Emblems of Empathy
Ribbons of blue and white — on fences, buildings and lapels — symbolized the outpouring of sympathetic support at Seton Hall University following the Boland Hall fire on January 19.
In Tragedy’s Aftermath, a Community’s Bonds Deepen

“Over the coming months and years, we will reflect on many things as we try to let the Lord fill our loss with love,” noted Monsignor Robert Sheeran ’67 at the Service of Remembrance and Hope, eight days after the Boland Hall fire. On these pages, members of the University family express their thoughts on coming to terms with the tragedy and restoring the learning environment.
General Colin L. Powell, U.S.A. (Ret.), former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, congratulates Monsignor Robert Sheeran ’67, University president, at a breakfast honoring Seton Hall University for receiving the EDUCAUSE Award for Excellence in Campus Networking in October 1999. Powell presented a keynote address at EDUCAUSE ’99.

The annual award recognizes one college or university for successful, institution-wide networking initiatives that evolve out of a comprehensive planning process closely linked to the mission and vision of the institution. EDUCAUSE, an international nonprofit association, examines how technology is used to empower faculty, students and administrators, bringing new information resources within reach of all campus constituencies and the wider community.

New bell tower dedicated

The sound of tolling bells has been heard on Seton Hall University’s campus since its founding in 1856. Although the melody has changed over the years, the sentiment remains the same. The year 2000 is a time to reflect on this tradition and bring the campus together.

That reflection took place on April 26 with the dedication of a new bell tower in front of Kozlowski Hall.

“A strong sense of history surrounds the music of tolling bells in the Catholic Church,” says Monsignor Robert Sheeran ’67, University president. “As bells toll, their music calls people to come together as a community, to pray, to reflect and to unite. When the bells on our new tower toll at Seton Hall, we will join together as a community bound in faith.”

Standing 37-feet high, the bell tower is adorned with a seven-foot crucifix. The bell tower is a gift from an anonymous donor and the crucifix is a gift from Seton Hall’s Priest Community.

“One of the goals of Seton Hall’s mission is to strengthen the Catholic identity of the University,” says Reverend James M. Cafone ’61/M.A. ’67, S.T.D., assistant professor of religious studies and minister to the Priest Community.

“This crucifix, hanging high over our campus, will give eloquent testimony to our Catholic mission. It will serve as a daily reminder of our Christian commitment to students, faculty and staff. It is only fitting that the Priest Community be a vital part of this prominent object of religious devotion on campus.”

The bell tower incorporates traditional and contemporary architectural design and features three bells. One is from Immaculate Conception Seminary when it was located in Darlington, one is from Bayley Hall and one is a new bell, the Boland Hall Jubilee bell.

“There is a sense of excitement that surrounds the sound of real bells tolling,” says Monsignor William C. Harms ’61, M.Div. ’75/M.A. ’77, D.Min., vice president for planning, “Ringing bells will serve to further unify the campus, calling people together to reflect at the same time, on our common ground that is Seton Hall. The impact of this call will be heard for many, many years to come.”

Coming together as a community at Seton Hall is even more important than ever. Long before the Boland Hall fire on January 19, a University benefactor made a commitment to build the bell tower. After the fire, she suggested it be dedicated to the memory of the students who perished. Three plaques, one for each of the freshmen — Frank Caltabilota, John Giunta and Aaron Karol — are affixed to the tower.

Another plaque, states, in part: “This bell tower stands in testimony to our faith in the eternal life of our students who perished in the Boland Hall fire on 19 January 2000…”

Monsignor Harms adds, “Hearing the bells, all together, at the same time will remind all of us of the glory of the eternal life that is ours beyond our time here on earth. The call of the bells will serve to unify and bring our Seton Hall family closer together now and in the future.”

Update on fire code compliance

Seton Hall University has corrected nearly all of the fire code violations found in its 39 buildings (approximately 2.5 million square feet) on the 56-acre campus in South Orange. The state expects that the University will be in full compliance with fire codes after residence hall sprinklers are installed in August.

On March 1, New Jersey’s Department of Community Affairs (DCA) released information regarding its inspection of the University in February following the tragic fire in Boland Hall that killed three Seton Hall freshmen and injured 58 others.

On March 14, a list of fire violations by location and status was released. Of the 828 violations listed in the DCA report, 698 had been fixed. Ninety-eight violations were sought in regard to three violations.

The DCA categorizes three types of violations: imminent hazard, retrofit and general maintenance. The February inspection resulted in an average of 22 violations per building, none of which were classified as imminent hazard. DCA officials told the University that violations were “typical” of colleges and universities.

Prior to the DCA’s final report, the University had already corrected more than one-half of the violations that appeared in the report. The violations that were abated required maintenance work; the violations that were classified as retrofit will be abated with the installation and/or expansion of sprinkler systems in all Seton Hall residence halls by the beginning of the Fall 2000 semester, according to DCA officials.
A prestigious publication has recognized two aspects of Seton Hall University’s leadership in the field of student character development. The Templeton Guide: Colleges that Encourage Character Development — distributed nationally to prospective college students, parents and educators — contains profiles on exemplary programs in 10 categories, representing the best practices in the field of character development during the college years.

Seton Hall is profiled in the Volunteer Services Program category for its Institute for Service Learning. Service learning is a teaching approach that incorporates experiential learning (experience gained in the community to enhance the work of the class) with academic coursework. The institute was created in 1997 to support a wide range of service learning opportunities for students. It develops and conducts seminars that introduce faculty to the field’s theory and practice, and it forms partnerships with community leaders to establish service learning venues and nonprofit management relationships.

The Templeton Guide also highlights activities of the Nonprofit Sector Resource Institute of New Jersey, a project of the Center for Public Service at Seton Hall.

The inclusion of these two institutes in The Templeton Guide is an important milestone for Seton Hall, according to Monsignor Robert Sheeran ’67, University president. “As a Catholic university, Seton Hall has been committed to character building and public service since 1856,” he says. “It is extremely gratifying to be recognized for these efforts by a publication as well-known and well-regarded as The Templeton Guide.”

Approximately 300 public and private colleges in the United States are included in The Templeton Guide. The programs it highlights are chosen through a highly selective process that considers clarity of vision; resources; involvement of college and university leaders; and the impact on students, faculty and the campus community.

Many Are One gala honors Robert E. Baldini ’53

In recognition of the diverse achievements and common bond of excellence among Seton Hall University graduates, the Alumni Association celebrated the 15th annual Many Are One Alumni Awards Gala on April 29.

For his lifetime achievement and his outstanding commitment to the University, Robert E. Baldini ’53 was presented with the Alumni Association’s highest honor — the Many Are One Most Distinguished Alumnus Award. The evening featured General Colin L. Powell, U.S.A. (Ret.), former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, as the keynote speaker.

Baldini has served on the Seton Hall Board of Regents since 1995. As a student at Seton Hall, he received an award for academic achievement from the Order of the Cross and Crescent (the student honor society) and the Marketing Medal from the School of Business. A member of the men’s soccer team for four years, Baldini went on to earn an M.B.A. from New York University in 1957.

His outstanding professional achievements span more than 47 years in the pharmaceutical industry, including top executive positions with Key Pharmaceuticals, Ciba-Geigy and Pfizer & Company. Currently Baldini is vice chairman and chief sales and marketing officer of Kos Pharmaceuticals, as well as vice chairman of Ascent Pediatrics. He serves on the board of directors of Pharma Connect and is dedicated to several philanthropic endeavors, including the Arthritis Foundation and Covenant House.

Other honorees at the 15th annual Many Are One Alumni Awards Gala included:

Humanitarian Award
Alfred W. Martinelli ’51

Alumni Association Service Award
Phillip Thigpen ’51

2000 Alumni Service Awards
Monsignor Robert E. Duffy ’44
Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology
Vivian Evangel ’76
College of Education and Human Services
Deborah A. Gabry, J.D. ’89
School of Law
Michele Lamphier ’93/M.A. ’95
Young Alumnus
Stephen A. Lovelette, M.B.A. ’85
Stillman School of Business
Patricia P. Murphy ’74/M.S.N. ’79
College of Nursing
Jason M. Wooden ’89
College of Arts and Sciences
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**Shay appointed acting University provost**

Monsignor Robert Sheeran, Seton Hall University president, appointed Mel J. Shay, Ed.D., acting University provost, effective June 1. Shay has served as dean of the College of Education and Human Services (CEHS) since January 1999. Prior to being dean, he was associate dean of CEHS.

Shay has been responsible for the College's budget development and management, faculty recruitment and development, external affairs, and grants and funding activities. Under his leadership, the College was able successfully to seek its first national program accreditation in several years, and with the assistance of the faculty of the Ph.D. program in counseling psychology, CEHS has achieved a seven-year accreditation from the American Psychological Association.

Progress is being made on significant additional qualitative benchmarks toward the accreditation of the College's marriage and family therapy programs and school-based programs.

Two prominent Catholic Service programs that started under Shay’s tenure as dean are the Catholic leadership master’s program and the new Catholic teacher preparation program, Education Partners in Catholic Schools (EPICS). New programs also have been approved in early childhood teacher certification and sports psychology. Creative programming to capture the interest in health education and wellness also are under development.

While associate dean, a post Shay held for four and a half years, he was responsible for oversight of three departments: Educational Studies, Educational Administration, and Professional Psychology and Family Therapy.

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

An active member of the Seton Hall community for 20 years, Shay has served on numerous committees, including as president of the Faculty Governance Association, chair of the University Distance Education Committee and member of the Virtual University Task Force and the Institutional Image Task Force.

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Million-dollar grant prepares future teachers to close the “digital divide”

Seton Hall’s College of Education and Human Services (CEHS) has been awarded a three-year, million-dollar U.S. Department of Education grant for Project SHURE (Seton Hall University Revitalizing Education). Project SHURE trains prospective teachers to use technology in the classroom and also funds training for faculty to integrate technology into the curriculum.

The grant is part of the Clinton administration’s educational technology initiative, which has four goals: increasing the number of multimedia computers in the classroom; encouraging the development of high-quality educational software; training teachers to use technology effectively; and connecting every classroom to the Internet.

The grant also is part of the Department of Education’s Technology Literacy Challenge, which aims to make modern technologies available to every student in the United States, by providing teachers with the education and support they need to use these new technologies for improved teaching and learning.

The nationwide grants are geared to helping teachers close the “digital divide” between poorer schools and their wealthier counterparts, which tend to have better access to technology in the classroom.

“Our goal is to prepare technology-proficient teachers for the 21st century,” says Rosemary Skeele, Ed.D., associate professor of education and director of programs in instructional design and technology. Skeele wrote the grant proposal and serves as director of Project SHURE.

Through the project, which began in September 1999, Seton Hall partners with and benefits from the resources of five technology-rich sites: three urban, low-income schools; one private special education school; and a state-funded science center. The five partnerships are with:

- Camden Middle Model Technology School, Newark;
- Jackson Academy Technology Magnet School, East Orange;
- Vailsburg Middle School, Newark;
- Lakeview School of the Middlesex County Cerebral Palsy Association, Edison; and
- Liberty Science Center, Jersey City.

The five strategic partners were selected as off-campus training sites because they are located in low-income areas and make extensive use of technology. All have computer labs, computers in the classroom and Internet access. Each of the organizations already has a special relationship with the preservice teacher program at CEHS.

These partner sites will provide technology-rich learning experiences to immerse prospective teachers and Seton Hall faculty in effective uses of technology to improve teaching and learning through joint learning activities.

“Our students and faculty will be learning about technology and then seeing how to use it in real-life classroom settings,” says Mel J. Shay, Ed.D., newly appointed acting University provost, who most recently served as dean of the College of Education and Human Services. “This project fits perfectly with the University’s mission of training servant leaders to be successful lifelong learners and teachers.”

Skeele adds, “Future teachers will prepare the rest of the world — thousands of students in each teacher’s lifetime — to function in a world of technology. Other professionals don’t have the opportunity to meet and change the lives of as many people as teachers do.”

More information on Seton Hall’s Department of Education educational technology grants is available online at www.ed.gov/teachtech/
After leading Seton Hall University through a 10-year period of unprecedented growth, change and excellence, Very Reverend Thomas R. Peterson, O.P, will retire from his position as University chancellor, effective June 30.

Father Peterson, who was named the 19th president of Seton Hall and its second chancellor in June 1990, plans to return to Providence College, where he will reside with brother priests of the Dominican Order and resume a teaching role as a professor of philosophy. His retirement coincides with the completion of his second five-year term of appointment at the University.

“Serving Seton Hall University and the Archdiocese of Newark has been a blessing and a gift,” Father Peterson says. “As a community, we have been able to achieve much in the past 10 years. The University has never been more vibrant than it is today. My decision to retire was made easy by Seton Hall’s stability and its bright future.”

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Walsh Library opened in the spring of 1994. Father Peterson was involved in the planning, construction and fund-raising for this building, which is nearly three times the size of its predecessor, McLaughlin Library.
executive duties into two positions. Monsignor Robert Sheeran ‘67, who was named president of the University at that time, has been responsible for the day-to-day operations of the 144-year-old diocesan university. Since 1996, Father Peterson has served solely as chancellor, responsible for managing Seton Hall’s relationships with key groups, including alumni, higher education organizations and government agencies.

“Father Peterson has led Seton Hall University with a singular devotion,” Monsignor Sheeran says. “We are all indebted to his remarkable record of gentle service and constant concern for each person in our community. We will all sorely miss his wonderful pastoral presence and his words, which have never ceased to inspire us all.”

Father Peterson’s achievements at Seton Hall are myriad. Under his leadership, the University successfully completed its largest fund-raising campaign, the $115 million Seton Hall Campaign (1995). Providing vital leadership to that fund-raising effort, Father Peterson helped catapult the University into the top level of Catholic colleges and universities as one of only five Catholic universities to surpass $100 million in a capital campaign.

His leadership also brought significant changes to the Seton Hall physical plant, beginning with the completion of the new School of Law building in Newark. A lasting testimony to his accomplishments at Seton Hall was overseeing the planning, construction and fund-raising for the $20 million Walsh Library, known as the “Jewel of the Campus.” Opened in 1994, this modern facility has had an impact throughout the South Orange campus: Library usage has doubled, and the library’s information technology capabilities continue to expand.

Seton Hall Board of Regents Chairman Frank E. Walsh says Father Peterson’s effect is nothing short of transformational. “When he came to Seton Hall, the University was poised for a giant step forward. Father Peterson gave us the vision and courage to transform the institution. We are all deeply indebted to him for his devotion and dedication to Seton Hall and to Catholic higher education.”

Father Peterson’s most recent endeavor on behalf of Seton Hall was managing the planning, design, fund-raising and start-up construction for the $18 million Kozlowski Hall. This six-story academic building, which opened in 1997, remedied a long-time shortage of faculty office space. It also provides undergraduate and graduate students with state-of-the-art classrooms, wired for computer use.

Most Reverend Theodore E. McCarrick, Archbishop of Newark, who named Father Peterson chancellor in 1990, credited Father Peterson with producing world-class students in a world-class Catholic institution. “Throughout his career as an educator and mentor, Father Peterson has been an extraordinary personal

Father Peterson was inaugurated as the second chancellor and 19th president of the University on October 13, 1990, during University Day festivities. The Most Reverend Theodore E. McCarrick, Archbishop of Newark (left), presented Father Peterson with the symbols of his new office: the Chancellor’s Medallion and the University’s seal.

Students were drawn to Father Peterson throughout his years at Seton Hall. While chancellor, he taught ethics classes. “Teaching ethics not only keeps me in touch with students, but it helps me to foster their thinking about the ethical questions they will encounter in day-to-day living,” he observed in 1990.

One of Father Peterson’s favorite activities was the annual “Deck the Halls” Christmas party sponsored by the Boys and Girls Clubs of Newark.
example of the very best in Catholic education,” Archbishop McCarrick says. “His wisdom and his personal warmth have been a beacon of light and a fire of charity to so very many of us here in New Jersey, of every race and faith. His contributions to Seton Hall University, to the Church of Newark and to all of us will never be forgotten.”

Beyond the gates of the University, Father Peterson represents Seton Hall on numerous boards and commissions. Recently, he served as chairman of the board of the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of New Jersey and on the executive committee of New Jersey’s Presidents’ Council. For the Independent College Fund of New Jersey, he is a member of the board of trustees and secretary of the executive committee.

Father Peterson continuously shares his leadership with organizations in New Jersey and beyond. He serves on the New Jersey National Conference (National Conference for Community and Justice, formerly the National Conference of Christians and Jews), the Boy Scouts of America (North East Region), the United Way of Essex and West Hudson, the New Jersey-Israel Commission and the New Community Corporation in Newark. He represents higher education on the (New Jersey) Governor’s Conference for Alcohol and Drug Abuse. He also lends his expertise to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and has chaired three NCAA certification commissions.

In addition to his administrative expertise, Father Peterson often is a hands-on volunteer, including a long-term commitment to teaching an entry-level college philosophy course to inner-city residents, through the New Community Corporation.

Father Peterson’s contributions to the community and higher education are widely acknowledged. He was awarded the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice medal by the Bishop of Providence for service to that diocese. Since assuming his post at Seton Hall, he has received the Benemerenti Medal, a Papal award presented by the Archbishop of Newark in recognition of service to the Archdiocese. He also was honored with the Bishop John Dougherty Award for Outstanding Leadership by EIES of New Jersey, the prestigious Medal of St. Benedict by St. Benedict’s Preparatory School and the Humanitarian Award from the New Community Corporation.

Seton Hall was Father Peterson’s second presidency. He was elected president of Providence College in 1968 and served in that post for 14 years. During his tenure as president of Providence, the college changed from an all-male to a coed institution. Earlier, as dean of the college, he helped develop a new curriculum that included an innovative, team-taught Western Civilization program, now one of the hallmarks of Providence. Also under Father Peterson’s leadership, the Providence campus was increased by one-third, four new buildings were constructed and eight of the buildings on newly acquired property were fully renovated. In recognition of his accomplishments there, Providence awarded Father Peterson its Veritas Medal, the college’s highest honor.

After stepping down from the Providence presidency, Father Peterson was invited to spend a sabbatical year (1985) as a Scholar-in-Residence at Seton Hall.

A respected scholar in the area of Eastern philosophy, Father Peterson has traveled extensively in Europe, Africa, the Middle East and Asia. During a trip to China, he was invited by Wuhan University to give a series of lectures on “A Comparison of Eastern and Western Philosophy” and on higher education administration in the United States.

Born in Newark, Father Peterson grew up in the Vailsburg section and attended St. Antoninus Grammar School and St. Benedict’s Preparatory School. He received an A.B. degree from Providence in 1951 and was ordained to the priesthood in the Dominican Order in 1956. He earned two doctoral degrees, one in philosophy and another in theology, and has been awarded 10 honorary degrees.
Most college students spend their summer vacation at home with their families, visiting high school friends and earning extra money at a summer job. But for two weeks last summer, Courtney San Felippo ’00 was a volunteer, far from her home in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. She traveled to Trinidad, along with 12 members of Seton Hall’s Division of Volunteer Efforts (DOVE). While in this small Caribbean country, she devoted her time and affection to the elderly, orphans, and infants and children with AIDS.

“It changed my life,” says San Felippo, who graduated with a biology degree in May. “I thought God had put me on this earth to become a physician. Spending time at St. Dominick’s Orphanage made me realize He had other plans for me.”

Her first stop in Trinidad was a geriatric facility. San Felippo volunteered to feed and bathe the elderly patients who were unable to perform these tasks on their own. “I’m used to our health care system that provides for its patients,” she explains. “In Trinidad, there is an obvious distinction between the ‘haves’ and the ‘have-nots.’ Patients who could not walk or care for themselves were put in front of a television and left alone.”

San Felippo also spent time with infants and children with AIDS. “It was amazing,” she recalls. “Twenty little faces were looking up at our group when we arrived. Some of the children had never seen white people before. They touched us to make sure that we were real. Throughout our visit, I oftentimes forgot I was holding and playing with children with AIDS.”

The DOVE volunteers also were given the opportunity to teach in the orphanage. They focused most of their lessons and activities on increasing the children’s self-esteem and developing their leadership skills in an environment where no positive reinforcement exists.

Mirroring the English school system, Trinidad administers standardized tests to students at the age of 11. Those who do not pass the exam cannot continue to attend classes when they turn 16. “The students who failed believed they were awful and had nowhere to go in life,” San Felippo explains. “We wanted to show the students that they were worth something. The classroom walls were bare — none of their schoolwork was hanging up. There were no signs of encouragement to let the children know they were doing a good job. I told one of the children that he was a good speller. No one had ever told him that before.”

In a lesson that focused on expressing creativity and individualism, DOVE volunteers asked students to write their names, then next to each letter “to write something that related to their personality and decorate the paper,” Courtney says. “It helped them improve their vocabulary and find an alternative outlet for self-expression. This lesson was something that stuck with them.”

The students responded favorably to this new method of instruction using positive reinforcement. “We get letters from kids at the orphanage saying ‘I love you’ and ‘thank you for visiting me,’” she says. “A few have even asked if they can come visit us.”

San Felippo’s visit to Trinidad has shifted her career path. Initially, she planned to pursue a degree in medicine. She now intends to teach high school biology. “The feelings I had in front of the classroom were like nothing I felt in a hospital,” she remembers. “Father Jim [Reverend James Spera, director of Campus Ministry] said to me that no matter what I did in life, I had to teach. He said I have the gift.”

As an undergraduate, San Felippo built on this gift by working in Academic Support Services. She tutored student-athletes in psychology, biology, genetics and math. She also coordinated undergraduate tutoring sessions, monitored study halls and assisted with general office tasks. “I had fun working there,” she says. “I feel good after I tutor — like I’ve made a difference.”

Her memories of Seton Hall are fond ones. As secretary of the Student Ambassador Society, she gave tours of the campus to prospective students and their families. She chose to do this because of an experience she had when she was looking at schools. “I chose Seton Hall because of the people,” San Felippo recalls. “People at other colleges didn’t seem as nice as they were here. The head of the biology program (Roberta Moldow, Ph.D.) took the time to show my mother and me around when we first visited the University, which didn’t happen at the other schools I visited. That said it all to me. This place is about community and caring.”
The fire broke out in a common room of the third floor of North Boland Hall at approximately 4:30 a.m. on January 19. When the Boland Hall alarm system sounded, officers from Seton Hall’s Department of Public Safety and Security responded immediately, as well as alerting the South Orange Fire Department. The fire was contained in the third-floor common area, but smoke traveled throughout the floor. Rooms on the fourth and fifth floors of North Boland Hall suffered from smoke damage. The fire was brought under control within 10 minutes of the arrival of the first fire units from South Orange.

At the Service of Remembrance and Hope, members of the University’s Priest Community, administration, faculty and student body honored and paid tribute to the three freshmen who died and prayed for the students still hospitalized.

Bryan Schroeder ’00, Student Government Association president, welcomed the more than 5,000 members of the University family and surrounding communities who came to the service, which was postponed for two days due to a severe winter storm. Articulating the many emotions experienced over the preceding week, Schroeder said, “We have been in total fear, shock, disbelief, sorrow and numbness. At the same time, we have found relief, hope, friendship and love in this community.”

Monsignor Sheeran’s homily touched on the thoughts and feelings of many members of the University community — the fact that this tragedy will never be forgotten, but that we can heal through God’s love. “Over the coming months and years, we will reflect on many things as we try to let the Lord fill our loss with love,” he said. “We have some special bond — with Aaron, Frank and John — and with each other. It is a bond that lasts beyond this life. Here, in the context of
faith, we know that this bond is forged, not by us, but by the Lord of love and the Author of life itself.”

As the Seton Hall community experienced the grieving process, the University made necessary changes to improve the overall safety of the campus. Two weeks following the fire, Monsignor Sheeran announced that Seton Hall would begin immediately the process of installing and/or expanding sprinkler systems in all residence halls.

“In order to learn — at Seton Hall or anywhere else — students must feel safe,” Monsignor Sheeran said. “One step in restoring the learning environment is to install sprinkler systems in those residence halls where they do not now exist and to expand existing sprinkler systems in other halls.”

Boland and Aquinas halls will be equipped with sprinkler systems, and in the other four residence halls the sprinkler systems will be expanded. According to Monsignor Sheeran, “Building codes serve as the baseline for sprinkler systems, and the University will be exceeding those standards.” By the beginning of the 2000-01 academic year, there will be a sprinkler in every hallway, bedroom and common area in each on-campus residence hall.

The Essex County Prosecutor’s Office is continuing its investigation into the cause of the fire, which currently is classified as “undetermined.” No further information has been released officially by the Prosecutor’s Office.
Friends remember Frank Caltabilota as a person who always put the needs of others before himself. He was always ready to support other people, promote happiness and bring joy.

Approximately 1,000 mourners — family, friends and members of the Seton Hall community — attended his funeral service at St. Jerome's Church in West Long Branch on January 24.

A biology major from West Long Branch, Caltabilota was remembered by high school friends and family as a friendly person who would always lend an ear to their problems.

“You are a hero,” said Thomas Caltabilota, his younger brother. “You put everyone else before yourself.”

Thomas said that people would often apologize to him after mistaking him for his older brother. “They don’t have to apologize,” he said. “I’m proud to be confused with you.”

Erin Brown, Caltabilota’s girlfriend, said that the one word that could best describe her boyfriend was “perfect.”

The funeral Mass program included the essay Caltabilota wrote about himself as part of his application for admission to Seton Hall. In that essay, he expressed themes that friends and family members have spoken about since his death.

“Frank showed love for the people around him,” said Reverend Frederick W. Jackiewicz of St. Jerome’s Church. “Our hope is that Frank will rise with God. All the communities that have come together to support Frank’s family were inspired by Frank’s life.”

Throughout the service, Caltabilota was remembered as a person who always showed love for others. “Frank showed he loved his neighbor,” Father Jackiewicz said. “Jesus told us that is the way to show our love for God.”

Father Jackiewicz also spoke about the difficulties in finding answers in a tragedy such as this and in understanding God’s mysterious plan.

Caltabilota was a standout athlete at Shore Regional High School. He was a wide receiver for the football team in the fall and a second baseman on the baseball team each spring. His dream...
was to become a doctor.

Caltabilota is survived by his parents, Frank S. and Joanne Caltabilota, and three siblings, Gina, Tom and Tracey.

A scholarship fund honoring the memory of Caltabilota has been established. Contributions may be sent to: Frank S. Caltabilota Jr. Scholarship Fund for Athletic and Academic Excellence, c/o Diane Merla, Shore Regional High School, 75 Hollywood Avenue, West Long Branch, NJ 07764.

Gentle. Kind. Compassionate. These are the words often used to describe John Giunta.

Giunta’s funeral Mass took place at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Vineland on January 24. A group of 250 family members, friends and members of the Seton Hall community gathered together to remember a young man who volunteered for the Essex County public school system and aspired to become a third-grade teacher.

Mourners remembered a bright young man who spent his spare time teaching children and putting a smile on the faces of the people he encountered.

“I think what made John unique was his ability to make you smile,” said Doris Jones, a Seton Hall freshman who was a classmate and friend of Giunta’s. “He had a way to brighten up a person’s day with his smile. He could make you forget about your problems.”

At Seton Hall, Giunta was a member of the Educational Opportunity Program and the New Jersey Education Association. An elementary education major, he volunteered twice a week at Newark’s Mount Vernon Elementary School.

Giunta graduated in 1999 from Vineland High School, where he played trumpet in the school band and was a member of the track team, debate club and model Congress.

During the funeral Mass, Reverend William Sheridan, associate director of Campus Ministry at Seton Hall, spoke about the “surreal” aftermath of the fire that claimed three lives.

“It was like an intense, horrible nightmare. All of us were exchanging glances of disbelief,” Father Sheridan said in the homily. “Unfortunately, it was very real. Real is our loss and lack of understanding.”

Father Sheridan also shared the natural human tendency to question whether God was with us in our moment of need. He stressed that God never abandons. “God was with us Wednesday,” he said. “On the Green, in the University Center, at Presidents Hall and even in Boland.”

To his friends, Giunta was regarded as a charitable person who was always willing to help others. His friends knew him as a bright student who was deeply devoted to his family and had a very special relationship with his older brother, Peter, a Seton Hall junior.

“John was a friend who looked past one’s exterior and into one’s interior,” Father Sheridan said. “He was gentle, bright, intelligent and planning to use his gifts to teach others. John, though he was young, left an indelible impression on all he knew.”

Giunta is survived by his mother, Debra Goudy; his father and step-mother, Phillip and Carol Giunta; and four siblings, Pete, Michael, Dominic and Amy.

A scholarship fund honoring the memory of Giunta has been established. Contributions may be sent to: John Giunta Memorial Scholarship Fund, 2389Smiford Drive, Vineland, NJ 08360.
is friends called him A.K. An aspiring poet, he called himself a “traveling man” and wrote a poem with the same title. Whatever the nickname, Aaron Karol was a young man with incredible promise.

More than 450 people — family, friends and members of the Seton Hall community — attended a funeral Mass for Karol on January 24 at St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church in Dunellen.

Inside the church, it was standing room only as friends, students, faculty members, former teammates and family paid their respects to a promising freshman majoring in criminal justice.

Karol lived in Green Brook, Somerset County, and had attended Watchung Hills Regional High School, where he had been a varsity soccer player. He graduated with honors in 1999 and won two scholarships to attend Seton Hall. He dreamed of becoming a criminal profiler for the FBI.

Karol’s funeral Mass was filled with readings about children dying too young and words about how there are no answers to tragedies such as this. The eulogy, given by Reverend John Morley, Seton Hall associate professor of religious studies, encouraged mourners to praise God and urged all who knew Karol to cherish the memories they have of him.

“We can’t answer the question of why he died, but we can and should thank God for the blessing of his life,” Father Morley said.

Father Morely also spoke of the Biblical figure Job. He recalled Job’s great faith in God and how he never uttered a malicious word about God despite losing his children, servants and animals. “The Lord has given and the Lord has taken away,” Father Morely said. “We want to cry out that this should not be. Parents should not be burying their sons. Today, we attempt — we may not succeed — but we attempt to praise God.”

Very Reverend Thomas R. Peterson, O.P., University chancellor, focused on Karol’s entrance into heaven. “It is a sad, sad day,” Father Peterson said.

“Yet it has an aspect of glory — the glory of knowing that Aaron is in the kingdom with God.”

Father Morely spoke about the heroism surrounding the tragedy. He called Karol’s father, Joseph, a “giant” and a “hero” for the way he dealt with his emotional distress and managed to cherish some precious moments despite the death of his son.

The ultimate hero, according to Father Morely, was Karol himself. “Learn from the loss of this young man how precious life is,” he said. “And it does not come with guarantees.”

The message was clear to many students in attendance who recalled their memories of Karol reciting his poetry. His love for his friends ran deep, said the priests, but his love for his family was unparalleled.

“He was truly a genuinely good kid,” Karol’s father said. “He was a wonderful, compassionate human being, and he cared a lot about his
Being a resident assistant (RA) is not an easy job. It takes a lot of time, energy, hard work and sacrifice. RAs are a special breed of students who take on a responsibility that can sometimes feel overwhelming. From the day you receive that “Congratulations! You’ve been hired” letter, your life as a student is never the same.

As RAs, we support and commend our residents’ academic and athletic achievements. We support our residents in times of crisis and in times of joy. We watch them grow as people, students and friends. When things are rough, it is often the RA who “wrote you up” last week for a quiet hours violation who becomes your strength and guidance.

Our experience in Boland Hall is a special one because we live and work with freshman students. This is the place where many freshmen begin their lives at Seton Hall and forge ahead even when things may seem uncertain and a little scary.

RAs wear many hats. We’re teachers, counselors, disciplinarians, leaders, role models and friends. Boland Hall RAs deal with situations that elicit many emotions. And the way we handle these situations greatly impacts the lives of our residents. The way we do our jobs also may inspire our residents to become RAs in the future.

The students who become RAs in Boland have many things in common, but, most important, they care. They care about themselves, the University, their staffs and the students they live with, and this fosters an overwhelming sense of community. Our residents come to know one another very quickly, and residents in Boland very quickly become a family.

This has been a tough year for Boland Hall RAs. In the aftermath of the fire that killed three of our students, the Boland Hall family stuck together. The feeling of community that had been built among students and live-in staff members was ever present. Bonds were fused that will never be broken. The RAs came together and really went above and beyond for their residents. Many received calls into the late hours of the night from residents who couldn’t sleep or those who just needed someone to talk to.

The lives of our staff members were changed in different, very personal ways. Some of us considered leaving the position because helping people in a fire isn’t part of the job description. But as time went on, we realized that we are doing what we sought to do when we first applied to be an RA: helping people. Many of us look at the RA position in a whole new way. One of the rewards of being an RA is to see people resolve their problems as a result of the advice and support you have given them. Through it all, we grew closer to each other and the residents of Boland Hall, holding tightly to that sense of family and community that supports us and continues to guide us as we heal as a staff, a residence hall and a University community.

Several Boland Hall resident assistants contributed to this article.
Six days after the tragic fire that claimed the lives of three of our students and sent dozens of others to the hospital, I moved into Boland Hall. The reason for this was simple: I believed it was the right thing to do for our students.

In any tragedy of this magnitude, the aftershock can be as emotionally painful and upsetting as the event itself. I realized that our students would need others to stand by their side, and I believed it was important for me, as leader of the Seton Hall family, to be with our freshmen when they returned to Boland Hall. I also wanted to reassure their parents, not by words but by actions, that Seton Hall is willing to do whatever we can to support their sons and daughters.

It is unfortunate that what I do grabs the media’s attention when so many others are doing much more demanding work with our freshmen. Countless students, faculty and staff are doing all that they can to help bring back a sense of security and stability to the everyday life of the University. From Father Bob Meyer (associate vice president for Student Affairs and a longtime Boland resident) to the RA’s to student health aides to campus ministers, these and many others are the people who have done so much and deserve the real publicity.

I am not exactly a stranger in my new room, since I clearly recall the September morning in 1963 when my father drove me to campus for the first time, and helped me unpack my freshman gear in room 203 of Boland Hall. (The basic necessities of undergraduate life could be easily packed into two bags in that era!) During my sophomore year, I lived only three rooms down the corridor from where I am living now. I have come full circle.

I remember that in those days, Father Joe Russell, professor of classical languages, lived where I find myself now. His presence, like that of the other 15 priests who live in our residence halls today, was very reassuring and also served as a reminder of “noise limits” in the corridor. When he was not in the classroom, Father Russell was there for us. That has always been part of the story of Seton Hall’s priests — present to our students as chaplains, professors, counselors, coaches, spiritual guides and academic mentors. They have always shared the happy times and sad times, in home crises and at family celebrations. They have been here for the games, the lectures and occasionally for the parties. They have been here from the start, and their individual faces and personalities have been a reassuring part of this University’s life.

So on January 25, a few students and recent alums moved me into Boland Hall with some clothes, books and a couple of wall hangings. The students on my corridor festooned my doorway with snowflakes and a snowman, sliding messages of warm welcome under my door.

It is a special kind of continuing education for a college president, especially for one who is not a parent, to experience undergraduate residential life close-up and first-hand. Notwithstanding a bit of sleep deprivation, I am exposed to one of the great renewable resources of Seton Hall’s life: namely, the energy, goodness and generosity of our freshman class. When I first moved to Boland Hall my thoughts were on what I could do, or be, for them. I have been surprised: Many of our students are teaching me. The lessons I am learning are all about faith, hope and a willingness to take risks. (And about contemporary music, too!)

Here is a quote from one of the notes I received under my door in Boland Hall: “To be totally honest I was a bit afraid to return to my home here at Seton Hall. But as I entered the doors of Boland I felt a sense of security. When I heard that you were living on our floor, I was totally convinced that you and the rest of Seton Hall really are concerned and have true love for us.” That gratitude is typical of our students and so deeply gratifying to us who spend our lives in their service.

In Boland Hall, and everywhere else I serve Seton Hall, I seek to keep faith with the past, find hope for the future and to love this great and venerable institution and her remarkable students as well.
t is difficult to explain to young people that suffering is part of the human experience. There is always a moment of serious reflection whenever we tell another person something that will cause pain. Imagine if you will the responsibility of relating to our freshman class information about the deaths of three fellow students. I recall the moment when Dr. Dawn Williams (Dean for community development) and I brought this news to the newest members of the Seton Hall community. Speaking the names: Frank, John and Aaron, was the hardest thing that I have ever done. From that moment on, our community has held these young men and all the injured in a precious, even sacred, place in our hearts.

Much has happened to us and to the Class of 2003 since that day in January. As an outsider, a newcomer to Seton Hall, three things have made a profound impression.

First, the overwhelming outpouring of goodwill from the University’s extended family has taught me how important Seton Hall is to New Jersey and to her alumni and friends. Standing in the midst of this tragedy, our freshmen were never alone, and it wasn’t only the faculty, staff and administration who brought all that they had to these young people. Let me give one example: My daughter’s fourth-grade English teacher called me at home shortly after the fire and offered to take care of my daughter so that I could focus upon the students of her alma mater. There are many loyal sons and daughters of Mother Seton.

Second, I have witnessed our students expand and grow with such elegance that I can hardly relate it here. C. S. Lewis wrote that “The further up and the further in you go, the bigger everything gets. The inside is larger than the outside.” (The Last Battle, Chapter 16).

He is certainly right, for the Class of 2003 continues to reveal a human heart unspoiled by cynicism and made more beautiful because they expect nothing in return. How many times have I been asked about those who remain in the hospital? How many tears have I seen? This class will make a mark upon this great University that few of us can anticipate.

Finally, it is impossible to reflect upon this experience without recognizing the faculty, staff and administration. From my perspective as Dean of freshman studies, I see these committed men and women bringing an extraordinary willingness to serve the students. Without jeopardizing content or integrity, classes were different during the Spring Semester. Faculty members were on guard, looking constantly for those in the classroom who needed anything. Meetings were gauged by these tragic events. It is an amazing thing to witness all of us turned toward the same objective. We look for this tragedy to bring us closer to what is

Background on Boland Hall

Seton Hall University's oldest residence hall, Boland Hall houses approximately 600 first-year students. South Boland, built in 1952, has individual rooms with community bathrooms. There are study lounges on the second floor and on the lower level. North Boland, an addition built in 1971, is coed by floor and arranged so that two rooms share a private bathroom. Common areas are available on five of the six floors. Boland also houses a chapel and the offices of Health Services, Campus Ministry and the Division of Volunteer Efforts (DOVE).

All six of the University's residence halls have smoke detectors in every room, common areas and in hallways; all six also have smoke alarms, heat sensors, fire doors and pull stations.

Seton Hall's fire safety systems in Boland Hall performed properly in the January 19 fire. The smoke alarm and pull stations had been tested on January 18 by an external inspection company as part of a routine inspection performed every other month. The building's alarm system was in total working order and is electronically checked daily. Fifty-five fire extinguishers, located throughout Boland, are checked every other month and had been inspected on November 23, 1999, with no problems noted.

The freshman residence hall and Aquinas Hall, which was built in the 1970s, were constructed years before state law mandated the inclusion of sprinklers in college residences. The other four residence halls — Xavier, Neuman, Serra and Cabrini — were built in the 1980s and feature sprinklers placed in trash areas, laundry rooms and Xavier's first-floor lobby. Two weeks after the fire, the University announced its intention to install sprinklers in Boland and Xavier halls and expand the systems in the other residence halls where sprinklers already exist. This work will be completed by late August 2000.
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Richard LaMonica, Ph.D., associate director of Counseling Services at Seton Hall, coordinates debriefing groups for students and employees to help them emotionally process their own reactions. Describing the details of personal experiences in the context of an accepting relationship is crucial, whether in counseling groups or with family, close friends and clergy. In early debriefing groups, students tearfully described the horrors they saw, the screams they still “hear,” the panic felt at the smell of smoke, the thought, “Where was God?”

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Counseling Services has coordinated a major disaster relief effort to facilitate the process of emotional healing from the tragic Boland Hall fire and to prevent any lasting negative effects from that experience. This healing process moves through a number of stages.

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Intense and varied reactions to an extreme situation are to be expected. Normalizing students’ and employees’ reactions and providing a sense of the healing timeline have reassured students and employees with whom counselors work. Shirley Matthews, M.A., counselor at Seton Hall, often closes debriefing group sessions with a discussion of “What was the worst you experienced, and what was the best?” Ending with memories of intense relief, of courage and service, of loving reunions is reassuring and builds hope.

Students’ frustration with wanting “their lives back” was relieved when classes resumed and housing assigned. At the same time, students need reassurance that it is okay to experience happy moments again, to laugh and even forget about the fire at times. Resuming attention to health and self-care has returned as well, and nursing staff report an upswing in students coming into Health Services with physical complaints and illnesses.

Gaining perspective on major life events requires the ability to “observe” oneself. Helping students articulate changes in mood and behavior underscores that healing is occurring as life moves forward. One student noticed he could finally sleep through the night without wakening or needing a night light. A commuter no longer feels a sense of urgency about getting to campus. A third compares her earlier overwhelming sadness with her current feelings of anger.

“The only people who can understand what I’m going through are the people who were there with me that night,” a student emphasized to Michael Panella, a graduate psychology trainee in Counseling Services. A deeper sense of connection has been reported among Boland residents, resident assistants and student health aides, and bonds with family and friends seem to be strengthened.

There is a growing awareness of larger meanings in the tragedy and its aftermath, ranging from comments about God’s unknown plan for the outstanding young men killed in the fire, to feelings of profound appreciation for the preciousness of life, to inspiration from the outpouring of care and donations from volunteers.

Certain experiences may trigger a brief resurgence of initial feelings. The first night sleeping again in Boland Hall, the end of the semester in which the tragedy occurred and the one-year anniversary of the fire are among the events that are expected to temporarily elicit more intense memories and feelings.

As we move along, Sandy Sarro, Psy.D., staff psychologist in Counseling Services, explains that we will integrate this experience into the whole of our lives as if weaving some bright red threads into a large tapestry. Over time these threads will be adapted into the different overall pattern we weave or

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**Sprinkler Survey Conducted**

Seton Hall University conducted more than one dozen media briefings in the days following the fire. In response to press inquiries, the University asked its marketing communications firm of Lipman Hearne Inc. to poll facilities managers around the country regarding the prevalence of sprinkler systems in college and university dormitories, and the occurrence and severity of false fire alarms on campuses. Prior to the fire, Seton Hall had a working relationship with Lipman Hearne and continues to work with the firm on issues unrelated to the fire.

“During the first 48 hours after the fire, members of the media were asking extensive questions about how typical it was for a college not to have sprinkler systems in a residence hall,” says Lisa Grider, assistant vice president for alumni and University relations. “In order to get answers to those questions, the University contacted Lipman Hearne, a communications consulting company that we had been doing business with for the past 14 months. Lipman Hearne first searched for any existing national data about sprinklers in residence halls. When none could be found, we asked them to poll universities around the country. The research indicated what we already knew — that Seton Hall is very typical of other universities.”

Lipman Hearne Inc. conducted a telephone poll, on January 20 and 21, surveying 57 facilities administrators chosen randomly from colleges and universities in eight states. The administrators represented institutions of all sizes, from small private colleges to large state universities. The results are as follows:

- Overall, the administrators polled said that 43 percent of their campus’s dormitories are not equipped with sprinkler systems.
- Thirty-seven percent of those polled said that false alarms are a problem on their campus.
- Campuses included in the poll averaged 3.2 false alarms a month, with responses ranging from 0 false alarms to 27 per month.

The February 29 issue of *The New York Times* reported that a new survey, prompted by Seton Hall’s fatal fire, found that 71 percent of college beds in New Jersey are not protected by sprinklers. The report was presented at a hearing of the State Senate Law and Public Safety Committee, which unanimously approved two bills requiring all dormitory rooms to have sprinklers within two years and providing $50 million to help pay for them.
ords cannot express what is happening to us now.” These words were spoken by Monsignor Robert Sheeran, University president, only hours after the Boland Hall fire. This fire took the lives of three students, injured more than 50 others and forever changed the face of this small Catholic university.

The initial shock of this tragedy has now begun to wear off, and we find ourselves with the difficult task of trying to move forward.

The national media have left us. They have taken with them the frenzy, energy and lights that they brought. They are able to pick up and leave the scene of this tragedy behind them. We cannot.

In that fire three of our students lost their lives.

This was supposed to be the beginning of lives full of promise and hope, not the end. The loss of Frank Caltabilota, John Giunta and Aaron Karol both shocks us and breaks our hearts. To make sense of this tragedy is not possible.

Faith and goodness are two ways the community has tried to live with that which is beyond reason.

The good that these three gentlemen accomplished in their short lives, and the love their friends and family have for them, have touched the entire community. All three are remembered as bright, energetic and loving human beings who touched the hearts of those who knew them. They have brought this community closer together than it has ever been before.
The University now finds itself having to move forward, as we move toward the beginning of a new academic year.

It is important to note that moving forward does not mean forgetting the past. This tragedy has forever changed the face of Seton Hall University and has changed the lives of all who reside within its community.

It is said that time heals all wounds, yet the pain and sorrow of that fateful morning remain for all. The victims are close to all members of the University. They are in our memories and more important, they are in our hearts. They are not gone, because their goodness and brightness remain with us.

The road ahead will be difficult. Many tears will continue to fall over what has happened, and the sad memories of that morning will remain.

Nothing done now can change what happened on January 19. What can be changed is the future.

Each of us has the opportunity to make the most of our lives, and to make a difference in the lives of others. To honor the memories of Frank, John and Aaron and to make the most out of what we have are all we can do.

By being the best that we can be in our lives, we can honor their memory. We can hope that we will be able to touch the lives and the hearts of many people in a positive way, and to make our communities better for it.

Frank, John and Aaron already have.
For most collegiate and professional athletes, there can be no greater distinction than having their uniform number retired. But for Seton Hall University women’s soccer standout Kelly Smith ’00, the announcement of the honor was less than remarkable. “I didn’t think it was a big deal,” says Smith, a native of Watford, England. “We don’t retire numbers back home, so I took it with a pinch of salt.

“It was not until I spoke to Robin Cunningham [director of academic support services for student-athletes] that I realized it was such a great achievement,” Smith recalls. “She explained that it was the ideal way to acknowledge the most elite athletes. It is nice to know that people recognize what I have done.”

On February 1, the University retired Smith’s number “6” in a ceremony during halftime of the men’s basketball game vs. Providence at Continental Airlines Arena. Smith, the first non-basketball player to garner such an honor, became the third Seton Hall woman to have her uniform number retired, joining Cunningham ’78 (32) and Jodi Brooks ’94 (12).

Smith is no stranger to recognition. Throughout her three-year career at Seton Hall, she broke every Pirate scoring record, finishing with 76 goals and 174 points in 51 career matches. A three-time BIG EAST Offensive Player of the Year, Smith is the first non-basketball player to garner such an honor, became the third Seton Hall woman to have her uniform number retired, joining Cunningham ’78 (32) and Jodi Brooks ’94 (12).

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The nation’s leading scorer for the second consecutive year, Smith finished the season with 27 goals and 62 points. In addition, she was the runner-up for the 1999 Missouri Athletic Club Collegiate Player of the Year Award and came in third in the voting for the Hermann Trophy.

(Both awards honor the nation’s top collegiate player.) Smith set NCAA career records with 3.41 points per game and 1.49 goals per game. Despite playing the fewest number of games among any other player in the top 20, she is 16th on the NCAA all-time list for goals (76) and 21st for points (174). The senior also was featured in the book, Women’s Soccer: The Game and the World Cup.

Though soccer is a much more popular sport in England, Smith believed there were greater opportunities in the United States for her to excel. “At home, women’s sports were looked upon as a joke,” she says. “When I was younger, I had to play soccer with the boys because the public was just not interested in seeing women play. I was very surprised to see how seriously the public took women’s soccer in America.”

A member of the English National Team since the age of 16, Smith transferred to Seton Hall from West Herts College in 1997. “A couple of schools had contacted me about playing for them,” she recalls. “My telephone conversations with coach [Betty Ann Kempf] led me to choose Seton Hall. I was more than just a soccer player to her. I was a person.”

Upon her arrival in South Orange, Smith liked the size of the campus and the academic advisement program for student-athletes. The campus community also had factored into her decision to attend Seton Hall. “Everyone was nice to me,” Smith recalls. “I felt very comfortable and welcome here.”

Soccer sensation Kelly Smith ’00 has broken every Pirate scoring record in her three-year career at Seton Hall. This year, she was the nation’s leading scorer for the second consecutive year, finishing the season with 27 goals and 62 points.
Smith’s phenomenal play has brought Seton Hall women’s soccer to another level. Her heroics on the soccer field have attracted fans from around the state. This past season alone, her school-record 6 goals and 1 assist in the 7-2 win over La Salle is ranked as the second-best performance in NCAA history. In addition, she had 3 goals and 2 assists in the 6-2 BIG EAST quarterfinal win over Syracuse, despite playing with a sprained ankle.

Last summer, Smith’s dynamic performances at camps and against the soccer club teams wowed her teammates, coaches and opponents. She garnered Most Valuable Player honors at the three-week Adidas Summer League in Portland, Oregon, which showcases the top women’s soccer players in the nation. The senior also was named to the W-1 League All-Star team, even though she played in only six matches for the New Jersey Stallions.

Though her soccer career with the Pirates has ended, Smith continues to stay in the spotlight. On February 6, she traveled to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, to play for the East Team in the Umbro Select All-Star game. Featuring the nation’s premier college seniors, the game followed the contest between the U.S. Women’s National Team and Norway. Smith’s athleticism on the field drew praise from renowned women’s soccer head coach Anson Dorrance of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. “Coach Dorrance told me that I was a good player,” she says. “It was an honor to be acknowledged by someone so well-known.”

The future looks bright for Smith, who graduated in May with a degree in health and physical education. In addition to playing for the Arsenal club team, she continues to compete on the English National Team, for which she was a starter for three World Cup qualifying matches in 1998. Smith anticipates the formation of a professional women’s soccer league in the United States. “When the women’s professional league begins in a few years, I will probably teach and coach soccer,” she says. “I am looking at various job opportunities. If no professional soccer league is established, I will have to go overseas to continue to play.”

No matter where in the world this soccer sensation ends up, she notes that she will always cherish the time she spent at Seton Hall. “I have grown as a person and become very independent since I came to the University,” Smith says. “I will always remember my experiences here and carry them with me wherever I go in life.”

Betty Ann Kempf, women’s soccer coach (left), and Monsignor Sheeran congratulate Smith upon the retirement of her uniform number. The ceremony took place during halftime of the men’s basketball game vs. Providence at Continental Airlines Arena.

At the February 1 ceremony retiring her number “6” jersey, Smith (third from right) is joined by (from left) Monsignor Robert Sheeran ’67, University president; Laura A. Wankel, Ed.D., vice president for Student Affairs; former women’s basketball standout Robin Cunningham ’78 and Jodi Brooks ’94. Cunningham and Brooks are the only other female athletes to receive the same honor from Seton Hall.

“I was very surprised to see how seriously the public took women’s soccer in America.”

— Kelly Smith ’00
This season, Seton Hall University’s men’s basketball team captured the imagination of Pirate fans everywhere when it marched to the “Sweet 16” and carved out its own piece of history for a basketball program rich in tradition.

A thrilling regular season felt suddenly tame, thanks to one weekend in Buffalo, New York, March 17-19 at the HSBC Arena. The Pirates, the No. 10 seed in the East Region, became the NCAA Tournament’s “Cinderella” team with overtime wins over seventh-seeded Oregon (72-71) and second-seeded Temple (67-65). In the Oregon game, senior Shaheen Holloway capped off a contest filled with clutch plays — the biggest of them all a length-of-the-court lay-up that won the game.

Two days after the win against Oregon, Holloway caused a collective wince among rejuvenated Pirate faithful when he suffered an ankle injury just eight minutes into the Temple game. Facing the nation’s fifth-ranked team and its superior defense without his senior point guard, Seton Hall Head Coach Tommy Amaker coolly called down the bench for sophomore Ty Shine. Shine brought the Pirates back, scoring a career-high 26 points and hitting seven three-pointers, the biggest one a back-breaker in overtime that gave Seton Hall the lead for good. A new hero was born, headline writers rejoiced, and the Pirates shocked the nation with a 67-65 win.

Then it was on to the East Regional in Syracuse, New York — Seton Hall’s first showing in the “Sweet 16” since 1992. With Holloway’s status uncertain, things looked bleak for the Pirates. Despite a week of preparation, spending hours in the training room rehabbing his severely sprained ankle, Holloway couldn’t play. Shine and his backcourt counterparts — senior Rimas Kaukenas and sophomore Darius Lane — would play all 40 minutes against a deep, healthy Oklahoma State team that was ranked 14th in the nation.

Undeterred, the Pirates gutted it out in a seesaw affair as Kaukenas and company scratched and clawed with every ounce of what they had. They lost, 68-66, but not before proving that they were a team with resolve, heart and a championship-caliber spirit.
First Round: Holloway concluded his career at Seton Hall first all-time in assists (681), second all-time in steals (231), third in three-pointers (185) and 11th all-time in scoring (1,588). His game-winning basket against Oregon on March 17 sent the 10th-seeded Pirates to the second round of the NCAA Tournament with a 72-71 victory.

Second Round: Sophomore Ty Shine filled in admirably for the injured Holloway, recording a career-high 26 points against second-seeded Temple. He shot 7-11 from three-point range, including the game-winning basket with 18.9 seconds left in overtime to give Seton Hall the 67-65 upset win on March 19.

Third Round: Freshman Greg Morton (No. 50) and sophomore Darius Lane (No. 30) box out an Oklahoma State player at the March 24 “Sweet 16” game. The Pirates held on till the end, falling to the Cowboys 68-66.

Head Coach Tommy Amaker and his staff led Seton Hall back to the NCAA tournament for the first time since 1994. The March 17 win over Oregon, at the HSBC Arena in Buffalo, New York, marked Seton Hall’s first NCAA tournament win since 1993, when the Pirates beat Tennessee State in the first round in Orlando.

Packed with Pirates: Fans traveled from all over the tri-state area and beyond to support the Pirates in the NCAA second-round game against Temple in Buffalo.

Kaukenas celebrates after Seton Hall shocked Temple in overtime to advance to the “Sweet 16” for the first time since 1992.
The Pirates were in familiar territory on March 24. Seton Hall carried a three-year, three-game winning streak into the Carrier Dome in Syracuse, New York, before its “Sweet 16” match-up with Oklahoma State. (In February, during the regular season, the Pirates had derailed the Orangemen’s 19-game season-long winning streak with a 69-67 victory on Syracuse’s home turf.) The Pirates’ March 24 trip to Syracuse for the NCAA Tournament brought together many in the Seton Hall family. Prior to the “Sweet 16” game, Seton Hall’s Pirate Blue and the Office of Alumni Relations sponsored a reception for more than 600 students, employees, alumni and friends of the University at Schine Student Center in Syracuse. The first 500 fans were given “Sweet 16” T-shirts to create a “sea of blue” in the stands. In all, 1,400 Seton Hall fans came to cheer on the Pirates.

The Pirates huddle prior to the start of the first-round game against Oregon at the HSBC Arena in Buffalo.

A spirited fan states the obvious at the game against Oregon.

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Freshman Sam Dalembert blocked 107 shots this season to place him second in Seton Hall's single-season record book and ninth all-time. He already holds the single game blocked shot record (11 in the game vs. St. John's).

Kaukenas missed only one game in his entire Seton Hall basketball career. He finished fourth all-time with a career free-throw percentage of .819, fifth all-time for three-point shots (141) and 17th all-time in points (1,292).

Lane led the Pirates in scoring this season, averaging 15.3 points per game, while shooting 40.5 percent from the field and 35.8 percent from three-point range. His 91 three-pointers made is the third-best single-season mark, trailing Andrew Gaze (94) and Terry Dehere (105).
Corinne Costa '82/M.B.A. '88 spends her days immersing herself in, and following, change. As a director of human resources for Deutsche Bank in New York City, she specializes in integration issues, operations and talent acquisition. In Costa's words: “I am committed to keeping the talent the bank has and placing those employees where they best fit. I recognize change is a necessary step to continued success because it is change itself that really enables an organization to be dynamic.

“I’ve spent a lot of time working at large companies and have learned how important it is to develop core competencies in your job,” Costa says. “Core competencies only make us better and more marketable as employees. When you master those competencies, you have the freedom to go so many different routes.”

Costa has climbed the corporate ladder and achieved much in a short period of time. Prior to joining Deutsche Bank in October 1999, she worked for Prudential Insurance Company in Newark for several years and NYNEX Corporation in New York City for almost 10 years. Her titles have included director of employee data management, director of process reengineering and director of employment. She served as vice president of national staffing for Prudential Insurance Company of America in Newark for two years. Her broad expertise features experience in the financial services, sales, hospitality and telecommunications industries.

But it is her work in human resources that fulfills her. “Business is changing at the speed of light,” she says. “Through experience, I have learned you must be flexible in order to succeed. You really need to keep up with technical competencies and be able to adapt to a new environment. This flexibility and willingness to continue to learn and grow are absolutely necessary.”

Costa also emphasizes that “networking is critical in any job. It is important to build contacts and marketing skills. You really get as much out of networking as you put into it.”

Even in high school, she put a lot of stock into networking. “I knew I wanted a business degree as a high school student,” she says. “I did some internships and met several Seton Hall graduates. Since the business school has such a good reputation, I was easily swayed by my Seton Hall network early on.”

By day as an undergraduate, Costa enjoyed a variety of activities at Seton Hall, most notably leading Phi Chi Theta. “Being president of the women’s business fraternity was an incredible experience for me,” Costa says. “I was able to build leadership and organizational skills and really begin to look at organizational dynamics in the most comfortable setting of all — my own college campus. Those experiences gave me a strong foundation to build the career I have now.”

In the evenings, Costa went to Pirate men’s basketball games and cheered on the team; it was during the era of Danny Callandrillo ’82 and Head Coach Bill Raftery, M.A.E. ’66 (1971 to 1981), and the transition into the BIG EAST Conference. “Cheerleading was a great outlet for me,” she says. “It gave me the opportunity to lead in a different way.”

After graduating in 1982 with a Bachelor of Science in Marketing, Costa headed to the corporate world, working for Pitney Bowes as a sales executive. “I stayed in touch with Seton Hall after graduation, using Career Services [now The Career Center] for referrals and information about job postings,” she says. “When Career Services gave me a lead on a graduate assistantship at the University, I jumped at the chance to return.”

Costa moved home with her parents and headed back to school to pursue an M.B.A., including becoming the graduate assistant (GA) to the director of Career Services. “ Quitting my job, moving home and working as a GA was financially challenging, but I was at a crossroads in my career and I felt I needed the degree,” Costa says.
The bank executive credits the strong female role models in her life — her mother, grandmother, aunt and great-grandmother — for instilling in her a drive to succeed and a thirst for learning. She believes it’s important to balance a work life and a private life. “If you have a balance in your life, you are a better commodity,” she says.

As a graduate student, Costa found she was continually impressed with the size and structure of her classes in the School of Business (now the Stillman School). “My professors were very interested in my thoughts and my approach to business,” she says. “Seton Hall gave me the confidence to be able to pursue whatever I wanted to. In order to get through graduate school, you have to be able to think, defend and support yourself in dialogue — this is all true in the business world as well. Seton Hall taught me all this.”

During her graduate assistantship, Costa was charged with designing and delivering career development workshops — a task that further encouraged her direction in the business world. “Presentation and communication skills are crucial in any job,” she says. “I was lucky to have the opportunity to further strengthen mine as a graduate student in the M.B.A. program and through my job with Career Services.”

Now, Costa practices every day the skills that she learned, and she’s sharing them with fellow Seton Hall alumni. As part of The Career Center’s new alumni networking programs, Costa gave a brief presentation on career transition at the Seton Hall University Alumni-to-Alumni Executive/Leadership Networking Exchange on February 22.

For more information on upcoming networking events at The Career Center at Seton Hall, call (973) 761-9355 or visit the Web site at studentaffairs.shu.edu/career

A Spiritual Journey Around the World

Driven to know God better, determined to banish intolerance and injustice, and dedicated to finding “our true spirit, which is full of fire and endless creativity,” Scott F. Chesney ’92 has wings on his wheels. Although for almost half of his 30 years he has been paralyzed, he has twice ventured around the world.

Chesney undertook his first globetrotting expedition in 1997, a trip to 15 countries in 15 months. He wanted to research complementary medicine and find out who he really was. The second trip, his yearlong “Devotion to Motion World Tour” (or “D2M” as he’s nicknamed it), is expected to reach about two dozen countries by July. “D2M” is geared to guiding others in their own emotional, spiritual and physical journeys. After a month at home in Verona, New Jersey, around Christmastime, he and his wife, Pratiksha, began their journey’s second phase in January.

According to Chesney, their “D2M” goals include researching ways that people, especially those with disabilities, can “locate many more freedoms” than they ever thought possible. Along the way, the couple evaluate and promote travel options for people with disabilities, link up children and teenagers as Internet pen pals and raise funds to find a cure for paralysis. In his two world trips, Chesney has been tremendously inspired by the 500,000 children he has encountered, children “who are all seeking to love and be loved,” he notes.

Last September during the “D2M” journey, the couple was granted a private audience with The Dalai Lama in a remote village in northern India. The profoundly moving experience seemed to make the Earth stand still for those 20 minutes, Chesney writes in his online diary. The 14th Dalai Lama, the exiled spiritual and temporal leader of Tibet, “is the most genuinely happy, most unconditionally loving, most accepting individual whom we have ever met,” he adds. “His words of praise for our work eliminated any doubts we may have had regarding any aspect of our journey and reignited a fire within us that we are sure will burn forever.”

Their travels have been infused with many other moments of joy. Chesney delighted in riding a camel around Egypt’s pyramids and floating on Israel’s Dead Sea. In an
e-mail from South Africa, he tells of hugging a cheetah, kissing a giraffe and eyeing ferocious lions. “Can’t say I have had that experience too often in New Jersey!” he observes. His words radiate humor, a positive outlook and a spirit of compassion. After struggling with anger, grieving and fear, Chesney has come to terms with paralysis, calling it “the second greatest gift” (the first, he affirms, was the gift of life from his parents).

When he suffered a rare stroke in his spinal cord in 1985, the athletic 15-year-old was a long way from considering his paralyzed legs a “gift.” His useless limbs meant no more running on the basketball court or the beach. But the first time he pushed his wheelchair into the physical therapy room at the Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation in West Orange, he made a courageous decision: “I put my game face back on and engaged myself in the game of life once again. It was one of many challenges to come. But as my friends will tell you, I thrive on challenges.”

Three years into his paralysis, as Chesney considered where to enroll for college, he wanted to remain close to home to give his parents “peace of mind.” For advice, he turned to some friends who happened to be Seton Hall University alumni. They praised the University’s reputable communication program (his choice for a major) and mentioned how Seton Hall was recognized favorably by the tristate business community, he recalls.

As a student at Seton Hall, the devoted Pirates’ fan never missed a men’s basketball game, the most memorable being the 1989 “Final Four” match in Seattle. He traveled with the team while on the WSOU 89.5 FM sports staff, which he credits with cultivating his public speaking skills. “Every broadcast gave me more self-confidence and kept me connected to the game I have always loved,” Chesney says. He also held two internships. In one, he reviewed game tapes for Bill Raftery, M.A.E. ’66, at the sports analyst’s office at the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority. In the other internship, Chesney engineered a program and prepared a sports report for Adrienne Berg, a WABC on-air personality. He had to surmount 24 steps to reach her broadcast studio. “I am so grateful for these most important tests of fortitude,” he notes.

“Seton Hall taught me the gift of discipline,” Chesney explains. “I had always managed to avoid studying while in high school, but I was very fortunate to have teachers who made learning enjoyable in college.”

Chesney is quick to credit others who have guided his journey. “God sent me one of his finest angels when he placed Dennis Kozlowski in my life,” he emphasizes. Chairman of the board and CEO of Tyco International Ltd., L. Dennis Kozlowski ’68 was so enthusiastic about Chesney’s mission that Tyco became the major sponsor of the “Devotion to Motion” tour. Chesney is most impressed with what he calls Kozlowski’s “track record for helping those in need.” The Tyco executive, who also is a member of Seton Hall’s Board of Regents, has helped Chesney in other ways. Chesney had worked as a fund-raiser and public speaker at the Miami Project to Cure Paralysis; Kozlowski was instrumental in having the library there named in memory of Chesney’s father, William B. Chesney Jr.

Topping Chesney’s list of friends is his wife. He met Pratiksha only after he became paralyzed. As a physical therapist, she has concentrated on spinal cord injury rehabilitation and has helped physically and mentally challenged children in Newark’s schools. On the “D2M” tour, Chesney treasured the chance to visit with Pratiksha’s family in her native India and to enjoy the Taj Mahal grounds.

His purpose in life, Chesney believes, is to serve others “with my spoken word and written word. Each and every day, I try to practice non-judgment and acceptance, and when I hear about injustice in this world, I become even more focused and driven to create solutions to help others.”

Since January, “D2M” has taken them to New Zealand, Australia, Indonesia, Kuala Lumpur, the Philippines, China, the United Arab Emirates, India and several countries in Europe. This summer, they plan to travel to Brazil and Peru before returning in July. He keeps fit through playing basketball and tennis and loves to sail.

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1950s
Reverend Eugene J. Hazewski '55/M.D.M. '77, of Emerson, celebrated the 40th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. Ordained in 1959, Father Hazewski was first assigned to the Holy Trinity Parish in Hackensack. In 1987, he was appointed to St. Margaret of Cortona in Little Ferry, where he remained until his pastoral appointment in 1995 to the Church of the Assumption. Sister Patricia McMullen, M.A.E. '55, of Morristown, was awarded an honorary Doctor of Law degree from the College of Saint Elizabeth. She has been principal of the Academy of Saint Elizabeth in Convent Station for the past 12 years. Sister Patricia also served as principal of Saint Cecilia’s in Englewood and Immaculate Conception High School in Montclair. Reverend Thomas Petillo '55, of Bayonne, celebrated the 40th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. He is a pastor at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Montclair. Reverend Martin Foran ‘58, of South Orange, was inducted into the Hall of Fame at Seton Hall Preparatory School. Father Foran, who taught mathematics at the preparatory school, was an active supporter of Seton Hall athletics at the school and at the University. Vincent N. Parrillo, M.B.A. ’59, of Ridgewood, had his award-winning documentary, “Smoke-stacks and Steeples, a Portrait of Paterson,” shown on PBS. Parrillo, a professor and department chair at William Paterson University in Wayne, is a member of the Professional Sociological Societies and an author of many books. His most recent book is Ridgewood: Images of America Series.

1960s
Muriel M. Shore ’61/Ed.D. ’90, of Fairfield, was named a Distinguished Practitioner by the National Academies of Practice for her high standards and continuing contributions to nursing and health care administration. Shore is the director of the Department of Health and Rehabilitation for the County of Essex and also serves as the mayor of Fairfield Township. She is a board member of both the New Jersey Conference of Mayors and the New Jersey League of Municipalities. 

David F. Carney ’63, of West Orange, was appointed chairman and chief executive officer of Lincoln Technical Institute, the largest privately held postsecondary school system in New Jersey. Lincoln Technical Institute, and its affiliated Cititone Institute, operate 13 automotive technology and information technology schools in New Jersey, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Texas, Indiana and Illinois. Carney previously owned and operated information technology training schools for 11 years. Dolores E. Cross ’63, Ph.D. was presented with an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, CT. Cross is the first female president of Morris Brown College in Atlanta. She previously served as president of Chicago State University from 1990-97 and president of the GE Fund in Fairfield. An avid marathon runner, she recently completed an autobiographical manuscript on leadership titled “Breaking the Wall: A Runner’s Diary.”

Patrick J. Farmer ’63, of Roseland, is now licensed as a professional counselor by the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners. Farmer

Alumni News and Notes

Monsignor Sheeran and 10 Alumni Priests Honored

His Holiness Pope John Paul II in February bestowed the honorary title of Prelate of Honor upon Monsignor Robert Sheeran ’67, president of Seton Hall University. Monsignor Sheeran was elevated from his previous title of Private Chaplain to His Holiness.

The Pope also elevated two other alumni to Prelate of Honor from their rank of Private Chaplain to His Holiness. They are Monsignor Dennis J. Mahoney ’66, executive director of Catholic Community Services, and Monsignor Francis R. Seymour ’59, vice chancellor for Archdiocesan archives in Newark.

The rank of Reverend Monsignor honors a priest with one of three titles: Private Chaplain to His Holiness, Prelate of Honor and Protonotary Apostolic. Of the 13 priests honored in February by the Archdiocese of Newark, 11 are Seton Hall alumni.

The following alumni also were named Prelate of Honor:

Monsignor Lawrence W. Cull ’76/M.A.T. ’81, V.E., pastor at St. Michael’s Church, Cranford;
Monsignor Frederick M. Eid ’43/M.Div. ’47, retired priest of the Archdiocese of Newark;
Monsignor Neil J. Mahoney ’50, pastor at St. Patrick’s Pro-Cathedral, Newark;
Monsignor Jeremias R. Rebanal, M.Div. ’76, pastor at St. Aedan’s Church, Jersey City, and coordinator of the Filipino Apostolate of the Archdiocese of Newark; and
Monsignor Robert H. Slope ’69, V.E., pastor at St. Peter the Apostle Church, River Edge.

The title of Private Chaplain to His Holiness was bestowed on the following alumni:

Monsignor Manuel A. Cruz ’76/M.A.T. ’81, director of pastoral care at St. Michael’s Medical Center, Newark;
Monsignor William J. Fadrowski, M.Div. ’87, executive director for priest personnel and pastor at Queen of Peace Church, North Arlington; and
Monsignor Paul D. Schetlick ’72, V.E., pastor at Sacred Heart Church (Vailsburg), Newark.

The formal investiture took place at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark on April 30.
owns the Farmer Funeral Home in Roseland. Margaret L. Hoenig '63, of Jersey City, was awarded a papal honor at the Archdiocesan Center in Newark. The pontifical medal, *Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice*, honors religious men and women for outstanding and heroic service to evangelization. She is a member of St. Nicholas Parish in Jersey City and director of formation for the Society of Our Lady of the Way, a secular institute. Hoenig also has been active at St. Michael’s Russian Catholic Church in New York City and has served at Villa Nazareth in Rome.


Peter J. Kilmartin ’67, of Concord, MA, was named the 1999 parade marshal for Concord’s Memorial Day Parade. He currently serves as the first justice of the Ayer District Court.

James C. Heilmich ’69/J.D. ’72, of Westfield, was sworn in as superior court judge for Union County. Heilmich previously served as borough attorney of Roselle Park and as the planning board attorney for both Union County and the borough of Kenilworth. Frank J. McCree ’69, of West Orange, was honored by the trustees of the Bergen School in Jersey City. McCree, the headmaster of the Jersey City Preparatory School, also was named employer of the year in education by the State Department of Labor. A board member of the West Orange Police Athletic League, he is the co-founder and first commissioner of the Mountaintop Basketball League.

1970s

William J. Setaro ’70, of Tinton Falls, was named superintendent of schools in the K-8 district by the Millstone Township Board of Education. Setaro previously served as assistant superintendent of schools in the K-8 district of Freehold Township.

Christine V. Bator ’71/J.D. ’75, of Princeton Junction, was appointed to a two-year term on the New Jersey State Bar Association Board of Trustees. Bator, an attorney with the Princeton law firm of Courtier, Kober, Laufer & Cohen, P.C., specializes in corporate counseling, mergers and acquisitions, health law and finance. Joseph A. Bottitta ’71/J.D. ’74, of Florham Park, received the New Jersey State Bar Association Legislative Service Award for his efforts to gain passage of the Adoption and Safe Families Act. Bottitta is an attorney with the law firm of Bottitta & Bascelli in West Orange and Wayne.

Patrick J. Roma ’71, of Palisades Park, was appointed judge of the Superior Court of New Jersey. Roma, a former state assemblyman and councilman for the borough of Palisades Park, previously was a partner at Friedman, Pearlman & Roma in Jersey City.

Sister Theresa Kelly ’72, of North Haledon, was named principal of Pope John Paul II Elementary School in Clifton. Sister Theresa, who served as provincial of the Salesian Sisters of the Eastern United States Province, previously chaired the technology department at Mary Help of Christians Academy in North Haledon and was the principal of St. Gerard School in Paterson. Joseph P. LaSala, J.D. ’72, of North Caldwell, was named a fellow of The American College of Trial Lawyers. LaSala is a partner with the Morristown law firm of McElroy, Deutsh & Mulvany.

Phillip R. Marcus, M.B.A. ’72, of Newark, was appointed a visiting professor in the department of computer and information sciences at Delaware State University in Dover. He formerly was a staff engineer at the Defense Logistics Agency in Springfield. Sister Adrianna Schouten, M.S. ’72, of Manitoec, WI, was appointed vice president and academic dean of Silver Lake College in Manitoec. She formerly was a principal at Bishop Rosecrans High School in Zanesville.

Joseph P. Brennan Jr., J.D. ’73, of West Orange, was elected section chief of surrogates in the state of New Jersey. He also serves on the Surrogates Judicial Liaison Committee. Brennan, the former deputy surrogate of Essex County, previously was the attorney for the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Joseph D. Clemen, J.D. ’74, of River Vale, established the law firm of Hooker, Pucciarelli & Clemen, with offices in Woodcliff Lake, NJ, and Tappan, NY. The practice specializes in corporate, real estate, and estate planning.

The publication had listed Teflon, but the friction testing at General Magnaplate proved that Hi-T-Lube deserved that distinction. Developed by Alina’s firm, Hi-T-Lube has been used by NASA since 1965 to send every vehicle into space, land on the Moon and operate space shuttles and satellites.

The New Jersey Senate and General Assembly in a joint legislative resolution recognized Alina’s achievements. He received the prestigious Frank Laine Industrial Award in 1972 for his advances in electroplating science and the metal finishing industry.

Walter P. Alina ’56 has been nominated for induction into the New Jersey Institute of Technology Patent Hall of Fame for his discoveries.

A Patented Success

H e has published more than 40 technical papers, developed a mathematical equation to determine density and is responsible for some major advances in aerospace technology. For his many accomplishments, Walter P. Alina ’56 has been nominated for induction into the New Jersey Institute of Technology Patent Hall of Fame.

A native of Fords, New Jersey, Alina has more than 45 years of experience in the field of materials, metal finishing and metallurgy (the science and technology of metals). He holds patents in 16 countries. Early in his career, Alina developed and patented a process of manufacturing transistor and junction devices, while employed as an engineer at the Radio Corporation of America (RCA). This process boosted America’s ability to compete against foreign imports, stabilize the economy and create jobs. “It helped reduce the price of manufacturing and simultaneously improved electrical characteristics, making them more reliable,” Alina says.

The vice president of General Magnaplate Corporation in Linden, Alina is responsible for the listing of the world’s most slippery solid in the *Guinness Book of World Records*.

The New Jersey Senate and General Assembly in a joint legislative resolution recognized Alina’s achievements. He received the prestigious Frank Laine Industrial Award in 1972 for his advances in electroplating science and the metal finishing industry.

Walter P. Alina ’56 has been nominated for induction into the New Jersey Institute of Technology Patent Hall of Fame for his discoveries.
hospitality, aviation and commercial litigation, trials and appeals. Robert C. Rivas, J.D. ’74, of Bergenfield, was a lead presenter at the fourth annual BINHI Scholarship Awards Gala Benefit for local and Philippine dignitaries. The benefit honors outstanding high school graduates. Rivas, the mayor of Bergenfield, is the executive director of the Bergen County Legal Services.

Michael Sodano ’74, of Cedar Grove, chief executive officer of Eventure, Inc., recently introduced a career resource series. Launched at Seton Hall University, the series was designed to assist students in securing entry-level employment. Eventure is a communications production firm in Verona.

Donna J. Ferrari, M.D., of River Vale, was named director of psychiatry services at Park Ridge Rehabilitation and Skilled Nursing Center in Park Ridge. She has served as a staff psychiatrist for the Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation in West Orange and as a director of rehabilitation for Ingleside Nursing and Rehab Center in Old Tappan. Ferrari has a private practice in River Vale and is on staff at Passaic Valley Hospital in Westwood.

John Z. Jackson, J.D. ’75, of Princeton, was appointed president of the Trial Attorneys of New Jersey in October 1999. Jackson is a partner in the Liberty Corner law firm of Kalislon, McBride & Jackson. Steven J. Picco, J.D. ’75, of Pennington, was named chairman of the Northeast-Midwest Institute, a nonprofit, non-partisan research organization in Washington, D.C.

A partner in the Princeton law office of Reed, Smith, Shaw & McClay, LLP, Picco specializes in the areas of environmental and energy law.

Richard (Rick) Cerone ’76, of Teaneck, celebrated World Series Week with the Parcells Council, Knights of Columbus. He was a guest speaker describing the rebirth of baseball in Newark after half a century. Cerone, a former Seton Hall baseball standout and New York Yankee, is the president of the Newark Bears minor league baseball team. Vincent E. Reilly, J.D. ’76, of Succasunna, joined the Morrisett law firm of McElroy, Deutsch & Mulvany. Reilly is retired from the Judge Advocate General’s Corps of the U.S. Army.

John Fanelli, M.A.E ’77, of Franklin, was named director of technology for diocesan schools in Newark. Fanelli is the director of guidance and academic services at Pope John XXIII High School in Sparta.

Robert A. DeAngelis, J.D. ’78, of Lawrenceville, was named assistant U.S. trustee for the district of New Jersey. DeAngelis previously was a partner in the creditor’s rights department at the Pennsylvania/New Jersey law firm of Fox, Rothschild, O’Brien & Frankel. Florence Hughes, J.D. ’78, of Princeton, was appointed assistant vice president of New Jersey Manufacturer’s Insurance Company and its subsidiary, New Jersey Re-Insurance Company.

Hughes formerly was a deputy attorney general with the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice and special trial attorney with the Federal Strike Force of the U.S. Department of Justice.


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Nola R. Bencze, J.D. ’80, of Titusville, joined the law firm of Parker, McCay & Criscuolo, with offices in Marlton, Cherry Hill and Lawrenceville. Bencze specializes in bankruptcy and insolvency law, commercial litigation; contract, shareholder and employment disputes; and banking transactions.

Louis V. Capadona, M.B.A. ’80, of Belleville, received the Association for Commuter Transportation Leadership Award at the International Association for Commuter Transportation conference in Washington, D.C. He was honored for creating the WorkPass program, the first of its kind in the nation. WorkPass, developed in response to New Jersey Governor Christine Todd Whitman’s “Work First New Jersey” initiative, provides access to reliable transportation for individuals who are making the transition from welfare to work. Capadona, the director of sales and employment services at New Jersey Transit, also created the successful BusinessPass and OzonePass.

Timothy M. Donohue ’80/J.D. ’84, of Westfield, established the West Orange law firm of Arleo & Donohue, L.L.C. He will continue to practice in all areas of civil and criminal litigation. Donohue serves as a trustee for the Seton Hall School of Law Alumni Association.

Hugo A. Rodriguez, J.D. ’80, of Miami, was elected to the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers board of directors. He practices in the federal public defenders’ office of the southern district of Florida.

John J. Fahy, J.D. ’81, of Rutherford, joined the Newark law firm of Reed Smith Shaw & McClay. A certified criminal trial attorney and certified public accountant, Fahy is a member of the bar in New York and New Jersey. Lynn Fontaine Newsome, J.D. ’81, of Short Hills, was sworn in as trustee of the New Jersey State Bar Association. She is a partner in the law firm of Donahue, Braun, Hagan, Klein & Newsome, with offices in Morristown, Short Hills and Hackensack. Francis S. Rossi, J.D. ’81, of Scotch Plains, was named a GOP candidate for the township council of Scotch Plains by the Municipal Republican

Career Center Expands Its Services

Seton Hall’s Career Center has established an alliance with Drake Beam Morin (DBM), a career management and transitions services resource. The strategic partnership will give alumni and graduating students access to an expanded range of career services, including job leads, networking opportunities, professional seminars and career consultation, most of which can be accessed online.

According to Jacqueline Chaffin, director of The Career Center, DBM’s successful history of serving middle managers and executive-level personnel will be especially helpful to Seton Hall alumni. “In addition to having access to hundreds of employers — including many Fortune 100 companies — DBM offers state-of-the-art, online career information, and it allows alumni to network with other alumni,” she says. “The alliance provides another viable avenue that our students and alumni can pursue to enhance their careers.”

DBM’s Web site enables users to conduct customized searches according to their job requirements and preferences. The site also hosts virtual job fairs that enable alumni to explore job postings; discussion forums facilitated by industry experts and geared to the latest job-search tactics and strategies; and computer-based training courses to sharpen their software skills.

Through DBM Alumni Career Services, Seton Hall graduates can participate in hands-on learning experiences designed to enhance the skills necessary to tap into new opportunities, move up within an organization or become entrepreneurs. Alumni can continually strengthen their portfolios through access to DBM’s online career information library, skills training and career-related links.

“We chose to work with DBM because their services are in line with the Career Center’s goals,” Chaffin says. “The diversity of its employer clientele and cutting-edge online career management services will provide our graduating students and alumni with additional tools to conduct successful career searches.”

For more information, visit The Career Center’s Web site at studentaffairs.shu.edu/career.
with a client list that includes some of America’s largest and most prestigious companies, Midnight Media Group Inc. (MMGI) of Millburn, New Jersey, is making its mark on the creative communications industry. MMGI’s co-founder, David P. Emmerling ’76, credits Seton Hall with giving him a strong foundation in communications and the tools necessary to attract the likes of Nabisco, Panasonic, AT&T and Mobil Oil (now merged with Exxon).

After his freshman year in California, Emmerling left the West Coast to come to Seton Hall. “I transferred from USC [University of Southern California], which some people would regard as crazy,” he says.

Making the most of his time at Seton Hall, Emmerling became interested in various forms of media and majored in communication. “During those years, I worked in the television studio; the darkroom, doing photography for the theater; and at the radio station, as well as having two internships,” he explains.

It was at WSOU 89.5 FM, Seton Hall’s Pirate radio station, where Emmerling met Walter Schoenknecht, his future business partner. The two students handled engineering and administrative tasks. “I was the music librarian, and Walter was the production manager,” Emmerling says. “We each had on-air shifts. It was really the radio station and the work-study programs at Seton Hall that put me in the communications field.”

MMGI specializes in digitally created media and offers full creative and production services. “We produce videotapes for large corporations,” Emmerling explains. “They range in nature from information programs, like benefits programs, to training programs that teach phlebotomists how to draw blood properly, to sales programs that get a sales force excited about a new program, to a golf show on MSG [Madison Square Garden Network].” In addition, MMGI provides 2-D and 3-D animation, audio production, editing and directing service and shooting packages.

for his accomplishments in the field of law at the annual Achievement Week Dinner of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., in Langhorne, PA. McElroy formerly served as the assistant dean of admissions and financial aid at Rider University. Victor Angeline III, J.D. ’83, of East Brunswick, was elected co-chair of the construction and public contract law section of the New Jersey Bar Association. Angeline is a general counsel at M. Gordon Construction Co. in Linden. John K. Brust ’83, of Central Bridge, NY, was appointed to the Pine Bush Preserve Commission. The 11-member commission governs Albany’s environmentally sensitive and unique pitch pine and scrub oak barrens. Patrick T. Collins ’83, of Somerville, received the Outstanding Board Service Award at the annual Legal Services of New Jersey Conference. Collins, a partner at the Morris McLaughlin labor and employment law group in Somerville, counsels clients regarding employment policies; affirmative action plans; and reduction in force, termination and other employment issues. Ellen O’Connell ’83, of Princeton, was reappointed trustee of the New Jersey State Bar Foundation. An attorney at the law firm of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom in New York City, O’Connell specializes in labor and employment law.

John G. Bennis ’85 and Bektina Bennis ’85, of Izmir, Turkey, adopted a daughter, Kadie, from China and a son from Bolivia.

Frank R. Dudis, M.B.A. ’85, of Fort Lee, was sworn in as a court-appointed special advocate for Essex County. His position involves seeking permanent homes for abused and neglected children. He previously interned at the Appeals Bureau of the Kings County (Brooklyn) district attorney’s office.

Debra A. Marshall ’85, of Millburn, was promoted to northeast regional manager of public relations for Comcast. Marshall previously was area manager of public relations for Comcast in Union.

Lisa O’Donnell Fahoury ’86, of West Orange, announced the launch of Creative Compost: Where Great Marketing Ideas Grow, a quarterly marketing newsletter, by Fahoury Ink. She is president and founder of this full-service advertising and promotion consulting firm in West Orange. Craig Kimble ’86, of Boonton, joined the Florida Department of Corrections as a probation/parole officer.

Lisa M. Longo ’86, of Bloomfield, has relocated to Fort Myers, FL, to become a human services program specialist with the state Department of Children and Families. Paul M. Ward ’86, of Montclair, was promoted to senior vice president of communications for Nickelodeon’s Nick at Nite and TV Land. Ward previously served as vice president of communications for Nick at Nite and TV Land.

John S. Wisniewski, J.D. ’87, of Parlin, was reelected to a third term as assemblyman for the 19th Legislative District. Wisniewski is a partner in the Sayerville law firm of Ronan, Tuzzio & Giannone. Robert H. Zetterstrom ’87, of Sergeantsville, was promoted to assistant vice president at New Jersey Manufacturers Insurance Company and its subsidiary, New Jersey Re-Insurance Company.

Zetterstrom previously served as assistant counsel.

Janice Z. Butler ’88, of Flemington, has become a registered nurse and is a nursing instructor at the Raritan Valley Community College. James A. Dempsey ’88, of Edison, was elected to the board of directors of the Middlesex County Branch of the American Red Cross. Dempsey currently is employed at Reed Smith Shaw & McClay in Newark. David E. Villalona ’88, of East Brunswick, and his wife, Mary, in May 1999 welcomed a daughter, Olivia Nicole, who joins a sister, Angela Mary.

Carolyn E. Schnell Lowack ’89, of Nutley, was promoted to a learning disabilities teacher/consultant with the Belleville Board of Education. She previously was a special education teacher. Cheryl Longo Marino ’89, of Morris Plains, and her husband, Frank, welcomed a son, Matthew Ryan, in April 1999. Joseph A. Ricchezza ’89, of Glendora, was named partner in the law firm of Rawle & Henderson, LLP, with offices in Marlton, Philadelphia and New York City. Ricchezza specializes in product liability, casualty, commercial motor vehicles and aviation.

Reverend John P. Bambrick, M.D.M. ’90, of Manalapan, was appointed pastor of St. Thomas More Church in Manalapan.

Father Bambrick is a member of the board of directors for the Samaritan Center in Englishtown and serves as chaplain of the
**From Pirate Pride to Celtic Pride**

Adrian Griffin ’96 is living proof that with hard work and perseverance, dreams do come true. A native of Wichita, Kansas, Griffin earned a starting position on the Boston Celtics after three successful years in the Continental Basketball Association (CBA) and several NBA tryouts.

A member of the Seton Hall University men’s basketball team from 1992-96, Griffin is one of only six Pirates to score more than 1,400 points (1,414) and grab 800 (803) rebounds during his college career. Among his honors, he was an All-BIG EAST Conference selection twice; the 1996 BIG EAST Basketball Scholar Athlete of the Year; and the recipient of the 1996 Haggerty Award, which is presented to the top college basketball player in the metropolitan area. Griffin finished his Seton Hall career ranking seventh in the BIG EAST in both scoring and rebounding.

After graduation, Griffin spent three years with the CBA’s Connecticut Pride basketball team. Last season, he garnered the league’s Most Valuable Player honors, averaging 18.9 points per game and 7.6 rebounds per game. Griffin then led the Pride to win the 1999 CBA title, where he also was named the Finals Most Valuable Player.

Donning a No. 44 Celtics jersey, Griffin made an impressive NBA debut on November 2, 1999, against the Toronto Raptors, scoring 14 points, 7 assists, 3 rebounds, 2 blocks and 2 steals. He was named the November co-winner of the Schick Rookie of the Month award after leading the Celtics in field goal percentage (.541), rebounds (7.9), steals (2.34) and minutes played (35.2).

“It seems like a long journey, but the things I went through and the things I learned helped me to get ready to play in the NBA,” Griffin says. “It’s definitely a blessing the way things worked out.”

Griffin and his wife, Audrey ’99, have a daughter, Vanessa.

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Susan M. Zaledonis-Garofalo ’92/M.B.A. ’94, of South Hackensack, and her husband, Robert,
Pirate Blue Athletic Fund
Presents a
Golf
“Terrific Twosome”
for Summer 2000
Monday, July 17
Cana Brook Country Club
Summit, New Jersey

Monday, August 7
Spring Lake Golf Club
Spring Lake, New Jersey

11 a.m. Lunch
12:30 p.m. Shotgun Start
Cocktails and dinner immediately following golf.

The entry fee of $400 per event, per person includes 18 holes of golf, electric cart or caddies, lunch, cocktails and beverages throughout the day, and the buffet/awards party.

Individual hole sponsorship per event is $350 per hole. If you have a foursome and sponsor a hole, a reduced corporate rate of $1,900 per event applies.

There will be prizes and gifts for all golfers and individual winners, including the Richard J. Regan Trophy and the Sue Regan Trophy for the respective winners in men’s and women’s categories.

A silent auction of sports memorabilia will be conducted during the cocktail reception following each round of golf.

For more information, call (973) 378-9838 or (973) 378-2681.

welcomed a daughter, Emily Ann, in September 1999.
Kevin P. Harrigan, M.B.A. ’93, of Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, was named executive vice president and chief operating officer of Key Home Equity Services. Harrigan formerly was the senior vice president for institutional sales and acquisitions at EquiCredit, which specializes in originating and selling fixed- and adjustable-rate loans that are secured by first and second mortgages. Christopher Pratt ’93, of Natick, MA, received the 1999 Dean Herman Schneider Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Advancement of Cooperative Education Philosophy and Practice. The award was presented at the World Association for Cooperative Education Cooperative Education Association International Conference in Washington, D.C. Pratt is director of the Office of Career Services and Pre-Professional Advising at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Nicole Schneider Chase, J.D. ’94, of New York City, and her husband, Doug, announced the birth of their son, Ryan Douglass, in October 1999. Michael Mongiolo ’94, of Verona, was featured in the “trading card” series that depicted the Verona Fire Department. A graduate of the Bergen County Fire Academy, he is a police officer in Montclair. Gary W. Patterson Jr. ’94/M.B.A. ’98, of Bennington, VT, received a J.D. from New York Law School. Patterson, who specializes in medical malpractice defense, joined the law firm of Shaub & Ahnutt, Citin & Spatt.

Teresa C. Byrne, M.A.E. ’95, of Basking Ridge, joined The Private Bank as vice president and relationship manager. Byrne previously was vice president of PNC Bank Advisor’s Group in Morristown.

Kathleen C. Feeney, J.D. ’95, of Piscataway, was elected to the board of directors of the Delaware-Raritan Girl Scout Council. Feeney is a counselor in the Somerset law firm of Feeney McGlade, LLC.

Jennifer A. Kinsley, J.D. ’95, of Brielle, joined the Pennsylvania/ New Jersey law firm of Fox, Rothschild, O’Brien & Frankel, LLP, as an associate. Kinsley previously practiced estate planning and real estate law in Sea Girt and worked as a litigation associate in Wall Township.

Darren K. Rydberg ’95, M.B.A. ’99/J.D. ’99, of South Orange, was appointed to a two-year judicial clerkship with the Honorable Katharine S. Hayden in the U.S. District Court in Newark. Mark J. Sirninger ’95, of Livingston, graduated cum laude from Life University College of Chiropractic in Marietta, GA, with a doctor of chiropractic degree. Sirninger is a board certified chiropractic extremity practitioner designate.

Karen M. Vieira-Kozlowski ’95, of Jersey City, joined the Morristown law firm of Riker, Danzig, Scherer, Hyland & Perretti, LLP. She formerly was an associate with the law firm of Brach, Eichler, Rosenberg, Silver, Bernstein, Hammer & Gladstone of Roseland.

Jennifer C. Concino, J.D. ’96, of Williamsport, PA, joined the York law firm of Stock & Leader, P.C., as an associate. Concino works primarily with the Estate Planning/ Estate Administration Practice Group. Joanna Domanico, M.S.N. ’96, of Franklin Park, was promoted to administrative director of Women’s and Children’s Services at Monmouth Medical Center in Long Branch, an affiliate of the St. Barnabas Health Care System. Domanico previously was the clinical director of the Regional Newborn Center at Monmouth Medical Center in Long Branch.

Victoria A. Karlson, J.D. ’96, of Little Falls, joined the intellectual property-based law firm of Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith, Ravin, Davis & Himmel in Woodbridge. Karlson is a member of the firm’s corporate department.

Jennifer Alice Carr Keller ’96/J.D. ’99, of Madison, joined the Newark law firm of Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz, Edelman & Dicker, LLP, as an associate attorney. She was admitted to the bar in New Jersey and New York.

Tristan M. Nelson ’96, of Leonards, is a development associate at the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York. Nelson previously was the coordinator for alumni affairs at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in Newark.

Carol J. Wallace Post, J.D. ’96, of West Palm Beach, FL, was named acting city manager of Palm Beach Gardens. A city attorney, Post is a member of the state and local government law section of the American Bar Association, president of the Palm Beach County Gator Club, and a volunteer and board member with the Junior Achievement Student Counseling Program.

Laura A. Russomano ’96, of West Caldwell, was named director of special services for the North Caldwell Board of Education. Russomano also is the director of
special services and learning dis-
abilities for the Riverdale Board of
Education. William A. Theobald,
M.S.T. ’96, of Flemington, was
promoted to supervisor at Amper,
Politzner & Mattia, Certified Public
Accountants and Consultants.
The firm has offices in Edison,
Flemington, Princeton and Wall
Township. Theobald has more
than 10 years of public account-
ing experience.

Joan M. Bosisio ’97, of Roselle,
was named account supervisor at
Stern & Associates, a public rela-
tions and marketing firm in
Crandon. She had been an account
executive with the firm since 1998.

Kimberly G. Bragg, J.D. ’98, of
Flemington, is now a staff accoun-
tant with Amper, Politzner & Mattia,
certified public accountants and
consultants in Flemington. Alan A.
Bornstein, J.D. ’98, of Westwood,
has become an associate with the
Intellectual Property Practice
Group of Greenbaum, Rowe, Rowe,
Smith, Ravin, Davis & Himmel
in Woodbridge. Bornstein formerly
served as patent manager for Fuji
Film Photographic Chemicals.

Adelisa Reale Castello ’98, joined
PricewaterhouseCoopers in Little
Falls as a quality assurance spe-
cialist. She is pursuing a master’s
degree in economics at Montclair
State University.

Carrie A. Davey ’98, of Kenilworth,
was named an ele-
mentary art teacher for the Roselle
Park School District. She instructs
grades 1-5 in the Aldene, Sher-
ation and Robert Gordon elementary
schools. Davey formerly was a
fifth-grade teacher at St. Theresa’s
School in Linden. Anthony M.
Gardner ’98, of West Orange,
joined Salomon Smith Barney in
Little Falls as a service assistant.
Gardner is pursuing a master’s
degree in economics at Montclair
State University. Daniel A. Hagan,
M.B.A. ’98/J.D. ’99, of Westfield,
joined the Woodbridge law firm of
Wientz, Goldman & Spitzer. Hagan
previously served as an assistant
to the director of administrative
services at Seton Hall University’s
Stillman School of Business and
as an intern for the New Jersey
Superior Court, Law Division.

Michelle LoMonte, J.D. ’98, of
Westfield, joined the Princeton
law firm of Hill Wallack as an
associate. LoMonte, a member
of the firm’s Banking and Secured
Transactions Group, specializes
in acquisition finance, construction
financing and refinancing, loan
modification, restructuring, loan
documentation, workouts, foreclo-
sures and closings.

Christine Bove ’99, of Brooklyn,
NY, joined the international televi-
sion division of the National
Basketball Association. Jaime J.
Caputo ’99, of Somerville,
joined the emergency room staff at the
Medical Center of Ocean County,
Brick Division. Caputo, a member
of the Somerset County Mounted
Search and Rescue Team, is the
education and training coordinator
of the Hillsborough Rescue Squad.

Jenny Carroll, J.D. ’99, of
Westfield, joined the New Jersey
Bureau of Securities as an investi-
gator. While a student at the Seton
Hall University School of Law,
Carroll was an associate editor of the
Seton Hall Legislative Journal
and served on the Honor Counsel.

Arlyn Covington ’99, of Westfield,
is a teacher at the Lincoln-Hubbard
School in Summit. Covington previ-
ously served as a bilingual teacher
in Costa Rica and as a Spanish
instructor in California. Walter J.
Dorgan, J.D. ’99, of Paramus,
is a law clerk for Appellate Court Judge
David S. Baine in Morristown.
While a student at the Seton Hall
University School of Law, Dorgan
served as editor of the Seton Hall
Law Review. Gregory J. Rokosz,
M.D., J.D. ’99, of Parsippany,
was elected president of the New Jersey
State Board of Medical Examiners.
Rokosz is board certified in emer-
gency medicine and family practice.

Thomas N. Sweeney, J.D. ’99,
of Verona, joined the commercial litiga-
tion law firm of Elliott, Rehner,
Siedzikowski & Egan, P.C., in Blue
Bell, PA. Lynne Urbanowicz-
Mulcahy, J.D. ’99, of Bernardsville,
and her husband, Bob, welcomed
a son, Robert Henry, in February
1999. Teresa Vicente, J.D. ’99,
of South Orange, received a judicial
clerkship with Passaic County
Superior Court Judge George F.
Rohde Jr.

Marriages

Joseph S. Passalacqua ’77 to
Susan A. Schuchard
Frank R. Dudis, M.B.A. ’85 to
Tracee E. Davis
Jeff C. Jonas ’86 to
Melanie Totten
Lisa A. Zuckerman ’88 to
Kevin R. Queaney
Otilia Fernandez ’91 to
Eugene Duggan
Sandra Interieri ’91/M.S.N. ’96 to
Joseph Bernardo

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Memorial Tributes

Reverend Daniel A. Murphy, ’35 Ph.D., professor emeritus of education at Seton Hall University, died in October 1999 at the age of 85. Father Murphy had been a member of the Priest Community at Seton Hall for more than 60 years.

Father Murphy grew up in the Blessed Sacrament Parish in Newark. He entered Seton Hall Preparatory School as a freshman in 1927. He earned his undergraduate degree at Seton Hall College and his Master of Divinity degree from Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology in 1939, the year he was ordained a Roman Catholic priest. He also earned a master’s degree and a Ph.D. in education from Fordham University.

Father Murphy began his educational career teaching English, Latin and religion at Seton Hall Prep while teaching theology part-time at Seton Hall College.

In 1948, he was appointed professor of education at Seton Hall, a position he held until his retirement in the early 1980s. Since 1965, he had been moderator for the Bayley-Seton League, a University support organization.

Father Murphy also was a Sunday assistant in area parishes, among them Holy Family Church in Nutley and Saint Mary’s Church in Rahway, where he served for 31 years.

He is survived by his brother, Harry A. Murphy; two nieces, Judith O’Reilly and Maryellen Murphy; and several grandnieces and nephews: H. Daniel Murphy, Jessica Murphy, Keith O’Reilly, Christopher O’Reilly, Megan O’Reilly, Jodi McInerney and Matthew Henderson.

Charles J. Weiss, Ph.D., professor of accounting at Seton Hall University for 39 years, died in July 1999 at the age of 74.

Before retiring in 1990, Weiss chaired the accounting department and coordinated the accounting internship program at the Stillman School of Business. He organized Seton Hall’s Zeta Xi chapter of Beta Alpha Psi, the accounting national honor society, and served as the first faculty vice president. In addition, Weiss was the first editor of the Seton Hall Journal of Business (now the Mid-Atlantic Journal of Business).

Honored for distinguished service by the Internal Revenue Service, Weiss was the first coordinator of the continuing education program of the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants. A former member of the editorial boards for the Journal of Accountancy and the New Jersey CPA Quarterly, he was director of the New Jersey chapter of the Financial Executives Institute and regional vice president of the American Accounting Association.

Weiss’ three children — Howard ’71, Albert ’75 and Melinda Boronski — have made a contribution to Seton Hall, in memory of their father, to the Charles J. Weiss Scholarship Fund, which was established in 1990 upon Weiss’ retirement. The family requests that memorial donations be sent to the Charles J. Weiss Scholarship Fund, Seton Hall University, 457 Centre Street, South Orange, NJ 07079.

In Memoriam

Milton A. Feller ’25
Reverend Daniel A. Murphy ’35, Ph.D.
Reverend Joseph A. Heams ’36
Edwin A. Wujciak ’42
Reverend Thomas E. Davis ’45
Peter Castellano ’48
Frank V. Caruso ’49
Harry C. Dolan Jr. ’49
Frank A. Gamba ’49
Frederick C. Geoffroy ’49
Leonard P. Grimm ’50
Paul J. Grimm ’50
Thomas W. Jamieson ’50
Philip S. Petruzzello ’50
Patrick R. Scotti ’52
William J. Daley ’53
Leonard A. Golden ’53
School of Law Alumni Association Golf Outing, Essex County Country Club, West Orange, New Jersey. (973) 642-8711.

**July**

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Young Alumni Summer Reunion, 2-8 p.m., Bar Anticipation, Belmar, New Jersey. (973) 378-9827 or 1-800-992-GRAD.

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“Terrific Twosome” Pirate Blue Athletic Fund golf outing, 11 a.m. lunch, 12:30 p.m. shotgun start, cocktails and dinner immediately following. Canoe Book Country Club, Summit, New Jersey. (973) 378-9838 or (973) 378-2681. (See page 36.)

**August**

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“Terrific Twosome” Pirate Blue Athletic Fund golf outing, 11 a.m. lunch, 12:30 p.m. shotgun start, cocktails and dinner immediately following. Spring Lake Golf Club, Spring Lake, New Jersey. (973) 378-9838 or (973) 378-2681. (See page 36.)

World Youth Day Trip to Rome, sponsored by Campus Ministry. (973) 761-9545.

**June**

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Class of 2000 School of Law Commencement, 1 p.m., PNC Bank Arts Center, Holmdel, New Jersey. Continental breakfast for graduates and their guests begins at 9 a.m., with graduation Mass at 10 a.m. (973) 642-8880.

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Monmouth City Shore Setonian “Day at the Races,” 11:30 a.m., Monmouth Park Racetrack, Monmouth, New Jersey. Omnibus box $35 per person. Includes buffet luncheon, club house admission, private seating, program and pen. (973) 378-9821.

**E X H I B I T S**

May 4-June 23

“THE PERSPECTIVE FIGURE: EXPRESSIONS OF WOMEN BY WOMEN”

Presented by the Walsh Library Gallery and co-sponsored by the Graduate Program in Museum Professions, the exhibit is co-curated by Barbara Modell and Patrick Shaw. Gallery hours: 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday and by special arrangement. (973) 275-2033.

July 5-August 18

“PUBLIC PATHWAYS: THE LEGACY OF FREDERICK LAW OLMSTED”

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Very Reverend Thomas R. Peterson, O.P., was inaugurated as chancellor of Seton Hall University on October 13, 1990. On that occasion, I joined seven other representatives of the University community in expressing greetings to our new chancellor. I spoke on behalf of the Priest Community.

I wanted very much in the two minutes allotted for these remarks to give Father Peterson some “advice.” But as much as he might have appreciated my “advice,” I knew he would be much more impressed by “advice” from St. Thomas Aquinas. Aquinas, of course, was also a Dominican, a man of the 13th century, whose works on philosophy and theology still have an important place in Church scholarship. He was intelligent and astute and, in suggesting in one of his works “remedies of sorrow or pain” (Summa Theologiae), I believe he was also describing a pattern for life.

It was this pattern that I proposed to Father Peterson 10 years ago: The arguments of Aquinas that pain or sorrow is assuaged in five ways — through pleasure, tears, the sympathy of friends, contemplating the truth, and rest and relaxation.

Father Peterson is the man he is because, I am convinced, he sought these remedies as an enhancement of life. The pleasure recommended by Aquinas, and achieved by Father Peterson, was obviously not hedonism but, rather, the joys that loving family relationships and devoted friendships can bring into a person’s life. I am certain his membership in the Priest Community at Seton Hall brings him satisfaction and happiness. His goodness to the Priest Community will be long remembered, as will all his efforts on our behalf.

It was Father Peterson who was responsible for the renovation of the Priest Community dining room. He encouraged special monthly dinners to celebrate holidays or feast days. Anyone who saw his personal interest in choosing the menu and decorations for these dinners would quickly see what pleasure he took in all of this.

I think he is happiest when he is enjoying the camaraderie of other priests, enriching us with his wisdom, his priestly example and his sense of humor. This, of course, is so because Father Peterson’s greatest joy is the priesthood, which has given him the great blessing of touching the lives of so many people.

Sorrow has been a part of Father Peterson’s life during his 10 years at Seton Hall. Two members of his family have died. He has been present at the deathbeds of priest colleagues and mourned with many members of the University community over the loss of their loved ones. His understanding of the sorrow of others, and his sympathy for them, has led him to bring his personal consolation to mourners at innumerable wakes and funeral liturgies.

For the second time in his life, Father Peterson grieved over the loss of students in residence hall fires. In offering Mass for one of these students, he wept. His tears and words came from a heart full of sorrow and a sense of loss.

Aquinas’ third suggestion involves the sympathy of friends, and he argues that when people experience support from their friends, they realize they are loved. I hope Father Peterson is aware of the love and esteem that the Priest Community and the entire Seton Hall community have for him.

The contemplation of truth is St. Thomas’ fourth recommendation. He is referring, of course, to the contemplation of God and the eternal life that He promises to those who follow His will. I have little doubt that this is, and has long been, a hallmark of Father Peterson’s life. I also believe he has realized the implications of truth in other areas.

The truth that education needs resources to be effective influenced Father Peterson in building the Walsh Library. The truth that his own knowledge and expertise should be shared with students led him into the classroom one semester each academic year to teach Eastern philosophy and religion. The truth of the need for commitment to all members of society brought him to regular participation in an adult education program in Newark.

Father Peterson’s quest for truth is certainly based on God, and because of that he is able to appreciate the truth that is, and must be, the foundation of all our relationships with other people.

Finally, Aquinas recommends sleep and baths to assuage the pain and difficulties of life. In contemporary terms, the saint is proposing that we keep rest and relaxation in our lives. I fear that Father Peterson has not had enough of either during his years at Seton Hall as he fulfilled his duties and responsibilities, although he would frequently instruct us to rest and relax.

This reflection is not meant to be an assessment of how faithfully Father Peterson followed the suggestions of his fellow Dominican but rather a reminder to all of us that we have been enriched by our contact with this man. His service to the University and the community at large, his commitment to the Church, his love of his ministry as a priest, as well as all those qualities that made him a caring person, interested in knowing us and sharing our lives, are what count in our appreciation of Father Peterson.
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