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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Fall moving into winter teaches us that nature is in its ever-growing and changing seasons. Spring and summer would not be unless there were fall and winter. Team Benedictine, a volunteer group of faculty, staff and students, recently spent a day on campus planting 11,000 tulip bulbs. (See photo page 23.) Talk about hope! We believe, and our experience teaches us, that these bulbs will turn into gorgeous flowers on the campus in a few short months for all to appreciate. While we are now fully ensconced in winter, we look forward to the new birth called spring.

A university like Benedictine goes through seasons and different plantings. I am sure in your memory of things Benedictine you can account for beginnings and endings on campus. The movement from the Chicago Pilsen neighborhood to Lisle, the name changes, the reaching to France and China, the establishment and growth of new programs, the comings and goings of faculty and administrators and even your own coming and going are examples of the life process of the University.

As Team Benedictine planted thousands of bulbs this fall, in the 120 years of this institution many seeds have been planted. Some have germinated quickly, others have taken decades, while still others have yet to germinate. This issue of *Voices* seeks to continue to inform you of the happenings of your University. To this end, Rita Dougherty has written a very special article titled “Mapping Out Growth: a University of Global Proportions” that seeks to describe the various local, regional, national and international programs currently in place. Some of these are recent additions while others have been germinating for decades. I trust you will find this article informative and that it will help you to understand where Benedictine University is today.

As winter unfolds its hoary hands of frost and snow, remember that the Benedictine bulbs are getting ready to make their grand display this spring. May your winter be short and full of the hope that spring brings.

Sincerely,

William J. Carroll
President
In the early 1980’s Abbot Valentine Skluzaček, O.S.B., saw the need to publish a pamphlet that would explain the elements of Benedictine life. In his introduction to the readers of the pamphlet, he recognized that in the years prior to Vatican Council II and the call to all religious men and women in the Church to articulate clearly the charism of their institute, most people who interacted with the St. Procopius Abbey Benedictines through the schools and parishes where the monks taught and ministered didn’t need much of an explanation. “They seemed to acquire an understanding on the Benedictine life by a kind of osmosis,” Abbot Valentine claimed.

The small pamphlet, “Benedictine Life,” was not an original composition but simply a reproduction of a section of the small booklet Renew and Create which was issued by the American-Cassinese Congregation of which the Abbey is a member. What was given in the latter part were 15 identified “elements of Benedictine life:” the ideal, prayer, reading, silence, community life, poverty, conversion, stability, prophetic witness, celibacy, obedience, the abbot, renunciation, work and witness.

In this same spirit, Fr. William J. Byron, S.J., at the time president of The Catholic University of America, challenged in a 1986 article on Catholic higher education: “The particular religious spirit, different in the case of each religious community, is present in the college only to the extent that it is embodied in the members of the religious community who work there and who share their spirit willingly with lay colleagues.” Our University continues to attempt this sharing through the work of the Center for Mission and Identity, and especially through the frequent faculty colloquia where specific values are enunciated and discussions are encouraged.

Benedictine literature, especially books published in the last few years, has taken on a quite definite tone of seeking to extend the Benedictine charism into various aspects of life. One can truly claim that it has been quite gratifying that these various writings are coming from pens (OK, computers) and publishers who are not monks, but rather lay men and women — in many instances not Catholic — who are engaged in a variety of works where they can be significant sources of influence.

The topics covered in their books and articles deal with a great deal more than the simple approach of a monastic life dedicated to the “search for God.”

From the side of both undergraduate and graduate students, we find St. Benedict’s Rule studied in the Rhetoric 103 course taken by all first-year students, as well as by students in the Master of Business Administration program who use the Hartwick College’s “Classic Leadership Case” dealing with the Rule of St. Benedict as a resource for “the nature of leadership from a variety of perspectives.” The case study offers reflections on leadership theories and issues that can be seen reflected by St. Benedict.

Quentin R. Skrabec’s, Ph.D., St. Benedict’s Rule for Business Success (Purdue University Press, 2003) is a small book that sees the business world as its primary client. The back cover claims that St. Benedict’s Rule offers powerful tools to: (1) eliminate negativity in organizations; (2) develop the ultimate in teamwork; (3) use cooperative advantage to win; (4) integrate work and spirituality; (5) achieve Maslow’s top of the triangle — self-actualization and (6) build a knowledge-creating organization. Skrabec’s last section, “The Benedictine Reader,” lists as resources some of the literature used in our own doctoral program in Organization Development, for example, The Fifth Discipline: The Art and Practice of the Learning Organization.
Rules of St. Benedict Influence Contemporary World

Craig S. Galbraith, Ph.D., (University of North Carolina, Wilmington) and the late Oliver Galbraith, Ph.D., (emeritus of San Diego State University) offer us *The Benedictine Rule of Leadership: Classic Management Secrets You Can Use Today* (Adams Media Press, 2004). In their introduction, “Why Study the Rule,” they develop a clear and careful argument demonstrating why the Rule has endured these many centuries. They explain that “the modern manager surrounded by high-speed computers, sophisticated telecommunication devices and highly paid accountants [should] study such an ancient document as the Rule of St. Benedict.” They make their purpose quite clear: “We believe, and our belief forms the basis of this book, that the Rule of Benedict is an important and enduring management text that has successfully guided organizations across the vast chasm of time, from the ancient world of the sixth century to the dawn of the 21st. The book is a treasure trove of advice for managers in our contemporary world.

Another popular contemporary work is *Doing Business with Benedict: The Rule of Saint Benedict and Business Management: A Conversation* by Kit Dollard, Anthony Marret-Crosby and Timothy Wright (Continuum International Publishing Group, 2002). While two of the authors are monks of Ampleforth Abbey in England, their “conversation” provides a wealth of material useful to anyone involved in the contemporary business world. Ampleforth Abbey sponsors a number of “business retreats” focused on high-quality management behaviors.

In his feature article, “What St. Benedict can Teach you About Business Success” that appeared in *Crisis Magazine*, Dwight Longenecker ([www.crisismagazine.com/march 2002/feature5.htm](http://www.crisismagazine.com/march%202002/feature5.htm)) describes a number of business retreats offered at monasteries in England, including those offered at Ampleforth Abbey by the authors of *Doing Business with Benedict*. Longenecker stresses that “Benedict’s eminent practicality makes his way of life applicable wherever people live and work together. His principles can be applied to the family, the parish, the school and the workplace.”

Longenecker reduces his approach at applying Benedict’s Rule to four general principles: “(1) every business success begins with a strong foundation; (2) people are your most valuable resource; (3) treat all your material resources as gifts from God; and (4) transform yourself to transform your workplace.”

Jane Tomaine’s *St. Benedict’s Toolbox: The Nuts and Bolts of Everyday Benedictine Living* (Morehouse Publishing/Continuum International, 2005) provides what one reviewer called a “spiritual repair manual.” Carol Bonomo, herself an author of two books on Benedictine topics, claims that “St. Benedict’s tools for living become gentle hands to build and repair the faults along the way. Her clean-cut clarity and humor inspire and inform us to begin again.”

From the viewpoint of work related to the Rule of St. Benedict done recently by the faculty of our University, perhaps the most significant was the recent participation in a three-day conference of the Association for Core Texts and Courses held in Chicago in April 2006. Benedictine was a major sponsor of this conference. While a good number of the University’s faculty presented scholarly papers related to their various fields (e.g., philosophy, history, sociology and the sciences), J. Kevin Doyle, Ph.D., (“The Rule of St. Benedict as a Business Core Text: How Applicable Is It?”), James R. Pelech, Ph.D., (“Using Benedictine Monasticism to Create a Unique Pedagogy”) and Fr. David Turner, O.S.B., (“An Ancient Monastic Rule and our Contemporary World”) contributed to the special “sponsors’ seminar” early in the conference’s program.

We encourage our readers to keep their eyes and ears open to ways in which they can contribute to this growing use of the Rule of St. Benedict in our contemporary world. Perhaps, as Abbot Valentine suggested, most of our alumni may have absorbed this spirit by “osmosis,” but that does not prevent spreading this good news to our waiting world. ✝

Voices readers can contact Fr. David for a bibliography of contemporary materials by requesting them at dtturner@ben.edu, (630) 829-6245 or mail a request to him at the University. Include your name and address as appropriate.
Sometimes change is scary, or it happens too fast, but philosophers tell us that change is a transformation of what you are to what you can be. That is certainly true in the history and growth of Benedictine University. The institution was built in the middle of a cornfield in a farming community more than 100 years ago. Each of its 10 presidents has protected a Catholic-Benedictine tradition that grew from the footprints of numerous monks, trustees, faculty, staff, alumni and friends.

A number of years ago, Benedictine University began stretching its arms like a sleeping giant and strategically began moving portions of the curriculum off the Lisle campus to places near and far. From a single-site university, it grew to a regional university and now is considered a global institution. Watch it continue to grow.

GLOBAL INFLUENCE

Copenhagen, Denmark

Every other year, the Department of Organization Development in the College of Business has taken graduate and doctorate students to Copenhagen, Denmark. The study involves international leadership and research with global corporations and government organizations at the Copenhagen School of Business and the Oslo Work Research Center.

This unique program gives Benedictine students the rare opportunity to study major Organization Development (O.D.) innovations in a country where the national cultural values are highly consistent with core values of the field of O.D. Students study with, and learn from, other graduate and doctorate students while sharing research interests. The several hundred Benedictine graduates who have taken part in this program now hold positions as O.D. executives in major global corporations.

Master of Business Administration students who have an interest in International Business have the opportunity to take a short course (10-14 days) at the Copenhagen Business School, as well as in Montpellier, France or Shenyang, China. The courses concentrate on International Business while offering students an opportunity to have international experience.

China

The College of Business has a very successful global presence at Shenyang University of Technology and Shenyang Jianzu University in China. In 2001, Lee Lu, a Ph.D. graduate of Benedictine and manager of Benedictine’s Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) China project, initiated discussions with the Chinese Government and Benedictine about the possibility of an exchange student M.B.A. program. However, it became apparent that post 9/11 restrictions made it almost impossible for students to obtain U.S. visas.

After further discussions, the United States Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association and the Chinese Central Board of Education approved a specially designed cohort program for an M.B.A. The first class began in Shenyang in June 2004 and graduated July 2, 2006. (See story on page 20.)

Benedictine professors, often with Lu, travel to China to teach the intensive classes which are held for four hours on Friday night and eight hours on Saturday and Sunday for two consecutive weekends. Students also are required to study four hours a day between classes and submit final assignments 30 days after the course ends. This cohort model takes 16 months to earn the degree. The two M.B.A. cohort classes that began in 2005 are now mid-point to graduation. A new M.B.A. cohort class began in 2006.

The first cohort class for a Master of Science in Management Information Systems (M.S.M.I.S.) degree began at Shenyang Jianzu University of Technology in November 2005. The M.S.M.I.S. curriculum and certificates combine information...
One of Benedictine’s largest programs outside of Lisle is a partnership established with Springfield College in Illinois (SCI) in 2003. The two institutions share Benedictine’s president and chairman of the Board of Trustees, while the vice-chair is a Springfield resident.

The goal of the partnership is to make a seamless path between the general education requirements taken during the first two years of college and the major courses taken in the last two years. Associate degree programs and undergraduate programs (if students want to go on for a bachelor of arts) are under the auspices of SCI, while junior and senior courses are under Benedictine University.

To date, SCI’s enrollment has almost tripled since the partnership took place. Faculty has increased from 18 to 25 full-time instructors and from 25 to 34 adjunct instructors.

Benedictine offers traditional bachelor degrees at SCI in Business, Communication Arts, Economics, Psychology and Management and Organizational Behavior. An accelerated adult program in Psychology was added in 2004 and in 2005 the University received approval to offer a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education, which already has more than 100 students. An accelerated Benedictine Master of Science in Management and Organizational Behavior (M.S.M.O.B.) was added in 2006.

SCI recently became part of Benedictine University’s First Responder program for firefighters and police to earn a college degree. Twenty-two firefighters and police officers are currently participating in the program.

In the past year, SCI has outgrown its perimeter. The College moved some offices and classes into the former Ursuline Convent when the sisters moved out, and recently SCI took over the administration of Ursuline Academy, a high school situated on a section of the College property. There is a 4+1 program established at the high school whereby a senior with at least a 3.0 grade point average can take college courses, and then with an additional year of college earn an associate’s degree.

SCI has also purchased a residential unit across the street from the College to be used as a women’s residence hall. It was dedicated and blessed by Abbot Hugh Anderson, O.S.B., on October 18, 2006. SCI’s future is growing stronger, as is the Benedictine educational tradition. ➤
Partnerships

The College of Science, in partnership with Brookfield Zoo, Fermilab, the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County, the Morton Arboretum and the Golden Apple Foundation, designed a Master of Science in Science Content and Process program for K-8 teachers and science educators who want to increase their knowledge of science and gain confidence in teaching it. The participants study on campus and at the partner organizations — zoology at the Brookfield Zoo, botany at the Morton Arboretum in Lisle, physics and astronomy at the Fermi National Accelerated Laboratory in Batavia and field ecology, management and pre-historic life at sites in the DuPage County Forest Preserve District.

Each site provides unique learning opportunities, and students are offered a 45-hour internship program with scientists at the host organization to better understand the process of science. Designed for elementary and middle school science teachers, one cohort class of 24 students is offered each year. It takes two years to complete the degree program and applicants must hold a valid teaching certificate or work as a science educator.

The College of Science also offers a Master of Science in Clinical Exercise Physiology (M.C.E.P.) in partnership with Villa St. Benedict, a retirement community of independent and assisted living for older adults at Sacred Heart Monastery located across from the University. The Villa’s Performance Enhancement Center (PEC) focuses on keeping seniors healthy and reducing the impact of disabilities. The M.C.E.P. program is a two-year evening program designed in accordance with the American College of Sports Medicine for certification as a registered Clinical Exercise Physiologist. Graduates are qualified for careers in the prevention of cardiovascular disease and rehabilitation or to help those who experience cardiovascular problems.
The College of Education and Health Services recently established a partnership with the College of DuPage (COD) to offer a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) degree. The accelerated R.N.-to-B.S.N. completion is a one-year program that began in January 2007.

Classes are offered in an evening and weekend format at COD with tuition competitive with state schools. The program is designed for working nurses and provides college credit for work experience. Students can also earn concurrent credit toward a Master of Public Health (M.P.H.) or a Management and Organizational Behavior (M.O.B.) degree from Benedictine University (See story page 25).

Classes In the Chicago Suburbs

The University recently divided into five colleges: Business; Education and Health Services; Liberal Arts; Science and The Margaret and Harold Moser College of Adult and Professional Studies. The Moser College is housed in the new Moser Center located at 1832 Centre Point Circle in Naperville. The College was named after Margaret and Harold Moser for their generous contributions to the University. It was dedicated on October 11, 2006 (See story page 18).

The Moser College provides an Alternative Certification Program for change-of-career professionals seeking teacher certification in science and/or mathematics in grades 6-12. This innovative program has received grant funding from the Department of Education for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education (FIPSE).

Professional instructors teach classes for these programs at locations in Addison, Arlington Heights, Aurora, Batavia, Bellwood, Berwyn, Burr Ridge, Darien, Downers Grove, Elgin, Lombard, Maywood, Oak Park/River Forest, Oswego, Tinley Park, Warrenville, West Chicago and Wheaton. As of March 2005, 1,000 students have participated in cohort programs.

Online Offerings

Students in the late 1990s requested an M.B.A. format to accommodate an anytime-anyplace mode of learning. The University agreed to the request and in 2001 established an online M.B.A. program — the University’s first online degree. Benedictine University has offered a traditional M.B.A. degree since 1972. The College of Business also offers the degree in a traditional evening format, an internship format and a weekend format.

The College of Education and Health Services developed an online version of the M.P.H. degree now delivered through the Moser College. It concentrates on Administration of Health Care Institutions, Health Education and Disaster Management. More than 200 students are enrolled in the M.B.A. and M.P.H. programs.

Currently, there are students from around the world taking the online M.B.A. program — two students in Germany, one in Mexico, one in Qatar and one student in the military whose location is unknown.

Library Support

There is tremendous support for the cohort programs from the Benedictine University Library. Since 1998, library personnel have met at least once with every off-campus cohort regardless of location to advise students on home delivery, information technology or instructional sessions for off-campus students. The library supports students in China by tailoring instructional tools and tutorials to their language level.

The Moser College with the University Library uses instructional technology to support students across the globe with WebCT and iLinc. These are communication tools necessary for professionals who travel.

The library also brings world-class resources to students online in four continents: North and South America, Asia and Australia.

ON THE MOVE

In the past five years, Benedictine University has accelerated its curriculum at a pace that would probably surprise the Benedictine monks who founded this school — or would it? That handful of visionary, pioneering monks didn’t hesitate to move to uncharted territory and build a school in a cornfield. Over the years, that one move has motivated thousands of students to leave their own footprints on the country and in the world. The University is ever growing and on the move — while remaining true to its Benedictine and Roman Catholic tradition. So, perhaps they might not be the least bit surprised at what has taken place here.
Values

“The time is always right to do right.” — NELSON MANDELA

Sweet Home Chicago: The Magnificent Miles from Pilsen to Lisle
Sweet Home Chicago:
The Magnificent Miles from Pilsen to Lisle was the theme of the 41st Annual Educare Scholarship Ball. The event set out to recreate the historic journey the monks of St. Procopius Abbey took when they set out from the Pilsen neighborhood of Chicago to build a university in the small farm community of Lisle. More than 400 guests celebrated the University’s largest fundraiser at the Krasa Center on campus.

Outside the ball, guests were greeted by large hot air balloons from the town of Lisle, while the inside featured a journey through Chicago’s famed neighborhoods of China Town, Greek Town and Little Italy.

Upon entering the second floor of the Krasa Center, guests were in ‘downtown Chicago’ where the lights were dazzling and the silent auction was active with bidders. Maurice, C87, and Sarah Bell, honorary ball chair couple, welcomed everyone prior to the meal. The food was wonderful from the Sodexho team who served soup, salad, Teriyaki Tenderloin of Beef and Shrimp Shao Mai. As the silent auction closed, Donna Hrozencik, M.D., C82, offered a short presentation crediting Benedictine University and its supporters for her success as a physician. She asked anyone who would like to contribute to the Scholarship Fund to do so at that time, resulting in $20,000 in donations.

Auction items included a week at a vacation home in Arizona, a canoe trip for eight, a weekend at Zano’s spa with dinner at Catch 35, a catered in-home dinner for 20, a two-night stay in the Presidential Suite at the Hilton and more. Music for entertainment and dancing was offered by the Marshall Vente Band.

Thank you goes out to the evening’s underwriting sponsors: Mike and Marian Hobbs; Joseph and Bess Kindlon; Minuteman Press; William and Marietta Carroll; Tellabs; National Van Lines; Paul and Helen Gauvreau; Dan and Jill Rigby; Sodexho Campus Services; Kevin and Marilou McGriff; and Arthur Littlefield. Thank you also to the table sponsors: John and Mae Calamos, Sr.; Willis and Dayle Gillett; Dan and Carol Goodwin; Paul and Coleen Lehman; Richard and Sue Lamb; the Adult Accelerated Cohort Programs; Benedictine University Alumni Board; Benedictine University Class of 1979; DLR Group; Gerard and Laura D’Souza; Frank and Lorna Folk; Dorcas Pearcy and Robert Marschalk, C73; National City Bank; NICOR; Sodexho Campus Services; and Wildman, Harrold, Allen & Dixon.

Special thanks to Decorative Accents for beautifully transforming the Krasa Center into downtown Chicago and the students that assisted during the evening activities, including 27 student scholarship recipients. Without all of the people who contribute and volunteer, this event would not be the success that it is. The initial tally for money raised for student scholarships is in excess of $170,000.
Benedictine University recognized many of its generous donors at the annual President's Associates Recognition Event on August 5, 2006. The event is one way that Benedictine University says “thank you” to those donors who gave at least $1,000 to the school.

This year’s event featured an afternoon luncheon in the Moser Fireside Lounge at the Krasa Center, followed by a professional lacrosse game between the Chicago Machine and the Denver Outlaws. This was the first year for the Machine to use the Village of Lisle—Benedictine University Sports Complex as its home field. Although Denver had the No. 1 team in the league, the lead in the exciting game went back and forth until the end when a series of scores put Denver ahead, 17-13.

Last year’s President’s Associates event featured a summer dinner and a game hosted by the Chicago Bandits women’s professional fast-pitch softball team, also at the Sports Complex. What is next for 2007? Chief Development Officer Brad Carlson says it has not yet been decided, but insists that it will be something entirely different. “We want to have diversity in events to appeal to a wide variety of interests. We want every President’s Associate to know that their generosity is truly appreciated.”

To learn more about the President’s Associates program or other giving opportunities, contact Brad Carlson at (630) 829-6362 or bcarlson@ben.edu.†

President William Carroll gives a presentation and expresses thanks to the President’s Associates donors and their families.

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Class Gift Builds Diversity Garden

by Jill Poskin, Director of Annual Giving

There was a new landmark on Benedictine University’s campus when students arrived for the fall semester — the Diversity Garden. The garden, made with a wall of different colored bricks, symbolizes the essence of Benedictine’s diverse community.

The funding of this project was an opportunity for graduating students to show appreciation to their university and leave their legacy while also recognizing Benedictine’s diversity as a valuable asset. Last year, with coordination from senior class president, Nour Shehadeh, the Class of 2006 raised $2,600 for the garden located at the northeast corner of Kindlon Hall. As Shehadeh stated in her letter to her 2006 classmates and their parents, “It (the Diversity Garden) will continue to bloom for years to come with beautiful flowers and plants, therefore the Benedictine community will have a lasting, meaningful gift.”

The class of 2007 is working on this project, too. Under the leadership of the co-presidents for the Class of 2007, Nicole Tito and Annabelle Brozek, the class is raising additional funds to further enhance the garden and provide for its future upkeep.

This is a wonderful addition to Benedictine University’s outdoor environment and all the efforts, past and future, from the Classes of 2006 and 2007 are appreciated. Make sure to visit the Diversity Garden next time you are on campus.

Grateful Students Meet Scholarship Donors

by Stephany Mirelez, C07

Over a candlelit dinner, 20 Benedictine University students met some of the men and women who generously awarded their privately-funded scholarships at the third annual Scholarship Donors’ Recognition Dinner held on October 11. The scholarship donors who attended the dinner included Benedictine alumni, faculty and staff, as well as community leaders and friends of the University. The students who attended the dinner were recipients of a wide variety of scholarships, which targeted students in financial need and/or of a particular major. Some of the scholarships were designed to reward academic excellence and others were created by the donors in memory of lost loved ones.

The evening began with a welcome address from University Trustee Chair Will Gillett, donor of the Margaret M. Gillett Memorial Scholarship in Education, and a blessing by Abbot Hugh Anderson, O.S.B. The leisurely meal allowed the scholarship donors and recipients to get to know one another.

After the dinner, University President William Carroll, formally recognized each of the scholarship donors. Junior Jillian Kaskavage, recipient of the Cindy Cebrzynski Endowed Scholarship, then made a presentation expressing her gratitude on behalf of all the scholarship recipients. Acknowledging the donors as essential to the University, Kaskavage thanked them for providing students with the chance to succeed. “Without people in the community such as the Cebrzynskis, none of this would be possible for me,” she said.

Senior Russ Zagorski, recipient of the Raize Software Solutions, Inc. Scholarship in Computer Science, said he was grateful for the chance to meet his donor, Ray Konopka. “I was happy to be able meet the person behind my scholarship,” Zagorski said, “because now he is more than a name to me.”

While many of the scholarship recipients had not met their donors before, others were familiar with one another. Senior Theresa Harkey, recipient of the Scarlato Family Scholarship Award for Young Artists, has been a student of her donor, Professor William Scarlato for four years. As the first recipient of this new scholarship, Harkey said she was honored and humbled by her award. Her gratefulness was no doubt shared by all of the students at the dinner. 
Alumnus Leaves Legacy of Support

Gustav Fischer, C54

When Gustav Fischer created his estate plans, he created a trust to benefit his wife, Rose, and then Benedictine University. Gustav, a 1954 pre-medicine graduate, passed away in 1992, and Rose passed away this year, leaving an unrestricted gift of approximately $135,000 to Benedictine University.

“Gustav didn’t have children, so he thought the University was a good place to leave his money,” says Fischer’s attorney, Denise Gierach. “A trust is sometimes a more comfortable way for people with modest estates to make a charitable gift, because it ensures that their loved one’s needs are taken care of. If Gustav had made a $100,000 gift years ago, he might have worried about whether Rose would have enough to live on after his lifetime.”

Gierach says Fischer had a close relationship with Abbot Valentine Skluzaec, O.S.B., and believes that the personal connection may have been part of the reason for his generous gift. “He felt they were always in good hands with Abbot Valentine, and the abbot was even a co-trustee of Gustav’s estate along with Rose,” she says.

Fischer’s gift was made on an unrestricted basis. Therefore, Benedictine decided to use it to create a new laboratory classroom in the lower level of the Birck Hall of Science and will name the classroom in his memory. This is a critical need today, as the University is unable to add any more science and math majors due to limited laboratory facilities.

Unrestricted gifts through wills and trusts allow the University to meet high priority needs for students. Gift annuities and charitable remainder trusts are always appreciated as well.

To learn more about these or other opportunities to leave a legacy, contact Brad Carlson, chief development officer, at (630) 829-6362 or bcarlson@ben.edu.

Tailgating started at 1:00 p.m. and so did the rain. It didn’t seem to matter as the BBQ grills were lit and the food was brought out for an afternoon of socializing. At the same time, the Athletic Alumni Reunion was underway in the Fireside Lounge and kids of all ages were offered games and face painting.
It’s Back! Alumni Picnic

The Alumni Summer Picnic is back and scheduled for Sunday, June 24, 2007 from noon to 4:00 p.m.

A special alumni mass will be offered before the picnic at the Abbey at 11:00 a.m. Then come over to campus for family activities, games and access to the Rice Center gym and pool. Bring your grill or purchase hot dogs and burgers on site.

Mark your calendars and plan on spending a fun day with old friends at your alma mater. Go to www.ben.edu/alumni for updates. †

Class Reunions — At 6:30 p.m. the classes of 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1990-91 and 1996 gathered throughout the campus and renewed old friendships with their class reunion parties. Total attendance was more than 110 people. It was a great time for all and many stayed until the late hours of the night.

Mark Your Calendar

for Homecoming 2007 which is scheduled for Saturday, September 29. Class reunions will be organized for class years ending in a 2 or 7. Contact Julie Nelligan, alumni relations director, at (630) 829-6077 or jnelligan@ben.edu, for more information. †

Eagles Football — At 3:00 p.m. the Eagles football team took on the Cougars of Concordia University. It was a very exciting game even though the rain was falling even harder. The Eagles took charge almost immediately and won 34-12.

Be a Part of the Solution: Relay For Life

The Relay For Life at Benedictine University is a community-based event designed to honor loved ones, celebrate cancer survivors and raise money for the American Cancer Society. This event offers everyone in the community an opportunity to participate in the fight against cancer.

Get a team together for the April 27, 2007 Relay For Life at Benedictine University from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. in the Rice Center on campus. While the Relay is in progress, team members enjoy entertainment, food, games and camaraderie.

Be a part of the solution. E-mail any questions/comments to student coordinators, Andrew_Meyer@ben.edu or Samantha_Paulinski@ben.edu. †
Attention Alumni: New Benefit for You

Benedictine University has signed an agreement to be a Rewards Partner with National Van Lines. This partnership will offer alumni a great discount on their next move. Benefits include free value protection and competitive rates. Plus, for every move National Van Lines performs for alumni, it will donate 5 percent of the revenue to the Alumni Association.

To set up your move, call (800) 450-2900 and mention you are a Benedictine University alumnus along with the Referral Rewards Account Number 86252. They will take it from there to make sure you have a smooth and safe relocation for your possessions and your family.

An Alumni Tour of Italy

There is an open invitation to the entire Benedictine community to take part in the Benedictine experience of a lifetime with a trip to Italy this year.

The group will leave Chicago on June 12, 2007 and arrive in Milan, Italy on June 13. Fr. David Turner, O.S.B., will be the spiritual guide of the tour, and along with local tour guides will take you through many beautiful places and locations, some of which will be private tours and some being locales not usually seen by ordinary tourists.

You will travel from Milan to Verona and Padua, then on to Venice and Florence and Rome. The tour includes many historic churches, world-famous cathedrals, an olive/wine farm, Vatican City, the Sistine Chapel, the Archabbey of Montecassino (left) and much more. You will see many important places from the life of St. Benedict including the cave where he began his monastic life and the tomb containing his remains.

The trip concludes on June 21. The cost is $3,500 and includes all air and ground transportation costs and daily breakfast in the hotels. Contact the alumni office for information on booking this trip at (630) 829-6077. Contact Fr. David to discuss more details of the trip at (630) 829-6245.

Mark your Calendar for Upcoming “Broadway in Chicago” Musicals

Tickets are on sale now for “The Color Purple” on April 27, 2007 at 8:00 p.m. at the Palace Theatre in Chicago. Tickets are $24 per person (limit six tickets per person).

“Wicked” tickets will be available for early fall 2007. Check the alumni Web site for further details.

To purchase tickets or for further information, contact Julie Nelligan at (630) 829-6077 or jnelligan@ben.edu.

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Alumni Day with the White Sox

On August 27, 2006, a group of 60 alumni, students and friends met at U.S. Cellular Field for an afternoon game of baseball with the World Series Champion Chicago White Sox hosting the Minnesota Twins.

The day was beautiful with a slight breeze off the lake and after enjoying lunch in the Patio, attendees ventured to seats in the outfield. The game was exciting and the group witnessed a win for the Sox 6-1. Everyone had a great time and were looking forward to future trips to both White Sox and Cubs games next year.

Class of 1961 Reunion

On September 9, 2006 in the Krasa Center, more than 20 members and guests of the class of 1961 gathered for their 45th reunion. Many lived within a five miles radius of the campus. However, there were members from Boston, Massachusetts and Louisville, Kentucky.

Abbot Hugh Anderson, O.S.B., C61, celebrated mass in the Krasa Chapel with his fellow classmates. A campus tour was offered, and finally all gathered for an Italian meal. As one class member stated, “Men who once shared a powerful, formative experience came together easily, recognized each other, remembered each other’s names and immediately began talking in an animated manner — almost as if they had just graduated!” It was a delightful evening for everyone, including the alumni/development staff that attended. All promised to come back in five years to celebrate induction into the Golden Eagles for their 50th anniversary.

Swim and Dive Team Celebrates 30 Years

On October 27, 2006 the Benedictine University Swim and Dive Team celebrated 30 years of swimming excellence. After participating in the first meet of the season against North Central College, 60 team members and swimming alumni gathered for food and fun. Along with renewing old friendships the guests were able to view pictures dating back to the 1970s of meets and trips to Florida.

Attention Parents

There is a fast and easy way to find out what is going on around campus.
Go to the parent page of the University’s Web site at www.ben.edu/parents.

When David Laz was a senior at Benedictine University more than 25 years ago, he was elected student body president. He led his class back then and continues to serve as a leader to them today. Laz has been a long-time Benedictine advocate; in fact he named one of his sons Benedict after a talk with Abbot Hugh Anderson, O.S.B., who encouraged him to use the name. Laz is also the father of another son, David, who is expected to be a freshman at Benedictine in fall 2007.

After graduation in 1979, Laz went on to law school at DePaul University where he earned his degree in 1982. For the past 20 years he has been a general law practitioner in DuPage County.

In 2004, Laz celebrated his 25th class reunion. He served on the reunion committee and spearheaded a class project. The committee pledged to raise $25,000 to have a naming opportunity in the library. After the reunion, Laz worked feverishly making phone calls to fellow classmates urging them to make a gift. He believed in the cause so much that he was willing to “put my money where my mouth is.” He sent a personal check, made payable to Benedictine University, to each of his classmates that had not already made a donation to the cause. He urged each recipient to at least match his gift and return both checks to the school. The response was incredible. Not only did the class of 1979 reach their goal for the room, they exceeded it thanks to the generosity of several alumni.

Sadly, his roommate, Jim Murray, died the summer before the 2004 reunion. As a tribute, Laz and other members of the class of 1979 purchased a tree and bench on the Benedictine University Memorial Walkway.

Laz’s involvement with the University is not limited to his efforts with the class of 1979. He volunteered to work with the Political Science Mock Trial team last winter. The team went on to the national tournament.

Laz and his brother, Tom, C72, also an attorney, have participated in the Model United Nations Alumni Simulation since its inception two years ago. “I love being able to help the students. It is great to be able to watch them transform from being quiet, meek and timid into speaking gurus in New York,” said Laz. “I like to take potential lawyers with a mind of mush and help them begin thinking like lawyers. Just like Fr. Christian did for me.”

In the meantime, Laz added, “I’m looking forward to keeping in touch with my classmates and not letting another 25 years go by!”

David Laz, C79, political science
The Stablein family may hold the unofficial title of “Most Benedictine University Graduates in One Family.” They can claim seven siblings and five spouses as Benedictine alumni. That is not something you hear every day — from any university.

If you know of anyone with similar numbers, or more, let us know.

The Stablein Family’s Benedictine Connections

- **Donald Stablein, C75**, Mathematics, Rockville, Maryland, biostatistician and president of The EMMES Corporation.
- **Ralph Stablein, C75**, Economics, Palmerston, North New Zealand, professor of management, Massey University.
- **Larry Stablein, C80**, Economics, Toronto, Canada, vice president of marketing for Loblaw. Spouse: **Josephine “Jo” (Sacco), C81**, Psychology.

Jeanne/Doug

It was nice to attend an institution where many people shared the same Catholic values and work ethic. Attending college so far away from home, it was nice to have family close by. We originally met in freshman Calculus, but our studies took us different directions. Our paths crossed again our senior year through swimming (Jeanne was captain of the women’s team and Doug managed both the men’s and women’s teams.)

The importance of a solid Catholic education has stayed with us. We are trying to instill these same values in our two children, Andrew “AJ”, 12 and Nicole “Nikki”, 10.

Marie/John

[J] I was social chairman of the Students Activity Board junior year and was involved with football all four years. I met Marie when I was walking beside Jaeger and ran into Justine Pavlock (Salcik), C78. Marie was with Justine and she introduced us. We now have three wonderful sons. I have maintained friendships made in my years there. Marie and I also support Benedictine financially as much as possible.

[M] I enjoyed playing on several sports teams (basketball, swimming, track and volleyball) and lettered all four years. I also made several very close friends with whom I still maintain close contact. We get together eight or nine times a year. I have also gone to a few alumni sports events. We also keep up with events at Benedictine through the magazine. I had a lot of fun at [then] IBC.

Rob/Ginny

[R] Besides meeting my wife, the most positive experience at Benedictine was preparing me for the challenges of engineering. My wife and I met through friends and we were on the swim team together. The choice of Benedictine was easy for me. I saw the success my older siblings achieved and I knew I could not go wrong there.

[G] I was able to play sports and be involved in many activities. I also met a lot of great people, including my husband. We now have six children: Matt, 17; Erin, 16; Pat, 13; Kyle, 11; Eric, 8 and Scan, 5.

Tony/Mary

[T] I enjoyed the opportunity to attend school with my brothers and sisters. I also met my spouse there when she came to work at [then] IBC. We celebrated 25 blissful years of marriage this past June. I have always felt that [then] IBC provided me with an education that positioned me to succeed.

[M] I will never forget the day my Mom and I arrived at the school. I was in the first class of girls to live on campus. The football team was there to move our stuff into Jaeger Hall, which had urinals still intact and no mirrors. My roommate cried, but I thought it was great, and it only got better. We have three children: Ryan, deceased; Anthony and Kate. †
Rebuilding Together

Rebuilding Together in Aurora, Illinois is an organization that helps rehabilitate homes for people who, for one reason or another, cannot do it for themselves. Most applicants are elderly, disabled, single mothers or families with children. Each year the organization recruits approximately 500 volunteers. These volunteers are then organized into groups and they set out to work on 15 to 30 homes, generally during the last weekend in April. In addition, the organization raises more than $40,000 in funds to pay for materials for the projects.

One of these volunteers is Benedictine alumnus, Dick Vancura, C61, Physics. Vancura, a former building construction engineer for AT&T and Lucent Technologies, is now retired and divides his time between caring for his 94-year-old father, playing softball and doing volunteer work.

As project manager for Rebuilding Together, he visits the houses of applicants and recommends potential rehabbing projects to the volunteer teams. He manages larger projects, such as roofing and siding replacements, where paid subcontractors are used. He also organizes and runs one of the rehab projects each year.

Vancura became involved with the organization through the Notre Dame Club, some of whose members founded the local branch of the organization when it was known as Christmas in April.

“It would amaze you what we find out there,” said Vancura. “For example, one elderly woman had no hot water. We re-piped the house, and she was able to take a hot shower for the first time in five years. I found another family doing the dishes in the bathtub because the sink piping was clogged and the drain piping leaked. More commonly, we find a lot of leaking roofs, broken windows, bad plumbing, inadequate wiring, non-working appliances, peeling paint and more.”

Vancura makes time to volunteer on these projects because he feels helping others is important. He utilizes the Benedictine value of giving back by using his skills to help those less fortunate.

“This is a particularly rewarding charity,” added Vancura, “because the results are immediately tangible and the recipients of our help tend to be very grateful. It can also be a great learning experience. Volunteers learn by working with experienced carpenters, plumbers, electricians and other skilled volunteers. I tell them ‘help once, do once and then teach others.’”

Vancura and his wife, Kandi, who is a registered nurse at Good Samaritan Hospital, live in Lisle. They have four children, Joe, Lori, Susan and Tom. Both Lori and Susan attended Benedictine.

It is hoped that the stories of those who give back help inspire others to go forward and help those in need.

If you know someone who has given of himself or herself to help others in the Benedictine spirit of giving back, please e-mail lhale@ben.edu.
New Moser Center Opens

Benedictine University hosted an open house for area residents and businesses, current and future students and local dignitaries at the new Margaret and Harold Moser Center for Adult and Professional Studies on October 11, 2006.

The nearly 15,000-square foot facility will enable the University to better address the growing educational needs of non-traditional students. The center is located at 1832 Centre Point Circle in Naperville, which is just off Diehl Road between Naper Boulevard and Washington Street.

“The additional classroom space will allow us to expand our adult offerings,” said William Carroll, University president. “The Moser Center and its proximity to the Reagan Tollway and Naper Boulevard will provide greater convenience for our adult students.”

The Center will be home to the Margaret and Harold Moser College of Adult and Professional Studies, which currently offers an Associate of Arts in Business Administration, a Bachelor of Arts in Management, a Master of Business Administration, a Master of Education (M.Ed.) with an emphasis in Reading and Literacy, an M.Ed. with a Type 75 Leadership and Administration endorsement, and an alternative teacher certification in grades 6-12 in science and math.

The new Moser Center will allow the University to improve its service delivery by centralizing its programs aimed at adult learners. The facility will also be available during the day to area businesses for use as a meeting/conference center when classes are not in session.†

Rental Opportunities at the new Moser Center in Naperville

Are you looking for a hi-tech training facility in a private, classroom setting? Or maybe you just need a little extra space.

The Margaret and Harold Moser Center for Adult and Professional Studies in Naperville is available for meetings, seminars, classes and corporate training.

To find out more about availability and pricing at the Moser Center, conveniently located at 1832 Centre Point Circle just off Diehl Road between Naper Boulevard and Washington Street, contact Denise West at (630) 829-6027 or (630) 361-5307.
The Department of International Business and Economics (IBE) will be celebrating the 25th anniversary of its first graduate this spring. Established by Margaret Roth, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus, in 1979 with the assistance of four U.S. Department of Education grants, this program was designed to be interdisciplinary in nature. It included not only functional business courses but also courses that embraced cultural factors that affect international business values and behaviors. Other courses were added from the areas of humanities (History, Language and Religious Studies), social science (Political Science, Anthropology and Economics) and business. Furthermore, these grants enabled the IBE department to bring world-renowned speakers to campus; establish study abroad opportunities; develop exchange programs with universities in Asia, Europe and Latin America; and send faculty to international conferences.

A bachelor’s degree in International Business and Economics combines practical and theoretical knowledge while instilling in the students the importance of risk-taking and diversity. This interdisciplinary nature allows graduates to pursue many different career paths. IBE alumni are in traditional business careers working domestically for such companies as Molex, Motorola, Tellabs, PepsiCo, Hapag-Lloyd and Ace Hardware. Some are working internationally in companies such as Nextel Mexico and Fidelity Strategic Investments in Paris, France. Others have gone on to pursue careers in government and in law. The department has produced a tremendous amount of successful alumni.

Responses to the IBE newsletters provide a mosaic of alumni achievements and spurred the idea for a special class notes section on the Benedictine Web site. You will find short biographies on many graduates from the department that highlight their success at www.ben.edu/alumni. Special thanks to Margaret Roth for her work on this special class notes section.
Reflections With Fr. James Flint, O.S.B.

A GOOD FRIEND TO KEEP AROUND

In the courtyard of the Scholl Center, right outside the University’s Executive Offices, stands a statue of the Apostle St. Jude. He arrived at his present location only a few years ago, but his relationship with the Little Benedictines is a long one, going back three-quarters of a century.

He first came on the scene around 1930, taking up residence on the grounds of what was then St. Joseph Bohemian Orphanage (the present Benet Academy). The superintendent, Fr. Anselm Fleisig, O.S.B., was in the process of developing the orphanage’s physical plant. A grotto honoring St. Jude was constructed, using stones excavated on the campus. The boys of the institution (there were about 300 residents in the orphanage at that time) supplied most of the labor, though one workman, Paul Halcin, is said to have had a major role.

The Vermont granite statue of St. Jude was the gift of a prominent couple within Chicago’s Czech Catholic community, Ben and Josephine Bohac. In 1922, Ben had organized Talman Home Federal Savings and Loan in Chicago, an institution that would become one of the largest of its kind in Illinois.

Over the next decades, the St. Jude Grotto at the orphanage (located a few hundred feet southwest of the present St. Joseph Hall at Benet) became a pilgrimage site for thousands of devout Catholics from the Chicago area and beyond. Fr. Anselm organized a series of public novenas monthly from June through October.

After the orphanage closed in 1956, the land on which the Shrine was located was not included in the property of St. Procopius (Benet) Academy, but was later sold for development. This necessitated the dismantlement of the St. Jude Grotto in the early 1970s.

The statue of St. Jude began a decade-long residence in one of the garages at Benet. In time, happily, he returned to public view, thanks to the efforts of some great friends of the College, Bernard and Lydia Polek. She was the daughter of Ben and Josephine Bohac, and Bernie had risen to the presidency of Talman Home Federal. A trustee of the College from 1971, he worked with the leadership of the College and Academy to find a worthy location for the statue first donated by his wife’s parents.

And so, on October 5, 1987, University officials joined with the Poleks at a small ceremony during which the St. Jude statue, placed outside the south wall of Benedictine Hall, was rededicated by Fr. Michael Komechak, O.S.B. The surrounding lawn became a pleasant garden spot in the following years.

As the time approached to take down Benedictine Hall, the necessity arose of finding a new home for St. Jude, and thus came his most recent move, to the courtyard of Scholl. Some wry humor has been heard about the location of the Saints of Hopeless Cases so near to the Executive Offices — to which the reply might be suggested, that this saint needs to be close at hand so that the executive officers might pray for certain departments elsewhere on campus.

But no matter who most needs and most receives the help of good St. Jude, the campus as a whole benefits from the presence of these reminders both of its own history and of the communion of saints that, in Catholic belief, links believers with their predecessors in doing God’s work.†

University Celebrates First Graduating Class in China

Twenty-eight Chinese students earned their Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) from Benedictine University at its partner university, Shenyang University of Technology in Shenyang, China in the spring of 2006.

The North Central Association approved a proposal nearly two years ago allowing Benedictine University to offer M.B.A. and Master of Science in Management Information Systems (M.S.M.I.S.) programs in China. The University earlier had received permission from the Chinese Central Board of Education to partner with two universities in Shenyang, a city of about 4.8 million people in northeast China.

The courses are taught by both Benedictine and Chinese professors using Benedictine’s curriculum. Students progress through the curriculum in groups of 20-30 students and attend class 40 hours over two weekends. They also spend an additional four to six hours per day studying the material. Each group of 20-30 students, or “cohort,” completes the entire course of study in 16 months.

Benedictine extended its graduate programs to China in response to restrictions that make it difficult for foreign students to obtain U.S. visas. Those restrictions have dissuaded many students from applying. Nevertheless, the Chinese believe that American business programs can best train their future employees to meet the needs of an increasingly complex society.

Benedictine also has a history of providing education opportunities for students from all racial and ethnic backgrounds, and University officials view this partnership as an opportunity to build a strong bond between Benedictine and the universities in Shenyang.

“This partnership affords Benedictine University an opportunity to impact China’s future, and provides our students and faculty with international experience in one of the world’s most dynamic business arenas,” said Sandra Gill, Dean of the College of Business.

The Benedictine M.B.A. program is offered through Shenyang University of Technology while the M.S.M.I.S. is available through Shenyang Jianzhu University.

For more information about the Benedictine M.B.A. and M.S.M.I.S. programs, call (630) 829-6300.†
The 379 freshmen represent a 20 percent increase over the record 311 first-year students who began in the fall 2005 term.

The University’s academic standards remain among the most stringent in the state. Benedictine’s mean ACT composite stayed at 23 (the same as in 2005), the average incoming cumulative grade point average remained at 3.3, and the number of incoming freshmen who graduated in the top 10 percent of their class remained constant (approximately 19 percent).

Incoming freshmen continued to list the sciences as the area of greatest interest (166 students or 43 percent), followed by undecided (22 percent), business and health (13 percent), social sciences (9 percent), humanities (6 percent) and education (4 percent).

“An essential part of Benedictine’s growth can be attributed to our academic programs . . . particularly our excellence in the sciences,” said Benedictine University Executive Vice President Charles Gregory.

Although women comprise the majority of the Benedictine University student body overall (about 60-40), the freshman class reflected almost a 50-50 split. Eighty-two percent of freshmen are residents of the suburbs, 8 percent are from Chicago proper and 71 percent attended public high schools.

Benedictine also remains one of the most diverse campuses in the Midwest. Minority students comprise more than 35 percent of the freshman class.

“The Benedictine University has a reputation as a place where students of all faiths, colors and creeds are able to meet in a universal pursuit of truth and knowledge,” Gregory said.

“We believe that the diversity of our student population enhances the educational experience for all students.”

Master’s Programs In Education Offered at SCI

Benedictine University continues to expand its offerings in central Illinois, receiving approval from the Illinois Board of Higher Education to make its Master of Education (M.Ed.) and Master of Arts in Education (M.A.Ed.) programs available to students at Springfield College in Illinois (SCI).

The M.Ed. program began in October 2006 and classes for the M.A.Ed. program will get underway in January 2007.

The University has been offering bachelor’s degrees in Business and Economics, Psychology and Management and Organizational Behavior at SCI since September 2003. An accelerated adult program in Psychology and a Master of Science in Management and Organizational Behavior were added to the SCI campus in October 2004.

In April 2005, Benedictine received approval to offer a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education at SCI. That program has grown to encompass more than 100 students, exceeding initial projections by four years.

SCI, founded in 1929 by Catholic Ursuline Sisters, and Benedictine University formed a “strategic alliance” in January 2003. Since the partnership was established, enrollment at Springfield College in Illinois has increased to nearly 800 students and the number of adults enrolled in its “New Horizons” accelerated degree program has more than doubled.

For more information about the master’s programs in education program at SCI, call the Admissions Office at (217) 525-1420 ext. 241.

University Official Site of National Day of Prayer

Benedictine University is now an official site for the National Day of Prayer which takes place all over America on the first Thursday of May. On May 3, 2007 the University will host Rev. Martin Marty, Ph.D., as the keynote speaker at this event. Marty is a theologian and considered to be “the most influential interpreter of religion” in the country, according to Time magazine.

The National Day of Prayer was created by an act of Congress and is, therefore, intended for all peoples of faith to pray to the God of their understanding. The day was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman.

As stated on the Web site, www.nationaldayofprayer.org, “The United States was born in prayer and founded on a relationship with God while instituting His biblical principles and moral values.”

Tickets are $25/per person and include breakfast. For more information and/or to purchase tickets contact Lindsay Kasha (630) 829-6008 or lkasha@ben.edu.

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Benedictine University has been named to the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for its participation in a range of volunteer service activities during the 2005-2006 school year including Hurricane Katrina relief efforts and participation in the American Cancer Society Relay For Life.

“The Benedictine values that guide the University include an appreciation for living and working in community, a concern for the development of each individual and a dedication to responsible stewardship of the earth,” said Marco Masini, associate vice-president for Student Life at Benedictine University. “We strongly encourage our students to participate in and take ownership of community service projects as part of the University’s commitment to these values.”

More than 1,000 Benedictine students participated in some form of community service project during the 2005-2006 academic year. In addition to Katrina relief efforts, students also provided free tax preparation for senior citizens, offered free nutrition counseling for seniors, undertook a mission trip to Bolivia and sponsored several blood drives.

Koinonia Returns to Benedictine

Over the weekend of October 6-8, 2006, University Ministry sponsored the first Koinonia retreat for Benedictine students in approximately 12 years. Koinonia, the Greek word for community, indicates that the retreat’s purpose is to strengthen the University’s faith community, principally among the students. The retreat follows the Paschal Mystery with the mottos of Die, Rise and Go for each respective day. The motto for this particular retreat was “may he bring us all together to everlasting life” from the Rule of St. Benedict 72:12.

As a student-led retreat, God provided wonderful student leaders for the retreat team as well as eager new participants with whom those leaders shared their faith. The team members began the planning last school year, each attending a Koinonia retreat at another university. They drew upon the experiences of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign’s St. John’s Catholic Newman Center, Illinois State University’s St. Robert Bellarmine Newman Center and Bradley University’s St. Joseph Newman Center.

The October retreat was named Benedictine Koinonia (BK) 8 and placed under the patronage of St. Benedict to connect with the past. It was later discovered that the last retreat was not BK7, but in fact, BK8. Attempts to send news out on the grapevine eventually reached a previous BK8 alumnus who then surprised everyone in the alumni portion of the retreat with this news. Thus, there are now two BK8s.

There is an e-mail list in operation for all BK alumni. For information on it and participation in the alumni portions of future retreats, such as BK9 on March 30-April 1, 2007, please contact Fr. Robert Sum, O.S.B., at rsum@ben.edu or (630) 829-6030.
Williamson’s topic, “Genocide in Darfur: The U.S. Role in Protecting Human Rights,” held the packed audience’s attention for nearly two hours. Williamson, the U.S. representative to the U.N. Commission on Human Rights in Geneva, Switzerland in 2004 and the Assistant Secretary of State, International Organization Affairs, U.S. Department of State in Washington, D.C. in the late 1980s, spoke with subdued authority and supported his claims with a clear grasp of the situation in western Sudan’s Darfur province, which he called “the greatest crisis in the world.”

The United States has a moral obligation to intervene in Darfur, Williamson said. “The moral territory of international relations is not simple, and it is not easy. Nonetheless, to deny our moral responsibility is to deny our humanity,” he declared.

The situation in Darfur is dire, he stressed: in the past four years, 400,000 people have died and hundreds of thousands have been displaced by Arab militia and government troops. However, there are avenues the United States can take to stop these numbers from rising, Williamson said. He recommended that U.S. intelligence press for more information regarding the situation in Darfur and that President George W. Bush make Darfur an important topic in talks with other countries, particularly China and Russia. He also suggested the United States supply logistical support for a U.N. peacekeeping mission to the region and impose a travel ban, as well as a trade embargo, on Darfur.

Jim Ryan Symposium Takes Hard Look at Darfur

by Stephany Mirelez, C07


For the eighth year in a row, U.S. News & World Report ranks Benedictine among the top 25 percent of Midwestern colleges and universities that offer a full range of undergraduate degrees and master’s degrees but few, if any, doctoral programs. Only three Illinois institutions rank higher than Benedictine in this category.

Benedictine also ranks eighth among the top Midwest universities in “Campus Diversity.” More than a quarter of Benedictine’s undergraduate students belong to an ethnic, religious or racial minority. Asian-Americans comprise the largest group of minority students at Benedictine University at 14 percent with African-Americans comprising 10 percent.

The University also ranked 30th out of 140 of schools classified as “Best Universities — Master’s” in the Midwest.

Candor Featured in Design Showcase

Congratulations to the Benedictine student newspaper, The Candor, for being selected for inclusion in the St. Louis 2006 Design Showcase at the recent College Media Advisors/Associated Collegiate Press Conference.

The Candor was featured twice at the showcase for its August 28 arts and entertainment layout (page 7) and for its overall front page design and mini-tabloid format. The Candor was chosen from several hundred college student publications from across the nation.

The Candor is available online at www.ben.edu/candor.
The Center for Educational Policy Research (CEPR) at the University of Oregon has recognized two general chemistry courses at Benedictine University for reflecting the best of college teaching.

The CEPR cited the course sequence taught by Benedictine professors Timothy Marin, Ph.D. and Niina Ronkainen, Ph.D., and Department of Chemistry chair Edward M. Winkler, Ph.D., titled “General Chemistry I Lab; General Chemistry II Lab,” as one of the top examples of best practices.

In addition to being cited as a best practices course overall, specific elements of the course were designated as “exemplary.”

The College Board Advanced Placement (AP) Best Practices Course Study conducted by the CEPR focused on the content and structure of best practice college courses in subject areas tested by AP. The purpose of the study is to inform high school AP teaching so that the proper content focus is emphasized and the crucial attitudes and skills necessary to thrive in a college classroom are developed.

To identify best practices courses, the CEPR assembled a panel of national experts who analyzed top courses from a wide range of institutions. A total of 166 courses from across the nation were reviewed.

“Benedictine University can take pride in faculty such as Dr. Winkler and the contributions that faculty of this caliber make to improving educational practices nationally,” said David T. Conley, Ph.D., director of the Center for Educational Policy Research.

$150,000 NSF Grant to Study Growth in Emerging Economy Awarded

In 1978, there were a handful of computer software companies in India that produced annual revenue of a meager $1.3 million.

Twenty-seven years later, there were 4,962 software companies in the populous South Asian country producing annual revenues of $17.5 billion.

How did this explosion occur, and how might the same factors affect exponential industrial growth in other emerging economies?

Ramkrishnan Tenkasi, Ph.D., a professor in the Organization Development program at Benedictine University, has been awarded a $149,877 grant by the National Science Foundation (NSF) to study this phenomenon. Only 5 percent of the more than 100 grants submitted for 2006 were funded by the Innovation and Organization Change Division of the NSF.

Tenkasi’s project is titled, “Key Institutional and Entrepreneurial Determinants of the Founding Rates of Indian Software Firms 1966-2005: An Empirical Analysis.”

The study will examine the impact of such variables as caste, educational background and employment experience within the Indian software industry of the entrepreneurs who fueled this dramatic software sector growth. It will also study the affects of government regulation, infrastructural facilities such as technical universities, software technology parks, business location and venture capital financing.

This study will contribute to knowledge about the institutional and entrepreneurial dynamics underlying the evolution and rapid growth of new industries, and could have broader application for understanding innovation and industrial change in general. The study may also affect government policy toward sectors of the economy seeking revitalization or rapid expansion.
Managed care.
Shortened length of stay.
The shift to community-based care.
Competition for jobs.

Today’s working registered nurse (R.N.) faces a number of challenges. The Benedictine University Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.), a collaborative effort with the College of DuPage (COD), provides the experienced R.N. the skills and knowledge necessary to undertake leadership positions and to further their education at the graduate level.

BENEDICTINE, COLLEGE OF DUPAGE PARTNER TO OFFER ACCELERATED BACHELOR’S IN NURSING

The program emphasizes critical thinking, focuses on giving the student the knowledge and the tools to make sound decisions, and helps students develop the self-confidence to take their careers to the next level,” said Alice Sima, M.S.N., M.B.A., R.N., director, Pre-Professional Health Programs at Benedictine.

The accelerated R.N.-to-B.S.N. completion is a one-year program that builds on previous knowledge, emphasizes critical thinking and grants credit for prior learning. Classes are offered in an evening and weekend format and will be held at COD beginning in January 2007. The program offers a private education at a tuition competitive with state schools.

The program is designed solely for working R.N.’s and provides credit for work experience. Benedictine will accept up to 65 hours of community college credit from transfer students and the program requires no time limit on science courses. The program is also accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission.

Students who participate in the program can also earn concurrent credit toward a Master of Public Health (M.P.H.) or a Master of Science in Management and Organizational Behavior (M.S.M.O.B.) from Benedictine.

For more information about the B.S.N. program, call (630) 829-6585 or e-mail asima@ben.edu.

GAIN A PERFORMANCE EDGE: SPORTS NUTRITION

There is an increased need for dietitians in wellness settings. According to the 2006-2007 Bureau of Labor Statistics, the “employment of dietitians is expected to grow faster than average through 2014, as a result of the increasing emphasis on disease prevention.” Nutrition and wellness promotion programs at worksites, schools and in communities, consistently document the success of increased knowledge, behavior change and improved health.

Being proactive, the Benedictine University College of Education and Health Services launched the Master of Science in Nutrition and Wellness (M.S.N.W.) degree program in the fall of 2006. The degree program is unique by providing a life science-based foundational core with the opportunity for students to select a concentration in Nutrition or from the complementary fields of Health Education or Exercise Physiology. Concentrations foster eligibility for certification exams, such as those offered by the American College of Sports Medicine, the National Commission for Health Education Credentialing or the Commission on Dietetics Registration (CDR) of the American Dietetic Association (ADA). This is the only M.S.N.W. in the country that is combined with a Dietetic Internship option.

CDR announced the availability of Board Certification as a Specialist in Sports Dietetics for registered dietitians (R.D.) in 2006. Sports dietitians assess, design and implement programs, educate, and counsel active people and athletes. Employment opportunities for sports dietitians vary. Some work in sports medicine group practices, work site wellness centers or eating disorder clinics, while others work directly with teams and professional athletes when consulting. Other possibilities include teaching courses at universities and producing or marketing sports nutrition products with corporations.

Using the content outline for Certification provided by CDR, the Department of Nutrition initiated a new sports nutrition concentration and a certificate program for the M.S.N.W. Completion of a master of science degree in nutrition with a sports nutrition emphasis contributes to meeting two-thirds of the specialty practice hours required to sit for the Sports Dietetics Board Certification exam administered by the CDR. Departmental plans for expansion include the addition of an optional sports nutrition internship for registered dietitians enrolled in the M.S.N.W. program.

For more information about graduate or undergraduate nutrition degree or certificate programs, visit www.ben.edu/nutrition, or contact Catherine Arnold, Ph.D., nutrition department chairperson, at (630) 829-6534 or carnold@ben.edu.
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Class of 1979
Kathleen Newhouse, History, is an interior designer and the C.E.O. of Park Place Interiors located in Geneva, Illinois. She resides in St. Charles with her husband, Russ.

Class of 1981
Vernon Kowal, Political Science, has recently joined the Midwest-based law firm of Dykema in Chicago. He earned his M.A. from Loyola University, his J.D. from Valparaiso School of Law and an LL.M. in Taxation from DePaul University School of Law. He is a member of DuPage County Bar Association, A.C.I.S. Private Colleges Board of Directors and the National Illinois Council of School Attorneys.

Class of 1982
Darlene Castelvecchi, Psychology, has been honored as a member of the Who’s Who Among American Teachers 2005-2006. Castelvecchi and her husband, Jaime Arias, reside in Elgin.

Class of 1983
Lt. Col. Richard J. Hazdra, U.S.A.F., Political Science, is the deputy chief, Operational Readiness Division, at the headquarters for the United States Air Force in the Pentagon. He manages the reporting system for this division and processes reports for the Chief of Staff of the Air Force and on to the Secretary of Defense. He earned a Master of Science degree in Military Strategic Studies in 2006 from the U.S. Army War College. Hazdra lives in Washington, D.C. with his wife, Sue.

Class of 1984
David Zager, M.B.A., has been named the new finance director by Naperville School District 203. For the past seven years Zager served as the assistant superintendent for business services in St. Charles Community Unit School District 303.

Class of 1987
Fr. Andrew Skrobutt, Chemistry, after being ordained in May is now serving as an associate pastor at the Holy Angels Church in Aurora. In 2001 Fr. Skrobutt entered the Kenrick-Glennon Seminary in St. Louis. He will also be teaching theology classes at Aurora Central Catholic High School in the fall.

Class of 1988
Richard Anderson, M.D., Biochemistry, recently was selected as chairman of the membership committee for Mid-West Surgical Association.

Class of 1992
Kim (Schoen) Osborn, Biology, is working as a project manager for Abbott Labs, Diagnostic Division in Abbott Park, IL. She resides in Spring Grove, IL. with her husband, Jeff, and their three children: Kelly, Jonathan and Sarah.

Class of 1996
Kate Loritz, Communications, M.S.M.O.B.’00, works in market analysis for specified industrial applications and organizational development for sales resources and strategy. She recently accepted a promotion to manager of Marketing and Sales Effectiveness at Praxair, Inc. Outside of work she competes in triathlons and rides in long-distance road cycling events. In August 2006, she won her first multi-sport award, taking third in her division.

Class of 1997
Richard Munaretto, Health Science, graduated as the valedictorian of University of Illinois Chicago (UIC) College of Dentistry in 2001 with a B.S.D./D.D.S. He was accepted into the UIC Endodontic program and completed his residency in 2003. He currently works at Cameo Endodontics, Ltd. Munaretto is married to Gretchen and they have two children, Francesco, and newborn, Dominic. The family resides in Lombard.

Dawn M. Dahlgren, Special Education, has made a career change and is now working as a qualified mental retardation professional case manager/social worker for Trinity Services where she works with adults with severe mental and physical disabilities. She is working on her master’s in Organizational Leadership at Lewis University.

Class of 2001
Holly Gunter, Biochemistry, currently works as a protein research specialist researching biofuels at Michigan State University.

Class of 2002
Barbara Low, Management and Organizational Behavior, recently accepted the position of vice president of human resources with the National Insurance Crime Bureau. She is also an adjunct professor at Dominican University and is teaching in the Executive M.B.A. program in Torun, Poland.

Lorene (Feltz) Morawski, M.P.H., is the manager of quality improvement programs at the American Academy of Pediatrics. She and her husband, Todd, reside in Milwaukee, WI.

Class Notes Winners from Fall 2006
Nick Scipione, C04
David Soviak, C90
Amy Zerkle, C97

If your name is listed here, then you have won a prize from the Office of Alumni Relations. Congratulations! In upcoming issues of Voices, three people who appear in the Class Notes section of the magazine will be randomly chosen to win an alumni prize. (One win per person during duration of promotion.)

If you are one of these lucky winners, please contact Julie Nelligan BEFORE February 20 to collect your prize. Good luck and keep sending in those class notes! †
Amanda Miller, Molecular Biology, has entered her third year of medical school at Midwestern University.

Class of 2004
Jamie Mellott, History, recently earned her M.A. in History at Northern Illinois University. She works as a teaching assistant and will continue to pursue her studies at Northern in the Ph.D. program.

Class of 2005
Diane Homolka, Management, was promoted to business manager of the Lisle Convention and Visitors Bureau (LCVB). She is responsible for overseeing the LCVB’s day-to-day operations and currently resides in Wheaton with her husband and their two teenage children.

Marriages
Samantha Kanakes, Marketing '00, was married to David Dickey in September 2006. After a honeymoon in Maui, they are at home in Naperville.

Rebekah (Duderstadt) Kelly, Forensic Chemistry '00, recently married Raymond Kelly in June 2006. They currently reside in Oakland, CA.

Lt. David McEttrick, M.S.C., U.S.N., Psychology '98, and Kelly Wilsman of Springville, NY were married on October 15, 2005 in Jacksonville Beach, FL. The couple now resides in Bluffton, SC. He is the Aeromedical Safety Officer for Marine Air Group-31 at Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, SC and was recently awarded the Navy Achievement Medal.

Karri Uhlarik, Psychology '93, was married to Lance Cagle on July 29, 2006. They reside in Fisher, IL.

Meghan (Horton) Burton, Health Science '98, and her husband, Michael, had a baby boy, Grayson, in May 2006. He was welcomed home by his big sister, Rachel.

Michelle (Manno) Cunningham, Molecular Biology '00, and her husband, Jon, welcomed a baby boy, Liam Cunningham, in June 2006.

Salman Hazboun, M.B.A. '04, and his wife, Mary, were blessed with a baby girl, Isabella, on July 21, 2006.

Lisa (Schindlbeck) Kaufman, Special Education '94, and her husband, Jeffrey, a patent attorney, had a daughter in 2005. She recently graduated from John Marshall Law School. The family resides in San Diego, CA.

Kathleen (Withington) Orlowski, Marketing, and her husband, Jason Orlowski, '95 Computer Science, welcomed their first child, Grace Elizabeth Orlowski, on August 16, 2006. She works as a project manager at Produce Reporter Co. and her husband is a network administrator for PSI, Inc.

Leslie Spencer, M.C.P. '01, and her husband, John, had a son, Donovon Spencer, born on July 4, 2006. Spencer currently works as a therapist at Transitional Living Services.

Kimyada Wellington, M.B.A. '03, and her husband, Clarence, recently had a baby boy, Clarence Claude Wellington III. She returned from Afghanistan in March 2005 and is employed with the State of Illinois Department of Human Rights as a human rights investigator.

Maria Victoria (Guataquira) Wise, International Business and Economics, M.B.A. '02, and her husband, Rick, welcomed their first child, Sebastian Joaquin Wise, on January 14, 2006. She is a global logistics manager for the International Truck & Engine Corporation in Warrenville, IL.

Correction Notice:
It was incorrectly noted in the Fall 2006 issue that Dennis Motyka, C71, had passed away. A person with the same name had appeared in an obituary. We apologize for any problems this notification may have caused the family. Motyka and his family currently reside in Orland Park.

 Shirley Baumann, '82, passed away in September 2006.
Fr. Ivan Dobnikar, O.S.B., St. Procopius Academy ’45, passed away on November 13, 2006.
Catherine (Mann) Gibbs, Elementary Education ’95, passed away on March 8, 2006.
Fr. Michael Ginter, History ’75, passed away on July 31, 2006.
Norbert Grenchik, St. Procopius Academy ’52, passed away on June 19, 2006.
Christine Jefchak, Accounting ’87, passed away in July 2006.
Dennis J Joslyn, Ph.D., Biology ’69, passed away on March 1, 2006.
Elisa Piazza, Biology ’81, passed away on October 14, 2006.
Richard Prise, St. Procopius Academy ’56, passed away in October 2006.

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If you have any questions, contact Abbot Hugh Anderson, O.S.B. at (630) 829-6029.
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Tell us about a favorite memory of your time at Benedictine.
E-mail lhale@ben.edu.

we want your class notes

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Catherine Arnold (Nutrition) presented “Effect of Nutrition Courses on Self-Efficacy for Dietary Fat” at the 4th International Biennial SELF Research Conference in July in Ann Arbor, Mich. The four-day conference provided researchers in educational psychology, a forum for disseminating findings on self-concept, self-efficacy, motivation and identity. Arnold also presented “Impact of the Fun, Food and Fitness Camp” as part of the Measuring Effectiveness and Benefits of Nutrition Interventions educational session at the American Dietetic Association national annual Food and Nutrition Conference and Exhibition in Honolulu, Hawaii in September. Arnold presented “Impact of Nutrition Education on the Fruit and Vegetable Consumption of Children” as a poster session at the conference.

Edna Bautista (Communication Arts) coordinated the Great Ideas For Teachers (GIFT) program at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC) conference in San Francisco, Calif. in August. She also received an award of excellence for her work on the GIFT program as well as for her service as editor of The Community College Journalist quarterly publication. Bautista is the new Candor advisor.

Kevin Doyle (Business Administration) presented “Theory of Constraints Experience: Batch Size and Multitasking” to the second International Symposium on Management, Engineering and Informatics in July in Orlando, Fla. The paper, a joint work with Dave Long of Tekelec, was selected as best in the session.

Maryann Flock (Music) was the first guest speaker in the Recital Forum Series at Saint Mary’s College in South Bend, Ind. in September. Flock presented “Creating Musical Ensembles to Enhance Careers in Music Education and Performance.” She explained how she founded the New Horizons Band at Benedictine University (a beginners band for adults over the age of 50) and that Benedictine’s band is part of the national

Liz Eisheid, C83, was the editor of The Candor and thinks she probably took this photo. Man on the left is Rick Hazdra, C83, and the man on the opposite end is Mike Kucera, C80. She believes that this was taken in the Commuter Lounge and knows that these two were commuters.

The photo was taken in the spring of 1980 and it is the 1979-1980 year Commuter Association Board. From left to right it is Rick Hazdra, C83, Sue (Eben) Taddeucci, C80, Bob Yelm, C82, Frank Steurer, C81 and Mike Kucera, C80.

This ties into the photo (of the band also pictured) because Fr. Ambrose Ondrak, O.S.B., C15, is Rick Hazdra’s great uncle. Fr. Ambrose is James Hazdra’s, C55, uncle, and Rick Hazdra is James Hazdra’s son. Rick is also the brother of Mike Hazdra, C81, who has worked at Benedictine since the 1970s.


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Benedictine University leader Fr. Roman Galiardi, O.S.B., passed away November 26, 2006.

Fr. Roman was appointed president of the school in 1965. Toward the end of his term, the monks voted to change the name of St. Procopius College to Illinois Benedictine College. He guided the school onward until 1971. During his presidency, he was instrumental in the schools’ growth during a time of many changes. He also formed a working Board of Trustees and expanded fundraising efforts with the start of the Educare Scholarship Ball. In recent years he continued to help guide the school in his role as a trustee.

Fr. Roman was a modern founder of this University. He will be missed. †
Pedagogy Symposium held at the University of St. Francis in October. Their collaborative presentation was titled “Getting More Out of the Computer Science Curriculum Using Practica.” Nohl was elected to serve as chair of the ACCA Computer Science Division for the academic year 2006-2007.

Theresa Parker (Fine Arts) served as judge of awards at the Fourth Annual Fine Art Exhibition at the Oakbrook Center in September. Parker also served as judge of awards at the 43rd Annual Invitational Fine Craft Exhibition at the Oakbrook Center July 8-9. She is the former assistant director and artist consultant for Curtis, Allen & Turner Fine Arts in Chicago. She also served as curator and interim director for the Elmhurst Art Museum and is currently the curator at the Crown Center Gallery at Loyola University in addition to teaching at the College of DuPage and Benedictine University.

Jon Colby Swanson (Master of Public Health) presented on “Stress Management” to the West Suburban Dietetic Association in September.

Ramkrishnan Tenkasi (Organization Development) transitioned into the role of Chairman of the Organization Development and Change Division of the Academy of Management in August 2006. Along with George Hay, a graduate of the Benedictine Ph.D. program in Organization Development and Change Management, Tenkasi completed an invited chapter titled “Following the Second Legacy of Aristotle: The Scholar-Practitioner as an Epistemic Technician” that is scheduled to appear in the Handbook of Collaborative Management Research that will be published by Sage in 2007. Tenkasi, as an invited member of the Innovation Committee of the National Cancer Institute-sponsored program on ‘Implementing a Systems Initiative (ISIS) for Tobacco Control,” also collaborated with researchers from several other universities and federal agencies such as the Center for Disease Control to develop innovative policy and programmatic approaches to the problem of tobacco control in the United States and Canada. The results of the committee’s work were published in a National Cancer Institute commissioned monograph titled “Greater Than the Sum: Systems Thinking in Tobacco Control.”

Martin Tracey (Philosophy) completed an introductory study and critical edition of an unpublished medieval Latin commentary. Tracey’s article, “An Early 13th Century Commentary on Aristotle’s Nicomachean Ethics 1.4-10: The Lectio cum Questionibus of an Arts-Master at Paris in MS Napoli, Biblioteca Nazionale, VIII G 8, ff. 4r-9v,” appears in Documents et studi sulla tradizione filosofica medievale 17 (2006), pp. 1-47. Tracey also had an article accepted for publication in the forthcoming anthology Virtus Ethica in the Middle Ages: Commentaries on Aristotle’s Nicomachean Ethics, 1200-1500. His article, “Virtus in the Naples Commentary on the Ethica Nova,” examines the lectures on Aristotle’s Ethics delivered by an anonymous academic at the University of Paris in the early 13th century. It complements the critical edition of the Latin text of these lectures that Tracey published in August.

Therese Yaeger and Peter Sorenson (Organization Development) published their eighth book, “Global Organization Development: Managing Unprecedented Change,” as the Organization Development (O.D.) and Management and Organizational Behavior (M.O.B.) programs begin their fifth decade with a focus on several themes including global, strategic and corporate organization development. The O.D./M.O.B. programs also co-hosted a conference with the American Society for Training and Development featuring a panel chaired by Yaeger and including four O.D. executives from major global corporations: Abbott, Boeing, Motorola and Jones Lang Lasalle. Yaeger and Sorenson have also accepted an invitation to be the series editors for “Contemporary Trends in Organization Development and Change for Information Age Publishing.” Yaeger and Sorenson co-chaired the Organization Development (O.D.) Track at the 49th Annual Meeting of the Midwest Academy of Management in October. The meeting included 35 papers and presentations by Benedictine Organization Development alumni, students and faculty. Philip Anderson, Ph.D., Director of Global O.D. for Abbott and adjunct faculty in the Benedictine O.D. program, was the keynote speaker for the conference. Yaeger and Sorenson also presented as part of a panel on International Entrepreneurship, “Leading and Learning: Three Perspectives on Successful Entrepreneurship Programs.” Yaeger and Sorenson have also been invited to participate in a symposium on the topic Scandinavian/Nordic Management for the National Academy of Management.

Young Eagles Continue to Build Football Program’s Momentum

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Eagle’s Runners Challenge New Conference

Men’s and women’s cross country teams both ran their way to fifth-place finishes in their respective divisions at the Northern Athletics Conference cross country championships.

The Eagles women’s team had a pair of runners — senior Michelle White and freshman Nora Becker — earn all-conference honorable mention by their finishes. White was 15th place, covering the 6-kilometer course in 26:41.9, while Becker came in at 18th in a clocking of 26:52.9.

Freshman Kate Kozieniewski was 22nd (27:39.3). Freshman Joy Holowicki and sophomore Hannah Miller were 27th (28:10.8) and 28th (28:12.9), respectively.

On the men’s side, it was senior Chris Check leading the way with a 25th place finish in a time of 30:42.4 for the 8-kilometer course.

Freshman Alex Arman was in 29th place with a time of 31:12.9. ✝

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Soccer Squads Complete Amazing Turnarounds

Both the men’s and women’s soccer teams shook off the unpleasant memories of 2005 as the 2006 season drew to a close. This was evidenced in the fact that both squads advanced to the six-team Northern Athletics Conference (NAC) post-season tournament in their respective division.

The group of seniors included Annibale Gallucci, A.J. Nawrocki, Kevin Callaghan, Ian McDonald, Haider Istanbouli, Matt Pakula, Dan Martinez, Adrian Ontiveros and Shawn Wilson.

The men’s team finished the season with a 7-8-4 record and entered the NAC tournament as the No. 5 seed.

Another 20-win Campaign For Eagles Volleyball

The Eagles volleyball team continued to roll along under the tutelage of second-year head coach — and former Eagles standout — Jennifer Wildes. Benedictine had its second-consecutive 20-win season in 2006 and placed second in the 12-team Northern Athletics Conference (NAC) regular season race to earn a first-round bye in the league’s post-season tournament.

Wildes graduated two players, rightside hitter Liz Fredlund and libero Stephanie Bonic. However, both players were key components to the program’s success in recent years and will be tough to replace. Fredlund ranked among the NAC statistical leaders in several categories by the end of the conference regular season. She was fourth in hitting percentage (.317), kills per game (3.85) and service aces (0.55). Fredlund also led the Benedictine team in those same categories, as well as ranking second in digs and assists. Bonic was eighth in the NAC in digs, checking in at 4.95 per game.

Juniors Danielle Mikos and Angela Vitto were also prominent among the conference statistical frontrunners. Mikos was fourth in blocks per game (1.48) and eighth in attack percentage (.293). Vitto was the second-ranked setter at 11.30 assists per game.

Fredlund was named first team all-conference for the third time in her three seasons at Benedictine in 2006. Vitto was also named first team All-NAC. Mikos was named to the All-NAC honorable mention list.

Vitto also collected an armful of all-tournament awards in 2006, earning recognition at Kalamazoo College, Dominican University and at Benedictine’s “Eagle Classic.” Fredlund was also recognized at the Kalamazoo and Trinity University (Tex.) events, while Bonic was an all-tournament pick at Dominican. As a team, Benedictine finished second at Kalamazoo, Dominican and at the Eagle Classic, while placing third at Trinity.

Seniors Say Goodbye to Women’s Tennis

Four seniors — all of whom were four-year letter winners — closed out their Benedictine University women’s tennis careers in the fall of 2006. The quartet of Meagan Benes, Theresa Dao, Aggie Kawa and Stephanie Koss all played their final matches in the Eagles’ uniform at the 10-team, 2006 Northern Athletics Conference tournament.

Benes finished seventh at third singles and teamed with Kawa to place eighth at third doubles. Kawa was eighth at fourth singles, as was Koss at second singles. Koss and Dao were also the eighth-place tandem at first doubles play.

Freshman Mya Porche was eighth at number six singles at the NAC tournament.
Upcoming Events

February 3  Sweetheart Club Dinner/Dance
February 27  Alumni Wine Tasting Event
March 7    Annual After-Hours at Fitz’s Pub
March 22  Career Development/Alumni Workshop
March 23  Math/Science Alumni Reunion
April 17  Downtown Loop Alumni After-Hours
April 21  Men’s Baseball Alumni Event
May 18  Department of Music Awards/Reunion
May 20  Commencement/Golden Eagles
June 24  Alumni Mass/Picnic

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