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In a workplace that has shifted from 9-to-5 to 24/7, a call to service and leadership can bring a wholeness to one’s life. Seton Hall University faculty members reflect on how their own calling to vocation shapes how they guide those whom they teach.
Gifted Freshman Class Finds a Friendly Reception

In September 2003, Seton Hall University welcomed its newest members to the University community: the Class of 2007. These 1,232 first-year students, plus 320 transfer students, chose Seton Hall to continue their academic endeavors. The average SAT score for the Class of 2007 was 1096, with an average GPA of 3.2.

“This year’s first-year students are part of one of the most gifted classes we have ever admitted to Seton Hall,” says Monsignor Robert Sheeran ’67, University president. “Their SAT scores are the highest in our history, and they are the most geographically diverse, with nearly one-third coming from out of state.”

Here is an overview of the Class of 2007:

- 25 percent were in the top 10 percent of their graduating class,
- 54 percent were in the top 25 percent of their graduating class,
- 85 percent were in the top 50 percent of their graduating class,
- 36 percent had a GPA of higher than 3.5,
- 75 percent had a GPA of higher than 3.0,
- 43 percent denote themselves as a member of a minority,
- they are evenly divided between males and females,
- 32 percent are from out of state and
- nine students come from outside the United States.


The nine international students hail from Canada, China, Finland, India, Kuwait, and Trinidad and Tobago.

This year, students also have the opportunity to take some new and unusual course offerings:

- Computer Networking: Highlighting this course is a weekend “boot camp,” in which students must assemble — in one day — a complete and wireless, Internet-connected network from the ground up. After students build the network, the professor “sabotages” it overnight with a variety of viruses, and students have to fix all the bugs the following day.
- Homeland Security and National Defense: Offered through the College of Nursing, this course trains graduate student nurses to serve as first responders through its unique Forensic Nursing Program. The program enjoys strong relationships with the New Jersey State Police, the U.S. Army, local hospitals, prosecutors’ offices, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and county governments.
- Global Health, Bioterrorism and International Security: The looming threat of bioterrorism and the expanded risk of infectious diseases have led to a new public health security agenda as well as an exploration of the process by which public health problems could threaten national and international security. This course, offered through the John C. Whitehead School of Diplomacy and International Relations, introduces the concept of health security and explores the links between public health and security. Students examine current public health challenges and their security implications and explore potential policy options.
- Organic Chemistry in Two Days: This one-credit refresher course is offered to sophomores who need to brush up on “orgo” before taking the MCAT exam for admission into medical school.
- Introduction to Computer Science and Computer Science Essentials: This course teaches students Linux, an open-source operating system that is poised to compete with Microsoft. Hollywood uses Linux to create exciting blockbuster movies.

— Shannon Rosman Allen
Major Renovations Enhance Boland Hall

Last summer, Seton Hall University undertook its most significant project related to student housing since opening Cabrini, Serra and Neumann halls in 1988. The University extensively renovated Boland Hall, one of two residence halls housing first-year students.

Members of the Class of 2007 were treated to a “way cool” surprise upon moving into Boland — the entire hall is now air-conditioned. The University installed HVAC (Heating Ventilation Air-Conditioning) units in rooms in both North and South Boland. During the warmer months, students will be able to control their air-conditioning, and on cold winter days they can adjust the heating.

The renovations do not end there: South Boland has undergone a variety of upgrades, including completely renovated community bathrooms: new showers, Corian vanities, toilets, ceramic tile flooring and plumbing. Boland’s hallways have been carpeted, and corridors throughout the building have been repainted and redecorated. Overhead lighting was added to all North Boland rooms. And all residence hall rooms were repainted.

“Students look closely at residence hall facilities when making a decision about where to attend college,” says Craig Allen, M.A., director of housing and residence life. “These improvements make Seton Hall an even more attractive choice.”

Boland traditionally serves as home to approximately 650 first-year students each year. This year, its occupancy increased to about 675 as the University added 26 beds to the first floor of South Boland, formerly the Health Services wing.

“The University recognizes the importance of housing its first-year students,” Allen says. “This year with the addition of the 26 beds, we’ll house close to 875 freshmen in Boland and Aquinas halls — more than any previous year in the history of the University.”

— Shannon Rossman Allen

Young People Answer the Call to Evangelize

“At college, students effectively begin making their own decisions about their religious beliefs and many are attracted away from the practice of their faith. At Seton Hall we recognize this time of new responsibility in our students’ lives as a time when we, as a faith-based University, want to be ready to share the reasons for our faith.”

— From Seton Hall University’s proposal to Lilly Endowment Inc.

The Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) is now established at Seton Hall University, thanks, in part, to the generosity of Lilly Endowment Inc. and the assistance of the Most Reverend John J. Myers, J.C.D., D.D., Archbishop of Newark.

Founded in 1997, FOCUS is a campus-based ministry. Through the evangelization of its missionaries, FOCUS helps college students continue or begin to discover lives of prayer within the framework of the Roman Catholic Church. The program’s primary elements are small group Bible studies, personal discipleship, large group leadership training and fellowship.

“Seton Hall has been involved with FOCUS since the beginning, and has incorporated many FOCUS principles into its Campus Ministry programs,” notes Reverend James Spera ’73/M.Div. ’76, director of Campus Ministry. “We sent an administrator and two Seton Hall students to one of the first training sessions and have been on the waiting list for a FOCUS team for two years. In the beginning, we lacked the financial resources, and FOCUS lacked the personnel. In just a few short years, all of that has changed.”

Now in its sixth year nationally, FOCUS has teams on 18 campuses, including Benedictine College, the University of Colorado at Boulder, Carroll College, Montana State University and the U.S. Air Force Academy. This year FOCUS gains an East Coast presence with its expansion to Seton Hall, Williams College in Massachusetts and George Mason University in Northern Virginia.

“Archbishop Myers was already familiar with FOCUS when he served as Bishop of Peoria. He welcomed FOCUS to both the University of Illinois and Illinois State University,” Father Spera says. “He saw Seton Hall’s interest as an opportunity for both the University and FOCUS. He was instrumental in facilitating the program’s expansion to our campus and to the East Coast.”

The four missionaries assigned to Seton Hall are Margot Capocci, Matthew Cytia, Katherine Ebeler and Thomas Wurz (FOCUS campus director). Three of
them are from the Midwest. Many of those who make the two-year commitment to be a FOCUS missionary are recent college graduates. They participate in an intensive six-week training session that includes Scripture study, Church history, Christian apologetics, techniques of evangelization, and personal growth and development. FOCUS also has been effective in fostering vocations.

A missionary for the past three years, Wurtz says he initially became involved with the program because of the people and the joy that radiated from them. “I have been involved in many things our culture suggests and promotes to college students and youth, and none of them brought any satisfaction that penetrated past the surface,” he says. “I finally accepted our Lord’s invitation and allowed Him to become something other than an abstract. I knew FOCUS would not only allow me to serve in continuing the mission of Jesus Christ, but also challenge me in wonderful ways to grow closer to Him.”

In September, the team surveyed Seton Hall students on their interest in attending small group Bible study, and then met one-on-one with the individuals who expressed interest. “Our work is relational,” Wurtz says. “We attend University events whether they are offered through the Department of Community Development, the athletic program or Theatre-in-the-Round. We work on cultivating Christ-centered friendships with students and, through that, help them know Jesus Christ.”

The four missionaries reside in Ora Manor, Seton Hall’s off-campus apartments. Father Spera emphasizes, however, that they are neither Seton Hall students nor employees. FOCUS team members are “a complement to Campus Ministry. They don’t have an office in Campus Ministry. Their office is the wider community, from the University Green to the Galleon Room,” notes Father Spera. “This is a ministry of time. The FOCUS missionaries have a personal reading schedule and prayer life that is deeply spiritual and rooted in their own personal commitment to Jesus Christ and their fidelity to the Church. They are constantly being enriched, yet they are ordinary people. This helps them touch the hearts of our students.”

As a result of the FOCUS presence on campus, Father Spera has seen a spike in enthusiasm, with more students signing up for Bible study.

Wurtz noted that he was excited about how well the first semester went. “I have been very impressed with the openness of the Seton Hall students,” he said. “It is testimony to the way in which we are all seeking food that will truly nourish, as well as the type of students Seton Hall is attracting. Even the students who have no interest in Bible study have been amiable and interesting in conversation.”

For more information about FOCUS, visit www.focusonline.org or e-mail focus@shu.edu. To learn more about The Lilly Project at Seton Hall, visit mission.shu.edu/lilly

— Pamela Dungee

Stillman School Cited in BusinessWeek for Survey on Corporate Distress

The most important factor contributing to business failures post-September 11, 2001, is poor management. That’s the conclusion of a recent study conducted jointly by Seton Hall University’s Stillman School of Business and Buccino & Associates Inc., a national turnaround, workout and crisis management consulting firm in New York City. Their study, aimed at analyzing the underlying internal and external causes of business distress in the United States, was cited in the August 18-25, 2003, issue of BusinessWeek.

“Many of the CEOs whose companies floundered and eventually collapsed failed to become engaged in managing their company,” says Gerald P. Buccino, chairman and CEO of Buccino & Associates Inc. and a member of Seton Hall’s Board of Regents. “They either did not bother with details, delegated responsibility that they themselves should have accepted in whole or in part, or ignored warning signs from lower-echelon management.

And there were those who did not have the ability to set priorities.”

Richard Wendell ’03 and Mary Christine Basile ’03, during their senior year as leadership students in the Stillman School, performed data analysis on the 1,900 responses received from the survey questionnaires that had been mailed to 17,000 investment bankers, venture capitalists, executives from investment firms, members of the academic community, workout professionals and Fortune 1000 CEOs.

Among the survey’s key findings were:

- 87 percent of respondents said businesses fail because of internal issues, such as excessive debt, improper planning and failure to change;
- more than 88 percent of respondents agreed that the impact of September 11 and subsequent terrorist acts will have a minimal impact on business failures over the next few years and that recent accounting irregularities also will have minimal impact;
Dr. David L. Felten, M.D., Ph.D., was appointed dean of the School of Graduate Medical Education in September 2003. He comes to Seton Hall University from the College of Medicine at the University of California, Irvine, where he served as the founding executive director of the Susan Samueli Center for Complementary Medicine, which emphasizes “whole person care.” He also was professor of anatomy and neurobiology at UC Irvine’s College of Medicine.

Felten, an internationally known scholar, helped to establish the field of psychoneuroimmunology. He was the first to demonstrate the “hard wiring” between nerve fibers of the sympathetic nervous system and cells of the immune system in several organs, including the spleen, lymph nodes, thymus and bone marrow. These nerves are major participants in the human response to stress and the resulting impact on health.

Felten has shown that these nerve connections can influence the onset and course of cancer, infectious diseases, autoimmune diseases (such as rheumatoid arthritis) and age-related decline in immune responses.

Over the course of his distinguished career, Felten has earned many accolades and fellowships for his research. They include two 10-year MERIT awards from the National Institutes of Health, an Army Breast Cancer grant, and the prestigious John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation Prize Fellowship (the “genius award”). He was featured on Bill Moyers’ PBS series and book, Healing and the Mind.

Felten has authored more than 200 peer-reviewed publications. He is the lead author of Netter’s Atlas of Human Neuroscience, published in August 2003, and co-editor of his field’s definitive work, Psychoneuroimmunology.

“We are extremely fortunate to welcome a physician and scholar of David Felten’s caliber to Seton Hall,” noted Mel J. Shay, Ed.D., provost and executive vice president for Academic Affairs. “Even as he dives into his responsibilities as dean, Dr. Felten will remain active in continuing education, course design and teaching.”

Felten brings nearly 30 years of experience in medical and health professions education, along with more than 20 years of experience in course design and clinical, case-based teaching. Prior to his tenure at UC Irvine, he was professor of pathology and neurology and director of the Center for Neuroimmunology at the Loma Linda University School of Medicine.

For 14 years, he served at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry, where he taught the highly successful Medical Neurosciences course. He also chaired the Neurosciences Committee of the National Board of Medical Examiners.
Also while at Rochester, Felten participated in the M.D. and M.D./Ph.D admissions process and played an active role in accreditation preparation and site visits, curricular review/revisions, course evaluations and student promotion committees. He has taught basic sciences to first-year medical students, senior medical students and residents, and he has designed and taught integrative continuing education programs for clinicians and house officers.

In keeping with his research interests, Felten sums up his vision for the School of Graduate Medical Education as being one of balance and expansion. “I will strive to enhance research and faculty development, while increasing recruitment efforts and student scholarships,” the new dean observed. “And given my research interests in integrative medicine, I am thrilled to come to work at a University whose mission is to educate and enrich the whole person — in body, mind and spirit.”

— David L. Felten, M.D., Ph.D.

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I was immediately attracted to Seton Hall because of its strong Catholic mission and the way faith and the life of the Church are integrated into the overall life of the University,” says Jim Damron, M.A. In June 2003, he joined the University as associate vice president for University Advancement.

Damron manages the Department of Development, which includes major gifts, development communication, development research, financial reporting and stewardship, the University Annual Fund, the Pirate Blue Athletic Fund, advancement services and information management, planned giving, corporation and foundation relations, and Seminary development.

“I look at my new position as an opportunity to use my skills and experiences to help significantly advance this great University and make the most of the opportunities that exist for our many constituents — alumni, regents, council members, the Executive Cabinet, deans, faculty, staff, administrators and friends — to become involved.”

Damron’s development career spans 17 years. He came to Seton Hall from the University of Chicago Medical Center, where as director of major gifts he led a development team charged with raising $8 million each year for the Children’s Hospital, as well as concluding a $50 million building campaign. He also led development efforts for several other University of Chicago hospitals and biological sciences division programs.

“Jim has proved to be a successful leader — and fundraiser — since his career began,” says Joseph G. Sandman, Ph.D., vice president for University Advancement. “He has had a great track record in higher education and has a strong commitment to Catholic higher education, and particularly to Seton Hall. The University and our division are fortunate to have such a committed and capable person leading us as we continue to build upon Seton Hall’s identity, reputation and connections as a major Catholic university.”

Damron began his career in 1986 at Hillsdale College in Michigan, where he served as director of development. He later became director of development for Americans United for Life, a pro-life legal and educational organization in Chicago; director of major gifts for Opportunity International, a pioneer and world leader in the use of microenterprise development to alleviate poverty in developing countries; and executive director of corporate and foundation relations at Loyola University Chicago.

At Loyola, Damron was responsible for all corporate and foundation relations for the university’s seven schools and colleges, as well as the Loyola University Medical Center. He worked closely with Loyola’s president, provost, deans, trustees and other university leaders. During his first year (1999), he doubled foundation income from $3.2 million to $6.2 million.

After 13 years in Glen Ellyn, a suburb of Chicago, Damron and his family — his wife, Carolyn, and their daughter Ashley — now call Basking Ridge home. “We’re familiar with the East Coast and have always thought if we made a move, we would head east,” says Damron, who is originally from Virginia, where he still has family. “Ashley began her senior year at Villanova last fall. It’s been nice for both Carolyn and me to be closer to her.”

At Seton Hall, Damron has set his sights for the department high. “I look forward to strengthening the development programs here at the University,” he says. “And more importantly, I am excited about the integration of development with the other areas of the division: alumni relations and public relations and marketing. I feel fortunate to work at an institution that values the strategic combination of development, alumni, athletic fund-raising and public relations initiatives.”

— Shannon Rossman Allen
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Jim Damron, M.A., associate vice president for University Advancement, is committed to Catholic higher education.

Damron Named to Key Post in University Advancement
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ter 31 successful seasons at Seton Hall University, baseball Head Coach Mike Sheppard ’58/M.A. ’67 retired in August 2003. Coach “Shep” has determined that some health concerns and his desire to spend more time with his family dictate that he walk away from the game that he loves.

Throughout his time here, Sheppard has touched the lives of so many in the Seton Hall University community. The teams he coached have set a standard of success for Pirate baseball that would challenge and inspire any coach. In appreciation of all that Coach Shep has been, and has done, for the Seton Hall community over the years, in November 2003, Monsignor Robert Sheeran ’67, University president, conferred upon him the title of coach emeritus.

In his 31 years as coach, Sheppard recorded 28 winning seasons and 27 postseason berths, highlighted by a conference record 15 BIG EAST Tournament appearances. Named the BIG EAST Coach of the Year three times (1985, 1987 and 1989), he guided the Pirates to the conference tournament title in 1987.

Sheppard’s squads reached the NCAA Tournament 12 times, and he led Seton Hall to appearances in the College World Series in 1974 and 1975. With a career record of 998-540-11, Sheppard ranks 27th on the list of the NCAA’s all-time winningest coaches (by victories).

The youngest of Coach Shep’s three sons, Rob Sheppard ’92/M.B.A. ’97, is serving as acting coach for the 2003-04 season. Rob just completed his ninth season as the Pirates’ top assistant coach, having held the title of associate head coach since the summer of 2001. He took over as interim head coach at the start of the 2001 season, while his father recovered from triple bypass heart surgery. Under Rob’s guidance, the Pirates clinched a BIG EAST Tournament berth on the final weekend of the regular season in 2001 and then won their first conference title since 1987. In the NCAA East Regional at Clemson, South Carolina, Seton Hall advanced to the championship round for its most successful NCAA Tournament run since 1984. The Pirates ended the year with a 34-23-1 record, and Rob was named the New Jersey Collegiate Baseball Association Division I Coach of the Year.

— Marie Wozniak
One of the newest members of the University family is someone who knows it well: Reverend John Dennehy '79/M.Div.'84, returns to Seton Hall as University chaplain. Father Dennehy works closely with students to ensure that their experiences at Seton Hall are full of opportunities. He also is available to alumni, faculty, staff and administrators on the South Orange campus. As chaplain, Father Dennehy continues the ministry of Reverend John Mannion — known to many as “Doc Mannion” — who served in this role from 1964 until his death in 1996.

Father Dennehy, who majored in history at Seton Hall, earned a Master of Divinity from Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology. He attributes his decision to enter the priesthood as a recurring invitation from God. “He just kept calling me,” says Father Dennehy.

Reflecting on his experience as a college student, he recalls coming to campus in fall 1973 as a shy freshman who was transformed into the outgoing person he is today. His scholastic interests changed as well while at Seton Hall. He began college with a desire to pursue a degree in math, and later shifted to history.

Ordained to the priesthood in 1981, Father Dennehy first served at Saint Peter’s Church in Belleville. After nearly a decade there, he moved on to work in higher education, accepting the position of campus minister at two schools — Rutgers University’s Newark campus and the New Jersey Institute of Technology, also in Newark. In this post, he ministered to students for 12 years before taking a sabbatical to further his own intellectual and spiritual growth.

For six months, Father Dennehy traveled throughout Europe and experienced a variety of unique cultural and educational opportunities. He studied at the North American College at the Vatican as part of the Continuing Education for Priests Program. He completed the third largest Catholic pilgrimage, el Camino de Santiago (the Way of Saint James). This nearly 500-mile route through the Pyrenees in France and Spain ends at the fabled medieval town of Santiago de Compostela. Each year, nearly 60,000 hikers, cyclists and horseback riders follow this pathway that has attracted pilgrims since 813 A.D.

“On the pilgrimage, legend and fact come together,” Father Dennehy says. The route leads to the magnificent Romanesque/Gothic cathedral that enshrines the bones of Spain’s patron saint. There, participants receive a certificate to validate completion of the pilgrimage. “The entire pilgrimage was extremely fulfilling,” he says. “I reflected on my own personal journey and met people from all over the world.” After returning in December 2002 from his spiritual excursion through Europe, Father Dennehy served as a temporary administrator at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Ridgewood before receiving his appointment in June from the Most Reverend John J. Myers, J.C.D., D.D., Archbishop of Newark, to serve at Seton Hall.

Since arriving on campus, Father Dennehy has made a point to get to know the members of the Seton Hall family. “I want people to know that God loves them, the Church loves them; and I want to help them in any way I can,” he says. He has been regularly “touring” the campus and introducing himself to University employees and students alike.

While Father Dennehy’s office is within Campus Ministry in Boland Hall, his office is not where he does most of his work. He is out and about in the residence halls, the Galleon Room and the Pirate Dining Room, and throughout campus connecting with students and other members of the University community. A resident of Boland Hall, Father Dennehy is easily accessible to students. “I want to be where the students are,” he says, “when in a parish, people come to the Church; when on a campus, the Church needs to go to the people.”

— Sarah Tremallo
Meehan Named President of Alverno College

This spring, Mary J. Meehan ’72, M.A.’74/M.S./Ph.D. ’01, executive vice president for administration at Seton Hall University, will take office as the first lay president of Alverno College in Milwaukee.

Alverno is consistently ranked by U.S. News & World Report as one of the best liberal arts colleges in the country, and it has scored in the top 10 percent in each of the rankings of the National Survey of Student Engagement. Recognized for its groundbreaking work in outcomes assessment and curriculum development, Alverno enjoys a leadership position in educational innovation.

“We at Seton Hall know Mary as an especially talented and indefatigable leader and a gifted friend of rare wisdom and generosity,” noted Monsignor Robert Sheeran ’67, University president, when her Alverno appointment was announced to the Seton Hall community. “We have all benefited over the past seven years from Mary’s wholehearted commitment to the mission of our great University.”

Meehan joined the Seton Hall administration as vice president and assistant to the president in August 1996. Promoted to executive vice president for administration in July 2001, she oversaw all nonacademic administrative functions, including Student Affairs, Finance and Information Technology, the Compliance Program, General Counsel, Human Resources, Enrollment Services, Board Affairs, University Advancement, and Athletics and Recreational Services.

Her previous experience includes serving as executive vice president and chief operating officer of Saint Mary’s Hospital in Passaic (1993 to 1996). Prior to that, she had been administrator and CEO at Saint Vincent’s Hospital and Medical Center in Harrison, New York (1988 to 1993), where she implemented comprehensive programs that emphasized values integration, leadership development and responsible stewardship.

Meehan holds a doctoral degree in higher education administration, a master’s degree in education (with an emphasis on rehabilitation counseling) and a bachelor’s degree in sociology, all from Seton Hall. She also earned an M.S. in health policy and management from New York Medical College. She is a fellow of the American College of Health Care Executives.

She has been a member of the Passaic Mental Health Clinic Board, the Catholic Health Services Board of Long Island and St. Joseph’s Hospital and Medical Center in Paterson. She is a current member and former chair of the McAuley Health Center Board and serves on the Board of Governors and Board of Trustees of Cathedral Healthcare System. The Jewish Vocational Services Business Advisory Board and the Advisory Board of the Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer also count Meehan among their members. She also serves on several clergy misconduct boards in the metropolitan area.

An author and frequent lecturer, Meehan has been invited to speak on a variety of topics, including the spiritual dimension of leadership, business ethics and treatment issues for clergy.

Her professional contributions include service as past president of both the New Jersey Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association and the New Jersey chapter of the American Rehabilitation Counseling Association, on whose ethics review board she also served. Meehan currently is a member of the National Rehabilitation Association and the American Counseling Association.

— Shannon Rossman Allen

The Milwaukee college that Mary J. Meehan ’72, M.A.’74/M.S./Ph.D. ’01 will head is known as one of the best liberal arts colleges in the country.
Fulbright Honoree Guides Moroccan Library System into the 21st Century

My 15-year-old son and I arrived in Rabat on February 2, 2003, to find instead of the snow and ice of northern New Jersey, spring-like weather and temperatures in the 50s,” Marta Deyrup, Ph.D., assistant professor and librarian, chronicles in her Moroccan travelogue, posted on the Fulbright Senior Specialists Program Web site.

Awarded a Fulbright grant for three weeks last February, Deyrup taught administrators from the Moroccan university system how to — literally — create a modern, wired, university library. She worked at the temporary location for the Institut Marocain de l’Information Scientifique et Technique (IMIST) in Rabat, the capital.

While Morocco has 14 universities, there is no centralized university library system, few electronic resources and little exchange of materials among academic institutions. All that will be changing over the next few years, Deyrup points out.

“In the very recent past, the libraries functioned autonomously, as divisions of academic departments or little institutes. However, the Moroccan government has committed itself to expanding and modernizing its public library and university system as part of sweeping national education reforms,” Deyrup explains. “It is a thrilling and unique experience to build both a system of library services and a national technology infrastructure from scratch.”

In July 2003, IMIST began construction of its massive, high-tech facility that includes a prayer space and grounds the size of two football fields.

Plans for the new library call for a circulating collection of more than 100,000 books catalogued by the Dewey Decimal System, extensive collections of more than 3,500 scientific and technical periodicals, computer facilities for patrons and e-reserves.

Deyrup was the first Seton Hall faculty member to receive a Fulbright Senior Specialists grant. These new, shorter-duration grants from the prestigious Fulbright organization were first offered in 2000. The Senior Specialists Program provides two- to six-week grants to support curricular and faculty development and institutional planning in 140 countries around the world.

“The Senior Specialists Program is modeled after the traditional Fulbright Program that began in 1946; however, since many academics and professionals find it difficult to be overseas for two months to a year, as required by the traditional program, this new program offers them another option,” explains Patti McGill Peterson, executive director of the Council for International Exchange of Scholars, the organization that manages the Fulbright Scholar Program.

Deyrup was awarded this grant because her expertise in library science and the latest technology was a perfect match.
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with IMIST’s request for assistance. Although the French National Library and the Canadian Technical Institute also are supporting IMIST’s development, Morocco needed an expert from an American university to consult on American systems of document delivery, organization and technology.

“Technology that took the United States 30 to 40 years to develop will be achieved in Morocco in just two short years,” Deyrup exclaims. She is quick to credit the collaborative, interdisciplinary atmosphere of Seton Hall and its supportive community of faculty and administrators with contributing to the success of her consultancy. Before departing for Morocco, Deyrup met extensively with colleagues in Seton Hall’s University Libraries and Division of Information Technology to tap into their collective expertise.

In Morocco, Deyrup lectured and conducted workshops on Web design, traditional and virtual interlibrary loans, integrated database management, electronic reserve systems, creation of online theses and dissertations, bibliographic records, user surveys, metadata standards and more. “The IMIST team valued the opportunity to compare the American university library system with that of the more familiar Francophone world,” Deyrup notes.

The fact that Deyrup reads and speaks French fluently was a critical factor in her being chosen for this grant. Morocco, a former protectorate of France, is now an independent monarchy. However, Deyrup points out that even though many people speak French, Morocco remains an Islamic, North African country. “The looming American war with Iraq did create some tension at times,” she admits.

In March 2003, Deyrup and her son returned safely home to Glen Rock, right before the U.S. Department of State suspended Fulbright programs in all countries within 500 miles of Iraq. With Operation Iraqi Freedom about to launch in a few weeks, Americans were warned to leave or avoid travel to 17 countries across the Middle East, South Asia and North Africa. These warnings covered all but three countries in the region — Egypt, Tunisia and Morocco. The pillaging of Iraq’s National Museum and Library on April 11 underscored the importance of Deyrup’s productive collaboration with another library in the Islamic world.

“I was initially a little afraid to go, given the all-too-real possibility of a nearby war,” Deyrup says. But, she adds, “I knew this was the chance of a lifetime to experience Islamic culture and make significant international contacts and professional contributions. IMIST will ultimately serve as the hub for the exchange of scientific and technical information among researchers,” she explains, “and it will provide competitive intelligence for Morocco’s business community.”

Although the ongoing violence and unrest in and around Iraq may delay their plans, Deyrup and the IMIST team have written a proposal for continued collaboration with Seton Hall and an international exchange. Deyrup hopes to bring a team of IMIST’s junior researchers to Seton Hall to work with individual departments and observe library management and technology. When the political climate improves in the region, a group of senior library and academic computing specialists from Seton Hall will visit IMIST to give a conference on wireless applications in libraries, user instruction and automated library services.

“IMIST is so excited about the prospect of wireless laptops!” Deyrup shares.

Introducing her teenage son, John, to Rabat, Marrakesh and Casablanca was a dream come true for Deyrup. As a child, she had traveled throughout French North Africa with her parents. During her February 2003 Fulbright stay, “Mohammed Essadaoui, the director of the IMIST team, was a very generous host,” Deyrup says. “He opened many doors for us. As a result, John met Moroccan, Palestinian and Jordanian boys at a nearby international school, and they toured the city of Rabat together. I know John enjoyed seeing the city with fellow teenagers, and he was able to teach me so much more about Moroccan culture in return.”

— Catherine Memory, M.A.
For Kyle Warren, these famous words spoken by President Kennedy are more than mere words. They are at the heart of his own commitment. A senior communication major, Warren aims to create a positive and inclusive community wherever he goes.

The youngest of five children, Warren quickly learned that a strong voice and steely determination can create change. He credits his grandmother’s guidance and upbringing as the catalyst for his “can-do” personality and proactiveness. “My grandmother taught me about love, determination, respect for others and the importance of faith,” he says. “She reminds me that nothing is too good for me if I’m willing to work hard for it.”

While Warren certainly enjoys spending time with friends away from the rigor of the classroom, he believes leadership development and student government involvement are very important aspects of his academic experience at Seton Hall University. For students, Warren says, “It’s important to have balance between the work and the fun. Sometimes we get so caught up in schoolwork that we forget to have fun and relax, but we also must be responsible and actively involved in activities and events that affect us as a community. I think the worst feeling you can have is watching change occur and being dissatisfied. But if you aren’t involved in the decision making, it’s harder to do anything about it.”

As a student senator and chair of public relations for Seton Hall’s Student Government Association, Warren served as a liaison between students and University administration until his junior year. “I think many of our students don’t feel they have the influence to change things at Seton Hall,” he says. “I try to lead by example, demonstrating that it’s important to take a proactive stance and let our voices be heard — because change is possible.”

While at Freehold Boro High School, Warren was actively involved in its Human Relations Program, which he credits with laying the foundation for his leadership skills and diversity awareness. As president of the program’s steering committee, he frequently led student forum days and supervised more than 100 small-group leaders from among his peers.

“My involvement with the program in high school was a defining moment in my life,” he recalls, “and helped to prepare me for the activities and organizations I’ve been involved in ever since.”

At the beginning of his freshman year at Seton Hall, Warren participated in the Welcome Week diversity-training activities offered by the Seton Hall chapter of the National Coalition Building Institute (NCBI). He decided to become an NCBI facilitator, and began his training that fall. Forrest Pritchett, M.A., Freshman Studies mentor, and Jennifer Manzella, secretary to the dean for community development, facilitated the training. “I felt that Seton Hall — like my high school — valued individuality and community,” Warren says. “My training group was representative of people from all areas of the University, and, through my interaction with the group, I saw there was a climate of respect. I knew this was where I wanted to be.”

Passionate about diversity issues and how these issues affect learning environments, Warren broadened his knowledge and skill base through his association with NCBI. This program teaches individuals and groups how to listen to controversial issues and provides hands-on strategies for dealing with bigotry. Participants are encouraged to build bridges of communication and respect in all areas of their lives.
“I’m a member of NCBI because it’s fun, and I enjoy working with people,” Warren says. “It’s great to see the effect this type of training has on the people who go through the program. We are making a difference here at Seton Hall — and beyond.”

Participants in the diversity-training sessions led by Warren are inspired by his enthusiasm. “Kyle’s dedication is exemplary, and working with diversity is more than a job to him — it’s a lifestyle,” says Rosario Reyes, M.A., assistant dean for community development and the NCBI chapter’s coordinator. “He has remarkable vision and determination, and is always seeking opportunities to use diversity skills in his daily life.”

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Warren leads community diversity outreach forums throughout the year and facilitates other campus activities such as employee orientation, discussion roundtables and diversity training workshops for resident assistants. In November 2002 at Columbia University, he led a workshop for the NCBI Annual Conference for College Chapters. He also serves as one of two U.S. delegates on the NCBI International Youth Committee, whose members from eight representative countries address issues of discrimination against youth around the world.

Warren’s leadership activities extend to music as well, and his musical tastes reflect his love of diversity. He led his own jazz band at age 15. An accomplished musician — he plays piano, organ, saxophone and percussion — he also is actively involved in music ministry at his local church, where he directs the choir.

After graduation in May 2004, Warren plans to work in public relations for the government sector. As a public relations intern at the Jersey City Superior Court, Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action Division, he already is learning some of the essential skills. His areas of responsibility include communication writing, community outreach and event planning. “My work up to this point has prepared me for this opportunity, and I am going to go for it with all I have,” Warren affirms. “This internship is a valuable step for me that is right in line with my public service and diversity interests. I will continue to strive to make a difference in all I do.”

— Dennissa Brown ’01/M.A. ’03

Being a liaison between students and University administration is high on Warren’s list of priorities.
Those penetrating questions are at the heart of Seton Hall University’s IMPACTS proposal to Lilly Foundation, Inc. They are the questions members of the University community find themselves addressing in very individualized ways. The IMPACTS acronym stands for the theme of The Lilly Project at Seton Hall: Inspiring, Motivating and Promoting a Call to Service. For Catholics, a call to vocation readily is understood as a call to the consecrated life. But for every individual, it also is a call to meaningfulness, to authenticity, to a transformational experience in daily life.

Awareness and interest in discerning a calling or vocation is on the rise. The call can come anywhere — at a bank, on a commuter train, in mid-career — and it can ring anytime. At Seton Hall, the calls to service and leadership are being answered with profoundly moving responses. “We want a sense of vocation as a service to the common good to permeate all that our University is and does,” the IMPACTS proposal affirmed.

Through its $2 million grant from Lilly Endowment to fund The Lilly Project, Seton Hall is undertaking 14 SETON CALLS initiatives in support of four goals. These four broad goals are self-discovery, character formation, work to vocation and servant leadership (see the Summer 2003 Seton Hall University Magazine or visit mission.shu.edu/lilly). The animated conversations at Seton Hall about the calling to vocation can be heard in classrooms, chapels, faculty offices and residence halls, and also will include conversations with alumni, Regents and other constituencies.

One especially important group of participants in these conversations are those entrusted with teaching future generations about servant leadership. The Lilly Project engages faculty members in reflecting on their own lives to understand when, where and why they received their own callings. In a recent Faculty Summer Seminar on the theme “Religious Horizons and the Vocation of the
University,” 30 individuals who teach, serve, administer or conduct research at Seton Hall gathered to explore these questions:

◆ “Do religiously affiliated institutions of higher education and their faculty members have a special ‘vocation’ in contemporary culture?”

◆ “Does religion and religious faith have any legitimate place in the university of the 21st century?”

◆ “Is a ‘Catholic university’ a ‘contradiction in terms,’ as George Bernard Shaw claimed?”

The following three vignettes, along with the short excerpts from faculty essays on page 19, highlight the thoughts of several members of the Seton Hall community who took part in this four-day “Religious Horizons” retreat. These individuals tell of finding their calling — in very personal ways. Their journeys have helped them discover a deeper sense of meaning that has, in turn, brightened the many facets of their lives.

A Light Lit in Rome

BY DONNA SHOEMAKER, M.A.

To a newly ordained priest in 1963, America’s struggles for civil rights and social change sounded a call to action that he yearned to follow. Instead, he found himself pursuing a more contemplative endeavor. For hours a day, in a back room of the library at the Casa Santa Maria in Rome, Italy, in the mid-1960s, he pored over a 700-word philosophical work: Bernard Lonergan’s *Insight: An Essay on Human Understanding*.

Monsignor Richard M. Liddy, S.T.L., Ph.D. related the above story of his early days as a priest, when he studied for seven years in Rome. At a time when brownouts were dimming the lights of the Eternal City, he experienced a “Eureka” moment. He had “an inverse insight,” to use Lonergan’s term. Monsignor Liddy recalled suddenly realizing that he had been asking the wrong questions — unanswerable questions. That realization opened for him a way of asking the right questions.

In that moment, a new path beckoned: “the vocation of being a teacher within the higher vocation of being a Catholic priest.” In his essay titled “A Call within a Call,” composed for the “Religious Horizons” seminar, Monsignor Liddy wrote, “For if priesthood means anything, it means helping people come to a ‘heightened consciousness.’ It means ‘gathering people,’ inviting them to turn to one another in genuine conversation and helping them discover within themselves deep springs of authenticity: the desire to know, moments of insight and reflection, of discernment and genuine love.”

At Seton Hall, Monsignor Liddy is University Professor of Catholic Thought and Culture, as well as director of the Center for Catholic Studies. He guided the planning process for the IMPACCTS grant proposal and he serves on The Lilly Project’s executive committee. In 1993, almost 30 years after he became immersed in the Canadian Jesuit’s seminal work, he published *Transforming Light: Intellectual Conversion in the Early Lonergan*, and he has written often about Lonergan since then.

Monsignor Liddy’s own awareness of discernment began during his childhood in Orange and West Orange. There, as he later wrote, “that first call was ‘caught,’ not ‘taught’ — caught from a family and environment that believed that Jesus came to call us to the Father — and that I was called personally to live a new life.” He
followed his path to Seton Hall Preparatory School and then to the University and on to seminary and the priesthood.

Helping students to discern their way, to heed the “better angels” of their own nature, is a resounding theme in the IMPACTS proposal. Monsignor Liddy is aware that one of the hardest things to do — for students as well as those in the working world — is to transcend a self-imposed “to-do-list” mentality about one’s life. “Instead of living in the present and responding to Life with a capital ‘L,’ each moment, we tend to instrumentalize life and see everything as preparing for the next thing,” he observed. “We go to school to get a job to get married to raise a family to retire, etc. Everything is future-oriented, and we never celebrate the mystery of the present and the ‘call’ in every moment.”

That is why Monsignor Liddy engages faculty members and students in thinking about why they came to Seton Hall, and where they are headed — together. Even for those who might think their “seemingly mundane choices” don’t merit such a high-sounding phrase as “a calling,” the process of reflecting on these questions can be illuminating, he believes. For often in daily life, he noted, “we tend to think of ourselves as ‘black boxes’ like TVs, in which a lot of mysterious things go on of which we are totally unaware. But as we become aware of our souls and spirits, then life opens up and meaning becomes very important to us.”

The self-help section of any bookstore features piles of titles touting chicken soup, parachutes, movable cheese and doing what you love. While browsing the countless tomes dispensing advice about how to discover your true calling and how to nurture this calling into experiences that bring real meaning to your life, take a closer look at some contemporary and classic works that may serve to reaffirm your faith and help you to reconcile faith and aspiration. Here are a few to sample.

In Leading with Soul, authors Lee Bolman and Terrence Deal share a contemporary parable. They tell the story of Steve, a disillusioned leader in search of a life and career that have more meaning, and Maria, a spirited and wise woman who has found meaning for herself in both. Focusing on the spiritual and human aspects of work and life, Leading with Soul explores what it means to come together as an organization, business or unit while balancing a meaningful life and career.

A Pilgrim’s Journey: The Autobiography of Saint Ignatius of Loyola interprets the original work of the 16th-century Spanish saint to provide a modern view of his journey through life. Theologian and historian Joseph N. Tylenda, S.J. translated the autobiography and also provides an introduction and commentary. The book details Ignatius’ pilgrimage that included wrestling with personal demons — temptation and vanity — before ascending to grace. Readers gain insight into the euphoric moments and visions that changed his life and led to his conversion in his early 30s.

Managing as if Faith Mattered: Christian Social Principles in the Modern Organization is relevant to this day and time. The authors, Sister Helen J. Alford, O.P., and Michael J. Naughton, Ph.D., in their study of Catholic social tradition address many of the issues plaguing educators and executives — issues related to personal and private ethics. Within the realm of accountability, integrity and responsibility, Sister Alford and Naughton explore the real-life economic and social challenges that test the boundaries of faith and human solidarity.

On Human Work (Laborem Exercens), Pope John Paul II’s third encyclical, promulgated in 1981, offers a timeless perspective that correlates the biblical, historical and sociological dimensions of work. He explores how capitalism, gender roles, class structures, compensation, rights, responsibilities and unions impact labor.

Po Bronson, known for his insights into the entrepreneurial culture of Silicon Valley, is the author of New York Times best-seller What Should I Do with My Life? Bronson interviewed nearly 1,000 men and women who have sought answers to this elusive question. Within this 400-page book, he details the stories of more than 50 people. Some found their search for fulfillment in the workplace; for others, their journeys led them into uncharted and unexpected territories.

— Shannon Rossman Allen and Dorett Smith
The Facts of Job Satisfaction

If you are lucky enough to have a great job, are you working much longer hours these days? Welcome to Down sized, Inc. Since the 1950s, the number of Americans working more than 40 hours a week has steadily risen. In 1998, one-third of those employed outside the home reported regularly working overtime, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The concern for many employees is that while their work hours increase, their job satisfaction levels decrease.

Has this discontent reached epidemic proportions? Quite possibly, according to the Conference Board. This nonprofit management research firm has been measuring job satisfaction levels since 1995. Among its findings are that fewer than half of those surveyed in 2002 were happy in their jobs, compared with 59 percent even years ago. There was a decline among working professionals of all ages and all income levels.

While it does seem as if job satisfaction is on a downward spiral, there is a bright spot. Many Americans are recognizing the need to find greater meaning in their work and everyday lives. In 2002, 70 percent of working professionals reported that having a job that provides them with a sense of meaning or contribution to society is important to their overall job satisfaction.

— Shannon Rossman Allen

Think...Scheme...and Dream

BY CAROL STAVRAKA

For Kristina Chew, Ph.D., pursuing a vocation is not something she simply wants to do; rather, it is something she feels compelled to do. “Some vocations are quite difficult and present great challenges,” she says, “but living out a vocation — a calling from God — also offers some of the greatest rewards.”

A writing instructor at Seton Hall University since 2001, Chew has found and is happily pursuing her vocation: teaching. A former high school Latin teacher and classics professor at the University of Saint Thomas in Saint Paul, Minnesota, Chew feels called to the classroom. “Even before I finished my education, I knew I wanted to teach,” she affirmed. “But I didn’t really know how much of a responsibility this was, or how deeply it would affect my life.”

When Chew began teaching in 1994, she soon recognized that it was much more than a job. As she watched some students struggle while others excelled, she felt called to reach out to those students and find a way to help them succeed. “I learned that it was I — the teacher — and my teaching methods that needed to change to better meet the needs of my students,” she recalled.

Figuring out how to meet these needs became a major focus. She remembers trying to teach Greek to a college freshman who had confided to her that he had a learning disability. Instead of relying on the standard textbook, Chew rewrote many of the lessons for him, and spent countless hours coaching him on the alpha and omega of Greek vocabulary. The student not only passed her course, but also graduated on time. “Knowing that I had made a difference in his life made a huge difference in mine,” Chew said. “It changed the view I had of my career.

“For me, teaching is about so much more than imparting the rules of English grammar to my students,” Chew observed. “I like to think, scheme and even dream about how I can help my students transform their writing assignments into meaningful essays. Often this means getting to know students on an individual basis, responding to their needs and giving them the encouragement and confidence they need to do well.”

This teaching philosophy also has had a profound impact on Chew’s personal life. When her son Charlie was 2, she and her husband learned he was autistic. Chew researched and sought out autism experts to develop a therapy program. She also assisted in training college students to teach Charlie.

Creating an intensive, in-home therapy program was not easy. “This is when I learned not why I teach, but why teaching is just what I do,” she says. Although the hours she spends teaching Charlie can be long and challenging, they also are full of joy. “For me, teaching is a vocation when you do it not only because you love to, but because you have to.” Charlie, now 6, has made remarkable progress since his diagnosis. The therapy program has helped him learn to speak, play and interact with other children.

For Chew, teaching has pleasantly blurred the line between her professional and personal life. Her work is simply a part of who she is. “A vocation can call you, and the real humanity of it lies in figuring out how to rework your life, thinking and beliefs to meet the choice. That is what I have tried to do,” Chew said. “Clearly, my calling is something that God has placed in my lap. But I wouldn’t have it any other way.”
For many of us, the discovery of our vocation does not ring like a bell in our head. Instead we make our way through life, taking what we think is the next best step, choosing one thing and not the other until we find ourselves at work.

“If I am to reflect honestly about my own journey and others that I know, it seems important to disconnect the notion of vocation from the notion of job or career. One may have many jobs in the course of a lifetime that may or may not fit with one’s sense of call. I am less interested in helping my students get a job and more interested in helping them discover what makes them feel alive, fulfilled and useful to the world.”

— Colleen M. Conway, Ph.D., assistant professor of religion at Seton Hall University. She is a specialist in New Testament studies.

My calling is clear: to use my talents being aware of, if not working on my limitations, to embody Catholic social teachings in concrete ways in Essex County as a representative of Seton Hall University. I feel congruency among my skills, ethics, personality and Catholic economic teachings. This gives me joy, intersects with my abilities, is challenging and continues to serve a real need.”

— Barrie A. Peterson, M.Div., co-director of Seton Hall University’s Institute on Work. He defines the Institute as “an ongoing vehicle for forming ‘constituencies of conscience’ around workplace justice and for manifesting the rich heritage of Catholic social and economic teachings.”

Over the past 16 years, my philosophy toward teaching has evolved from an emphasis on conveying information to challenging and engaging students to become active learners, especially through the pedagogy of service learning. If what I do matters, and if what I do is important and has an impact on the lives of individuals, then it reasonably follows that what I teach my students and more importantly, what they learn and do, should have an impact and matter, too.

“Indeed, my department [political science] has a philosophy of encouraging students to apply what they’ve learned through various courses in our experiential learning program. Thus the faculty was very receptive to my proposal to introduce a service learning component to our curriculum and to a recently proposed minor in nonprofit studies.

“In this environment, I have been able to intermingle my vocations. I have not been forced to sacrifice one for the other, and for that I am both fortunate and grateful.”

— Joseph R. Marbach, Ph.D., associate professor of political science and co-director of the Institute for Service Learning at Seton Hall University. The political science department has received national recognition for its service learning program.
“A vocation is a call from God and always a call to some type of service,” observed David Foster, Ph.D., director of the Center for Vocation and Servant Leadership and associate professor at Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology. “Whether as a parent, priest or journalist, our vocation will serve the common good. God not only has numbered the hairs on our head but has an individual plan for how each of us can be most satisfied with our lives. For our students to know this is like having an inoculation against a midlife crisis.”

Foster said his own vocation is to share his faith through teaching, a call that led him to study theology at the University of Notre Dame and then to teach religion in a Catholic high school in Elmira, New York. “I had a sense even back then that I was doing what God wanted me to do,” he reflected.

A desire to have a better understanding of his faith led Foster to pursue a master’s degree in theology, followed by a master’s and doctoral degree in philosophy at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. His interest in theology then led him to study philosophy and theology’s use of philosophy. In 1996, the Venice Conference on Seminaries invited Foster to present a paper titled “Six Ways Theology Uses Philosophy.”

A professor in the pre-theology program since 1987, Foster feels that God’s providential plan led him to Seton Hall University. “Seton Hall’s Catholic mission commits us to preparing our students to respond to that individual call that God has for them,” he says. “For me, that commitment has been to teach philosophy to seminarians. It has been a great privilege to help educate the next generation of priests.” While directing the Center, Foster will continue to teach one course each semester. He believes his teaching closely connects with the goals of The Lilly Project because it serves the next generation of Church leaders. In addition, teaching connects him with something else he feels very strongly about: keeping in touch with students.

In his new role as director of the Center for Vocation and Servant Leadership, Foster plans to be more directly involved in outreach, both to students and faculty. “This new appointment, while challenging and requiring frequent recommitments to my call (primarily in quiet times of prayer), is an aspect of my vocation I’ve been waiting to fulfill,” he said. “As director, I pray that I don’t get in the way of the good things that should be done and don’t lose focus on what is everlasting.”

Under Foster’s direction, the Center plans to sponsor 14 programs, including scholarships; retreats for students, faculty, and alumni; a spiritual outreach to students; local community development; service learning opportunities; and the expression of faith through the arts. Among the co-sponsors of many of these programs will be Campus Ministry, the Center for Catholic Studies and The Career Center. “One of the nicest things about my job as director,” Foster says, “is that it involves me with so many good people and good things that Seton Hall is already doing on campus. “It is the belief of Christians that God has a special call for each of us. Yet, to hear His call, we must stop and listen. We lead very noisy lives. Our new Center will provide ways that students, faculty and alumni can be still and listen to Our Father speaking in the quiet.”
# Winter-Spring 2004 Sports Schedule

**February**

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Focused as a Family in the Centennial Year

Head Coach Louis Orr has always equated the Pirates’ program to a family. And like a family, the Pirates have gone through stages of growth under Orr. That progression was certainly evident last season as the Pirates went from a struggling team to one of the nation’s hottest down the stretch. Orr sees the potential for even more growth in 2003-04 as the men’s team looks to take another step and reach the NCAA Tournament.

“I think we gained an identity as a team, and our confidence and courage grew,” says Orr. “Once we won a few games, we started to put full games together and play 40 minutes of basketball. And that’s where we grew a lot — in our focus for 40 minutes.” Orr was named the 2003 BIG EAST Coach of the Year after guiding the Pirates to a 17-13 record, a 10-6 conference mark and an NIT appearance.

During this centennial year, Orr is looking to continue the momentum. With four starters returning, another post-season bid could be in Seton Hall’s immediate future.

“Just seeing how we’ve responded with our work ethic and commitment in the post-season is a good sign,” Orr says. “If you’re going to be successful, you have to start in April, May and June. It’s how hard you work individually and collectively, and our guys have responded from top to bottom. We have to become a better team, but I think everyone understands that we’re close to being a really good team.”

Clearly one of the key performers in the Pirates’ 2002-03 run was point guard Andre Barrett. In all 30 games, Barrett scored double figures, and he topped the team with points (16.7), assists (5.3), free-throw percentage (.836) and three-point percentage (.368). Barrett, who earned his first All-BIG EAST Second Team honors last season, is expected to continue to establish himself as one of the nation’s best point guards.

Barrett entered his senior year with great focus, having gained invaluable experience on the U.S. team that competed last summer at the Pan American Games in the Dominican Republic. In November, he was one of 30 NCAA Division I men’s basketball student-athletes chosen as preseason candidates for the Naismith College Basketball Player of the Year honors. He also was one of 50 nationally (only six of whom are from the BIG EAST) on the preseason Wooden Award candidates list.

John Allen returns to the lineup after averaging a solid 13.9 points per game (ppg) and 5.1 rebounds — despite being targeted defensively by opponents after his standout freshman season. The 6-foot-5 junior made the adjustment to shooting guard and pairs with Barrett to give the Pirates a high-scoring backcourt — potentially one of the best in the BIG EAST Conference. In the season opener against Morgan State on November 22, his game-high 22 points proved pivotal in the Pirates 89-62 win.

Marcus Toney-El was an important part of the Pirates’ success last season, supporting the team in ways that don’t necessarily show up in the box score. As a junior, Toney-El averaged 6.7 points and 4.4 rebounds per game, and proved that he didn’t have to be one of the team’s top scorers to be a key contributor.

One of the biggest additions to the Pirates last season was 6-foot-8 center Kelly Whitney. The freshman had a standout year, earning BIG EAST All-Rookie honors while averaging 11 ppg and leading the team in rebounds (6.1) and blocked shots (30).

Another newcomer who made a tremendous impact was Andre Sweet, who transferred from Duke in 2001-02. He relished his role as the team’s “sixth man” and became one of the most dependable Pirates. The 6-foot-6 forward led all reserves in scoring (8.1), rebounds (4.5) and minutes (20.8).

The first-year player with the strongest chance to move into a starting role this season is 6-foot-10, 246-pound center Grant Billmeier from St. Patrick’s, one of New Jersey’s
top-ranked high schools. Orr also can draw on three talented backcourt players: sophomores J.R. Morris and Donald Copeland and freshman Jamar Nutter (Seton Hall Preparatory School). Backing up the post players are senior Damion Fray and two sophomores — 7-foot center Alex Gambino and 6-foot-9 Eric Davis.

“Last year, we were trying to find ourselves early on, but that’s just part of the growth process,” Orr says. “Our guys now understand that to get to that next level as a team you need to be consistent — from beginning to end. You have to make sure there’s no question when it comes time for post-season selection.”

— Marie Wozniak
former assistant athletic director/communication

The National TV Trio
The Pirate men’s basketball team makes three national television appearances in 2003-04. ESPN will televise live the away games at Notre Dame (February 14 at Noon) and at Connecticut (March 1 at 7 p.m.). On November 26, ESPN2 carried the opening round of the Great Alaska Shootout, in which the Pirates topped Alaska Anchorage 62-57.

Regionally Televised Games
The Pirates also will appear on WWOR-TV:
January 24 vs. Virginia Tech
(7 p.m.)
February 21 vs. Villanova (Noon)
February 28 vs. Georgetown
(7 p.m.)
March 7 at Rutgers (Noon)
For the latest update on televised games, visit www.shupirates.com

Last fall, senior Andre Barrett was honored as one of 30 candidates for the Naismith College Basketball Player of the Year award.
Women’s Basketball: Opportunity for a Big Impact

Head Coach Phyllis Mangina ‘81 enters her 19th season with an intriguing mix of talent capable of bringing Seton Hall University to great heights in the BIG EAST Conference. Over the past few years, Mangina’s teams have been only a few close games away from consideration for the NCAA Tournament. After a backcourt players can run an offense, score off the dribble or drain the outside shot.

On the backcourt, senior Melissa Langelier is perhaps the most versatile. She led the Pirates in three-pointers and assists last season and averaged 6.7 points per game (ppg). This year, she has been asked to take on a bigger scoring load. The talented Canadian also can run the offense with efficiency and is a pinpoint passer.

Sophomore Monida Johnson gave Pirate fans some of the most exciting moments on the court last season, when she averaged 6.7 ppg and hit 27 three-pointers. With her consistency and experience, the 5-foot-3 Johnson could have a breakout season.

Junior Asia Carroll is a talented scorer off the bench who can hit the three-point shot and excel in the open court.

Sophomore Keri Shutz, who gained experience playing as a freshman, has an opportunity to win the point guard position. Shutz is a heady player who can bring Seton Hall stability and confidence.

A huge boost comes from sophomore Cortne Ellis, a Michigan State transfer. Ellis is a big-time talent slated to bring toughness to the two-guard position. Two years ago, Ellis was one of the top recruits coming out of high school.

Seton Hall’s frontcourt is loaded with both ability and experience. Senior Charlene Thomas, the top power player for the Pirates, last season led the team in scoring (10.1) and was second in rebounding (5.9).

Junior swing player Ashley Bush is team captain this season. At 5-foot-10, Bush led the team and was among the league leaders last season in rebounding, averaging 7.8 rebounds and 7.3 ppg. She has taken on a larger offensive role this season.

Senior LaNedra Brown, who played last season after transferring from Duke, established herself as a solid two-way player with a strong offensive game. She will see major minutes at center and power forward, providing the Pirates with a shot blocker on defense and a good mid-range shooter on offense. Brown’s double-digit playing turned the tables for an 83-58 defeat of Rider in the opening game of the Seton Hall Basketball Classic on November 21, 2003, in Walsh Gym (also the season opener, the game was presented by Aeropostale). She kept up the sizzling pace in the Classic’s championship game the following night, as the Pirates gained a 77-67 victory against UNC Charlotte.

Senior Tine Duelund will have to work her way back into the mix after missing much of last season due to illness.

Junior Ayanna Phillip is back after red-shirting last season. She is a premier shot-blocker who is a key factor off the bench.

Sophomore Julie Costello is a hard-working and unselfish post player and is expected to improve on her 2.6 ppg and 2.9 rebounds.

The four freshmen all have the opportunity to make a big impact. Monique Blake of Union will vie for minutes at forward. Another inside candidate is 6-foot-1 Amber Harris out of Washington, Pennsylvania. Finland National Team’s Heta Korpivaara, at 6-foot-2, can play inside or outside and will give Mangina flexibility in the lineup. Che’la Turner, the 2003 Gatorade Player of the Year out of Washington, D.C., has an outstanding chance to earn significant minutes at shooting guard or small forward.

This season, the Seton Hall women’s basketball team celebrates its first three decades. With games against Connecticut (last year’s national champion) and Rutgers, the 2003-04 team is poised to provide fans with plenty of excitement throughout the season.

—Jeff Andriesse, assistant director of Sports Information

Last season Ashley Bush, now a junior, was among the league leaders in rebounding.

15-14 record and WNIT berth last season, Mangina has accumulated a tremendous recruiting class to integrate into her lineup of returning veterans.

The team possesses talent up and down the roster, and finding consistency throughout the season will be important. Most of Mangina’s returning
The team’s top power player for this season is senior Charlene Thomas. (Above) Canadian Melissa Langelier demonstrated her backcourt versatility in 2002-03, her junior year. (Inset) Senior LaNedra Brown’s two-way skills proved invaluable in the Seton Hall Basketball Classic in Walsh Gym (November 2003).
For Maury Cartine ’70/J.D. ’76, the route to Seton Hall University was almost as direct as his two-mile walk to campus from his home in Maplewood. But growing up, Cartine lived a life that he describes as “loving, but deep in poverty,” and he is grateful the University took a chance on him.

Cartine’s father was a peddler who sold fruits and vegetables on the streets of Newark, and his mother worked as a saleswoman for various department stores in Newark. With four sons, the Cartines struggled each day to put food on the table. When Cartine was 3 years old, the family relocated to Maplewood in hopes of a better life. But five years later, the bank foreclosed on their home and they moved to an apartment.

Describing himself as an “average student at an above-average high school,” Cartine says it was assumed he would go to college after graduating from Maplewood’s Columbia High School in 1966. He chose to major in accounting because his mother’s perception was that accountants always have a job.

“At Seton Hall, I tasted my first victories and realized the glorious feeling of success once I began applying myself, getting good grades and making the Dean’s List,” Cartine recalls.

Industrious and focused, Cartine paid for his Seton Hall education by working in shoe stores in Maplewood and Union, walking several miles each day to his job after attending classes.

He recalls the Seton Hall bookstore as the site of his most profound memory of his father, now deceased. “I was in my second semester,” Cartine remembers. “It was January, a difficult time of year for my family. As a peddler, my father didn’t work in the winter, and money was almost nonexistent. That day, he drove me to the bookstore and took $70 out of his wallet to give to me to buy books. It was probably the only money he had, and I could see how proud he was when he handed it over to me. That moment created a bond between us that was never broken. And it all happened at Seton Hall.”

In 1969, during the summer before his senior year, Cartine made a decision that served him well for the next seven years. He applied for and was the first student to be accepted into an internship with an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) work-study program.

In charge of the worldwide tax practice at Rothstein, Kass & Company, Maury Cartine ’70/J.D. ’76 has hired several graduates of his alma mater.
program. This enabled him to work all summer and two days a week while attending classes during his senior year. After graduating in 1970, he accepted a full-time position with the IRS as an examining agent, thereafter advancing to the position of reviewer and classroom instructor.

With the Vietnam conflict still raging, and having drawn a low number in the Selective Service lottery, Cartine decided to join the New Jersey Army National Guard, and later graduated from its Officers’ Candidate School. He served first as an enlisted man and then completed his service as an officer in 1976.

In 1972, despite what Cartine says was fierce competition, he was accepted into Seton Hall School of Law’s evening program to become a tax attorney. He laughs as he recalls the blur of the next four years, working for the IRS during the day, going to law school at night from Monday to Thursday and doing his National Guard duty on the weekends. Every now and then, he had to leave a night class early to drive to Plainfield Armory for a National Guard officers’ meeting. He also worked at the School of Law’s free legal clinic at Patrick House, an outreach center in Jersey City for clients struggling to overcome alcohol and drug addictions.

Cartine readily names his favorite law professors: Joseph M. Lynch, LL.B., who taught civil procedure (“a real-life Professor Kingsfield from ‘The Paper Chase’ movie”) and Harvey M. Sklaw, J.D. ’63, a no-nonsense authority on commercial law. Both Lynch and Sklaw are now professors emeriti at the School of Law. Cartine’s class was one of the first to move from the Law School’s old home at 40 Clinton Street in Newark, with its hand-cranked elevators, to temporary quarters on Raymond Boulevard (he and his classmates dubbed them the “Quonset huts”), and then to the Law School’s next home — a new building that graduates later called “McDonald’s.” This building was ultimately replaced by the sleek One Newark Center, but Cartine graduated before classes commenced in this skyscraper that is the Law School’s current home.

Since earning his J.D. in 1976, Cartine has carved out a personal and professional life that he says “far surpasses” the goals he first set for himself in college. “My years at Seton Hall taught me self-determination and turned a former introverted kid into a secure, extroverted adult.”

Cartine left the IRS, worked for three years at a CPA firm and then in 1978 opened his own private tax and commercial law practice in Union. One of his largest clients was Rothstein, Kass & Company, an accounting and business consultation firm then based in Millburn. In 1980, Cartine joined Rothstein Kass as stockholder and head — and sole employee — of its tax department.

During the past 23 years at the firm, Cartine has been instrumental in its growth. From a small New Jersey-based company with gross revenues of $700,000 and 20 employees, Rothstein Kass has become an international firm with seven locations worldwide, more than 500 employees and annual gross revenues topping $70 million. He now serves as principal in charge of the worldwide tax practice and vice president of the firm, which is headquartered in Roseland. Cartine oversees the activities of a 40-member tax department that extends across the United States and the Cayman Islands. He also serves on the firm’s board of directors.

His greatest satisfaction at work, says Cartine, is to find solutions to complex problems in areas such as securities, estate planning, mergers and acquisitions, profit-sharing, large business transactions, and buying and selling family businesses.

Cartine remains loyal to Seton Hall and has hired several University graduates to work in his department. His dedication to the alma mater remains an integral part of his life. As a member of the Dean’s Advisory Board for the Stillman School of Business, Cartine provides advice and counsel to Karen E. Boroff, Ph.D., dean of the School.

“Maury recently helped us revise the curriculum for the M.S. in Taxation program, making it more relevant for today’s students,” Boroff says. “He is extremely supportive of the School’s initiatives and regularly supports our annual golf outing and ‘MONOPOLY’ fundraiser.”

Cartine’s generosity to the University has helped to fund the education of a number of undergraduates. Last year, he and his wife, Robin, hosted “Seton Hall: Leading into the Future,” an event that took place in their Montville home to encourage other alumni to become active in supporting the University.

Cartine’s dedication also extends into his community. Since 1976, he has been active in the United Jewish Appeal and was a cabinet member of its Young Leadership Division. He is a member of Fairleigh Dickinson University’s Board of Advisers to the Master’s Degree in Taxation program. In the 1980s, he helped build Montville’s first public playground and served on the committee that helped the township open its first public library. He now serves as the vice chairman of the Montville Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Bruce Ackerman ’77, J.D., the attorney for the zoning adjustment board, has worked with Cartine on the township’s land-use issues. Ackerman describes Cartine as “extraordinarily dedicated to doing the right thing for the public and a strong leader who is well-versed in the law and knows how to articulate it.” Ackerman, who attended the Cartines’ “meet-and-greet” alumni event at their home last year, says he admires Cartine’s willingness to always “espouse the virtues of a Seton Hall education.”

“If it weren’t for Seton Hall,” Cartine concludes, “I don’t think I would have had the ability to surpass even my most optimistic goals. The University helped make me what I am today, and I enjoy sharing my Seton Hall experiences with others who love the University.”

— Barbara Iozzia
A scarred left arm, nearly severed in a motor vehicle accident, might make another person depressed or even angry. But Elisabeth “Lisa” Commette ’90 isn’t just anyone. “It’s the most beautiful thing I’ve ever seen in my life. It tells a story,” she said of her weakened arm in *Body Rebuilders*, a documentary on *The Learning Channel* (TLC). “Every morning I wake up, and this reminds me of what a great day it is.”

On July 19, 2001, a minor change in routine changed her life forever. Five weeks earlier, she had begun a new job at Schering-Plough in Kenilworth. Her 33rd birthday would be in three days. On July 19, she recalls, “I left early from work for a doctor’s appointment.” She drove her sports-utility vehicle (SUV) southbound on the Garden State Parkway. “While I always took the express lanes, that day they were congested, so I took the local lanes. I usually drive in the acceleration lane, but I stayed in the center lane,” she explains.

A television documentary traced the miraculous recovery of Elisabeth “Lisa” Commette ’90 following a traumatic accident on the Garden State Parkway. Her Seton Hall friends rallied around her through her 10 operations.

Out of nowhere, it seems, another driver cut her off. Commette swerved to avoid the car, but as she discovered, “you can’t swerve in an SUV.” She fishtailed off the highway and struck an embankment, which sent her car airborne. On the way down, the vehicle struck a tree directly on the driver’s side door and then rolled over and over again until it finally stopped, upside down. The word “miracle” is loosely tossed about today, but in Commette’s case, there’s no doubt. “Someone told me that I must have had angels in my car that day,” she says.

Commette sustained no internal injuries from the accident, and there wasn’t a scratch on her face. But her left arm was connected by only a quarter-inch piece of skin, and there was a gash on her right foot. She was taken by helicopter to the Jersey Shore University Medical Center. “I truly believe that if I hadn’t been airlifted to that hospital and been treated by those doctors, my arm would have been amputated,” she says. “There are a lot of doctors who would not have tried to save it.”

**Armed with a Positive Attitude**
A trauma surgeon, orthopedic surgeons, a vascular surgeon and a reconstructive surgeon specializing in limb salvage were on the team that worked five hours to reattach Commette’s left arm. In a critical part of the surgery, doctors took a vein from her leg and grafted it into her arm to restore blood flow.

Meanwhile, Commette’s family drove to the hospital and alerted her friends that she was in very serious condition. Jackie Beck DeMarrais ’91, one of Commette’s friends from Seton Hall, understandably was very concerned. “My mind was racing with all kinds of thoughts,” says DeMarrais. “At first it sounded as though she wasn’t going to make it.” She also worried that they would not be able to save Commette’s arm.

DeMarrais had met Commette as a first-year student. “A friend, Chris Nolan Campbell ’90, and I decided to join a new sorority, Alpha Phi. That’s how we met Lisa and another girl we became close with, Colleen Armitage Courtney ’90.” DeMarrais explains. “From the start, Lisa had such a lively personality. I was a commuter, and she said, ‘My room is your room.’ She took me in as a little sister.”

Commette sampled several disciplines at Seton Hall before choosing to major in English, with a psychology minor. At one point, she had the opportunity to transfer to the University of Rhode Island, her brother’s alma mater. But her friendships were too firmly rooted. “I wouldn’t trade my experiences at Seton Hall or the friends I made there for anything,” she says. “Seton Hall was the right place for me.”

When Commette was injured, her Seton Hall friends rallied around her. Even in the first tenuous days after the accident, DeMarrais was able to joke with her friend. “We had always gotten together for Lisa’s birthday, but the year of the accident, I had other plans,” recalls DeMarrais. “The accident changed that, of course, so when I had the opportunity to see her, I said, ‘This is kind of an extreme way to get me to come down for your birthday!’ ”

While family and friends wanted to show their love for her, in typical Commette style, by the next month, she was writing a poem to comfort them. In one verse, she told them:

My lifestyle has been altered
This indeed is true;
But with your love and support,
I know I will see this through.

Since the accident, Commette has had 10 operations, including tendon transfers and nerve reconstruction. In one procedure, surgeons transferred half of the latissimus muscle in her back to create a new bicep muscle. Andrew Elkwood, M.D., a reconstructive specialist, performed many of the surgeries. “When we first met in the trauma room, he said that we were going to become great friends over the next two years,” Commette says. “His timing was about right.” In Body Builders, Elkwood says about Commette, “I’ve never had a patient who was so upbeat!”

The television documentary, which first aired on TLC in November 2002, tracked Commette’s story from her first surgery through rehabilitation, and followed up on her appearance on TLC’s Trauma: Life in the E.R. “The [Trauma] crew was filming at Jersey Shore University Medical Center when I was brought in,” Commette explains. “They shoot first, while the trauma team is in action, and then request permission afterward. I said ‘yes.’ Then, the Trauma producer mentioned me to John Kim, who was working on the Body Builders documentary. That crew followed me around for a few months, and, at the end, they said they could tell I’d made progress.”

DeMarrais is very proud of how far her friend has come and is inspired by the strength Commette has shown. DeMarrais named her second child after Commette; Riley Elisabeth is now a year old. “What better role model could my daughter have?” DeMarrais asks.

Commette’s progress is the result of many hours of physical therapy, lifting weights and performing exercises. She also had occupational therapy to relearn daily living tasks. “You’d be surprised how many things take two hands to do,” says Commette, who is right-handed. “I still can’t squeeze shampoo from a bottle, and it takes real effort to put a barrette in my hair.”

Still, Commette has come a very long way. The Point Pleasant resident has started playing tennis again, and she’s resumed her volunteer work with Coastal Caregivers, which provides support services to the elderly and others in need.

Commette doesn’t have much feeling along the inner side of her arm and hand, but that’s insignificant to her. “I had a decision to make after the accident. I could be miserable, or I could deal with it and make the best of it,” she says. “Every morning I wake up, I am glad to be alive. I’ve been blessed with a wonderful family and great friends. The accident has taught me so much about life and given me a new perspective. I am the lucky one.”

—I wouldn’t trade my experiences at Seton Hall or the friends I made there for anything.”

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

The Lenape-Delaware Indian Heritage: 10,000 BC to AD 2000
by Herbert C. Kraft ’50, Ph.D. (Lenape Books, $51.50/$66.95)

Kraft made the study of early man — or more specifically, the study of early man’s material remains — his life’s work. Kraft was a professor of anthropology and former curator and director of the Seton Hall Museum and Archaeological Research Center.

Born and raised in Elizabeth, Kraft became interested in archaeology after stumbling upon an artifact near the current site of Newark Liberty International Airport. The discovery intrigued him and ultimately decided his career path.

John Kraft ’77, M.A., one of Kraft’s seven children, went on his first archaeological dig with his father at the age of 10. “My father loved prehistory and the technical aspects of archaeology,” John recalls. “Even though he collected artifacts from around the world, he had a special interest in New Jersey’s prehistory and Native American cultures.”

An author of a dozen books and more than 170 articles, Herbert Kraft was recognized as a pre-eminent scholar on the Lenape-Delaware Indians (New Jersey’s earliest inhabitants). Although he passed away in October 2000 at the age of 73, his legacy lives on with the release of The Lenape-Delaware Indian Heritage: 10,000 BC to AD 2000.

The volume is Kraft’s first full-length study of the Lenape, incorporating earlier works along with a wealth of new information. Written in nontechnical language, this book presents new evidence concerning their origins, prehistory and lifeways.

“This is the definitive study on the Lenape and is based on an incredible amount of research and documentation,” notes John. “The book comprises 12,000 years of prehistory of a people that lived in New Jersey and parts of Pennsylvania, New York and Delaware. My father included everything he knew about these people so that it is forever in print.” John co-wrote several books with his father and often served as his father’s illustrator. “My father was a meticulous researcher, and his style of writing — plus the numerous illustrations, photographs and maps — make this book accessible to the general reader,” John says.

Kraft reconstructs the ways Paleo-Indians and later ancestors of the Lenape adjusted to various environments as hunters, fishers and gatherers, and how settlement patterns changed with the introduction of horticulture. In his research, Kraft made use of Dutch, Swedish and English colonial documents, Moravian missionary accounts, information provided by living descendants of the Lenape, and new archaeological and ethnographical discoveries. His book identifies and describes Indian artifacts and the specific roles of the sexes, the vision quest, arts and technology, house and settlement patterns, religious beliefs, herbalism and curing, and death and burial practices. It also covers the adverse, and oftentimes devastating, effects of European settlement, the fur trade, epidemics, alcohol, and the final dispossession of the Lenape from their traditional homeland.

“My father was an amazing person. He loved research, he loved the Lenape people — a people who aren’t the ‘Hollywood’ version of Indians. They were a beautiful and intelligent people who had a unique way of living,” notes John, who is the director of Lenape Lifeways Educational Programs, Inc., a nonprofit organization based in Stanhope. Complementing his father’s life study, John’s organization serves as a resource about traditional Lenape and other Native American cultures, offering interactive outreach programs for schools, nature centers, libraries and museums.

“My father was an amazing person. He loved research and he loved the Lenape people,” notes John Kraft ’77, M.A., son of Herbert C. Kraft ’50, Ph.D. John holds a wampum belt strung with several wampum beads. The belts were commonly used for keeping records, sanctioning council proceedings and vouching for the integrity of the speaker. On the table are several artifacts from the Lenape Lifeways collection.
Lifeways’ artifacts have been exhibited at local museums, the New Jersey State Museum and the National Park Service, just to name a few.

“There were so many different facets to my father’s life,” John says. “Not only was he an anthropologist, an educator and a curator, he also was a world traveler, a music lover and a collector, not only of artifacts, but of rare books and manuscripts. He loved life, and this incredible book is a testament to that.”

At the author’s request, the book’s epilogue, “Reclaiming the Lenape Heritage,” was written by David M. Oestreicher, Ph.D., author of The Algonquin of New York. It includes a discussion of land treaties, westward migrations and information on the remnant populations of the Lenape. Other Seton Hall colleagues who helped with the word processing, editing, layout and computer graphics for the book include Jenny Martin ’96, M.A., a former student and graduate assistant; Peter Rosenblum, M.A., senior faculty associate of communication and art; Donald J. McKenna, Ph.D., associate professor of communication; and Denis Yarosh, of Academic Computing.

—Pamela Dungee

Stop the Meeting, I Want to Get Off!
by Scott Snair, M.S.
(McGraw-Hill, $14.95)

A decorated Desert Storm platoon leader turned corporate manager and consultant, Snair introduces a fresh approach to intraoffice communication in Stop the Meeting, I Want to Get Off! He advocates a philosophy of one-on-one interaction rather than lengthy, unproductive meetings — a concept that revolutionizes the business of managing a workplace.

In detailing what he calls the process of “eliminating endless meetings while improving team communication, productivity and effectiveness,” Snair outlines the methods and advantages of one-on-one management, delegating, hands-on leadership and organizational channeling. He also offers tips on the respectful way to avoid unnecessary meetings convened by others, as well as rules of engagement for the unavoidable meeting. This philosophy of “less talk and more action” is reinforced throughout the book, highlighting how greater productivity and efficiency can be achieved in any workplace.

President of his class at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, Snair earned a Master of Science in Management degree from Thomas Edison State College. He is pursuing a doctoral degree in higher education leadership, management and policy at Seton Hall University.

Delta Six: Soldier Surgeon
by Richard L. Snider ’62, M.D.
(Heritage Books, Inc., $23)

Plucked from surgical training at the age of 27, Snider was sent to Vietnam to lead Company D, 25th Infantry Division during the event-filled year of 1968. Delta Six: Soldier Surgeon is the compelling story of his 364-day sojourn as he brought comfort and caring to places filled with suffering and death. Through vivid description and moving accounts, Snider takes readers on a journey from his basic training at Fort Sam Houston in Texas to Cu Chi, Tay Ninh and Saigon, and finally to the long-awaited trip back home.

Snider brings to the surface the wide spectrum of human emotions experienced by those in war. Readers will laugh out loud as Snider unknowingly shouts at a three-star general and will cry at the loss of Snider’s three medics and those he could not save. In addition to conveying Snider’s story, Delta Six: Soldier Surgeon pays homage to the soldiers who carried out the Vietnam War “honorable and as models of the American soldier tradition.”
**Life’s Journey**  
by Eugene Bak, M.B.A. '67  
(Eastern European Monographs, $35)

*Life’s Journey* is an autobiography of survival and success. In 1940, Bak was one of 1.5 million Poles whom the Soviets deported to Siberian labor camps. Two years later, after Germany declared war on Russia, he and his family escaped and eventually found sanctuary in Iran for the duration of World War II. Bak recounts his childhood at various refugee camps and his family’s eventual emigration to Great Britain and later to the United States in 1952. Bak also shares his achievement of “The American Dream,” rising from the ranks of worker in the Mooney Chemical Company to president/chief operating officer of OMG Chemicals by 1994. Although he retired from OMG Chemicals in 1999, Bak still serves as a consultant.

The book provides an interesting look at life in Newark and Essex County in the course of Bak’s life journey beyond Seton Hall University, where he enrolled in two evening classes per semester until he earned an M.B.A. in 1967. Today, Bak is president of the Polish American Cultural Center and is involved in several benevolent endeavors that help children in Poland.

**Keep Your Hands Out of My Pocket: Strategies to Get More for Your Money**  
by Robert E. Tevis '77, M.B.A.  
(iUniverse, Inc., $14.95/$24.95)

From his experiences with salespeople in Fortune 500 companies and his own personal successes, Tevis reveals key concepts and techniques needed to negotiate with the professional salesperson. He encourages buyers to ask for a better price, and lays out the steps to help define the purchase objective and get all the things you want — whether shopping for a camera or a car. Tevis provides tips on 1) how to avoid purchasing based on fear of walking away; 2) how to successfully use silence to aid in the negotiation; 3) how to look beyond price to be a better negotiator; and 4) how to disengage politely and return to negotiate another day.

*Keep Your Hands Out of My Pocket* is peppered with negotiation examples that are both entertaining and informative. Whether you have never bargained before or consider yourself a serious negotiator, this book can help you get more for your money. Tevis has spent nearly 25 years in business working for both IBM and Siemens, a world leader in information and communications, automation and control, power, medical solutions, transportation and lighting.

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**Vote Your Conscience:**  
*The Last Campaign of George McGovern*  
by Richard M. Marano, J.D. ’85  
(Praeger Publishers, $59.95)

*Vote Your Conscience* is attorney Marano’s inside account of the political career of former Senator George McGovern (D-S.D.). The book centers on the period from his 1980 Congressional defeat to his 1984 campaign in the Democratic presidential primaries.
**1940s**

Eugene "Gene" Murphy '44, of Anacortes, WA, was honored by the Shell Puget Sound Refinery, which donated $5,000 to the city’s Conservation Easement Program in Murphy’s name. The program is designed to protect the 2,200 acres of the Anacortes Community Forest Lands against sale or development and is managed by Friends of the Forest. Murphy is a member of both Friends of the Forest and the Skagit Land Trust Board.

Samuel T. McGhee, M.A.E. '65, of Hillside, was re-elected Hillside Township Council president after a July 1 reorganization. He has served on the governing body since 1987, including three terms as mayor. Before his retirement in 2001 from New Jersey City University in Jersey City, McGhee was the director of admissions and the assistant dean of students.

Joseph R. Daly '68, M.A. ’72/Ed.D. '91, of Cedar Grove, retired in August 2003 as district supervisor of Hanover Regional High School after 35 years of service. Daly is now an adjunct professor of communication at Montclair State University. He also supervises undergraduate and graduate student teachers at the College of Saint Elizabeth in Morristown. Terence J. Reidy '68, M.P.A., of Asbury Park, was appointed Asbury Park city manager in March. Reidy also served as the city manager of Montclair and as township administrator in Morristown.

Kevin P. Foley ’69, of Blue Point, NY, was named Coach of the Year by the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA). For the past nine years, Foley has been the head coach of women’s basketball at Suffolk County Community College in Long Island, NY. In March, the team won the Junior College Division III national championship. In addition, Foley has taught health and human services at the college for the past 27 years.

Mary Louise Malyska ’69, Ph.D., of Glen Ridge, was appointed superintendent of the Montville Township School District in March. Malyska previously served as superintendent of the Denville School District, Essex County Schools and the Long Hill Township School District, and as associate superintendent of high schools in Newark.

**1950s**

Richard E. Smith ’50, M.D., of Mountainside, and his wife, Ruth, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a gathering of family and friends at Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield. The Smiths celebrated their wedding at the same location in 1953.

Donald Beitter ’53, of Dallas, and his wife, Ethel, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a family gathering that included six children and 14 grandchildren. The couple married in 1953 at Sacred Heart Church in Baton Rouge, LA.

Raymond J. Albano ’55, M.A., of Emerson, retired as superintendent of Cresskill Public Schools. During his career, Albano received the Distinguished Service Award from the New Jersey Association of School Administrators and the Distinguished Educator Award from the New Jersey Council of Education. In November, he was appointed as interim superintendent of the River Vale Schools.

Hirsch Lazaar Silverman, M.A.E. ’57, Ph.D., of West Orange, was awarded the New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal, the state’s top military award, in recognition of exemplary service. Silverman was honored in May, along with 35 other veterans, during a ceremony at the Township Hall in West Orange. He is professor emeritus of professional psychology in Seton Hall’s College of Education and Human Services.

**1960s**

Steve O’Neill ’70, of West Brighton, NY, was inducted into the 25 Year Club in March for his dedicated service to the Staten Island Advance, a newspaper serving 70,000 readers. A major accounts advertising manager, O’Neill is a member of the New Jersey Press Association and is past president of the Newspaper Advertising Sales Association. For the past 13 years, he has also served as director of the annual Staten Island Advance Memorial Day Run.

Richard Carchia ’71/M.B.A. ’75, of Short Hills, serves on the Prudential Securities Chairman’s Council. He was one of 100 named to the council in March from a pool of Prudential’s 4,700 financial advisers. As a senior vice president of investments in the Short Hills office, Carchia provides financial counseling, planning and management for his clients. He also is the founder and president of the CPA Club of New Jersey and is a nationally recognized expert on wealth accumulation.

Based in Fullerton, CA, Boghosian oversees quality assurance and control, technology transfer, health and safety, and environmental affairs. He also is responsible for building the company’s global competencies to meet new regulatory initiatives. Michael Savignano Sr. ’73, Rose Marie Savignano Wilkinson ’85 and Michael Savignano Jr. ’02, all of Orange, welcomed President George W. Bush in June 2003 to their family-owned business, Andrea Italian Foods. The president, who had come to New Jersey to meet with small business owners, toured the plant, greeted employees and cited the business as a shining example of the American Dream.

Frank Paolantonio ’76, D.O., of York, PA, was named director of the Breast Center at Memorial Hospital in York. The center performs state-of-the-art breast imaging and biopsies for the early detection of breast diseases, including cancer. Paolantonio completed a fellowship in breast imaging and breast biopsy at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in 2000. He is a partner in Miller-DiPietro Associates in York, PA.

Lynn Fontaine Newsome ’77/J.D. ’81, of Lawrenceville, was appointed treasurer of the New Jersey State Bar Association (NJSBA) at its annual meeting last May in Atlantic City. Newsome has been a member of the NJSBA for 20 years and also serves as trustee for the New Jersey State Bar Foundation, the bar association’s philanthropic arm. She is a certified matrimonial attorney and partner in the law firm of Donahue, Hagan, Klein & Newsome, P.C., which has offices in Short Hills and Morristown.

Dennis Panchyshyn ’77, of Union, is now the owner of Smokers Delight Cigar Lounge, a British-style pub in Union. Panchyshyn retired in April 2002 from his position as publicity coordinator for Runnells Specialized Hospital in Berkeley Heights.

William Field ’78, of Monroe, CT, was promoted to president of Mintz & Hoke, an integrated communications agency in Avon, CT.
Field, who has been with the agency for 17 years, is a member of the Management Committee and Board of Directors. Previously, he served as the executive vice president and director of client services.

Joseph F. Monti ’79, of Lavallette, was named Man of the Year in June 2003 by the Military Order of Devil Dogs of the Department of New Jersey Marine Corps League. In December 2002, Monti was awarded the league’s Distinguished Service Award for his articles and school programs that celebrate the lives and contributions of American veterans. He teaches history at Toms River High School East.

1980s

Thomas C. Jablonski ’82, of Fair Haven, was appointed vice president of sales at Kara Homes in East Brunswick. Kara Homes develops single-family and town homes throughout New Jersey. Previously, Jablonski worked for K. Hovnanian Companies in Red Bank. Therese H. McClachrie, M.A.E. ’82, of Highland Lakes, joined Riverdale Public Library as the children’s librarian. McClachrie was chosen for her combination of formal training and creativity. The library has served Riverdale residents since 1923 and has an active series of programs for children from pre-school through eighth grade.

Beverly D’Amico ’83/M.A.E. ’97, of Madison, was one of eight people appointed by Governor James E. McGreevey to the Amistad Commission. New Jersey established the commission in 2002 to assist and advise schools on ways to educate and create awareness about the history of the African slave trade as well as the contributions of African-Americans. D’Amico, who teaches fourth grade at Central Avenue School in Madison, received a 1991 Rudolph Research Award for Scientific Excellence. Edward J. Leppard ’83, of Layton, was appointed to Sussex Bancorp’s Board of Directors and chosen to chair the company’s audit committee. Leppard has more than 20 years of public accounting experience and is the principle of E.J. Leppard & Co., a Sussex County-based accounting firm. He is also chairman of the board of ProPay Incorporated, a payroll-processing firm in Branchville.

Luis A. Quintana ’84, of Newark, was elected president of Hispanic Elected Local Officials (HELO), a constituency group of Hispanic Elected Local Officials (HELO), a constituency group of the National League of Cities. HELO provides assistance and training to Hispanic elected and appointed officials, and serves as a forum for communication and information exchange on such issues as education, immigration reform and voting rights. Quintana is in his third term as a Newark councilman. He also serves on the Essex County Vocational School Board of Directors, and is a member of the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials Educational Fund.

Peter J. Castagna Jr., M.B.A. ’85, of Annandale, was appointed COO of Verispan LLC, a healthcare informatics joint venture between Quintiles Transnational Corporation and McKesson Corporation. Verispan, based in Yardley, PA, is the nation’s leading provider of patient-level, longitudinal data. Prior to his appointment, Castagna served as president of Acute Care Division of McKesson Medical-Surgical Group. Barry Schwartz, M.A.E. ’85, of Livingston, received the 2003-04 Teacher of the Year Award from the New Jersey Foundation of the Council for Exceptional Children. The award was presented at the foundation’s annual convention, which took place in Iselin in May 2003. Schwartz has taught language arts, science and social studies at Glenfield Middle School in Montclair for 11 years. He also serves as a resource center and special education teacher.

Lisa M. Fahoury ’86, of West Orange, was awarded the second annual Walsh Achievement Award from the Essex Chapter of the New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners. The award recognizes women who have succeeded in business and made meaningful contributions to their communities. Fahoury is the owner of Fahoury Ink, a full-service marketing communications firm in West Orange.

Robert Carne ’87, of St. Charles, IL, was named president of Digital Card Systems America Inc., which produces identification systems from the desktop computer to secure centralized card production facilities. Among Carne’s main objectives will be the design and implementation of an aggressive sales strategy. Gerald A. Pavlick ’87, of Little Falls, was promoted to vice president, controller and treasurer of Mizuho Trust & Banking Co., Ltd., a Japanese financial services firm. Pavlick, who has been with the company for six years, is based in the New York City office of Mizuho. Andrew O. Valmon ’87, of Rockville, MD, joined the University of Maryland as head coach of the men’s and women’s track and field programs in June 2003. Since 1995, Valmon had coached track and field and cross-country teams at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. As an athlete, he was a member of the U.S. 4 x 400 relay teams that won two Olympic Gold medals (1988 and 1992). Among his other honors, he earned spots on 13 U.S. National Teams, was a three-time All-American and was inducted into Seton Hall University’s Athletics Hall of Fame. Valmon also is the founder of the Avenue Program.
which organizes track and field clinics and introduces underprivi-
leged children to professional ath-
letes and positive role models.

Eric L. Dingeman, M.B.A. ’88,
of Saratoga Springs, NY, joined
CMT Independent Laboratories
Ltd. as project engineer. Dingeman
oversees CMT’s air-
quality projects and the day-to-day
operations of the laboratory, and
he also manages the remediation
field operations of CMT’s sister
company, AQES, LLC. Most
recently, he was the senior project
engineer at Capital Construction
Inc., also located in Saratoga
Springs, where he was responsible
for building designs, on-site review
and engineering analysis. Linda
Epps, M.A. ’88, of Newark, joined
the NJN Foundation in Trenton
as vice president of institutional
relations. The foundation is the
fund-raising arm of NJN Public
Television and Radio, New
Jersey’s only statewide television
broadcast network. Epps spent 26
years at Bloomfield College, most
recently as vice president for col-
lege relations. She also served as
associate dean of academic affairs
and as dean of students.

Jennifer M. Link ’89, M.B.A.,
of New York City, joined Polo
Jeans Co. Ralph Lauren as a
retail planner and analyst at the
New York City showroom. Link
had spent eight years at Bloomingdale’s, where she held
several positions at its New York
buying office.

1990s

Edward C. Facas, M.A.E. ’91, of
Florham Park, retired as deputy
chief of investigations for the
Morris County Prosecutor’s
Office. Facas is now the county’s
superintendent of juvenile facili-
ties. He also is the director of the
county’s new 8,800-square-foot
youth shelter in Morristown. The
shelter provides an integrated
program of education, recreation
and social activities, along with
individual and family counseling
ordered by the courts.

Gaetan T. Giannini, M.B.A.
’93, of Laurys Station, PA, was
named one of the top business
people under age 40 by the
Eastern Pennsylvania Business
Journal last spring. Giannini is the
president of G2 Integrated
Marketing, a full-service marketing
and advertising firm with offices
in the Lehigh Valley and the
Poconos, serving eastern
Pennsylvania and New Jersey.
He also is an adjunct professor of
marketing at East Stroudsburg
University in East Stroudsburg, PA.

A Grand Legacy in the Croddick Family

Lauren Switzer never had the chance to meet
her grandfather, but their lives are forever linked
through their common undergraduate experiences
at Seton Hall University. Switzer will graduate in May
with a bachelor’s degree in biochemistry. Her grandfa-
ther, James Henry Croddick ’50/M.A.’64, died in
1968 at the age of 40, long before she was born.

Switzer says she decided to attend the University
after a campus tour. But she confirms, “The fact that
my grandfather earned both of his degrees from Seton
Hall kindled my initial interest in Seton Hall.”

Croddick attended the University on a full athletic
scholarship for his basketball talent. After completing
his undergraduate studies in education, he spent a year
as a corporal in the U.S. Army. When he returned from Greenland,
he became a social studies teacher at his high school alma mater,
Harold G. Hoffman High School (now South Amboy High School).
He also coached boys’ basketball there. During his tenure, the team
won the 1963 Group I Basketball Championship, earning statewide
acclaim for the coach and his team. A year later, Croddick was
awarded his master’s degree in school administration and supervision at
Seton Hall. And two years after the
championship (1965), he was promoted
to principal.

“Education was always important
to my father,” says Switzer’s mother,
Norine Croddick Switzer, a substitute
teacher for the Sayreville and Perth
Amboy public schools. “As a teacher,
and later as a principal, he took a per-
sonal interest in his students. He helped
several obtain college scholarships.”

In September 1996, South Amboy
High School dedicated its new gymna-
sium to Croddick in recognition of his
varied roles as a student, athlete, coach,
teacher and principal.

Someday I may even follow in my
grandfather’s footsteps and teach.”
— Lauren Switzer

Switzer, currently a senior at Seton Hall, has an
admirable list of accomplishments of her own. In her
freshman year, she served as a student senator, class presi-
dent and a panelist for the 2001 Petersheim Academic
Exposition. She spoke at the Freshman Winter
Convocation and was one of 12 winners of the essay con-
test for the University’s annual women’s conference. She
received a Freshman Leadership Certificate in recogni-
tion of her contributions to the student body.

At the end of her sophomore year, Switzer changed
her major from political science to biochemistry. She
credits her smooth transition between the two majors to
her academic adviser, Richard D. Sheardy, Ph.D., profes-
sor of chemistry and biochemistry.

“Lauren has always been an excellent student,” her mother
says, beaming with obvious pride, “and she has great study skills.”
Switzer put these skills to good use this past summer by taking
15 credits, including two courses in organic chemistry.

This year, Switzer continues to be involved in Seton Hall’s Student
Senate, for the third year in a row. She is vice president of academic
affairs for her sorority, Delta Phi Epsilon, and a member of Alpha Epsilon Delta (the
pre-med honor society). She also volunteers
in the children’s ward at Robert Wood
Johnson University Hospital. Switzer plans
to pursue a career in medicine, but says,
“Someday I may even follow in my grand-
father’s footsteps and teach.”

The Croddick legacy will continue
after Lauren Switzer graduates. Her sister
Julia has been admitted as a transfer stu-
dent to Seton Hall and plans to pursue a
major in mass communication. And their
mother, Norine, has expressed interest
in studying at Immaculate Conception
Seminary School of Theology.

— Pamela Dungee
Retired Banker Embarks on a New Career Half a World Away

When William A. Ryback ’68 retired in June at age 57, he thought about what he wanted to do next. He had spent 35 years as a bank supervisor for the U.S. Treasury and the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System in Washington, D.C. As senior associate director of the Federal Reserve’s governing board, he had coordinated training with multilateral institutions such as the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund. In retirement, there were several possibilities. He could work for a financial institution, teach or perhaps do some consulting.

A week after he retired, however, Ryback received a phone call from Hong Kong, asking him to come halfway around the world to interview for the job of deputy chief executive of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA). “I was offered the position, and signed a three-year contract 11 days after I retired,” Ryback recalls.

“When I was sure that I wanted the job after my visit to Hong Kong, I was not sure how my family would react to my decision,” he shares. “I should not have worried. My daughter, Dana, who is 26 and working in finance, immediately recognized that this was a perfect challenge for someone with my background. My 29-year-old son Steve, a marketing director, saw this as a perfect opportunity for me, and a chance for him to visit Asia to add to his collection of Buddha statues. My wife, Nancy, also was very supportive and will shortly join me here in Hong Kong.”

Hong Kong has become a thriving international center of finance, operating under China’s “one country, two systems” policy since 1997. The HKMA is the government authority charged with maintaining its monetary and banking stability. As deputy chief executive, Ryback is responsible for the divisions of bank supervision, policy, and development and issuance of bank notes and coins. “The job builds on my previous experience but is more challenging,” Ryback says.

“As an added bonus, Hong Kong is a great place to live,” Ryback has found. “It is vibrant and mirrors the hustle and bustle of New York. Hong Kong is a Special Administrative Region of China, and watching mainland China embrace a market economy and being able to contribute to its future development in some small way is very exciting.”

In his office in Central Hong Kong, Ryback says a typical day in his new position starts “at about the time people back in the East Coast of the United States are finishing dinner. There is an early morning briefing for senior executives on the global news events that are likely to affect the financial sector. Thought is given to the position that should be taken by the Monetary Authority on sensitive or important issues, and briefing notes are then circulated to senior staff,” he adds.

“The press is omnipresent here in Hong Kong, and you are likely to be asked your view on some issue as you are walking to lunch, on your way in or out of the building, or during a phone call late at night.”

“The conduct of bank supervision in Hong Kong is not materially different than in the United States,” Ryback observes. “What is different is the interaction of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority with the government and the financial sector. Here in Hong Kong, it is expected that you will attend a number of social events hosted by the banking industry, the government and commercial enterprises. All interact in setting public policy, and it is important to hear and understand the different views of interested parties.” In contrast, he explains, “In the United States, if a Treasury employee attended a function hosted by a bank, he or she would be required to resign and might even be criminally prosecuted. Quite a difference!”

“What surprises me is the number of people here in Hong Kong who are familiar with Seton Hall and more than a few who have some real affiliation,” Ryback shares. “I attribute this to the good reputation of the University and its strong outreach programs.”

— Nancy Masterson-Newkirk, M.I.A.
of its Political Action Committee. He also served as treasurer for several nonprofit organizations, including the Samaritan Center in Englishtown; the Chamber of Commerce serving Old Bridge, Sayreville and South Amboy; and the Lance Schulters Foundation.

Carrie Cleary ’97/M.B.A. ’98, of Alexandria, VA, was named the District of Columbia’s Teaching Fellow Program. The program places mid-career professionals in underresourced public schools. Cleary made the transition to teaching after working on public policy issues for U.S. Senator Robert G. Torricelli (D-N.J.) Joseph P. Cullen ’97, M.A., of Livingston, was appointed vice principal of Franklin School, an elementary school in Newark. Previously, Cullen was a teacher and facilitator at Anne Street School of Mathematics and Science, also in Newark. Angela M. Ferrari ’97, D.D.S., of Farmingdale, NY, joined Donald M. Kahn, DDS & Associates, a dental practice that has been a part of the Farmingdale community for 25 years. Ferrari recently completed a dental residency at the Northport VA Medical Center on Long Island. She specializes in all aspects of family, cosmetic and implant dentistry. Joan (Bosisio) Vander Valk ’97, of West Orange, was named vice president of the Board of Directors for the New Jersey Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America. Vander Valk co-chairs the chapter’s annual Pyramid Awards ceremony and is a professional adviser to the Seton Hall University chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America. Vander Valk was named one of 250 cadets nationally to receive the 2003 George C. Marshall Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Award. The award is presented to outstanding Army ROTC cadet seniors at each of the nation’s colleges or universities hosting ROTC detachments. In June, Cardillo, who took part in Seton Hall University’s ROTC Program, was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Army.

2000s

Paul M. Bourdett ’00, of Bayonne, was promoted to associate producer of documentaries and specials for Court TV in New York City. His responsibilities include researching and pitching investigation-driven crime stories for Court TV’s award-winning documentary series, The System, as well as managing Forensic Files, the cable network’s signature series. Bourdett joined Court TV as an intern in May 2000. He was a production assistant prior to his promotion. Robert A. Enda, M.A. ’00, of Rahway, was named 2002-03 Teacher of the Year by the New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education for his work with the Adopt-A-Survivor Program. Enda, a sixth-grade teacher at Calvin Coolidge School in Hillside, paired 15 students with 15 Holocaust survivors. Each student interviewed and wrote the life story of a survivor. The students agreed to retell the stories to others through 2045 — the centennial of the end of World War II.

Vincent M. Farinella, M.H.A. ’01, of Passaic, was promoted to vice president of Flagship Health Systems. Located in Parsippany, Flagship is a division of Delta Dental Plan of New Jersey. Farinella, who joined Delta Dental in 1988, was the assistant vice president and previously served as a benefits supervisor, professional relations manager and products development manager. He also is an adjunct professor of public and healthcare administration at Seton Hall University.

Serifatu (Sheri) Alaka ’02, of Brooklyn, NY, was named the Newark public schools’ Rookie of the Year. Alaka is pursuing a master’s degree in art education at Teachers College, Columbia University. Jeffrey Mead ’02, of South Orange, was named assistant sports information director at Seton Hall University. In 2002-03, Mead served as a communications assistant in the BIG EAST Conference office.

Robert G. Cardillo ’03, of Clark, was one of 250 cadets nationally to receive the 2003 George C. Marshall Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Award. The award is presented to outstanding Army ROTC cadet seniors at each of the nation’s colleges or universities hosting ROTC detachments. In June, Cardillo, who took part in Seton Hall University’s ROTC Program, was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Army.

Marriages

Richard W. Wolpert ’50, M.A. to Doris Asaro
Arthur Kaufman ’73 to Donna N. Rubinsky
Bonnie J. Manfredi ’74 to Scott Masin
Stephen Scypinski ’79, M.S. ’82/Ph.D. ’84 to Anne Albanese
Eileen M. Olsen ’83 to Brian Edward Jones
Glen Cardace ’90 to Kim Ann Carey
Michele A. Lambpher ’93/M.A. ’95 to Daniel Henson
Tricia M. Scairillo ’93 to Steven C. Kranz, M.A. ’03
James Charles Anderson III ’94, M.A. to Deanna Nicole Gerard
Kevin P. Connolly ’95 to Maureen Lowney
John K. O’Leary ’95 to Valerie Suzanne Southard
Christine Portas ’95 to James J. Cleary
Bruce Vanden Assem, M.S.T. ’96 to Stephanie Marie Dzupin
Pamela Sue Cohen, J.D. ’96 to Keith Evan Frazer
Kristina M. Mulligan ’96 to Keith Alan Nichols
Gina Peneno ’96 to Christopher White
David C. Berry, J.D. ’97 to Nicole Telecki
Brian P. Campbell ’97 to Pamela Susan Christianson
Bonnie A. Malangone ’97 to Philip Marchetti
Victoria Marosits ’97 to Joseph Scaturro
Dennis P. Noorigian Jr. ’97 to Laurie L. Lehman
Catherine Pearce ’97 to David Commander
Aileen Moira Starkey ’97 to Peter Anthony Casalino
Lynette Treonze ’97 to Brian R. Doherty Jr.
Christopher E. Trovato ’97 to Susan Bochiaro
Carla Palumbo ’98/J.D. ’01 to Matthew C. Dorsi, J.D. ’01
Elaine Ann Rocha, J.D. ’98 to Richard James Bennett
Karina E. Barakat ’99 to Donald William Cabana
Katherine E. Jones, M.A. ’99 to Samuel C. Witzig
Jeremy Pucu ’99 to Nikol Tsanacas ’00
Nicole M. Bellina ’00 to James R. Moore
Leo P. Corrigan ’00, M.B.A. to Kerry A. Reilley
Shannan McLaughlin ’00 to Salvatore John Garry
Joseph Michael O’Brien ’01 to Alice Marie Newhart
Jason M. Sorrentino, M.B.A. ’02 to Allison M. Pfaadt
Cathy-Lynn Hansen, M.A. ’02 to Adrian R. Cancel Jr.
Paul J. Labov, J.D. ’02 to Christine Molito
Toni D. Zuccarello, J.D. ’02 to Seth Fuscellaro
Jennifer Rovegno ’03 to Derek Nelson ’02

Births

Maria (Molee) Caivano ’89, M.A.T. and Danny, a daughter, Christina Grace, June 26, 2003

Michael Patron Raj ’91, M.A.E. ’93/Ed.S. ’95/Ed.D. ’02 and Cathy, a son, Brandon Michael, December 1, 2002

Kerry (Coyne) Davis ’92 and Jim, a son, Shane Robert, June 13, 2003

Noel (Natali) Norden ’92 and Andrew, twins, Olivia Noel and Audrey Anna, May 17, 2003
Dianne (Pecoraro) Brown '93/J.D. '96 and Robert, a son, Salvatore Joseph, July 10, 2003
Ryan K. Duffy '93 and Susan, a son, Ryan Kenneth, July 21, 2003
Anne Marie (DeMarco) O'Keefe, M.S.N. '93 and Dennis, twins, Alexander Paul and Tyler Joseph, June 2, 2003
Robin M. Baham '94, M.Ed. and Paul, a daughter, Jordyn Cara, August 14, 2002
Sharon (DeMarco) Battista '94 and Bart, a daughter, Daniella Nicole, June 6, 2003
Jennifer (Kennedy) Schneeman '95 and Jim, a son, Jim Andrew, April 19, 2003
Kenneth Smith, M.A.E. '95 and Eileen, a son, Sean Matthew, June 3, 2003
Michelle (Hohn) Hemelt '96 and Mark, a daughter, Alexandra Rose, December 13, 2002
Todd R. Novak '96 and Kate, a son, Devlin Joseph, adoption finalized August 8, 2003
Lisa (Rampolla) Bernardo '97 and David, a son, Alexander Logan, March 3, 2003
Joseph P. Cullen '97, M.A. and Marianne, a daughter, Rebecca Lynn, July 18, 2003
Lisa Marie (Warren) Custode '98/M.A.E. '01 and Gino, a son, Shane, June 9, 2003
Abby (Castaldo) Ianella '00 and Gabriel, twins, Michael Anthony and Maggie Jeanne, April 13, 2003
Melanie (Cushman) Negrin, M.B.A. '02 and Sergio, a daughter, Kaila Lynn, March 18, 2003

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Colonel Salvatore A. Pepe Sr. '33, M.D.
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Arthur Clarence "Sonny" Mullen '48
Ralph W. Mussari '48
William L. Styler Jr. '48

Enrolling at Seton Hall University in the fall of 1993, Jason “Jay” Giampietro '98 quickly put his communication major into action by writing for The Setonian, the student newspaper. That experience, he says, helped him to become one of New Jersey’s rising filmmakers. To test his desire to work in this field, Giampietro enrolled in several film classes taught by Christopher Sharrett, Ph.D., professor of communication, and Thomas R. Rondinella, M.F.A., assistant professor of communication.

“I was immediately hooked,” Giampietro admits.

As editor-in-chief of The Setonian during his senior year, Giampietro learned how to direct creative projects, indirectly gaining the skills he now uses in his career. “The sense of obligation and investment that gave me was critical,” he says.

After graduating, Giampietro briefly worked as a freelance film production assistant. He studied the different film genres intensely, watching two movies daily. “It was my own little film school,” he remembers.

In early 2000, Giampietro embarked on his first independent film project, Mr. Rose. The dark comedy, which he wrote and directed, tells the story of a frustrated music teacher desperately trying to share his love of 1980s power rock with disinterested seventh-grade students.

Opening night took place in a very familiar place for Giampietro. Renting out Seton Hall’s College of Nursing Amphitheater, he showed the film to his cast, crew and guests. Since then, Mr. Rose has been screened at nearly a dozen film festivals nationwide. It won the Best Short Film/Video Award at the 2002 New Jersey International Film Festival.

Giampietro shares his pride in the film with several other Seton Hall alumni involved in the production: Andrew Stewart '97, producer; Mike Rummel '97, director of photography; Matthew Legreca '98, sound designer; Patrick Antonetti '00, set designer; and Tera Benoit '97, actress.

Inspired by his early success, Giampietro has completed a documentary titled Pictures at an Exhibition about the rock band/performance art group The Voluptuous Horror of Karen Black. He also has completed Oscar Night Year 2000, the first in what will be a series of films about movies. He also is working on several projects based on fictional works, and hopes to shoot a feature film next year using digital video.

— Sarah Tremallo

In Mr. Rose, his film debut as a director, Jason “Jay” Giampietro '98 (left) directs Adam Spooner, who portrays Sasha, a junior high school student.
Raymond V. Toscano ’48, M.B.A., M.A.E.
Raymond E. Caruso, J.D. ’49
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Robert “Gill” Gigliannon ’49
Joseph P. Greco ’49
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Celebrate the Centennial: 100 Years of Men’s Basketball

Seton Hall University’s men’s basketball program has a long and storied tradition, and the 2003-04 hoops season is celebrating this centennial with considerable hoopla. From the first game on December 9, 1903, to a trip to the National Invitation Tournament (NIT) in 2003, Seton Hall fans have witnessed many great moments and numerous great players wearing the “Blue and White.” Among those who have played notable roles in the history of Pirate basketball are head coaches Frank Hill Sr., John “Honey” Russell ’36 and P.J. Carlesimo, along with outstanding athletes Bob Davies ’42, Frank “Pep” Saul ’49, Bobby Wanzer ’52, the late Richie Regan ’53/M.A. ’67 and Terry Dehere ’93.

Historic Walsh Gymnasium, which opened in 1941, was home to the “Wonder Five” who earned the school’s first NIT bid. The team that over the next two years compiled a 32-5 record also played in Walsh, as did the team that won the 1953 NIT Championship after a 31-2 season. The Pirates’ success continued when they became a charter member of the BIG EAST Conference in 1979.

In his senior year, Mark Bryant ’88 led teammates to the Pirates’ first NCAA Tournament, which paved the way for a magical run to the NCAA Championship game the following year. Before falling to Michigan (80-79) in overtime in that 1989 championship game, The Hall enjoyed one of its greatest seasons, finishing with a 31-7 record.

In 1993, Dehere graduated as Seton Hall’s and the BIG EAST’s all-time scorer after leading the University to three tournament appearances in a row. In 2000, Shaheen Holloway ’00 and Rimas Kaukenas ’00 took Seton Hall on another remarkable run to the “Sweet 16,” upsetting Oregon and Temple. And last season, the Pirates appeared in the NIT. During this centennial season, the team is poised to further history and legend as the Pirates play their 19th season at Continental Airlines Arena in East Rutherford.

To honor the University’s 100th season of basketball, several special events are planned. For the latest updates, visit www.shupirates.com. And be sure to check out the commemorative merchandise available throughout this historic year.
Discovering Your Vocation: the Bottom Line of Life

BY ROBERT C. BIRD, J.D.

"Sure, the job is boring and the hours are long, but the salary is great."

Too often I heard this or a similar phrase from friends and acquaintances, and I would nod with approval. In my mind, my job as a practicing lawyer was an exchange of time for salary. The purpose of a job was to provide money to pay the bills, buy goodies and take vacations.

My prior work at a large firm was lucrative, but unfulfilling. The days always seemed interminably long. Only late Friday afternoon seemed to hold the promise of freedom. To paraphrase a famous song, I was working for the weekend.

I remember all the accompanying stresses too well — brooding over tasks after the workday was done, fretting endlessly during weekends. I even named one of my recurring apprehensions the “Sunday night blues.” Right around 6 p.m., my mind commuted to work. My body remained at home, but my brain was already plugging away at Monday morning’s tasks. An already long, unpleasant workweek was made 14 hours longer by my own mind. Part of “my” Sunday and sometimes even Saturday were now lost to the job.

It was the worst of both worlds. I did not relax during those precious waning hours of the weekend. Yet, I was not productive either. As anyone who has experienced the Sunday night blues knows, mere brain churning accomplishes very little. My dream job had turned into the “un-vocation,” the anti-job, the work that satisfied nothing but my bank statements.

Fast-forward six years. I have just finished my third year as an assistant professor in the Stillman School of Business. The “Sunday night blues” are but an unpleasant memory. My three tasks of research, teaching and service are a pleasure to complete. I publish, hold office hours and socialize at buffet lunches with colleagues. In the summer months, I long to begin full classes the way a child looks forward to a day at an amusement park. My work, my “calling,” enriches my life, energizes it and provides wonderful fulfillment.

I did not wake up one morning and suddenly discover that academia was in my future: My “un-vocation” prodded me in that direction. The challenging task of discernment, the discovery of a personal and fulfilling vocation in work, allowed me to find an intellectual home.

Discernment does not come as an epiphany: It takes time, effort, planning. Before discernment can even begin, it requires the understanding that a job can be a vocation, a calling.

So here I sit, my vocational cup brimming with a sense of joy, self-challenge and service to others. Now that I’ve found a continually enticing vocation, how can I share the joy of developing discernment in my students?

I teach law to business students. Law and business — today these topics might seem to those with a classical background to be the educational equivalent of technical training for life in a moral vacuum. My students study to become bond traders, dot-com managers, accountants, lawyers, financial planners, insurance salespeople and marketing analysts. There are many students who value a business degree for its flexible application across private industry and the public sector. Do such students — on the fast track to financial prosperity and loaded with marketable job skills — need to recognize discernment?

Absolutely. This past spring, a business student stopped by my office. She told me that she enjoyed my course and wanted to talk to me about attending law school. She gathered applications, thought about the LSAT and considered various law schools. I asked her what kind of law she wanted to practice. Her eyes perked up as she said with pride, “corporate law.” “Wonderful,” I said, “but tell me, what is corporate law?” The same eyes that seemed so enlivened by her career choice now seemed to focus on a distant place. She pondered the question for a moment and answered, “I don’t really know … business stuff?”

As the example highlights, business students may be among the most needful of understanding vocation. Students planning to work in business also may have outside pressures pulling them away from discernment. Some may study business merely to please family members primarily concerned with ensuring financial stability. Others may study business because they are unsure of their own interests. Still others major in a business discipline because they understand a college degree as little more than a ticket to the good life.

The discovery of discernment, no less important than discernment itself, opens one’s mind to hearing the call of vocation. Students, lured by money and the desire for job security, need to hear the call as much as anyone.

Thus, I add a fourth task to my job as professor at Seton Hall University: researcher, teacher, service provider and developer of discernment. In class I emphasize the importance of “doing what you love.” During office hours, I ask pointed questions. “Who really wants to go to law school, you or your parents?” “What is something you enjoy so much that you would not consider it work?” “What makes you passionate about living?” I ask my students to ask themselves, “What is it that brings you joy in your life?”

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