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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Students enjoy the day outside Jaeger Hall on the Benedictine campus.

(Photography by Chris Stanford.)
Happy Birthday! Yes, Happy Birthday to Benedictine University (St. Procopius College/Illinois Benedictine College). On March 2, 2002, the University celebrated its 115th birthday. Many lives have been touched since the founding, and many more are being touched each day. As I reflect on the past 115 years, I am struck by how things have changed, yet how much they have remained the same. The recognition of change amidst permanence is not new; it has been recognized (in literature) for thousands of years. Heraclitus, a fifth century B.C. Greek philosopher, is purported to have said “you cannot step into the same river twice.” Early philosophers believed that because the world is constantly changing, what existed a moment ago no longer exists in its same state in the present. Later philosophers (culminating in St. Thomas Aquinas) would add to Heraclitus’ dictum the notion of “permanence amidst change.” People, places and things change but underlying that change is permanence. In one sense I am not the person I was five years ago — I have gotten older, perhaps heavier and even grayer, etc. Yet, in this change I have somehow remained the same. Amidst this change, I am still, fundamentally, the same person. What about Benedictine University? Certainly, the different names indicate change. What about permanence? Is this the same institution it was 115 years ago? Clearly, it is not, or is it?

Each year, we celebrate our founding with a “Founders’ Day Celebration.” This year was no exception. Given this milestone, I asked the community to think back to 1887 and wonder aloud with me how we have changed, and how we have remained the same. Below are some of the responses.

Things That Have Changed Since Our Founding
- The location moved from Chicago (Pilsen) to Lisle.
- Students are from many nationalities and cultures.
- New buildings have been built; old buildings have been torn down.
- The school is coeducational.
- Many new programs and degrees have been developed.
- The Academy is now across the street.
- The seminary has been closed.
- The number of lay faculty and administrators has grown dramatically.
- The student population has grown to approximately 3,000.

Things That Have Remained The Same Since Our Founding
- The Catholic/Benedictine identity and heritage are still at the core of the institution.
- The monks, though fewer in number, are still present on campus.
- Emphasis is placed on a life “lived in balance.”
- Hospitality is a guiding value.
- All students are encouraged to realize their potential.
- Students are called “by name.”

While the mission and values remain the same, the populations we serve, the world in which we serve them, and the programs and structure that support this service continue to change. So is this the same institution it was 115 years ago? The answer →
must be yes. Change has clearly taken place, but the entity has remained fundamentally the same. Just as a person goes through incidental and incremental changes as he/she ages, so does an institution like Benedictine. It is my belief that no matter what year you left Benedictine University, on your return you will find the institution fundamentally the one you left. Faces may change, new buildings may emerge, but the defining spirit of the institution remains steadfast. In fact, it is only through change that the spirit is able to be, and to realize the vision of its founders. As you read this edition of Voices and learn of the achievements of faculty, students, staff and alumni, ask yourself how the institution is the same as it was when you were here and how it is different. I welcome you letting me know what you are able to add to the above lists.

On this, the 115th Birthday of Benedictine University, I wish you — friends, alumni, students, staff and especially, the monks of St. Procopius — Happy Birthday. +

Bill Carroll honors Fr. Christian Ceplecha, O.S.B., for 51 years of service, at the Founders’ Day celebration in March.

What is Organization Development?

If you ask people what Organization Development (OD) is, you may receive some educated guesses, but most people will not know. It will, however, soon be on everyone’s lips.

OD is not a new practice; it has been in effect for more than 25 years. Today, as companies struggle with increased growing pains, edged on by innovations in information technology, they realize ‘change’ is an every day occurrence and they better learn to not only deal with it, but also use it to increase productivity and bottom lines.

This is where OD comes into play. It is a process that applies behavioral science knowledge and practice to help organizations achieve greater effectiveness, including increased financial performance and improved quality of work life.

Within the field of OD a new approach to change, called Appreciative Inquiry, has emerged. This change management philosophy searches for the root cause of success instead of the root cause of failure. It’s based on a deceptively simple premise: that organizations grow in the direction of what they repeatedly ask questions about and focus their attention on. Appreciative Inquiry builds organizational excellence by leveraging strengths instead of focusing on weaknesses.

OD is playing an increasingly key role in helping organizations change themselves. It is critical to an organization’s survival that they learn to help themselves and their environment, and to revitalize and rebuild their strategies, processes and structures.

Many companies are hiring OD professionals to head up this positive change-based philosophy, while others look for external consultants on the subject. OD is also making a showing at the general manager and senior executive levels, because it can help the whole organization to be more adaptable, effective and flexible.

The field of OD is constantly being influenced by globalization and information technology trends. It is being used effectively in many countries and many organizations around the world. As information technology continues to influence organizational environments, and organizations are faced with rapidly accelerating change, OD is becoming an essential tool to manage change processes in cyberspace as well as face-to-face.

This fast growing field is represented on a stellar level by only a handful of universities around the world, offering doctoral degrees in this area. Some of the top noted schools are Benedictine University (the only university accredited Ph.D. program specifically in OD), Pepperdine University in California (Education Doctorate-EDD) and Case Western in Ohio (Organizational Behavior-OB).
Robert Blake, Ph.D., co-creator of the Managerial Grid, and W. Warner Burke, Ph.D., of Columbia University, two of the most highly regarded scholars in the OD field, spoke on their professional and life experiences.

Blake is a pioneer in organizational dynamics. He guided the first OD effort in one of the largest factories of a major American corporation. There, he perfected the later famous Managerial Grid approach to OD and proved its ability to change bottom-line results. Blake is the author of 15 books, including the Managerial Grid, Consultation and Diary of an OD Man. Blake founded, together with Jane S. Mouton, Grid International Inc. (formerly Scientific Methods, Inc.) in 1961.

Burke’s areas of expertise include organizational change and development, leadership development and program design. Burke is a Fellow of the Academy of Management, the American Psychological Society and the Society of Industrial and Organizational Psychology. He has served on the Board of Governors of the Academy of Management and the American Society for Training and Development. He recently completed four years as the Chair of the Department of Organization and Leadership at the Teachers College at Columbia University.

For 25 years, the Contemporary Trends in Change Management Lecture Series has brought top national academicians and consultants to campus to address state-of-the-art issues in Organizational Behavior and OD.†
Benedictine Schools
As Seedbeds of Growth

by Rev. T. Becket A. Franks, O.S.B.

There is a story about a monastery in Europe perched high on a cliff several hundred feet in the air. The only way to reach the monastery was to be suspended in a basket, which was lifted to the top by several monks who pulled and tugged on a rope with all their strength. Obviously, the ride up the steep cliff in that basket was terrifying. One tourist got exceedingly nervous about halfway up as she noticed that the rope by which she was suspended was old and frayed. With trembling voice, she asked the monk who was riding with her in the basket how often they changed the rope. The monk thought for a moment and answered brusquely, “Whenever it breaks.”

Do we have to wait for something to break to improve it? Must we come to the end of our rope in order to affect change in our schools? Do we need to wait for systems and people to break down to envision a dynamic workplace or living place? When we speak of our own academic communities we need to ask some important questions that will help clarify faith and service in our institutions. For example, “how can Benedictine schools continue to be effective in the 21st century?” As we attempt to answer that question we need to go back to a document of the Second Vatican Council that was published on October 28, 1965. The bishops of the Catholic Church who gathered in Rome for this great ecumenical council decreed that religious orders, including the monastic orders, ought to adapt and renew the original intent upon which they were founded to serve the Church. In this document, one portion continues to jump out at me as being very profound. It reads –

“The monastic life, that venerable institution which in the course of a long history has won for itself notable renown in the Church and in human society, should be preserved with care and its authentic spirit permitted to shine forth ever more splendidly both in the East and the West. The principal duty of monks is to offer a service to the divine majesty at once humble and noble within the walls of the monastery, whether they dedicate themselves entirely to divine worship in the contemplative life or have legitimately undertaken some apostolate or work of Christian charity. Retaining, therefore, the characteristics of the way of life proper to them, they should revive their ancient traditions of service and so adapt them to the needs of today that monasteries will become institutions dedicated to the edification of the Christian people. [Some translations read – “so that monasteries will be seedbeds of growth for the Christian people.”]
The line that ought to remain in our minds is this: **so that monasteries will be seedbeds of growth for the Christian people.** What if we changed that line to read: **so that Benedictine schools will be seedbeds of growth for the Christian people and all peoples of faith?** And if we accept that phrase as a challenge for us Benedictines, how do we act as catalysts for growth? I have four suggestions. First, we need to recognize heroes and heroines within our culture. Second, we need to let monasticism loose in DuPage County. Third, people need to experience monastic virtue in our schools. And, fourth, since we all have stories of faith, we need to start listening to each other.

**1. Heroes and Heroines of faith.**

Robert Wuthnow in his book, *Christianity in the 21st Century*, says that the world demands heroes and heroines. The events of 9-11 stand as good examples of our society needing examples of heroism: firefighters rescuing the wounded from the World Trade Center Towers; chaplains blessing the dying; a mayor comforting the city. No less then are those heroes and heroines who are such examples because of their faith in God. One example is Mother Teresa. It was not so much her piety or her religious habit or her simple words. It was her dedication to the call of God to serve the poorest of the poor and the destitute. It was her example of leaving her convent in Europe to take on a service of heroic virtue. Now, of course, Wuthnow will admit that many think that it was better that Mother Teresa did the dirty work. We would not want to clean sores or maggots from the dying.

Nevertheless, adolescents, young adults and many others live vicariously through heroes and heroines of faith. Where are they on our campuses? How can we identify them? Are they the hidden people of our communities working with the poor, championing injustice in our country and speaking out on behalf of the Gospel of Jesus Christ? Why wait for the rope to fray and tear? Now is the time to recognize and identify the heroes and heroines of faith in our communities. This is how we can be seedbeds of growth for people.

**2. Letting monasticism run loose through DuPage County.**

Francis Kline is a Cistercian abbot. In his book, *Lovers of the Place: Monasticism Loose in the Church*, Abbot Francis claims that the “monastic charism can live beyond the cloister.” In fact, he says, it is time for all the monastic men and women of the world to allow monastic virtue to run loose through the world. In the past, the outside world was too loud and noisy for those in monasteries. Monasteries were to be visited but not to be taken seriously and not allowed to pass values or virtues into the neighboring areas.

But the times have changed and the abbey is right across the street. The abbey is open all day long. When was the last time we visited the abbey for prayer or for the celebration of the Eucharist? In our classroom, do we begin with prayer or a moment of silence? Are we aware of the diversity on our own campus and of how rich the religious traditions are at Benedictine University? Does our Benedictine school speak out on monastic values and even take a stand on racism, poverty, the death penalty, abortion and other social issues? Is campus ministry an effective tool for small religious communities on campus and outreach to the poor and needy of our local area? We ought not wait for the rope to get old and worn. Letting monasticism loose in DuPage County is another way we can be seedbeds of growth for the people!

**3. Living monastic virtue.**

The authors, Sr. Joan Chittister, O.S.B., and Fr. Eugene Hemrick have written books on virtue and monasticism. Both would agree with Abbot Francis that the future of the Church is through the renewal of virtue in our world. Fr. Gene names seven virtues in his work, *The Promise of Virtue*. These are crucial to the salvation of the world: “kindness, humor, understanding, respect, courage, clear-sightedness and silence.” Sr. Joan tells us in her new book, *Illuminated Life: Monastic Wisdom for Seekers of Light*, that these same virtues are found in monasteries around the world. Benedictine schools can be places of virtue for towns and our county. But we need to remember that virtue — kindness, humor, understanding, respect, courage, clear-sightedness and silence — are not widespread values today. These virtues are important but they must become daily practices and daily reminders. These virtues must be habits and practices of our hearts and lives. They need to be evident in our residence halls, in the dining room and in our hearts. Why continue the grumbling and
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the gossiping that we are accustomed to in our schools or communities? Is it time to throw away the frayed old rope of old behaviors and mediocre thinking? This is how we can be seedbeds of growth for people.

4. Listening to stories of faith.

People need us to listen to their stories of how they were transformed by the Divine. One such story belongs to a woman who lives on the northwest side of Chicago. Maurine Young has been on NIGHTLINE and just this year she has been featured in Stud Terkel’s new book, Will the Circle Be Broken? Reflections on Death, Rebirth and Hunger for a Faith.

In June 1996, Andrew, her eldest son, was shot and killed by a gang member simply because he taunted the gang member on the street. Since his death, Young has demanded from her own children and friends that there be no retaliation and no vengeance. Moreover, she has forgiven her son’s murderer, Mario Ramas, who is only 24 years of age, and even gone to the prison to visit him. In an interview, Young stated that her choice was either to live in torment for the rest of her life and not live the Gospel, or to give into Jesus and embrace the life of a young man who came into her heart through violence.

Listening to her story of faith is an example of the good within every human being. We need to be there to listen, that word which begins the Rule of Benedict. If the ropes of routine and mediocrity are frayed, then it is time for a change. Listening to other peoples’ stories of faith is how we can be seedbeds of growth for people of faith of our local area.

So, how do we revive our ancient traditions of service? The Second Vatican Council gives us a hint by suggesting that we be seedbeds of growth for the Christian people. Our local community may be looking to us to be heroes and heroines of faith; Benedictine people who allow monasticism to run loose through the county; people who exude monastic virtue, and those men and women of faith who listen to stories of faith and, in turn, share their own stories of salvation.

Hopefully, we are not at the end of our ropes like the guest and monk who were being raised in the basket. Hopefully, we do not have to wait for a crisis or for something to go wrong to give good Benedictine witness. Instead we can be people dedicated to a new purpose and to a fresh new way of living lives of service.†

†Fr. Becket is a monk at St. Procopius Abbey and a professor at Benet Academy.

BENEDICTINE AWARDED FOUNDATION GRANT

University Professor To Lead Task Force

Benedictine University recently was awarded the Grace A. Bersted Foundation grant. The $100,000 two-year grant will fund the development of a suburban community model for the emergency management of a suburban terrorist attack.

This project will be led by Margaret O’Leary, M.D., M.B.A., associate professor of Business Administration and director of the annual fund, and will focus on clarifying the role of suburban hospital emergency departments in managing a mass casualty disaster and improving the nature and extent of linkages between hospitals and key community entities. This important initiative will benefit the citizens of DuPage County as well as other suburban counties that adopt or adapt the model that is the output of the grant.

O’Leary is particularly qualified to lead this project as its director and principal investigator. She is a board-certified emergency medicine physician, researcher, teacher and writer who possesses the organizational skills, background, energy and enthusiasm to bring the project to fruition on time and as promised.†
Bruce Buchowicz, Ph.D., a professor in Benedictine University’s Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) program, has received a coveted Fulbright Award. The Fulbright Senior Specialist Program works through the federal government to coordinate relationships between universities in need of various development and qualified educational leaders.

Buchowicz wrote a grant proposal that will aid the University of San Pablo in Arequipa, Peru, in developing an executive education program that would include better curriculum and forge better relationships between the school and businesses.

The Fulbright Committee selected his grant and he will spend part of the summer of 2002 in Peru fulfilling his grant’s purpose.

Buchowicz has taught strategy and entrepreneurship in the M.B.A. program at Benedictine for 11 years and looks forward to the opportunity of working with a foreign university to forge relationships and open up opportunities for Benedictine. “This is a great opportunity to help build an executive program in a very cosmopolitan area of Peru and in turn, help to develop relationships and opportunities between Benedictine’s business school and other schools in Latin America,” said Buchowicz.

Professors applying to the Fulbright program have their credentials and experience evaluated by a committee. If they meet the necessary criteria, they are put onto a roster and alerted when a school is looking for help in a certain area. From there, they submit a grant proposal to the school and the school chooses the proposal that best suits their needs.

Benedictine is proud to have a second Fulbright recipient amongst its faculty. “Bruce Buchowicz represents one of the things we strive for at Benedictine... to give our students the best possible teachers.”

— Benedictine President Bill Carroll
**Carroll Honored by Jaycees**

Benedictine President, Bill Carroll, was the winner of the 2002 Distinguished Service Award for Education presented by the Naperville Jaycees. He received his award at a special ceremony hosted by the Jaycees in April 2002.

He was chosen for this award because of his willingness and drive to create links between his institution and others.

“Bill Carroll is doing at Benedictine University ... what ought to be done, and desperately needs to be done, at every college and university in Illinois,” said state representative, Mary Lou Cowlishaw, of Naperville.

Carroll seeks out business leaders and teachers who can help his students become their best by linking school, community and career experiences. This gives Benedictine students an edge over the competition.

“I look at the community as a finely woven fabric — many different threads, but we are one whole,” Carroll said.

“If the fabric is going to be strong, then we all have to be strong together.”

Carroll also has lent his time to area organizations such as the East West Corporate Corridor Association board, Lisle Convention and Visitors Bureau board, Lisle Chamber of Commerce and West Suburban Higher Education Coalition.

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**Morning Call Honors Sports Hero in Honor of Black History Month**

The Morning Call Executive Breakfast series honored Chicago sports legend Bob Love in February, in honor of black history month.

Love received the Benedictine Eagle American Hero Award for Sports.

Love was raised in Louisiana with 13 brothers and sisters. His basketball career began with a coat hanger hoop nailed to the side of his grandmother’s home. As he grew to a six-foot-eight inch high school senior, Love’s dream of being a great athlete became real. He was the first player from Southern University in Louisiana to be named to the All-American Team by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletes. After college, he played for the Cincinnati Royals, the Milwaukee Bucks and the Chicago Bulls. He played with the Bulls from 1969 to 1976. He was the Bulls leading scorer for seven straight years and the second highest scorer in Bulls history, second only to Michael Jordan.

Despite all of his athletic abilities, Love longed to be able to speak without stuttering. After he retired from basketball, he was unable to find a steady job due to his speech impediment. He was finally hired as a dishwasher for $4.45 an hour.

At the age of 45, he found a speech therapist that was able to help him speak without struggling. He is now the community relations director for the Chicago Bulls.

Love’s inspirational story and natural way with people made him an applauded speaker at this event. People were talking about his story long after he was gone and he left a big impression on all in attendance.

The Benedictine Eagle American Hero Award for Science will be presented to Nobel Laureate Dr. Leon Lederman this May.

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**Benedictine Co-sponsors Seventh Annual Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast**

Benedictine University, Elmhurst College and the College of DuPage hosted the seventh annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast on January 21, at Drury Lane in Oakbrook Terrace.

This co-sponsored event is one of the largest gatherings in the Chicago area to honor King’s birthday. In the past, more than eight hundred people have attended this well-received breakfast.

The goal of this annual event is to honor King’s legacy and to educate the community. This year’s keynote speaker was Stephanie Ansaldo, the president of The Echo Foundation. Ansaldo delivered a speech entitled “Voices Against Indifference: Educating for Compassion, Justice, Respect and Moral Decision-Making.”

One of the foundations largest supporters is Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Elie Wiesel, a former Benedictine Great Issues – Great Ideas speaker.

The breakfast included a brief award ceremony, scholarship awards and prizes given to middle school students for their original poetry relating to King’s message.

Benedictine University is proud to co-sponsor this event on an annual basis.
A COLLEGE GIFT ANNUITY

A Great Way To Help Yourself, Your Grandchildren, Your Children and Benedictine University

How can you provide a tax deduction for yourself, help your grandchildren or children when they reach their college years and support Benedictine University all at the same time? The answer is a college gift annuity.

Here is how it works. Make a contribution to Benedictine University now to create the college gift annuity. Designate the young child for whom the annuity is to benefit. At ages 18, 19, 20 and 21 your child or grandchild will receive a fixed, guaranteed amount of income during each of the four years, regardless of where they choose to go to college.

By making the gift, you receive a tax deduction during the year in which the college gift annuity is established. There are additional tax benefits if you make your donation using appreciated stock. Much of the capital gains tax that you would pay if the stock were sold is avoided.

Your grandchild or child will receive helpful income during college years. This amount is pre-determined by you and guaranteed at the time you make your gift. Furthermore, there is no gift tax to you. However, this income is taxable to the beneficiary, but chances are that the beneficiary, while in school, will have little or no income, so that the amount of tax to be paid will probably be zero or very little. You may also choose whether you want this income to be paid in two installments per year, or one large payment.

By creating the college gift annuity, you are also providing a gift to Benedictine University. Better yet, you may designate how you want this gift to be used.

Are you interested in a naming opportunity at the new Birck Hall of Science or Kindlon Hall of Learning? Would you like to provide for our new chapel or campus ministry? Would you like to start or support a scholarship, named after whomever you wish? Perhaps you might want to help with Benedictine University’s operating needs.

Contact Bradley Carlson, development director, at (630) 829-6362 or bcarlson@ben.edu for more information.†

Here is an example:

John, age 60, has a grandchild, Bridget, age three. John wants to help provide for her college expenses and for Benedictine University, while also receiving a tax deduction. John has stock for which he paid $20,000. It is now worth $50,000. He uses this stock to create the college gift annuity.

John decided that he would like for Bridget to receive $12,500 per year for four years beginning when Bridget turns 18. Thus she will continue to receive this amount when she turns 19, 20, and 21, making a total of $50,000 of income for her.

For this gift, John will receive an immediate tax deduction of $30,573. Had he sold his stock instead of donating it to Benedictine University for the college gift annuity, he would have had to pay capital gains tax on the $30,000 increase in value of his stock. However, because he has made this gift, he will pay a capital gains tax on only $11,657. Thus, the IRS has “forgiven” capital gains tax on $18,343 of the stock’s appreciation.

Consider Bridget’s future tax situation. During a year when she receives $12,500, from the college gift annuity, she will receive $4,791 tax-free. Only the remaining $7,709 will be taxable. Let us suppose that Bridget will be a full-time student and that she will not be employed during college. If the current tax law remains, she can take the standard deduction for single individuals of $4,550. Thus, her taxable income becomes only $3,159. Using the 2001 federal tax table for $3,159 for single individuals, the federal tax that she would pay on her $12,500 income would be only $476.†
Donors Respond to Priority Need for Scholarships

At Benedictine University, approximately eighty percent of our students apply for financial aid. Endowed scholarships from past and present donors provided $250,000 in tuition for just 90 of our 3,000 students in the academic year just ended. That averages to just over one-third of the annual tuition, room and board. Like its counterparts across the country, Benedictine University offers institutional scholarships — this year to an additional 1,200 students. It’s a big tab: about $5.8 million for the year now ending.

“That is a powerful impact on the costs of operating the University,” according to Mike Wall, vice president for advancement. “It is imperative for us to build our scholarship endowment far more in line with the need of 80 percent of our students.”

Two new developments in scholarships have come from the Edward Hospital Physicians’ Group and from The W.P. and H.B. White Foundation.

**Edward Hospital Physicians’ Group**

For the past seven years, the Edward Hospital Physicians’ Group has been funding an annual scholarship award of $5,000 for pre-med students at Benedictine University. Now, in order to establish an endowed scholarship in perpetuity, the physicians’ group will allocate $2,500 each year for a scholarship award, and $2,500 toward funding its endowed scholarship.

Dr. Michael Wegener, a laparoscopic surgeon, is secretary-treasurer of the 600-member organization. He explained the organization’s intent:

“As a community-based hospital, we want to invest in students in the area who, one day soon, will serve their own communities as doctors.”

The current Edward Hospital Physicians’ Group Scholarship student is Joe Neilitz, C02, a pre-med senior. “I chose Benedictine University as my pre-med school because of its excellent reputation as a science university and the 85 percent acceptance rate of pre-med grads into medical school,” Neilitz explained. A native of Wisconsin, Neilitz has logged more than 3,000 hours over summers and holiday breaks working with nine different physicians as a medical assistant for ThedaCare Physicians in Appleton, Wisconsin. His experience has involved patient care, basic outpatient surgeries, patient confidentiality and a special concentration in obstetrics.

“I am choosing the University of Wisconsin in Madison and the Medical College of Wisconsin as potential medical schools primarily because I am a resident and it appeals to me to attend medical school in my home state,” Neilitz noted. “Both of these schools also have excellent reputations.” Neilitz majored in biology and management organizational behavior, and he hopes one day to move into hospital administration.

**The W.P. and H.B. White Foundation**

Four additional scholarships materialized for Benedictine students in the past year, thanks to the generous flexibility of The W.P. and H.B. White Foundation. The Foundation has been a frequent donor to the University for more than 30 years. It has provided funding for facilities modernization, program development, minority pre-med scholarships and, most recently, the Summer Bridge Program, which was discontinued just last year. “The Summer Bridge Program was designed to ease the transition to university life for incoming students from disadvantaged areas of the city,” Wall explained. “More and more, though, the students are unable to leave their summer jobs early to attend the three-week summer program, because they need the jobs to help pay their tuition. What we really need is to be able to offer more scholarships,” said Wall. “A lot more.”
Earlier this year, the New York Times reported that college endowments lost 3.6 percent on investments in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001. It was the biggest drop since 1984. The trend, the Times added, continued from July through December 2001. Not a good sign for financial aid to students.

More and more, Benedictine University students, like their counterparts across the country, are showing bulldog resourcefulness. They are applying for and piecing together multiple partial scholarships, loans, savings, earnings from summer and part-time jobs, plus possibly some money from parents. It's the only way many can earn a higher education and discover their own potential.

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But it's not just the average-aged college student who needs financial aid in the new economy. Senior Nick Moga is an adult learner majoring in social science, with a minor in secondary education. Although he always wanted to be a history teacher, he sidetracked into an “okay” sales career to make a living for 30 years. He’ll begin student teaching in the fall and graduate in the spring of 2003 – on his way to teaching history at the junior high or high school level.

“I would not have been able to attend school this year without financial aid and scholarships,” he said. Previous years, he studied at an affordable tax-subsidized community college. This year he received The Margaret M. Gillett Memorial Scholarship in Education, The Arthur J. Schmitt Foundation Endowed Scholarship, The Bernardine M. Lanser Memorial Scholarship for Teachers and The Victor/Dana Scholarship.

“I always knew I'd need loans to continue my education, but I have been very lucky to have linked together so many scholarships,” Moga said. “I would have needed to take time off from school to work or borrow more. I'm grateful my student loan burden will not be as great as it might have been.”

Senior Mariam Ahmed, a senior majoring in finance with a minor in mathematics, is nearing a milestone of her dream as she weighs her choice of a law school: the University of Michigan or Georgetown, both with top reputations. “Without scholarships, I couldn’t have attended Benedictine,” she concurred. “I chose Benedictine because of its location and its reputation in the sciences and the financial aid package.” This year, she received The Robert Griesser Memorial Scholarship, The Rose Becker Scholarship, The Edward Jochim Leadership Scholarship and a Benedictine University Scholars Program Scholarship.

For donors who wonder whether it really matters that students like Ahmed find enough financial aid to attend Benedictine University, consider Ahmed's assessment: “I learned many skills at Benedictine – skills I hope I will continue using all my life. I learned to approach any problem from a variety of angles. I learned to appreciate the interconnectedness of most of the problems that we face in the world today. It's important to have a good grasp of history, philosophy, economics, political science and other liberal arts subjects, because these are the things that make me truly educated.”
ALUMNI AWARDS

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

Thomas Appelquist
Physics

In recognition of outstanding achievement in his career and personal endeavors, the Alumni Association honored Thomas Appelquist, Ph.D., with the 2002 Distinguished Alumni Award. Appelquist graduated from Benedictine University (then St. Procopius College) in 1963 with a degree in physics and went on to earn his Ph.D. in theoretical particle physics from Cornell University in 1968. From 1968 until 1970, he held a postdoctoral appointment at Stanford Linear Accelerator Center at Stanford University. In 1970, he joined the faculty at Harvard University. In 1975, he moved to Yale and was appointed professor of physics. From 1983 until 1989, he served as chairman of the physics department. He became the director of the Division of Physical Science and Engineering from 1990 to 1993 and from 1993 to 1998, served as dean of the graduate school. The American Physical Society, which is the foremost organization of physicists in the U.S. and the world, awarded Appelquist the J.J. Sakurai prize in 1997. This prize is intended “to recognize and encourage outstanding achievement in particle theory” and was given to him for his pioneering work on charmonium and on the de-coupling of heavy particles.

Appelquist is a product of one of the strongest physics programs in the Midwest, led by Fr. William Shonka, chair of the St. Procopius physics department and Rose Carney, Ph.D., chairman of the mathematics department.

“He career has been an outstanding realization of the dedication to scientific excellence that Rose and Fr. Willy endeavored to instill in us,” said fellow classmate Mike Meier.

“I am deeply honored to be given this award. I received a great education at St. Procopius and have wonderful memories of my time there,” said Appelquist. †

BENEDICTINE SERVICE AWARD

Thomas McAtee
St. Procopius Academy

The Benedictine Service Award is awarded to alumni who have served the University with their time and talent. The 2002 award is given to Thomas McAtee, St. Procopius Academy Alumnus of 1950.

McAtee has been employed in the moving industry for more than 30 years and is now retired from Specialty Moving and Storage. Prior to that, he served in the Marine Corps during the Korean Conflict.

Nominated by John Mickus, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, McAtee has made a big difference on campus. “Tom was instrumental in the success of the move of the science labs, museum, staff and administrators offices,” said Mickus. “He was here everyday making sure everything went smoothly. He provided us with all the correct moving tools and boxes, taped them correctly and showed us how to pack and reuse them. He also inventoried all the furniture on campus to determine what was worth saving and what to get rid of. Tom continues to find ways to help in the Jurica Nature Museum, as well as offering cost cutting suggestions for the College of Arts and Sciences.”

The move into the Birck Hall of Science was done in less than six months, which in large part was completed through the good will of the people who volunteered.

McAtee was the primary person responsible for the instigation, design, implementation, training, coercing and budget saving ways involved in the move.

“Tom is truly a good person and I am pleased to be considered one of his friends. He really loves this institution and we have all benefited from his presence and his work for us,” said Mickus.

Tom currently resides with his wife, Regina, in LaGrange, IL. They have one son, John. †
Given to alumni who have exemplified the Benedictine values of services hospitality and dedication to their personal and/or professional life, the 2002 Alumni Service Award recipient is Andy Basso.

Basso has contributed to Benedictine University consistently over the years. His enthusiasm has led him to attend numerous events, such as Educare Ball, Founders’ Day and the Golden Eagles reunions. He is also an oblate of St. Benedict at St. Procopius Abbey. He has served as host and tour guide to out-of-town classmates who have come to see the new classroom buildings.

Basso has truly demonstrated the meaning of the word philanthropy, through his many financial contributions to the University. He has been a member of the President’s Associates for several years. Most recently he created a special trust and included Benedictine University as a beneficiary. Last year he provided the lead gift for the Golden Eagles room in the new library. He also supported the Fr. Stanley Vesely room in the Kindlon Hall of Learning and showed his support to Fr. Theodore Suchy’s request to help procure new furnishings for the Jurica Nature Museum. Basso has also supported the President’s 21st Century Fund for many years.

Basso first came to St. Procopius Academy in 1945 from Chicago’s south side. He continued his education at St. Procopius College (now Benedictine University). In 1951, he had to transfer to St. Ambrose. “I knew I had an interest in accounting and St. Procopius did not offer any business or accounting classes at that time, which meant that I had to leave,” states Basso.

“I really liked being at St. Procopius (Benedictine). I had a lot of friends. I also liked all of my teachers and professors,” remembers Basso. He has fond memories of many of the monks including, Fr. Stan, Abbot Tom Havlik, Bishop Daniel Kuchera, the Jurica brothers: Edmond and Hilary, Abbot Valentine, Fr. Clement Sobr (who recently passed away), as well as his teachers, Dr. Carney and Dr. Banas.

“St. Procopius was responsible for so much of my life. It laid out the foundation for me spiritually and academically,” commented Basso.

After graduating from St. Ambrose, Basso entered the field of accounting and in 1962, went to work for Indian Trails, which was bought out by Dean Foods in 1965. Basso and his wife, Joan, have two daughters and two sons and reside in Naperville. His two daughters are also Benedictine University graduates.

The University appreciates all Basso has done to further the advancement of the school. When asked why he has done so much for his alma mater, he said, “This place helped me with my education and to be able to afford my current style of life. I believe that if you are successful, you should contribute something.”

Alumni Association Raises Funds For Academic Resource Center Office

Benedictine University’s Alumni Association has embarked on an ambitious fundraising activity to support the Benedictine 2000 Building Capital Campaign. The group’s goal is to raise $50,000 for a new meeting/waiting area, which will be located in the Academic Resource Center in the new Kindlon Hall of Learning.

The group has been very successful in their efforts. They have raised more than $30,000 to date. John Knobloch, C78, president of the Alumni Association said, “The new buildings are a very important part of our school’s future. It is only right that the Alumni Association have a visible role in supporting the campaign.”

Contributions have come from fees earned from the new MBNA Benedictine University MasterCards and donations by the association members themselves. Most association members have given or made pledges of at least $1,000 for the new waiting/meeting room or for the Capital Campaign. Donors include Maurice Bell, Darryl Boggs, William Carroll, Gerald Czerak, Griselda De La Rosa, Fr. Christopher Groh, John Knobloch, Patrice Kucia, Christine Kwak, Robert McMahon, Al Nunez, Mike O’Connell, Ron Paryl, Susan Ross and Holly Wehmeyer.

If you are interested in contributing to this project, please contact Bradley Carlson, development director, at (630) 829-6362 or bcarlson@ben.edu. If you are interested in obtaining an MBNA Benedictine University MasterCard, please contact Julie Nelligan, director of alumni relations, at (630) 829-6077 or jnelligan@ben.edu.
Valentine philanthropy

Ralph Fogarty is a familiar fixture in the halls at Benedictine University. He is what many people consider an example of ‘giving back to the community.’ Fogarty has volunteered his time to the University for 21 years. So it was no surprise how many people turned out to wish him a happy 90th birthday this past January.

Retiring from his law practice in 1977, Fogarty retained his law license until 2001. He has been married to his wife, Lucille, for 66 years and is an honorary alumnus of the University.

Fogarty’s unfailing belief in the strength of the University is contagious. If you ask him about Benedictine he will tell you all the wonderful things he has seen here over the years. “The new buildings are wonderful! All the campus improvements have been for the better and Dr. Carroll is great for the school, he is an idea man,” states Fogarty.

Fogarty has helped the school with various office tasks over the years and is always willing to take on new challenges. He believes in giving to the University monetarily to help with improvements and the betterment of the school, but his personal work on campus is what has made the biggest impression on all who have had the privilege of meeting and working with him.

A World of Education:
Embracing the Future

A fantastic meal will be served and then dancing will begin to the sounds of the Marshall Vente Band. The band plays everything from big band and swing to Motown and the hits of today.

There will also be the popular live and silent auctions. One of the highlights from the 2001 Ball was the ‘Monk’s Dinner.’ Imagine having Fr. Becket Franks, O.S.B. and Fr. David Turner, O.S.B., in your home, preparing a four to five course gourmet meal accompanied by the perfect wines for you and six guests.

Of course, the best part of the Ball is that all of the proceeds go to fund scholarships for our Benedictine University students. They are the true stars of the night.

For more details about “A World of Education: Embracing the Future” Scholarship Ball, please contact the alumni office at (630) 829-6077 or jnelligan@ben.edu. There are many sponsorship opportunities available for discussion.

LONG TIME BENEDICTINE VOLUNTEER INSPIRES ALL WHO KNOW HIM

On Saturday, November 2, 2002, “A World of Education: Embracing the Future” will be the theme for the 37th Annual Benedictine University Scholarship Ball (formerly known as the Educare Scholarship Ball).

The event will be held on campus again this year, as it was such a huge success last year.

Cocktail hour begins in Kindlon Hall where the Honorary Chair Couple will welcome the guests. Then everyone will proceed to the Krasa Center for dinner.

A Sincere Apology…

When it comes to compiling all of the names for our annual report of donors, as was published in the Winter 2002 issue of Benedictine Voices magazine, there is always the opportunity for error.

In the case of our alumnus Edward F. Paliatka, C55, we listed his gift in the category of The Provost’s Society ($5,000 - $9,999) under the name of his business, the Austin Highland Development Co., with no reference to Mr. Paliatka.

We apologize for omitting the attribution to Mr. Paliatka and take this opportunity to express our appreciation, once again, for his most generous support over many years.
The old stone house has a 150-year history. As one of the oldest stone buildings in DuPage County, it must carry many stories in its walls. As our eyes witness changes on the campus and in its buildings, our ears must be willing to listen to the tales they are willing to tell.

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If The Walls Could Talk

The Neff Stonehouse

by Fr. David Turner, O.S.B.

Neff Farm, circa 1900.

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If the opening of two new buildings on the Benedictine University campus this past fall, as well as other renovations and changes, many people have asked questions relative to the campus and “how things used to be.”

The old stone house facing College Road is not often a point of discussion, and its existence seems to be taken for granted. Today, retired maintenance employee Arthur DeNardo lives there, as have workmen from the past who were employed by the University in various maintenance trades.

If its walls could talk, the stone house would tell its own story. Its beginning goes back to 1852 — 150 years ago — when Morris Neff, a Lisle area farmer, built this house for his future family. Early in 1896 the Benedictine monks who began St. Procopius College on Allport Street in Chicago decided that a “site near Chicago was to be selected as the permanent location for St. Procopius College and the Abbey as well.” Fathers Valentine Kohlbeck and Procopius Neuzil, two men who would eventually serve as abbots of the community and presidents of the College, were entrusted with finding a rural location. They wanted space that would provide an environment more compatible with the goals of both the school and the abbey.

On April 1, 1896, the deed was signed and the Benedictines purchased a 104-acre farm for $6,152. On April 28, Br. Stanislaus Ptacek was placed in charge of the farm. He moved from the Chicago community to the stone house where Br. Luke Slajs quickly joined him. Morris Neff’s son, Adam, would remain to work on the farm for a monthly salary of $20.

The two brothers and Adam Neff turned the north end of the second floor into a chapel. Br. Anthony Jana and Fr. Valentine Kohlbeck came in the fall of 1897. The house has a lean-to on its south side that served as a blacksmith shop. The brothers quickly erected a new 80 by 36 foot barn across College Road.

With the laying of the cornerstone for the new College building on July 2, 1900, and its opening in 1901, the stone house was put to other uses. At one time it housed as many as eight men who worked alongside the monks. Some died here and are buried in the abbey cemetery.

There are many opinions about rehabilitating the stone house. Some see it as an ideal place for a campus museum, restoring its 1852 look. Others see it as a “welcome center,” the first place visitors might go to get an overview of the campus.

Whatever the outcome, the stonehouse has served many purposes and will be remembered fondly.
Alumna Henehan Finds Spirit, Mind, Faith Were Nurtured

Benedictine alumni never cease to amaze us with their professional and personal accomplishments, volunteer spirit and their love for this Institution. One such alumna is Joan Henehan, sociology, C91. Here is her story in her own words.

I often think how interesting life is. How if you choose one path, your life turns out one way, and if you choose another path, it goes a completely different way. My college career began unexpectedly. I had planned on taking a year off between high school and college to work. Thus I had not done any planning or visiting of other colleges. I didn’t have a clue what I wanted to do with the rest of my life. However, in early August, my work plans changed and I began to rethink my decision not to explore college options. My brother, at the time, was attending Benedictine University (then Illinois Benedictine College) and encouraged me to apply. I didn’t think there was a chance I would be able to get everything in order in time for the first semester with only a few weeks until it began. Nevertheless I called the admissions office and began

| The process. Before I knew it I was reporting to placement testing, residence life and financial aid. The first two stops were not of real worry to me, however the latter one was. I did not know how in the world I was going to be able to afford an education. I believe God has a plan for each of us, and sometimes we end up getting in our own way. When I arrived at the financial aid office, I met a woman who, despite my nervousness and apprehension, assured me things would work out. The proper promissory notes and financial aid documents were signed. I inquired about an on-campus job and she connected me with the campus pre-school. Together we planned and plotted about the possibility of securing tickets to a game. The next day after classes, I arrived back at my dorm room and my roommate told me I needed to stay in the room because my sister was on her way over to see me. I asked if she had a surprise for me. Of course I was thinking tickets. When my sister arrived I learned that my father had been rushed to the hospital and we were to go there immediately. Eleven days later I buried my father. My father’s death impacted everyone in my family profoundly, but differently. For me, I did not see returning to school as an option. I felt I needed to work to help my mom support my younger siblings. I returned to campus with the intention of ‘dropping out.’ As part of the college’s policy, I scheduled a time to meet with my advisor, and Boumgarden, in the Department of Sociology. Over the years, I had developed tremendous respect for her. In fact she was a main reason for my choice of major in sociology. She was a tough teacher, one who challenged her students to be the best. I remember sitting in her office and telling her my plans. I |

I always had a love for children and thought this would be perfect; I would be able to work with children and pay my tuition. I immediately felt at home at Benedictine. I became involved in campus ministry, residence hall activities and other on-campus events. Then one October day during my junior year, tragedy hit my family. I remember the day as if it was yesterday. It was the year the Cubs had made the playoffs. I had spoken to my Dad on a Sunday night and...
Professor Jane Boumgarden Believes in Guidance

Jane Boumgarden, associate professor of sociology, believes in the importance of guiding students through the maze of higher learning.

“College students believe that this is the best time of their life — but for many it can be the worst. They struggle with finances, classes, grades, leaving home and peer pressure. Faculty need to be attentive to these issues and make themselves available to students by offering a place that student’s feel comfortable to talk. It’s almost like being a substitute parent for them. For Joan, who was struggling with the loss of a parent, torn with helping her family financially and with her own personal struggle of wanting to complete her degree, it was a tough balancing act. It was very gutsy for Joan to come to me and I was determined I would help her. Benedictine University was the right place for her to be, because our faculty take an interest in our students,” said Boumgarden.

Boumgarden cared enough to see Henehan’s potential and passion to learn as well as her desire to help others, therefore making a monumental difference in Henehan’s life.

Today, Boumgarden continues to help and guide her students through their four years at Benedictine University. Her passion for teaching goes beyond the books. She hopes to stay in touch with Henehan and wishes her much success. 

I truly believe God puts people in our life for a reason. Ms. Boumgarden impacted my life profoundly. She gave me hope when there wasn’t any, gave me guidance when I was lost and gave me challenges when I felt defeated. She helped me to stay on the ‘right path.’ She made such a significant difference in my life that I will never forget her.

Joel Stetzen, Ph.D., political science, was another significant person during my Benedictine days. He began the Mock Trial Competition at school and encouraged me to be a part of it. At that time, it was strictly a “recreational” activity. Dr. Stetzen, along with a local attorney and alumnus, Thomas Laz, worked with the “team” and prepared us for competition. We were given a mock law case and prepared it from beginning to end. We traveled to Des Moines, Iowa, and competed in a national event. I do not remember how we ranked, or placed, but I do recall what a wonderful time we had. The memories from this competition are with me and helped to shape my life as well. Dr. Stetzen remained in contact with me over the years. Sadly, he succumbed to cancer about two years ago.

So many individuals and events impacted my life during my years at Benedictine. I graduated with a degree in sociology with emphasis in both social work and criminal justice, nd a minor in philosophy. Teachers, students, friends, activities and events at Benedictine all shaped nd changed my life. Since graduating, I have worked in social services with a focus on children and families.

I learned more than books at college. I learned about life and people. It was the belief that others had in me that helped me to see my value and potential. I realize now how different my life would be had it not been for so many caring and dedicated individuals at Benedictine. It fostered my philosophy that I live and work by today. It is that of the story of the “starfish.” It goes like this:

There was an old man who would spend his days at the beach — throwing starfish after starfish that had washed up on the beach back into the vast ocean. On lookers would mock him, tease him and laugh at him; they didn’t understand him. Finally, one day a man approached him and asked “Why are you wasting your time throwing starfish back into the ocean, it doesn’t make a difference.”

The old man stooped down, picked up a newly washed up starfish, lifted it over his head and threw it back into the ocean, turned to the younger man and said, “It made a difference to that one.”

So many teachers and others at Benedictine made a difference in my life. Most probably do not even know how profoundly. They were just “doing their jobs.” For me, I am giving back what I received. I am doing what I love as a prevention resource developer with Prevent Child Abuse Illinois, a social service agency. Although I know I cannot ‘save’ the world, I believe that I am making a difference in the lives of children.

Other institutions advertise how they “treat the human spirit,” well perhaps they do. However, for me, Benedictine not only treated my spirit, but my mind, my faith and my body.”

Joan Henehan with her mentor, professor Jane Boumgarden.
We would like to make an appeal to all of you to keep in touch. Sima would genuinely like to know what became of each of you. The department would love to know what fields you went into, where you are practicing in your chosen occupation, if you are willing to help other pre-professional health students, etc. Please take a minute to keep in touch. You can send an e-mail to asima@ben.edu or go to the Web at www.ben.edu/php/alumsurvey.html where you will find a brief survey that can be completed online and submitted directly to her.

This information will be so helpful to the University. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Calling All Alumni of The Pre-Professional Health Programs

Alice Sima, director of the Department of Pre-Professional Health Programs, (formerly Health Care Education), recently celebrated 15 years of advising students in their quest to become medical professionals. Located in the new Birck Hall of Science building, Sima continues to work with and advise the future doctors and health professionals of the world. Her philosophy is simple, tell it to them straight and make them answer tough questions such as “Why do you want to be a doctor?”

The pre-professional health programs department, in conjunction with Tri-Beta, ACS, and Pre-Med AMSA, sponsor a health professions fair each year in October. Sima personally brings in admissions directors and representatives from professional schools around the Midwest to speak with Benedictine students. Students and guests alike are always pleased with the large turnout and the amount of valuable information exchanged.

In addition to her role as director, Sima’s responsibilities include sitting on the Health Science Recommendations Committee, serving as faculty sponsor of Pre-Med AMSA and teaching several classes. Her vast network of professional associates gives her insight into what it takes to succeed in professional schools and beyond. Her willingness to share this information with her students is what makes her an invaluable part of the Benedictine campus.

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Football Alumnus Scores Big

Callahan named Oakland Raiders Head Coach

Bill Callahan, C78, was recently named head coach for the Oakland Raiders. He has spent the last four years with the Raiders as offensive coordinator.

Callahan started his football career at Benedictine University. He was a three-year starter at quarterback, an NAIA honorable mention All-American in his final two seasons, All-District NAIA, S.I.D. All-State College Division, All-American nomination NCAA Division III and top returning passer (2,100 yards) and coaches nomination All-American NAIA.

He holds many Benedictine records. He holds the school single-game records for yards passing (363) and passing attempts (47) and also the season records for completions (140) and pass attempts (281).

The Philadelphia Eagles, the University of Wisconsin and the University of Illinois have all benefited from Callahan’s talents.

“I’d like to thank the many coaches and players that I have been associated with over the last 25 years. Without their assistance and without their support, I would not be sitting here today,” stated Callahan during his official Raiders press conference.

Callahan lives in Danville, California, with his wife, Valerie, and their four children.
AlumNet

The alumni and the career services offices are actively recruiting more alumni to join the AlumNet program. The AlumNet program is a database of alumni volunteers who would like to mentor or help students and alumni with career issues.

AlumNet volunteers are available to discuss their career paths, occupations, firms, industries, experiences and majors. While this is not a job placement service, it is a valuable tool for individuals who wish to obtain career information from, and network with, their fellow alumni. Both current students and alumni are encouraged to use this service.

As a volunteer, you can help a student select a major and learn more about a given occupation. You could help alumni make career changes, learn more about your company, relocate to your city or expand their network of contacts. However, you as the volunteer decide how, when and where you want to be contacted.

A student can utilize the AlumNet program by contacting the alumni office and indicating fields of interest. Contacts will then be pulled in that area from the volunteer database. In addition, the Office of Career Services can give students contact tips and interviewing techniques.

To participate in this program, you need to fill out an AlumNet form. To receive this form, please e-mail alumni@ben.edu. We encourage you to participate in this very worthwhile program.

Alumni Web Site

Did you know that as alumni of Benedictine you can sponsor an applicant to Benedictine and have the application fee waived? If you visit the alumni pages of the Benedictine Web site you can find out more. The New Benefits for Alumni page also explains that children of alumni receive a $1,000 scholarship each year of their attendance at Benedictine University as a part of the Alumni Recognition Award. You can also find out about any upcoming job fairs or career workshops.

The alumni office is working to make this site more informative and useful to you as alumni and friends of Benedictine University. Please forward any suggestions on the site to the alumni office. We want to hear from you.


The alumni office is looking for graduates from the classes of 1991–2001 who are interested in getting more involved with Benedictine University. The objective is to start a Young Alumni Association. Please contact us if you are interested in helping to mold this new group. Let’s get together and share some ideas.

For information on any of these alumni matters, please contact Debbie Smith, assistant alumni relations director, at (630) 829-6080 or dsmith@ben.edu.

Alum Jim Ryan Wins Republican Primary For Governor

Benedictine alumnus, Jim Ryan, C68, won the Republican primary for Illinois Governor this March.

Ryan has stated during his race for governor that he wants to put children and families first in Illinois and change the way business is handled in Springfield.

Ryan, who is featured in “The Benedictine Difference” video, said, “Service to one’s community is very important and essential to my life. My core values are faith, family and community service. You have to give something back, that was always the emphasis at Benedictine University.”

Ryan is a previous recipient of the Benedictine Distinguished Alumni Award. He graduated in 1968 with a B.A. in political science.
Gauthier finds rewards in giving

Philanthropy Leads Alumnus to the Stars

George Gauthier, D.C., C85, Biology, has found that giving of one's talents is its own reward. He is no stranger to the philosophy of 'work-prayer-study.' It was instilled in him at home, at Benet Academy and then at Benedictine University. Giving back was important and now he sees that more than ever.

Gauthier transferred to Benedictine after two years at Bradley University. A family situation required him to stay closer to home and funds were limited. He knew he could get a great value and great education at Benedictine. He knew the Department of Health Sciences was strong and decided to try his hand in that field of study. It was a fit. His interest in healing the human body and the desire to help people would be fulfilled in this career.

“My career decision was made easy. Benedictine prepared me for the world. It prepared me for opportunity. The teachers have a genuine interest in how students do. They want them to succeed in life and that is obvious. I believe they get genuine satisfaction from teaching and that is what makes such a difference,” states Gauthier.

Gauthier decided to go on to chiropractic school after he graduated. He was interested in naturopathic medicine and had a gift for healing with the hands. While at the National College of Chiropractic, he volunteered to work with the Salvation Army, an organization dear to his heart.

He saw so many people in hard times that it lead him to spearhead food drives. These drives grew by leaps and bounds as Gauthier realize that many people didn’t know the health benefits of chiropractic care. Once he learned of the physical ailments suffered by celebrities during public appearances, he started volunteering his services to them in order to spread the word about the many benefits of chiropractic care.

Through one of the celebrity charity events, Gauthier was offered the opportunity to work behind the scenes at a celebrity awards event. He accepted, and the rest is history. He now performs chiropractic services for award shows, such as the Grammy Awards, and just this year, was asked to do the same at the Super Bowl in New Orleans. Through all these ‘celebrity’ dealings, Gauthier has stayed grounded. “I’ve had several offers to move to California but…”

The Rewards of Good Work

The Make-A-Wish Foundation and United Way heard of Gauthier’s philanthropic gusto and asked for his assistance as well. He didn’t let them down. He was able to get many companies to donate large ticket items for auction fund-raisers, such as Harley Davidson. “The good feeling inside yourself is your reward for doing this kind of work,” states Gauthier. “You know you are doing something beneficial and helping people do things they may not have been able to do for themselves.”

He also has donated his time and chiropractic talent to these same organizations. He has been the on-site massage therapist at many celebrity charity outings. This kind of volunteer work led him to realize that many people didn’t know the health benefits of chiropractic care. Once he learned of the physical ailments suffered by celebrities during public appearances, he started volunteering his services to them in order to spread the word about the many benefits of chiropractic care.

Gauthier and daughter, Caitlyn, on the red carpet at the 2001 Academy Awards.
and do celebrity work out there and I was even offered the opportunity to go on tour with the band, ‘N Sync, but it just wasn’t what I wanted. My local practice was very important to me and my patients need me here. I want to continue my charity work and to spread the word about all chiropractic has to offer. Plus, I grew up in the western suburbs and I want my kids to grow up here as well, with the same values I was raised with.”

If you visit Gauthier’s chiropractic practice at Danada Square East, Wheaton (Gauthier Healthcare), you can see many pictures of his ‘celebrity’ encounters. He even has some movie memorabilia that was bestowed on him. But most importantly, what you will find is a person who has dedicated his life to helping others, working in a field he truly believes in, and is happy and grounded in his rewarding ‘family man’ life. Gauthier lives in Wheaton with his wife and three children. He is also a regular speaker at Barnes & Noble at Danada Square, Wheaton. †

Like most first-year college students, Jim Sostak, C01, Health Sciences, wasn’t really sure what he wanted to be when he grew up. He transferred to Benedictine after one year at Carthage College in Wisconsin, not sure what academic road he was going to take. He enjoyed sports in high school, but didn’t excel in them, but that all was about to change.

After taking some business classes, Sostak discovered quite conclusively, that he didn’t want to work in business. This lead him to the health sciences department. Here he found, what was to him, a world of interest and possibilities. He soon learned he wanted to work in an area where he could help people. His classwork in pre-med came easily to him, as he proved with his 4.0 average and seven Dean’s List honors.

To say that Sostak was ‘pursuing his interest in baseball,’ would be putting it mildly. It’s more accurate to say ‘he slammed one out of the park.’ During his last year of baseball at Benedictine, Sostak was named to the Verizon Academic All-American Team. He started 32 games, he batted .343 on the year with 31 RBI and 35 runs scored, posted a .933 fielding percentage and a .514 slugging percentage, before his season was cut short with a broken ankle. He also set the NCAA All-Division record for consecutive hits with 15, breaking a record set back in 1974. He was named the Benedictine University Male Athlete of The Year, honored as a member of the Northern Illinois-Iowa Conference (NIIC) All-Conference team as well as the NIIC All-Scholastic Team and was a finalist for the Walter Byers Postgraduate Scholarship Award, honoring excellence in academic performance by student-athletes.

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“Coach Ostrowski was constantly emphasizing doing well in school and that class came first. He gave everyone a fair shake to find their talents, on and off the field,” added Sostak.

He has also found that his pre-med work at Benedictine has really paid off. “During this first year at Loyola, I realize how prepared I am compared to other students in the program. I’m way ahead and that is because Benedictine’s pre-med program is so far ahead of a lot of others. I had heard it was good, but I didn’t realize how good until I came to medical school,” concludes Sostak.

When asked how he knew what he wanted to do with his life, he simple stated, “I believe we are all put on this earth with God-given talents and we need to find them and utilize them to the best of our abilities. The sciences are one of my strengths and I’m trying to do my best with that.”

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Smokey Robinson and Gauthier met during a United Way event.

**Alum Exemplifies Term “Student-Athlete”**

Sostak hits the ground running

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Coach Dave Swanson, alumnus Jim Sostak and Coach John Ostrowski.
Values alumni news

‘Fun-Loving Alums’ Identified

The picture in the Winter 2002 Voices magazine is of the Student Affairs Board officers from 1979-1980. From left to right are Tom Dolan (parliamentarian), Greg Porod (president), Bob Belter (vice-president), Bernie Toussaint (treasurer) and in front is Jeanne Happel McMahon (secretary).

Submitted via e-mail by Mary Rados Belter, C80.
George Ganzer, C81, also correctly identified these alumni.

Benedictine University alumni are spreading the Benedictine difference throughout the world. The following are locations where our alumni are currently living.

UNITED STATES
- Alabama - 14
- Alaska - 6
- Arizona - 124
- Arkansas - 16
- California - 263
- Colorado - 82
- Connecticut - 25
- Delaware - 6
- Florida - 199
- Georgia - 89
- Guam - 1
- Hawaii - 6
- Idaho - 9
- Illinois - 9298
- Indiana - 187
- Iowa - 48
- Kansas - 41
- Kentucky - 26
- Louisiana - 14
- Maine - 4
- Maryland - 45
- Massachusetts - 37
- Michigan - 153
- Minnesota - 95
- Mississippi - 3
- Missouri - 77
- Montana - 14
- Nebraska - 28
- Nevada - 28
- New Hampshire - 10
- New Jersey - 74
- New Mexico - 28
- New York - 63
- North Carolina - 58
- North Dakota - 11
- Ohio - 145
- Oklahoma - 14
- Oregon - 27
- Pennsylvania - 111
- Puerto Rico - 1
- Rhode Island - 3
- South Carolina - 20
- South Dakota - 2
- Tennessee - 36
- Texas - 143
- Utah - 10
- Vermont - 2
- Virginia - 74
- Washington - 52
- Washington D.C. - 8
- West Virginia - 8
- Wisconsin - 218
- Wyoming - 5

INTERNATIONAL
- Australia - 2
- Belgium - 1
- Canada - 8
- China - 2
- Costa Rica - 3
- Czech Republic - 1
- Denmark - 1
- Ecuador - 1
- England - 5
- Finland - 1
- France - 2
- Germany - 11
- Hong Kong - 3
- India - 1
- Indonesia - 1
- Japan - 1
- Kenya - 1
- Netherlands - 2
- Pakistan - 1
- Philippines - 1
- Taiwan - 4
Ph.D. Alumni And Professors Become Authors

Connie Fuller

Connie Fuller, Ph.D. '01, has authored *Bridging the Boomer-Xer Gap: Creating Authentic Teams for High Performance at Work*, with two co-authors. This book takes a surprising and controversial look at today's age-mixed, team-based organizations and how they can create high-performance teams that build on the values each generation brings to the workplace. Data was culled from nearly 400 surveys from such organizations as Boeing Aircraft, The Environmental Protection Agency and Champion Mortgage. This book identifies the values that unite and divide the generations and translates the research into management strategies. Fuller is an Organization Development (OD) specialist with AG Communication Systems, a subsidiary of Lucent Technologies, and an adjunct professor at Webster University. Fuller has worked in the field of OD for 20 years and came to Benedictine for a degree that would legitimize her work and add depth to her career. “Benedictine was my first and only choice because I wanted to attend a scholar-practitioner program that would integrate my work into the classroom. The program gave me what I was looking for and helped me to be more effective in what I do,” states Fuller.

Paulo Goelzer

Another Ph.D. alum, Paulo Goelzer, co-wrote *World Class Distribution*. His book takes a look at the best practices of distribution companies around the world. Goelzer compiled this informative book through detailed research of the distribution industry. He is the president and founder of IGA Institute, which specializes in developing training materials. “I’m very thankful for the experiences I had at Benedictine. Between the quality of professors and the networking opportunities available through the cohort program, I had a real advantage,” states Goelzer.

Benedictine Professors

The Benedictine University Ph.D. program has experienced international acclaim for being the tops in the field of Organization Development (OD), so it should come as no surprise that this program has so many success stories. One example of this success is the many books authored by alumni and professors of the department. Read on.

The Benedictine Identity Task Force Presents the Acclaimed Video, *The Benedictine Difference*

The final version of the Benedictine University identity video, *The Benedictine Difference*, is now available. This captivating video tells the story of what makes Benedictine University unique — the core values of the Benedictine tradition.

Filled with delightful images, inspiring music and riveting interviews with students, staff, faculty and alumni, the video shows how Awareness of God, Community and Hospitality, Academic Excellence, Life Lived in Balance and Stewardship powerfully shape life on campus and the lives and careers of our alumni.

Contact the Office of Alumni Relations, (630) 829-6080 or alumni@ben.edu for more information. The cost is $5 per video.
This past February, the Krasa Center was the site of the Alumni/Career Services dinner and workshop for alumni and community residents who are in job transition. With well over 30 attendees, topics included continuing education opportunities, financial planning and how to build relationships and network.

The speakers for this workshop were John Cicero, Ph.D., dean of the College of Business, Technology and Professional Programs at Benedictine University; Frank Zauflik, financial consultant with A.G. Edwards & Sons, Naperville; and Tom Gosche, president, GEM Communications.

Participants were so enthusiastic about this program and the information they received that additional workshops were requested.

Julie Cosimo, director of career services, and Julie Nelligan, alumni relations director, are planning another workshop for spring. The date will be posted on the Benedictine Web site.

If you are in a job transition and need help with your resume and/or job search, please contact the Office of Career Services at (630) 829-6040 or jcosimo@ben.edu. †
Members of the Benedictine chorus raise their voices in song. Pictured above (l to r) Lisa Townsley, Katrina Hrivnak, Alfred Martin and Margaret O’Leary.

Department of Fine and Performing Arts; Fr. John Palmer, C.S.V., professor of music; Victoria VerHoven, voice instructor and Daniel Fackler, French horn musician.

Tait invited this group of amateurs and professionals to her annual oboe recital in the Benedictine Hall Theater in February. Other professional performers in the recital were pianist Bradley Haag and percussionist William Moersch.

It is expressive experiences like this that are part of what distinguishes Benedictine University. This interaction among amateurs and professionals as peers could only happen within an environment of mutual cooperation and respect, which largely derives from the Catholic/Benedictine orientation of our school. This is a campus where the creative arts (music and art) are widely studied by students from many different majors and where everyone is welcome to participate, to feel the joy of musical expression and to ‘make a joyful noise unto the Lord.’

At Benedictine, fulfillment of this need for creative expression, which radiates from the Department of Fine and Performing Arts, is spreading through the student body and to the faculty and staff. The excitement of musical expression is in the air and many wonderful things are yet to come. ☺️
New Film Studies Minor Offered

A new film studies minor has been created at Benedictine University. The minor presents courses that offer a serious study of the motion picture media, through the examination of film genres, critical theory and video production and visual aesthetics. Film studies is an interdisciplinary program made up of courses from the Departments of Communication Arts, Language and Literature, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology and Sociology. The minor is housed in the Department of Communication Arts.

“This is a special program, especially for a minor. We’re able to look at films critically in a variety of disciplines and understand the aesthetics of making films. The critical thinking skills students learn can be applied to their majors as well. I think it’s one of the most intellectually cohesive programs we offer at Benedictine,” states Peter Seely, chair of the Department of Communication Arts.

One of the advantages of the film studies program is that it will offer topical and specialized courses from time to time. In the fall semester, for example, the political science department will be offering a course titled, Politics in Literature and Film. Psychology offers a course in the genre of horror films. Communication Arts offers a course in Images of Italians in Movies.

“We are in the process of developing a key capstone course for the minor, ‘Developing a Screenplay,’ that utilizes the knowledge obtained from the curriculum. The experience will be a creative writing venture for students,” adds Jim Iaccino, chair of the Department of Psychology and Sociology.

A student can minor in film studies while taking any major, but it is particularly desirable for the students in the departments involved in the program, since there is a strong connection with those disciplines. “This is a perfect fit for a liberal arts institution,” concludes Seely.

Disaster Management: A Response to Changing Needs

How will the nation respond to terrorism, threats to the environment, epidemics or natural catastrophes? The frontline troops are found in the military and among local fire, police and emergency preparedness departments and, of course, among our medical and health care workers. They are supported by America’s public health infrastructure. Today, coordinating all these efforts calls for effective planning. Benedictine University’s new program in Disaster Management aims to prepare professionals to plan for disasters with the aim of prevention, mitigation, meeting immediate needs and recovering. In doing this, the Master of Public Health (MPH) program is at the forefront of innovation. Around the country other Universities are just starting to develop their programs. Benedictine began their program during spring quarter 2002.

It is expected that this program will attract not only health professional but also those in law enforcement, government and fire and emergency services. Students may begin by taking a 16 credit certificate in Disaster Management course. All courses will be offered on weekends and will be accessible to working professionals. The student may then elect to continue with the MPH degree with a concentration in Disaster Management. Other students may take the traditional MPH program and concentrate in Disaster Management.

Courses will include: the Principles of Emergency and Disaster Management; Infrastructure of Disaster Management; Hazard Vulnerability Assessment; Natural and Man Made Disasters; The Psychology and Sociology of Disasters and Critical Analysis of Issues and Problems.

All courses will be taught by leaders in the disaster management field. All professors will have advanced degrees and experience in teaching adult professionals. Each course will begin with concepts and then move to facts, skills and culminate in a product such as a disaster plan that the student will be able to use on the job or as evidence of professional development.

This new program, together with other Benedictine initiatives in this area, place the University among the educational innovators who are moving quickly to meet the needs of the nation.
Currently, the Jurica Nature Museum is working on a research project to study the popularity of collecting natural history specimens during the late 1800’s and how that affected the study of natural history in America. Another goal of this project is to identify and write biographies of the professional and amateur collectors/naturalists who have parts of their personal collections here at the museum. Anyone wishing to contribute stories regarding personal experiences as students or as one of the Jurica brothers’ networking connections would be welcomed in our research project. We would also welcome biographical information about Chicago area collectors of natural history in the late 1800’s/early 1900’s. +

Please send to:
Fr. Theodore Suchy, O.S.B. 
Jurica Nature Museum 
Benedictine University 
5700 College Rd. 
Lisle, IL 60532

by Michele Hroback-Halt, C91

Many visitors to Benedictine University’s Jurica Nature Museum ask, “Where did you get all this stuff?” The collection is largely based on the networking abilities and reputation of the Jurica brothers. Brothers in real life and both Benedictine priests at St. Procopius Abbey, Fathers Hilary and Edmund Jurica were responsible for acquiring most of the specimens currently held in the museum. They had many contacts with other museums around the country, especially the Field Museum of Natural History and were able to obtain extras and cast-offs of specimens that these museums no longer utilized.

The Jurica brothers were believers in ‘hands-on’ education and the specimens were used in classes for real-life examples.

The teaching methods used by the Jurica brothers were innovative for their time and are still used today. It was at the end of their teaching careers that the Jurica brothers wished to organize their thousands of specimens into a museum for the public to benefit from hands-on learning, in addition to their students.

The Jurica brothers were in their professional studies at the University of Chicago while the prominent naturalists of the late 1800’s were fading in their collecting. Fr. Hilary earned his Ph.D. in 1922 and Fr. Edmund in 1924. Fr. Hilary was very knowledgeable and knew the background and importance of any of the specimens offered to him whether it was due to the specimen’s rarity, quality for teaching purposes, or the collector/collection place.

As Ph.D.’s in Chicago, the Jurica brothers had connections to the Field Museum. The curator of zoology at the Field Museum (1906-1921) was Charles Barney Cory. He traveled and collected extensively, and was a professional naturalist who had a personal collection of 19,000 bird specimens alone. He gave his entire collection to the Field Museum in exchange for an ornithology position. This is an example of just one of the collectors whose specimens are now in the Jurica Nature Museum.

Through contacts with the Field Museum after Cory’s tenure, the Jurica brothers were able to obtain many specimens throughout both their 50-year teaching careers. This is evidenced in a number of specimens containing original labels from the Field Museum. Other labels in the collection are from Harvard, Yale, the American Museum of Natural History, the University of Chicago and the Chicago Academy of Sciences, as well as a number of Chicago area amateur naturalists.

Benedictine University houses this rare gem for the benefit of all who come to see it and learn from it. †
**Professor Experiences Thrill of The Ride**

James Iaccino, Ph.D., chair of the Department of Psychology and Sociology has recently had a screenplay picked up by a literary agency. The screenplay, titled *The Vidbond Connection*, is a sci-fi horror story involving vampires and a dating service. Iaccino came up with the original concept in 1985 and recently transformed his ‘concept’ into a full-fledged screenplay, with help from his co-author, University of Illinois cinema studies graduate, Paul Serafin. Iaccino has really enjoyed the ride he has been on, from writing the original concept 16 years ago, to having the finished version being pitched to studios. “The world of screenplay writing is really quite an experience. After I wrote the original ‘treatment,’ I had no idea what to do with it. I knew I had a good idea and interesting characters, but I wasn’t quite sure where to go from there, so it just stayed on hold for awhile,” states Iaccino.

Then, not long ago, a student in one of Iaccino’s classes (Patrick McGarry, C01) knew a film studies major at the University of Illinois (Serafin), who needed to work on an existing script for a class project. Iaccino and Serafin got together and co-wrote the final version of the screenplay and had it copywrited. The real work came after that. “I went through about 300 names of agents with a query letter to see if they were interested in the work,” said Iaccino. “When I finally was contacted by one of them, they had me write 10 synopses before they accepted it.”

Now that the ‘hard work’ is done, Iaccino is playing the waiting game. The screenplay is being pitched to several studios that are looking to make sci-fi films and hopefully his ride will only be starting.

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**Benedictine Wins at Mock Trial Competition**

On February 16 and 17, two teams from Benedictine University competed in the American Mock Trial Association’s (AMTA) Regional competition at the Will County Courthouse in Joliet, Illinois. Based upon a set of case materials provided by the national association, students across the country spent months planning and preparing for this event. For some students, including one team from Benedictine University, the fruits of their labors were obtained. Under the coaching of Tammy Sarver from the Department of Political Science and International Business, team members Gabriel Nunez, Rachel Faith McReynolds, Kristin Hough, John Burgus, Matt Davis, Brett Natarelli, Barrett Laspesa and Michael Friese earned a bid to the American Intercollegiate Mock Trial Association’s National Competition in St. Petersburg, Florida, over the weekend of April 12–14. In addition to this team honor, McReynolds took an additional award as “best witness” for her performance. These students joined students from across the United States to compete for a national title.

This program is utilized by pre-law majors, but students from engineering, theatre and history are also participating. “Students who plan on attending law school really benefit from this program because it gives them a feel for what it is like to participate in a trial, from a witness and attorney standpoint,” states Sarver. Students also learn public speaking skills that help boost their self-confidence.

Benedictine is proud of their participation in the well-respected AMTA organization, which includes such schools as Harvard, Yale and Berkeley.
Among the many promises of the Internet revolution, none may be more important to our political world than the development of electronic government at the state and local level. Americans increasingly go online to shop for goods and services and gather all kinds of information. So why not register for community classes, secure building permits or even pay parking fines online? Moreover, in an era of declining civic engagement, the Internet would seem a valuable way to make political participation and communication easier.

As one of their research projects, political science students in the Research Methods course (taught by Roger Rose, Ph.D., associate professor, Department of International Business and Political Science) went online to evaluate whether mid-size Illinois cities are taking advantage of the Internet’s potential to bring local government to our computers. Adapting an e-government framework developed by Charles Kaylor and Randy Deshazo, the political science students visited the Internet sites of 36 Illinois cities with populations above 40,000, excluding Chicago, in October and November of 2001. Once there, they scored the cities on 33 features of local governance — from access to city officials and government reports, to information on government services, permits, elections and job postings. (For the full coding scheme, contact Roger Rose, (630) 829-6292. Also, Rockford’s server was under reconstruction and was not reviewed.)

The results were as varied as the cities. The good news, was that every city or village, save Cicero, offered some degree of Internet access for their citizens. Benedictine graduates living in Decatur (score 66), Elmhurst (58), Evanston (46) and Palatine (46) can take pride that their cities are leaders in e-government. Those in Belleville (9), Oak Lawn (10), Tinley Park (16) and Berwyn (18), will find far less Internet access.

Surprisingly, there were no clear factors that explain a city’s e-government commitment. Higher scores were modestly linked to the level of income, education and age of a city’s citizens. The city’s per capita spending seemed the most important, though not a powerful predictor.

One major caveat: this is just a snapshot of e-government in our cities. Cities large and small are rapidly moving toward adopting more Internet government features. So, stay tuned. The political science students will be revisiting these cities next year.

This program is sanctioned by the Internal Revenue Service and aids low-income citizens in filing income tax returns. Student volunteers from the Department of Business are trained to file returns and then spend their weekends meeting with people in need.

“They will receive a tax refund that they probably would not have recognized they were entitled to receive. The student volunteers of the VITA program exemplify the Benedictine value of giving back to the community,” states Chuck Gahala, chair of the Department of Business.

Benedictine University is proud to participate in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA).

Keep in Touch

What’s new in your life? A marriage or a child? A new job or promotion? Have you been published, honored or elected? 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
Tell my classmates that . . .

Please clip and mail to: Debbie Smith Benedictine University Alumni Association 5700 College Road Lisle, Illinois 60532
or fax (630) 829-6313 e-mail alumni@ben.edu
Jean de Dieu Ndabarinarz arrived on campus a year ago, an orphan from war-torn Rwanda. We arranged for his housing, loaned him bedding from the International Center, loaned him a clock/radio to keep him company, and scrambled to find food because the cafeteria in Krasa was not yet open for students. He survived the first lonely night. The second day, after a refreshing night’s rest, we took this shy, uncertain student of few words shopping for essentials and stopped to eat at McDonalds. We pulled up to the drive-in window and asked him what he wanted. This was clearly a confusing, new process for him. He finally decided on a hamburger and hot chocolate, and watched with extreme interest as the food was delivered and paid for through the little window. As we drove away with the food, he threw back his head, closed his eyes, and filled the car with infectious laughter. “Oh, America!” he cried. “Only in America is such a thing possible – to order food from outside and eat in the car!”

After a year at Benedictine University studying English as a Second Language (ESL), he has begun taking other University classes as well. He works on campus, takes part in the International Center activities and attends church and community events. He wants to buy a car, has a wide variety of campus friends and is still eagerly experiencing life in America. Girmay Legesse is another stellar international student with dual citizenship in Ethiopia and Sweden and is majoring in computer information systems and international business and economics. This student still finds time to mentor new arrivals, help out in the International Center and work elsewhere on campus. Need cooking lessons? Need transportation to the train or airport? Need help with your computer? Need an officer for the International Club? He’s your man.

Recently, several people from the International Center were treated to a most scrumptious feast of Indian food prepared by Mary Josephine Pudato, a student from India. Twenty American and international Benedictine students sat in a ring around the living room floor in the gracious home of one of our instructors. Two little girls, the daughters of our ESL instructors, played dress-up, and danced in the middle of the ring and their captive audience laughed and clapped at their antics. After the meal, we participated in sharing international songs and dances and learned how to fold the beautiful wraps of an Indian sari.

In a weekend master of Organizational Behavior class, students in the class all brought brown-bag lunches. Our Indian gourmet brought enough in her bag to feed four to six other students. She has an empathetic ear to new home-sick international students, is a great study partner and an excellent student. Earning her master degree in Exercise Physiology, she has dreams of what she wants to accomplish when she returns to India after graduation. She will be an asset to her country as well as an ambassador of American and Benedictine education.

As we continue to promote better understanding of other cultures and beliefs, we strive to advance Benedictine University ideals for a changing world: Informing today – Transforming tomorrow. This is the very important role the International Center plays at Benedictine.
Class of ‘57
Fred Francl, St. Procopius Academy, was ordained as a permanent deacon for the Joliet Diocese by Bishop Imesch in September, 2001. He is assigned to Christ the King parish in Lombard and his service will concentrate on visiting nursing homes and hospitals.

Class of ‘68
Dr. Finian D. Taylor, Classical Language, has moved from Chicago to Hilton Head, SC.

Class of ‘71
Marty Wiore, History, was inducted February 2, 2002, into the Illinois High School Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame. He is the head baseball coach and the dean of students at Benet Academy. He lives in Naperville with his wife, Stacia, and their two children, Kelsey and Kelli.

Class of ‘77
Odie B. Smith, Political Science, is semi-retired in St. Petersburg, FL. He is part owner of a travel agency and takes care of the accounting and computer programs.

Class of ‘81
Diana M. Kwiecinski, Psychology, resides in New Jersey, where as a licensed clinical social worker, she is the clinical director of an adolescent partial care program.

Class of ‘82
Alice Rock, M.D., Biology, is a pediatric oncologist in Milwaukee, WI, and was selected to a listing of the “Best Doctors in America”.

Class of ‘83
Michelle Haizel, M.A., Education, received her master of art degree in education, leadership and teaching from St. Xavier University on January 19, 2002. She and her husband, Tony, live in Oak Lawn with their two sons, Alex and Tyler.

Class of ‘87
Julie B. Motycka, M.D., Biochemistry, was made Diplomate of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, passing oral boards in December, 2001. She practices medicine in Batavia, Geneva and St. Charles. She and her husband, Gary, live in Batavia.

Paul Wagler, MSMOB, was recently named CEO of The Beacon Foundation in Tucson, AZ. He has been recognized for outstanding service to the community by the United Way and was appointed as vice president of the board of Guardianships of Southern AZ.

Class of ‘88
John Puetz, Philosophy, was recently named managing director and head of the Kansas City office of Marsh & McLennan. He and his wife, Michele, live in Leawood, KS, with their two children, John and Chloe.

Class of ‘89
Thomas R. Stahler, Literature and Communication, is an account representative with DHL, he was awarded the DHL “Drive to Deliver” award and the “Wings” award. He and his wife, Jennie, live in Round Lake and are expecting their first child in May, 2002.

Class of ‘90
Chris Lobello, Physics, has joined CLSA Emerging Markets as the risk and trading strategist. He continues to live in Hong Kong.

Class of ‘92
Annie (Pipal) Bohutinska, Literature and Communication, is an ESL teacher at the Czech State Language School. She and her husband, Vilem, were married in September, 1999 and live in the Czech Republic.

Class of ‘94
Christopher P. Comes, Literature and Communication, accepted the directorship of the Midwest for AT&T Wireless in October, 2001. He resides in Hinsdale.

Class of ‘95
William T. Atkiels, International Business and Economics, has recently made his home in Germany.

James Gleba, Nuclear Medicine Technology, has been named coordinator of nuclear medicine services at St. Michael’s Hospital in Milwaukee, WI. He and his wife, Anne, live in Oak Creek, WI.

We Want To Know
Do you get together with a group of Benedictine alumni? Tell us about it, we would love to hear what you do and who is involved. It would be a great way to let your fellow classmates know what is going on in your life.

Contact the alumni office at (630) 829-6080 or dsmith@ben.edu.

Class of ‘96
Alice (McAdams) Cahill, M.S., Special Education – Learning Disabilities, Social-Emotion Disorder, recently graduated summa cum laude with her master of science degree in Educational and Business Administration from Northern Illinois University. She has started her own educational consulting and child advocacy business and is teaching at both Moraine Valley Community College and South Suburban Community College. She and her husband, Kevin, live in Midlothian.

Class of ‘97
Chris Muscolina, History, resides in San Francisco, CA, and works as an account representative for Microsoft Corp.

Class of ‘99
Susan Vani Chvojcsek, MSMOB, is living in North Aurora with her husband, Timothy, and their daughter, Chloe. She is a quality planning and results analyst for Tellabs.

Carrie (Scudder) Espositio, Nutrition, MPH ’00, was ➤
recently promoted to director of nutrition for Medical Solutions in their newly opened Las Vegas location. She lives in North Las Vegas, NV, with her husband, John, and their children, Jesse and Anthony.

Regina Greer-Smith, Public Health, has recently advanced to Diplomate status in the American College of Health Care Executives and became board certified in Health Care Management in November, 2001. She and her husband, Theron, live in Hazel Crest.

**marriages**

James J. Sekerka, St. Procopius Academy, ’53, was recently married to Barbara Woods on September 8, 2001. Formerly of Brookfield, they now reside in Springfield, VA.

Christina Sobieraj, Accounting, ’93, wishes to announce her marriage to John Kozlowski on November 17, 2001. They reside in Aurora.

Germaine (Rodeo) Yang, Biology, ’95, would like to announce her marriage to Patrick Yang on October 14, 2000. They reside in Elmhurst.

Karen (Hrozencik) Snell, Biology, ’96, announces her marriage to Gregory Snell in November 2000. Her sister, Dr. Donna S. Hrozencik, Biochemistry, ’82, was her maid of honor. The Snells live in Libertyville.


**births**

Sharon Garcia, Elementary Education, ’82, and her husband, Steve, announce the birth of Matthew Steven, born on October 10, 2001. The Garcia’s live in Homer Glen, IL.


Linda Blangin, Clinical Laboratory Science, ’87, her husband, Troy, and big sister, Alyssa Marie, announce the birth of Kara Ann, on October 31, 2001. They live in Carol Stream.

John N. Farrell, Accounting, ’90, and his wife, Colleen, announce the birth of Thomas, on May 11, 2000. They live in Oak Lawn. Farrell is a partner with Farrell, Tracy and Farrell in Oak Lawn.

JoAnne (Cammarata) Geigner, Literature and Communication, ’94, and her husband, Chuck, would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Anastasia Berneda, born on September 12, 2001. The Geigner’s make their home in Chenoa, IL.

Cynthia Salbego, Computer Science, ’01, and her husband, David, announce the birth of their son, Carter William, on May 24, 2001. They live in Plainfield. Salbego is an Internet assistant at Argonne National Lab. †

**Let Us Know . . .**

Can you identify these high rollers, above, or the student group members at left? 

Alumni Association Board Member Receives Honor

Maurice Bell, C87, Alumni Association Board Member, has been awarded into the President's Ring of Honor at PepsiCo. He will be inducted during a special ceremony in June at PepsiCo headquarters in Purchase, NY. The President's Ring of Honor recognizes the best of the best from the sales forces across all divisions of PepsiCo around the world. These are individuals who have established track records of outstanding contributions to the business, who are recognized for their excellence by customers, management and peers, have impact beyond expectations and show consistent, continuous and exceptional results.

Bell resides in Wheaton with his wife, Sarah, and two children, Benjamin and Olivia. †

in memory

Dr. Adrian Ubl, Biology,’39, passed away on November 2, 2001. †
Barbara Alagna (Biology), Eileen Kivlin (Chemistry) and Theresa Oldham (Employee Services) completed a two-day training course, “Hazardous Waste and Materials Training Management.” SET Environmental presented the course in Wheeling. They all received certification that is good for the next three years.

M. Jane Crabtree, Ph.D. (Business) presented “Virtual Teams Lead a Brave New Workplace” at the Midwest Society of Human Resources/Industrial Relations MBAA Annual Meeting in Chicago. The paper discussed organizational changes due to technology and the use of virtual teams. There was a particular emphasis on cross-cultural and cross-organizational virtual teams.

Barbara B. Dwyer, M.S.W. (Community Development) presented “The Bee Attitudes: Nature’s Perfect Life Plan” at a Focus: Women in Business meeting for the Naperville Area Chamber of Commerce on February 6 at North Central College.

Chuck Gahala, Ed.D. (Business) was the featured speaker at the Association of Credit Managers (ACES) quarterly meeting on March 6. There were 28 corporate credit managers at the meeting and students from Gahala’s Advanced Managerial Finance course were also able to attend. Gahala was also featured on the CLTV 10:00 p.m. news on March 5. He commented on the tariffs President Bush imposed on the steel industry.

Jim Iaccino, Ph.D. (Psychology and Sociology) presented a series of four film workshops for the Odyssey 2002 Fine and Performing Arts Series at Adlai E. Stevenson High School in Lincolnshire in February. The focus of his workshops was on the cinematic heroes, Luke Skywalker and Indiana Jones. He employed a variety of multimedia techniques in the workshops, utilizing PowerPoint presentations and video clips of the Star Wars and Indiana Jones trilogies. Iaccino’s extensive content analysis on “Babylon 5’s Blueprint for the Archetypal Heroes of Commander Jeffrey Sinclair, Captain John Sheridan and Ambassador Delenn,” was recently published in The Journal of Popular Culture. Iaccino will be incorporating this information in his new text, Heroes and Heroines of Sci-Fi and Fantasy Series to be published by MacFarland Press.

Mannohan Kaur, Ph.D. (Mathematics) successfully defended her Ph.D. dissertation in November. Her thesis advisor was Professor Zhong-Jin Ruan at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Her dissertation is titled “Ternary Rings of Operators and Their Linking C*-Algebras.” The Ph.D. in Mathematics was conferred to her on December 16. Kaur and her co-author, Z-J. Ruan, recently had a 40-page research article accepted for publication in the Journal of Functional Analysis. The title of the paper is “Local Properties of Ternary Rings of Operators and their Linking C*-Algebras.”

Gary Ketterling, Ph.D. (Education) presented a paper titled “Problem Based Learning-Pathways to Alternative Certification in Science Education” in December at the Third Asia Pacific Conference for Problem Based Learning in Australia.

Rev. Michael Komechak, O.S.B., M.A. (Fine Arts) presented a 50-minute illustrated program on five infant Jesus paintings at St. Joseph Church in Downers Grove on December 6. The Art Institute of Chicago has also invited him back for a future program that will be announced at a later date.

Elizabeth Kubek, Ph.D. (English Language and Literature) delivered a paper entitled “Seeds of Honour: Motherhood and the Protestant Succession in the Plays of Mary Pix” at the 16th Annual DeBartolo Conference on 18th-Century Studies at USF in Tampa, FL, on February 22.

A Heretic in American Journalism Education and Research by Malcolm S. MacLean, Jr., edited by professors Luigi Manca, Ph.D. and Gail Pieper (both of Communication Arts), received a favorable review in the Journalism and Mass Communication Educator (JMCE). The JMCE called the book “important and useful” to those in education “grappling with the tension between practitioner needs and academic responsibilities.” Also mentioned was Peter Seely’s (Communication Arts) chapter on journalism and communications education.
saying “those who teach graduate courses that deal with media education would find (this chapter an) important addition to their syllabi.”

Shirley A. Moore, Ph.D., R.N. (Nursing) attended the Deans and Directors of Colleges of Nursing Schools meeting at Loyola University’s downtown campus on December 4. Nursing deans and directors from Elmhurst College, Concordia University, Rockford College, Saint Anthony College of Nursing, University of Illinois, Southern Illinois University, Rush University, North Park University, Saint Xavier University, Governors’ State University, DePaul University, Trinity Lutheran, Millikin University and Olivet Nazarene University attended. The group discussed the mandatory overtime for registered nurses legislation currently in Springfield and other current nursing issues, such as Medicaid funds, as well as new and current programs for nurses throughout the Chicago and downstate areas. She and Ethel C. Ragland, Ed.D (Nursing) and a 2001 BSN graduate from Benedictine University, Ann Burns, attended the Illinois Nurses’ Association (INA) District 19 meeting in Oak Brook on November 17. The meeting was held to discuss legislative issues for the 100 Centennial for the INA to be honored with the convention in Chicago this December. Ragland will be attending as a legislative delegate.

Julie Moreschi, M.S., R.D., L.D. (Nutrition) gave a presentation on nutrition and well-being on February 5 at the Holiday Inn in City Center. The presentation was part of a six-day program entitled Professional Series in Gerontology.

William Scarlato, M.F.A. (Fine Arts) exhibited four art works in a group exhibition at the Wood Street Gallery in Chicago in December.

Peter Seely, M.A. (Communication Arts) made a paper and video presentation titled, “The Many Loves of Dobie Gillis: American Values on Television in the Atomic Era,” at Lewis University on November 28, as part of their Arts and Ideas series.

Peter Sorensen, Ph.D. and Therese Yaeger, Ph.D. (both in Organization Development) were the guest editors for the first issue of the 2002 OD Practitioner (Vol. 34, No. 1), the quarterly journal of the OD Network. The topic for this special issue was “Global OD and Its Challenges.” OD Practitioner is the most widely read OD publication.

Alicia Cordoba Tait, D.M.A. (Fine and Performing Arts) presented her annual oboe recital on February 8. The event included an oboe concerto by Bach, a trio by Carl Reinecke and a piece by William Kraft based on a Thai folk tale. Tait was accompanied by pianists Fr. John Palmer, C.S.V. and Bradley Haag, by Daniel Fackler on the French Horn and guest artist and percussionist William Moersch. Earlier that day, Tait presented an insightful and interesting faculty development seminar titled “The Mind of a Musician” in which she explained how she mentally prepares for concerts and recitals and how she uses knowledge of the composer’s life and motivations for the composition to help her interpret their music in performance. Tait, who is also the chair of the conference committee for the Benedictine Conference 2002: Heritage in Action, visited the remaining six Benedictine high schools in January and February. All 22 Benedictine high schools were visited and invited to the conference to be held in December 2002 by the conference committee, which consists of Alfred Martin (Biology) and John Stachniak (former director of Conference Management). Tait has also performed as Principle Oboist with Sinfonia da Camera in Urbana, IL, in performances in January, February and March.

Rev. David Turner, O.S.B. (Academic Affairs) wrote an article that appeared in the February/March 2002 issue of Crossroads, a publication of the Catholic Campus Ministry Association. Turner’s article, “The Benedictine Way,” was one of many that were featured in a section entitled Charisms on Campus.

Wayne Wesolowski, Ph.D. (Chemistry) spoke to six separate classes at Gregory Middle School in Naperville on February 8. His topic was “Chemistry, Art and Model Making.” After surviving the experience, Wesolowski reported his admiration for middle school teachers who have risen exponentially. Wesolowski’s son, Anton Wesolowski, C90, teaches at Gregory and arranged the visit.

Allison Wilson, Ph.D. (Biology) was recently awarded the Scholl Professorial Chair in Health Sciences for a three-year period beginning on June 1, 2002 and continuing through May 31, 2005. The endowment will enable Wilson to continue her research program that studies the means by which cadmium causes bone loss. She will also mentor students on the research project during the summer and throughout the academic year. †
Athletes Bring Message to After School Program

On February 26, eight Benedictine University student-athletes and Keith Bunkenburg, men’s head basketball coach, visited the South Hinsdale Neighborhood Resource Center’s (NRC) after school program. At the NRC, the Eagles talked to 35 children ages six to 14 about the importance of making decisions. Mike Lind, Bill Chura, Brett Dankowski, Bryan Uselding, Colleen McNicholas, Colleen Scampini and Rob Schellinger discussed a variety of issues with the children ranging from responsibilities of being a student-athlete and being part of a team, to real life lessons learned from choices they have made.

During their stay, the Benedictine student-athletes organized games to stress the importance of being a good teammate and displayed the importance of communication.

Lady Eagles Have Historical Season

The Benedictine Lady Eagles basketball team, under the guidance of first-year Head Coach Chris Hitchcock, received a bid to the NCAA Division III national tournament for the first time in school history.

With an 18-7 record at the end of the regular season, the Lady Eagles traveled to Bethany, West Virginia, to take on Bethany College in the first round of the tournament. Despite a 79-58 loss, Hitchcock feels that the team can build upon the experience.

“This was a positive and memorable experience,” said Hitchcock. “Not just for this year’s team but it is something we can build upon. With a lot of girls returning for the next few years, this is a goal we want to reach again.”

The Lady Eagles began their road to the national tournament going 4-1 in their first five games before losing two straight. However, the squad bounced back to win their next three games before entering the Northern Illinois-Iowa Conference (NIIC) season. They finished third in the conference.

“This was an extremely successful year,” said Hitchcock. “To come out and play as hard as they did was a major accomplishment.”

Scout Day Held at Benedictine

The Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC) at Benedictine University, hosted 15 girl scouts and more than 20 boy scouts for the Eagles’ home basketball games against Eureka College on Saturday, February 1, 2002.

Each scout received a Benedictine University pencil, t-shirt, cup and media guide for the University’s fall and winter athletics. The players autographed books and shirts for the participating troops after the games.

Student athletes, including Colleen Scampini, Adam McCarthy, Jessica Thompson and Pat Ryan, helped to make Scout Day a success.

During the game, the troops participated in halftime relay races and received instructions from Benedictine’s own athletes in various sports. The scouts rallied both teams to victories, cheering the Eagles on from the stands.

The scouts were able to work toward their sports badges for participating in the events.
Uselding Named To NIIC All-Conference Team

Sophomore Bryan Uselding led a pack of Eagles receiving attention in the Northern Illinois-Iowa Conference (NIIC). Uselding, named to the NIIC first-team All-Conference squad for basketball, led the Eagles on the offensive end of the floor. In just his second season, he averaged 16.4 points per contest, the only Eagle to average double-figures. Uselding also led the Eagles on the glass with 6.0 rebounds per game.

The rest of the Eagles starting line-up, Andy Cosme, Bill Chura, Mike Lind and Ron Welkomer, all received honorable mention from the conference.

Gardiner Plays In Aztec Bowl

Benedictine University's Michael Gardiner became the first Eagle selected to play in the Aztec Bowl in the University’s history.

Gardiner, selected to the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Division III All-Stars, traveled to Saltillo, Mexico, to take on the Mexican National team on December 15, 2001.

In the game, Gardiner racked up five solo tackles, one sack and forced a fumble as the Americans cruised to a 37-5 victory over the Mexicans. Gardiner and the Americans' defense held the Mexican National team to just 15 yards rushing.

The game was the fifth in the series between the two countries with the United States winning all five games.

Ryan Named First Team All-American

Despite ending their season back in November, the Benedictine University football program is still in the news. Defensive lineman Patrick Ryan was named to the D3football.com All-American First Team during mid-December.

Ryan racked up a total of 17 sacks during the 10-game season and pulled down 26 tackles in the backfield for a loss of 125 yards.

Despite two recovered fumbles, 17 quarterback hurries and 92 total tackles, including a season high 15 tackles against Eureka College in the Eagles’ fourth game, Ryan was named second team All-Conference by the coaches of the Illini-Badger Football Conference. †

Eagles Finish Strong

The Benedictine University men’s basketball team recorded its sixth consecutive winning season under the guidance of head coach Keith Bunkenburg, winning its last three games to finish with a 13-12 overall record and 8-4 in the Northern Illinois-Iowa Conference (NIIC).

“We didn’t reach our goal of winning the conference,” said Bunkenburg. “But I was proud of the way we played hard throughout the season. We competed against some of the nation’s top teams and never let up.”

Senior Jennifer Olson.

The Eagles began the season at the National Catholic Basketball Tournament, for the tournament’s 18th and final year.

The Eagles then continued with a road trip to Colorado, where they won the Colorado College Tournament.

They won their final three games, including a one-point victory over Rockford College (NIIC Champions).

Brian Uselding led the Eagles offensively. Uselding averaged 16.4 points and 6.0 rebounds per game for the Eagles as a sophomore. †

Chura, Welkomer and Lind were the Eagle’s other offensive threats, averaging 9.5, 8.9 and 8.5 points per game respectively. Welkomer ran the point for the Eagles and had 72 assists.

Cosme provided leadership and enthusiasm to the young squad. He led the team with 79 assists and 47 steals, while scoring 6.2 points per contest. †
Join the Benedictine University Garden Club

New University Garden Club Nurtures the Environment

The Benedictine University Garden Club will be a year-round group dedicated to the conservation of the 108-acre campus. This club will foster the Benedictine Value of Stewardship of the environment. The garden club is open to all members of the Benedictine community who have a love of gardening, floral design and civic and environmental responsibility. If you have a desire to meet new people, learn new skills and help to beautify our community, this is the club for you.

Members of the garden club will enjoy all that Benedictine University has to offer, including access to Benedictine facilities and opportunities for discounted tickets to University events. Whether you are an expert or a novice, nine or ninety, Benedictine University invites you to come and “get dirty” in the fellowship of other gardeners.

If you are interested in getting involved or would like more information, please contact Ellen Wenzel at (630) 829-6004.

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Eighteenth Annual President’s Invitational Golf Outing

Cress Creek Country Club
Monday, July 22, 2002

$ 225 per person

Buffet Breakfast  8:00 a.m.
Shotgun Scramble  9:30 a.m.
Refreshments on the course
Cocktails, Dinner  3:00 p.m.
Raffle & Awards

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For more information call the Alumni Relations Office at (630) 829-6080.
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Undergraduate commencement

June 1
Graduate commencement

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