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Team captains (left to right) Joe Cuervo ’01, Mika Wren ’01, B.J. Benik ’01 and Shawn Tarkington ’01 proudly display the Pirates’ BIG EAST trophy.

After defeating a stunned Virginia Tech 5-2 in the BIG EAST Championship at Commerce Bank Park in Bridgewater, the Pirates celebrate their victory with a pile-up on the pitcher’s mound.
It was a year of dreams come true for the Pirate baseball team. After a slow start to the season, the Pirates emerged in May as the BIG EAST Tournament Champions, defeating Virginia Tech to claim the team’s first BIG EAST title since 1987. Finishing the season with a 34-23-1 record, the team advanced to the NCAA Division I Championship at Clemson University. In South Carolina, the Pirates defeated top-seeded South Alabama twice before being eliminated by host Clemson in the championship round. It was the team’s most successful NCAA tournament run since 1984.

Post-season, three standout players — B.J. Benik ’01, junior Buddy Hausmann and Shawn Tarkington ’01 (pictured) — were selected in the Major League Baseball Amateur Draft. Tarkington was picked by the Minnesota Twins in the 37th round. Benik (who returned for his senior season after being drafted by the New York Mets last year), was selected as a 23rd round draft pick by the Chicago Cubs. Hausmann, who has two seasons of eligibility remaining at Seton Hall, was chosen by the New York Mets in the 31st round. Since being named head coach in 1973, Mike Sheppard ’58/M.A. ’67 has watched 77 of his players sign professional baseball contracts.

Although legendary head baseball coach Mike Sheppard ’58/M.A. ’67 (left) temporarily passed the coaching reins to son Rob Sheppard ’92/M.B.A. ’97 (right) this year while recovering from surgery, he remained one of the team’s most loyal fans. Being a fan runs in the family: That’s Rob’s son, Robert Michael Jr., in the center. In June, Mike Sheppard received clearance to resume his duties as head coach; Rob will remain on staff as associate head coach.
National tragedy hits home

No one at Seton Hall University — or anywhere in the world — will forget the tragic events of September 11, 2001. The pain and loss surrounding the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon have touched the lives of many members of the University community — students, alumni and employees — as well as their families and friends.

Despite overwhelming feelings of shock and disbelief, the University quickly put in place a series of initiatives to offer information, prayer and comfort to all in need. Members of the Priest Community and University Counseling Services responded by offering counseling. Many on campus gathered around the television sets in the Main Lounge of the Bishop Dougherty University Center. The campus community reached out to accommodate stranded students, and made phones available to anyone wishing to contact loved ones. To help reassure the community, Seton Hall also increased its own security measures.

Via e-mail and its Web site, the University quickly communicated information related to the tragedy, and added frequent updates. The student media also acted as a valuable information source. Minutes after the attack, WSOU-FM began reporting on the unprecedented attacks while The Setonian scrapped an issue already in progress to bring in-depth coverage to its readers.

Early in the afternoon on September 11, Monsignor Robert Sheeran ’67, University president, led hundreds of community members in a prayer for peace at a special outdoor service. “Our faith assures us that God shares our grief; he cries our tears,” he said, “In this lies our hope for healing, our hope for peace.” This same prayer was offered the next day during the University’s annual Mass of the Holy Spirit. And on September 14, along with churches around the country, the Seton Hall community came together at a noon Mass offered as part of the National Day of Prayer and Remembrance. Later that evening, hundreds of students gathered on the University Green to pray during a candlelight vigil.

In a show of community and faith, Seton Hall students, alumni and staff have been quick to support and respond to the needs of others. Students volunteered to help local school officials assist the children of South Orange residents. Others offered to donate blood or pitched in to bring food to weary rescue workers. Seton Hall Cares, an emergency relief fund for victims and their families, was established as another way for University members to demonstrate their kindness and generosity.

Beyond the South Orange campus, great acts of heroism are emerging from those in the Seton Hall family. Despite being struck by debris at the World Trade Center site, the Reverend Christopher Hynes, M.A. ’85/Ed.S. ’86/M. Div. ’92, D. Min., assistant professor of education and Port Authority chaplain, spent countless hours assisting in the rescue efforts. William Spade ’81, a Staten Island-based firefighter with Rescue Co. 5, was among the first to respond to Tower 1. Even after Tower 2 collapsed, posing great danger to those still in Tower 1, he remained in a stairwell, guiding the panic-stricken to safety. Luckily, Spade escaped before Tower 1 fell and was rushed to Metropolitan Hospital in Manhattan, where he was treated for multiple injuries.

American pride remains evident all around campus. On cars and in residence hall windows, community members are displaying the American flag. Many people wear flag-themed clothing, buttons and ribbons, or simply dress in red, white and blue.

There are many more stories of sorrow, courage and faith surrounding this tragedy as it continues to affect those all around us. The Seton Hall University Magazine will continue to share these stories, and pay tribute to all those whom we have lost.

— Carol Stavraka

A place for remembrance and hope

A beautiful memorial garden has been created as a place to reflect upon and remember the Boland Hall fire, a tragedy that has forever changed the Seton Hall University community. Located within the courtyard at the front entrance of the freshman residence hall, the Boland Hall Memorial Garden provides the University community with a serene setting to remember and pray for all those affected by this tragedy — Aaron Karol, Frank Caltabilota and John Giunta, the three young men who were killed; the 58 students who were injured; and the Seton Hall family.

The idea and funding for the Boland Hall Memorial Garden was undertaken entirely by members of the Seton Hall community — including faculty, administrators and staff — who wanted to create a natural, quiet setting where people could remember, pray and pay their respects. “Words can’t describe how the entire University community was impacted by this tragedy,” says Monsignor Robert Sheeran ’67, University president. “The gifts that the members of the University community have made, no matter how large or small, are each a lasting tribute to our entire community, to the families of Aaron, Frank and John, and to all those injured.”

The memorial garden was dedicated in January as part of the memorial services that marked the one-year anniversary of the fire of January 19, 2000. Monsignor Sheeran broke ground for and blessed the space for the garden, saying, “Always this place will speak to us, its message of remembrance.”
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Excerpts from the message of Monsignor Robert Sheeran ’67, Seton Hall University president:

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To all those who have lost friends and loved ones, we extend our deepest sympathy. For them, for the injured, and for all who have died, we promise our prayer. Please remember the following members of our Seton Hall family:

John Bocchi ’85
Dean P. Eberling, M.B.A. ’85
Anthony Infante, M.A.E. ’98
Craig D. Lilore ’95
William Martin ’93
Daniel McGinley ’83
Alfonse Niedermeyer, M.A.E. ’00
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May God remember them with mercy and grant them his peace.


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As corporations continue to emphasize the importance of lifelong education and training, Seton Hall University is launching a plan to meet the educational needs of professionals from a variety of sectors.

Leading this effort to forge more ties with the corporate community and other external constituencies is Charles Edinger, M.B.A. ’87, University College’s new assistant provost. Established in 1937, University College offers a variety of evening and weekend courses for part-time students seeking degrees, professional certificates and Continuing Education Units (CEUs). SetonWorldWide, the University’s online degree program, is another of its key components.

Edinger’s appointment in May marks a needed reorganization of University College.

According to Mel J. Shay, Ed.D., University provost and executive vice president for Academic Affairs, the revitalization and reorganization of University College is an absolute necessity in shaping the future of Seton Hall’s nontraditional student programs. In addition, “This initiative offers significant opportunities for the University to capture new revenue from untapped markets,” Shay says.

Enhancing and increasing the number of educational opportunities available to business professionals also makes sense given the current corporate climate, Edinger notes. “Over the past 10 years, we’ve begun to see changes in how people learn and the importance companies place on continuing education,” he explains. “Clearly, companies see educated employees as a competitive advantage. As a result, individuals now recognize the need to broaden their professional knowledge and build upon their skills throughout their career.”

Since 1996, Edinger had worked for EVCI, a New York-based educational video-conferencing company that facilitates distance learning for universities and corporations. Before gaining this corporate experience, he spent 22 years in higher education, including five years at Seton Hall, where he served as assistant dean of Enrollment Services, Admissions and Financial Aid and Cooperative Education coordinator.

Several companies have partnered with the University to help bring these services to a wider audience. In July, University College linked up with Edcor, a Michigan-based company that provides learning-management services to corporations. The partnership allows University College to offer companies training and continuing education options, such as academic degree offerings, technical and management training, and professional certifications. “With Edcor managing its clients’ learning infrastructures, and University College providing traditional and technology-based instruction, high-quality learning experiences are delivered to companies in a cost-effective manner,” Edinger explains. Similar partnerships with other top technology companies are in the works.

To attract more professionals as students, University College is focusing on outreach to alumni, as well as on establishing relationships with professionals working in the blossoming financial services, health care, pharmaceuticals and telecommunications industries. “These are highly competitive fields; both employees and their companies benefit from lifelong learning,” Edinger says. He also is meeting with leaders from area corporations to evaluate potential training needs. “We are centrally located among hundreds of national and international corporate headquarters,” he comments. “An incredible opportunity exists to address the training needs of these organizations.”

Edinger’s decision to return to Seton Hall as assistant provost was influenced by University College’s reputation in serving nontraditional students and adapting to change. “Although the best place to continue learning is in a university setting, many institutions have not addressed the needs of corporate professionals to the extent that Seton Hall has,” he says. The corporate educational process is very different from the traditional academic approach, he observes. “Undergraduate education focuses on developing a broad base of knowledge. Continuing education focuses on building or enhancing specialized skills.”

Seton Hall’s reputation offers a clear advantage in expanding University College’s corporate reach, Edinger believes. “As competition for these students heats up, we have a head start that will help us tap into this niche.”

Technology is becoming an increasingly important component of continuing education. As a result, Edinger expects that the number of technology-based courses offered through University College will grow.

“SetonWorldWide is a highly successful model that we can utilize to expand our online capabilities into areas such as corporate training,” he notes. A mix of Web-based classes, distance learning and traditional classroom instruction will likely be offered, depending on the subject matter and needs of the students.

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Twenty British teachers and school administrators took part in a unique international exchange program hosted by Seton Hall University in May. The visiting group learned about American education and teaching methods by observing U.S. teachers in the classroom and presenting their own lesson plans to students in grades K-12 in the Cranford, Newark and Montclair public schools.

Each visitor was paired with a U.S. teacher according to subject and grade levels taught. And each one was assigned to a 10-member team that studied specific educational issues. For example, a group from Sunderland (in northeastern England) focused on underachieving boys and understanding gender differences in achievement. Another team, hailing from Cornwall (in southwestern England), observed and studied the application of critical thinking skills in the classroom.

Spending most of their time in the classroom, the British educators worked alongside their American counterparts in activities such as shadowing, observing, team teaching and lesson planning.

The exchange is aimed at bringing the best education practices from around the world to British schools. It is part of the Teachers International Professional Development Program, an initiative funded by the British government’s Department for Education and Employment (DfEE).

Each year, DfEE sends 2,600 teachers around the world to observe international teaching strategies and classroom-management practices in a variety of subjects. The program, which has placed close to 300 teachers in U.S. classrooms since August 2000, is administered in the United States by the British Council.

The partnership between Seton Hall and DfEE makes good sense, according to Charles P. Mitchell ’66/M.A.’70, Ed.D., associate professor and chair of the Department of Educational Administration and Supervision at Seton Hall’s College of Education and Human Services (see “Focus on Faculty” in the Summer 2001 Seton Hall University Magazine). “The British Ministry of Education wanted to encourage its educators to benefit from international professional development,” Mitchell explains. “Seton Hall already had a professional development school set up with the Cranford School District, where we work to provide training to their teachers. This was a great experience for the British teachers as well as the Americans.”

Organizers hope the partnership with the University is the beginning of a long-term educational exchange. “We are happy to have been able to work with Seton Hall to help develop professional relationships between educators in New Jersey and England,” says Stacy Colvin, scholarship program officer with the British Council U.S.A. “We hope that as a result of this visit, further activities may develop between the schools involved, and we look forward to facilitating the growth of those relationships.” Colvin adds, “It is expected that these educators will be a force of change within their school districts upon their return.”

The British educators returned with some homework assignments: Reporting their findings to the DfEE and outlining the strategies they will implement in the classroom. Each team report is posted on the DfEE Web site, creating a significant compilation of educational research that can be accessed by teachers from around the world. For more information on this program, or to view the reports, visit the Web sites at www.britishcouncil-usa.org or www.dfee.gov.uk/tipd/
Academic excellence is, and always has been, a key component in the mission of Seton Hall University, and is one way the University measures success with its students. Over the past few months, Seton Hall has received national recognition for its excellence on the academic front — through various surveys, rankings and other indicators, such as excellent faculty appointments and grants. Central to the University’s mission is to cultivate future leaders who make a difference in the world. This can only happen through rigorous and challenging academic opportunities.

The following four national resources have recognized the unique and exemplary learning environment at Seton Hall.

The U.S. News & World Report College Guide

Each year, U.S. News & World Report ranks colleges and universities. The newsmagazine’s ranking model places college and universities in “tiers” based on their category.

Seton Hall is one of 162 public and 87 private institutions grouped in the National Universities-Doctoral category. These universities offer a full range of undergraduate majors, as well as master’s and doctoral degrees; many strongly emphasize research.

In this year’s U.S. News rankings, released September 17, Seton Hall moved up from Tier 3 to Tier 2, placing it in the company of Boston University, Fordham University, St. Louis University, Syracuse University, the University of Arizona and the University of Florida, to name a few of the schools in this tier.

The U.S. News & World Report rankings are based on the following criteria:

- **Academic Reputation** — evaluated by surveying each school’s president, provost and dean of admissions to assess the reputation of other schools.
- **Retention** — interpreted as a measure of student satisfaction.
- **Faculty Resources** — evaluated on class size, average faculty salaries, faculty degrees, student-to-faculty ratio and the proportion of full-time faculty.
- **Student Selectivity** — based on test scores, high school class standing, acceptance rate and the proportion of accepted students who attend.
- **Financial Resources** — measures the total resources a school devotes to education.
- **Value Added** — evaluates the school’s role in the academic success of students, as well as how efficient the school is in assuming that role.
- **Alumni Giving Rate** — measures the percentage of undergraduate alumni who give to their school.

The Templeton Guide: Colleges that Encourage Character Development

This nationally distributed guide for parents, students and faculty identifies colleges that promote values such as honesty, service and respect. The guide profiles more than 400 college programs that aid students in developing their own “moral compass.” Through its rigorous selection process, the guide considers a school’s clarity of vision; resources; involvement of its leaders; and the impact of its character-development programs on students, faculty and the campus community.

The Templeton Guide commends Seton Hall for the volunteer opportunities offered through its Institute for Service Learning, a program that helps faculty members incorporate community service projects into their curricula. “The institute — and its efforts to provide important services to the community — are vital to furthering the Seton Hall mission and our Catholic identity,” observes Joseph Marbach, Ph.D., co-director of the institute (along with Roseanne Mirabella, Ph.D.).

Yahoo! Internet Life magazine

In 1999, the magazine in its survey of “America’s Most Wired Colleges” listed Seton Hall as No. 16 — the most “wired” Catholic university in the nation. In 2001, the University moves up to the No. 13 spot. Yahoo! Internet Life bases its rankings on areas such as hardware, academics and free services. This survey recognizes the University’s intensive efforts over the past five years to upgrade the campus information technology network. Currently, Seton Hall has embarked on IT2, the second phase of its strategic long-term technology plan.

As these three national guides focus positive attention on the University, other indicators of success are occurring closer to home, and may be even more tangible to students and faculty. The following are examples of this success.
For growing universities, having enough parking spaces for students, faculty and visitors can be a challenge. This is certainly true for Seton Hall, which is why the University expanded its parking garage this summer to add 525 spaces to the existing 825. Two additional levels were added to the existing three levels, along with two new elevators, a stair tower and more security phones.

The construction project, overseen by Henderson Construction Company in Raritan, began immediately following Commencement Exercises in May. Crews worked feverishly throughout the summer to complete the addition in time for the start of the Fall Semester.

The added parking spaces represent a 25 percent increase in overall campus parking availability, according to Roger Demareski, M.B.A. '99, assistant vice president for administration. The need for more parking has been intensified by several factors. There’s been an increase in general awareness of the University on both local and national levels. And campus events such as University Day, SHU 500, reunions and community activities have become very popular. “This project is another necessary step, because of an increase in student, staff and local involvement in the University’s academic, social and civic activities,” Demareski says. “A growing number of people also are staying on campus longer while participating in events.”

During the summer of construction, the University operated with 900 fewer parking spaces by having employees participate in a compressed workweek. This reduced the number of cars on campus by about 20 percent each day. Faculty and staff could track the project’s progress through a special Web site updated weekly.

The summer sacrifice was well worth the effort, Demareski comments. “We are pleased with the results, and I know our students, faculty, staff and alumni welcome the improvement in parking availability,” he says.
It is rare to encounter someone who looks forward to going to work each day. But David T. Abalos, Ph.D., professor of religious studies and sociology, is one of the exceptions. Since 1963, Abalos has educated thousands of students, and yet eagerly awaits the start of each semester as if it were his first time in front of a classroom.

“I really enjoy teaching,” says Abalos, a native of East Windsor. “It is truly a blessing for me to be inside a classroom teaching and learning together with students. I love the profession and my students. I’ve found that if you have a passion for what you do, you will never be bored or dissatisfied.”

A member of the Seton Hall University faculty since 1966, Abalos has committed himself to promoting diversity in education. “When I first came to the Seton Hall campus, the student body comprised only male students, predominately of European-American descent,” he remembers. “I come from a Chicano/Mexican background. During my early education, I learned almost nothing about my background in school. Because of this, diversity education is of great concern to me; therefore it is important for me to teach about it.”

To meet this need, Abalos assigns readings that represent his students’ multicultural backgrounds — African-American, Asian, Latino, Native American and European-American — as well as works by women authors. “This has always been a key aspect of my teaching, especially during the last 20 years,” he notes.

A strong advocate for human relations, Abalos has developed and conducted many community service projects while working at the University. He also lectures on issues such as racial and ethnic diversity, Latinos in society, and personal and political transformation in higher education.

Abalos has great hopes for the future of diversity education at Seton Hall. “Through the efforts of a number of deeply caring faculty and administrators over many years, one-third of Seton Hall’s population is composed of students of color,” he says. “That was not automatic or easy. Now that we have a diversified student body, the University faculty needs to mirror this same diversity. This takes time, but we are working toward that goal.”

Widely recognized as an outstanding teacher in the state and beyond, Abalos was honored in 1988-89 by an international educational organization, the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), as New Jersey Professor of the Year, and also was named one of the top 10 outstanding university professors in the nation. He was honored in 1995 with Seton Hall’s first Human Relations Citation. At Commencement 2000, Seton Hall awarded Abalos the University’s prestigious Bishop J. Francis McQuaid Medal for Distinguished Service, an honor bestowed each year upon a longtime member of the faculty, staff or administration who is committed to Seton Hall and its mission.

For school districts throughout the state, Abalos offers training to assist K-12 teachers in revising their curriculums to reflect a more multicultural and gender-fair perspective. “I help make diversity a part of everyday education,” he explains.

School districts, among them Chatham, Brick Township, Irvington, Hackensack and Madison, have developed a multicultural scholarship with the help of Abalos, who also has conducted in-service training for schools in Oregon, Ohio and Illinois. Currently, he is working with the Paterson and East Windsor Regional school districts.

“I do my best to connect my teaching and work in the community to scholarship,” he says. “My book, Strategies of Transformation Toward a Multicultural Society: Fulfilling the Story of Democracy, grew out of my work with the school districts.”

The professor’s most recent book, The Latino Male: A Radical Redefinition, is scheduled for release this fall. Lynne Reinner Publishers selected Abalos to be the general editor for its new
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In June, Mel J. Shay, Ed.D., was named provost and executive vice president for Academic Affairs at Seton Hall University. Although he is new to the position, the University community is already familiar with Shay—he has spent more than 20 years on campus in a variety of leadership positions. In addition to serving as a full professor and dean of the College of Education and Human Services, Shay was acting provost during the 2000-01 academic year.

As provost, Shay is embarking on a strategic plan to help the University gain greater national recognition for its academic excellence, especially in its undergraduate programs. “Seton Hall has strong academics but needs to achieve greater recognition for its quality programming,” he explains.

As soon as Shay came into the provost’s office, he strongly endorsed the University’s Tier 2 aspirations. In September, *The U.S. News & World Report College Guide*, a widely referenced indicator of quality in higher education, elevated Seton Hall into its second tier of national universities. Other prestigious schools, including the American University, Brigham Young University and the Catholic University of America, share this ranking with Seton Hall. In addition, Seton Hall was recently recognized by two college guidebooks for its ability to cultivate socially responsible leaders and to support its students (see related article on page 6).

Shay notes that these accolades do more than simply increase the University’s status among the nation’s top institutions. “Over time, we expect that Tier 2 status will increase the number of student applications as well as the quality of the students applying. Stronger applications will, in turn, yield the resources needed to enhance our academic offerings and student support services.”

To help realize this goal, the provost’s plan is focused on “re-centering” Seton Hall to place greater emphasis on its undergraduate, liberal arts offerings. “This is the foundation on which the University was built,” Shay says. “Academic Affairs is engaged in serving three, broad educational sectors: undergraduate education, graduate education and continuing education. Over time, our focus has shifted from undergraduate education to the graduate side.”

This shift has prompted the growth of more than 90 graduate degree and certificate program offerings. However, Shay notes, Seton Hall’s undergraduate population is proportionally smaller than the Catholic universities with which it competes. During 1999-2000, for example, Seton Hall’s enrollment of 10,000 was nearly evenly split between undergraduate students (4,945) and graduate students (4,553). But a study released earlier this year by DePaul University found that most of the nation’s largest Catholic universities enrolled significantly more undergraduates than graduate students, a trend that Shay is working to emulate at Seton Hall.

The process of attracting more undergraduates must begin with an internal review of existing offerings. “Students choose their college based on whether the school has the programs they want and the quality they seek,” Shay emphasizes. When he was a professor and dean, students often spoke to him about the importance of attending a school with a strong academic reputation. “It’s critical that students are aware of Seton Hall’s academic offerings and reputation for quality education,” Shay says.

The provost has asked all of the University’s schools and colleges to reevaluate program offerings and develop a comprehensive plan to increase enrollment and revenue over the next five years. He adds, “We need to know where the University can grow, and where the greatest opportunities exist.”

An integral part of this evaluation process, Shay met throughout the summer with the deans of each school and college, along with the deans of University Libraries and the Freshman Studies Program, to review their long-term plans and discuss growth strategies for academic programs. To concentrate on this endeavor, he also hosted a two-day retreat in July for
the deans and other key members of the administration. “This is a collaborative effort, and I want and need all of us to be involved every step of the way,” he says.

The University already has identified some undergraduate programs that could grow, such as Management Information Systems in the Stillman School of Business. “We are nationally recognized for our technologically advanced campus, but have relatively small numbers of students enrolled in our information technology programs,” Shay notes. “This comprehensive review process is helping us understand not only the academic needs of prospective students, but also the specific student populations that we need to reach effectively.” In response, Seton Hall will employ a focused marketing approach for such fields to tap students at an earlier stage in their college decision-making process.

Some changes to the University’s academic offerings are to be expected. “If we are to further improve upon our current quality, both existing and potentially new programs must undergo rigorous review for consonance with the University’s goals, quality standards and mission,” Shay emphasizes. “Generally, universities have a tendency to continuously add new programs. Discontinuing the programs that may not work as well is less common, but is a critical step on our path to success.”

Over time, Shay says that the number of undergraduates in each incoming class will rise. Approximately 1,200 freshmen have enrolled this year, up from about 1,100 last year. “We have to proceed cautiously, but I certainly want us to see the number of freshmen on campus continue to increase,” he states.

One challenge to accommodating a larger enrollment is doing so without compromising quality. “While we are in this growth mode, it will be challenging also to increase quality measures, such as SAT scores and student-to-faculty ratios,” Shay says, adding, “but it’s absolutely critical that we re-center toward serving a larger undergraduate population.” Ensuring that student services, such as the University’s award-winning Freshman Studies Program, have the support in place to accommodate changing demographics will help maintain quality.

Despite a heightened focus on undergraduate programs, Seton Hall’s graduate and continuing education programs will not be overlooked. “We are streamlining these programs to meet the University’s mission and quality goals, while capitalizing on market realities,” he says. These areas are now being reorganized as part of University College, under the direction of its newly appointed assistant provost, Charles Edinger, M.B.A. ’87 (see related article on page 4).

“E-learning and technological advances have opened up a wealth of new opportunities in continuing education. We can satisfy changing adult-learner needs without compromising the more traditional educational needs of our undergraduates,” Shay explains.

Shay acknowledges that while paying close attention to enrollment numbers and revenue are critical components of his job, his sights are set on achieving much loftier goals. “The real bottom line is providing a rich academic experience for our students — one that enriches the mind, the heart and the spirit. Recognition clearly flows from academic excellence,” he says.
Emil Kurtisi is no stranger to turning adversity into success. Born in Nis, Yugoslavia, he emigrated to the United States in 1990 with his parents and younger brother, Igor. Like many Yugoslavian immigrants, the family barely escaped the wars and ethnic struggles plaguing their native country.

Now a senior at Seton Hall University, Kurtisi happily resides in Garfield with his mother and brother, and keeps in close contact with his father, who lives out-of-state. “I have no other relatives in the States,” he says, “The entire family is still in Yugoslavia. Both financial constraints and civil unrest in the area have prevented me from going back to visit.”

Kurtisi remains in touch by calling his overseas relatives as much as possible, especially since the recent resurgence in violence throughout the region. “It’s very unnerving to see news reports about conditions there, and know that the people you grew up with and care about could potentially be in danger,” he says.

Although adjusting to a new country, language and culture — all at the same time — was a challenge for Kurtisi, he knew he could not shy away from it. “I had to find a way to fit in somehow. Learning the language was the first step,” he recalls. The determined student poured his energies into mastering English, and after only four months in ESL (English as a Second Language) classes, Kurtisi was assimilated into regular classes.

“Mastering English was the first challenge Emil Kurtisi met in coming to America. Since then, his talents in math and business have been prompting him to focus on becoming a corporate leader.”

“That was a major milestone for me,” he affirms.

At Garfield High School, Kurtisi became fascinated with numbers and business. His academic skills were not limited to these subjects, however, and in 1998, he was inducted into the National Honor Society. Active in school activities, he tried his hand at a number of sports, including football, basketball, soccer, and track and field. “Extracurricular activities taught me a lot about American culture, but also how to accept life’s wins and losses,” he reflects.

After graduating with honors in 1998, Kurtisi followed up on his math and business skills by enrolling in the Stillman School of Business as a finance major. “I knew Seton Hall had a great reputation for its business programs and its ability to turn out leaders. I felt very comfortable on the campus and knew I could make a contribution here,” he comments.

Since then, Kurtisi has received various scholarships to help fund his studies, including a $3,000 State Farm Companies Foundation Exceptional Student Fellowship. This national fellowship program is designed to identify, aid and encourage high-potential college students majoring in business-related fields. Kurtisi fits the criteria well: An academic achiever, he demonstrates leadership in extracurricular activities, strength of character and potential to excel in a business administrative capacity.

As he aims to become a future business leader,
Kurtisi feels his strong work ethic and determination will take him far, but he also cites leadership skills as essential for his success. He was therefore pleased when he was invited to take part in Seton Hall’s Leadership Studies Program. This program offers business students a challenging course of study, special workshops and events during the year, plus internship opportunities. By interning at some of the area’s most prestigious companies and community organizations, students gain hands-on experiences. In a unique partnership, the interns are mentored by corporate executives and community leaders.

During the summers of 1999 and 2000, Kurtisi interned at Merrill Lynch, regarded as one of the nation’s top financial-services companies. It was an opportunity he never imagined could be possible. Working out of the Plainsboro and New York City offices, he analyzed the firm’s financial products, including several top-performing mutual funds. He also evaluated product processes and performance, and participated, along with other interns, in the firm’s philanthropic community activities. “I learned that giving back to the community and demonstrating a commitment to corporate social responsibility are an important part of business strategy,” he states.

At Merrill Lynch, Kurtisi learned how to communicate with business professionals and had the opportunity to work with the best in the industry. “The managers at the company were very open-minded and gave me valuable advice. They were always available to answer any questions I had,” he says.

On campus, Kurtisi has certainly made an impression as a standout. Although Richard J. Hunter Jr., J.D., faculty chair and professor of finance and legal studies, has never had Kurtisi in class, the two have developed a strong rapport. Hunter comes to campus early each day, and often meets informally over a cup of coffee with a group of leadership students who meet each morning in the Kozlowski Hall student lounge. Kurtisi “is extremely hard-working and very focused,” Hunter says. “He knows where he wants to go in life and how he wants to get there, which is extremely rare in such a young person.

We’ve spoken about his future many times, and he clearly wants to be successful. He knows you get there through hard work and determination.” Hunter was so impressed with Kurtisi that he recommended him for the State Farm fellowship program.

Because of interning at Merrill Lynch, Kurtisi has developed a heightened interest in the stock market. He closely follows market activity, analyzes corporate data and makes small investments. Of Kurtisi’s trading activities, Hunter notes, “Although his dabbling in the stock market right now might be seen as a hobby by some, it is giving him real-world, hands-on learning experiences and a strong base for the future.”

The finance major agrees. “My involvement with the leadership program and working at Merrill Lynch make me feel that I am on the right track for the future. There is so much opportunity out there, and I just want to do my best,” Kurtisi says. Despite his focus on becoming a corporate leader, thoughts of his family are never far from his mind. “Almost everything I do, I do to make my Mom proud. She is my oracle and has played a great role in preparing me for a bright future.”

— Dennissa Brown ’01
Will the Web

In the shadow of the Internet, newspapers are battling for readers. Two faculty members and the editors of USA Today and The Setonian weigh the Internet’s impact on journalism in the Information Age.

By Shannon Rossman Allen and Carol Stavraka

Despite the newspaper’s primary function — to inform the public of current and future events — newspapers have always had an element of timelessness to them. From their beginnings in the early 1600s, their form and function haven’t changed much. Still printed on paper and organized mostly by content, newspapers have always served as the voice of the people. But now, some industry analysts say that the “news” may not be fit to print anymore, as more people begin to rely on a new source for their daily news and information: the Internet.

While the possibility may seem unlikely that the Web will replace the millions of newspapers delivered to doorsteps each day, consider that as of May, some 1,300 North American daily newspapers were publishing online versions, according to the Newspaper Association of America (NAA). Worldwide, more than 4,500 daily, weekly and other newspapers have online versions. And while that number is still far smaller than the many thousands of newspapers published globally, the rapid rise of the online news industry contrasts sharply with the slow, steady, history of the printed publication, leaving some question as to whether traditional papers can keep up.

Society’s Watchdog

In the late 17th century in England, members of the upper class regarded newspapers as a public nuisance. This had an influence on content as editors and publishers wrote with an eye toward their readers, the largely literate members of the middle class. As a result, newspapers became a rebellious medium, and a voice for reform.

In the 19th century, American newspapers quickly became big business, and made millionaires out of moguls such as William Randolph Hearst and Robert R. McCormick. But their rise to fame and fortune also collided with the advent of “yellow journalism,” when the sensationalized stories published by Hearst and his competitor, Joseph Pulitzer, in 1898 helped drag the United States into the Spanish-American War by strongly influencing public opinion.

That abuse of the newspaper’s power sparked the major reform movement of the early 20th century. A new generation of reporters and editors — many of whom were veterans of the Spanish-American conflict or World War I — revitalized the industry. Papers returned to their roots, covering strikes, trials and elections with an objective or even reform-friendly view. Newspapers gained in credibility, causing politicians to court the press. As the century progressed, reporters began to view themselves as guardians of the people’s rights. This new spirit is clearly seen in the journalist’s credo, created by H.L. Mencken, the highly respected writer, editor and social critic. The credo, which has since been adopted by journalists everywhere, states: “I believe that it is better to tell the truth than a lie. I believe that it is better to be free than to be a slave. And I believe that it is better to know than be ignorant.”

The profession’s ultimate chance to live up to that ideal came during a myriad of political crises in the 1960s and ’70s, culminating in the resignation of President Richard M. Nixon. Since that time, newspapers have enjoyed a relatively steady popularity, although some did experience declines in readership following the advent of television news programs and dedicated cable networks such as CNN. Now online news sites add a new dimension of competition to the industry. Often reporting news as it unfolds, the sites lure audiences by packing news stories with sound bytes, moving images and hyperlinks.

Here to Stay

Robert Dubill, J.D. ’74, executive editor of USA Today, believes that printed newspapers are not going anywhere anytime soon. “The Internet is not replacing newspapers; the printed page will always be needed,” he states. “It’s accessible to and it’s readable for all literate people. When a person is browsing the Internet, he or she knows
what to look for. If you’re unfamiliar with an online publication, navigation could take a substantial amount of time, and ultimately the screen is limited and you can’t view a total page.”

Dubill does agree that the Internet is an important accent to the newspaper industry. USA Today’s online service, located at www.usatoday.com, launched in 1995. Based on the successful hard copy newspaper, the site provides readers with easy access to up-to-the-minute news. In less than one year, the online version surpassed 2 million total “hits” (representing the total number of files viewers request) per day. In 1997, it set a record-breaking 20 million hits in one day. A year later, traffic to the online site soared to a one-day high of 92 million hits. Although the company no longer measures traffic to the site based on total hits, the Web site does track its number of monthly readers, at 25 million this past summer.

Despite the success of USA Today’s Web site, Dubill remains traditional in his views about journalism and its final product. “There’s just a delight and joy in having a newspaper in hand,” he says. “While reading the paper, you are your own editor. You can pick and choose what and how much you read.”

Amy Nyberg, Ph.D., professor of communication at Seton Hall

Breaking News … or Is It?

Two cross-town newspapers become fierce rivals. An editor is sued for libel. A new publisher introduces a gossip column. A list of notable persons and local entertainment appears on page six.

Although these news items sound like they took place recently, they date as far back as the 17th century, and have had a far-reaching influence on the way people receive information. The bitter rivalry occurred between the Royalist Aulicus and the Parliamentarian Britannicus in England in 1643. The editor of The New York Weekly Journal was jailed in 1735 after criticizing the British colonial government. Founded in 1709, The Tatler quickly became known for its gossip, and the first “page six” entertainment page appeared in 1755 in the Bath Advertiser.
Technology Reshapes the Industry

While there always have been challenges in the newspaper industry — and the Internet ranks right up there — Dubill views the Information Age as an opportunity to be seized. “Whether it’s published on newsprint or on a Web site, it’s still journalism and it’s still reaching the people,” he says. “The Internet will continue to grow, and some may move away from that tangible newspaper, but it won’t disappear. Newspaper journalism is the noblest profession; it’s the watchdog of the state.”

Dubill emphasizes that now is a good time for budding journalists to get into the business. “There’s a real hunger out there for good journalism,” he says. “It provides a context and a balance to our lives. There’s a great market out there for journalists who are enterprising, investigative and have a flair for writing.”

Tracy Gottlieb, Ph.D., associate professor of communication at Seton Hall and acting dean of the Freshman Studies Program, believes that while there’s really no way for the newspaper industry to predict what the future holds, technology definitely comes into play.

“Newspapers don’t know what they’ll look like in 10 years because technology is rapidly changing,” says Gottlieb, who has been an Associated Press reporter and worked with Dubill for a while. “In 1922, newspapers were in a panic because they thought the radio would destroy them, but they survived. But now the ‘threat’ of information technology is real.”

A New Approach to News

Newspapers are losing readers, according to the NAA. The percentage of Americans reading a daily national newspaper has fallen from 64.2 percent in 1995 to 55.1 percent in 2000 (see chart above). “A video and television culture, the world no longer views the newspaper as a natural media,” Gottlieb says.

But one newspaper — USA Today — has flourished in the shadow of TV news and electronic media. This daily paper has made great strides since its sell-out launch in the Baltimore/Washington, D.C., area in September 1982. At his paper’s debut, USA Today founder Al Neuharth criticized papers for being boring. He envisioned something different when he launched his colorful new newspaper with its informal and succinct writing style.

Gottlieb points to USA Today as one of the forces that have changed the industry. USA Today’s splashy approach revitalized the newspaper industry, though some critics called it “McPaper” or “junk-food journalism.” In 1,000 Years, 1,000 People: Ranking the Men and Women Who Shaped the Millennium (co-written by Gottlieb; her husband, Henry; and Barbara and Brent Bowers), Neuharth is ranked number 987.

“USA Today influenced other media. Even The New York Times, the great gray lady of journalism, beefed up its graphics and switched to color,” the team wrote. “The border between television news and entertainment blurred. Neuharth created a newspaper for people who watched television.”

By the end of USA Today’s first year, its circulation hit 362,879, double its projections. And the numbers continued to climb. Less than a year after its launch, USA Today topped the 1 million mark, according to Price Waterhouse certification, and three years later it became the second largest newspaper in the nation, with a daily circulation in excess of 1.4 million. The newspaper turned its first profit in 1987, six months ahead of projections. In 1999, USA Today inched ahead of The Wall Street Journal in circulation — with 1.76 million — making it the nation’s largest daily newspaper for the first time, according to the Audit Bureau of Circulations (ABC). Though their approaches differ considerably, competition between the two papers remains fierce; as of May, the ABC reported USA Today’s daily circulation had reached 1.85 million, just 33,000 copies ahead of The Wall Street Journal.

What makes USA Today so successful? It’s the focus, according to a article published in Brill’s Content in September 1998. “USA Today believes its readers are not terribly concerned with foreign news, except when there’s a major crisis or disaster,” Brill’s Content reports. David Mazzarella, the Newark native who retired in 1999 as editor of USA Today, proudly told Brill’s Content that he had given the paper “more depth, more breath, more length” and a “more serious” approach to news.

USA Today continues to adapt to its audience. To reach guests at an estimated 3,500 hotels, this fall the paper will start offering its USA Today News Center, an interactive television news service similar to its Web site.
Survival Strategies

Traditional newspapers should be nervous about the impact of the Information Age on the industry, according to Gottlieb. “Statistics on readership show that they’re in trouble,” she says. “Women don’t read them. More people under the age of 24 are choosing to forego the daily read. The St. Petersburg Times in Florida runs obituaries on the front page.” While that state does have a high population of senior citizens, Gottlieb points out that in general, “Newspapers have more of an appeal to the elderly.”

For newspapers to survive, Gottlieb says, there must be a revolution, and newspapers must take a closer look at themselves, adapting to the changing needs of their readers. “Look at what commercial magazines are doing — news doesn’t need to be defined too narrowly. The front page of a newspaper should reflect the concerns of its readership.”

Understanding your audience is a principle that Nyberg, along with her colleagues in Seton Hall’s Department of Communication, emphasizes to journalism students. “It’s not enough to know how to write; students need to know what to write about,” Nyberg says. “Seton Hall, with its emphasis on a broad, liberal arts education, provides excellent preparation to these students. We make use of new technology in the classroom, but it’s only a tool. The basic skills of reporting remain the essential skills for journalists,” she emphasizes. Practice is still the best way to hone those skills, which is why Seton Hall students are encouraged to capitalize on the “real-life” experiences offered through internships and The Setonian, the student newspaper (see Endpaper on page 40).

Senior Paul Tencher, editor-in-chief of The Setonian for 2001-02, advocates that newspapers and new technologies operate in tandem to take journalism to the next level. “The Internet and the newspaper must work together,” he insists, “Fact-finding is easier [on the Web] and the transfer of information through e-mail and networks has made this exchange almost effortless,” he points out. Tencher speaks from experience gained at The Setonian and while interning this past summer at the Newport Daily News in Rhode Island. That opportunity, he says, “has given me the confidence of a seasoned professional.”

As traditional newspapers — and the student press — introduce online news sites, they boost their ability to reach a wider, global audience. “The Setonian works hard to keep the electronic portion of its paper [www.Setonian.com] up-to-date at all times,” Tencher says. “We feel that as a ‘mobile’ community made up of alumni, students and friends of the University from all countries and backgrounds, it is imperative to provide information that can be accessed from anywhere in the world.”

Tencher is emphatic in stating that the printed newspaper, backed by its 400-year history, will remain an important resource even as society grows more dependent on technology. “Print will never become extinct,” he believes. “People like taking the actual paper with them, especially in metropolitan areas and the commuter communities.”

But exactly how the online newspaper will ultimately fit into everyday life — and the news industry — is still anyone’s guess. Nyberg comments, “Its place in American mass media continues to evolve, much the same way that other new technologies did when they were first introduced. As with all new technology, its potential seems virtually unlimited at the moment. If I could predict with certainty the future of the newspaper, I could instantly become the highest-paid consultant in the industry.”

Erica Stein contributed background research and information to this feature.
In 1953, when Seton Hall University established the Institute of Judaeo-Christian Studies, it was the first of its kind. The institute quickly became known for its unprecedented research and dialogue on the relationship between Christian and Jewish faiths. Its founder was Monsignor John M. Oesterreicher, S.T.L., an internationally recognized scholar who grew up in a Jewish family and later became a Catholic priest.

After Vatican II (which took place between 1962 and 1965), the institute in 1975 launched the nation’s first Jewish-Christian studies graduate program. It took an innovative approach in developing the curriculum by including among its original faculty members Rabbi Asher Finkel, Ph.D., an Orthodox Jewish scholar who became one of the first rabbis to teach religion full-time at a Catholic institution. Just three years later, the successful graduate program that had begun under Monsignor Oesterreicher became a separate department within the College of Arts and Sciences. Now, after 25 years, the Department of Jewish-Christian Studies at Seton Hall is stronger than ever, attracting students of all faiths from around the world.

Like its student body, the faculty is diverse — and still includes Rabbi Finkel, professor of Jewish-Christian studies. He notes that although his prominent role within a Catholic university may strike some as unusual, the Jewish perspective is necessary to understand the complex relationship between Jewish and Christian communities for almost 2,000 years.

“Christianity is grounded in the history and the Jewish elements in the teachings of Jesus,” Rabbi Finkel explains. “We study the various aspects of the relationship between Jews and Christians, including their conflicts through the ages, to promote a deeper, common understanding between these two communities.” In addition to courses in Hebrew scripture and rabbinic thought, Rabbi Finkel also offers three courses on the Gospels, providing striking insights into the teaching and prayers of Jesus.

As a result of Vatican II, the Catholic Church recognized the need to foster greater understanding between Jews and Christians. In 1965, in Nostra Aetate 4, the Vatican Council declared, “Since Jews and Christians have such a common spiritual heritage, this sacred Council wishes to encourage and further understanding and appreciation. This can be obtained, especially, by way of biblical and theological inquiry and through friendly discussion.”

Monsignor Oesterreicher, who was a key architect of this landmark declaration, observed years later, “The drafting of Nostra Aetate 4 is the peak of the Institute of Judaeo-Christian Studies’ efforts to raise the consciousness of believers that the Church and Judaism are both rooted in the history of salvation. Personally, I am grateful to have been chosen to write the study of truths on which the Church’s life rests.”

The institute’s founder had a keen — and very personal — understanding of the link between the two faiths. Born in 1904 into a Jewish family living in Moravia (part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire), John Oesterreicher converted to Catholicism and became a priest in 1927. Still, he was forced to flee his native country in 1938 to escape the Nazi regime. He emigrated to the United States in 1940. Despite his efforts to help his parents, they perished in the Holocaust. At a Mass at Seton Hall in 1992, Monsignor Oesterreicher celebrated 65 years as a priest. His many honors included being named a distinguished professor emeritus and a Prelate of Honor. At the time of his death (in 1993 at age 89) he was still directing the institute and actively engaged in scholarly writing.

Rabbi Finkel, even before coming to Seton Hall in the early 1970s, was an advocate for ecumenical education. He promoted “friendly discussions” between Jews and Christians at several colleges, including Fordham University and New York University (NYU). He was a professor of religious studies at NYU and was involved with the school’s Catholic youth organization, the Newman Club.

**Inspired**

A pioneer in promoting Seton Hall continues to foster between the

By Carol

Rabbi Finkel
Rabbi Finkel’s work in the Catholic community caught the attention of Monsignor Oesterreicher, who, in 1974, invited the rabbi to come to Seton Hall to help establish the Jewish-Christian studies program. Ever since then, Rabbi Finkel has been working closely with the department’s faculty members, including David M. Bossman, O.F.M., M.A., M.S., Ph.D., professor of Jewish-Christian studies; John Morley, Ph.D., associate professor; and Reverend Lawrence E. Frizzell, S.T.L., S.S.L., D.Phil., current department chair and associate professor. According to Father Frizzell, “Rabbi Finkel is an integral part of our department and has done great things to promote Jewish-Christian understanding.”

One critical aspect of the curriculum, Father Frizzell explains, is ensuring that the subject matter, which focuses on spiritual, liturgical and moral questions, is relevant to today’s social issues. Several courses, including “Law and Order in Society,” “Peace and War in Bible and Jewish Tradition,” and “Jewish-Christian Approaches to Ecology,” use Scripture to address modern-day ethical dilemmas.

Holocaust education is now a required part of the curriculum in New Jersey’s elementary and secondary schools. The Department of Jewish-Christian Studies offers courses about the painful history of the Shoah to provide educators and administrators from parochial and public schools with the sensitivity and training needed to teach about the Holocaust. The curriculum, Rabbi Finkel notes, is also important to furthering diversity education and tolerance. “Holocaust education provides a backdrop from which teachers can address the inter-racial and multicultural issues that today’s students inevitably face,” he says.

Hundreds of teachers have attended Seton Hall’s Holocaust classes through scholarships provided by the Sister Rose Thering Endowment. Established in 1993, the endowment honors Sister Rose Thering, O.P., Ph.D., professor emerita, who works closely with the Jewish-Christian studies department. For more than 60 years, she has dedicated her life to Jewish-Christian relations on the Seton Hall campus and throughout the community. The University bestowed an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree upon Sister Rose last year during the seventh annual Evening of Roses, which raises funds for the scholarships.

Community education is another area in which the department is actively involved. Rabbi Finkel hosts Lehrhaus (German for “study hall”), a Bible study group that meets each week in the Monsignor Oesterreicher Suite of Walsh Library. The free meetings are open to all members of the local community. “In fact, the Lehrhaus hour has become so popular that we are looking for larger quarters to host the meetings,” Rabbi Finkel reports. Other lectures and public events take place throughout the year (see calendar insert).

Rabbi Finkel and Father Frizzell frequently travel throughout the country to share their experiences and help other universities launch similar academic programs. The department and its approach to Jewish-Christian education have been emulated at several Catholic institutions, including Boston College and the University of St. Michael’s College, part of the University of Toronto.

The move toward more programs that emphasize the connection between Jews and Christians is welcome news to Father Frizzell. “We are gratified that a number of centers for Jewish-Christian learning have been founded in the past two decades,” he notes. “Jewish-Christian dialogue can provide a model for others who seek peace through greater understanding and respect.” Father Frizzell hopes that the increase in discussion will spark greater cooperative efforts between Christian and Jewish leaders working together to respond to today’s social challenges.
Over the years, the Institute of Judaeo-Christian Studies and the Department of Jewish-Christian Studies have garnered interest and support from local community members representing a variety of backgrounds and faiths. Here are the stories of two pivotal individuals.

A Legacy of Understanding

A half-century ago, the generosity of one woman made possible the Institute of Judaeo-Christian Studies. H. Suzanne Jobert was a descendant of a French-Catholic family that had settled in New York. Inspired by a young immigrant priest living in the city — Reverend John M. Oesterreicher — Jobert recognized the importance of exploring the Jewish roots of Christianity and fostering understanding between Christians and Jews. Father Oesterreicher dreamed of founding the Church’s first institute where the historical link between these two faiths could be studied in depth. Eventually, Seton Hall became the place where the priest’s dream became a reality, thanks to Jobert’s generosity. In addition to providing the funds needed to initiate and maintain the institute from its inaugural year in 1953, Jobert provided for all the needs of the graduate degree program during its first three years in the 1970s.

Her legacy lives on through the H. Suzanne Jobert Scholarship Fund, which for more than 25 years has assisted students with tuition costs. A major donation in 1987 furthered the work of the institute; another gift in 1993 funded the creation of the Monsignor Oesterreicher Suite on the fourth floor of Walsh Library. That same year, the Jobert-Sharp Endowment of $100,000 (also named for Reverend James Sharp ’50/M.D.M. ’75, former dean of University Libraries and treasurer of the Foundation for Judaeo-Christian Studies until his death in 1993) provided for the continuing purchase of scholarly works in the field of Jewish-Christian studies. Since then, a generous sum has been provided each year to help purchase additional books for the library.

Honoring a Beloved Wife

In the late 1970s, Philip Feldmesser, who is Jewish, owned an insurance agency in South Orange. His connection to Seton Hall dates back to that time. “On nice days, especially in the spring and fall, I would take my lunch with me and walk to campus,” he remembers. “I was drawn not only to the beauty of the campus, but to the kind faculty and staff members who would frequently greet me on my walks.”

Philip and his wife, Mae, proud of their Jewish heritage, worked to battle anti-Semitism and promote tolerance. “When people would ask Mae what her religion was, she would often say, ‘If you worship God and have a decent regard for your fellow beings, then we are of the same religion.’ Those words always stayed with me,” he says.

After Mae passed away in 1983, Feldmesser wanted to honor her memory and promote her ideals. He was familiar with the innovative work of the Institute of Judaeo-Christian Studies and the Department of Jewish-Christian Studies. “I frequently noticed publicity surrounding Seton Hall and its efforts to promote Jewish-Christian relations,” he notes. “I also was very impressed with Sister Rose Thering and her efforts to combat bias and promote understanding.”

In 1987, Feldmesser donated $25,000 to Seton Hall to establish the Mae Rice Feldmesser Judaico-Christian Library Collection. He continues each year to fund the collection, whose several hundred books include a broad range of works. The collection, says Reverend Lawrence E. Frizzell, S.T.L., S.S.L., D.Phil., current department chair and associate professor of Jewish-Christian studies, is “of great value to students and members of the local community interested in exploring the history and links between these two faiths.”

At the eighth annual Evening of Roses in April, Rabbi Jack M. Bemporad (center) presented Seton Hall University with a replica of the Yom HaShoah Menorah, which was the first menorah to be placed at the Vatican. It was created to commemorate the loss of the six million Jews who perished under the Nazi regime. Father Frizzell (left) was joined on stage by Monsignor Robert Sheeran ’67, University president (right), to accept the menorah on behalf of the University’s students, faculty, and staff. As the director of the Englewood-based Center for Interreligious Understanding, Rabbi Bemporad works to promote understanding and communication between these two faiths. The University will officially dedicate the menorah at a November 11 ceremony.

Six of the figures in the Yom HaShoah Menorah hold candles (inset photo is of the replica), and the seventh is a rabbi with a prayer-book. A plaque at the base of the replica bears this inscription: “There are no words strong enough to deplore the terrible tragedy of the Shoah, the six million. We must ensure that never again will evil prevail. I fervently pray that this tragedy will lead to a new relationship between Christians and Jews. — His Holiness, Pope John Paul II, Yad Vashem, Jerusalem, March 23, 2000.”

The Link Between Two Faiths
Fall 2001 Sports Schedule

October

3  Men's Soccer vs. St. Peter's  3 p.m.
   Women's Soccer at Villanova  4 p.m.
   Volleyball at Manhattan  6 p.m.
5  Cross Country at Metropolitan Championships  TBA
5-7 Women's Tennis at Brown Invitational  9 a.m.
6  Men's Soccer at Virginia Tech  1 p.m.
   Volleyball vs. Providence  1 p.m.
7  Women's Soccer vs. Notre Dame  1 p.m.
8-9 Golf at River Landing Intercollegiate  TBA
9  Volleyball vs. Siena  7 p.m.
10 Men's Soccer vs. Princeton  3 p.m.
12 Women's Soccer at Syracuse  3 p.m.
12-14 Women's Tennis at ECAC Team Invitational  9 a.m.
13 Men's Soccer vs. Manhattan  3 p.m.
   Volleyball vs. Lehigh  7 p.m.
14 Women's Soccer vs. Wagner  1 p.m.
15 Men's Soccer vs. St. John's  3 p.m.
15-17 Volleyball vs. St. Peter's  7 p.m.
19 Women's Soccer vs. Georgetown  3 p.m.
21 Men's Soccer at Syracuse  1 p.m.
   Volleyball at St. John's  2 p.m.
22-23 Golf at The Tillinghast Invitational  TBA
26 Women's Soccer vs. Providence  3 p.m.
   Volleyball at Connecticut  4:30 p.m.
   Women's Tennis at Columbia  2 p.m.
   Cross Country at BIG EAST Championship  10:30 a.m.
27 Men's Soccer vs. Villanova  1 p.m.
28 Women's Soccer vs. Boston College  1 p.m.
28-29 Volleyball at Boston College  1 p.m.
28-31 Women's Tennis at ITA Regionals at Pennsylvania  9 a.m.
31 Men's Soccer vs. Rutgers  2 p.m.

November

2  Volleyball vs. Rutgers  7 p.m.
3-4 Women's Soccer at BIG EAST Quarterfinals at campus sites  TBA
4  Soccer at Georgetown  1 p.m.
   Volleyball vs. Villanova  1 p.m.
9  Women's Soccer at BIG EAST Semifinals at Rutgers  5 p.m./7 p.m.
   Volleyball at Syracuse  7 p.m.
10 Cross Country at NCAA Regional Championship  TBA
10-11 Men's Soccer at BIG EAST Quarterfinals at campus sites  TBA
11 Women's Soccer at BIG EAST Championship at Rutgers  Noon
   Volleyball at Notre Dame  2 p.m.
16 Men's Soccer at BIG EAST Semifinals at Connecticut  6 p.m./8 p.m.
17 Cross Country at ECAC/IC4A Championships  10 a.m.
17-18 Volleyball at BIG EAST Championship at Pittsburgh  TBA
18 Men's Soccer at BIG EAST Championship at Connecticut  Noon
19 Cross Country at NCAA Championships  TBA

Home games are in bold.
For a complete sports schedule, contact the Office of Sports Information at (973) 761-9493, or the Department of Athletics and Recreational Services at (973) 761-9497.
Louis Orr, Seton Hall University’s new head coach, will go back to basics as he takes over the Pirate men’s basketball program in the 2001-02 season. Orr plans to emphasize defense and an unselfish attitude in an effort to return Seton Hall to prominence in the always competitive BIG EAST Conference.

“I think it's important to establish your foundation, and we have to become a much better defensive team and play with more intensity,” Orr says. “We have to create a family atmosphere — the guys have to play unselfishly, they need to trust each other and they have to be able to sacrifice for each other. We also have to out-work our opponents, but I think all those things are within our reach.”

In April, Orr joined the Seton Hall family after one season as head coach at Siena College, where he guided the Saints to a 20-11 record and a share of the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference regular-season title. He brings a solid background, including 10 years of collegiate coaching experience, to the Seton Hall program. His career includes tenures as an assistant coach at Syracuse University, Providence College and Xavier University. Before becoming a coach, he was a 1980 All-America selection at Syracuse, and after college he went on to play in the National Basketball Association (NBA) for eight years with the Indiana Pacers and the New York Knicks.

Orr inherits a team that fell short of the lofty expectations placed upon it last season. The year was deemed a disappointment, although Seton Hall posted a 16-15 record and reached the NIT for its fourth straight post-season berth. Two NBA first-round draft picks also emerged from that team — BIG EAST Rookie of the Year Eddie Griffin and sophomore Samuel Dalembert, both shot-blocking specialists.

Despite the loss of two top players to the professional ranks, a solid nucleus remains, including two of the team’s three leading scorers: senior Darius Lane and sophomore Andre Barrett. Seniors Ty Shine and Charles Manga have been key reserves for the past few years, but will be counted on this season even more to provide leadership.

The Pirates’ strength undoubtedly lies in perimeter players. Lane, a 6-foot-4 shooting guard, is one of the most explosive scorers in the BIG EAST. Lane averaged 16.9 points per game (ppg) to rank second on the team in scoring while already surpassing the 1,000-point plateau in his career. The senior relies on the three-point shot and has tremendous range from beyond the arc.

Barrett, a 5-foot-8 point guard, was given the ball as a freshman and ran the Pirate offense from the start. He averaged 10.2 points and 5.4 assists while displaying tremendous quickness and court sense. The sophomore gained valuable experience during the summer as a member of the prestigious USA Basketball World University Games’ team. This highly selective team, featuring the nation’s top collegiate players, in late August brought home a bronze medal from the international tournament in Beijing, China. With only 12.2 seconds to go in the game against Germany, Barrett made both of his free throws to clinch the bronze with an 80-78 win. With his strong ability to push the ball, Barrett should flourish in Orr’s up-tempo offense.

Shine, a 6-foot guard, also is important to the Pirates, as he can play both guard positions.

At times, Shine shared point-guard duties with Barrett, but often found himself in the backcourt with the freshmen, giving Seton Hall two players very capable of scoring and running the offense. Over the years, Shine has made his mark with some big-time scoring games, and his experience will be a plus for Orr’s squad.

Desmond Herod saw limited action in his first year with the Pirates after transferring from the University of Nevada at Las Vegas, but gives the team another scoring threat off the bench. The 6-foot-4 junior guard is known for his athleticism; he came to Seton Hall with a solid reputation as a perimeter shooter.

Highly touted freshman John Allen, who was named to the Parade All-America second team and the All-USA third team, will greatly help the Pirates, either at small forward or shooting guard...
The versatile Branwell will bring a great deal of energy to the squad. A 6-foot-8 freshman from Brooklyn, New York, Branwell attended Notre Dame Prep in Massachusetts, and will add considerable depth to the frontcourt.

Junior Raheem Carter transferred into the program last year from Monmouth University and participated in practices during the season. The 6-foot-3 point guard is a strong player who many times was given the assignment of defending the opponent's top scorer.

Sophomore Marcus Toney-El opened last season in the starting lineup and made 20 starts at small forward, gaining some valuable experience. The 6-foot-6 Toney-El, who averaged 6.7 ppg and 4.0 rebounds per game, is a slashing-type player who many times was given the assignment of defending the opponent's top scorer.

Senior Darius Lane (left) is one of the BIG EAST's biggest scorers, averaging 16.9 points per game last year. Ty Shine (right) also has made his mark with some big-time scoring games. The senior guard will be counted on this year to provide leadership to the team.

Manga most likely will back-up Manga at center. The 7-footer — from Huntington Station, New York, and Long Island Lutheran High School — possesses solid potential and should greatly benefit from Orr's tutelage.

Orr and the Pirates will be challenged early this year while participating in the Maui Invitational from November 19 to 21 (see calendar insert for more details). Joining the Pirates in Hawaii for this eight-team tournament is NCAA Champion Duke University, as well as Ball State University, University of Houston, University of Kansas, University of South Carolina and UCLA.

Also highlighting Seton Hall's non-conference slate are matchups with Michigan State University and the University of Illinois. This year's BIG EAST Conference schedule consists of home and away games with the six divisional opponents (Georgetown, Notre Dame, Pittsburgh, Rutgers, Syracuse and West Virginia), home games with Boston College and St. John's University, and trips to Connecticut and Virginia Tech (see calendar).

Orr is a solid believer in the sports adage, "defense wins championships," and wants the squad to be characterized by that defense as well as an up-tempo offense.

"I know that in order to be champions at any level of a sport, you have to build on your defense. We have to be able to stop people, we have to make people earn their points and take away those easy baskets," Orr notes.

"Ideally, when the team is clicking, we play very good defense, but we are creating offense off our defense."

"Offensively, I want us to be unselfish and make the extra pass. I want us to be able to set good screens. I want us to have the confidence to take shots that are good shots," he continues.

"We'll play unselfishly, play hard and try to create easy opportunities to score, but it's our defense that I want to be our foundation."
Depth and Balance Position Pirates to Reach New Heights

By Jeff Andriesse
Associate Sports Information Director

Over the last three years, the Seton Hall women’s basketball program has undergone a remarkable period of growth and continuous improvement. Now, as the Pirates gear up for the 2001-02 season, the team’s three senior leaders — Susan Murray, Naimah Smith and Stacey Townsend — hope to finish their careers by taking the program to a new level.

Now recovered from her torn ligament, Smith is healthy and ready to play. With Smith firmly in place, the team is expected to continue where it left off last season. In addition to the leadership provided by Smith, Murray and Townsend, significant talent abounds among the returning juniors and sophomores, as well as in the new class of freshman hopefuls. The graduation of leading scorer Arminda Moreno ’01 and top inside players Starr Fuller ’01 and Devin Jefferson ’01 presents some challenges for their teammates, but the Pirates have proven to be a resilient, balanced group set on proving that last year’s peak record of 16-9 and 9-2 in the BIG EAST was not a fluke.

Balance and versatility are critical to a successful season, according to Head Coach Phyllis Mangina ’81, who has guided the Pirates for 17 years. “The key to this team will be that a different player can take over for us on any given night,” she explains. “We have the makings of a very balanced team.”

Success also hinges on Smith’s continued health. Last year, the team posted a 12-3 record with Smith in the starting lineup, but finished the season 2-6 after she was injured. Reports from the training staff about her progress since her recuperation are nothing short of glowing. The 5-foot-8 senior from Elizabeth is known as an unselfish distributor and a tenacious one-on-one defender.

Two factors that will drive the upcoming season will be Murray’s play and whether she can continue to blossom on the court. The 6-foot-4 center was selected in August as one of only 12 players to represent Team Canada at the World University Games in Beijing, China. The team’s sixth-place finish included a win against the United States, the first win against Team USA since the Pan Am games in 1975. Murray appears to be ready to take her game to the next level. As a junior, she averaged 4.9 points per game (ppg) and 4.1 rebounds per game (rpg).

Although Townsend has had trouble shaking various injuries throughout her career, she is hard to keep out of the lineup when injury-free. This year, the floor leader will vie for time as point guard; she is experienced at running the offense and has gained a reputation for being Mangina’s best “coach on the floor.”

Point guard will be one of the Pirates’ deepest positions with junior Simona Burgess returning, along with University of Kentucky transfer Melissa Langelier, a Quebec native. Burgess is skilled at handling the ball and penetrating the opposition. Langelier, who sat out last season as an NCAA partial qualifier, has practiced with the team and is an intriguing prospect for the lineup. In addition to her passing skills, Langelier is known for her deadly outside shots. She is able to keep defenses honest from the point guard spot and slide over to the shooting guard position, posing a scoring threat.

The point guard corps also has plenty of options on the wing, as Seton Hall boasts a deep group of swing players. Junior Leslie Ardon enters the season as the small forward. While she was Seton Hall’s second-leading scorer (9.9 ppg) and leading rebounder (5.8 rpg) last season, the numbers do not accurately reflect her talent and versatility. Ardon can elevate above smaller opponents and out-quick bigger ones. On a given night, the 6-foot-2 player can be seen banging with the opposing team’s forwards and centers underneath the net — or shadowing the opposition’s shooting guard all over the court.

A superb defensive player, she will see increased scoring opportunities and has the ability to capitalize on her skills.

While Ardon started showing her true potential last season, junior Cecilia Lindqvist was shuttled from the point guard spot to the wing and back several times as she struggled with her jump shot. She will enter the 2001-02
season playing the wing almost exclusively while she redisCOVERS her offensive game. When at her best, this former Swedish National Team player gives the Pirates a three-point threat, and is good at handling and passing the ball.

Sophomore swing player Tine Duelund will see her playing time increase. The 6-foot Denmark native, who has a knack for offensive play, spent last season adjusting to the American game, but is expected to be a bigger contributor this season.

Two promising freshmen guards, Ashley Bush and Asia Carroll, are ready to push the returnees for minutes, mostly at the shooting guard spot. Both are gifted athletes who can put points on the board. “Asia and Ashley can both contribute right away,” affirms Mangina. “They possess good mid-range games and will strengthen our guard position considerably.”

On the frontcourt, Murray will be joined by sophomore power forwards Ayanna Phillip and Charlene Thomas. Phillip can be one of the league’s top shot blockers and looks to establish an offensive repertoire this season. Thomas averaged 7.0 ppg and 5.4 rpg last season, but will need to add more consistency to her game. A raw talent, she is one of the team’s best rebounders.

Sophomore Love Brown is a talented newcomer who, at 6-foot-3, can replace Murray at center and also play forward. She practiced with the team last year, sitting out as an NCAA partial qualifier, and brings a good offensive game to the Pirates.

“Competition for positions will be very intense,” Mangina says. “Our team is based on rebounding and defense, so playing time will be awarded to the players who work the hardest in those areas.”

Depth is a luxury, and Seton Hall will continue to play a hard-nosed brand of basketball based on team defense and controlling the glass. Last year, the Pirates were among the nation’s leaders for much of the season in field goal percentage defense and rebound margin. While the Pirates have lost some of the offensive punch contributed by Moreno and Fuller, the four newcomers all bring their own talents to this area. While some teams would be pleased with a sixth-place finish in the highly competitive BIG EAST Conference, the Seton Hall women’s basketball team is out to prove it can reach the next level of competitive play — and is backed by the determination to make it happen.

NCAA Compliance Corner

As a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), Seton Hall University is responsible for ensuring that the faculty, staff, administrators, student-athletes, alumni and friends of the University abide by the NCAA Rules and Regulations.

NCAA rules govern every aspect of the Seton Hall athletics program. Any inappropriate action by a “representative of athletic interests” or an institutional staff member could jeopardize the eligibility of a prospective student-athlete or an enrolled student-athlete, and could lead to institutional sanctions.

Definitions

A “representative of athletic interests” (booster) is any individual who is known by the institution’s staff to have:
- donated to the Pirate Blue Athletic Fund or any booster club or organization promoting Seton Hall athletics;
- participated in or is a member of any organization or support group promoting Seton Hall athletics;
- been involved in any way in promoting Seton Hall athletics;
- arranged or provided employment to enrolled student athletes.

Once an individual is identified as a “representative of athletic interests,” the person retains the status indefinitely.

A “prospective student-athlete” is a student entering the ninth grade or above. This includes students in prep school and junior colleges. It is possible for a student who has not started ninth grade to be considered a prospect. “Representatives of athletic interests” cannot be involved in the recruitment of “prospective student-athletes.”

On-campus or off-campus contact with a prospect, prospect’s family members and a prospect’s coaches is prohibited.

Do not provide prospects or their family members:
- an offer of employment;
- gifts of clothing or other tangible items;
- financial assistance (cash, loans or co-signing of loans);
- free or reduced services;
- rent-free or reduced housing;
- transportation of any kind;
- free or reduced tickets to athletics, institutional and/or community events; and
- financial assistance for high school studies.

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- cash, loans or the co-signing of loans;
- gifts, meals or free services;
- special discounts for goods or services;
- use of an automobile or transportation;
- rent-free or reduced housing;
- tickets to athletics, institutional and/or community events;
- promise of employment after graduation; and
- financial assistance for post-graduate studies.

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“Cheers” for a Career in Films, Radio and TV

The list of Seton Hall University students who have gone on to achieve a degree of fame in their acting careers is relatively short. At the top of the list is Chuck Connors (who died in 1992 at age 71). Connors, a stellar student-athlete in the early ’40s, became a household name in 1958 as television’s “The Rifleman.” He also appeared in hundreds of movies and TV shows during his career.

Add to that list the name of Robert Desiderio ’73, who has established himself in both television and film. The actor broke into prime-time TV in 1981, starring with Valerie Bertinelli in the movie “The Princess and the Cabbage.” Since then, he has appeared in dozens of TV movies and shows, as well as feature films. He has acted with Charlton Heston, the late George Burns and James Gandolfini (the lead in “The Sopranos”). Appearing as a regular cast member (Ted Melcher) on the popular evening drama “Knots Landing,” Desiderio also played a recurring role in the sitcom “Cheers” (Gary, the proprietor of a rival bar). He landed the leading role in two TV series, “Maximum Security” and “Heart of the City.” His career has been exciting, consistent and productive, and it all began at Seton Hall.

A communication major who overcame a stutter in his early teens, Desiderio had no interest in pursuing an acting career when he first came to campus. “I chose Seton Hall because the school had a good baseball team and a great radio station,” he says. “When I was growing up, I used to pretend that I was a DJ with my record player.”

Beginning in his freshman year as a studio intern at WSOU-FM, Desiderio worked his way up to become a popular DJ by his senior year. “I hosted a rock show called ‘Our House’ on Saturday nights from 8 to 9 p.m.,” he remembers. Desiderio also did news reports and features, even recreating the classic “War of the Worlds” radio broadcast for the station.

“WSOU was a terrific environment,” he says. “It was probably the deciding factor in my coming to Seton Hall. The facilities were great — although I hear they’re even better now. It was a great experience and prepared me, in a practical way, for the rigors of professional broadcasting.”

While his radio pursuits thrived, his baseball career was another matter during his student days. He played on the freshman team, but as a sophomore found himself riding the bench. He decided to redirect his energies into the radio station and the University’s theater opportunities.

“Gil Rathbun was directing ‘Antigone’ my sophomore year,” Desiderio remembers. “I auditioned and got the role of the Sentry.” (Gilbert L. Rathbun, M.F.A., the founding professor of the Department of Communication, is now professor emeritus.)

Glimpses of Desiderio’s future stardom were not evident in his acting debut. “The character has two big speeches, one in each act,” he explains. “I was so nervous on opening night that when I made my Act 1 entrance, I delivered my Act 2 speech! When I saw Professor Rathbun backstage at intermission, I asked, ‘What should I do in Act 2?’ He calmly replied, ‘Go back out there and do it again.’”

Desiderio has fond memories of Rathbun as the person who got him hooked on acting via Theatre-in-the-Round. “Gil gave me my first real acting job,” the alumnus recalls. “He put a great deal of sensitivity and care into his work and gave everyone the opportunity to give it their all. You could tell he loved his work.”


Unlike his early Hollywood roles, where he often died as the villain, Robert Desiderio ’73 in “Cold Steel and Neon” played a Los Angeles detective struggling to balance his work and home life. Jonathan Ward and Christina Applegate portrayed his children in this 1986 TV drama.
“I took as many courses taught by McGlone as I could,” Desiderio says, “and I absolutely loved Tom Duﬀ’s Shakespeare course. These two professors continue to have a positive effect on my career.” (Thomas Duﬀ, M.A. ’59, now deceased, was associate professor of English and later professor emeritus.)

During Desiderio’s theater days, he also befriended Owen McEvoy, the Theatre-in-the-Round set designer. The two natives of the Bronx, New York, would sometimes commute to campus together, talking shop the entire way. Desiderio also credits his fellow student-actors — Ralph Pape, M.S. ’72, Mike Burg ’71, Elaine Vreeland ’73, James Stefanile ’72, Laurence Rosler ’73 and Jane Waterhouse’74 — with helping him learn and grow as a professional.

“Janey was a great leading lady,” Desiderio remembers. “She was able to transition from high drama to comedy. I always felt comfortable working with her. We were like a family — the Theatre-in-the-Round group — and Janey always seemed to be its guiding and unifying force.”

Vreeland was another of Desiderio’s favorite leading ladies, and in 1973, they played leading roles in “The Glass Menagerie.” They both describe Desiderio’s portrayal of Jim, the dashing “gentleman caller,” as a “break-out” performance for the actor. Desiderio then set his sights on starring in another Tennessee Williams play: “I wanted Doc [McGlone] to direct ‘A Streetcar Named Desire,’ because I desperately wanted to play Stanley,” Desiderio says. Though McGlone considered showcasing Desiderio in this demanding role (immortalized by Marlon Brando), McGlone decided to direct “The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie” instead.

“I didn’t like Doc for a time after that,” Desiderio confesses. “But he taught me a valuable lesson about not always getting what you want in the field and about dealing with disappointment.”

Following his graduation, Desiderio interned at the New Jersey Shakespeare Festival and later joined The Boston Shakespeare Company. While performing, he earned a living reading news and spinning records at radio stations in Morristown and Dover.

In 1980, he returned to New York City to pursue acting. After a year performing in what he calls “off-off-Broadway plays” and doing weekend radio gigs, Desiderio booked a contract role on “Search for Tomorrow,” the daytime soap opera based in New York City. Other soap opera roles followed, including “Ryan’s Hope” and “One Life to Live,” where Desiderio met his future wife, actress Judith Light.

The couple moved to Los Angeles in the early ’80s, where Light began her long-running sitcom “Who’s the Boss?” Desiderio, who was booked as a guest star on many popular TV programs, including “Family Ties,” “Remington Steele,” “The A-Team,” “Picket Fences,” “The Fall Guy,” “Scarecrow and Mrs. King,” “Matlock” and “Murphy Brown,” quickly gained a reputation in Hollywood for reliability, professionalism — and villainy.

“When I ﬁrst arrived in California, I did all the shows of Stephen Cannell [a prolific producer of TV action shows]. I always played the bad guy who was killed. My aunt would joke with me: ‘Robert, why do you always wind up dead on the ﬂoor?’ And I would answer, ‘Because they pay me.’”

The actor often is recognized in public for one of his briefest roles — Gary on “Cheers.” “The truth is, a couple actors played the role,” he relates. “I only played him on three episodes, but it was the last three times the character was shown. I still hear ‘Hey, Gary!’ from time to time when I’m out.”

Desiderio continues to enjoy his on-camera career. He welcomed the chance last year to revisit New Jersey when he guest-starred on an episode of “The Sopranos.” Currently exploring opportunities behind the camera, he has written a screenplay and completed his ﬁrst play. His WSOU radio training also comes in handy these days: He is a voice-over artist who has many clients, including Shell Oil Company.

Yet theater remains closest to his heart. “Every couple of years, I’ll ﬁnd a good play that I can do somewhere,” Desiderio says. Most recently, he performed at the Pasadena Playhouse in “Room Service,” which is one of McGlone’s favorite plays.

— Bill Timoney ’80

Bill Timoney ’80 is an actor/producer in Los Angeles. His recent ﬁlm appearances include “Mission to Mars,” “Rocket’s Red Glare” and “The Last Late Night.”

Since 1982, Theatre-in-the-Round alumni have hosted a party to honor graduating seniors who have played an active role in Seton Hall University’s oldest, ongoing cultural activity. The 2002 dinner will take place during the Spring Semester, and current and former faculty members will be on hand to welcome back alumni. For more information, contact Stephen Duﬀ, assistant director of Alumni Relations at Seton Hall, via e-mail at duffstep@shu.edu or call 1-800-992-GRAD.
A lthough Anne Peach ’76, R.N., M.S.N., has worked as a nurse for a quarter of a century, shattering some glass ceilings in the health care industry along the way, the New Jersey native says that nursing is more than a “career.” She considers her work to be a “calling” in which she is challenged to make a difference in other people’s lives. As a high-ranking administrator of a major cancer center in Florida, Peach puts her caring approach into practice on many fronts.

Ever since she was a child growing up in Union, she has found both medicine and Seton Hall University to be an integral part of her life. She was the second of four children in a family headed by her attorney father, Cornelius V. Gallagher ’48, J.D. “My father always spoke very highly of Seton Hall,” Peach remembers. “He loved Seton Hall.”

Her mother, Elizabeth, faced a long bout with cancer, which gave Peach during her teenage years a chance to observe the inner workings of hospitals in great detail. That experience had a profound influence on her career choice. “When my mom became ill, I started taking care of her. I was always very impressed by the floor nurses, and I wanted to follow in their footsteps,” Peach explains.

Initially, she considered attending a diploma-nursing program, but her father convinced her to enroll in a four-year degree program. “My father wanted me to have a well-rounded liberal arts education. I wanted to be close to my family, because I had a younger brother I was helping to take care of,” Peach says. Choosing a college was not difficult, she recalls. “Seton Hall always had a great reputation within my family; my sister, Elizabeth [’74/M.A. ’76] and brother, Neil [’86], also attended. I already knew and respected some of the faculty. I instinctively knew that it was the right place for me.”

At Seton Hall’s College of Nursing, Peach learned that the health care industry was undergoing a great deal of change. “It was an exciting time of major advances in nursing, from implementation of new technology to new management methods,” she comments. A clinical rotation in Newark and a trip to England with Sister Agnes M. Reinkemeyer (then dean of the College of Nursing) to observe innovations in health care confirmed “that I wanted to be a part of this profession,” Peach says. In addition to studying, she took an active part in University life, serving on the Student Senate and regularly attending Pirate basketball games and campus events.

After graduating, Peach moved to the nation’s capital and worked for a year as a nurse in a respiratory/infectious disease unit at the Washington Hospital Center. She returned to New Jersey, and soon after married Kenneth Peach ’76, whom she met at a Seton Hall graduation dinner. In 1977, Peach became a critical care nurse at Monmouth Medical Center, renewing contact with many Seton Hall faculty. Jean Palletta, at the time a professor of nursing, convinced her that a postgraduate degree in nursing would be invaluable and that

Seton Hall’s faculty, “through their dedication and expertise, helped me to view nurses not only as caregivers but also as patient advocates, community activists, mentors and leaders.”
federal grants and loans were available. So Peach enrolled in the University of Pennsylvania’s graduate nursing program, earning her M.S.N. in 1981. (Palletta, former undergraduate chair for Seton Hall’s nursing program, is now retired.)

Peach then joined a group of clinical specialists at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ) at University Hospital in Newark. There, she covered four medical units, designed new programs for nurses and took part in a new joint-appointment system with Rutgers University. The program also enabled clinical nurse specialists and other master’s-prepared nurses at the hospital to serve as adjunct faculty members at Rutgers, mentoring and teaching nursing students. Just a few years out of school herself, Peach began what would become a lifelong dedication to teaching.

When she moved to Florida in 1983, she made the leap to the management side of her profession, becoming the manager of health care education at Orlando Regional Health Care System. But her love of nursing led her to continue working as a bedside nurse. “I had to be in touch with the staff nurses and see how the decisions I made affected them. It was a great opportunity to dialogue with staff, so I continued as a staff nurse on the evening shift for many years,” she observes. In addition, the busy nurse, who by now was the mother of three sons, served as a lecturer and adjunct faculty member at the University of Central Florida.

Over the years, Peach rose within Orlando Regional to corporate director of education, and later site administrator and executive director at the system’s Sand Lake Hospital. During this time, she also took on executive roles on local and state boards and in organizations, including the nursing and allied health advisory boards of the University of Central Florida and Valencia Community College, the Lake Buena Vista Rotary Club (she is president-elect) and the Florida chapter of the School-to-Work Leadership Team (she chaired it for three years). Peach is treasurer of the American Nurses Foundation, the national philanthropic organization of nursing.

As the women’s ambassador for Orlando Regional, she interacts with women’s groups, including Florida Executive Women, Central Florida Women’s League and the Women’s Resource Center. She has helped design women’s programs for Orlando Regional and speaks throughout Central Florida on women’s issues.

Of all her activities, Peach affirms that her greatest satisfaction comes from her work in the community and with graduate students. The School-to-Work program, for example, focuses on involving local businesses in public schools; it prepares students for careers by donating computers and equipment for science labs, as well as by sponsoring internships and hosting seminars.

Her decision last year to take on a new position — chief operating officer of the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center Orlando — “was one of the hardest career decisions I’ve ever had to make,” Peach states. “I loved being the executive director of the Sand Lake Hospital, and it was difficult to leave such a dedicated team. But I started my career because of cancer, and this is where I see myself working for the rest of my life.”

Widely recognized for her dedication to her profession and the community, Peach has received accolades from numerous groups. They include the Florida Nurses Association, the Florida Hospital Association and the Theta Epsilon Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International. Honored as a Rotarian of the Year, she also was selected for the Summit Award from the Women’s Resource Center. The Orlando Business Journal named her one of the “Top 100 Most Influential People in Central Florida.”

In April, Seton Hall’s College of Nursing Alumni Association honored Peach with its 2001 Margaret C. Haley Distinguished Alumnus Award for her “significant contributions to the nursing community and the civic arena.”

Peach attributes much of her success to her positive experiences at the University. “Seton Hall instills professionalism, high values and ethical standards from the day you arrive,” Peach notes. “The faculty, through their dedication and expertise, helped me to view nurses not only as caregivers but also as patient advocates, community activists, mentors and leaders.” As two examples, she cites Carolyn Rummel, R.N., Ph.D., assistant professor of nursing who retired this year, and Lucille Joel, former professor and director of the nurse practitioner program. “Carolyn Rummel showed me what it means to be a good nurse. And Lucille Joel inspired me to always remain active in my profession,” she says.

Through Peach’s involvement with M.D. Anderson-Orlando, she envisions a way to secure better care for cancer patients. “I am fortunate to work with an incredible leader, Clarence (Buck) Brown, M.D. And we’re associated with M.D. Anderson in Houston, the best cancer center in the world,” Peach proudly notes. “Working with the best, we can increase early detection and extend life. I can have an impact and help to improve the quality of people’s lives. You couldn’t possibly have a better job than that.”

— Erica Stein
“I’ve had my share of business success,” says Frank Cannata (Seton Hall ’55), president of Market Research Consultants, Inc., “but my work with organizations that help children suffering from poverty and abuse has been the most rewarding of my life. My goal has always been to live up to the example set by my parents and reinforced by my professors in college. I entered Seton Hall with the desire to serve my community. I left with the commitment—and the ability—to do so.”
1950s

Sister M. Stanislaus Surgott, S.C.C., '54/M.A. '69, of Denville, completed 60 years of teaching at the elementary and secondary levels at Catholic schools in New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania. For 25 of those years, she has taught French and Latin at Morris Catholic High School in Denville.

Honorable Edward J. Toy '58/J.D. '63, of Kenilworth, retired in January as a Union County Superior Court judge after serving 19 years with the Superior Court of New Jersey. Previously, he served as an assistant Union County counsel as well as the municipal attorney for the townships of Cranford and Westfield.

1960s

Anthony A. DiFlumeri '60, M.P.H., M.D., of Toms River, earned his Master of Public Health degree from the Medical College of Wisconsin. DiFlumeri is the medical director of the Ocean Bay Occupational Medicine Center of Toms River. He is a member of the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine and the American College of Preventative Medicine. Joseph F. Hannan, M.A.E. '60, of Pompton Lakes, was the guest speaker at the February meeting of the Borough of Totowa Historical Society, where he discussed the Morris Canal. Hannan is a member of the National Writers Union, the Great Falls Development Company and the North Jersey Historical Society. He is the author of Never Tease a Dinosaur and Killing Time.

Joseph M. Dowling '65, of Old Greenwich, CT, won the 105th Boston Marathon Handcycle Exhibition event in May, in a personal best time of 1:41:58. Racing in his arm-powered three-wheeler, Dowling also won both the New York City and Marathon Handcycle and the Achilles Marathon Handcycle events. A certified public accountant, Dowling owns and operates his own financial services firm, The Dowling Group, in Stamford, CT. Joseph J. Olenick '65, of Perkasie, PA, joined the Quakertown National Bank as a senior vice president. Olenick has more than 30 years’ experience in finance and investments. Most recently, he served as a financial advisor and vice president of Univet Corporation of Pennsylvania.

Alfred J. Luciani '67/J.D. '70, of Linwood, was promoted to president and chief operating officer of the Sands Hotel Casino in Atlantic City. Previously, he headed Luciani & Associates, a consulting firm that provided casino management and development services.

Kenneth R. Krushenski '69, of Oak Ridge, TN, was appointed the first full-time municipal attorney for Oak Ridge, which was established in 1959. Most recently, he was a partner with the Lafollette, TN, law firm of Rogers, Hurst & Krushenski. David M. Wildstein, J.D. '69, of Westfield, was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2001-2002. Wildstein is a shareholder with the Woodbridge law firm of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, where he concentrates in family law.

Robert A. Winter, M.A.E. '69, of St. Simons Island, GA, has been named superintendent of schools for Georgia’s Glynn County Public School System. Previously, Winter was an administrator with Alabama’s Tuscaloosa City School System.

1970s

Frank Yedwab '70, of Ringwood, was appointed director of retail services for Hunter Realty of Manhattan. A member of the Real Estate Board of New York, Yedwab has 20 years’ experience in the textile industry and real estate. He is a past master of the Masons in New York State and is currently an executive with the New York Shriners.

Anthony Costanzo '71, M.B.A., of Clarks Summit, PA, and his brother, Lou, own and operate the construction business of L.R. Costanzo Company, as well as the J.J. Palumbo Masonry Company. Costanzo is a member of the board of directors for Glen Oak Country Club and an annual fund drive volunteer for the University of Scranton, where he earned his M.B.A. degree. Joseph H. Ely, J.D. '71, of Winston-Salem, NC, was named executive vice president and Southeast region head of the Miami-based Aon Consulting Worldwide’s employee benefits consulting group. Ely is responsible for overseeing the group’s operations within Aon’s nine Southern offices. Robert McCullion '71, of Toms River, was appointed manager of sales for Software Consulting Services in Nazareth, PA. Previously, McCullion was a regional sales manager for GEAC (formerly Collier Jackson), where he received the International Computer Programmer Super Seller Award for exceeding $1 million in sales.

Josephine Siao '73, M.A., was honored with CineAsia’s Ira D. Kaye Humanitarian Award 2000 for her contributions in the area of child abuse prevention. Siao is founder and chairperson of the End Child Sexual Abuse Foundation in Hong Kong. A legendary actress in Hong Kong (as Josephine Siao Fong-fong), she has appeared in 235 films. She launched a second career after earning a master’s degree in child psychology in 1992. In 1997, she was named to Queen Elizabeth II’s Honors List and was made a member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire in recognition of her distinguished service.

Alberto R. Cardenas, J.D. '74, of Key Biscayne, FL, is a partner in the Florida law firm of Tew Cardenas Rebak Kellogg Lehman DeMaria Tague Raymond & Levine, LLP. Cardenas was elected chairman of the Republican Party of Florida in 1999 and was reelected in 2001. President Ronald Reagan appointed Cardenas as chairman of the President’s Commission on Small and Minority Business Affairs, and President George H. Bush appointed him to the President’s Trade Policy Commission, among other honors. The attorney's civic service includes having been a vice chairman of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce.

Ronald F. Foreso '74, of Stanhope, was one of only five teachers inducted into the 2001 class of the National Teacher’s Hall of Fame in May. The organization honors the “unsung heroes” in public and private pre-K-through-12 schools. For the past 26 years, Foreso, who teaches social studies at Parsippany High School, has been boosting school spirit. He is the announcer for every home football game. He founded the Institute for Political and Legal Education to introduce students to the American political, legislative and legal processes. And he organized a “Books for Bosnia” campaign, during which students collected 2,000 boxes of school supplies to send to children in the war-torn country.

Michael Krivek '75, of Irvington, purchased Pilot Air Freight, a franchise serving New York and New Jersey. Krivek’s career in the air freight business began in college; he served as a customer service agent at several air freight companies before progressing into various sales positions.

Anthony J. Principi, J.D. ’75, of Rancho Santa Fe, CA, was appointed Secretary of Veterans Affairs by President George W. Bush; the Senate confirmed Principi's nomination in January. Principi heads the Veterans Administration (VA), the U.S. government’s second largest department. The VA has a budget of $48 billion and 219,000 employees at its medical centers, clinics, benefits offices and national cemeteries around the country. Prior to his nomination, Principi
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had been president of QTC Medical Services, Inc. During his distinguished career, he served as senior vice president of Lockheed Martin IMS, as acting secretary of Veterans Affairs (under President George H. Bush) and as first deputy secretary. Principi gave the keynote address at the Seton Hall School of Law’s Commencement Exercises on June 4. The University bestowed upon him an honorary Doctor of Laws degree.

Barbara Kavanaugh ’76, J.D., of West Milford, was appointed New York State assistant attorney general in charge of the Buffalo regional office, where she oversees 30 attorneys. A longtime community activist, Kavanaugh was a member of the City of Buffalo Common Council and an attorney for Neighborhood Legal Services. Frank Paolantonio ’76, M.D., of York, PA, completed a six-month fellowship at the Thomas Jefferson University Hospital of Philadelphia. Now a staff radiologist with Memorial Hospital of York, he specializes in imaging and biopsies for the early detection and prevention of cancer.

Joseph Refinski ’76/M.A.E.’78, of Scotch Plains, together with his wife, Tricia, announced the birth of their son, Eric Joseph, in February. Eric joins two older siblings, Sasha and Zachary. Refinski is a consultant with the John L. Costley Middle School of East Orange. Robert C. Troccoli, M.B.A.’76, of Denver, is a partner with KPMG LLP of Denver, responsible for the firm’s local financial-services practice. Troccoli has been with KPMG for 30 years. He has served on the board of several nonprofit organizations, including the advisory board of the University of Denver School of Accountancy as well as the Denver Museum of Science and Nature.

Anne S. Babineau, J.D.’77, of Summit, was selected for inclusion in the Best Lawyers in America 2016-2022. Babineau is a shareholder with the Woodbridge law firm of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, PA, where she concentrates in telecommunications and energy law. Judith M. Rothrock ’77, of Trumbull, CT, was named senior vice president of sales for Prescient Markets of White Plains, NY. The firm provides Internet-based technology solutions for the fixed income markets. Rothrock had been vice president of corporate marketing and communications at Lawson Software.

The Honorable Edward J. DeFazio, J.D.’78, of Jersey City, was confirmed as a justice of the New Jersey State Supreme Court in April. He has served in the Hudson County prosecutor’s office since 1978 and has also served as a Jersey City Municipal Court justice. Reverend Nicholas G. Figurelli ’78, M.D.M. ’81/M.A.T.’83, of West Orange, joined the staff of Oratory Preparatory School of Summit as a geometry instructor and campus chaplain. Father Figurelli had been a pastor with Our Lady of Lourdes in West Orange, as well as an instructor in the mathematics and religion departments of Seton Hall Preparatory School in West Orange. Harold Gibson, J.D.’78, of Plainfield, was recognized by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders for his 50 years of dedicated public service. He served as the deputy county manager and chief of investigators for the prosecutor’s office. Gibson retains the position of director of public safety for the county.

Peter J. Pace ’78, of Neshanic Station, was appointed vice president of business development at Americas Systems, Inc. (ASI), a firm in Murray Hill serving the transportation and logistics industry. Pace had been general manager of business development for Container Port Group Inc. He has also worked for several other freight transportation companies, including Puerto Rico Marine Management, Maersk and United States Lines. Matthew Sumner, J.D.’78, of West Paterson, is a court-approved mediator and arbitrator within the Franklin Lakes Board of Education System, where he has served since 1998. Sumner is a member of the Franklin Lakes Operations Committee, as well as a board liaison to the Franklin Lakes Education Foundation.
Elizabeth “Betsy” (Callaghan) Flanagan, J.D. ’79, of South Orange, was appointed to the board of directors for the Children’s Institute of Verona. Flanagan is an attorney specializing in corporate litigation on a consultation basis with several law firms throughout New Jersey. She was previously affiliated with the law firm of Pitney, Hardin, Shanley & Fisher. Jeffrey W. Pompeo ’79/J.D. ’82, of Warren, was named counsel and director of finance and administration for the Warren law firm of Bateman, Coley, Yospin, Kunzman, Davis and Lehrer, P.C. Previously known as DiFrancesco, Kunzman, Coley, Yospin & Bernstein, the firm was renamed in January when partner Donald DiFrancesco, J.D. ’69 left to become acting governor of New Jersey. Barbara Weisman, of Cedar Grove, launched her law practice, Barbara Weisman Arbitration, Mediation, and Dispute Resolution Services, in Verona. Weisman is a barrister with the national American Inn of Court for Alternative Dispute Resolution, as well as a member of the Superior Court of New Jersey, the U.S. Court of Appeals and the National Association of Security Dealers.

1980s

Michael P. Bonner ’80, of Plainfield, joined the Cranford law firm of Friberi & Conroy, practicing real estate, land use, banking, corporate and commercial transaction litigation. Previously, Bonner was a partner with the Westfield law firm of Garrubbo & Romankow.

William Gold, J.D. ’81, of Maplewood, is an attorney with the West Orange law firm of Bendit Weinstock, specializing in medical malpractice law.

Crystal P. Hobbs ’82/M.P.A. ’84, of Piscataway, is a clinical analyst with Somerset Medical Center in Somerville, which honored her as Employee of the Year for 2000. Hobbs has been with the center for 13 years. She published an article in the October 2000 Journal for Nursing & Staff Development titled “Utilizing the Nursing Process to Implement a Y2K Computer Application.”

Douglas M. Mautner, J.D. ’82, of Rutherford, has a private law practice in Rutherford. He recently introduced a Web site (www.ezoop.com) offering handmade creations and craft supplies; it gives people making and buying crafts another outlet.

James P. Doran ’83/M.A. ’89, of Harrison, was elected councilman for the township of Harrison in November 2000. Doran is a principal and supervisor for adult and alternative programs for the Hudson County School of Technology, as well as a co-owner of Harrison Realty and chairman of the Harrison Police Department. William Gargano ’83, of Watchung, was named president of Taratec Development of Bridgewater after a successful tenure as chief operating officer. Taratec Development ensures that the information systems of pharmaceutical and other life sciences companies meet regulatory requirements. Richard D. Grundy ’83, of Salem, MA, is a chief trial counsel and head of the homicide unit of the Norfolk County district attorney’s office. Previously, Grundy served as assistant district attorney of Middlesex County. Edward J. Leppert ’83, of Layton, was appointed to the board of directors for Sussex Bancorp, headquartered in Franklin. Leppert is a certified public accountant and managing partner with Perry & Leppert of Branchville. He also is chairman of ProPay Inc., a payroll-processing firm in Branchville. Mary (Anderson) Nardone ’83, of Sussex, was promoted to assistant vice president, director of network services for National Bank of Sussex County (NBSC). Nardone has been employed with NBSC since 1992. She has more than 20 years of banking experience, including positions with People’s Bank and Midlantic National Bank.

Bonnie C. Frost, J.D. ’84, of Bernardsville, is a partner with the law firm of Einhorn, Harris, Ascher, Barabito, Frost & Ironson. Frost is a frequent lecturer on ethics for the New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education and the Morris County Bar Association. She also is a legal consultant for the New Jersey Battered Women’s Center, Centenary College and the Resource Center for Women in Summit. Robert Kiefer ’84, of Lake Hiawatha, together with his wife, Laurie, adopted a daughter, Katerina Lee, from Ukraine. Kiefer has been a paramedic for 10 years with Saint Clare’s Hospital in Denville.

Robert Kerr ’85, of Wall, is a regional leasing manager with Pitney Bowes Credit Corporation of Stamford, CT; he has been employed with the firm for 20 years. Kerr and his wife, Colleen, have three children, Ryan, Megan and Melissa, who are enrolled in...
the Wall Public School System. Kerr recently completed a three-year term on Wall’s board of education. He is a member of the Wall Community Relations/Community Alliance Committee and the Wall High School Band Boosters. Maria A. (Pane) Smith ’85, of Towson, MD, is launching a new Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at Duke University Medical Center (DUMC) in Durham, NC. She is an associate in the Department of Pediatrics at DUMC. Married to William Smith, they have a son, John Paul, who is named after the Pope.

Maryann S. Cohea ’86, of Columbia, MD, was promoted to partner of the Washington, D.C., law firm of Tydings & Rosenberg. Cohea concentrates in the areas of employment law, including counseling and litigation. Gary F. Colucci, M.B.A. ’86, of Mine Hill, is an employee benefits consultant with First Union Bank of Morristown. Colucci serves as vice chairman of Mine Hill’s planning board as well as chairman of the township’s Democratic Committee. John F. Ritchie ’86, of Hackettstown, together with his wife, Stacey, announced the birth of their son, Robert John, in January. Ritchie teaches at Mount Olive High School in Flanders.

Allan F. Wright ’86/M.A.T. ’97, of Scotch Plains, has been teaching religion at Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains since 1986. The school honored him in May with its 2001 Outstanding Educator Award. Wright speaks to Catholic youth groups locally and throughout the country and formed Catholic Ventures, which is “the only ministry dedicated solely to the needs of parishes and diocesan efforts in the area of Confirmation preparation,” according to its Web site (www.catholicventures.com).

Christopher Christie, J.D. ’87, of Mendham, is a civil litigator with the Cranford law firm of Dughi, Hewitt and Palatucci, concentrating in securities law and appellate practice. Christie was a Morris County freeholder from 1995 to 1997. Janet (Vizzone) McKenna ’87/J.D. ’90, of Bloomfield, together with her husband, Keith McKenna ’86/J.D. ’89, announced the birth of their daughter, Sara Rosemarie, in December 2000. Sara joined her brother, Jack, 3. Janet is an attorney with Mulcahy & McKenna of Bernardville and Keith practices law at Ambrosio, Kyreakakis, DiLorenzo, Moraff & McKenna in Bloomfield.

Patricia (Mahon) Bartlett ’88, of Wayside, together with her husband, Charles, announced the birth of their daughter, Morgan Kelly; she joins a sister, Tyler. Bartlett is an administrative assistant with Paramus Productions in Red Bank. Robert G. Hess Jr., M.S.N. ’88, of Voorhees, is the corporate director of continuing education for Nursing Spectrum in King of Prussia, PA. In June, Hess was honored with the 2001 New Jersey Nursing Merit Award, celebrating excellence in nursing education. Steven G. Santoro, M.B.A. ’88, of Nutley, was named head of a newly formed electronic materials management team as well as executive vice president of DMC2 (Degussa Metals Catalysts Cerdec Corporation) in South Plainfield. Previously, Santoro was a developmental engineer with Engelhard Corporation. Carolyn Sawyer, J.D. ’88, M.Div., of East Orange, earned her divinity degree at the Yale Divinity School. Sawyer is an assisting minister of youth and Christian education at First Baptist Church in Branchton, CT. She maintained a private law practice from 1995 to 2000.

Madeline E. (Cox) Arleo, J.D. ’89, of West Caldwell, was sworn in as U.S. magistrate for New Jersey, serving in Newark. Previously, Arleo was a partner with the Newark law firm of Tompkins, McGuire, Wachenfeld & Barry, specializing in litigation, labor and employment matters. Diane J. (Sajur) Baron ’89, of Heathrow, FL, together with her husband, Christopher Baron ’89, M.B.A., announced the birth of their daughter, Jennifer Anastasia, in September 2000. Jennifer joins a sister, Jacqueline, 3. Christopher recently earned his M.B.A. from the University of North Florida and is employed with Ford Motor Company in Orlando as a sales zone manager, supervising sales and marketing activities of south-west Florida Ford dealers. Judith Q. Bielan, J.D. ’89, of Bayonne, is founder, organizer and a director of Bayonne Community Bank. Recently, the bank’s assets of more than $56 million set a state record for community banks.

Reverend Nancy A. Conklin, J.D. ’89, of Norwood, is pastor of the Hillsborough Presbyterian Church. She had served as interim pastor for the Norwood Presbyterian Church and was an attorney with the Princeton firm of Smith, Stratton, Wise, Heher & Brennan. Her ministerial career began in 1997 after graduating from the Princeton Theological Seminary.

Donna duBeth Gardiner, J.D. ’89, of Morris Township, was sworn in as presiding judge of the Essex County Bar Association in April. Gardiner is an attorney with the Somerset law firm of Collier, Jacob & Mills, where she practices commercial real estate litigation and the defense of wrongful termination claims. Additionally, she chairs the New Jersey State Bar Association’s Public Relations Committee. Richard S. Willinger ’89, of Langhorne, PA, received the President’s Award from www.cpasnet.com. The annual award honors CPAs in public practice who have demonstrated leading research or scholarship, as well as dedication to providing insight into American commerce. Willinger is a partner with the accounting firm of Druker, Rahl & Fein.

1990s

Sandra L. Lascari, J.D. ’90, of Madison, is the assistant prosecutor for Morris County, a position she has held for four years. In February, Lascari moderated a discussion on white-collar crime, credit card fraud and robbery on the Internet at the annual conference of the Business and Professional Women of Bernardsville.

Anne V. (Freeley) Levin ’90, J.D., of Camp Hill, PA, together with
her birth, Marc, announced the birth of their son, Patrick Talbert, in January. Levin was recently named partner of the Harrisburg law firm of Smigel, Anderson & Sacks, LLP. Barbara (Horn) Manger, M.P.A. ’90, of Whippany, was promoted to associate professor in the health management program at Kean University in Union. Manger was recently honored with the 2000 Distinguished Member Award by the New Jersey Health Information Management Association and has published a book, Documentation Requirements for Non-Acute Care.

Darren Mills ’90, of Scotch Plains, joined the Edison CPA firm of Amper, Politziner & Mattia as senior tax manager. Mills is responsible for analyzing, identifying and implementing tax strategies for individuals and businesses. Previously, he had been international tax manager for Arthur Andersen in Roseland. Mills is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and serves on the board of the Federal Taxation and International Taxation committees.

Kevin E. Mooney ’90, of Virginia Beach, VA, was promoted to captain in the U.S. Navy, where he is operational manager for the personnel recovery advanced concept technology demonstration of the United States Joint Forces Command. Michael P. Murray ’90, of Latham, NY, together with his wife, Kristina, announced the birth of their son, Michael Patrick Jr., in December 2000. Murray is a regional marketing specialist at State Farm Insurance Company’s Northeast regional office in Ballston Spa, NY. Janet (Kelly) O’Neill ’90, of Randolph, together with her husband, Peter O’Neill ’90, announced the birth of their third daughter, Kate Anne, in February. Kate Anne joins sisters Kelly and Erin.

Stuart F. Wolfe ’90, of Washington D.C., together with his wife, Susan, announced the birth of their daughter, Claire Witter, in February.

Michael Colley, M.B.A. ’91, of Trenton, was promoted to vice president of the Asset-Based Lending Unit of Siemens Financial Services in Bridgewater. He brings 16 years of asset-backed lending experience to the position. Previously, Colley was senior vice president and director for First Union Bancorporation in Philadelphia. Lydia F. Keephart, J.D. ’91, of Lawrenceville, was named to the board of trustees of Morris Hall/St. Lawrence Inc. Keephart is a partner with the Princeton law firm of Pelletieri, Rabstein and Altman, where she has been employed since 1992, concentrating in the area of family law. Previously, Keephart served as a law clerk in the Mercer County Superior Court. Anthony Lanzo ’91/M.A.E. ’94/Ed.S. ’99, of Verona, was named assistant principal of H.B. Whitehome Middle School in Verona. Previously, Lanzo served as assistant principal for the Bernards Township School District and as an elementary school teacher for Riker School in Livingston. Christine (Hughes) Piro ’91, of Fanwood, together with her husband, Neil Piro ’90, announced the birth of their son, Jack Matthew, in December 2000. Neil is a human resource manager with Thompson Financial Services in Newark.

Robert Dias ’92, of Paterson, was named assistant principal for Kreps Middle School in East Windsor. He had served as vice principal of the Franklin Parks School. Christine B. (Hardy) Hutchinson ’92, of Hillsborough, together with her husband, John, announced the birth of their daughter, Nikali Elizabeth, in March. Susan (McCarthy) Kerwin, ’92/M.H.R.M. ’98, of Milltown, together with her husband, James Kerwin ’91, announced the birth of their daughter, Lauren Elizabeth, in March. James is an associate director of new markets with Novartis in East Hanover. Daniel E. Mahedy ’92, of Ontario, Canada, was promoted to finance manager for the Canadian College of Massage. Based in Ontario, it is the largest and oldest massage therapy training institution in North America. Christopher S. Porrino, J.D. ’92, of Summit, was named partner of the litigation and white collar crime division of the Woodbridge law firm of Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith, Ravin, Davis & Himmel. Porrino has been employed with the firm since 1993. Thomas D. Sellaro ’92 of Ledgewood, was named vice president of Skylands Community Bank of Hackettstown. Sellaro is responsible for New Jersey lending activities for the bank, where he has been employed since 1998. Previously, he was assistant vice president and relationship manager for the Trust Company of New Jersey. Michelle (Mannion) Taggart ’92, of New Windsor, NY, together with her husband, Michael, announced the birth of their daughter, Emily Grace, in January.

Sister Percylee Hart, M.P.A. ’93, of Scotch Plains, is principal of Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains, a position she has held for more than 20 years. Recently, she was honored by the Union County Commission during its annual Women of Excellence Awards Gala. She also serves as president of the board of trustees of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, as well as chairman of the board of...
trustees of her undergraduate alma mater, Georgian Court College. **Roberto Lopez, M.B.A. '93**, of Bogota, NJ, joined the Manhattan advertising agency of Havas Advertising as director of finance, diversified agencies, North American division. **Peter A. McKenna, J.D. '93**, of Potomac, MD, joined the Washington, D.C., law firm of Sughrue, Mion, Zinn, MacPeak & Seas, PLLC, as an associate.

**Dawn S. (Gunn) Morton '93, M.B.A.**, of Southbridge, MA, together with her husband, Chez, announced the birth of their son, Chevey. James, in June. Dawn is a divisional manager for the Hartford, CT-based Aetna, and recently earned an M.B.A. from Hamilton University. **Dawn M. (Nieves) Schmitz '93**, of Portland, CT, together with her husband, Daniel Schmitz '93, M.B.A., announced the birth of their son, Avery Daniel, in February. Daniel is an associate with Advest Inc., a financial services firm based in Hartford.

**Shana O. Kelley '94, Ph.D.**, of Montclair, is an assistant professor of chemistry at Boston College. Kelley earned a Ph.D. in biophysical chemistry from the California Institute of Technology in 1999. **David F. Merrick '94**, of Hope, earned his real estate broker’s license and joined the management team of Stan Udell Realtors in Hope. Merrick is a member of the New Jersey Association of Realtors Million Dollar Club. **Patrick Price, M.B.A. '94**, of Midlittown, is employed in the Global Marketing Division of Aventis Pharmaceuticals in Bridgewater. Price also is the co-founder of Improving Midtown’s Program for Autistic Children Together (IMPACT). **Sean M. Ryan '94**, of Cedar Grove, is vice president of personal insurance lines for Hanson & Ryan Inc. in Totowa. Recently, Ryan was appointed to the board of directors for the Greater Paterson Chamber of Commerce.

**Jacqueline M. Bartley, J.D. '95**, of Sea Bright, was accepted into Leadership New Jersey, an innovative program introducing emerging leaders to the challenges facing the Garden State. Bartley is the director of development for the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in Piscataway. Previously, she practiced law with Lomurro, Davenport, Eastman & Munoz in Freehold. **Petrina (Osnato) Ferraro '95**, of Jersey City, together with her husband, Joseph Ferraro '93 III, announced the birth of their son, Joseph W. Ferraro IV, in February. Anthony J. Manziano, M.S. '95, of Manalapan, was elected chairman of the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants’ Political Action Committee. The committee supports legislative programs demonstrating the positive impact that CPAs have on the economy and businesses. Manziano is the director of taxation at Bederson & Company, LLP, in West Orange. **Kevin G. Walsh '95/J.D. '98**, of Westfield, is an attorney practicing with the Newark law firm of Gibbons, Del Deo, Dolan, Griffinger & Vecchione. Walsh is a member of the executive committee of the New Jersey State Bar Association. **James F. Urban '96**, of Mountainside, in January was sworn in as police officer for the Mountainside Police Department.

**Roanne Angiello, Ed.D. '97**, of Midland Park, is a visiting fellow at Princeton University during the 2001-02 academic year, as part of a program for mid-career community college faculty members. Visiting professors participate in seminars specific to their field of expertise and enroll in a class. Angiello is a professor of business at Bergen Community College and previously served as the college’s academic vice president. **Michael D. Bell, J.D. '97**, of Alexandria, VA, is an associate in the Washington, D.C., law firm of Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, specializing in the firm’s health care practice, which is focused on health care fraud and health information technology. Previously, Bell was an associate with the Washington, D.C., law firm of Epstein, Becker and Green. **Lisa (Rampolla) Bernardo '97**, of Dumont, together with her husband, David, announced the birth of their daughter, Ashley Elizabeth, in April. Lisa is a special education teacher with the Hackensack Board of Education. **Melody M. Dangerfield, J.D. '97**, of South Orange, was appointed assistant legal counsel by Levin Management, a North Plainfield-based retail property management firm. Dangerfield is responsible for the negotiation and drafting of lease agreements for the company’s commercial retail properties. Previously, Dangerfield was a leasing specialist with Sprint PCS in Mahwah. **Patrick W. Dinicola '97, D.M.D.**, of Wayne, earned his doctorate in dentistry from the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine in May 2001. At graduation, Dinicola was awarded the Abraham Cohen Award in Periodontics and the Kristeller Prize in Radiology. Dinicola is a resident in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in Newark. **Eric J. Hall, '97 M.Div.**, of Bronx, NY, was appointed chief executive officer of the Long Island Alzheimer’s Foundation. Previously, Hall was employed with the nonprofit New Jersey-based branch of the Capuchin Franciscan Friars. **Jennifer L. Sanyshyn, '97 J.D.**, of Paramus, graduated from New York University Law School in May 2000 and has passed the New York and New Jersey bar examinations. Sanyshyn is employed with the Paramus law firm of Melli, Guerin & Melli. **Jeanette (Lysong) Serra '97**, of East Brunswick, together with her husband, Joseph, announced the birth of their first child, Joseph Thomas, in April. Jeanette is a first-grade teacher with the Elizabeth Board of Education.

**Thomas Heim, M.B.A. '98**, of Brooklyn, NY, together with his wife, Kim, announced the birth of their son, Owen Robert, in September 2000. Tom is a director with Keyspan Energy in Brooklyn, NY. **Christopher T. Hughes, J.D. '98**, of Kearny, was appointed associate for the New Brunswick law firm of Hoagland, Longo, Moran, Dunst & Doukas, LLP. **Barry A. Kleinman, J.D. '98** of Highland Court, NY, joined the Manhattan law firm of Gotz, Fitzpatrick, Most & Bruckman as an associate. Previously, Kleinman served as a police officer.
with the New York City Police Department for 12 years, and for 18 years as a New York State court clerk. Hany Mawla, J.D. ’98, of North Brunswick, joined the law firm of Riker, Danzig, Scherer, Hyland & Perretti LLP of Morristown as an associate. Previously, Mawla was an associate with the law firm of Newman, McDonough, Shofel and Giger, P.C. of Roseland. Michele H. Redier, J.D. ’98, of Somerset, joined the law firm of Drinker, Biddle & Reath LLP of Princeton as an associate in the litigation department for 12 years and for real estate department. Somerville as an associate in the East Orange Police Department, ‘98, court clerk.

Louis Iazzi, M.A.E. ’99, of Verona, is a lieutenant with the East Orange Police Department, where he has served in several capacities during his 21 years there. Iazzi is a member of the board of directors of the New Jersey Narcotics Enforcement Officers Association, a trustee for the Italian-American Police Society of New Jersey and an instructor with New Jersey’s Division of Criminal Justice.

Gregory D. King ’99/M.B.A. ’01, of Totowa, was named assistant manager of broadcasting and scoreboard for New York Yankees. Previously, King was director of media relations for the Newark Bears baseball club. Albert N. Lasso, J.D. ’99, of East Hanover, is a law clerk for the Honorable Joseph Bonaventure of Nevada’s Eighth Judicial District Court in Las Vegas. Lasso was the founder and operator of the East Hanover-based Mr. Photo, a business he sold to finance his law school education. Randall Rossilli, M.A.E. ’99, of Livingston, joined the Millburn Township School District as director of technology. Previously, Rossilli was supervisor of art, music, media centers, instructional technology and university programs in communication technology and fine graphic arts for Ramapo-Indian Hills High School District in Franklin Lakes. Rossilli was honored with an Apple Distinguished Educator Award, presented by Apple Computer Inc. to the top 25 educators in North America for 1998-2000.

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Helen A. (Franzese) Durkin, J.D. ’00, of Fair Lawn, joined the law firm of Mendes & Mount in Newark as an associate. Alessandra Esposito, B.S.N. ’00, of Edgewater, is a registered nurse in the neurovascular/oncology unit of the Englewood Hospital and Medical Center. In May, she earned her chemotherapy certification. Joseph E. Kernan, J.D. ’00, of Eatontown, devoted a year of his legal services to the Catholic Charities Legal Services, part of Catholic Voluntiers in Florida. This full-time church-sponsored volunteer agency, based in Orlando, staffs a wide variety of nonprofit agencies throughout Florida. As a staff attorney, he assisted clients in immigration matters. Shannon K. Philpot, J.D. ’00, of Atlantic Highlands, joined the Woodbridge law firm of Greenbaum, Rowe, Davis & Himmel, LLP as an associate in the litigation group. Philpot had interned with the Honorable Louis F. Locascio of the Superior Court of New Jersey. Marisa Roberts, J.D. ’00, of Belle Mead, has passed the New Jersey State Bar examination. Roberts is a patent attorney with the Princeton law firm of Roberts & Mercanti.

Justin P. Runke, J.D. ’00, of Scottsville, NY, joined the law firm of Harris Beach LLP in Rochester as an associate in the business transactions group. Geoffrey D. Urbanik, M.P.A. ’00, of Raritan, was appointed deputy township manager for South Brunswick. Urbanik assists in the township’s day-to-day operations, preparing information and projects to go before the town council. Previously, he was the deputy township clerk in Hillsborough.

Marriages

Lisa A. Lewandowski ’83 to Ronald Schneider
Joseph Catalano ’85 to Janis M. King
John E. Wohlhrab ’86 to Catherine R. Rossi
Christopher J. Mueller ’88 to Catherine J. Snyder
Mary Frances Allegro ’89 to Donald Olsen
Wendy L. Lesnieski ’89 to Edward G. Denmead
Michael P. Torpey, J.D. ’89 to Rachel Donington
John T. Genoni Jr. ’92 to Dawn M. DePoe
Angelo Sarno ’92 to Kimberly D’Achille
Katherine Guarino ’93 to Thomas Kelly
Daniel J. Liska ’93 to Cindy E. Meyer
David M. Meehan ’93 to Jennifer A. O’Reardon
Amy C. Orga ’93 to Frank C. Corvino
Melissa Bondy ’94 to John Walsh Jr.
Rae Lyn Ciccone ’94 to Tobia G. Russo
Stephen E. Mohn ’94/M.B.A. ’01 to Cathleen Kiernan
Richard C. Papera, M.A.E. ’94 to Stacey T. Craw
Jennifer H. Thorpe ’94 to Christopher R. Lawton
Eric R. Brickman, M.B.A. ’95 to Gail Ratzker
Francine Dragotta, M.A.E. ’95 to Frank Centrella
Craig L. Lapham, J.D. ’95 to Catherine A. Dunning
Kevin E. Picollo ’95 to Sharon C. Thorsen
Tara Valiante ’95 to Dennis Hanley
Paul N. Bonavita, J.D. ’96 to Christine L. Vigliotti
Brad Butash ’96/M.B.A. ’99 to Andrea Valent
Joseph A. Cheringal ’96 to Donna M. Babyak
Mandi S. Cohen, M.A.E. ’96 to A.C. Morgan IV
Kara F. Fuoto ’96 to Timothy Closius
Donna A. Lloyd ’96 to Kirk D. Basehore
Matthew J. Palmer ’96 to Kimberly Spill
Kathleen Powanda ’96 to Robert Geisler
W. Peter Ragan, J.D. ’96 to Kara E. McLaughlin
Shanna D. Roberts ’96 to William C. Peters
Mary Ellen Silva ’96 to Theodore Gambogi III
Thomas B. Woodard ’96 to Amy A. Clarke
Laura A. Bosco ’97 to Stephen Yarosh
Carrie G. Kobb, M.A.E. ’97 to Seth M. Mastropaoilo
Victoria R. Mellilo ’97 to Renato M. Brito
William P. Nossen, J.D. ’97 to Leslie Jo Friedman
Laura J. Pearson ’97 to Michael A. Simeone
Jennifer M. Quintela ’97 to Joseph T. Pergola
Jennifer Rae Rossi, J.D. ’97 to Brian Edward Walsh
Laura J. Smith ’97 to Thomas Santaita
Melanie K. Vitiello ’97 to Michael Klastava
Renee Zaro ’97 to Frank Butera
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Memorial Tribute

A scholarship for undergraduate psychology majors is being established in memory of Donald N. Lombardi ’54, Ph.D., professor of psychology, who died in May at the age of 68. Lauded for his commitment to his profession and his students, Lombardi was a familiar face on the South Orange campus for nearly 50 years. After earning a doctoral degree in social psychology and psychometrics from Fordham University, he returned to Seton Hall University in 1962 as an associate professor.

As an educator, Lombardi was well regarded by both colleagues and students. His contributions to the community extended far beyond the campus to encompass a private psychology practice as well as consulting work for the Essex County Youth House, a Newark facility that houses at-risk youth. “His extensive experience as a practitioner resulted in his being effective not only in lecturing, but in hands-on courses such as Practicum in Psychology and our psychology co-op classes,” notes Jeffrey Levy, Ph.D., chair of the psychology department in the College of Arts and Sciences.

“This scholarship is a fitting tribute to a beloved colleague and teacher who will be missed by all who knew him,” Levy says.

The Seton Hall community in 1996 recognized Lombardi for his commitment to his profession by presenting him with the Bishop McQuaid Medal for Distinguished Service. The honor is reserved for faculty, staff and administrators who have demonstrated an exemplary commitment to Seton Hall and its mission.

For Brianne Sawicki ’01, who tied with five other graduates for first-in-class honors in the College of Arts and Sciences in May, Lombardi was a mentor who helped guide her in developing career goals and objectives. “He assisted me in obtaining an internship in a child care center, which opened my eyes to the idea of helping and working with children,” she recalls.

A memorial Mass honoring Lombardi took place on October 22 at the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception.

Contributions in his memory may be sent to:
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Harold J. O’Brien ’41
Reverend Charles P. O’Connor ’46/M.D.M.’50
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Sadie B. Bonner ’50
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Gloria Esposito ’50
William H. Henchey ’50
Neal F. Herron ’50
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William H. Raquet, M.A.E. ’78
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Gerard R. Boyce, J.D. ’83
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Richard J. “Richie” Regan ’53, the legendary Seton Hall University basketball player, men’s basketball coach, athletic director and athletic fund-raiser, has been named to the Sports Hall of Fame of New Jersey. This honor places the Newark native among a select group of New Jersey’s sports legends, including Yogi Berra, Bill Bradley and Vince Lombardi.

Regan, who began working at Seton Hall in 1958, currently serves as the special assistant for University Affairs.

Established in 1993, The Sports Hall of Fame of New Jersey is a non-profit organization that pays tribute to the accomplishments of New Jersey’s amateur and professional athletes. Coaches and sports administrators who have been part of the state’s sports history also have received this coveted award. Regan was one of eight honorees inducted at the dinner ceremony in May.

It was at Newark’s West Side High School that Regan’s long and exemplary basketball career began; he was named an All-State guard during his senior year in 1949. Later that year, he went on to play for Seton Hall, helping the freshman team achieve an incredible 39-1 record. In his senior year, Regan played an integral role in helping the Pirates post a 31-2 record and clinch the 1953 NIT Championship, the most prestigious national collegiate tournament at the time.

After a three-year stint playing professionally for the Rochester Royals, Regan returned to his alma mater in 1958 as head coach of the men’s basketball team. He went on to become Seton Hall’s athletic director in 1970, and is credited with helping the Pirates join the BIG EAST conference in 1979. In 1985, he became the founding director of Seton Hall’s Pirate Blue Athletic Fund.

Being named to the New Jersey Sports Hall of Fame is quite an accomplishment, according to its chairman, Aubrey Lewis. “The nomination committee and the board are grateful to have such a vast collection of athletes to choose from,” Lewis said during the induction dinner. “One has to be truly special to be considered for induction.”

Always the team player, Regan is modest about his personal accomplishments, which also include places in the Seton Hall Athletic Hall of Fame and the Newark Athletic Hall of Fame.

“Being named to the New Jersey Sports Hall of Fame is a great honor for me, although I prefer team honors, rather than awards that recognize the efforts of one person,” he admits.

Regan dedicated his award to those who have helped him become successful. “First of all, God has been very good to me,” Regan emphasizes. “I’ve been blessed, and the support of my coaches, the Priest Community at Seton Hall and my dear family have helped me achieve my dreams.”

Sue Regan, senior associate athletic director, attended the induction ceremony honoring her husband, as did a number of other Seton Hall supporters. Monsignor Robert Sheeran ’67, University president, gave the invocation. Also on hand to congratulate Regan were John H. Shannon, ’75, M.B.A. ’77/J.D. ’82, vice president for University Affairs at the time; Helen Cunning ’81/M.A. ’96, assistant vice president for University Advancement; Paul Huegel, M.A. ’92, executive director of the Pirate Blue Athletic Fund; and Joseph Burt, director of Alumni Relations.

A plaque honoring Regan and other hall of famers is on permanent display in the box office lobby of the Continental Airlines Arena in East Rutherford.
It’s who you know, not what you know. Isn’t that what we always hear? In my case, it was who I knew before I arrived at Seton Hall University that got me into journalism. In high school, I knew I had a passion for writing, but was not exactly certain how I wanted to channel that energy. It began when a high school classmate of mine mentioned that her aunt, Dr. Tracy Gottlieb [now acting dean of the Freshman Studies Program], was the adviser to the student newspaper at Seton Hall — the same school I would be attending. And since graduating from the University in 1999, I have been in a field that has allowed me to live on both coasts and has taken me places I never thought I would go.

Some people in the newspaper business insist that to be successful you need an undergraduate degree from a school with a big-name journalism program. But what are those students really learning in the classroom? Journalism, like most fields, is best learned by doing. I found that at Seton Hall, I was able to do just that. Of course, the communication courses I took gave me the foundation I needed to grow, but the biggest advantage to studying at Seton Hall was that I had the opportunity to take other classes and be exposed to what life would be like outside the newsroom. These days, I feel that most daily newspapers are out of touch with what is really going on in the communities they serve. And you have to wonder if that is because of a lack of exposure among many aspiring journalists.

The main reason I was able to get a leg up on many of my counterparts at other universities was because of the internships I did during the school year. And I don’t think they would have been possible if not for Seton Hall’s proximity to the largest media market in the world, New York City. While many college students, including myself, interned during the summer at various daily newspapers, my internship experiences did not end when it was time to go back to school. In the fall of my junior year, I had an internship with MSNBC at its TV headquarters in Secaucus. That spring, I braved the commute and did a business reporting internship at Newsday in Long Island, New York. After being invited back to Newsday to work on the copy desk in the fall of my senior year, I finally realized that editing was something I wanted to pursue as a career.

Beyond my coursework at Seton Hall and the seven internships I had completed by the time I graduated, there was one experience that prepared me for this field better than any other: The Setonian. At times, it was the death of me, but when all was said and done, it was one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. Some people with whom I work do not seem to understand that working at a campus newspaper, especially at a relatively small school where everyone pretty much knows each other, is one of the toughest things to do. If you were to sit next to the editor of The Wall Street Journal or The New York Times on a bus, you probably would never even know. But when you are the editor of The Setonian, and you live with and have class with the people you cover, it can be challenging. As editor, you are held accountable for the words that appear on your pages. Sometimes your readers do not like what you have to say, but that’s just part of the job. From reporting, writing and editing, to layout and design, all of the aspects of newspaper journalism are learned here. There is no better training.

I think newspapers have a good future ahead of them if they become better attuned to their communities and if they take their focus off breaking news. Let’s face it: With the growth of the Internet and other real-time media outlets, newspapers rarely break news anymore. Seton Hall has already shown that it is serious about information technology. So, combining this technology with traditional journalism opportunities will only further benefit Seton Hall students.

Royce T. Hall ’99 is an associate editor at CNET News.com in New York City and has worked in the newsrooms of The Boston Globe and The Wall Street Journal. He was editor-in-chief of The Setonian during the 1998-99 academic year.
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