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Benedictine — A Growing, Changing Campus

Can you imagine what it would have been like to walk the campus with the founding monks of St. Procopius? Those early Benedictine monks wanted something special when they built St. Procopius College amidst a cornfield — and it was special. It still is. They never dreamed that one building would grow into 20 buildings. In 1910, when the college started granting diplomas, only a handful of students were enrolled. In 2004, 535 undergraduates received bachelor degrees, and 342 graduate students received master and doctoral degrees. If those early monks have an inkling of what has been accomplished here — then we rejoice together for this is a very special institution.

The administration building [Benedictine Hall] expanded in portions as the need grew. Four times bricks and mortar were added, but internal reconfigurations took place more frequently as class sizes and course schedules changed, as a seminary was added and as the high school moved across the street. Interior and exterior bits of Benedictine may have changed over the years, but we continue to hold in sacred trust the words of one of the founders, Abbot Procopius Neuzil, who on his deathbed in 1946 said to his community — “What we have built, it remains for you to preserve.”

Fast forward to 2001, with the opening of the Kindlon Hall of Learning and Birck Hall of Science. The school mushroomed with the addition of those two buildings. It couldn’t have come at a better time. The roots of those early monks accomplished are still very much alive. They were concerned about preserving and passing on texts of classical civilization, writings of philosophers and people of “letters.” They believed that the 20th century would be a dialogue with science; they became a part of that dialogue and still are. Those tenets are alive in our classrooms today. We hold them sacred to our purpose.

I think of these changes as pieces of a kaleidoscope. It may be a long time since you have looked at a kaleidoscope, but you can shake it, twist it, change the angle — and the exact same fragments form an entirely new pattern. The kaleidoscope shows us that reality is only a temporary arrangement. If you creatively rearrange the pieces, you form a new reality. St. Procopius College was reconfigured into Illinois Benedictine College and once again into Benedictine University. These were not simply name changes — for each name really reflected a new epoch. Reconfiguration will continue here long after we are all gone. Benedictine may be a comparatively small institution, but it has developed a giant reputation in the Midwest, and a nationwide reputation for diversity, science programs and student research.

As the two most recent buildings — Birck and Kindlon — became dominant buildings, it was possible to take a good look at how we could redesign the campus to become more student-oriented. The Krasa Center has become a student union which houses student affairs, the bookstore, health care and Benedictine Central to pay bills, request transcripts and register for classes. The building is “one stop shopping for students.” Kindlon Hall contains a five-story library, classrooms, academic learning center, educational technology development center, labs and offices. Birck Hall is already bursting at the seams with the need for more research areas, classrooms, offices and individual research labs so that class sizes can remain manageable. For the first time, the University received a Title II $300,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education, and partnered with the DuPage County Regional Office of Education, Fermilab and Argonne National Laboratory to offer 40 elementary and middle-school teachers a daily 9-to-5, three-week workshop from June 14 to July 2 for training in inquiry-based pedagogy and science content. The workshop provided teachers...
with the tools to comfortably teach science in elementary and middle school.

Lownik Hall became the enrollment center with business and finance offices, financial aid, employee services, admissions, advancement, campus services and public relations. Scholl Hall houses administration, classrooms, offices and a two-story tiered room for classes and presentations. Re-planning was done with a focus on function. The campus plan is balanced, healthy and exciting.

One of the biggest projects is, of course, the Sports Complex, which is moving right along with completion of the football field and nine-lane track. The complex has been made possible through a partnership with the Village of Lisle. Our goal is to create a major events center that will attract some of the best in high school and college sports.

This addition catapults Benedictine University into a new athletic stratum. It is truly an exciting venture, for it will bring thousands of people to campus. If you have not visited campus recently, I warmly encourage you to “come home.” While the physical structure and arrangement of the campus may have changed, you will still find that warm sense of hospitality and Benedictine spirit that so many have lived and encountered at this institution.

Have a great fall. ✝
Catholics — developing interests in what St. Benedict has to offer.

I believe sincerely that the physical changes support the interior and spiritual changes, and one can find in some of these contemporary writers the values that Benedictine University hopes to keep sharing with its student world and beyond.

Some people find it interesting that in our master of business administration program the students are exposed to a case study, developed by business professors, that uses Benedict’s Rule as the foundation for problem solutions.

John McQuiston, a Memphis, Tennessee lawyer, wrote a small book, Always We Begin Again, that shows ways to apply Benedict’s wisdom to everyday living. Connie Ware, a professor of ascetical theology at the Episcopal Theological Seminary in Austin, Texas sees Benedict’s Rule as a “rule of life for the 21st century.” Her book, Saint Benedict on the Freeway, examines the spiritual life in the world for people who are “marked by life on the run, yearning for more of God.” Ware explains how one develops a spirit of recollection amid busyness, noise and confusion. She shows clearly how to develop an eye to see the daily as sacramental, to be able to view all things as holy and gifts from God. She tries to show her reader that praying the Liturgy of the Hours (Divine Office) is really a way of developing a sense of awareness whereby prayer time becomes “the support system, the outline, the grid or the trellis, so to speak, of our daily spiritual practice.”

Our changes in the campus plan, the tearing down and building up, the challenges to meet the 21st century head on, are all challenges for students, faculty, staff, alumni, friends — all whom in any way share a caring spirit with Benedictine University. We know we will find ourselves in an environment that will continue to provide the challenges that have been provided since the first students enrolled in 1887. The campus continues to grow so that the very best may be given to all who come to share the spirit and vision of the founders.

To continue with some of Qoheleth’s ideas, “[God] has made everything appropriate to its time, and has put the timeless into their hearts, without [people] ever discovering, from beginning to end, the work which God has done.”

With our eyes wide open, let us recognize the wonderful gifts of God in our continuing to live out our motto: “That in all things God may be glorified.”

Photos from Fr. David’s trip to the Czech Republic (clockwise from left). Newer church next to ruins from medieval times. A statue of St. Procopius. The original ruins of the monastery in Sazava where St. Procopius died in 1053.
A new look at our campus.
Our growing, changing campus.

The Sports Complex at Benedictine University in Lisle (Opening October 2004)

- Football/Soccer/Lacrosse Field/Track
- Concessions Building/Stands
- Baseball Field
- Softball Field
- Practice Fields

Krasa Student Center
Alumni Relations, Annual Fund, Art Gallery, Benedictine Central Express (registration/financial aid/student accounts), Bookstore, Career Services, Dean of Students, Dining Hall, Eagles Nest, Health Services/Counseling, Mail and Copy Center, Meeting and Seminar Rooms, Moser Fireside Lounge, Presentation Room, Public Safety, Switchboard, Residence Life, St. Benedict Chapel, Student Activities, University Ministry

Dan and Ada Rice Center
Basketball Arena, Classrooms, Coaches’ Office, Indoor Track, Racquetball/Tennis Courts, Swimming Pool, Trophy Room, Volleyball Arena

Scholl Hall
Advancement, Classrooms, Computer Labs, Executive Vice President, Faculty Offices, Fine and Performing Arts, Ph.D. in Organization Development Program, Operations, President’s Office, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs

Kohlbeck Hall
State of Illinois Firefighter Training Facility
The arts have been a major part of the Benedictine monastic life for more than 1,500 years. The support of the arts has traditionally been an integral part of Benedictine’s own aesthetic beauty and academic life. The arts — art, music and space — are transformed here, have a fresh new look and are a joy to experience at Benedictine University.

A new look at the arts at Benedictine does not mean merely the type of works accomplished, but the space in which that occurs.

Having moved into the former science building, Scholl Hall, on the northeast side of campus last Fall, the Department of Fine and Performing Arts was faced with some reconstruction of its presentation and living quarters. Building music studios out of closets, offices out of classrooms, rehearsal rooms and art facilities out of laboratories, exhibition space out of corridor walls, was no easy task. However, to everyone’s amazement, it worked. There is a fresh new look for the arts at Benedictine.

Some of the highlights to the new accommodations are the larger rooms in which the music students can perform and practice. The art students have space to stand back and admire their works while the teacher can have room to circulate, commenting on their progress. We were able to accommodate equipment to allow us to offer all four types of printmaking — intaglio, relief, lithography and silkscreen. No longer are we isolated to a corridor here or there for art exhibitions. Art is everywhere on campus. The buildings’ corridors, offices and classrooms are adorned with art collected so faithfully and lovingly by our own Fr. Michael Komechak, O.S.B. You can even catch a student, faculty or guest exhibit when they occur throughout the year.

For the musicians on campus, the move brought the opportunity to be in the center of activity at Benedictine. It has also brought new opportunities for partnerships and community sharing. After losing our former performance space, the theater in Benedictine Hall, new performance venues had to be created and found. Now you can eat lunch and hear great works on Fridays at noon in the Fireside Lounge in the Krasa Student Center, attend a concert or two during the Festival of the Arts weekend each semester in the beautiful new St. Daniel Hall across the street at Benet Academy, or you may wish to continue to attend winter and spring concerts at the Abbey. You can also just walk the halls in Scholl Hall most any day or night and hear new music being studied or performed.

The department has a new look and fresh ideas for the arts to flourish in our everyday schedule, and has opened up the doors to provide more opportunities for others to enjoy what we have always known about the beauty of the arts here on campus.

Many of the faculty members in the department worked faithfully to accomplish the planning necessary to open those doors. Maryann Flock, Fr. Michael and William Scarlato were instrumental in making the new facilities ready for the first year in our new home. They continue, with the rest of the department faculty, to provide innovative and fresh new ways of providing the campus and its community with the arts.

St. Benedict so eloquently states in the prologue of his Rule, “Listen carefully.” We hope that everyone who visits the University, enrolls in our classes or supports the arts here on campus “listens carefully” to the ever present sounds of music and sees the passion of our artists and feels the power of that 1,500 year habit . . . in a fresh new way.

Please visit the University Website www.ben.edu for detailed concert and exhibit schedules or call (630) 829-6320 for more information on the arts at Benedictine University.
Kohlbeck Hall is the second oldest building on the Benedictine University campus. Named after Abbot Valentine Kohlbeck (1864–1937), the fourth president of St. Procopius College (now Benedictine University), the building was dedicated on March 28, 1960. In its heyday, it housed almost 150 students.

The construction of the Founders’ Woods apartment complex on the southwest corner of campus provided students with another housing option and made Kohlbeck Hall obsolete as a residence hall. But the University invited the Lisle-Woodridge Fire District to use the building as a training facility.

However, while it served a noble purpose, Kohlbeck Hall became a campus eyesore. Plywood boards covered windows of the three-story building, smoke damage discolored some of the facade and flooding in the basement damaged electrical wiring that served other buildings. Plans were made to demolish the building in tandem with Benedictine Hall.

Now, it appears Kohlbeck may get a reprieve. The Lisle-Woodridge Fire District has requested that the Illinois Fire Service Institute (IFSI), the state’s fire academy, declare Kohlbeck Hall a regional training center and is seeking funds that can be used, in part, to give the building a facelift.

Repairs would include repairing damaged windows, painting the exterior and improving the surrounding landscaping.

IFSI has several regional training facilities throughout the state but none in the Chicago metropolitan area.

“Most of the firefighters in Illinois are north of Interstate 80 in the collar counties,” Lisle-Woodridge Deputy Chief Terry Vavra said. “Declaring Kohlbeck Hall a regional training center would allow firefighters from all over the area to train here.”

“Our plan is to segregate the building, using one half for fire fighting instruction and the other half for technical, rescue and building collapse issues,” Vavra said. “If our proposal is accepted, we would be able to make Kohlbeck presentable as well as functional.”

Scholl Courtyard Graced With Fountain

Among the many new sites on the Benedictine campus is the Scholl courtyard, which can be viewed and accessed from inside Scholl Hall. This outdoor courtyard has been renovated to feature flowers, trees, statuary, a footbridge and now a beautiful fountain.

Alumnus Paul Springer, Ph.D., C44, and his wife, Virginia, donated the fountain. They live in Arcata, California and have four children. Springer is a retired wildlife research biologist.

The couple donated the fountain in an effort to help beautify the campus. Springer loves birds and thought it was a good fit with the school’s prairieland tradition. They also purchased a tree in front of Kindlon Hall to help add to the natural beauty of campus. ☞

Alumnus Paul Springer, Ph.D., C44, and his wife, Virginia.
Two hundred years ago, before European settlers plowed vast acres for agriculture and cleared thousands of trees to make way for crops, Illinois sat on the eastern edge of a tall grass prairie that stretched across much of middle America.

Today, very little natural prairie remains. However, restoration efforts have been successful in reestablishing botanical diversity on formerly agricultural or degraded land. One example of a successful prairie restoration is the 100-acre Schulenberg Prairie at the Morton Arboretum in Lisle.

Lawrence Kamin, Ph.D., biology professor at Benedictine University, recently undertook another such prairie restoration project. The project encompasses a 69-by-43 foot area near Lake St. Benedict on the southern edge of campus.

Kamin hopes the prairie will help Benedictine students understand and appreciate the high biological diversity that once existed in Illinois.

“We wanted to establish a natural area on campus to show what Illinois may have looked like early in its history,” Kamin said.

Discussions for the prairie restoration project began in 1999. This important project was seen to fruition this summer through the generous donations of alumni, faculty, students and staff.

The planting consisted of 20 percent grasses and 80 percent forbs. Forbs are broad-leafed herbs with large, colorful and showy flowers. Kamin and his volunteer planters used mature plants rather than seeds to avoid invasion by weeds. The prairie features more than 100 different species for learning and enjoyment. ♦

Krasa Center Capital Improvement Project Receives Generous Donation

The Krasa Center Project has recently celebrated a $20,000 gift from Edward Hospital to the Student Health Services Center. Alumnus David Piazza, M.D., worked with the University to obtain this gift.

There are other rooms that still have naming opportunities available, such as the Career Development Conference Room, the Office of Alumni Relations and the Phonathon Room. There are also many other types of opportunities available.

To realize our mission of providing a Catholic and Benedictine education to our students, the University must continue to provide a state-of-the-art facility staffed by the best faculty and staff available.

For more detailed information go to http://www.ben.edu/resources/capital campaign/ or contact Brad Carlson, bcarlson@ben.edu, (630) 829-6362. ♦
Memorial Walkway
Becoming A Success

The new “Lane of Memories” that will stretch along the roadway running in front of Lownik and Scholl Halls has gotten off to a great start. The tree/bench combinations have sold out and there are now only 11 trees available for purchase. They will all feature a plaque with the donor’s name and the designee’s name, if applicable.

Due to the number of donors wishing to buy trees, benches and the combination of both, other sites on campus have been identified as a continuation of this project. The walkways enrich our Benedictine heritage of spirituality and commemoration of our human family.

This is a great opportunity to plant something for others to see and appreciate, and know that you have been here. To participate, please contact the Office of Advancement at (630) 829-6072. ✝

BUILDING THE DREAM

The Sports Complex
at Benedictine University — in Lisle

Attend the Grand Opening Celebration at Homecoming, Saturday, October 16, 2004.

Photo by Lisle Mayor Joe Broda — July 2004

July 2004
The concession building is starting to take shape.

August 2004
The stands are erected and the turf is laid on the field.
Help Spread The Word

It is a very exciting time for the Enrollment Center at Benedictine University. The incoming fall 2004 class is one of the best we have ever had and everyone is excited about the changes on campus. The word is out and people are talking about the wonderful opportunities at Benedictine.

This past year has been a year of change for the Enrollment Center. We have seen Benedictine Hall come down and witnessed the creation of one of the best athletic facilities in the Chicago area being built right here on our campus. The new sports complex is a wonderful addition to our campus not only for the students of Benedictine, but also the community.

We are pleased to announce the addition of an undergraduate radiation therapy major. Prospective students have already expressed a great interest in this joint program with Northwestern Memorial Hospital. This program was designed to allow Benedictine students to complete a balance of courses in the humanities and social sciences with a strong science curriculum. Once students complete their courses at Benedictine, they must apply for admission to Northwestern Memorial Hospital where they will complete a 12-month clinical education curriculum. Upon completion of the Bachelor of Science program, the student is eligible to sit for the national registry examination in radiation therapy administered by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists.

At Benedictine we have so many wonderful opportunities for students, including a flourishing student life, study abroad programs, internships, wonderful guest speakers and an amazing number of undergraduate and graduate programs. Each year we add to the growing list of programs we offer and this year is no exception.

We know that you have a special place in your heart for Benedictine and we therefore ask that you keep spreading the word. If you would like more information to share with a student please contact the Enrollment Center at (630) 829-6300. We look forward to hearing from you soon. ✝

Help Spread The Word
by Christy Penman, Associate Director of Enrollment

Upcoming Enrollment Events: Visit the Benedictine Web site at www.ben.edu for more events and information.

Senior Preview Day
Sunday, October 10, 2004
An event designed for prospective high school seniors and their families.

Graduate Awareness Week
Monday, November 8 — Friday, November 12, 2004
A series of events designed to assist prospective students in learning which program is right for them.

Fall Open House
Sunday, November 14, 2004
An event designed for prospective high school and transfer students and their families.

Science Open House
Sunday, February 6, 2005
An event focusing on our exceptional science programs and designed for prospective high school and transfer students and their families. ✝
Dear Friend of Benedictine University,

I write to bring your attention to a new and novel way to support the University and, in particular, contribute to scholarship funds. Under our own label, designed by Professor William Scarlato and a former student in our Department of Fine Arts, Benedictine University is making available the first release of Benedictine Heritage, an elegant Cabernet Franc from Napa, California.

The wine was selected by a committee chaired by Dr. David Rausch, Professor Emeritus of Chemistry. (David traveled to California to personally select the wines we toasted for this endeavor!) The University has purchased 100 cases of this red wine produced from a single vineyard in northern Napa County. The Cabernet Franc grape is an overlooked sibling of Cabernet Sauvignon and is a major constituent of Bordeaux wines. This wine, which was aged in American and French oak for 18 months, is a balanced, full-flavored wine with big fruit on the forward palate. The wine is currently aging and will be ready for distribution this September or October.

Those interested in purchasing a bottle or a case of this wine (selling for $35 per bottle, plus $2.40 tax) should write a check payable to Benedictine University and return it to Debbie Smith in the Alumni Relations office. The University is offering a 10 percent discount on the purchase of one or more cases and will have a limited number of etched magnums available at the Educare Scholarship Ball on November 6, 2004. Those interested in a case (12 bottles) are asked to write a check in the amount of $404 (reflects discount) payable to Benedictine University. No shipping is available at this time. For more information, contact Julie Nelligan, alumni relations director, at (630) 829-6077 or e-mail jnelligan@ben.edu.

Proceeds from the wine will support students majoring in all University programs. Our supply of wine for 2004 is limited, so we suggest you reserve your order at this time.

Thank you for your support of the students and faculty of Benedictine University.

Cheers!

William Carroll, President
Increases Seen In Class Donations

This chart represents the percentage of change for classes that have increased their donations to the University from fiscal year 2002-2003 to fiscal year 2003-2004. The classes of 1943 through 1957 have been inducted into the Golden Eagles, the class of 1965 has donated toward an atrium area in Kindlon Hall, and the classes of 1971 through 1998 have participated in class anniversaries. Through this involvement, they have increased their contributions to the University significantly.

Help us hold a reunion and we can discuss how we can honor your class with a number of donation options.

If you would like your class to be a part of something great, contact Julie Nelligan, alumni relations director, at (630) 829-6077 or jnelligan@ben.edu.

**Benedictine Tour of Italy**

Veteran overseas tour organizer Fr. Michael Komechak, O.S.B., invites the Benedictine community on a pilgrimage to the tombs of St. Benedict and his sister, St. Scholastica, at Monte Cassino, St. Nicholas in Bari and St. Padre Pio at San Giovanni Rotondo. The tour will be from January 1 to January 15, 2005.

The pilgrimage will include a day trip to Subiaco outside Rome where St. Benedict began his monastic career. It will also feature a visit to the great shrine of St. Michael the Archangel at Mount Gargano on the Adriatic coast.

During the eight-day stay in Rome at the four-star Regency Hotel on the Via Veneto, travelers will visit seven great basilicas, the Vatican and the Sistine Chapel, among many other major sites.

The cost of the tour is $2,660. It includes round-trip fare on Alitalia Airlines, international departure fees, hotel accommodations, most meals, ground transportation, museum fees and the services of licensed English-speaking guides.

Anyone interested in a detailed itinerary of the tour can contact Fr. Michael at (630) 829-6270 or mkomechak@ben.edu. The deadline for reservations is November 1, 2004.

**Benedictine Hall Keepsake Bricks**

Benedictine University is pleased to present the community with a piece of history. We are offering our alumni, parents and friends a brick from the original 1901 building with a brass plaque engraved with the building name and dates.

Engraved bricks cost $100 plus $25 shipping/handling. All net proceeds will benefit the students of Benedictine University through scholarships and faculty development.

For more information contact Debbie Smith at (630) 829-6080, dsmith@ben.edu or visit www.ben.edu/alumni.
Tenth Annual President’s Invitational Golf Outing

The Cress Creek Country Club of Naperville was the site for the 10th annual President’s Invitational Golf Outing on July 12. It was truly a great day with approximately 200 golfers and $20,000 raised for scholarships.

The first place winning men’s team included Eugene Lopez, M.D., C81, Bruce Montella, M.D., Dan Kuesis, M.D. and Benedictine Coach Tom Mitchell. The first place winning mixed team was Donna Hrozencik, M.D., C82, Mark Ouimet and Chuck Strayer. The special prize of a diamond necklace, courtesy of Zack’s Jeweler’s of Naperville, went to Jim Beatty, University Trustee for closest to the pin.

There were a total of 197 golfers, 21 of whom were alumni. The coveted alumni cup went to the team of Lopez, Montella, Kuesis and Mitchell. This award is permanently on display in the alumni office with the names of each year’s winners. All you need is one alumnus/a on your team to qualify.

The Office of Alumni Relations wishes to thank the sponsors, donors, golf course, golfers and volunteers who helped make the event a success. Look for your “Save the Date” card in February 2005 and sign up early to make a difference next year.
Don’t Miss A Thing: Visit the Web

www.ben.edu/alumni

Do you recognize this url? As alumni of Benedictine University you should make yourself familiar with this Web site — it contains very valuable information for you.

A quick tour of the site includes all alumni events and reunions.

Did you miss the pre-St. Patrick’s Day gathering at Fitz’s Pub? It was posted on the Web site. Didn’t know that as alumni of Benedictine University you have benefits? Visit the Alumni Benefits page of the site. Are you looking for networking with your fellow alumni either for career reasons or professional referrals? Visit the AlumNet page of the site. You can register to be a volunteer in the AlumNet program or request names of AlumNet volunteers. You can also check out the sponsorship opportunities for our two largest fundraisers — the President’s Invitational Golf Outing and the Educare Scholarship Ball — on the Sponsorship page as well as details for both events. You can also read Voices online, connect to the Office of Career Development or check out the latest in Benedictine clothing that the bookstore has to offer.

Reminder: Special Savings Through Liberty Mutual

In an effort to provide our alumni with the best possible benefits, Benedictine University and Liberty Mutual have teamed up to offer you a program called Group Savings Plus®. Some of the benefits offered are: money-saving group discount on auto, home and tenant insurance and 24-hour emergency roadside assistance. Group discounts coupled with other premium reductions (multi-car, multi-policy, etc.) could result in substantial savings for you and your family. To compare your current costs and coverage, call Liberty Mutual’s Direct Response Center at (800) 524-9400.

Upcoming Events

September 28
Career Development and Alumni Relations Seminar
Series I of III ‘Beat the Unemployment Blues’

October 16
Homecoming

November 6
Educare Scholarship Ball

November 12
Swim/Dive Alumni Reunion

Homecoming Reunion Schedule

Friday, October 15
5:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Senior Athletic Dinner
9:00 p.m.
Pep Rally

Saturday, October 16
9:00 a.m.
Pre Med ASMA Fun Run
10:00 a.m.
Alumni Games
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Athletic Alumni Reunion
11:00 a.m.
Tailgating/Alumni Tent and Family Activities
1:30 p.m.
Football Game — Benedictine vs. Eureka College

Halftime Activities
4:30 – 6:00 p.m.
Post Game Party
7:00 p.m.
Class Reunions — for specific class information, contact Julie Nelligan, alumni relations director, at (630) 829-6077 or jnelligan@ben.edu.
9:00 p.m. – Midnight
Student Homecoming Dance

A complete schedule is available at www.ben.edu/alumni. ✝

BENEDICTINE UNIVERSITY’S 39TH ANNUAL

Educare Scholarship Ball

A WORLD OF EDUCATION: EMBRACING THE FUTURE

Saturday, November 6, 2004

Enter a lovely world of beautiful décor, enticing food, entertaining music and dancing, and the chance to walk away with any of the wonderful items up for auction.

Be a part of this Benedictine fundraiser for student scholarships; make your reservation today. Call (630) 829-6077.

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Benedictine Voices
Why did you come to Benedictine and what stands out to you about your time here?

Christos — IBC [Benedictine] back then was one of my first choices of schools. I felt it had a strong liberal arts curriculum. I also knew that the IBE [international business and economics] major required additional language skills and classes, something I have always felt helped me excel in my field. I was also fortunate enough to have studied for one semester abroad in Greece and Turkey — something I always stress when speaking to students. It is invaluable in that it opens one’s eyes to the life and business practices of another country. It also shows future employers that you are capable of dealing with the myriad of issues that arise when living for a semester overseas — a skill that is needed in today’s business environment.

I was fortunate to have studied under Dr. Roth in the IBE major, which forever changed my life. I recall with fond memories those days when I eagerly awaited attending her classes. Much of that was due to the exciting mixture of both practical and theoretical classes. I fondly remember the excursions to international seminars that we attended which broadened my horizons and made me realize that the international arena was where I wanted to be.

Nikos — My brother, Christos, had selected Benedictine, and when he went to Orientation Day I tagged along. I was so impressed by the speakers, the students and the faculty, that I was immediately hooked. My choice was cemented when I learned that the graduates of Benedictine had a very high acceptance rate into medical school.

I remember thinking how great it was to be a teaching assistant in Dr. Kamin’s biology class. My favorite biology course was with Fr. Theodore Suchy. [Benedictine had] premier, caring professors, a long-lasting proven history of leadership and scientific challenge, broad-based examinations that tested true depth of knowledge and excellent classes that had real-life experience written all over them. [I also met] great, influential colleagues.

Today, I find that when I teach an entrepreneurship class at the University of Massachusetts or the University of Utah, I apply many of the teaching standards and values I learned at Benedictine. I always give one-on-one attention and try to be approachable. We all remember with gratitude our best teachers. Knowledge is a great gift to share, receive and apply.

What have you been doing since graduation?

Christos — Since attending Benedictine, I have earned my Juris Doctor (J.D.) and Master of Laws (LL.M.) in international corporate and international trade law. I have held positions for small- to medium-sized export trading companies, both for domestic and foreign subsidiaries, including Compaq Computers and currently Tellabs in Naperville (as a global trade compliance manager), providing key legal and business advice to clients in import/export compliance and related international issues. In addition, I have a private practice, which handles immigration and international law, including establishing corporate compliance programs.

I have recently assisted in revising and editing the current edition of *International Trade Law, N.Y. Practitioner’s Guide*. I am also on the board of director’s of the President Associates Council (PAC) at Benedictine.

Nikos — After Benedictine, I continued with a master’s study in physiology, a medical doctorate from the University of Health Sciences/Chicago Medical School and an executive M.B.A. from the University of Utah School of Business.

I developed a medical publishing company in 1992. In 1996, I became the medical marketing director, and later vice president of sales and marketing, at a company in Salt Lake City, Utah. In 2001, I accepted the position of director of clinical research for The Natural Standard, a Harvard Medical School business development company, and also served as the author of clinical review monographs, covering natural extracts.

I am also an active lecturer and have become a key physician interviewed in newspapers and on radio and television including the Discovery Channel, CNN, ABC, NBC and others.

I am currently the founder and CEO for Tharos Laboratories, Inc. (TLI) in Foxboro, Massachusetts, a nutraceutical and pharmaceutical ingredient company.

TLI has become a developer of high quality, pharmaceutical-grade ingredients and finished retail products derived from botanical sources. TLI acquires and puts to use patented and proprietary technologies. By collaborating with scientists at
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Rutgers University, other major corporations and clinicians, Tharos has been able to commercialize a new line of products.

I have also held several board appointments, including the Children’s Museum of Utah, University of Utah School of Business Alumni Association and other corporations. I currently live in Boston with my wife and son.

What are your secrets to personal and career success?

Christos — If there is one thing I can stress, it is the importance of education and the need to continue reading and educating oneself in not only your field, but in a wide variety of areas. It is never too late to go on to higher education — I know, I was 33 when I completed both my Juris Doctorate and Master of Laws degrees. In today’s business world, one must possess the knowledge and expertise in their field in order to succeed, and that can only come from reading.

Most importantly is to remember where you came from, the opportunities provided to you and to help give back to the community. I have established a successful internship program for Benedictine students at Tellabs and am always looking for other companies who are interested in widening the opportunities for students.

I volunteer time to speak at events and meet with students at the University and other schools. My volunteer time at Benedictine is by far the most rewarding aspect in my personal life, and any opportunity that may arise I attempt to assist. This is due to the fact that when I was graduating, alumni volunteered their time to speak to me about how they got into their field and what could help me do the same. I found that most alumni are eager and more than willing to speak to students about their experiences. I would stress to current students that this is an excellent way to learn what field they would like to enter and a great networking opportunity.

Nikos — Live by a motto. Mine is “When you really care about something, get involved.” Don’t just sit there, it takes people’s involvement to make changes. Remembering this makes things happen.

Planning is another key. I’m a continual strategist, and I’ve always lived with an “acceleration plan.” I’m never really satisfied with any accomplishments, and the minute I have completed a project, I want to start another. It makes me pursue life to the fullest.

It’s about values ... values that my family has always shared. Values that I constantly reflect on. Things such as family, church, education, work ... all priorities to be taken seriously, with respect, authority, love and kindness. It’s commitment, discipline and sacrifices. This foundation — taught to us as kids — was also reinforced at Benedictine, and is now being taught to my own child. It ends up being about doing things right. That’s the reward. ♦

Steve Scherrer, chemistry, C94
Co-founder, Carry On, Inc. and Kicks 4 Cancer

Alumnus Steve Scherrer is living a life in balance. He helped develop a nonprofit corporation called Carry On, Inc. The charity was formed for two purposes: to raise significant funds to support the American Cancer Society and its goal to fight cancer; and to provide the best 3-on-3 soccer tournament in the Chicago area for junior high and high school soccer players.

That fundraising tournament is called Kicks 4 Cancer and is for boys and girls ages 10-18. The tournament takes place in August at the Chicago lakefront. Money raised from the tournament, through entry fees and fundraising, goes to the American Cancer Society.

“Ryan Bradley, who is a childhood friend, approached me to discuss his idea of holding a soccer tournament to raise money to fight cancer. His father had passed away from cancer a couple of years earlier, and he thought I might be interested, since my own mother died from cancer in 1989 when I was 17 years old. Ryan and I are also soccer fans, and had played the sport together when we were younger. I immediately said that I would be interested. I thought that this would be a great way to help fight the horrible disease while also honoring my mother and other loved ones who have lost the battle to cancer, including my aunt and my grandmother,” said Scherrer.

“We held the inaugural Kicks 4 Cancer 3-on-3 soccer tournament last summer and it was a huge success. Of course, we are trying to make it even bigger this year,” added Scherrer.

Scherrer credits Benedictine with his ability to live his life in balance. “Without a doubt, the education that I received from Benedictine has given me the skills to get the charity and the soccer tournament off the ground. Although my degree was in chemistry, I was also part of the Scholars Program and was very active in soccer, The Candor newspaper (I was the Topics page editor for two years) and the theater program. I pride myself on not merely concentrating on my discipline (i.e., chemistry). I tried to take advantage of the programs and activities that Benedictine offered in an attempt to fully

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Living Life Abroad

featured alumnus

Chris Lobello, C90

Risk and Trading Strategist — Tokyo, Japan

worry, teaching the finance is the easy part, teaching the rest would be tougher.” Barra builds statistical risk models that institutional fund managers use to measure and understand risk (the risk of a portfolio losing money, underperforming a benchmark, etc.) in their portfolios. It is a great training ground for quantitative finance.

After a few years there, I realized that this whole idea of measuring, managing and understanding risk was interesting, but that there was a lot more to do if you focused on the return side of things. I moved over to equity brokerage as a quant analyst. I later ran the quant team for Nomura in Asia [before working for CLSA].

How long have you lived overseas?

I just moved to Tokyo as an internal CLSA transfer after 11 years in Hong Kong (HK), although I’m still back in HK about one week out of six. I also had been in Benin with the Peace Corps right after graduation and in mainland China and Taiwan as part of IBC’s [Benedictine’s] study abroad program.

How often do you come back to the states?

I enjoy living overseas. I normally make it back to the U.S. a couple of times a year for business and another trip or so purely to visit friends and family. Otherwise I travel a good bit in the region. Business trips are likely to Korea or Taiwan, but I enjoy golfing down in Cebu in the Philippines, Boracay and Bali are always a blast, and my girlfriend is based in HK. She is Malaysian Chinese so that brings me down to Penang and Kuala Lumpur [at times]. She is also a flight attendant so from time to time I’ll follow her on a flight — Christmas was spent in Frankfurt.

Did your time at Benedictine help you in any way with your current ventures?

Most certainly. While I am arguably not “using” my major in the typical way, my studies in physics and math are the foundation skills I use in my work every day. More importantly, the work in the science department and the complimentary studies (the humanities) in “that big red building” helped me to develop whatever skill I might have in thinking critically. While I might not have fully appreciated it at the time, this was far and away the best benefit I could have received.

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Sadly, I remember far too little of the specific coursework I learned from the likes of Buss, Mecker, Mickus, Townsley-Kulich, Kittel, Meehan, Kloos, Mikula, Roth, Timko (and more, but the length of the list should say it all) but I do remember how to look at a problem, a situation or just life and ask questions.

And I still remember sitting in Kloos’ freshman colloquium class, where the man was doggedly trying to overcome my ignorance and help me understand the art of writing, thinking “how often am I ever going to have to write a report or story?” Now I write research reports nearly every day. I’m certainly a big believer in the value of a broad-based, generalist, liberal arts education.†
Benedictine Service Award
Charles J. Stasica — B.A. Philosophy, C67

Given to alumni who serve and have served the University with their time and talent, the 2004 Alumni Service Award recipient was Charles Stasica.

Stasica has served Benedictine University as a volunteer for more than 30 years in a number of capacities. He started as the class organizer for events and reunions and then served as a consultant to the college president. He is a member of the society of Procopians, on the Educare Ball Committee, a member of the President’s Advisory Council, Alumni Board and also served as the Board’s president for two terms 1981-1985 (only one of three people in the history of the association to serve more than one term). He also coached hockey for 12 years. He continues to organize his class golf outing that is now in its 28th year.

Outside of the University, Stasica is a member of the Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association, assisting athletes making a transition from athletics to business since 1988. He was elected to the Brookfield Library Board as a trustee and served as chairman of the long range planning committee and chairman of the personal committee. He coached hockey for 15 years at Illinois Institute of Technology and served on the Midwest Ice Hockey College Rules Review Committee for two years. He has coached girl’s softball at Nazareth Academy for six years and is currently in his fifth year at Riverside-Brookfield High School. He has also served on the St. Louise deMarillac school board for two terms serving as its vice president for three years, and co-chaired the parish’s first capital campaign. In addition, he was involved in Brookfield National Little League for 10 years and served as its president for two terms.

Stasica has truly earned this award with his donations of time and talent to Benedictine University and others.

He has two children and resides in Brookfield with his wife, Sue.

Alumni Spirit Award
Thomas J. Danaher, M.D. —
B.S. Biochemistry, C71

The Benedictine Spirit Award is awarded to an alumnus who has exemplified the Benedictine values of service, hospitality and dedication in their personal and/or professional life. The 2004 award was given to Thomas Danaher, M.D.

Danaher played football his entire four years at Benedictine University, graduated with the highest grade point average of any graduate at that time and also received the Procopian Award. He went on to Northwestern Medical School, where he also completed his residency as well as being a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honorary Society. He later became chief resident of orthopedics at Northwestern.

Danaher has also served his community by volunteering his time as team physician for the Rockford Lightning, Rockford Raptors, Rockford Dactyles, Rockford Ice Hawks and the Rockford Public School football teams. He has volunteered his time in his children’s various sports activities and served as board member and president of the Alumni Board of Boylan Catholic High School in Rockford.

He was received into the Benedictine University Hall of Fame in 2003 and awarded the Boylan Catholic High School Veritas Award in 2002. A quote from that award reads, “His generosity with his time, talent and resources is displayed in a quiet and unpretentious manner.”

Danaher is an orthopedic surgeon and partner at Lundholm Orthopedic Group in Rockford and has four children. His wife, Patricia, graduated from Benedictine in 1971.
Call For Nominations

The Alumni Board is asking for nominations for the 2005 alumni awards. The recipients of these awards will be recognized at the 2005 commencement, which is scheduled for May 22.

The following categories are open for nomination:

• Distinguished
• Service
• Spirit

Please send all nominations to Julie Nelligan, alumni relations director, at jnelligan@ben.edu, or fax to (630) 829-6313.

2004 College Graduates Can Expect A Slightly Better Job Market

by Melissa Mouhelis, assistant director, Office of Career Development

As the economy continues to recover, so do the job opportunities for new graduates. According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE), as compared to 2003, employers are hiring 11.2 percent more college graduates. The best prospects for hiring are in the service sector, which expects to hire about 20 percent more graduates than last year. The manufacturing sector as a whole reported a 12 percent increase in hiring, while government/nonprofit expected a slight decrease in the amount of hiring as compared to 2003. Although these numbers seem to suggest only a small improvement, they do point to a more positive outlook compared to 2002 and 2003.

In terms of salary increases, NACE reported that more than a half of all job sectors expect to give small salary increases for 2004 graduates. Of the business areas, business administration graduates will see the largest increase, a 4.7 percent increase over last year, making the average offer now $38,000. Accounting majors are seeing a slightly smaller increase of two percent. The average salary for accounting majors is $42,000. Other business majors such as finance, economics, marketing and management are seeing little change from last year. The average salary for finance/economics majors is $40,000, and for marketing and management majors, $35,000.

Computer/information science graduates are the recipients of the biggest increase in salary among all disciplines reported. The average starting salary for computer science graduates is now $50,000 and the average salary for information science graduates rose to $44,000 this year. Other disciplines such as engineering and liberal arts remain about the same, with engineering topping out at about $50,000 and liberal arts about $29,000.

These indicators show the market is improving, and that is good news. It is also important to recognize that the candidate himself. As career professionals, we see that some job seekers will get multiple offers in a tight market, and others will struggle to get one offer in a good market. This suggests that those candidates who possess certain qualifications and approach the job search wisely will secure employment regardless of the nature of the market.

According to Job Outlook 2003 published by NACE, when employers are polled about what skills and qualities they look for in candidates their responses are consistent year after year. Aside from looking for one’s ability to do the job, the top five “soft” skills and qualities sought after by employers are: communication skills (verbal and written), honesty/integrity, teamwork skills, interpersonal and motivation/initiative. Obviously, in today’s competitive market, being able to show that you have these skills is critical and can often mean the difference between clinching a job and losing out to another candidate.

If you are in the job market, please contact Benedictine’s Office of Career Development at (630) 829-6040 or at career@ben.edu. We have services in place to assist alumni with the job search.

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As a student and a person in general. The values instilled in me through the education I received from Benedictine have certainly helped me in this regard. It is a constant struggle to juggle home life, work and our charity, but Benedictine has given me the tools to succeed at all three,” stated Scherrer.

He is currently a partner at the law firm of McDermott, Will & Emery in Chicago specializing in intellectual property law. He and his wife, Kim, live in Crystal Lake and have two children, Joshua and Zachary.

People who are interested in learning more about Scherrer’s charity and the Kicks 4 Cancer event can go to www.kicks4cancer.org or call (773) 615-9432.
Meet Your Alumni Board

Continuing profiles of those who serve on the Alumni Board.

John Knobloch has served on the Alumni Board since 1988. He served as president from 1995-97 and from 2000-02. He was the chairman of the Admissions Assistance Committee from 1988-90, the chairman for the class of 1978’s 10 and 15-year reunions and the class of 1978 representative for three years. He has also been a member of the Planned Giving Advisory Council and an adjunct faculty member (1986-87) in the Department of Political Science.

He earned his Juris Doctorate degree from Loyola University in Chicago and now has a private law practice in Naperville.

Knobloch has held leadership positions in Naperville and Downers Grove Rotary and the DuPage and Illinois State Bar Associations. He is currently an assistant coach for the Naperville Park District’s youth soccer program and on the school board at St. Raphael School in Naperville.

He continues to be active with Benedictine due to his belief in its mission. “I believe in giving back for the education I received here. I also receive fulfillment and enjoyment serving on the Board,” stated Knobloch.

Knobloch lives in Naperville with his wife, Janet, and their two sons.

Griselda DeLaRosa has been working at Indian Trail Junior High as a Spanish teacher for eight years. She has served as the Second Language Department chair for the last five years. She also coaches track and cross-country.

DeLaRosa has made several contributions to the Alumni Board. She has volunteered at graduation, participated in Red Carpet Days, and helped out at the University’s two largest fundraisers, Educare Ball and the President’s Invitational Golf Outing.

Darryl Boggs has been a part of Benedictine University for many years. He has served on the Alumni Board for more than eight years as well as volunteering for numerous alumni events. He also is a founding member of the African American Alumni Group.

Boggs spent almost 20 years at St. Joan of Arc teaching music to grades one through eight, as well as serving as band director. From there he moved to Lindop School in Broadview where he is currently teaching music and directing the band.

He has been performing professionally on the guitar, electric bass and singing vocals since 1972. This has included recording for radio, television commercials, performing at night clubs, weddings, concerts and playing back up for such musicians as Tony Bennett, Bill Cosby and Tyrone Davis.

He also belongs to many musical associations in the Chicago area and nationally, including serving on the board of the Ravinia/Lawndale Music Conservatory. Boggs is currently on tour with the group Synergi and working on his first CD, due out in early 2005.

“I will always have a special place in my heart for Benedictine University, and will always be willing to give back for what I received there,” said Boggs.

Griselda DeLaRosa
Bachelor of Arts, History, C78

Darryl Boggs
Bachelor of Music, C81

In addition to her volunteer work at Benedictine, she serves as the faculty advisor for the Builders Club (the junior high level club of the Kiwanis Club of Addison). As advisor, she helps present the students with several community service opportunities.
Health Care Professionals Benefit From Master’s Programs

Health care professionals seeking to enhance their marketability and career options need look no further than two of the master’s programs offered by Benedictine University.

The Master of Public Health (M.P.H.) program prepares highly competent professionals for the rapidly changing world of health and health care. Students become broadly educated in the core disciplines of public health, and may concentrate in one of several areas that reflect the current and emerging needs of the profession.

The M.P.H. is a generalist degree that may be applied to a wide range of population-based health concerns. Students may concentrate in Health Education, Administration of Health Care Institutions, Management of Health Information Systems, Health Policy, Community Nutrition/Dietetic Internship and Disaster Management. The program also includes internship opportunities within local organizations.

“About 20 percent of our graduates are registered nurses,” said Alan Gorr, director of the M.P.H. program at Benedictine. “Many have specialized in community health nursing, school nursing, nursing administration and disaster management. These are areas where nursing education is combined with institutional and societal concerns.

“Public health professions work to make the conditions in society, environment and our institutions conducive to better health,” Gorr added. “The careers of many nurses evolve to embrace these concerns. The master’s program can help them become participants and leaders in the interdisciplinary work that builds healthier communities, homes and workplaces.”

The two-year Master of Science in Clinical Exercise Physiology (M.C.E.P.) program, the only one of its kind in the Chicago area, is a perfect complement for nursing students interested in learning the most current and advanced procedures in evaluating and treating cardiac and pulmonary patients.

“The M.C.E.P. program will also help nursing students gain advanced clinical knowledge in how diet and exercise play a major role in the prevention and treatment of other lifestyle-related diseases such as obesity and diabetes,” said Craig Broeder, director of the M.C.E.P. program at Benedictine University.

The M.C.E.P. program uses a case study approach in combination with laboratories to better integrate academic information with practical application.

“Our graduates are found in leadership roles in a variety of professional settings including hospitals, independent rehabilitation programs, agencies, schools, corporations and health clubs,” said Allison Wilson, associate professor of biology at Benedictine.

New Lecture Series
Answering Questions About The Catholic Faith

The offices of University Mission and University Ministry have teamed up to present a series of lectures on what Catholics believe, how Catholics live and how Catholics pray. Anyone interested in these topics is welcome to attend. This lecture series on the Catholic faith will be held on the following dates from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. in Scholl Hall, room 101.

What the Roman Catholic Church Has to Say About . . .
• Faith – September 19, 2004
• God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit – October 17, 2004
• The Human Person – November 14, 2004
• The Church – February 13, 2005
• Forgiveness of Sin – March 6, 2005
• Resurrection – April 17, 2005

For more information, contact Abbot Hugh Anderson, O.S.B., at (630) 829-6029 or Br. Rick Poro, O.S.B., at (630) 829-6033.
Commencement 2004

Excerpt from the 2004 Commencement Address by Abbot Dismas Kalicic, O.S.B., University Chancellor (pictured right, center)

“We human beings create systems and institutions for our sake; we create them to make things better for us. For anything we do, we should always look at the effects on us, and I think there is one effect of globalization that is extremely important for how we understand our place on this earth and how we will live together in the future. I’m referring to the global market bringing human beings together that would have little reason to come together if it weren’t for their interaction in the market.

If the grassroots people get to know one another, the possibilities for better human relations will grow. More and more people will be moved from their provincialism to a wider view and better understanding of the world. As those who have been isolated come to know more and more people from different countries and cultures, they will realize that all television news is limited, that the complexities of any situation can’t be captured with a few minutes of pictures and sound bites. The conditions will be there for them to realize that we human beings can change and we can change the way things are done, that we can move toward a way of living that is better for all, and that we can live in peace.

A large amount of understanding and trust among the grassroots people will make it more difficult for a nation’s leaders to select war as a means of resolving a conflict. Amidst all the conflicts that take place throughout the world every day we have new friendships being born between strangers.

This University provides a good example. One of my monks, who will complete his degree next year, tells me that he appreciates deeply the quality of his education here, and that he enjoys immensely the diversity of the student body: the different races, colors, religions

**ACADEMIC AWARDS**
- College Of Arts and Sciences
  - Haley Meyer
  - Charles Robinson
- College of Business, Technology and Professional Programs
  - Grace Nijm
- School of Education
  - Erica Andrews

**COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD**
- Saara Patel

**SERVICE AWARD**
- Brandi Keys

**Procopian Award**
- Ashley Gray

**THOMAS J. DYBA LEADERSHIP AWARD**
- Nicholas Scipione
and ethnic backgrounds. His interaction with those who are different from him has given him insights and understanding that have brought him a greater appreciation of all people in the world. His worldview has been changing, becoming more realistic and wholesome every day.

This University has also provided you with an experience of our Catholic and Benedictine values that should serve you well anywhere, including the global market. These values have always been here, but we have only recently gotten around to identifying and expressing them through the efforts of a task force. So we now say with both pride and confidence that at this University:

† We affirm the worth and dignity of each and every person.
† We affirm the solidarity of the human race and the social nature of human existence, and we do that with the deep belief that our human existence is not limited to this life — it is oriented toward God.
† We affirm the goodness of creation and its potential to disclose the transcendent; St. Bonaventure expressed this in a charming way when he said that the world is filled with the ‘footprints of God.’
† We affirm that truth is interconnected, and in the search for truth, faith and reason are compatible.

As carriers of the Benedictine tradition, we are committed to:
† Searching for God, both alone and with others.
† Meeting all with hospitality.
† Being concerned for the development of each person.
† Living life in balance.
† Exercising a responsible stewardship of all things.

These are excellent values to take with you into the global market. We who are carriers of the tradition have found them to be wonderfully humanizing. It has been our intention for you to experience them during your time with us. Like all human beings, we are less than perfect, so we don’t always get it right. But our lack of perfection does not keep us from working toward the things we judge to be right, true and good.

We ask you to protect your memories, that you may recall your humanizing experiences here and the important things you learned. Use them to develop a realistic global vision. Let them help you form an action plan in the world constructed with a concern and respect for all who share this planet.

We are but the latest to learn that, whatever its limitations, the market has made a good living for many, many human beings. And it did that while exercising its power to bring people together and opening up the possibility for constructive and cooperative ways of living with one another. It’s not a perfect human institution, but many of us see it as the best we human beings will probably ever have to guide us in the ordinary business of life. May it work very well for all of you, at all times, in all your days. May it bring you new friendships and help you work toward a world of cooperation, mutual respect and peace.”

Innovative Satellite Imagery Bolsters Learning

Beginning this fall semester, students enrolled in Benedictine University’s Cultural Heritage course sequence will begin studying geography online, with some stunning, state-of-the-art software that utilizes actual satellite imagery. The software program, called Keyhole Pro, can create three-dimensional video flyovers of any region on Earth, as well as import maps. Used commercially by real estate developers and television news broadcasters, the software has only recently begun to be adopted for educational purposes.

Over the summer, professor Jonathan Lewis worked with several other Benedictine University faculty members to create online geography modules that feature narrated videos and quizzes. The modules are customized to meet the needs of each course and cover a wide variety of subjects, including the geography of the ancient world, routes of the crusaders, the slave trade and major military conflicts of the 20th century. Lewis, who serves as director of the Title III Grant, attended a summer institute on cartography sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities and held at Chicago’s Newberry Library. He utilized the expertise of colleagues there to help shape the modules.

Supported by funds from a U.S. Department of Education Title III Strengthening Institutions Grant, the University has purchased two licenses for the Keyhole product. One of those licenses is installed on a laptop computer, allowing faculty to use the software in one of the many electronically equipped classrooms also outfitted by the Title III grant.

Faculty teaching the Cultural Heritage courses are anxious to learn whether the modules are effective, and will be comparing scores from an assessment test given to students last spring with scores produced this fall. If significant improvement is found, Lewis plans to expand that success both by creating additional online modules and by working with faculty from other institutions who are interested in creating their own geography modules. †
Helping Local Teachers Bring Science To The Classroom

by Mary Mickus, education coordinator, Jurica Nature Museum

You often hear about grants Benedictine University receives but you may not realize the impact that many of them have. Recently, the University completed work on a grant from the Illinois Clean Energy Foundation. Fifty teachers from 32 schools participated in problem-based learning workshops to learn about renewable energy resources and the science behind renewable energy. Teachers learned the science by studying problems related to the use of renewable energy and designing practical and innovative solutions.

The problems for the first workshop in Fall 2002 were to design an exhibit about renewable energy resources for the Jurica Nature Museum and to create new discovery boxes about renewable energy resources. Discovery boxes contain curricular information, books, posters and museum specimens. These new boxes were added to more than 30 existing science boxes, which are available to teachers through the museum’s discovery box program.

The photovoltaic system at Benedictine University is a one-kilowatt unit that keeps a light and fan running in the Birck Hall greenhouse.

"Currently, solar panels are between 12.5 and 15 percent efficient," said John Mickus, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. "Once we improve on that and make solar energy more cost effective, we can start replacing fossil fuels as an energy source. And if we can replace fossil fuels, we should be able to replace nuclear energy." ♦

All of the teachers commented that problem-based learning has energized their classrooms. Students ask more questions and teachers are more comfortable not knowing all the answers. Both students and teachers work together to find answers that lead to more questions and now they have a true learning community.

The Illinois Clean Energy Council Foundation grant brought 50 teachers to the Benedictine campus to learn the science behind renewable energy. Two years later, their students have participated in curricula their teachers designed in their home schools. So, the next time you hear about a grant received by Benedictine University, think about the impact the study could have on future generations. ♦
Benedictine University and Springfield College in Illinois (SCI) announced a partnership that would bring Benedictine programs and services to the Springfield area while revitalizing the state capital’s oldest institution of higher education.

The union has proven so successful that the board of trustees of both schools recently decided to establish a “permanent partnership.”

“This partnership is unique,” Carroll said. “The junior- and senior-level programs we offer are our programs. We have separate boards and separate governing corporations. This is a working model for how a two-year school can become a four-year school.”

Since the partnership was established, enrollment at SCI has increased 33 percent, the number of adults enrolled in its New Horizons accelerated degree program has increased 60 percent and the school is no longer operating at a deficit. The school’s endowment has also doubled within a year.

There are still several issues facing SCI/Benedictine University. The Springfield campus is running out of room and additional classroom space may have to be leased. To continue to attract new students to the SCI campus, Benedictine is exploring adding amenities such as extracurricular activities and athletic opportunities for junior- and senior-level students.

Carroll and Benedictine University further expressed their commitment to the Springfield campus with the appointment of James Iaccino, Ph.D. as the first Associate Dean of Springfield College.

Iaccino, who previously served as the chair of the Department of Psychology and Sociology and in a number of other administrative positions at Benedictine University, will serve as liaison between Benedictine and SCI in areas of programmatic development, accreditation, recruitment of faculty and curricular review.

Benedictine Flies High At Lisle’s Eyes To The Sky Festival

For the first time, Benedictine University sponsored a hot air balloon, “Touchdown,” at the annual Lisle Eyes To The Sky Festival in July to promote the new sports complex.

Twenty faculty and staff members volunteered as part of the “balloon crew” assisting with each morning and evening flight at the four-day festival.

Look for “Touchdown” to make a return appearance at Benedictine’s Homecoming festivities on Saturday, October 16.†
Masters In Clinical Psychology Receives State Recognition
by Margaret Salyer, L.C.P.C., Faculty Advisor and Field Placement Coordinator

The Master of Science in Clinical Psychology program (M.C.P.) is proud to announce that the Illinois Department of Professional Regulation has officially declared the program to be an approved program of the State. The Professional Counseling Licensing and Disciplinary Board of the State carefully evaluated the M.C.P. program. The Board examined the program’s requirements, course of study, class descriptions and syllabi.

This approval means that students in the M.C.P. program are assured that their preparation and training will meet all of the criteria of the state’s licensing board. This approval further demonstrates that students are receiving comprehensive and quality training that carefully prepares them for futures in the field of counseling and psychotherapy. In addition, graduates of the program will automatically be accepted to take the licensure examinations, both the License for Professional Counselors (L.P.C.) and the License for Clinical Professional Counselors (L.C.P.C.), bypassing a lengthy application process.

The M.C.P. program is proud of this recognition and wishes to acknowledge the exemplary faculty, their expertise and the superior quality of their instruction. It is because of the faculty’s contribution to the student’s training that the M.C.P. program has achieved this status with the State of Illinois.

Benedictine To Expand Satellite Program In Bellwood

Benedictine University has agreed to join the Village of Bellwood in its efforts to redevelop a 30-acre industrial park with a mix of residential, retail and other uses.

Benedictine would serve as an educational anchor for the project, leasing office space and expanding its academic offerings in the village.

“We believe this partnership would be beneficial to both the village and the University,” Benedictine President William Carroll said. “We would be able to further our efforts to establish ourselves as a regional university, while Bellwood would benefit from a better-educated, economically-empowered constituency.”

Benedictine University began offering Associate of Arts in Business Administration (A.A.B.A.) degrees in Bellwood in the fall of 2003. Twenty-one residents enrolled in the class, which initially met in the Village Hall. Recently, the University reduced tuition by 29 percent for the A.A.B.A. program offered at its satellite campuses.

A vacant foundry now dominates the 30-acre Bellwood site. Preliminary plans include a new commuter train station, additional parking, 500 housing units and retail and office space. Benedictine University has agreed to anchor an educational facility and begin offering undergraduate classes in addition to the adult accelerated program.

“This is an awesome opportunity for people in our village and in the surrounding areas,” said Tanesha Pittman, economic development specialist and community development director for the Village of Bellwood. “The more educated your residents are, the further your community can move forward.”

Bellwood is one of several satellite locations where the Benedictine University Associate of Arts in Business Administration degree is offered. Other locations include Aurora, Tinley Park, Itasca, Oak Brook and downtown Chicago.
Editor’s Note

Thank you to everyone who responded to the readership survey in the Spring 2004 issue of Voices magazine. The results were overwhelmingly positive.

Your opinions matter and we were glad to learn you enjoy the magazine. We will strive to continue bringing you an interesting, informative and quality University publication.

Congratulations to the survey t-shirt winners; Ray May, C53; David Saydak, C66; Robert Feuerborn, C64; Shelby Merkel, C84 and ’95; and John Makarowski, C69.

Please keep in touch.

Sincerely,
Linda A. Hale
Editor

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Class of ’53
Ray J. May, Economics, is currently the president of Jefferson Foundation supporting the Jefferson County, CO, schools. May is also a member of the board of directors of CASA. On the weekends he teaches skiing in Winter Park, CO. He is a financial consultant for AXA Advisors and resides in Golden, CO.

Class of ’69
Bradley E. Hubinek, Philosophy, retired from his telecommunications career in June 2003. He is currently semi-retired and works part-time as a courier service driver making pick-ups and deliveries for veterinarians and laboratories. Hubinek and his wife, Martha, reside in Raleigh, NC.

Class of ’70
Robert Jesski, Literature, was recently elected to the board of directors of the Tampa Bay Builder’s Association. Jesski was also invited to sit on the board of directors of the Child Abuse Council of Tampa. He is the director of sales and marketing for Lennar Homes. Jesski and his wife, Leslie, reside in Seffner, FL.

Class of ’84
Donald Provenzale, D.D.S., Biology, was recognized as an Associate Fellow of the American Academy of Implant Dentistry at its 2003 annual meeting in Hollywood, FL. Provenzale completed 300 hours of post-doctoral instruction in implant dentistry, performed implant cases and passed the Academy’s Associate Fellow examination. His practice is in Downers Grove.

Class of ’85
Ann Marie (O’Neill) Foster, Biology, has recently been employed by the University of Kansas to work at Haskell Indian Nations University as the Bridge Program Coordinator and instructor in biology. Her husband, Ken, is a professor in the Division of Biological Sciences in ecology and evolutionary biology. They live in Lawrence, KS with their two sons, Thomas and Jack.

Class of ’86
Mark J. Miklosz, Business and Economics, appeared on HGTV’s “How Does That Work” in December discussing history of the “Skilsaw” as well as how it operates. He is a group product manager for Robert Bosch Tool Corporation and resides in Western Springs with his wife, Ann.

Class of ’88
Val Ensalaco, M.S.M.O.B., is the corporate vice president for institutional advancement for the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago and the recipient of the West Suburban Philanthropic Network (WSPN) Founders’ Award for 2004. This distinction is given to an individual who was active in the early efforts to establish the WSPN and/or who has contributed in a commendable way to the growth of the organization. She has served as secretary, vice president, president and managing editor of WSPN’s award-winning newsletter. Ensalaco, a Naperville resident, credits Benedictine University for honing her skill set and giving

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Second Annual Loop Alumni Cocktail Reception

The Union League Club in downtown Chicago was the site of the second annual Benedictine University Loop Alumni cocktail reception. The group enjoyed networking with more than 30 alumni and friends in attendance. There was also a presentation by special guest, Rev. Daniel Coughlin, U.S. House of Representatives Chaplain, and a campus update by Benedictine President William Carroll.

Doug Hoffman, Esq., C79, hosted this annual event. The group looks forward to more alumni joining them next year.

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Benedictine at Disney World

I thought your office might enjoy the enclosed [photo]. I attended Illinois Benedictine College from 1973-1975, made a lot of close friends and thoroughly enjoyed the “IBC” experience.

Recently, I took my family to Disney World and stayed at their new “pop century” resort. Under the heading of the 70’s in the lobby, I saw this picture. Kohlbeck Hall was made famous back then due to the fact that the students liked to climb the walls (literally!).

Sincerely,
Steve Margevich
Hoopeston, IL
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For a greater selection visit the store in the Krasa Student Center.

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What's new in your life? A marriage or a child? A new job or promotion?
Have you been published or honored? Let us know!

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let us know

Any idea what was going on here?
If you know, contact us at alumni@ben.edu.

Alumni Remembered

Regarding the ‘Royal Court’ picture (Voices, Spring 2004): The third person from the right is Tom Danaher. He was captain of the football team and an outstanding student. He is currently an orthopedic doctor. I believe that the young lady to the left of Tom is his wife.

The first person from the left, I believe, is Joe Wazlawick.

Tom Beck
IBC (Benedictine) Football Coach 1970-74

Incidentally, I was just informed yesterday that I was selected into the National Football Foundation Hall of Fame, partly for my years at IBC (Benedictine). ♠

her the tools to professionally manage the operation side of WSPN.

Class of ’90
Michael Serzynski, Computer Science, has accepted a new position as a systems administrator with Abbott Molecular Diagnostics. He resides in Gurnee.

Class of ’91
LCDR Michael Bezouska, D.O. M.S., Biology, completed his master’s in toxicology and a residency in Occupational Medicine at University of California-Irvine. He is now transitioned to Group Surgeon, MACG-18 and will return to San Diego in August where he will take a position as director, Occupational Medicine, U.S. Naval Hospital, Camp Pendleton.

Richard E. Helfrich, Jr., Health Science, spent four years in Kansas City with the TruGreen Companies and has recently relocated to Aurora. He is a landscape installation and maintenance manager for TruGreen LandCare and resides in Aurora with his wife, Tammy.

Class of ’92
Mary Carol Udelhofen MacDonald, M.P.H., was recently named the West Suburban Dietetic Association’s Outstanding Dietitian of the Year for 2003-2004. She is the manager for diabetes and nutrition services for Provena St. Joseph Hospital in Elgin.

Class of ’93
Karri Uhlarik, Psychology, graduated in December 2003 with a Master of Business Administration degree from Eastern Illinois University. She resides in Champaign.

Class of ’97
Alicia (Kirwan) Gjerde, Accounting, M.B.A. ’00, is currently a senior staff accountant for AON Corporation in Glenview, IL. Gjerde and her husband, Brian, have a son, Zachary, and will welcome their
second child in November. They reside in Naperville.

Geoffrey Goodfellow, M.D., Biochemistry/Biology, has been selected as Chief of Pediatrics/Binocular Vision effective July 1, 2004 at the Illinois College of Optometry in Chicago.

Class of ’98
Lisa Nijm, M.D., Health Science, was among the 73 new physicians of the Class of 2004 from Southern Illinois University (SIU) School of Medicine in Springfield. She received a combined J.D./M.D. degree after completing six years of study in both medicine and law. She earned an Illinois General Assembly Scholarship and an American Medical Association Foundation leadership award. Nijm entered a preliminary internal medicine residency at SIU and its affiliated hospitals in Springfield in July, followed by an ophthalmology residency at the University of Illinois College of Medicine in Chicago.

Brian Wellner, History, spent two years in the remote northern region of Ghana as a Peace Corps volunteer. In April he was named the Hyde Park Herald editor. He credits his three years of experience with The Candor for sparking his passion for journalism.

Class of ’99
Maggie W. (Bruzik) Augustyn, D.D.S., Molecular Biology, completed her second B.S. in dentistry in December 2002. In May 2004 she graduated from dental school with the American Academy of Periodontology and earned the Karl Halwass Award for outstanding achievement. Augustyn is an associate dentist in a downtown Naperville practice. She resides in Lombard with her husband.

Mark Cote, Social Science, was appointed associate pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle in Naperville in June after being ordained a priest at the Cathedral of St. Raymond.

Class of ’02
Reshma Rebhani, Biology, was accepted into Midwestern University’s Osteopathic Medical School program and will begin classes in the fall. She currently is working as a research technician at the University of Chicago.

Class of ’03
Christopher A. Owens, M.B.A., is currently the litigation supervisor for The Hartford company where he manages the day-to-day operations of litigation for the Midwest region of the Hartford’s personal lines litigation operation. He and his wife, Ginny, reside in Indianapolis.

Marriages
Jim Hanak, Mathematics ’78, was married to Janet Gellert in September 2003. They reside in Schaumburg.

Tracy (Dixon) Richards, Elementary Education ’97, M.Ed. ’99, was married in October 2003 to Erik Richards. She is finishing her second master’s in administration at Benedictine University and looks forward to starting a career as a school administrator. She is currently a fifth grade teacher and education consultant for Indian Prairie School District 204 and resides in the downtown Naperville area.

Kristen Szredy, Molecular Biology ’99, was recently married to Jeffrey Hosack. Szredy is an account executive at Amerisafe and resides in Lombard.

Births
Cathy (Rausch) Blanton, Literature and Communication ’85, and her husband, Ron, welcomed their first child, Lucas Anthony, on February 29, 2004. Blanton is a senior database-marketing analyst for Fox Valley Publications and the family resides in Aurora.

Mark Daimid, Management and Organizational Behavior ’94, and his wife, Kerry, welcomed their first child, Ryan Michael, in January 2003. They reside in Bolingbrook.

Sally (Butler) Dean, Computer Science ’98, and her husband, Michael, welcomed a son, Brandon, in November 2002. They reside in Easly, SC.

Scott Kendregan, Sociology ’92, and his wife, Regan, welcomed their first child, Caleb David, in November 2003. They live in Bourbonnais.

Stacy (Goudie) Lifka, Business and Economics ’96, and her husband, Phil Lifka, Business and Economics ’96, announce the birth of Adam Chamberlin in October 2003. Adam joins his older brother, Phillip Charles, in their Naperville home.


Jennifer (Kauffman) Porter, Health Science ’96, and her husband, Mark, announce the birth of Alexander William in February 2004. They reside in Lisle.

Bob Pieper, Physical Education ’91, and his wife, Jill, announce the birth of their son, Jake Robert, in November 2003. Big sisters Nicole and Brooke welcomed Jake into his Vernon Hills home. Pieper is the athletic director and head football coach at Glenbrook North High School.

Sandi (Reardon) Profeta, Elementary Education ’94, and her husband, Patrick Profeta, Business and Economics ’93, announce the birth of their fourth son, Anthony Joseph, in March 2004. The family resides in Plainfield.

Todd Schremser, Business and Economics ’04, and his wife, Julie, announce the birth of their first child, Helen Ann, in April 2004. They reside in Naperville.

Margie (Usuchowski) Strozak, International Business ’94, and her husband, Ralph, are the proud parents of twin girls. Caroline and Sofia were born in June 2003. The family lives in Oak Lawn.

William R. Bacarella, Sociology ’73, passed away recently.

Kathleen Herron-Moss, Nursing ’84, passed away on March 4, 2002.

Rev. John G. Johanek, Philosophy ’39, recently passed away.

Gary McMahon, Classical Language ’71, passed away in May 2004.


James E. Murray, ’63, passed away recently.


Fr. James Saul, O.S.B., ’43 SPA and ’48 Philosophy, passed away on June 22, 2004. Fr. James was assigned to Benet Academy and served as the director of the Benedictine Chinese Missions for many years.

Leonard Saul, SPA ’48, passed away in March 2004.

WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING SINCE GRADUATION?

Marin — The summer after graduation, I remained on staff at Transducer Research, Inc. in Aurora where I had held a position as a research technician during my time as a student at Benedictine, carrying out experiments on detecting explosives in soil samples using electrochemical sensors.

In August, I started graduate school in the chemistry department at Northwestern University in Evanston. My research entailed building and using a laser system to examine physical processes in molecules occurring on very short timescales, such as vibrational motion and electronic energy transfer. These studies were supplemented by quantum mechanical calculations. [I earned my master of science] in December 1997, and my Ph.D. in June 2001, both in physical chemistry.

In July, I began a postdoctoral appointment in the chemistry division of Argonne National Laboratory in the radiation and photochemistry group. Here, the research used an electron accelerator to examine the effects of radiation on high-temperature water. The goal was/is to simulate the conditions in the cooling water loop of a conventional nuclear reactor and study the effects of radiation on water chemistry in hopes of leading to new, more efficient nuclear power plant designs. I still keep a guest appointment at Argonne and work there part-time throughout the school year, and full-time when not teaching.

In January 2003 I began teaching general chemistry part-time at Moraine Valley Community College, and in July 2003 began doing the same at Benedictine. In August, the opportunity arose to become a full-time instructor at Benedictine for one year, primarily teaching physical chemistry. I took this position, and in March of this year was offered a tenure-track appointment.

Nadolski — Since Benedictine, I have gone on to graduate school in statistics at the University of Kentucky (Kentucky) in Lexington, Kentucky. My time at Kentucky was filled with many exciting challenges in my class work and research. Of course, I had my fair share of good basketball games as well. I had plenty of seats to Rupp Arena for almost all the home games.

In 2000, after my master’s degree, I decided to try the real world and worked in Chicago for Trans Union. While at Trans Union, I generated credit models to assist a corporation in making a credit decision on an applicant. After my one-year hiatus from Kentucky, I returned to finish my Ph.D. degree.

Who were these student award winners? [Hint: some went on to be teachers at Benedictine.] If you know, contact us at alumni@ben.edu.
Smith — After graduating from Benedictine, I began the biomedical science Ph.D. program at the University of Connecticut Health Center. I finished my thesis this summer.

Why did you decide to come back to Benedictine to teach?

Marin — My three years spent at Benedictine as a student were three of the happiest years of my life. Both the academic and social experiences that I gained are very precious to me. In returning, I have found that the faculty, staff and student communities are still all very warm and welcoming. Benedictine is without a doubt the best small university in the Chicago area for the sciences. I hope that my contributions can keep it that way and give new students the same impression of Benedictine that was given to me.

Nadolski — I enjoyed my time here when I was a student and was more than glad to be jumping back home again after my Ph.D. When I returned to Kentucky, teaching at Benedictine was definitely a goal of mine. The environment here at Benedictine is relaxed yet very challenging.

Smith — I lived near Benedictine in Burbank. When deciding on a college, I wanted to have the best education that would help me enter medical school. So when I saw that Benedictine had an excellent track record of medical school admissions, I immediately applied. During my first semester at Benedictine I attended all the information seminars about medical school and decided that medical school was not for me. I was drawn to spending time in chemistry labs and worked in the chemical stockroom. I had a blast [assisting in class] and after spending time during the summer in a research lab, I knew exactly what career I wanted. When I saw the opportunity to come back to Benedictine to teach and do research, I was really excited.

What will you be teaching?

Marin — Physical chemistry, general chemistry, advanced chemistry and physics electives.

Nadolski — I will be teaching math classes as well as statistics classes for the math department. I will be in charge of the actuarial concentration of the mathematics department.

Smith — Biology, genetics, cell and molecular laboratory techniques.

How do you think you will make a difference for the students and the school?

Marin — I hope to incorporate new tools in my lectures and labs that will make them more interactive and high-tech, i.e., software, new lab equipment. For instance, this last year we purchased MathCAD, a mathematics software package, and used it in a new course for chemistry and physics majors to model various physical and chemical phenomena and basically perform calculations that are far too time-consuming to do with a pencil and paper. I would like to get students more involved in research, possibly on some collaborative projects with Argonne, and doing more formal oral and written presentations that should better prepare them for their further education or profession.

Nadolski — I will make my biggest contribution in the fact that as an alumnus of Benedictine, I went on to further my studies and was successful. I will provide the current students with a real life success story. They can ask me for advice on graduate school as well as other features of industry-life, especially the business aspect.

Smith — I learned things that were beneficial to me at Benedictine [and will now pass on to students]. The most important was to be resourceful in lab. If an experiment did not work, I learned how to troubleshoot and find literature that provides more information on the procedures. It is also something that I have taught other students to do as well. The other important skill I learned from Benedictine was to be able to critically analyze information. I am sure the students today will agree that the teachers in most of the classes do not just want you to memorize the material and report on it. Teachers designed tests to make sure students grasp the concepts and could apply them to other situations. When you earned high marks on these tests, you felt a sense of accomplishment. Benedictine is full of great professors and students, so I am really looking forward to coming back.

President Carroll Receives State Honor

The Illinois Crime Commission honored Benedictine University President William Carroll as the 2004 Educator of the Year in front of 800 guests at an awards dinner in June 2004. The Commission annually honors state leaders in law, government, labor and education.

His introduction read, “Dr. William J. Carroll has served as president of Benedictine University since July 1995...Carroll has been instrumental in establishing a partnership between Benedictine University and the Lisle-Woodridge Fire District, offering a building on the campus as a training location and creating a scholarship program for all fire fighters where they can earn an associate of arts degree (management) or a bachelor’s degree (business). Classes are offered at the firehouses, and an M.B.A. program is offered on campus.”

Carroll received this award for “Guiding Benedictine University from a small, relatively unknown college to one of the premier educational institutions in the Midwest. His leadership has been instrumental in this transformation, and he did it by emphasizing academics.”
M.P.H. Alumnus Honors Program With New Project

Soterios Polychronopoulos, M.D., a 2001 graduate of Benedictine University’s Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) and Master of Public Health (M.P.H.) programs, hosted Alan Gorr, Ph.D., director of the M.P.H. program, at the June 4 dedication of the Little Company of Mary Health Care Center, Auburn-Gresham facility.

Located in the neighborhood of 95th and Halsted streets in Chicago, the facility serves low-income senior citizens in a location where few physicians can be found. The facility represents a joint effort between the state of Illinois and Little Company of Mary Hospital and is designed to help seniors attain medical care in the early stages of need.

Polychronopoulos recognized the need for the facility some time ago, but his knowledge of medicine was confined to his practice. Realizing that he needed to understand how the public health system works and the expense of health care, he pursued an M.P.H. and M.B.A. at Benedictine University. He largely attributes the success of starting and operating the new health care facility to putting into practice what he learned at Benedictine University.

Polychronopoulos specializes in internal and pulmonary vascular medicine. He was the president of Little Company of Mary Hospital’s medical staff and was chairman of the Internal Medicine Department from 1996-2003. ✝

Abbot Hugh Leads University Ministry

Abbot Hugh Anderson, O.S.B., is a familiar face on the Benedictine University campus. He served as Abbot of St. Procopious Abbey and Chancellor of the University from 1985 to 2002. At the age of 68 he decided to retire from this esteemed position and asked his fellow monks not to reelect him so he could pursue other interests.

Abbot Hugh now has a new interest. He is the Director of University Ministry at Benedictine.

“I believe University Ministry provides a vital service to the school in its efforts to educate and form responsible leaders, educators and professionals. We are concerned about the intellectual, physical and spiritual growth of those attending (the college),” said Abbot Hugh. [Pictured above with several students.]

“We hope to offer students, faculty and staff the opportunity to grow in their knowledge of God and the church, to serve others and to pray as a loving, committed community,” he concluded. ✝

Catherine Stein Arnold (Nutrition) presented the graduation address to the Veteran’s Administration Hines Hospital Dietetic Interns in May. Arnold is also the recipient of an $8,335 grant from Aramark for School Nutrition Education. Grant activities include administration, delivery and evaluation of the “Fun, Food and Fitness” summer camp program, cafeteria displays, parent nutrition education handouts and teacher education. Activities will be delivered at the Boulder Hill elementary school in Oswego School District 308 throughout the upcoming year.

Ellis Copeland (School of Education) has written a paper on “Stress in Children” that appears on the “Therapy and Counseling” page of the Guidance Channel Web site (www.guidancechannel.com). The article is directed at school support services personnel who work with teachers and parents. Copeland is the new director of Field-based Cohorts in the School of Education.

Barbara Dwyer (Community Development) was the featured luncheon speaker at the 2004 Chicago National Conference of Professional Women (air traffic) Controllers in April. Dwyer presented her keynote address, “Women As Winners.”

Three Benedictine University faculty members presented papers at the annual meeting of the Association for Core Texts and Courses (ACTC) in Dallas, TX this April. Patrick Flynn (Philosophy) presented “Building Community Through Logic Chopping in Socrates/Plato’s the ‘Euthyphro.’”

Jean-Marie Kauth (Core Program) presented “Dante’s Divine Community.”

Martin Tracey (Philosophy) presented “Thomas Aquinas’s ‘De Aeternitate Mundi’ as a Science Core Text.” Their papers reported, in part, on work undertaken to improve Benedictine Cultural Heritage course curricula in conjunction with Benedictine University’s participation in the jointly sponsored National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and ACTC project, “Bridging the Gap Between Humanities and the Sciences: An Exemplary Education Model of Core Text, Humanistic Education.” For more information, visit http://www.coretexts.org/neh_grant.htm.
Fr. Palmer Retires After 33 years

On April 25 after a wonderful organ recital at St. Procopius Abbey, more than 80 alumni and friends gathered in the Krasa Center to say goodbye to their mentor, instructor and friend, Fr. John Palmer, O.S.B. After 33 years of service to the University, Fr. Palmer decided to retire from the Department of Fine and Performing Arts.

A special presentation was made by department chair Alicia Cordoba Tait along with a request to start a scholarship for music students in Fr. Palmer’s honor. Several alumni wrote a check that day.

Many renewed old friendships while saying their farewells. Fr. Palmer assured well-wishers he would still be able to help out in the department while he pursued other interests. †
representations of the Resurrection throughout history.

**Jonathon Lewis** (Psychology and Sociology) and **Ethele Ragland** (Nursing and Health) had a paper accepted for presentation at the Noel-Levitz Title III and V Symposium in Denver, CO in April. The paper, “Advising Matters – Strengthening Student Services through Technology,” addresses the creation of Advising Matters, a Title III Grant initiative. Lewis was selected to participate in a summer institute at Chicago’s Newberry Library titled “Reading Popular Cartography.” The institute is supported by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities and is intended to develop an interdisciplinary understanding of the history and nature of maps. Information presented at that institute will be utilized in the construction of several geography modules under development for the four Cultural Heritage courses.

**Tim Marin** (Chemistry and Biochemistry) published a paper in the April 14 issue of *Industrial and Engineering Chemistry Research* titled “Evaluation of Silica-Coated Tubing for the Measurement of Hydrogen Peroxide in Hot Water.” Marin wrote the article with co-authors David M. Bartels and Charles D. Jonath. Marin also attended and presented at the Gordon Research Conference on Radiation Chemistry held at Colby College in Waterville, ME in June. The Gordon Research Conferences provide an international forum for the presentation and discussion of frontier research in the biological, chemical and physical sciences and their related technologies. He presented a seminar in May for the Notre Dame Radiation Laboratory (NDRL) titled “Kinetics of the Hydrated Electron in High-Temperature, Alkaline Hydrogenated Water Radiolysis.” The NDRL is a U.S. Department of Energy government laboratory located on Notre Dame’s campus in South Bend, IN.

**Shirley Moore** (Nursing) presented “A Clinical Management Cohort Nursing Course” at the Drexel University Nursing Education Institute this June in Philadelphia, PA. Moore also attended “Causes and Consequences of the Nurse Shortage: Developing a Solution in Illinois” in June at the University of Illinois at Chicago. The conference was sponsored by the Institute of Government and Public Affairs, University of Illinois College of Nursing, Illinois Nurses Association and the Illinois Coalition for Nursing Resources.

**Julie Moreschi** (Didactic Internship Director) attended a leadership meeting for the Illinois Action for Healthy Kids Coalition this March in Rosemont. A variety of health care and school leaders from throughout Illinois are working together to help improve the nutrition and fitness levels of children throughout the state. Moreschi was also elected chairperson of the Illinois Dietetic Association Council of Professional Issues. She will serve in this state-level role for two years, coordinating the program and delivery of the continuing education seminars for the association.

**Pete Nelson** (Mathematical and Physical Sciences) presented the paper “Modeling rectification in open single-file ion channels” during the “Physics in Physiology I” focus session of the American Physical Society’s annual meeting in Montreal last March. This research was funded by a grant from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute.

**Ken Nordin** (Communication Arts) led a delegation of eight *Candor* editors to the Spring National College Media Convention held in New York City this March. The participating students included Jason Cerniauskas, Danielle Czubulski, Kay Newby, Stacy Olah, Mario Parker, Thad Paskert, Ryan Postel and Mike Schmitt. Nordin made four presentations at the conference. His topics included survey stories, social trend stories, measuring readership interests and challenges faced by media advisors on church-related college campuses.

Nordin has been appointed by the Illinois Board of Higher Education to the Steering Committee of the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) as a representative of private universities and colleges. Nordin has served on the Steering Committee of IAI since its formation in 1993 as co-chair of IAI’s General Education Communications panel. Nordin recently stepped down from that position. Nordin co-wrote the model for the two composition courses in IAI’s general education program. All 111 public and private institutions participating in IAI have conformed their general education writing courses to that model. IAI was formed to facilitate Illinois college students’ ability to transfer from one institution to another.

**Joel Ostrow** (Political Science) presented an analysis and commentary on the current state of democracy in Russia this May at College of DuPage. Ostrow discussed what the results of recent elections in Russia mean for that country’s future. Ostrow is the author of “Comparing Post-Soviet Legislatures: A Theory of Institutional Design and Political Conflict” (*Ohio State University Press, 2000*) as well as many journal articles. He also has been an election observer and journalist in Russia in the 1990s.

**Fannie Rushing** (History) was honored at the “Salute to The History Makers” banquet in Chicago last March. The History Makers is a non-profit educational institution that is compiling a video history archive of the achievements of African-Americans. The archives are a special collection of the Illinois State Library System. Rushing was recognized for her achievements in the Civil Rights Movement and in education. She also gave a presentation at the State University of New York at Binghamton in March titled “Birthing the Nation in Colors Black and White: Afro-Cuban Perspectives on Race and Nation in 19th Century Cuba.” Her lecture was part of the Latin American and Caribbean Area Studies program’s speakers series.

**Rushing, Patrick Flynn** (Philosophy) and **Al Martin** (Biology) attended the National Endowment for the Humanities-Association for Core Texts and Courses “Bridging the Gaps” workshop at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, IN from May 30-June 11. Thirty scholars from different disciplines and 10 different colleges and universities met to read, study, and discuss original documents in science and related fields to bring about curricular integration in core and disciplinary courses (as mandated at Benedictine University by the new Vision statement).

**Peter Seely** (Communication Arts) was the guest columnist for the *Naperville Sun* column “The Reader’s Advocate” in the March 22 edition. Seely wrote about the differences in press freedoms between the print and electronic media.

**Gretel Stock-Kupperman** (Library) was invited to serve as the academic representative on the Metropolitan Library System Advisory Committee beginning in July.

**Jon Colby Swanson** (M.P.H. Program) conducted a half-day workshop on stress management for the staff of the DuPage County Health Department in May.

**Fr. Philip Timko, O.S.B.** (History, Philosophy and Religious Studies) participated in a panel discussion at Lewis University in April on the topic “A Passionate Controversy: Anti-Semitism and the Passion of Christ.” The other panel members were Ewa Bacon, Chair of the History Department at Lewis, and Rabbi Ira Youdovin, Executive Vice President of the Chicago Board of Rabbis.
**Eagle Student-Athletes Make An Impression In The Classroom**

The overwhelming presence of Benedictine University student-athletes characterized the Spring All-Academic teams, the Spring President’s Honor Roll and the All-Scholastic teams announced by the Northern Illinois-Iowa Conference (NIIC).

The Spring All-Academic teams recognized student-athletes who are at least sophomores in academic standing (excluding transfers in their first year) and have attained a minimum 3.50 grade point average based on their most recently completed term.

Six Benedictine University student-athletes were among the 12 members of the 2004 NIIC Baseball All-Academic team including juniors Ryan Flood (Burbank, Ill., Reavis H.S.), Mike Headtke (Bolingbrook, Ill., Romeoville H.S.) and Robert Kaminski (Calumet City, Ill., Thornton Fractional North H.S.) and seniors Craig Hensley (Chicago, Ill., St. Laurence H.S.), Eric Lovitsch (Hinsdale, Ill., Hinsdale Central H.S.) and Brian Nelson (Burbank, Ill., St. Laurence H.S.).

Three Benedictine University student-athletes were named to the 2004 NIIC Softball All-Academic team including senior Ashley Gray (Casey, Ill., Casey-Westfield H.S.), junior Donna Reeves (Carol Stream, Ill., Driscoll Catholic H.S.) and sophomore Monica Robinson (Thomson, Ill., Thomson H.S.).

Student-Athletes who have attained at least a 3.80 cumulative G.P.A. are named to the President’s Honor Roll. Four Benedictine University student-athletes — Hensley, Nelson, Gray and Robinson — were among the 11 members of the honor roll.

Student-athletes who possess a minimum 3.25 GPA and were significant contributors on the varsity level are eligible for the NIIC All-Scholastic team. Each conference institution can nominate three student-athletes and faculty representatives vote for the 14-member team.

Representing Benedictine University on the NIIC All-Scholastic team were Lovitsch (baseball), Headtke (baseball), Gray (softball, tennis) and senior Julie Robinson (basketball, track and field), who is from Prophetstown, Ill. where she attended Prophetstown High School.

**The Sports Complex at Benedictine University in Lisle**

Benedictine University has been nourishing the minds and spirits of students for more than a century. Now, Benedictine will enhance its efforts to enrich the bodies of students through intense athletic competition and physically challenging individual endeavors.

The Village of Lisle will fund approximately half of the construction costs and the University must provide the rest through donations.

For more information, call the Office of the President at (630) 829-6004 or visit www.ben.edu/sports_complex.
Hatch Wins Second Conference Title

Benedictine University junior golfer Justin Hatch (South Beloit, Ill., Rockford Boylan H.S.) was named the Northern Illinois-Iowa Conference (NIIC) Player of the Year after winning the NIIC Tournament at the El Paso Golf Club April 23-24.

Hatch, who also won the conference tournament as a sophomore, shot a five-over par 76 during the first round and a three-over par 74 during the second round. He also won the Benedictine Classic Golf Tournament on April 13. Hatch earned NIIC Player of the Week honors following both victories.

The Eagles led by three strokes after the first day of the conference tournament but could not hold off hard-charging Clarke College, the defending NIIC champion. Benedictine University finished eight strokes off the pace to place second.

Giza, Ostrowski Receive Honors From The NIIC

Benedictine University senior Aaron Giza (Lisle- Lisle H.S.) and baseball coach John Ostrowski were named the Northern Illinois-Iowa Conference (NIIC) Baseball Player of the Year and Coach of the Year, respectively.

Giza, described by Ostrowski as one of the best hitters in the history of the school’s program, finished conference play by hitting .492 with a blistering 1.13 slugging percentage. He led the Eagles with 30 hits in 18 games including 10 home runs, 21 runs scored and 30 runs batted in. As a catcher, Giza recorded 56 putouts and two assists and did not commit a single error.

Giza was also named an American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA) first team All-American selection as a catcher and a first team Central All-Region selection as a utility player.

Meanwhile, Ostrowski was recognized as coach of the year for the second consecutive season.

Also named to the NIIC all-conference team were senior Kevin Ryan (Lockport, Providence Catholic H.S.) and juniors Brian Manering (LaPorte, IN, LaPorte H.S.), Scott Martin (Hudson, IL, Normal West Community H.S.) and Patrick Murphy (Glen Ellyn, Benet Academy). The team is voted on by the league’s coaches and based solely on statistics from conference games.

Benedictine University finished the 2004 season with a 28-14 overall record including a 14-4 mark in NIIC play. The Eagles won the NIIC regular season title and reached the conference tournament title game.

Robinson, Johnson Raise Bar For Eagle Track And Field Program

Benedictine University seniors Julie Robinson (Prophetstown, IL, Prophetstown H.S.) and Chris Johnson (Altamonte Springs, FL, Lyman H.S.) performed exceptionally for the Eagles track and field program during the 2004 season.

Robinson earned All-American recognition at the 2004 NCAA Division III Indoor Track and Field Championship at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater in March, finishing second in the high jump by clearing 5 feet, 5 1/4 inches. The jump beat the school record set during the 2003 season.

Robinson, a two-sport athlete (basketball), also won the high jump competition at the “Last Chance” meet at Carthage College and placed ninth at the 2004 Division III Outdoor Championship at Millikin University in Decatur in May.

Johnson also participated in the Chicagoland Indoor Championship meet in February where he won the shot put with a throw of 16.10 meters (52 feet, 10 inches). Johnson broke his own school record set during the 2003 season.

Johnson competed in the men’s shot put competition at Wisconsin-Whitewater where he concluded his indoor career as the 11th best Division III shot putter in the nation with a throw of 15.21 meters (49 feet, 11 inches).

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Lady Eagle Softball Team Makes Impressive Stand

Anchored by some seasoned veterans and bolstered by a talented freshman class, the Benedictine University softball team finished 23-17-1 this spring including an 11-5 record and third-place finish in the Northern Illinois-Iowa Conference (NIIC).

Five Lady Eagles were named to the All-NIIC softball team and four received recognition on the National Fast-Pitch Coaches Association (NFCA) All-Region team.

Freshmen Ann Vrablic (New Lenox, Ill., Providence Catholic H.S.) and Melissa Kennedy (Roselle, Ill., Lake Park H.S.) received All-NIIC honors along with seniors Carrie Sanders (Elgin, Ill., St. Edward H.S.), Amber Briddick (Princeton, Ill., Princeton H.S.) and Cari Zalesiak (Westchester, Ill., Immaculate Heart of Mary H.S.).

Vrablic (third base) and Zalesiak (outfield) were named to the NFCA Great Lakes All-Region second team, while Briddick and freshman Christina Frum (St. Charles, Ill., St. Charles North H.S.) were third-team selections.

Julie Robinson places second with a 5 feet, 5 1/4 inch jump.

Aaron Giza aims for the stands.
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