know the word “student” in a new light. After World War II, most of Seton Hall’s students were returning veterans going to college on the G.I. Bill. “Those students were an inspiration to me,” he says. “The majority of these young lads were newlyweds with little infants. They wanted more than anything to earn a degree.” Seton Hall was dedicated to providing that education, he recalls.

Monsignor Fleming also remembers the incredible sadness that swept the
nation and Seton Hall’s campus after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in November 1963. “In general, there was a dooming feeling of disillusionment, but the students here were different from others across the country. Instead of being devoured by the negativity that pervaded the country, they vowed to make a positive difference in the world,” he says. “The spirit on campus was excellent; it was something truly special.”

In November 1964, Monsignor Fleming led a group of students to Washington, D.C., to give President Lyndon B. Johnson a pledge signed by more than 5,000 Seton Hall students, faculty members and administrators. They had pledged to live their lives as the forefathers of the country had intended, mirroring the sentiments President Kennedy had put forth in his inaugural address and the principles endemic to Seton Hall as a Catholic university. “I was proud to help the students get to Washington,” he adds. “Whatever efforts I expended were for the spiritual and academic betterment and fulfillment of all students.”

Reverend Peter F. Lennon ’51/M.A. ’59, Ph.D.
Ordained: 1955
Seton Hall History:
1943 enrolled in Seton Hall Prep
1947 enrolled in Seton Hall College
1949 enrolled in Immaculate Conception Seminary
1955 appointed English, journalism, voice and dictation, and religion teacher; moderator of the band and newspaper The Pirate at Seton Hall Prep; part-time professor at the University; moderator of Seton Hall Alumni Association and the Junior Seton League
1960 appointed to teach theology
1967 appointed instructor of psychology
1969 appointed assistant professor of psychology
1972 to 1999, associate professor of psychology
1986 helped to establish the position of minister to the priest community and served as assistant to the president and temporary minister to the priest community
Currently adjunct professor of psychology

“Whether I was playing softball with [students] or they were … in search of advice, I was always happy to offer them guidance and encouragement.”

— Father Lennon

Father Lennon recalls how he and the other priests were very busy each week teaching 30 class periods at Seton Hall Prep and two classes at Seton Hall, attending classes to obtain a master’s degree and volunteering to help with campus activities. Yet, through it all, their first priority was their students.

“My favorite memories are those times I spent with students,” Father Lennon says. “Whether I was playing softball with them or they were walking into my room in Presidents Hall in search of advice, I was always happy to offer them guidance and encouragement.”

Though Father Lennon is now retired, he continues to teach a course, Personality Concepts, at the University. This gives him the opportunity to share the research he did and the experiences he gained in community drug and alcohol outreach programs and internships at hospitals when he was earning his doctorate in clinical psychology.

“When my students let me know that they have continued their education to get a master’s or a doctorate in psychology, I feel an incredible amount of pride,” he says. “Knowing that you made an impact on someone is extremely rewarding.”
Reverend Daniel A. Murphy '35, Ph.D.
Ordained: 1939
Seton Hall History:
1927 enrolled in Seton Hall Prep
1931 enrolled in Seton Hall College
1934 enrolled in Immaculate Conception Seminary
1939 English, Latin and religion teacher at Seton Hall Prep and part-time professor of theology at the College
1948 appointed professor of education and theology
1958 appointed professor of education

After the war was over, the G.I. Bill provided veterans with funding for college tuition. “All of a sudden in 1947 there was this explosion of students,” Father Murphy recalls. “Seton Hall grew from a handful to a house-full. Enrollment soared to more than 4,000.” To accommodate this flood of new students, the College purchased temporary barracks to provide housing and constructed two new buildings, Corrigan Hall and Boland Hall.

Father Murphy recalls that the G.I.s were especially interested in learning everything they could at Seton Hall. “College was something that was just a distant dream for them while they were in the war, so they were truly grateful to be on Seton Hall’s campus.” According to Father Murphy, their feeling of gratitude created a sense of community that “called you to be a member of the close family we know Seton Hall was yesterday and still is today.”

You had to see this campus before the end of World War II,” Father Murphy says. “There was only a handful of students in the College. In fact, Seton Hall Prep had more students than the College in the latter days of the war.” Father Murphy remembers when the South Orange campus was wide open and the only buildings were Mooney Hall, Presidents Hall, Bayley Hall, Immaculate Conception Chapel, Stafford Hall and Alumni Hall; everything else was grass, trees and flowers.

“All of a sudden, in 1947 … Seton Hall grew from a handful to a house-full.”
— Father Murphy

Monsignor Edwin V. Sullivan ’42, Ph.D.
Ordained: 1946
Seton Hall History:
1938 enrolled in Seton Hall College
1940 enrolled in Immaculate Conception Seminary
1946 appointed American history, religion and sociology teacher, and moderator of student activities at Seton Hall Prep
1956 founding chairperson of the sociology department at Seton Hall, and appointed professor of sociology
1973 appointed chaplain of the baseball team
1990 appointed chaplain for alumni

The 1960s was a volatile time in the history of our nation,” Monsignor Sullivan recalls. “The assassinations of President John F. Kennedy, Senator Robert Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr. seemed to cause a domino effect that led the country into an uproar of turmoil and confusion,” he says. Actively involved in social issues, especially the social teachings of the Catholic Church, Monsignor Sullivan was appointed to the New Jersey Advisory Committee to the National Commission on Civil Rights. This experience enabled him to bring more depth on these issues into his classroom. “As a teacher I felt a strong obligation to my students,” he says. “I wanted to give them an accurate, level-headed analysis of what was going on in the nation.”

Through all of the difficult times the country faced, “Seton Hall kept students grounded,” Monsignor Sullivan says. He notes that the activities at Seton Hall, especially athletics, gave students an outlet for their energy and enthusiasm. “Sports unified the campus. We all had fun — together, as a community.”

It was his students’ positive spirit that piqued Monsignor Sullivan’s interest in sports. He recalls the crowd in Walsh Gym’s basketball court cheering for Bob Davies ’42, the first nationally known athlete from Seton Hall who was famous for his “behind-the-back-dribble.”

At the request of baseball Head Coach Mike Sheppard ’58/M.A. ’67, Monsignor Sullivan became chaplain of the Pirates baseball team in the 1970s and has remained chaplain ever since. As a result, through the years, he formed lasting friendships with many of Seton Hall’s baseball players before they went on to the major leagues, including Craig Biggio of the Houston Astros, Mo Vaughn of the Anaheim Angels and John Valentin of the Boston Red Sox.

“Sports unified the campus. We all had fun — together as a community.”
— Monsignor Sullivan

Monsignor Edwin V. Sullivan ’42 and Seton Hall baseball Head Coach Mike Sheppard ’58/M.A. ’67 visited with Mo Vaughn (then with the Boston Red Sox) in August 1995, at Fenway Park.
During a trip to Germany, Reverend Joseph F. Wortmann ’54 and a group of students from Seton Hall Prep visited St. Thomas Church in Leipzig, where Bach had been the organist.

Reverend Joseph F. Wortmann ’54, S.T.L.
Ordained: 1958
Seton Hall History:
1946 enrolled in Seton Hall Prep
1950 enrolled in Seton Hall College
1952 enrolled in Immaculate Conception Seminary
1958 appointed German, Greek, Latin and religion teacher, and moderator of school newspaper The Pirate at Seton Hall Prep
Currently teaching at Seton Hall Prep

When Father Wortmann walked onto the South Orange campus as a freshman at Seton Hall Prep, the scene was much different than it is today. Seton Hall Prep was housed in Mooney Hall, and both the College and Seton Hall Prep were all-male. “Every student was required to wear a suit coat and tie,” Father Wortmann recalls. “The dress code was very, very strict.” He also remembers that some Prep students boarded on the third floor in Mooney and that night prayers in Immaculate Conception Chapel were mandatory.

“The physical location really doesn’t matter. It’s the ability to make an impact on the life of a student in any classroom, anywhere, that makes your life as a teacher so rewarding.”
— Father Wortmann

Each priest who shared his story has made significant personal and professional contributions to Seton Hall. Their dedicated service personifies the teachings and life’s work of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. The University reflects not only the name but also the heritage of this Catholic educator who is credited with establishing in the early 1800s the current system of parochial schools in the United States. In 1856, some 35 years after her death, her nephew, Bishop James Roosevelt Bayley, the first bishop of Newark, founded Seton Hall. Since then, the priest community has brought Seton Hall’s Catholic identity to life on campus.

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A Family Bound by Faith

The following are members of Seton Hall’s caring community of priests.

Reverend John J. Ranieri, M.Div. ’81, Ph.D.
Reverend John F. Russell, S.T.D.
Reverend Kevin F. O’Reilly ’48/M.Div. ’52, M.S.
Very Reverend Thomas R. Peterson, O.P., S.T.D., Ph.D.
Reverend Lawrence B. Porter, Ph.D.
Reverend John J. Ranieri, M.Div. ’81, Ph.D.
Reverend John F. Russell, S.T.D.
Reverend Arthur J. Serratelli ’65, S.T.D.
Monsignor Robert Sheeran ’67, S.T.D.
Reverend William P. Sheridan ’85, M.Div. ’89/M.A. ’94
Reverend Donald C. Smith, M.A.
Reverend James F. Spera ’73/M.Div. ’76
Monsignor Edwin V. Sullivan ’42, Ph.D.
Monsignor James C. Turro ’44/M.Div. ’48, Ph.D.
Reverend Joseph F. Wortmann ’54, S.T.L.
Reverend Joseph Xia
Reverend C. Anthony Ziccardi, M.Div. ’90, S.S.L.
Reverend Thomas P. Nydegger, M.Div. ’92
Reverend Martin F. O’Brien ’48/M.Div. ’52, M.S.
Reverend John J. Ranieri, M.Div. ’81, Ph.D.
Reverend John F. Russell, S.T.D.
Reverend Henry J. Schreitmuller ’52, Ed.D.
Reverend Arthur J. Serratelli ’65, S.T.D.
Monsignor Robert Sheeran ’67, S.T.D.
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A New Look for the New Millennium

As Seton Hall University made preparations to open the 21st century, members of the University community gathered in September 1998 to discuss the school’s image, reputation and identity. The aptly named Institutional Image Task Force, appointed by Monsignor Robert Sheeran ’67, University president, determined that its first order of business should be to review the University’s most visible symbols — its logos — to evaluate if those “marks” were an accurate reflection of Seton Hall today.

The task force began its work by conducting an exhaustive review of the University’s visual images. The next steps were to investigate the graphic images used by Seton Hall’s peer institutions and to conduct a number of focus groups with University stakeholders, including faculty, students and alumni.

After nine months of research, development and evaluation, the task force recommended a three-tiered identity program that includes a new University crest (the formal mark) as well as a consumer mark and an athletics mark. The athletics mark and the consumer mark were designed by Rickabaugh Graphics. Unveiled publicly in August and September, the new marks reflect Seton Hall’s rich tradition and exciting future.
Athletics Mark
By Paul Huegel, M.P.A. ’92  
Executive Director of Pirate Blue

The blacktop playgrounds of Jersey City and the gym at the city’s St. Anthony’s High School have sent Terry Dehere ’93, Bobby Hurley and Rodrick Rhodes to the NBA after stellar collegiate basketball careers across the county. But one of the hardest working basketball players from Jersey City’s talent-laden streets never received the shot at the NBA for which he worked so hard.

Seton Hall’s 72-68 upset loss to Western Kentucky in the second round of the 1993 NCAA Tournament deprived that player, Jerry Walker, of the chance to showcase his talent to NBA scouts. “I had everybody in our bracket that I needed to play against; all the forwards right in my face,” Walker recalls. “I had Jamal Mashburn [now with the Miami Heat], Doug Edwards, Chris Webber [Sacramento Kings]; all of them were right in my path to prove that I could play at the next level.”

A 6-foot-7 power forward for Seton Hall from 1990 to 1993, Walker enjoyed a spectacular season in 1992, averaging 14 points and 7 rebounds per game as the Pirates advanced to the NCAA Sweet 16. Along the way, Walker laid claim to the Metropolitan Player of the Year Award and the ESPN Post-Player of the Year Award while earning Second Team All-BIG EAST recognition.

“If I had left after my junior year I would have been drafted. I would have gotten a shot, and all you need is an opportunity,” says Walker, who ended his Seton Hall career with 1,075 points.

Today, Walker provides opportunities for hundreds of kids who may not otherwise have the chance to take a path similar to his own. Through a nonprofit organization called Team Walker, Walker provides nearly 500 Jersey City kids, ages 8 through 18, with the opportunity to participate in after-school and summer activities ranging from life skills programs to drug and alcohol prevention programs.

The organization also offers athletics programs that include boys and girls basketball, volleyball, track and field, and football. Inspired by the work of Seton Hall’s Robin Cunningham ’78, director of academic support services for student-athletes, Walker also has begun a tutorial program for these young people.

“Inner-city youths tend to use their circumstances as justification for poor performance — excuses as tools to get by. A lot of the kids we deal with come from single-parent homes and lower income situations,” Walker explains. “Team Walker helps to nurture these kids, helps them to utilize their strengths and minimize their weaknesses.

“I pretty much have everything covered in terms of giving the kids direction,” Walker says. “One of our goals is to provide them with some type of exposure outside of Jersey City. We take them to Seton Hall and NBA games and on other field trips. I like to bring the kids to [Seton Hall’s] campus. The idea is to give them a feeling of what life can be like outside of the projects.”

Founded in 1997 by Walker and his brother, Jasper, who is a former collegiate basketball star at St. Peter’s College, Team Walker is a concept whose seed was planted in Walker’s mind at a very early age. “I grew up with the idea because my grandfather was an activist in Jersey City,” Walker says. “He founded the
Lafayette Neighborhood Association and started after-school and tutorial programs. He also was one of the founders of the city’s Martin Luther King Day parade. Though he had six kids of his own, he still was able to help the whole community. Everyone knew him, and he was well respected.”

When Walker’s grandfather died, so did many of the programs he had started. When Walker failed to get his shot at the NBA, he returned to Jersey City to revive much of his grandfather’s work.

“I felt a need in my community to bring this stuff back because it had phased out. When I didn’t make the NBA, I was in a funk for a long time. I had worked so hard to get to that point yet failed to get a shot,” Walker says. “One of the stigmas I’m going to try to do away with is that if you don’t make the NBA, it doesn’t mean you’re not a winner. You’re just in this world for a different purpose. You must use the talent God gave you to do his work. I started praying to seek out what God had in store for me.”

Walker realized his true calling while playing basketball in Turkey. “When I went to Turkey, I did community service as part of my contract, so I started working with the Boys and Girls Club over there,” he says. “One day I said to myself, ‘I could be doing the same thing back home.’”

Using some of the money he earned playing overseas in Sweden, France, Spain, Turkey, Lithuania and Puerto Rico, Walker and his brother were able to start the program three years ago with a summer basketball tournament. Since then, Walker has enlisted the help of his mother, Carol, an aunt and several cousins to “do the legwork.” He also has received support for the program from his Seton Hall family.

“Frank Walsh and Phil McGee have been instrumental in our success thus far. I can’t express how much I appreciate what Seton Hall has done for me and the relationships I have built,” Walker says. “Mr. McGee’s printing company, The Wall Street Group, is in the neighborhood, and he’s always coming by to see what we’re doing. They know I’m personally committed to this project. I’m not just putting my name on this and walking away. I’m actually there from morning clinics and after-school programs to every day in the summer for the various leagues.”

Like his high school coach, Bob Hurley, Walker doesn’t see his job ending when his kids leave Team Walker. “When I go around the neighborhood and see a 15-year-old smoking a cigarette, trying to be cool, he sees me and says, ‘Oh man, here comes Jerry!’ and he tries to put it out. Instead of some drug dealer, these kids are seeing me,” Walker says. “Mr. Hurley used to do that when I was at St. Anthony’s. You never wanted him to see you just hanging on a corner while he was driving around. He helped keep me out of trouble. There’s definitely a need for more people to get involved because I can’t take on the whole world by myself.”

At Seton Hall, Walker chose to play the role Coach P.J. Carlesimo set for him, enabling the Pirates to attain the greatest success. Walker set the picks that enabled Dehere to become the University’s all-time leading scorer. It was Walker who defended against bigger opponents under the basket and was a tenacious rebounder. By Walker playing his role, the Pirates enjoyed three consecutive trips to the NCAA Tournament, including Final 8 and Sweet 16 finishes.

“One of the valuable life lessons you learn from basketball is how to work together as a team,” Walker says. “At a corporation, at a foundation, anywhere, if you don’t play your role there won’t be any success.”

While his unselfish play may have deprived him of an NBA tryout, it provided Jerry Walker with valuable lessons he will be able to pass on to future generations of inner-city youths.

For more information about Team Walker, call (201) 451-5942.

At the 1999 men’s basketball banquet, Seton Hall honored Walker with its John D. “Honey” Russell Award, presented annually to a former Pirate basketball player or coach who truly represents the University’s values. Head Coach Tommy Amaker (right) and former Pirate All-American Richie Regan ’53 (left) presented Walker with the award.
## Fall 1999 Sports Schedule

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Volleyball vs. Lafayette 10 a.m.  
Volleyball vs. Drexel 5 p.m.  
Cross Country at William Paterson Invitational TBA |
| 5    | Men's Soccer at Virginia Invitational vs. American Noon  
Women's Soccer at Monmouth 4 p.m.  
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Giving Students a “Head Start”

For Blenda Wilson, M.A.E. ’65, Ph.D., education and helping the underprivileged have been important themes throughout her life. Wilson, the newly appointed first president of the Nellie Mae Foundation (NMF) and former president of California State University, Northridge, considers herself a crusader of sorts for quality education for all students.

The mission of the NMF, headquartered in Braintree, Massachusetts, is to promote accessibility, quality and effectiveness of education from preschool through postsecondary levels, especially for underserved populations in the six New England states. Through grant-making, research and policy initiatives, the NMF works with educational institutions and associations, cultural and community organizations, foundations, government agencies and other groups to encourage, establish and maintain programs and services that promote education.

“Working for the Nellie May Foundation is a perfect fit for me,” Wilson says. “It’s very exciting — few people have the opportunity to help create a new organization. The NMF addresses the full range of education issues, including the fact that some students entering college just don’t have the skills necessary for academic success. Ultimately, the NMF focuses on these and other preeminent issues, including overcoming barriers and helping students succeed.”

Academic achievement and success for students have always been at the center of Wilson’s teaching manifesto. Early in her career, while teaching in a high school in Woodbridge, New Jersey, she was asked to teach a group of third-graders to read. She quickly realized that advancing her own education by pursuing a master’s degree in education would help her students succeed.

“I was looking for a program that would help me understand child development and learning, as well as focus on teaching students of all ages. There were few graduate programs at that time that were really strong,” Wilson says. “Seton Hall’s was one of them.”

Wilson also was looking for a program that she could attend full time, while continuing to teach full time.

“Seton Hall and the College of Education and Human Services helped me to know that I could be successful in graduate school,” she says. “I never really planned to attend graduate school, but I felt it was necessary when I was called upon to teach those young children.”

The University’s program also gave Wilson a new slant on education. “I always thought of education as a lifelong continuum of theory and knowledge,” she says. “Seton Hall’s program gave me a broad perspective of education on which to build my teaching career.”

After receiving her master’s degree in 1965, Wilson went to work for the Middlesex County Economic Opportunities Corporation in East Brunswick. It was here that she developed the plan and wrote the grant for the now nationally recognized Project Head Start.

“This program was a direct outgrowth of my Seton Hall University education,” Wilson says. “It was ultimately my education that gave me the confidence to do something I hadn’t done before.”

Project Head Start is designed to help break the cycle of poverty by providing preschool children of low-income families with a comprehensive program to meet their emotional, social, health, nutritional and psychological needs. Over the years, the project has played a major role in focusing the attention of the nation on the importance of early childhood development, especially in the first five years of life.
“I literally saw children grow through this program,” Wilson says. “It was a major affirmation of human potential.”

Wilson’s rise in education moved her toward other administrative positions. She began her career in higher education administration at Rutgers University in 1969, then moved to Harvard University Graduate School of Education, where she held several positions, including senior associate dean.

While at Harvard, Wilson attended Boston College and received a doctorate of higher education administration in 1979. At her graduation, she was honored by being asked to accept the Ph.D. diploma on behalf of the doctoral candidates. “It was important to me because the college was honoring a nontraditional student — someone who attended class in the evenings and was specializing in education,” Wilson recalls.

After receiving her Ph.D., Wilson served as executive director of the Colorado Commission on Higher Education. She then was appointed chancellor of the University of Michigan at Dearborn before becoming the third president of California State University, Northridge (CSUN), in 1992.

One of the most vivid moments in Wilson’s presidency involved the earthquake in January 1994. She successfully led CSUN’s recovery from the earthquake, which caused $350 million in damages to the campus and delayed the beginning of classes for two weeks.

“One of the proudest moments of my career was watching the seniors graduate in May 1994,” Wilson says. “Following the earthquake, the university was operating from 350 trailers. We lost enrollment, but many students did return and had faith in us. “There were days of rain, mud, everything you could think of,” Wilson continues. “But the students and faculty persisted and, ultimately, the students graduated on time. It was a highly emotional experience.”

While at CSUN, Wilson was instrumental in getting the university, its students and its faculty more involved in surrounding communities and schools, and in establishing partnerships with local schools to improve college attendance rates for disadvantaged students.

Though she has enjoyed living on the West Coast, she is pleased to be returning to her East Coast roots. “This job with the Nellie Mae Foundation is a dream,” she says. “It reads like my dance card, and it brings me closer to my family.”

Wilson credits the Catholic tradition of her schooling for keeping service to urban communities and high-quality education close to her heart. “I have a deep respect and regard for Seton Hall,” she says. “The University gave me a theoretical grounding and encouraged me to apply theory to practice.”

While president of California State University, Northridge, Wilson encouraged students to become involved in nearby communities.

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Morris Scores on His Drive to Write

As close a shrine to the Great American Pastime as it gets outside of Cooperstown, the Seton Hall baseball office brims with newspaper clippings, autographed baseball cards and magazine covers that tell the story of a successful program. Among the souvenirs is a photo of Pirate great John Morris ’94, who has a few stories of his own to share.

With baseball enjoying one of its greatest rebirths in decades — capped off in 1998 with the New York Yankees’ “perfect season” and the homerun marathon between Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa — it is clearer than ever that the stories of triumph of the human spirit are what make the game the proverbial slice of American pie it is. In his first book, “Bullet Bob” Comes to Louisville, Morris honors this as he spins his “tales from a baseball life.”

“Johnny Mo,” as he is affectionately known in baseball circles, was recruited out of high school in his hometown of North Bellmore, Long Island, by colleges across the country. A dedicated student, Morris found the right mix of academics and athletics at Seton Hall. “My whole life I had heard that Seton Hall was a great school and a baseball powerhouse,” Morris says. “The team had gone to the College World Series (1964, 1971, 1974 and 1975), and it was usually considered the best team in the Northeast. But aside from all that, I just listened to my heart, and it told me Seton Hall was the right place for me.”

With a determination and focus rare in most 21-year-olds, Morris was named an academic and athletic All-American in 1982. The Number 1 draft pick of the Kansas City Royals after his junior year at Seton Hall, Morris spent four years with the Royals organization before joining the St. Louis Cardinals in 1986, playing with greats like Ozzie Smith. After helping St. Louis win the National League pennant in 1987, Morris went on with the Cardinals to play the Minnesota Twins in the 1987 World Series.

After stints with the Philadelphia Phillies and the California (now Anaheim) Angels, Morris was sidelined by debilitating back injuries in 1993. Making one of the toughest decisions any ballplayer is faced with, he retired as a player. While coaching in the Angels organization from 1994 to 1996, though he enjoyed the opportunity to guide young players, Morris found himself upset with the direction the game seemed to be headed after the 1994 professional baseball strike.

“I needed to do something to restore my own faith in baseball,” he recalls. Rather than write a book running down the state of baseball or reliving his own accomplishments, Morris

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wanted to let baseball fans into the life of the game and give them a peek at the human side of the dugout.

The result is "Bullet Bob" Comes to Louisville (Diamond Communications, 1998), a collection of stories that masterfully illustrate the parallels between baseball and the game of life, and ring true with everything from the pain of loss to the thrill of victory and all the long bus trips in between.

Revealing himself as a gifted storyteller, Morris humorously recounts the inside stories of never-ending double headers, the choice cuisine and accommodations available when playing “in the bushes,” and sharing locker rooms with some of the greatest names and most infamous pranks in professional baseball.

Reliving once-in-a-lifetime moments, including his debut at “the big show” and being dubbed "Met-Killer" by the New York Daily News after chipping in two RBIs to beat his favorite childhood team, Morris ties his baseball experiences of failure and success to those of everyday life. Taking tales of wins and losses beyond the baseball diamond, he relates stories such as “Mother’s Day,” which so eloquently recounts the heartbreaking death of his mother; it appeared in the 1997 edition of the best-selling Chicken Soup for the Mother’s Soul.

“Writing the book allowed me to come full-circle with the game and with my life,” Morris says. “I felt like I was accomplishing something, for myself and for baseball fans.”

In the last chapter of “Bullet Bob,” Morris shares an anonymous fan letter he received in 1989. An excerpt from the letter reads “… to me you represent everything fine and good about baseball…. You are everything that is right about the game.”

Remembering Morris as a standout both on and off the field, Seton Hall baseball Head Coach Mike Sheppard ’58/M.A. ’67 echoes similar sentiments. “John never made excuses, and he always looked to do the right thing,” Sheppard says. “He made the other players rise to his level, not just athletically, but in their attitudes.”

Morris credits the coach, whose tough demeanor has earned him a career record of 876-447-10 in his 30 years at Seton Hall, with helping him grow as an individual. “I could write another book filled entirely with Shep anecdotes,” Morris laughs. “He possesses an almost obsessive love of baseball and an even greater love of helping young men to develop — not just into great ballplayers, but into great people. He made me realize that discipline is not only an integral part of baseball, but also an integral part of growing up.”

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Morris also counts Ed Blankmeyer ’76/M.A.E. ’83, a 1970s Pirates standout who, after a professional career with the Baltimore Orioles organization, came back to The Hall as a coach from 1981 to 1995, and long-time batting coach Fred Hopke among the greatest Seton Hall influences on his college and pro career. “These guys did more than help me develop my game,” Morris says. “They were a tremendous support network for me and for all the players.”

Though Morris left for the major leagues after his junior year at Seton Hall, a promise to his mother before she passed away brought him back to the University to finish his degree in political science in 1994. “Finishing my college degree was one of the last things my mother asked me to do,” Morris says, “and I’m really proud that I finished … even if it was on the 15-year plan.”

Now residing in Gulfport, Florida, Morris and his wife, Linda, are successful independent distributors for Nikken, a leading health and wellness provider from Japan. Though he left professional baseball altogether in 1996, Morris found a way to put his major league experience to use as a consultant for prominent college baseball teams, working with them on setting goals and overcoming obstacles.

Taking his love of the game to the “grass roots” level, Morris also helps out at baseball clinics throughout the country. He inspires kids who, like anyone who has ever played the game at the local sandlot, the town Little League field or in their own backyard, dream of making it to the big leagues. Knowing that only a lucky few actually wake up to find themselves playing in places like Wrigley Field and Shea Stadium, Morris not only lived his dream but takes the opportunity in “Bullet Bob” Comes to Louisville to share the story with the rest of us still warming the bench.

John Morris will be on hand at the annual Jimmy Reardon Golf Outing on October 4 and at University Day 1999 on October 16 to autograph copies of “Bullet Bob” Comes to Louisville. For more information on the events, call (973) 378-9834.
1940s

Robert F. Ciurazak ’49/M.A.E. ’55, of Succasunna, was recognized as the “One Million Dollar Volunteer of the Year” by the Morris County Chapter of the American Cancer Society for his efforts in fund-raising and lecturing to business and civic organizations about prostate cancer.

1950s

Reverend Adam T. Kearns ’51/M.D.M. ’54, of Marlton, was named to the distinguished list of retired senior priests by Most Reverend John M. Smith, bishop of Trenton. Father Kearns was ordained a priest on June 12, 1954, and served in a number of parishes throughout New Jersey. On a diocesan level, he served as director of the Burlington Catholic Youth Organization and as a pre-cana counselor. He retired in January.

Most Reverend James T. McHugh ’53, of Camden, was named coadjutor to Most Reverend John R. McGann, bishop of Rockville Center. Bishop McHugh has served as bishop of Camden since 1989, and is one of the writers of Life Issues Forum, a pro-life column published in The Monitor and other Catholic newspapers.

Edward Bond ’56, of Convent Station, was appointed to the Scholarship Fund for Inner City Children of the Archdiocese of Newark. The fund supports needy children attending Catholic schools in Essex, Hudson, Union and Bergen counties. Bond is president and partner of Bederson & Co. of West Orange.

1960s

Richard J. Bonforte ’61, of New York City, was appointed vice president and clinical director of the pediatrics department at the Jersey City Medical Center. Bonforte is a professor of pediatrics at Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York, where he is an honorary member of the medical attending staff and chairman emeritus of the Milton and Bernice Stern Department of Pediatrics. Maria Mazzotti Gillan ’61, of Hawthorne, was awarded the May Sarton Award by the New England Poetry Club. The award is given to individuals who bring poetry to new audiences. Gillan is the founder and director of the Poetry Center at Passaic County Community College in Paterson.

Dolores E. Cross ’63, Ph.D., of New York City, was appointed president of Morris Brown College in Atlanta. Prior to her appointment, Cross was president of the GE Fund and president of Chicago State University.

Robert A. Pastore ’64, of Grapeview, WA, and Corona del Mar, CA, was elected as the pilots’ labor representative on the Trans World Airline (TWA) board of directors. Pastore, who is based in New York, has been a TWA pilot for 32 years. Monsignor Herbert K. Tillyer ’64, of Parsippany, was appointed vicar general of the Diocese of Paterson. He also serves as pastor of St. Peter the Apostle Parish in Parsippany.

Reverend Louis J. Scurti ’67, of Haledon, celebrated the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. Father Scurti has been the director of the Catholic Campus Ministry Center at William Paterson University for 20 years and has served his full-time ministry in the Wayne-Haledon area for 25 years. He regularly lectures at the William Paterson “Art at Lunch” series, and serves as a full-time Catholic campus minister and coordinator of campus ministry for the Diocese of Paterson.

Ronald J. Riccio ’68/J.D. ’71, of Little Silver, former dean of the Seton Hall University School of Law, was named chair of the New Jersey Commission on Professionalism in the Law. Riccio, who served as dean of the Law School for 11 years, plans to take a one-year sabbatical and return to the Law School as a professor of constitutional law.

Lawrence R. Codey, J.D. ’69, of Spring Lake, was awarded the 12th Annual Children of the World Humanitarian Award by the Deborah Hospital Foundation and Heart and Lung Center. Over the past 26 years, Deborah’s Children of the World Program has sponsored nearly 3,000 children from more than 83 countries for the treatment of complex congenital cardiac disorders. Codey is president and chief operating officer of Public Service Electric & Gas.

Robert M. Stemmier, M.B.A. ’69, of Villa Park, CA, was elected chairman of the IMPCO Technologies board of directors. He is president and chief executive officer of the company. IMPCO Technologies is a world leader in the technology, manufacturing and marketing of gaseous fuel management systems and components that allow internal combustion engines to operate on environmentally friendly, clean-burning gaseous fuels such as natural gas and propane.

1970s

Milton W. Williams ’71, of Lansdale, was named chief financial officer of QualMed Plans for Health in Wilkes-Barre, PA. He formerly served as vice president and chief financial officer for Healthcare Management Alternatives in Philadelphia.

Michael Donahue ’72, of Spring Lake, was appointed director of security for the Jersey City Board of Education. Donahue is responsible for the security of 30 elementary schools, two middle schools and five high schools, with a total enrollment of 30,000 students. Louis J. Traina ’72, of Naples, FL, was appointed academic dean of the International College in Naples. Traina formerly was director of development at St. Ann’s Catholic School in Naples.

John O. Bennett III, J.D. ’74, of Little Silver, is serving his fourth term as state senator for the 12th legislative district, Monmouth County. Bennett has served in the New Jersey State House since 1989. Currently, he is a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee and serves as Senate majority leader.

Paul S. Misur, ’76, of Union, was appointed vice president and operations officer at Town Bank of Westfield. Misur was a staff officer at the First Chicago Trust Company of New Jersey in Jersey City. He is a member of the North Jersey
**The Hall: A Family Affair**

When Kristine Mager '99 (third from left) graduated from Seton Hall's College of Nursing in May, she became the third member of her family to do so. Her sister, Kathy ‘96, (second from left) works at Union Hospital, and her brother, Ray ‘95 (right), is an independent pharmaceutical consultant. Her father Richard Mager ’65/M.A. ’71 (left) — makes the fourth Mager to be a Seton Hall alum; he earned both degrees in education.

Bankers Administration Institute and a former accounting instructor for the American Institute of Banking of New Jersey in Clifton.

Michael Duff ‘78 of Lowell, MA, was named program director for the Community Development Block Grant Program. The program is funded by a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development. Duff manages the town of Wilmington's community development office, with the goal of promoting community and economic development. Maria A. LaBoy, M.A.E. ‘78, of Vineland, was sworn in to a four-year term as a member of the Cumberland County College board of trustees. LaBoy is supervisor of instruction for Vineland Public Schools (K-12) and has served as a helping teacher for the Basic Skills Program’s Parent Advisory Committee, the Early Intervention Committee, the Strategic Neighborhood Assistance Program in Vineland and the Teen Advisory Partnership. LaBoy is secretary for Hispanics Pro Education, an organization that raises scholarship funds for Hispanic high school students.

Steven J. Corodemus, J.D. ’79, of Atlantic Highlands, is serving his fourth term as assemblyman for the 11th legislative district, Monmouth County. Corodemus first was elected to the New Jersey Assembly in 1991. He is chair of the Assembly Environment Committee and a member of the Assembly Appropriations Committee’s Task Force on Business Retention and the State Beach Erosion Commission.

Andrew L. Pecora ’79, of Ridgewood, was named “Hero of the Year” by the Susan G. Komen Foundation. He is chief of the Adult Bone Marrow/ Stem Cell Transplant Service at Hackensack University Medical Center. Pecora was honored for his contribution toward finding a cure for breast cancer. Christine C. Traskos, J.D. ’79, of Albany, NY, is serving as an administrative law judge for the New York State Department of Health in Troy.

**1980s**

Robert J. Friedman, J.D. ’80, of Miami Beach, FL, was named to the 1999-2000 edition of Best Lawyers in America. Friedman practices employee benefits law at the Miami law firm of Holland & Knight LLP. Yvonne Gonzalez, J.D. ’80, of Bronx, NY, was appointed a New York State Supreme Court Justice in January. Gonzalez is the court’s only Hispanic female justice.

John Coiro ‘81, of Totowa, was elected president of the Bergen County chapter of the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants. Coiro is a partner in the Hackensack office of Ernst & Young, the accounting firm. Robert G. Smith, J.D. ‘81, of Piscataway, is serving his seventh term as assemblyman for the 17th legislative district, Middlesex County. Smith was first elected to the New Jersey Assembly in 1983. A member of the Assembly Environment Committee, he is recognized as the leader in the development of environmental legislation.

**Tucker Anthony Sponsors BIG EAST Stock Challenge**

Seton Hall men’s basketball team members are learning to compete on the basketball court and on Wall Street. With the sponsorship of Tucker Anthony, an investment banking and brokerage firm, teams will be battling it out for the BIG EAST Stock Challenge.

The program pits teams of student-athletes from BIG EAST schools against each other to raise scholarship funds. The contest tips off in October, coinciding with the BIG EAST basketball season. Each team invests a hypothetical $250,000 in a stock portfolio, and then manages it, guided by Tucker Anthony’s “coaches.”

After the regular season, the contest concludes and the hypothetical portfolios are calculated for a total return, based on performance. To the school with the top-performing portfolio team, Tucker Anthony will donate at least $25,000 to its general scholarship fund. The second-place school will receive at least $12,500, with at least $7,500 for third place. Each of the remaining schools will receive $5,000 or more.

Tucker Anthony will fund the scholarships by tracking three-point shots made by BIG EAST men’s basketball players during the 1999-2000 regular season. Each time a player hits a three-pointer, the firm contributes $50 to the fund.

Vince O’Neill ’60, a Tucker Anthony investment executive and the Seton Hall portfolio team’s “investment coach,” says competitions like this foster friendly, educational competition and can lead to future jobs for student-athletes. “Many of the participants have landed summer internships at one of 40 Tucker Anthony offices across the nation. The experience students gain through the BIG EAST Stock Challenge is certainly transferable in the real world,” O’Neill says.

“Throughout the course of the annual BIG EAST Stock Challenge, the investment knowledge the students gain, coupled with the fun their advisers have teaching them, makes all of the participants winners,” says Travis Coley, deputy Stock Challenge commissioner of Tucker Anthony. “Not to mention that the schools win, too,” adds O’Neill. “With additional monies added to the scholarship fund of each BIG EAST school, everyone is a winner.”

William A. Daniel, J.D. ’82, of Linden, was installed as president of the Union County Bar Association. Daniel is a municipal court judge in Linden and Roselle, and also practices commercial and residential real estate and municipal law. James B. Johnston ’82, M.A.E. ’89/J.D. ’96, of Union, was appointed to two standing committees of the New Jersey State Bar Association: Legal Education and Unlawful Practice of Law. Annette W. Groves ’83, and her husband, Army Captain Ralph Groves, have traveled extensively through Europe with their three children, Elizabeth, Jonathan and Justin, while based in Heidelberg, Germany. Robert Hagemann, M.B.A. ’83, of Parsippany, was
appointed vice president and chief financial officer of Quest Diagnostics Inc. Hagemann, who joined the company in 1992, has served in a variety of senior financial positions, including assistant controller and vice president and corporate controller.

Christopher (Kip) Bateman, J.D. ‘84, of Neshanic, is serving his third term as assemblyman for the 16th legislative district, Morris and Somerset counties. Bateman was first elected to the New Jersey Assembly in 1993. He serves as chair of the Assembly Banking and Insurance Committee and is a member of the Assembly Judiciary Committee. Kathryn M. Decker, J.D. ‘84, of Morristown, was named counsel at the Morristown law firm of Pitney, Hardin, Kipp & Szuch. Decker is a litigator who specializes in personal injury, product liability, commercial disputes, white collar crimes, land use and contested wills. Dominic Smorra, D.C., ‘84, of Caldwell, and his wife, Laurie, announced the birth of their son, Dominic Jr., who joins his sister, Lina Therese, 4. Smorra is a family chiropractor in Caldwell.

Ralph A. Terminello ‘85, of Mahwah, was promoted to assistant vice president of the transportation finance division of FINOVA Group Inc. FINOVA Group Inc., through its principal operating subsidiary, FINOVA Capital Corporation, is a financial service company focused on providing a broad range of capital solutions to mid-size businesses. Terminello has been with FINOVA since 1994, most recently as manager of pricing.

Gregory J. Coffey, J.D. ‘86, of Summit, formed the Morristown law firm of Coffey & Sullivan. Karen D. Edwards ‘86, of Scotch Plains, earned the Certified in Financial Management (CFM) designation. Edwards is the director of finance planning, systems and controls at Telcordia Technologies in Morristown.

James Hetzel, J.D. ‘86, of Roseland, was elected to the board of trustees of the United Family and Children’s Society. Hetzel is a member of the Liberty Corner and Lawrenceville law firm of Kallison, McBride & Jackson. He is a member of the health and hospital law section of the New Jersey State Bar Association and of the National Health Lawyers Association.

William S. Chelak, M.A. ‘87, of Carteret, was named senior account executive at Integrated Marketing Services Inc. He will manage all marketing communications activities for Siemens Medical Systems. Chelak has 13 years of agency and corporate public relations experience. Alan S. Kline, J.D. ‘87, of Lawrenceville, was promoted to special trial attorney for the northeast region of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) in Manhattan. Kline previously served as district council attorney for the IRS in Los Angeles, Manhattan and Philadelphia. John Wisniewski, J.D. ‘87, of Parlin, is serving his second term as assemblyman for the 19th legislative district, Middlesex County. Wisniewski was first elected to the New Jersey Assembly in 1995. He is a member of the Assembly Education and Policy and Regulatory Oversight committees and serves as Assembly deputy minority conference leader.

Fred Alworth, J.D. ‘88, of West Orange, was named a partner in the Newark law firm of Gibbons, DelDeo, Dolan, Griffinger & Vecchione. W. Reed Gusciora, J.D. ‘88, of Princeton, is serving his second term as assemblyman for the 15th legislative district, Mercer County. Gusciora was first elected to the New Jersey Assembly in 1995. He serves as a member of the Assembly State Government and Transportation committees. He also was appointed to the State Beach Erosion Commission and was elected Assembly assistant minority leader. Christopher ‘88 and Barbara (Wagenseller) Laureys ‘89, of Lake Hopatcong, announced the birth of their son, Dylan, who joins two brothers.

Jennie Russomando ‘89, of Madison, received a first-place award for photography at the National Federation of Press Women’s annual communications contest. She received the award for sports photography in a publication other than a newspaper. Her photograph was printed in the February 1997 issue of New Wave Wrestling, a magazine published in New York City. Russomando is a general assignment reporter for the Independent Press in Madison.

Andy Del Vecchio, J.D. ‘89, of Montvale, was named a partner in the Newark law firm of McCarter & English, LLP. Michael R. Speer, J.D. ‘89, of Cranford, became an associate in the Livingston law office of Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin. He will concentrate his practice in the product liability and insurance coverage areas.

Nicholas Grieco, J.D. ‘90, of Glen Ridge, and Bart Oates, J.D. ‘90, of Morris Township, established the Montclair law firm of Grieco & Oates. Grieco and his wife, Clarissa, announced the birth of their daughter, Jaquetly Grace. Donna S. Mugavero, M.B.A. ‘90, of Scotch Plains, was appointed president of the board of trustees for the North Jersey Association of Female Executives (NJAFE) Foundation. The foundation was created to support the efforts of young women.

USA Today’s Dubill Speaks on Violence in Schools

Robert Dubill, J.D. ’74, executive editor of USA Today, was the featured speaker at an educational forum in March at Seton Hall on “Violence in Schools.” Dubill spoke about the need for both positive and negative media stories about school violence, as well as what the media and educators can do to achieve more balanced coverage. Many local teachers and administrators, among them Seton Hall alumni, attended the forum to discuss how school violence issues affect their classrooms.
aspiring to business and professional careers by providing mentoring opportunities, career workshops and scholarships. James G. Pietras, J.D. ’90, of Florence, was named a shareholder in the Mount Laurel law firm of Capehart & Scathard, P.A. Pietras focuses on the defense of New Jersey workers’ compensation claims.

William J. Brown ’91, of Mount Laurel, joined Interval International in Miami, as multimedia director. A vacation exchange network, Interval has served the vacation-ownership industry since 1976. Interval offers clients a range of services, including program design, sales and marketing support, travel and reservations, and financial services. Brown previously was director of Internet services and general manager of the Web site for Pittsburgh-based Scaife Media Group, a newspaper and radio station holding company.

Vincent Lipari, J.D. ’91, of Paramus, was named a partner in the law firm of Harris, Beach & Wilcox, a 200-person firm with offices throughout the country. Kim Zarkesh, J.D. ’91, of Cedar Grove, was named director of the Essex County Prosecutor’s Office Megan’s Law Unit in Newark.

Lynn Kegelman, J.D. ’92, of Spring Lake, is an associate in the Trenton law firm of Graham, Curtin & Sheridan, PA.

Benjamin D. Eckman, J.D. ’94, of Elizabeth, received the Twenty-First Century Award from the New York City-based American Friends of Migdal Ohr. Eckman was honored for his work on behalf of Migdal Ohr, an Israeli philanthropy that rescues youthful poverty victims. Eckman is an attorney with Elder Law and Estate Planning in New Jersey and New York.


Kenneth A. Spassione ’94/J.D. ’97, of Irvington, was appointed deputy attorney general for the Division of Gaming Enforcement in Atlantic City.

Michael A. Shadiack ’95/J.D. ’98, of Paterson, is an associate with the Morristown law firm of Curter, Koberg, Laufer & Cohen. He specializes in labor and employment law.

Matthew A. Baldini, J.D. ’96, of West Hartford, CT, joined the Hartford law firm of Robinson & Cole LLP as an associate. Founded in 1845, Robinson & Cole is a regional commercial law firm. Susan E. Lieberum, M.S.T. ’96, of North Brunswick, was promoted to director of Amper, Politziner & Matta, Certified Public Accountants and Consultants, a management group providing law firms with more than 10 years of accounting and consulting experience. Lieberum also is a member of the Middlesex County Regional Chamber of Commerce.

McKeown Lends Support to the Stillman School of Business

When Thomas McKeown ’55 graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics, he never imagined he would return to Seton Hall University more than 40 years later to help the W. Paul Stillman School of Business prepare for reaccreditation. But in the intervening years, McKeown became founder and president of Vista Group International, a management-consulting firm specializing in strategic planning. Now, he has a great deal of expertise to lend his alma mater.

“I wanted to give back to Seton Hall some of what it has given to me,” McKeown says. Although the strategic planning services he is providing the University are valued at more than $50,000, McKeown refuses to accept payment. His company — based in Great Falls, Virginia — boasts a long list of paying clients, including the U.S. Department of Defense and the governments of the United Kingdom and Canada, as well as Fortune 500 companies.

The first private business school in New Jersey to be accredited by the International Association for Management Education (formerly known as the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business), the Stillman School is undergoing reaccreditation.

“Tom is helping us take critical steps toward continuous quality improvement, updating our curriculum and ensuring that students are prepared for careers that will be in demand five years from now,” says Dolores T. Martin, Ph.D., dean of the Stillman School.

To help the School in its reaccreditation process, McKeown conducted 10 working sessions for its faculty and administrators during the Spring Semester. He led them through the process of outlining key objectives that tie into the University’s mission and helped the group design questionnaires for students, faculty and business leaders. He also facilitated a brainstorming session to aid faculty and administrators in targeting strategic objectives for the Stillman School over the next several years.

McKeown brings to the Stillman School more than 30 years’ experience in corporate and government strategic planning in support of information technology management, marketing, sales, products and services.

His distinguished military career in the Navy included management of four Naval Telecommunications Commands and two surface warfare ships. McKeown also served as chief of staff at the Defense Information Systems Agency and held several key planning assignments in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations. Following his retirement from the Navy with the rank of captain, he held strategic planning positions with several well-known organizations, including the CIA and the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

McKeown earned a master’s degree in telecommunications engineering from the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School. He also did graduate work in corporate strategic planning and marketing at the Harvard Business School. Widely published in the field of strategic planning, he has written articles for a number of trade journals in the United States and abroad, including the prestigious Harvard Business Review. He is a member of several prominent organizations in his field, including the International Strategic Leadership Forum and the Sloan Institute for Strategic Planning.
Scholarship Fund Established in Memory of Jerry Greco, M.A.E. ’67

The University has established a scholarship fund in memory of Seton Hall alumnus and friend Jerome D. Greco, M.A.E. ’67, who passed away in July. A dedicated supporter of countless community organizations and activities, Greco was honored in April with the Humanitarian Award at the 1999 “Many Are One” Alumni Awards Gala for consistently representing the ideals and mission of Seton Hall with great character and generosity.

After earning an M.A.E. from the College of Education and Human Services in 1967 while serving as assistant principal and coach at Barringer High School in Newark, Greco spent five years as assistant dean of instruction for Essex County College. Moving from the field of education to public affairs, Greco became director of public affairs for Carteret Savings Bank and later for First Union Bank. He was appointed executive vice president for public affairs/government at First Union and president of the First Fidelity Urban Investment Corporation in 1990. As an elected official, Greco served as a councilman from 1973 to 1975, and as mayor of Verona from 1975 to 1979. He was president of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of Essex County from 1980 to 1986.

Greco’s legacy of public service included positions as chairman of the board of Catholic Community Services (CCS) and treasurer of the United Negro College Fund of New Jersey. He also served as treasurer of the Boys and Girls Club of Newark, the Newark Athletic Hall of Fame and the Two Hundred Club of Essex County, which assists the families of police officers killed in the line of duty. Greco was a trustee of Project Pride of Newark, the Independent College Fund of New Jersey, Essex County College and the Archdiocese of Newark Sacred Heart Cathedral Concert Board.

A loyal supporter of Pirate Blue and a past president of the Seton Hall Alumni Association, Greco received the 1990 College of Education and Human Services Distinguished Alumnus Award. He also served on the Seton Hall Board of Regents.

His numerous awards for service to the community included the Humanitarian of the Year Award from CCS and the Distinguished American Award from the Essex Chapter of the National Foundation Hall of Fame.

Memorial donations may be sent to: Jerome D. Greco Scholarship Fund c/o Seton Hall University, 457 Centre Street, South Orange, NJ 07079. For more information, call (973) 378-2657.

and the New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners. Wayne F. Simmons, J.D. ’96, of Brockton, MA, joined the Andover, MA, law firm of Morris, Rossi & Hayes as an associate. Simmons concentrates in civil litigation and employment, education and corporate law.

Christine D. Thompson ’96, of Maplewood, was named account executive at Anderson Communications Group in Hilton Head Island, SC. Thompson previously worked with the Ad Works Agency and N.W. Ayer in New York, and served as marketing director for Putt-Putt Golf Courses of America.

Lisa S. Gibson ’97, of Shrewsbury, was promoted to assistant account executive at Edward Newland Associates Inc. Gibson joined the firm as an account coordinator in March 1998. James V. Zarrillo, J.D. ’97, of Hasbrouck Heights, joined the Paramus law firm of Beattie Padovano, LLC. Zarrillo previously served as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable James T. Murphy of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Bergen County.

Greg J. Aroneo, M.B.A. ’98, was named director of finance and assistant general manager for the Newark Bears, a charter member team in the Atlantic League of professional baseball clubs. The Newark Bears began playing in a state-of-the-art baseball stadium in downtown Newark this season.

Sujal Mehta, J.D. ’98, of Cinnaminson, joined the Marlton law firm of Parker, McCoy & Criscuolo as an associate. David Shipitofsky ’98, of West Orange, was named director of ticket operations for the Newark Bears.

Tina Turgan, J.D. ’98, of Prospect Park, joined the Parsippany law firm of Gallagher, Cavanaugh & Perzley, LLC, as an associate.
Memorial Tribute

Robert T. Conly '53, Ph.D., the first lay president in the history of Seton Hall University, died in March at the age of 67. As the 18th president of Seton Hall, from 1977 to 1979, Conly was known for his ability to attract federal and state grants and private support from alumni and foundations.

His association with Seton Hall began as a student. He received a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry in 1953, and returned in 1961 to teach in the Department of Chemistry for seven years. In 1957, he received his Ph.D. from Princeton University.

After serving at Wright State University in Ohio as chairman of the chemistry department, dean of the College of Science and Engineering, and vice president and director of planning and development, Conly returned to Seton Hall as president.

He left Seton Hall to become president of the Union Institute, a distance learning university in Cincinnati.

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Third Annual Judges Reception

The School of Law sponsored its third annual Judges Reception in April to honor alumni serving in the judiciary and to provide networking opportunities for Seton Hall Law students seeking internships. The Honorable Thomas P. Zampino, J.D. ’74, reception committee chair (left), welcomed to the event (l-r) first-year law student Lujuan Wright; Very Reverend Thomas R. Peterson, O.P., University chancellor; first-year law student Natisha G. Matthews; the Honorable Martin E. Kravarik, J.D. ’68; and the Honorable Carol A. Ferentz, J.D. ’72.
Jubilarians Convene
Having graduated 50 or more years ago, Jubilarians representing the classes of 1934, 1939, 1944 and 1949 participated in commencement on May 24 at Continental Airlines Arena.
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