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St. Benedict’s Rule for Monks begins with a powerful imperative: Listen. And at Benedictine University, we believe in the importance of listening to one another. We therefore have named our magazine Benedictine Voices. We pledge that within these pages, members of the Benedictine community will speak with candor about issues facing our University and our world. We cordially invite you to enter into dialogue with us.

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Benedictine University
Informing today—Transforming tomorrow
We continue to reflect on the contributions of the past three living presidents at Benedictine University. In the spring issue of Voices we discussed the contributions of Archbishop Daniel Kucera, O.S.B., sixth president of then, St. Procopius College, from 1959 to 1965, and eighth president of then, Illinois Benedictine College, from 1971 to 1976. Fr. Daniel became Auxiliary Bishop of Joliet, Bishop of Salina, Kansas and retired as Archbishop of Dubuque, Iowa. During his watch, considerable changes took place at the College as it began a rapid growth. Another Benedictine monk followed him as president.

FR. ROMAN GALLIARDI, O.S.B., a canon lawyer, was the seventh president of St. Procopius College. Today he is a tribunal judge for canonical cases in the Archdiocese of Chicago. He was also pastor of St. Joan of Arc Parish in Lisle from 1985 to 2000.

During his years as president (St. Procopius College and later, Illinois Benedictine College) — from 1965 to 1971, Fr. Roman made some tough decisions as the enrollment grew and the College expanded. At one point he described what he hoped for a College student: “Never before has the College been challenged to meet and resolve such far-reaching problems. By constantly extending the range of one’s experience, values, understanding and decisions; by constantly stepping forward into the unknown; by constantly taking risks, a College student grows and shapes his/her own identity and world. Experience alone is not enough, understanding is required for judgment, and it is such an end that Illinois Benedictine College is dedicated.”

Prior to Fr. Roman’s presidency, a long standing President’s Advisory Council became a “working” Board of Trustees. Fr. Roman reformed it into a fiduciary board of control. It also provided contacts for fund raising, and the Trustees became ambassadors of public relations in the Midwest and the greater Chicago business community. For years they held a small formal social event — a spring dinner dance at the Drake Oak Brook.

Fr. Roman felt that there was a need for raising scholarship funds, so he called upon the ingenuity of several people: Trustee Phil Flynn and his wife Lorayne, Angelo and Mary Egizio and Betty Pelling. They, in turn, drafted some of their friends, and the group began planning an autumn Scholarship Ball.

They chose the name “Educare Ball” because the Latin word “educare” is translated “to educate.” The first Educare Ball was held in the mid-60s with a band, and silent and live auctions. Today, the Educare Ball is held each fall in a ‘transformed-for-the-evening’ Krasa Center. The event celebrates its 40th anniversary this fall, and has provided many scholarships for Benedictine students.

In August 1967, construction started on Scholl Hall, originally called the Science Learning Center, named later after a generous donor, William M. Scholl, M.D. In December of that year, ground was broken for the new St. Procopius Abbey across College Road.

The College became co-educational on May 23, 1968. It had a fall enrollment of 44 full-time women students. In 1969, the school had its largest freshman class to date — 359 students were enrolled. Construction began on two more residence halls — Neuzil Hall and Ondrak Hall (a woman’s facility).

In 1970, the new St. Procopius Abbey was dedicated, and within days the monks moved across the street. It caused quite a traffic scene on College Road as they trucked and carried items from one side of the road to the other and up a slight hill. They vacated a three-story section of Benedictine Hall ▶
where some of them had lived since 1916. Offices and classrooms quickly moved into those spaces.

A major change took place on July 1, 1971. The monks, with the recommendation of the Board of Trustees, changed the name of St. Procopius College to Illinois Benedictine College (IBC). Fr. Roman saw the school emerge from a “parochial” school in the country to a major contributor meeting higher education needs in suburbia.

In 1971, when Fr. Roman completed his presidency at IBC, he became president of Sacred Heart College in Wichita, Kansas. After he returned to the Abbey in 1983, he continued on as a valued Trustee and supporter of Benedictine.

We honor Fr. Roman Galiardi, O.S.B., the seventh president of this institution, for the major decisions made on his watch. He is in truth, a modern founder of this University.

In the winter issue of Voices, the first layman, and ninth president of IBC, Richard C. Becker, Ph.D., will be honored. He stood watch over this institution from 1976 to 1995.

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Fr. Roman Galiardi, O.S.B., was president of St. Procopius College, and later Illinois Benedictine College from 1965 to 1971.

Decidedly Benedictine

More than 15 years ago, while visiting Belmont Abbey in North Carolina, I had a pleasant conversation with one of their older monks. The discovery that I was from St. Procopius reminded him of an incident from decades before when he was studying at The Catholic University of America.

The priest-students in those days generally lived in Caldwell Hall. Among the residents was one who was engaged in advanced studies in Greek and Latin, and who was consequently presumed by all others in the hall to be a first-class nut.

Hearing of his dubious reputation, the classics scholar showed up one evening in the recreation room and hovered, in apparent mystification, over the pool table. “Wow,” he exclaimed in prolonged and exaggerated tones, “what kind of a table have you got here? How can you eat at a table that has these little holes all over the place?”

Still apparently confused, he next picked up a pool cue: “And wow (once again,
“wow” became a six-syllable word), look at this club! What can you do with a club like this?”

The priest then got down to business, and with shots such as Minnesota Fats would have envied, proceeded to clear the table.

Well before this point in the conversation, I realized that the Belmont monk was talking about Fr. Basil Kolar, O.S.B., who spent nearly a half-century as a renowned teacher of Greek, Latin and Ancient History at our College before his retirement and death in 1982. My own experience with the master had come at a far later date than the Belmont priest’s, but the speech patterns and the elfin humor were the same as I had encountered many times.

I was reminded of that story recently, while reflecting upon the late December death of our Fr. Jerome Dobry, O.S.B., at the age of 87. Though he attended St. Procopius Academy, College and Seminary and spent most of the last seven decades in Lisle, Fr. Jerome, unlike Fr. Basil, was not in the same way a pillar of the institution at any phase of its history. A generally quiet and retiring man, he would — much to his own satisfaction — pass unnoticed in most crowds.

But a student here from the 1940s through the 1960s might well have met, on visits for whatever reason to the business office, a gentle and cheerful priest, ready to help if he could, ready to admit it if he could not. Students learned that he was better pleased if they paid bills in cash rather than with a check — that required more paperwork. In general, much of the accounting in Fr. Jerome’s time made use of the tried and true cash-into-cigar-box, cash-out-of-cigar-box method.

The casual methods of the past might strike some as decidedly unprofessional. Another way of looking at them is as decidedly Benedictine. Long ago, John Henry Newman made note of the unsystematic character of the Benedictine approach to education, its poetic rather than scientific appreciation of reality, its willingness more to savor than to analyze reality. Monks can be scholars, and great ones, as the memory of Fr. Basil surely attests. But many are more in the mode of Fr. Jerome, faithfully and patiently carrying out some assigned task, perhaps for decades. They too leave behind pleasant memories — and give valuable lessons in a way other than using a chalkboard.

St. Benedict’s Rule advises abbots that they have been called upon to serve “a variety of temperaments.” Taking advantage of the richness of the language, that phrase is sometimes rendered, “a variety of characters.” A Benedictine monastery, and a school inspired by Benedictine principles, will be home — and joyfully so — to no small variety of individuals, some of them undoubtedly real “characters.” Each, God willing, gains something from the experience; something positive that permits him or her to make an impact, great or small, upon the larger community. †

Contributing to the fabric of the University:

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When William J. Carroll, Ph.D., arrived at Illinois Benedictine College in 1995 as the 10th President, he said, “By the year 2010, Illinois Benedictine College will be here, be Catholic, be Benedictine and offer the best college education in the area. That’s a promise,” and he immediately started to accomplish that promise.

Benedictine University and William Carroll: A Successful Partnership

A Look At The Last 10 Years

By Rita A. Dougherty

In Carroll’s first 100 days, the College began moving at a fast pace. A dedicated staff and faculty developed innovative science and core curriculum programs, new adult accelerated degree formats, a new executive master’s program in the liberal arts and a new focus on the recruitment of international students. This new activity, along with the College’s first doctoral program in organization development and a few master degree programs catapulted Illinois Benedictine College into new stature.

At his inauguration in April 1996, Carroll officially announced the new name of the school. A banner above him dropped to reveal the words “Benedictine University.” It was greeted by thunderous applause.

Trained by the Jesuits, Carroll worked for four years with Dominicans at Ohio Dominican College as vice president for academic affairs, and then executive vice president. Prior to that experience, he was instructor, chair and dean for 19 years at the historically African-American Coppin State College in Maryland.

Carroll is a philosopher who earned his master’s and doctorate degrees at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. From day one, he adopted a Benedictine mind and became protective of the Catholic Benedictine heritage of the University.

In true philosopher fashion, Carroll is curious about paths not yet taken, and dreams yet to be realized. He often startles people when he says, “Why can’t we?” or with a raised eyebrow — “How about…?” He reflects Socrates, who said “Wisdom begins in wonder.”

The Pursuit of Diversity

Carroll changed the face of this campus with his pursuit of diversity. On campus today there are people of different ethnic, cultural and religious backgrounds. Benedictine has been named the sixth most diverse college or university in the Midwest by U.S. News and World Report®.

One of the Benedictine tenets is hospitality, and it shines here because all are welcome.

“I believe,” said Carroll, “that diversity begins with a person’s realization that each of us is on earth with a piece of a puzzle. We try to put as many pieces of the puzzle together as we can.” He also warns, “I will not tolerate racism. I am committed to building community here.” He believes that the University should produce students who can handle diversity without hostility or closed minds; who can argue intelligently with good faith, and not anger.

But there is also a different kind of diversity prevalent at the University. And that is in the type of programs that have mushroomed in the curriculum. The Adult Accelerated Cohort Program, introduced more than seven years ago...
ago, is a radical departure from the usual classroom style of teaching. It is designed for an older undergraduate or graduate student who needs specific academic credentials to enhance a career opportunity. The program has grown to 500 students, five different programs at two colleges and 13 different geographic locations.

**Great Opportunities — Great Experiences**

In 1995, a lecture series “Great Issues—Great Ideas,” was initiated in honor of the former president Richard C. Becker. Each year, the program has brought world-renowned speakers and events to the campus: Former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher; Apollo Commander James Lovell; General Colin Powell; former President George and Barbara Bush; former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev; Archbishop Desmond Tutu; former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani and many others. Each speaker spent time in classrooms and carried on informal discussions. Students had the rare opportunity to see, talk with and hear world renowned leaders — up close and personal. These speakers made a lasting impression in the world. By bringing them to campus, it broadened the perspective of students and community members.

Change, or a spiral growth, continues to happen at every level of the University. Carroll likens it to the Greek philosophers tenet of “permanence amidst change.” Benedictine’s permanence is found in many areas: the values, ethics and goals of the Benedictine monks continue to forge the foundation of the University. In past centuries, when Benedictines encountered and engaged their culture — they grew. When they withdrew from it, they died. The University grows with this same premise in mind.

In 1996, the University introduced the first Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast in DuPage County. It is one of the largest such celebrations in the Chicago area. In partnership with the College of DuPage, it has become an annual tradition. Scholarships are given to students for essays on how King influenced their lives.

**Revolutionary Changes: The Sciences Advance**

After the University received a Howard Hughes Medical Institute grant for $600,000 in 1996, science at Benedictine University underwent a revolutionary change in combining the teaching of biology, chemistry and physics. The new technique focused on commonalities and transferable skills of the three disciplines: the ability to form hypotheses, work in teams, experiment, repeat experiments, solve problems, analyze results and communicate findings verbally and in writing. This prepares students for higher-level science courses and student research projects during their junior and senior years. It prepares them to become better-trained scientists and to make scientific contributions in graduate schools, industry and technical services.

In 1997, in an effort to improve infrastructure on campus, discussions began on the fate of Benedictine Hall, the oldest building on campus. The building served its purpose for many years, but the cost for maintenance had become prohibitive. It was determined that after new buildings were functional the building would need to come down. Architectural plans were designed for a possible new Benedictine Hall to be built on the same site.

Since 1998, Carroll has donned overalls and invited staff, faculty and Trustees to join him...
in beautifying the campus. Twice a year, Team Benedictine members spend half a day weeding, planting, watering and generally sprucing up the campus. This event builds beauty and relationships on campus.

Ground was broken for Founders’ Woods in 1998, an on-campus student apartment complex consisting of six residence buildings and one commons building, complete with all the amenities of local apartment living. This facility meets the needs of a new generation of students who prefer apartment living to residence hall living.

The end of the 1998-99 academic year marked the commencement of men and women in the Organization Development (O.D.) program, initiated in 1996. That was the first doctoral class at Benedictine University.

The University’s graduate programs in business offer degrees that focus on everything from health care to information processing. The five graduate programs are interwoven, creating a unique and powerful cluster of management-related education. No matter what program the student chooses, the other programs give a broad array of options for concentrations and electives that wouldn’t be found in any single program.

In Fall 1999, the University also launched the development of an adult-centered Associate of Arts degree in Business Administration (AABA). This program is designed for adult students (those 22 and older), who have little or no college experience. Students move through classes in a cohort of approximately 16 students, once a week for five to eight weeks.

Embracing The Future: The New Millennium Brings Significant Changes

In 2000, the University broke ground for two 21st century, state-of-the-art academic buildings: the Michael and Kay Birck Hall of Science with 70,000 square feet of laboratories, classrooms, the Jurica Museum and offices; and the Joseph and Bess Kindlon Hall of Learning with 23,000 square feet of offices, classrooms and a five-story library.

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practical and profitable venture for those who attend.

In 2001, Carroll established a scholarship program for firefighters. For several years, the Lisle-Woodridge firefighters have used a former residence hall on campus for their training drills. After Carroll spent time training with them, and after the tragedy of September 11, he began to understand the degree of difficulty of their work and wondered what they did upon injury or retirement. He decided that the University could help them scholastically to ensure their futures.

That program is now open to neighboring policemen and firefighters. Carroll has also gone to Washington to speak with government leaders to ask for Federal funding. The University received a $2 million grant for these scholarships in Fall 2005. Twenty-two firefighters completed courses in December 2004.

Carroll has also worked hard to increase much-needed gift and grant money. Millions of dollars have been received from 1996 to 2005, and these monies have helped provide quality higher education courses at the University.

In January 2002, the University became involved in a North Central Association accrediting process. The Higher Learning Commission of North Central was offering an alternate kind of accreditation — the Academic Quality Improvement Program (AQIP). The AQIP criteria deals with processes that enable the University to analyze, understand and explore ways to improve how the institution functions. Each criterion contains a set of questions that serve as a roadmap to conclude how successfully the institution is operating.
The first change was simple, but profound. With the addition of a doctoral program, the school became more global, and called for a name change. The monks and the Board of Trustees voted to call IBC “Benedictine University,” for the institution was already competing nationally and internationally. That name change set in motion many other changes — new buildings, better infrastructure and more programs. This growth carved out a new niche — to be the best mid-size University in the Midwest.

When William Carroll began his presidency at Illinois Benedictine College (IBC) in 1995, he saw a small college that had grown with amazing progress, and he knew that with times changing in the world of colleges and universities, IBC needed to change to continue growing.

Looking Into The Future Of Benedictine University
by Linda A. Hale

In January 2003, Benedictine University entered a partnership with Springfield College in Illinois (SCI), a two-year college in the state capital. Junior and senior classes and an adult accelerated program were introduced that fall. The SCI Board includes Benedictine principals.

In January 2004, The Village of Lisle approved a formal agreement with Benedictine University to construct a joint-use Sports Complex. This facility is home to Benedictine Eagle football, track and field, baseball, softball and soccer. The Complex also plays host to Lisle High School and Benet Academy sports, a national fastpitch pro softball league and a collegiate wooden-bat baseball team. Future events include the NCAA Division III Outdoor Track and Field Championship in May 2006.

On June 1, 2005, the University reconfigured into four Colleges. This reorganization makes the University more autonomous administratively and programmatically. This new system is better able to meet student needs and the emerging challenges facing higher education.

The last 10 years have been filled with accomplishments and proud moments and each day brings new challenges and new goals to be achieved. The last 10 years have made Benedictine University ready to embrace the future.

In his 10-year watch, Carroll has always cited the men who came before him, for they contributed much of their time toward the future growth of the institution. Carroll came to the University with a vision and continues to formulate his vision for the future.

Carroll believes that “the question now is, who are we and what can we be?” In answering this question, the University has taken a giant step toward the future, with a major reorganization (read full story on page 24). As of June 1, 2005 there are now four distinct Colleges at Benedictine University: The College of Science,
the College of Liberal Arts, the College of Business and the College of Education and Health Services.

“The sciences at Benedictine have always been seen as a predominant leader in the Chicago area,” Carroll said. “As we move toward the future, the College of Science will be working with area high school teachers in a Benedictine University Institute for High School Science Teachers. Working with Benedictine faculty and students, local high school teachers will hone their skills. In addition, they will be able to network with teachers throughout the area. The other Colleges will be equally challenged to reach out and engage the local K-16 academic community,” concluded Carroll.

Restructuring the University allows the deans of each College to have more control over their area and their budget. They now have a prominent voice as to how to make things prosper in their area.

Another step into the future includes more cooperative education opportunities. “The future lies in cooperative education,” continued Carroll. “We want to focus on getting more internships for undergraduates. We want to partner with other schools for specific courses. As things are now, we have a strong niche to partner with other local schools. Every institution cannot be all things to all people, but we can branch out to meet the needs of students through the use of several institutions.”

Carroll also envisions a network of Benedictine schools that share resources, tuition and faculty. “We ultimately want to form a network of Benedictine institute colleges,” he said, “such as our current partnership with Springfield College in Illinois (SCI). This is a step toward making us a ‘Catholic institution of America’,” said Carroll.

“We are the number one institution in the area that offers adult programs. I see 5,000 to 6,000 students enrolled in the future — between the adult cohort and the firefighter program which we hope will be statewide and national.”

Carroll is honored by firefighters for his scholarship initiative (above). Homecoming participants, 2004 (below). Carroll believes Benedictine graduates are the future of the school’s success.

He also stressed the importance that we continue the tradition of Benedictine hospitality. “Our diversity is our strength,” said Carroll. “It is a huge advantage to our students, faculty and staff to work with all people. This is an example of the real world, for it is a global workplace. Being diverse offers understanding through open, honest discussions. It is fascinating to meet people of different races, religions and beliefs,” Carroll said. “There will always be controversy with certain speakers or events, but we trust our faculty to guide our students to make their own informed and appropriate choices,” he concluded.

This President also knows that the institution will continue as an educational resource for the local community. “Through our Town Hall meetings and our ‘Great Issues–Great Ideas’ Lecture Series, we offer the community a place to exchange ideas and to meet world leaders. We would be remiss not to continue in this vein,” he said.

“When we look into the future 10 years from now, the question is not ‘will we be here?’, but ‘what will we be?’” said Carroll. “As things stand right now, these are the steps I see happening to bring us into the future.”

Carroll believes the University already is on the road to accomplishing these goals. “When this Benedictine community sets a goal, they achieve it. We have a very dedicated faculty and staff, and that is our biggest asset,” explained Carroll. “Values and vision are the same within the Benedictine community, and we serve the same purpose. What we need to continue to grow is support from our alumni. The Alumni Association is a wonderful group, and they have done great things for the University,” he said.
He believes it imperative that the alumni community help support the current and future students of the University. “Our students no longer have their education supplemented by the monks of St. Procopius. Once, the monks taught classes and oversaw the University, and now dedicated laypeople make up the faculty and staff. Since we no longer have a large physical presence of monks on the campus, the University depends on alumni support more than ever, to continue its programs and its mission. When giving increases, we achieve more goals, it’s as simple as that,” Carroll said.

The strength of alumni time, talent and treasure is what Carroll believes will ensure the future of the University. He welcomes any input alumni might have. He asks alumni to “let us know what you think. Tell us what you want from us. Requests for change are always welcome — let us know if, and where, we slipped up,” said Carroll. “We need the entire Benedictine community behind us. Detractors and doubters are all welcome to give their opinions. It is that very clash of ideas that will help us grow as an institution. Ultimately, we want people to love this institution and support it in every way,” concluded Carroll.

The focus is now on solidifying the reorganization, working on a branding process for the University’s name and mission, and continuing to add adult programs and partnerships with other schools. “In 10 years a lot of universities will look like we do now,” said Carroll. “We are the university of tomorrow for the world population.”

Q: Dr. Carroll, looking back over the last 10 years, what makes you the proudest?

A: “I’m proudest of the Benedictine community itself — the faculty and staff. They want the best possible institution. I believe you should leave people alone and they make things happen. The Spirit doesn’t like micromanagement.

People here care about each other. This is very much a Benedictine atmosphere. We grow together as a true family that cares for this school.”

I’m also proud of the Carillon bell tower in Kindlon. To me those bells are a symbol of faith, spirit and all that is Benedictine. They cry with us, anticipate with us and celebrate with us. They remind us every quarter hour of who we are.

Those bells also tell me we have a long history and a bright future. The Benedictine people of the past heard similar bells and chants, and now so do we. We are carrying our heritage into the future, and that is something of which to be proud.”
One of the finest social events held annually at Benedictine University is the Educare Scholarship Ball. This year marks the 40th anniversary of the ball. Forty years ago, Fr. Roman Galiardi, O.S.B., president of what was then Illinois Benedictine College, felt that the College needed an event that would raise money for scholarships. He called Trustee Phil Flynn and his wife Lorayne, and asked them, with friends, to plan a ball that would raise money to make college more affordable for students.

The Flyns called on Rusty and Anthony Egigio and Betty Pelling to help (see photo bottom right). The event came to be known as the Educare Scholarship Ball. Educare is from the Latin word “to educate.” The first event raised almost $50,000.

“It was a wonderful evening,” remembers Lorayne Flynn, “and exciting, for we had so much fun, and it was a great ‘first’ success.”

That year began a wonderful tradition. The Ball takes place each fall and attracts a crowd of trustees, alumni, civic leaders and the community. It is a black-tie dinner dance, festive and fun, with a great dinner, live and silent auctions and a big band orchestra.

Eventually the Educare Ball was brought to campus, and in recent years, has been held in the Krasa Center. In 2004, the Ball collected approximately $145,400 for much-needed student scholarships.

Four hundred people are expected for “Fields of Dreams,” a theme that looks at all the fields in which graduates now work thanks to scholarships that have made their dreams come true. Everyone is encouraged to attend on November 5, 2005 to enjoy an evening of fun and fund raising for student scholarships. This is a wonderful opportunity to give back to future generations of Benedictine graduates.

For more information about the Ball, contact Debbie Smith, assistant alumni relations director, at (630) 829-6080 or dsmith@ben.edu.

Fall 2005
On July 18, 2005, Cress Creek Country Club of Naperville played host to the President’s Invitational Golf Outing. From start to finish, it was a great day and fun for all who attended the 11th year of this worthwhile event. Perhaps the best part of the day was raising almost $25,000 toward student scholarships.

The men’s first-place team featured Rick Burgard, Joel Arce, Pat Stoltz and Todd Wright. The first-place mixed team was Bev Frier, Terry Vavra and Tom Althoff. Winners of course contests were Kurt Hull, men’s closest to the pin; Tracy Becht, women’s closest to the pin; Jim Hamman, men’s longest drive; Tracey Brecht, women’s longest drive; Russell Whitaker, men’s longest putt, and Laurel Davis, women’s longest putt.

There were 190 golfers including 33 alumni. The coveted alumni cup went to the team of R.G. Javorek, C92, Travis Andry, Kevin Gallaher and Tim McDonald. This award is permanently displayed in the Office of Alumni Relations with the names of each year’s winners. All you need is one alumnus/na on your team to qualify. Please consider putting together a team for next year.

The Office of Alumni Relations wishes to thank Joe and Bess Kindlon, this year’s event sponsors, along with other donors and sponsors, Cress Creek Country Club, the golfers and all the volunteers who helped make the event a success. Raising money for student scholarships helps another generation experience the Benedictine tradition.

Look for a “save the date” card coming to you early next year and register for the 2006 event. We look forward to seeing you on July 17, 2006 at Cress Creek for the 12th Annual President’s Invitational Golf Outing.

Benedictine Voices
Clockwise from far left:
1. Lisle Mayor Joe Broda, C82; Ben Nachtwy, C02; Joe Schmitt and Ed Young, Village of Lisle Trustees.
2. Joe Becht, ’02, and Tracy Becht and Michelle and Bob King.
4. The Bill Kay Chevrolet Hole-in-One.
5. Beverage Station — Fr. David Turner, O.S.B., C58, and Benedictine professor Ralph Meeker, C67.
7. Sallie Mae Business Office Solutions Premium Hole Sponsor.

Dorcas Mae Lepien Toenniges Pearcy, a long-time Naperville resident now living in Wisconsin, has generously included Benedictine University in her estate plans. Pearcy has been connected to Benedictine for many years and wanted to express her appreciation by providing for the school financially. Perhaps what was most important to her was that when her first husband died, Benedictine provided her son, Fred, with a special scholarship to help him attend the University.

“I decided to support Benedictine because I want to help students get the education they need and give them a good start in achieving their career goals. I want to help others in the way that my son, Fred, and I had been helped,” said Pearcy.

When she made her donation plans, Pearcy consulted a financial advisor. She selected her IRA and an annuity as the means by which she would give to Benedictine. Using her IRA as a gift makes financial sense. As a not-for-profit, Benedictine University, unlike an individual beneficiary, will not have to pay any income tax on the IRA proceeds. Also, naming Benedictine as the beneficiary of an IRA and annuity is very simple, requiring no changes to a will and no attorney services.

Pearcy has supported Benedictine in many different ways over the years. She has contributed to the Educare Scholarship Ball, the Benedictine 2000 Capital Campaign, the Jurica Nature Museum and the fine arts program.

She began her affiliation with the University through her first husband, C. Frederick Toenniges, M.D. He taught music at Benedictine on a part-time basis. Pearcy has always had a great interest in music and the visual arts and this led to her relationships with Benedictine Frs. Alban and Michael, respectively.

While living in Naperville, Pearcy managed Toenniges Jewelers, which continued operations for 51 years. Currently, she is very active in her church in Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin and sings in the church choir.

If you are interested in learning more about planned giving and the tax benefits it can provide, contact Brad Carlson at (630) 829-6362 or bcarlson@ben.edu.
Seniors Donate Signage

by Nellie Carlos, director of annual giving

Each year the senior class raises money to purchase a gift for Benedictine University as a way to honor the fond memories of their years at the school. This class gift is presented to the faculty, students and staff during the May commencement ceremony. The gift is identified during their years of study and fund raising begins at the start of senior year.

The Class of 2005 identified a need on campus for directory signage with University mapping. Natalie McLain, senior class president and Brian Bartoz, class representative, initiated a giving campaign to begin raising the funds necessary for the project. As seniors completed their studies and began preparing for the next step of their journey, they began asking others to assist them in creating a unique mark on the University.

A goal of $3,000 was set and letters were sent out to parents and students. During finals week, the students hosted a raffle during study breaks and mealtimes to rally more support for the project. The campaign gives each senior the opportunity to express their loyalty to a place that has given them hope and direction for the future.

The Class of 2005 senior gift was successfully completed when a new campus map and directory sign was installed between Kindlon and Birck Halls. Contributions from students, parents, faculty, staff and other members of the Benedictine community allowed the senior class to raise the necessary funds for the project.

The 2005 senior class representatives hope this giving campaign will continue for years to come.

New Benedictine Heritage Wine

The new 2003 vintage of Benedictine Heritage wine made from the sangiovese grape will be released in October. This sangiovese varietal, which is famous in Italy for providing the backbone for wines from Chianti, Tuscany and Brunello, grows well in California.

Showket Vineyards grew these grapes on their small Oakville hillside estate overlooking the heart of the Napa Valley in California. Heidi Barrett, one of the top winemakers in California, has produced an elegant wine distinctive for its supple (smooth) texture and medium spice, raspberry, cherry and anise flavors. This is a big wine that is very food friendly and will pair well with most dishes. David Rausch, Ph.D., professor emeritus in chemistry, believes that this is one of the top sangiovese wines in the world.

The new label was designed by the Benedictine University art department under the direction of William Scarlato and features a modern rendition of Kindlon Hall.

The proceeds from the sale of this wine will support student scholarships at Benedictine. To reserve and purchase this unique wine, please contact Julie Nelligan at (630) 829-6077 or jnelligan@ben.edu.

There are a few cases remaining of our initial release of 1999 Benedictine Heritage cabernet franc from Napa Valley featuring Benedictine Hall on the label. The price for both wines is $400 per case ($200 per six bottles) or you may want to purchase a mixed case containing six bottles of each vintage. You will be notified when the new wine arrives for pick up.
Jim Friel, C82, has found organizing golf events to be quite fulfilling. He knows that every time someone tees off, money is being raised to help battle childhood cancer, to help to house and feed the family of a sick child or to provide invaluable treatments to a child with cancer.

There are approximately 130 to 160 participants a year. This is a reasonable event at $120 a golfer. Friel is also a co-chair for the St. Jude’s — Chicago golf event. This is one of the biggest fund raising events in the Chicago area for St. Jude’s. A day of golf at this event is $750 a golfer, which provides much needed funds to the charity.

“In 1995, my uncle died after a long battle with cancer. My grandmother and my mother had previously been victims. I felt helpless, but I was determined to do something to battle this dreaded disease. My brother-in-law and I came up with the idea of the Friel Memorial Golf Outing. We heard that St. Jude’s was a great charity. They took us right in, shepherded us through the first years and the rest is history,” said Friel.

St. Jude’s provides state-of-the-art care for children with cancer. No family is ever asked to pay for this care. The care includes housing and food. Many of the treatments require up to three years. The housing is provided for that entire period of time. They strive to let nothing get in the way of successful treatment.

St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital is one of the largest pediatric cancer research facilities in the world. Its research is freely shared worldwide.

“My mother died from cancer when I was a freshman at Benedictine. The support I received upon my return was unbelievable. Ralph Meeker, Eileen Clark, Jim Meehan and a host of others helped me make it through the semester. I observed over time that their support was always there. This inspired me to want to give something to help others,” Friel recalled.

When asked why giving back was important, Friel responded, “There are a number of reasons. The first is that it is the right thing to do. I saw this throughout my life and it was reinforced by the Benedictine model. I don’t need another reason, but I do have one. The second reason is to honor those who came before me and those who have supported me throughout my life.”

Friel is currently a principal, working for Chicago Systems Group with fellow Benedictine alumnus, Mike Cooney, C82. “We build computer systems for the public sector, primarily in the areas of unemployment and re-employment. I am currently working on an education reform project for a small country in the Middle East. I am also one of three owners of Fitz’s Pub in Elmhurst. One of my partners, Terry Fitzharris, is a St. Procopius graduate. I would encourage, and welcome, all alumni to stop in and say hi to Terry and me,” concluded Friel.

If you know someone who has given of him or herself to help others in the Benedictine spirit of giving back, please e-mail lhale@ben.edu.
2005 Golden Eagles

On May 22, the 2005 Golden Eagles were inducted at an alumni relations luncheon prior to the University’s Commencement ceremony. The new members included Ken Hewitt, Jerry Bruegel, Robert Piczynski, Tim White and Fr. David Turner, O.S.B. These five individuals from St. Procopius Academy and College from class years ranging from 1955 to 1959 join an elite group of alumni who entered school 50 years ago. Welcome to the new Golden Eagles. †

President William Carroll, Honorary Benedictine University Alumnus

On May 10, at the annual meeting of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, the board conferred upon Benedictine President William Carroll the title of Honorary Benedictine University Alumnus with all the rights and privileges awarded to alumni. Along with a plaque, the board gave Carroll his first “Benedictine University Alumni” sweatshirt. Carroll is currently celebrating 10 years as the president of the University. †

Reminder:
Special Savings Through Liberty Mutual

In an effort to provide our alumni with the best possible benefits, Benedictine University and Liberty Mutual have partnered 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; convenient payment plans; round-the-clock claims service; 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. †

Health Insurance Help for new graduates

If you have recently graduated from college, you may have lost your health insurance. Most insurance policies carried by parents cease to cover students when they leave school. Benedictine University now offers its alumni the benefit of HumanaOne College Graduate Health Plan. This plan provides all the insurance protection you need until you obtain health insurance through an employer. For more information, please contact Debbie Smith at (630) 829-6080 or dsmith@ben.edu. †

Swim/Dive Alumni Event

Mark your calendars now for the annual Swim/Dive Alumni Meet and Reception. The reception will be held on Friday, October 28 at 6:00 p.m. The Benedictine Eagles will take to the water against the North Central College Cardinals and the Eureka Red Devils. You will want to be a part of this exciting meet and have the opportunity to reconnect with fellow alumni swimmers and divers. Last year we had a group of more than 60 people. Make sure you are a part of this popular event. †

Even After You Graduate, You Are Still Connected Here

There are many ways to get involved, and stay involved, in the Benedictine community. Contact Alumni Relations Director Julie Nelligan at (630) 829-6077 to learn more.
Homecoming 2005 and Reunion Weekend

Mark your calendars now for Homecoming 2005 on October 22. Listed below is the tentative schedule for this year’s events.

If you are a member of the class of 1965, 1975, 1980, 1985 or 1995, this is your year to celebrate. Contact Julie Nelligan at (630) 829-6077 or jnelligan@ben.edu for reunion details.

Come back to campus and see how much things have changed while the spirit of the school has remained the same. Hope to see you at Homecoming 2005.

Saturday, October 22

- Alumni Men’s Soccer Game . . . . . . . . . . . . . 9:00 a.m.
- Women’s Soccer Game . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 11:30 a.m.
- Tailgating — Krasa Parking Lot . . . . . . . . . . 1:00 p.m.
- Football Game . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 3:00 p.m.
  Benedictine Eagles vs. MacMurray Highlanders
- Class Reunions . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 6:00 p.m.

James Boggess, D.D.S., C87

Many people graduate from college and never look back. Others realize the importance of the quality of their education and want to ensure future generations obtain the same opportunity.

To James Boggess, D.D.S., biology, C87, his “alma matters.”

Benedictine University is grateful for the consistent, generous support of Boggess, who currently owns the Cedar Point Dental Center in Springfield, Illinois. He performs oral surgery and cosmetic dentistry as well as general dentistry.

Jim and his wife, Sandra, have been President’s Associates since 1998, supporting the President’s 21st Century Fund, the College of Science and the Benedictine 2000 Capital Campaign for the Birck Hall of Science.

Jim and Sandra provided funds for the Cold Room in Birck Hall, which is used for preservation of scientific experiments and research.

When asked why he has been so generous with Benedictine, he responded, “It is a privilege to give. I am so appreciative of all that my education here has enabled me to accomplish.”

He attributes Drs. Ed Ferroni, Larry Kamin and David Rausch whose exceptional instruction prepared him for medical school to a far better extent than were most of his peers from other schools.

He enjoys giving back to Benedictine to say “thank you” and encourages other alumni to do the same. Benedictine University is his primary “cause of choice” to support.

Although he is the youngest of six siblings, he was the first in his family to earn a college degree. His success at Benedictine University influenced his sister to earn her degree as well.

In his free time, Boggess is an avid golfer, has a keen interest in old GM cars and enjoys traveling with his wife. They will soon be taking a motorcycle tour of Germany, Austria, Italy and France.
When Gerry Czerak first arrived on the campus of St. Procopius College in the summer of 1969 with a 2-year-old son in tow, little did he expect that four members of his family would earn degrees from the “little” college in Lisle before his daily visits to campus ended 23 years later.

“I came not as a student, initially, but as an employee — the first layman to serve full-time as director of public information,” said Czerak. “I was only 26 years old and with just about 30 months of professional experience, but Fr. Roman Galiardi gave me the opportunity and I grew into the position, and then evolved it with new duties over the years.”

He has worked in marketing at a credit union in Naperville and as assistant branch manager for an insurance adjustment firm in Downers Grove. With a bachelor’s degree in English from DePaul and a master’s degree in journalism from Northwestern, he rounded off his education at Benedictine by completing the Institute for Management program in the 1980s and earning an M.B.A. with a marketing focus in 1991.

“The combination of that education and those experiences led me to my current position as business manager for St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Parish in Naperville, where I encounter a number of Benedictine alumni and former and current employees,” he said.

His three children — Kevin and Brian, both accountants, and Vicki (Pierson), a nurse — also earned their degrees at Benedictine.

“I wanted to be connected on the Alumni Board because of all the institution has meant to me and my kids — my sons both met their wives (Mary Swanson and Debbie Jansen) at Benedictine and my daughter met her husband through [attending Benedictine baseball games]. The College just gets into your blood, you believe in all the good things it can do to help people improve their lives and their futures.

I had the privilege to serve not only under three presidents, but also with some administrators, faculty and coaches who made a big difference in the history of the College. It was, and still is, a dynamic place that has positively impacted so many lives,” Czerak concluded.

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Steve Staniszewski Computer Science, C86

When Steve Staniszewski was a student at Benedictine he was the president of Circle K, a member of the Computer Club, worked in the library audio/visual department, participated in the Bowling League and was a computer teaching assistant.

Right out of college, he landed a job through another alumnus at Allied Van Lines. He then took a job at a dot com company and built its infrastructure from the bottom up. He then went on to a position at Audio Visual Services Corporation as director of information technology operations. He is currently self-employed and investigating franchising opportunities.

Staniszewski and his wife, Colleen, and their son, Bryan, live in Batavia, Illinois.

“I’m still a technical geek. My family and I love to camp and kayak. On a hot sunny day you’ll find us in our backyard deck or in our swimming pool,” said Staniszewski.

“Through my time at Benedictine there have been professors and administrators who were there with me through good times and bad times. These were people who believed in me when believing in myself was pretty hard to do. It’s because of them and the experiences that I had at Benedictine that I have been able to attain the level of success that I have. I feel it’s only right to give back and help the current students achieve their goals,” he concluded.
Linda Golan has been busy working in the advertising community for almost six years. During that time, she elected to earn an M.B.A. from Benedictine.

She is currently an account executive for Zimmerman & Partners Advertising, and manages the Regional Nissan Automotive brand.

She keeps herself busy with family, friends and volunteer opportunities at Benedictine.

“I volunteered for the Board when I noticed an opportunity in Voices magazine. I had been so dedicated to the University while earning my bachelor’s degree, then my M.B.A., that I wanted an opportunity to stay connected with the school and be able to see all facets of the institution. There’s nothing more fascinating to me than meeting the current undergraduate students and in-coming freshmen, and seeing their achievements and challenges,” said Golan.

Alumni Come Back To Model United Nations

by Joan Henehan, C91

I felt like a veteran coming back to teach new recruits and to share my combat experience” said David Laz, C79, referring to his participation in the first annual Benedictine University Model United Nations (UN) alumni simulation. “It brought back so many good memories. I actually felt young again,” laughed Laz.

Model UN alumni from the classes of 1972-2004 returned to campus on March 11, 2005 to help current students prepare for their trip to New York. The session convened in a simulated session of the General Assembly Sixth Committee, the UN’s legal body, to debate the UN’s role in addressing the conflict between China and Taiwan. The Department of Political Science and the Office of Advancement worked jointly to bring in alumni to help current students. The response and feedback from both groups was overwhelmingly positive.

“I found the reunion simulation very helpful,” remarked Brain Bartoz, C05, “The alumni allowed me to see how delegates can deliver passionate speeches and parliamentary procedures to advance their goals.” Many of the alumni reflected on how the skills they learned from participating in Model UN actually help them in their current profession. Amy Raz, C04, felt her Model UN experience has helped her as a teacher when dealing with students and parents.

Joel Ostrow, Ph.D., associate professor of political science and faculty advisor to the delegation since 2000, said that, “The experience definitely helped the team. Students got a lot out of interacting with people they didn’t know, and came away with a better sense of what a simulation is like.”

The session proved to be worthwhile as the 2005 team, representing Mexico, came away with an award at the conference. “We are going to have a dynamite group the next two-to-three years,” Ostrow said, referring to many younger students who participated for the first time this year. “We really need the help of our alumni to continue to be successful.” Ostrow expects that Benedictine will be assigned more challenging countries in the future now that the University has been recognized at the national level.

The Model UN class has traditionally averaged 12-15 students. This year, thanks to the financial support of the University, student fund raising and donations from alumni specific to the Model UN program, all 30 students traveled to New York.

The second annual alumni simulation is being planned for March 2006. If you are interested in participating, please e-mail modelun@ben.edu or contact Ostrow at (630) 829-6470. To make a donation to the program or to sponsor a student, please contact Joan Henihan at (630) 829-6074.

Time to change your mailing or e-mail address?

Welcome to the new Millennium. The new Department of Advancement database software, Millennium, has been upgraded to offer better capacity and efficiency for record keeping of alumni, fund raising and mailing efforts.

This is the perfect opportunity to update your information. If you have a new address, e-mail account or employment information you would like to pass on, please call (630) 829-6099.

Fall 2005
Greg Baranivsky, Finance, C94, magna cum laude
While a student at Benedictine University, Greg Baranivsky was a resident assistant (RA) in Kohlbeck Hall and a member of the Business Club.

“I struggled with whether or not I wanted to be an RA. I thought I might have trouble balancing my school workload, potential spring internship and the challenges of finding a job, but it turned out to be one of my best experiences at Benedictine. The RA position helped me practically apply many of the skills I began developing during my freshman through junior years: people skills, communication skills, time management, patience and leadership skills. I also just had a great time and felt I made a difference with many of the residents,” recalled Baranivsky.

He went on to earn an M.B.A. from the Illinois Institute of Technology in 1998. He has also been a chartered financial analyst (CFA) since 2001.

“Today, my title is managing director, key accounts, with First American Funds. First American Funds is the money management arm of U.S. Bank with approximately $50 billion in assets under management. Our team’s responsibility is to develop and expand broker dealer distribution partnerships for our mutual funds. First American Funds are sold primarily through financial advisors. Our wholesaling team sells to the advisors within these various broker dealers. I previously worked at Van Kampen Funds in Oakbrook Terrace and in 1998 moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota to join First American Funds,” he said.

“I would strongly recommend Benedictine to others. Being a smaller school, if you’re willing, you have a number of opportunities to develop skills that might be more difficult in a larger school. There’s more opportunity to take a leadership role...RA, club president, etc. It’s there for anyone to take advantage of. With the smaller classroom sizes, you have the chance to participate in great discussions and make your opinions known. It’s truly a way to develop confidence in yourself and also your public speaking/communications skills...all skills that are very important in the business world. The opportunities are also there to develop relationships with your professors. They always seemed to be around to help. Building those relationships makes the classroom experience more rewarding,” advised Baranivsky.

“Benedictine also has a good reputation within the local community. I really leveraged the career placement center and found my first full-time job through a posting that came through the career placement office. If you’re a good student at a smaller school with a strong local presence, there’s a pretty good chance you’ll have some job opportunities to consider come senior year,” he concluded.

Baranivsky lives in Shorewood, Minnesota with his wife, Heather (Matusiak) C96, and their daughter, Anastasia. They were expecting a second baby girl at the end of August.

Natalie M. (Baranivsky) Oros, Literature, C01
While at Benedictine, Natalie (Baranivsky) Oros, C01, was involved as a tutor at the Academic Resource Center (ARC). She tutored students who needed assistance with their writing, in addition to students with English as a second language. She was also a member of Kappa Delta Pi, the honor society for education. She served as vice-president for a year. In addition, she was a member of the Sigma Tau Delta, International English Honor Society.

“Through my involvement in those activities, I met, and still keep in contact with, many of my peers and faculty members. I really enjoyed the tutoring experience I received by working for the ARC because it helped me develop my teaching skills,” Baranivsky said.

She currently teaches sixth and seventh grade literature and language arts at Lisle Junior High School. She is also earning her master’s degree in reading/literacy through Benedictine’s cohort program.

“I walked away from Benedictine with not only an education but many close friendships that I built as well. The small class sizes and knowledgeable, helpful faculty helped make my experience a positive one,” concluded Baranivsky.

Paul Andrew Baranivsky, Marketing, C95
Paul Baranivsky, C95, found his interests while at Benedictine inspired him to join the Business Club as well as participate in a variety of intramural sports. He remembers that during that time he forged many great friendships, which he felt were an essential part of college life.

“Whenever you put yourself in an unfamiliar setting, you open up the opportunity to learn and grow as an individual. Becoming involved in school activities will only help you in the long run,” advised Baranivsky.

He went on to earn an M.B.A. from DePaul University with a concentration in marketing management. He is currently a vice president at Morgan Stanley Investment Management. He is responsible for recommending and promoting investment solutions to Morgan Stanley Financial Advisors.

“Benedictine is a fabulous place to learn and grow as an individual. You don’t feel lost when you’re on campus, but the exact opposite. I had nothing but good things happen when I attended the school, as well as in my post-Benedictine days,” he said.†
**Distinguished Alumni Award**

In recognition of outstanding achievement in a career field or personal endeavor, the 2005 Distinguished Alumni Award went to Donna Hrozencik, M.D.

While Hrozencik attended Benedictine she was a teachers’ assistant in General, Organic and Nursing Chemistry. She was active in the American Chemical Society and a member of the Tri Beta Biology Society. She was also a resident assistant in Ondrak and Kohlbeck Halls. She graduated Cum Laude and received the Senior Service Award in 1982. She went on to Rush University Medical School in Chicago earning her M.D. in 1986. She completed her residency in OB/GYN at the University of Michigan and is Board Certified in Obstetrics and Gynecology and a Fellow in the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

On staff at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, Michigan, she has been an active member of the teaching faculty to both students and residents, lecturing frequently and mentoring both. She received the Attending Physician Teaching Award twice from students and one from the department chairman. She also has served as the medical director of Canton Obstetrics and Gynecology in Canton, Michigan.

“Benedictine University not only gave me the educational background to achieve my ultimate goals, but also gave me wonderful lifelong friends and an understanding of my faith. To this, I will be forever grateful and I know it is a debt to which could never be repaid,” Hrozencik stated.

She lives in Ann Arbor with her husband, Mark Ouimet, and currently serves on the President’s Advisory Council at Benedictine University. ♦

**Benedictine Service Award**

Given to alumni who serve, and have served, the University with their time and talent, the 2005 Alumni Service Award went to Don Jacklich, Sr.

While at St. Procopius College, Jacklich played leading roles in 11 musicals and five plays. He also earned nine varsity letters in football, basketball, track and baseball and for the next 20 years his .423 batting average remained unchallenged.

Jacklich went on to earn his master’s degree in Speech-Theater in 1968 from Northern Illinois University.

He has “given back” not only to Benedictine University but to the Lisle community as well. First, in 1965-66, he was executive director of the Alumni Association, director of St. Procopius Community Productions and assistant professor of speech, where he introduced a drama curriculum to the school.

His proudest community accomplishment is that in 1981 he restored the theatre at Sacred Heart Monastery to its 1925 beauty. He also founded the Ad Hoc Theatre Company that in the next five years produced 52 productions.

Jacklich is a 20-year member of the Dramatist Guild of New York, and has written two “Broadway-type” musicals both of which were done professionally. He has composed approximately 75 separate songs and is working on a new musical.

He taught at Hinsdale Township High School and was head of the drama department. In 1969, he started Jacklich Enterprises where he is a consultant in corporate training and has written three books.

He lives in Lisle with his wife, Sheila, who is an assistant dean of students at Benet Academy. They have five children. ♦

**Alumni Spirit Award**

The Benedictine Spirit Award is awarded to an alumnus who has exemplified the Benedictine values of service, hospitality and dedication to their personal and/or professional life. The 2005 award went to Joe Fedinec.

Fedinec grew up in Hamilton, Ontario, attended and graduated from St. Procopius College in 1958 and then went on to earn his master’s degree in Russian literature/language from Georgetown University in 1969. He began his teaching career at Benet Academy in 1958, instructing thousands of students in biology, general science, physical science, physical education and Russian. He also coached football, cross-country and track for 47 years at Benet.

He retired in 2003. Between teaching classes and coaching, Fedinec would find himself working six days a week usually starting at 6:30 a.m. and ending at 10:30 p.m. During those long days, he would touch and influence many students’ lives. Many have referred to him as “not just a coach, but more like a father-type figure” where the students could come and receive help and support.

Fedinec said, “I would help them through hard times, be there for them and motivate them academically to achieve their goals.”

He resides in Lisle with his wife of 36 years, Eileen, and has three grown children. ♦

**Joe Fedinec, B.S., Biology, C58**

**Donna S. Hrozencik, M.D., B.S., Biochemistry, C82**
Always do right — this will gratify some and astonish the rest.” — MARK TWAIN

Commencement 2005

Excerpt from the Commencement address by Thomas “Tim” White, C59, longtime Benet Academy educator and ordained Roman Catholic Deacon, on Sunday, May 22 at the Sports Complex multi-purpose stadium.

“Forty six years ago I sat with my fellow graduates — the school was so small back then, I knew them all by name — in a building that isn’t even here anymore. Now you sit at your graduation in a first class stadium located on my old baseball field.

I walked out of my graduation and turned down an engineering job I had been prepared for … and walked into a classroom across the street in a small boy’s school called St. Procopius Academy (now Benet Academy). My father never understood why I did that … but I understand why I did that. I understand that every time another job opportunity arose in my life that I stayed across the street coaching sports, teaching four different disciplines, moderating all kinds of publications and spending holidays with students traveling aboard.

I was lucky enough to understand very early in my life two things that were important to me: grace in my life and the need to be passionate.

In my 46 years over there, I’ve watched the campus across the street expand building by building [student by student]. Why did these changes occur? The power of God inhabited human persons who were passionate about what they were doing and so they built buildings and took risks.

I’ve watched my students become television stars, best selling authors, state’s attorneys, important politicians and excellent physicians. [Each day I get] in my car at 6:00 a.m. and drive the 15 miles from my home through the sprawl that has become Naperville looking forward with enthusiasm to another day of my life.

When I was a student at this school, there was a wonderful priest who taught mathematics and physics. When he spoke of them his eyes would light up. He often said things like, “White, someday you will rather do calculus problems than go to the moving picture show.” Now he wasn’t right about those calculus problems … but the man had a passion for physics. Fr. William bubbled with enthusiasm during every class. He lived what he did. In my life and the lives of many other students he was very important.

Care about what you do and the people you do it for and with. Pay attention to the
power that comes from God to each of us who follow our paths knowing that we have been made for a purpose; it's called grace. Grace: the power and force that comes from the ultimate power in the universe. Each of you has gifts to spread throughout your lives. You have been created uniquely but so has everyone else. Revel in your uniqueness; revel in their uniqueness. Recognize that God’s garden is filled with flowers of all hues and all are for our amusement. Be amused graduates. Don’t ever take yourself too seriously. That way lays intolerance and emotional death.

If you have a passion for what you do, burnout will be something that happens to people who have ‘jobs.’ Most of you will live lives just like mine. You will not run the world. You will not strike out [the next] Barry Bonds to win the World Series (I thought I might do that one day). You will spend the next half of your life in some kind of employment. Make sure you have the courage to follow your passion.

If you manufacture, care about each little detail of what you make; if you are in service, don’t forget the uniqueness of those you serve; if you are a lawyer, care about the law and the people who need your help; if you’re a doctor, love the creation of the human person and use your knowledge to heal the whole patient.

If each of you brings passion to what you do, whether the world finds it important or not, you will be important to yourself, to your associates and to your family. I have always admired two of my friends, one a carpenter, the other a mechanic. The carpenter will not work with any contractor that cuts corners. He has never been out of work. The mechanic will not give you your car back until it is fixed completely. It’s hard to get into his shop, there is always a line. You should hear them talk about what they do. After a half of century, their eyes light up and the words tumble out.

You have paid some dues graduates, you have stuck it out, learned the material and passed the tests, but have you listened to the prompting of your maker, he who created you uniquely and knows what your gifts are even if you do not?

May you find work which you love and have the courage to choose to do it; may you know each day that what you are doing is important to you and the power that created and nourishes you; and may you know all that because you have kept in touch with that power in the silent moments of your life.”

**ACADEMIC AWARDS**
- College Of Arts and Sciences
  - Brett Austin Collander (Naperville)
  - Laurel Claire Vana (West Chicago)
- College of Business, Technology and Professional Programs
  - Stacy Lynn Olah (North Aurora)
- School of Education
  - Joshua John Awart (Northlake)

**COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD**
- Rachel Rose Miller (Ottawa, IL)

**SERVICE AWARD**
- Daniel John Bartgen (Chicago)

**PROCOPIAN AWARD**
- Brian Allen Bartoz (Western Springs)

**THOMAS J. DYBA LEADERSHIP AWARD**
- Mario D. Parker (Tinley Park)

**TRUSTEE AWARDS**
- Julie Ann Glade (Sheridan, IL)
- Stephanie Ann Koss (Burbank, IL)
- Nathaniel Thomas Rebeck (Kansas City, KS)
Benedictine University Reorganizes Into Four Academic Colleges

Change is necessary for growth. It is true in nature, it is true in business and it is also true in education.

Benedictine University, in response to changing trends in education and to enhance the University’s ability to meet diverse student needs, reorganized its academic structure as of June 1 into four colleges: the College of Science, the College of Liberal Arts, the College of Education and Health Services, and the College of Business.

The University was previously organized into the School of Education, the College of Arts and Sciences, and the College of Business, Technology and Professional Programs. The change is part of a University-wide strategic plan to ensure and advance the quality of higher education at Benedictine University.

“It is my expectation as we implement our strategic plan over the next few years, our schools will become more autonomous administratively and programmatically and, we anticipate, better able to meet student needs and to be better able to respond to the emerging challenges facing us,” said William Carroll, Ph.D., president of Benedictine University.

Competitive forces in the marketplace — virtual classrooms, telecourses, distance learning, global communications — are forcing higher education institutions to look for ways to improve their service delivery. In addition, society is placing an increased emphasis on assessment and measurable learning outcomes.

Colleges and universities are also expected to meet the needs of a more diverse student population.

“We are excited about this change,” Julius added. “It is a big university model at a smaller university. Ultimately, this reorganization will allow us to be more responsive to students’ needs.”

The restructuring at Benedictine University includes some temporary personnel changes. John Mickus, Ph.D., former dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, will remain as the dean of the College of Liberal Arts while the University conducts a national search for a new dean of the College of Liberal Arts this fall. Sandra Gill, Ph.D., former head of the Master of Business Administration program at Benedictine University, is the new interim dean of the College of Business.

Alan Gorr, Ph.D. has been named the interim dean of the new College of Education and Health Services, and Don Taylor, Ph.D. is the interim dean of the College of Science.

“I believe this restructuring will help us better serve our students now and in the future,” Carroll said. “We are looking forward to some very exciting years at Benedictine University.”
The Value of a Benedictine Dual Degree
by Barbara T. Grabowski, Ph.D.

We hear “HIPAA” and we think health care, confidentiality of medical records and other personal health information. We hear “Sarbanes-Oxley” and we think corporate governance and financial disclosure. We hear “Patriot Act” and think terrorism and homeland security.

We do not think “information technology.” But should we?

It is not enough to understand health care or accounting and financial systems or information systems in isolation. It is vital to understand the interdependence of information technology, the functional areas of an organization and the people of an organization.

Professionals must have business and information technology management skills that companies desperately need. They must balance quantitative knowledge and information technology expertise with people skills. Organizations expect alignment between business goals and information technology.

Dual-degree programs that include an M.I.S. prepare students to face increasing challenges of providing reliable, accurate and timely information to meet the demands of our dependence on technology.

This is not a new reality at Benedictine University. Faculty in these programs recognized the importance of interdisciplinary study from the time these programs began at Benedictine. Dual-degree programs began in 1986, when the M.I.S. Program was created and the M.P.H. and M.S.M.O.B. programs were a year old at Benedictine.

Benedictine offers three dual-degree programs that include the M.I.S. program. These offer an innovative course of professional graduate study that integrates the body of knowledge in information technology with one of several other areas. Students may choose to add an M.B.A., M.S.M.O.B. or a M.P.H. degree.

Students become technically proficient by combining two areas of study. This interdisciplinary approach is the heart of the dual-degree program. Students are able to align business strategy with information technology objectives and capabilities. They are able to address issues such as the creative application of information technology, the effective management of information technology, and the organizational and societal impacts of information technology.

Students in dual-degree programs, which include the M.I.S., gain an appreciation of the complexity of challenges associated with the management of information technology through group interaction, comprehensive projects, case analysis, research and active participation in the sharing of individual experience. This variety of teaching methods prepares students to be effective leaders well into the 21st century.

For information on how dual-degree programs that include the M.I.S. may enhance your career, contact Barbara T. Grabowski, Ph.D., at bgrabowski@ben.edu.

Here is a sampling of some works published by Benedictine faculty and staff during 2005. You can see a complete list of published works by Benedictine faculty and staff and read the full text of many articles on the Virtual Library Club Web site at www.ben.edu/LibraryClub.

Alexander Bolyanatz, Ph.D. – Assistant Professor, Core Program

Jennifer Graham – Lecturer, Department of Rhetoric
Jennifer Graham’s story titled “Behind Blue Eyes” appears in a short story collection called Chicken Soup for Every Mom’s Soul (HCI Books: Deerfield, FL). In her story, Graham writes about the experience of adopting her daughter.

Joaquin Montero, Ph.D. – Assistant Professor of Spanish, Department of Foreign Languages
“Alejandro Magno: sus primeras batallas” (Alexander the Great: his first battles)

Peter Sorensen, Ph.D. and Therese Yaeger, Ph.D. – Organization Development
TITLE III GRANT CONCLUDES WITH NOTABLE RESULTS

Five years ago, Benedictine University received and began implementing a $1.75 million Title III Strengthening Institutions grant from the U.S. Department of Education. When the grant concludes at the end of the Fall 2005 semester, it will have transformed both instruction and student services. Only a year ago, students had to wait in line to register for courses. Today the grant has made online registration a reality, along with automated processing of credit for transfer courses and an automated degree audit, all of which had been done by hand.

The Title III grant also brought new technology to campus, including computers and projection systems in dozens of classrooms, custom desks and computers for use by students with disabilities and computers in several computer labs. The largest portion of the grant provided training and support for undergraduate faculty to learn how to use new instructional technology effectively and to place course materials online. A survey of faculty technology use in the spring of 2005 found that more than 60 faculty members were offering more than 200 courses with course Web sites and that nearly three-quarters of faculty used new technology to encourage collaborative learning among students.

Given the positive impact that the Title III grant has had on instruction and student services, the University looks forward to reapplying for another such grant in two years, when it is next eligible to do so.

Pagel and Peter Weertman, vice president of technical customer support in commercial aviation services at Boeing, were awarded honorary memberships in Sigma Beta Delta for their outstanding leadership consistent with the values of Sigma Beta Delta and for their efforts to encourage and promote professional development.

The Benedictine inductees into this group were chosen from the top 20 percent of their graduating classes. Eligible students graduated from the University’s Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.), Master of Science in Management and Organizational Behavior (M.S.M.O.B.) and Master of Public Health (M.P.H.) programs.
M.C.P. PROGRAM TO HOST NATIONAL EXAMINATION

The Master of Science in Clinical Psychology Program (M.C.P.) has been approved by the National Board of Certified Counselors, Inc. (NBCC) to host the National Counselor’s Examination at Benedictine University in October 2005.

The NBCC is an independent not-for-profit credentialing body for counselors, incorporated in 1982 to establish and monitor a national certification system. NBCC focuses on promoting quality counseling through certification. The NBCC examinations are currently used by 47 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and Guam to credential counselors on a state level.

Benedictine was awarded the privilege of hosting this exam after a lengthy application process. The NBCC reviewed the program, course requirements and course descriptions and determined that the M.C.P. Program at Benedictine was in compliance with their rigorous educational standards. As a result, Benedictine graduate students will be given the opportunity to take this examination prior to their graduation. When they pass the examination, these graduates will be immediately equipped with a credential that will greatly enhance their preparedness and their marketability as they move into the work of counseling and psychotherapy.

23 Candidates Awarded Doctorate Degrees In Benedictine’s World Renowned Program

Benedictine University awarded doctorate degrees to 23 candidates of the Organization Development (O.D.) program during commencement ceremonies on May 22.

Benedictine’s doctoral program in O.D. is designed to help today’s business leaders generate a professional work environment where people partner to discover better solutions, where change is not only accepted but encouraged, and where high performance is achieved by building trust, valuing teamwork and fostering employee development.

The Ph.D. program at Benedictine incorporates classroom and current work experience. It was one of the first graduate O.D. programs in the country and is recognized as one of the top-rated graduate O.D. programs in the world.

M.I.S. PROGRAM INCREASES EMPHASIS ON INFORMATION SECURITY

CardSystems Solutions, Inc. identifies a security incident in which a hacker broke into their credit card transaction-processing network. Treasury department auditors posing as network technicians succeed in getting a number of IRS employees to reveal their user names and passwords. BJ’s Whole Club Inc. reveals that it is investigating a possible computer system break-in that may have exposed its customers’ credit card account information. Phishing attacks lure unwary consumers to provide confidential information to phony Web sites. Microsoft Word documents contain hidden data that contains author information, comments and recent changes. These are the realities of the technological world we live in.

The Master of Science in Management Information Systems (M.I.S.) program’s revised course, MIS 656, Information Systems Security and Control, discusses technical and organizational issues involved in information systems security.

Technical issues include authentication, digital signatures, encryption, wireless and instant message standards and protocols, remote access, intrusion detection, malware, viruses and worms, buffer overflows, e-mail attacks and unsolicited e-mail. Organizational issues include social engineering, security policies and procedures, security awareness, disaster recovery, business continuity, risk management and change management. Students also discuss computer forensics and legal and ethical issues involved in security.

The course is taught as a seminar. Students are expected to read and discuss current articles on security topics each week. As a midterm project, students establish a baseline for security in an organization and then, as a final project, critique and make recommendations for that organization’s security policies.

Students from all graduate programs are invited to enroll in this course. It is especially important for students in the Master of Business Administration. Master of Science in Management and Organization Development and Master of Public Health programs.

To recognize the increasing importance of information security, MIS 656 will be a required course for students entering this fall quarter.

Information systems security is not a new topic in the M.I.S. Program. It dates back to 1986. It was one of the program’s original electives.

For information on this course, please contact Barbara T. Grabowski, Ph.D. at bgrabowski@ben.edu.

by Barbara T. Grabowski, Ph.D.
Peer Ministers Hear St. Benedict’s Advice, Reach Out To Students

by Stephany Mirelez, C07 and Maggie Serio, C06

“Listen.” It is the first word in the Rule of St. Benedict, and an imperative for each of Campus Ministry’s 11 peer ministers.

The students, trained in listening and counseling skills, are ready to help their peers deal with issues that they might encounter during their college experience. “The peer ministers are available to students of every faith,” said Rev. Linda Owens, director of ecumenical and interfaith ministries at Benedictine.

Below is a look at four students who have served as peer ministers since December 2004.

Empathetic Listening
Junior Melissa Grant, who is pursuing a double major in psychology and health sciences, initially signed up to train as a peer minister to become more involved on campus. “As I learned more about the program, I became more interested in it,” she said.

Grant feels confident about her role due in part to training from the psychologists in Student Health Services and her own life experiences. “[The psychologists] talked a lot about empathetic listening,” she said. “Empathetic listening is being there for a person [in a way that] they know it’s okay for them to open up and that you’re not going to judge them.”

Helping Students
Charles Grom, a senior majoring in philosophy, believes that the peer ministry program will help him get to know himself better as well as serve others. Grom signed up to become a peer minister because he likes to help people and he appreciates the one-to-one contact that the program provides.

“At Carmel High School, I participated in the same kind of thing. It was only for one hour a week, but in reality, it was all day, every day,” Grom said. “The students could come up to me at any time and talk about their problems.”

Guided By The Holy Spirit
Junior Billy Buchholz, like Grom, participated in a peer ministry program in high school. “I hope to strengthen other students,” Buchholz said. By getting my voice and my face out there, if I can touch just one person, it will be worth it.

Buchholz, a business and economics double major, feels that the training provided for the peer ministers was very helpful. “[The psychologists] gave us a lot of training on different situations and circumstances that could arise. They trained us very well,” he said. “The rest is up to God and the Holy Spirit to guide us.”

Being There For One’s Peers
Sarah Solarz, a senior majoring in elementary education, sees her role as a peer minister as a way to remain attentive to students’ concerns. “I believe that it is important that we try to keep an open communication throughout our campus and to let people know that there is someone there for them,” Solarz said.

The peer minister program “will bring our community closer together,” she said. “It will give people a chance to get to know others and learn about each other, like a family.”

The Peer Ministers for the 2005-06 school year are: Christina Argianas, Billy Buchholz, Melissa Grant, Charles Grom, Julie Handler, Antonia Phillips, Jillian Schmelzle, Sarah Solarz, Delin Wang, Ashley Wootton and Eric Wright. To learn more about Peer Ministry at Benedictine, contact Linda Owens at (630) 829-6123.

Library Services at Benedictine have come a long way. We will be highlighting photos from the library’s past in upcoming issues of Voices. If you recognize people or events, let us know at lhale@ben.edu.

Left, Lownik Hall became home to the library in 1964.
Class of ’69
Joseph E. Siebert, M.D., Biochemistry, celebrated 30 years of family practice this year. The Downers Grove Family Practice was established in April 1975. In addition to pediatrics, general adult care and geriatrics, they have special certifications in diabetic management, anticoagulation, cholesterol and asthma care. Siebert and his family reside in Downers Grove.

Class of ’72
Geoffrey Frasz, Ph.D., Philosophy, is a professor of philosophy at the Benedictine Community College of Southern Nevada. He credits Benedictine’s small seminar size classes for giving him the encouragement to believe that he could make philosophical contributions on his own. Frasz and his family live in Las Vegas.

Roger Wanic, Mathematics, retired this year as principal of Lisle Junior High School. Wanic had been an educator in the district for 33 years.

Class of ’74
Mark Bonamer, History, was recently awarded a 2005 Graduate Faculty Scholarship at Northern Illinois University.

Class of ’75
Michael A. LaGiglia, Clinical Laboratory Science, was activated for Operation Iraqi Freedom with his four sons in February 2003. They are all still serving on active duty in locations throughout the world. LaGiglia thanks everyone for their support.

Correction Notices
In the spring issue of Voices on page 19, we inadvertently listed James Fedinec, M.D., C92, as Joseph Fedinec. On page 13, the place of employment for Maryellen Lissak Giger, M.D., C78, was incorrectly abbreviated. She works at the University of Chicago, not UIC as indicated in the article. We apologize for the errors.

Class of ’79
Kathleen (O’Laughlin) Newhouse, History, has moved back to the Chicago area after 20 years in Michigan. She and her husband, Russ, have opened a design store in Geneva called Park Place Interiors.

Dianne (Huth) Darling, Elementary Education, works as a realtor for Keller Williams Realty and teaches piano lessons in Georgia. Darling and her husband, Robert, reside in Suwanee, GA.

Class of ’81
George A. Ganzer, M.D., Chemistry, recently took his family on a vacation to Rome where they were in attendance at Pope Benedict’s first general audience in St. Peter’s square on April 27, 2005. Ganzer and his family reside in Buckingham, PA.

Vernon Kowal, Political Science, has been appointed partner in the Chicago law firm of Much Shelist. He will work in corporate practice. Kowal and his family reside in Western Springs.

Class of ’83
Jill Pelka-Wilger, Political Science, was recently named the prosecutor for the city of Naperville. She and her husband, William Wilger, reside in Geneva.

Class of ’84
Jill (Beda) Daniels, Spanish, recently left her career as a lawyer to become a full-time mother to her three children: Harper, Ellie and Tate. Daniels and her husband, Peter, reside in LaGrange.

Christopher Hayward, Social Science, recently joined Exit Team Realty in Chicago. Hayward currently resides in Chicago.

Class of ’95
Germaine (Rodeo) Yang, Biology, is a pharmacist with Target. She and her husband, Patrick, have two children and reside in Elmhurst.

Class of ’97
Jacqueline P. Arteaga, M.D., Biology, was named chief of internal medicine at St. Lukes Roosevelt Hospital in New York.

Rachel (Bendickson) Patete, Music, is a private voice and piano instructor in Beloit, WI. Patete and her husband, Joe, are parents to Sean and Aryn Faith.

Class of ’98
Sarah (Talbot) Peacey, Sociology, has joined KPMG recruiting for their IT Risk Advisory Services practice in the Midwest. Peacey and her husband, Matt, reside in Plainfield.

Shannon Verschoore, Spanish, is currently completing her master’s thesis in American history. She has taken a leave of absence from teaching at Hinsdale South High School to work in Kiev, Ukraine for the Peace Corps. She will be studying Russian and working at a university training English teachers in various methodologies.

Class of ’99
Yasmin (Kumar) Meyers, M.P.H., is a laparoscopic surgical specialist for Ethicon Endo-Surgery. Meyers and her husband, Eric, reside in Rockford.

Class of ’00
Nathan Berth, Biology, joined the U.S. Marine Corp. and is now in the aviation program. Berth resides in Sycamore, IL.

Class of ’01
Wayne Chlumecky, Computer Science, retired from General Motors in April 2005 after 33.9 years. He now works as a senior systems engineer at New York Air Brake. Chlumecky and his wife, Alice, reside in Laconia, NY.

Theresa Heneghan, Health Science, recently graduated from the University of Illinois – Chicago’s College of Pharmacy with a doctorate of pharmacy degree. Heneghan will be working for Osco Pharmacies in the Elmhurst/Lombard area.

Mark Serret, M.D., Molecular Biology, earned a doctor of medicine degree from the Medical College of Wisconsin in May 2005. He will begin a surgical residency in the Case Western Reserve University/University Hospitals of Cleveland Program.
Accepting Nominations

The Alumni Association is accepting nominations for the Distinguished Alumni Recognition Awards for 2006. The awards are Distinguished Alumni Award, Alumni Service Award and the Benedictine Spirit Award. Submit nominations to the Office of Alumni Relations, Benedictine University, 5700 College Rd., Lisle, IL 60532 or at www.ben.edu/alumni/awards.

Voluntary Subscriptions Support Magazine

The cost of publishing and mailing Benedictine Voices, the alumni magazine, continues to increase. Your tax-deductible gift of $15 helps defray these mounting costs during difficult budget times. This is strictly voluntary. You can enclose your donation in the attached contribution envelope.

Marriages

Mary (Costello) Carde, Sociology ’99, married Jonathon Carde in October 2004. Carde moved to Augusta, GA with her husband who is in the Military Intelligence Unit at Ft. Gordon.

Bridge (Carpenter) Cale, Accounting ’98, married Dave Cale in February 2005. They reside in Aurora.

Therese (Rachal) Hulsey, Psychology ’02, and Michael Hulsey, Sociology ’01, were married in March 2005. They reside in Cicero.

Fariha Rahman, Finance ’01, married Hammad Rizwan in 2004. They moved to Dubai where she works for Microsoft’s Gulf Subsidiary.

Births

Jennifer (Arbetman) Garrison, Nutrition ’02, and her husband, Bill Garrison, Nutrition ’00, welcomed their first child, Noah Levi, in May 2005. The family is at home in Plainfield.

Christine Matker Gilbert, Health Science ’97, and her husband, Michael, welcomed their new baby girl, Madeline Gabrielle, in March 2005. She currently works as a pharmaceutical sales specialist at Astra Zeneca Pharmaceutical. The family resides in Arlington Heights.

Karen Degroot Griffin, Special Education ’95, and her husband, Steve, welcomed their daughter, Hanna Lynne, at the end of January. Hanna was greeted at home by her half-siblings: Ryne, Marc and Heather. The family currently resides in Glen Ellyn.

Nicole (Brongel) Laughridge, Psychology ’93, M.P.H. ’00, and her husband, Eric, welcomed their first child, Colin James, in October 2004. The family is at home in Plainfield.


Daniel Swanson, Communications ’95, and his wife, Kathleen, welcomed their first child, Kadee Elyse, in February 2005. The family is at home in Woodridge.

Sikirat Ajoke Yusuf, Health Science ’98, welcomed a baby girl named Jordan Sanaa Yetunde Yusuf in January 2005. They are at home in Dolton.

In memory

Gerald Aingermeier, Political Science ’62, passed away on March 27, 2005.

Rev. Francis Daleiden, O.S.B., Philosophy ’54, passed away in March 2005.

James Donahue, I.F.M. Certificate ’93, recently passed away.

Rachel May (Freedman) Goebel, Business and Economics ’04, passed away in May 2005.


Roman V. Ulane, M.D., Pre-Medicine ’97, passed away in memory.

The picture was taken by Fr. Michael just after the intramural championship game in the old gymnasium. It was our junior year, the spring of 1968. Fr. Michael kindly provided each of us with a copy of the picture. The old gym was a wonderful place to play basketball, with its pipe organ and balcony seating. It was our own little Chicago Stadium.

Thanks for bringing back an old memory. I hope all my teammates are doing well.

Sincerely,

Terry Kalina, C69
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!

First Name  Middle/Maiden  Last Name  Major  Class Year

Address  City  State  Zip

Home Phone  E-mail Address

Your Title/Company Name  Work Phone

Job Description

Spouse’s Name  Major  Class Year

☐ Check here if you are interested in mentoring students or helping fellow alumni through the Alumnet program.

Tell my classmates that...

Tell us know

What brilliant ideas are being discussed here? (right)

Does anyone recognize these happy students? (below)
If you know, contact us at alumni@ben.edu.

I just received my Spring issue of Voices and wanted to identify the photo you’ve listed on page 31. That would be the Student Activities Board (SAB) officer group for 1981, I believe. From left to right: Brian Franks, Pam Nolan, Pat Pasciak, Mary Roberts (Pres) and Joe Jurich. Thanks again for another great issue. I hope to get back to campus the next time I’m in town to see all the new and wonderful changes!

George A. Ganzer, C81

The picture of the alumni on page 31 has at least one familiar face. The young man pictured on the far left is my brother, Brian Franks, who graduated from IBC around 1980/1981.

Fr. T. Becket A. Franks, O.S.B.

The first two people in the photo are Brian Franks (C80? Fr. Becket’s brother) and Pam Nolan Stella (C83). Pam married Joe Stella (C84). As for the others, they all look familiar but I can’t come up with the names.

Mary Mikhailov, C83

The people pictured in the Spring 2005 issue of Voices are Brian Franks, Pam Nolan (my classmate and fellow science major), Pat Pasciak, Mary Roberts and Joe Jurich. The location appears to be in the pub or cafeteria, and it looks as if they might have tipped a few from the angulation of their bodies (or is it the cameraman?)

Regards,
Fred Stronger C83
Benedictine University
5700 College Road in Lisle, Illinois

ALUMNI-REFERRED PROSPECT STUDENT

As part of our continued efforts to involve alumni in the future of their alma mater, the Enrollment Center would like your help in identifying potential Benedictine University students. If you know someone who would make a good addition to the Benedictine student community, help them complete the following information and send it in. For information, contact the Enrollment Center at (630) 829-6300 or e-mail admissions@ben.edu.

Alumni Name _______________________

Alumni E-mail _______________________

Alumni Phone Number _______________________

Type of Student: [ ] Traditional [ ] Undergraduate [ ] Adult [ ] Graduate

Place of residence: [ ] Resident (on-campus) [ ] Commuter (off-campus)

Anticipated start date: [ ] Fall [ ] Winter [ ] Spring [ ] Summer

Traditional Undergraduate:

Name _______________________

E-mail _______________________

Address _______________________

City __________________ State ________ Zip ________

High School _______________________

Year of Graduation ___________ Class Rank __ out of ______

High School City/State _______________________

Estimated G.P.A. ___________ ACT score ________ SAT score ________

Undergraduate Transfer:

Name _______________________

E-mail _______________________

Address _______________________

City __________________ State ________ Zip ________

Last College Attended _______________________

College City/State _______________________

Estimated G.P.A. ___________ Are you a Phi Theta Kappa member? ________

Adult Undergraduate:

Name _______________________

E-mail _______________________

Address _______________________

City __________________ State ________ Zip ________

Last School Attended _______________________

School City/State _______________________

Graduate:

Name _______________________

E-mail _______________________

Address _______________________

City __________________ State ________ Zip ________

Previous Degree __________________ Date Awarded ___________

Institution _______________________

Institution City/State _______________________

Barbara Alagna (Biological Sciences Laboratory Supervisor), Theresa Oldham (Occupation/Environmental Health and Safety Specialist) and Eileen Kvlin (Chemical Stockroom Manager) attended a Safety Seminar in April at the Carlisle Banquet facility in Lombard. Flinn Scientific presented some proper protocols to ensure a safe laboratory and many cost-saving ways to accomplish those measures. The seminar was attended by more than 70 area science teachers and laboratory technicians.

Sharon Borowicz (Master of Business Administration) is serving as department chair for M.B.A. Programs now that Sandra Gill has become interim Dean of the College of Business. Borowicz joined Benedictine University in 2003 following more than 20 years in chief financial officer roles for both profit and not-for-profit organizations. Borowicz is nationally recognized for her expertise in distance learning and communications. She is an enrolled agent and serves on several national boards advising on association governance, Sarbanes Oxley regulations and financial issues. Borowicz earned a Bachelor of Science in Accounting and Finance, an M.B.A. with specialization in tax and a Ph.D. in Organization Development.

Brad Carlson (Development) taught a seminar titled “Fundamentals of Grant Writing” for the West Suburban Philanthropic Network in March. The event was attended by individuals from the DuPage not-for-profit community.

Tim Comar, Jeremy Nadoski, Manu Kaur and Lisa Townsley (Mathematics) were among the attendees at the Illinois Section of the Mathematical Association of America (ISMAA) conference at Knox College in Galesburg April 8-9. Comar gave a presentation titled “A Calculus Sequence for Biology Students” and mentored presentations by Benedictine University students Debra Witzcak and Ken Miller. Witzcak’s presentation was titled “Stick Numbers of Connected Sums of Knots,” and Miller’s talk was titled “The Chirality of Naphalenophane.” Comar was appointed the ISMAA Project NEXT chair and is also the chair of the high school lecture committee. Project NEXT is a professional development program for new college and university mathematics faculty. New to the prestigious NEXT program is Nadoski, who attended the NEXT workshops and mentored a student presentation by Pablo Marquez on a statistical study of on-base percentage in professional baseball. Kaur gave a talk titled “Some Uses of WebCT

Dear Dr. Carroll,

As a new resident at Villa St. Benedict [Senior Housing Complex in Lisle], I would like to thank you for the privilege of auditing classes at Benedictine University.

I attended the winter session of Children’s Literature and wish to commend the teacher, Joyce Jeewek.

Her class has been a positive experience because she is not only knowledgeable but also very enthusiastic. She goes that extra mile to make her class interesting and stimulating for her students.

Again, thank you very much, Dr. Carroll, for wonderful opportunities that help us “fossils” keep our minds going strong.

Best wishes,

Ann E. Brennan
Vitality

Village of Lisle
Character Counts Award Recipients

Category of Caring
Frank Budig (Sodexo Food Services), for his contributions to DuPage PADS, Healthy Families DuPage, the American Cancer Society, ChildServ and others.

Category of Responsibility
Charles Gahala (Business), for helping to organize a team of student volunteers to help the area’s working poor maximize their tax returns. †

Ostrowski Moves
Into NCAA Division III
“Top 10” In Wins

Head coach John Ostrowski reached a pair of significant career milestones during the 2005 campaign, his 33rd leading Benedictine’s baseball program. Ostrowski reached the 750-career win mark early in the year, and moved into the top 10 on the NCAA Division III career wins list later in the season.

Ostrowski's Eagles recorded a 6-2 win over Clarke College in the second game of a doubleheader on March 28, marking the 750th victory of his career. Less than two weeks later, Ostrowski reached the 2005 season with 764 wins, all-time list.

The Eagles finished the season with 764 wins, which ranks eighth among active NCAA Division III coaches and 10th on the all-time list.

The Eagles finished the 2005 season with an overall record of 17-23, which included a 10-8 mark in Northern Illinois-Iowa Conference (NIIC) play. †

Dr. Matthew Lambert, III, of Elmhurst Memorial Health System. The ACHE Congress is the world’s largest management educational conference for health care executives. Gill’s publication, “Appreciative Inquiry,” written with Marianne Arujo, Ph.D. (Benedictine University) and Kenneth Cohn, M.D., was included in Cook’s book, “Better Communication for Better Care: Mastering Physician-Administrator Collaboration.”

Gill, Sharon Borowicz (M.B.A.) and William Leban of DeVry University participated in an organizational development panel discussion at the 48th Annual Midwest Academy of Management Conference held March 31-April 2 at the Knickerbocker Hotel in Chicago. The panel discussion was titled “Improving Organizational Change in Professional Organizations: Lessons and Cases.”

Jim Iaccino (Psychology) presented a paper titled “The Demon Child in Italian Horror Films: Beyond the Door, Beyond the Door II, and Holocaust 2000” at the Annual Meeting of the American Culture Association in San Diego, California on March 24. Iaccino also submitted his research to the international journal Kinoeye: New Perspectives on European Film.

Nona Jones (Undergraduate Business) conducted a seminar for two presentations, “Gap Analysis and Repositioning: The Case of Sunrise Chemicals” and “The President is AWOL,” during a ➤
Spotlight On Faculty

If you know of a faculty member who deserves a moment in the spotlight, please let us know.

E-mail suggestions to ihale@ben.edu.

Jennifer Lawson (Nutrition) was a panelist on “Chicago Tonight” on WTTW Channel 11 in March 29. Lawson was featured with two physicians discussing inactivity regarding bariatric weight reduction surgical procedures.

Four students of Luigi Manca (Communication Arts) presented papers in April at a session of the 13th Annual Undergraduate Conference at Purdue University. Calumet titled “Images of Men and Women in Advertising.”

Tara Grosenroeth, David Sabotka, Marisa Wilson and Kathie Jo Karter originally produced their papers in the fall of 2004 for the class of the same name taught by Manca. Then in the spring of 2005, Manca organized a group independent study where the students revised their papers for the conference.

Tim Marin (Chemistry/Biochemistry) presented a seminar at the University of Notre Dame Radiation Laboratory in June. The title of Marin’s presentation was “Thermal and Density Effects on the Light Water and Iodide Ion Electronic Absorption Spectra.”

The Notre Dame Radiation Laboratory is a U.S. Department of Energy government research facility located on the campus of Notre Dame University. It is the premier research laboratory in the United States for radiation physics and chemistry. All of the studies conducted at the laboratory are related to energy production and its environmental implications.

John Mickus (College of Arts and Science) and Mary Mickus (Jurica Nature Museum) presented a workshop for middle and high school teachers on renewable energy at the DuPage Regional Office of Education Institute Day at Neuqua Valley High School on March 4. The session focused on the solar energy materials developed by teachers at previous alternative energy workshops held at Benedictine University with grants from the Illinois Clean Energy Foundation, the Howard Hughes Medical Institute and the National Science Foundation. Teachers experimented with solar cells, solar cars, fuel cell cars and a wind powered generator.

Judy Mikula (M.B.A.) and Therese Yaeger (Organization Development) served as judges of the 2006 Annual Awards for Business Excellence sponsored by the Business Ledger: The Annual Awards for Business Excellence (AABE) honor excellence in business management and growth. More than 300 local business leaders attended the event at which Mikula and Yaeger were recognized.

Dan Nohl (Computer Science and Information Systems) participated in the meeting of the Computer Science Panel of the Illinois Articulation Initiative at Illinois Valley Community College in Oglesby, Illinois in April. The panel reviews and approves syllabi submitted by state colleges and universities in computer science for seamless transfer between institutions.

Ken Nordin (Communication Arts) conducted a session titled “Precision Journalism for Church-Related Schools” at the Spring National College Media Convention in New York City March 17-19. The convention, sponsored by College Media Advisors (CMA), attracted more than 1,200 students. Nordin, who sits on CMA’s National Advisory Council, also took part in a symposium on the future of journalism education. Participants included members of the Advisory Council as well as representatives from ABC News, The New York Times, the Associated Press and other organizations. Nordin also presented two papers at the 35th Annual Popular Culture Association held in March in San Diego, Calif. His first paper, “Buddhist Symbolism in Akira Kurosawa’s ‘Ran’: Counterpoints to Chaos,” was scheduled to be published in the Fall/Winter 2005 issue of “Asian Cinema.” Nordin’s second paper, “Roy Rogers and Trigger: A Jungian Analysis of a Cinematic Cowboy Hero and His Companion Horse,” led off a session entitled “Psychoanalyzing Cinema.” Nordin participated in the meeting of the General Education Communication Panel of the Illinois Articulation Initiative at Heartland Community College in Normal, Illinois in April. Finally, Nordin served on a Content Advisory Committee that assisted in developing and reviewing a new Basic Skills Diagnostic Practice Test designed to help candidates who are preparing for the basic skills component of the Illinois Certification Testing System. The advisory committee, formed by the Illinois State Board of Education, met in Springfield in April. The diagnostic test is required of all candidates seeking Illinois teacher, school service personnel and administrative certificates.

Niina Ronkainen-Matsuno (Chemistry/Biochemistry) participated as an evaluator and a vice chair of the Chemistry Panel in the Intra European and Outgoing and Incoming International Marie Curie Fellowships. The competitive individual fellowships are funded by the European Community to provide advanced training through research to researchers of all ages. The evaluation process and consensus meetings took place in Brussels, Belgium in May and June.

Peter Seely (Communication Arts) has signed a contract with McFarland Publishing for a book to be titled “Scholarly Stooges,” a collection of scholarly essays about the Three Stooges contributed by several academic writers. Seely will be the author of approximately 50 percent of the book. His co-editor for the project is Gail Pieper (Communication Arts). While this is Seely’s first book project, Pieper has participated in more than 12 books on a variety of topics. Seely also presented a paper titled, “Music on the Cheap: An Overview of the ‘Drug Store’ Record Labels of the 1950s and 1960s,” in March at the American Culture Association Annual Conference in San Diego.

Jon Colby Swanston (Master of Public Health) presented a half-day stress management workshop for the professional staff of Oak/Leyden Developmental Services, Inc. in June.

Alicia Cordoba Tait (Fine and Performing Arts) performed in a recital at Northern Illinois University in April with John Hagstrom, Principal Second Trumpet of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and Anne Breeden on piano.

Donald B. Taylor (College of Science) presented “The Peptide LSARLF Activates Beta-3 Integrins” to the Cardiovascular Institute of the Department of Medicine at the Stritch School of Medicine, Loyola University Chicago, in Maywood in April.
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Benedictine celebrated National Student-Athlete Day on April 6 with a breakfast honoring its outstanding performers from the fall semester. More than 130 Benedictine athletes may be identified by their accomplishments in competition, but their academic accomplishments during the Fall 2004-05 school year were nothing to sell short. For the second straight year, Eagle student-athletes combined to post a grade point average of 3.0.

Benedictine’s baseball and softball teams made their debut at their new fields, which are both part of the Sports Complex at Benedictine University, on April 30.

Kenneth Nordin (Communication Arts), Benedictine’s faculty athletic representative, and Abbot Hugh Anderson, O.S.B., (pictured right) each threw out ceremonial first pitches before the inaugural games at both fields. The national anthem was accompanied by a color guard provided by the Knights of Columbus, Procopian Council 11263.

Benedictine’s baseball team welcomed the University of Chicago for its home-opening doubleheader. Marc Ostrowski (Ballwin, Mo.) scored the first run for the Eagles at their new facility on a Kyle Bruett (Libertyville, Ill.) single in the fourth inning of the opener. The Eagles lost by scores of 5-2 and 5-0, but rebounded later that week to top North Central College (2-0) and nationally-ranked Illinois Wesleyan University (4-2) for their first wins in their new home.

Benedictine’s softball team hosted Clarke College for its first two games, and got a terrific pitching performance from Melissa Kennedy (Roselle, Ill.) in the opener. She allowed just 5 hits and struck out 8 in a 2-0 setback. Katie Kleinwachter (Warrenville, Ill.) plated Jill Kaskavage (Oregon, Ill.) with a third-inning RBI single in the nightcap, though Clarke went on to win by an 11-6 score.

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Duer Tabbed With All-State Swim Honors

Rookie swimmer Amanda Duer (Oak Lawn, Ill.) capped a strong freshman campaign, during which she won 11 individual events in the breaststroke, by earning a pair of College Division All-State citations from the Illinois Swim Association (ISA).

Duer, who was named the Benedictine women’s team MVP for the 2004-05 campaign, had the fifth-fastest time in the state in the 100 breast (1:10.22), and the sixth-best time in the 200 breast (2:31.89), establishing new school records in both events. The ISA awards all-state honors to the top six swimmers in each event.

Fellow freshmen Katie Fuentes (Aurora, Ill.) and Alicia Wildermuth (Port Byron, Ill.) also had times that ranked among the ISA’s “Top 20” for the year.

Hatch ‘Three-Peats’ As NIIC Golfer Of The Year

Senior Justin Hatch (South Beloit, Ill.) finished off his spectacular career in fine fashion as he was named the 2005 Northern Illinois-Iowa Conference (NIIC) Golfer of the Year, his third straight citation as the league’s top player.

Hatch led the Eagles with a scoring average of 78.2, which included three rounds in the 70’s and medalist honors at Webster University’s Gorlok Invitational. Hatch tied for fifth at the NIIC Championship, earning all-league honors for the fourth time in as many years while helping the Eagles to their fifth straight top-two finish in the conference championship.

Hatch, who twice was named with NIIC Golfer of the Week honors during the spring, didn’t even own the highest finish by a Benedictine golfer at the NIIC Championship. That honor went to junior Justin Glembin (Eagle River, Wis.), who finished second in the event and was tabbed as the league’s Newcomer of the Year. NIIC Co-Coach of the Year Keith Bunkenburg went to junior Justin Glembin (Eagle River, Wis.), who finished second in the event and was even own the highest finish by a Benedictine golfer at the NIIC Championship. That honor Hatch, who twice was named with NIIC Golfer of the Week honors during the spring, didn’t even own the highest finish by a Benedictine golfer at the NIIC Championship. That honor went to junior Justin Glembin (Eagle River, Wis.), who finished second in the event and was tabbed as the league’s Newcomer of the Year. NIIC Co-Coach of the Year Keith Bunkenburg saw junior Jordan Dunsmore (Naperville, Ill.) and Kil formats for the year.
Educare Scholarship Ball

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Saturday, November 5, 2005

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Cocktails 5:30 p.m.
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Live Auction 9:00 p.m.
Dancing 9:30 p.m.

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