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Gifted Trustees Sustain the College

Walking through the Assumption College campus in the evening hours makes for a lovely stroll. With lights on in all our buildings, an individual can't avoid the strong impression of a fully functioning residential academic community. Now, with the addition of the lantern on the Chapel of the Holy Spirit, the lights on our new Multi-Sport Stadium, and the Testa atrium fully illuminated, the campus is more impressive than ever. Of course, it is not the facilities per se, nor even the hilly and well-treed grounds, that makes for a living-learning community. The key to the success of our mission is the quality and quantity of interactions between the faculty and staff and our student body. In this regard, the College continues to shine in its practices of teaching and mentoring and its student-centered culture. In a new book written by George Kuh entitled, *Student Success in College*, significant research is reviewed about the factors most correlated with student persistence in college. Colleges found to be strong in student retention tend to value undergraduate student learning, experiment with engaging pedagogies, demonstrate a passion for talent development, and make time for students. These are features of Assumption College. In a recent speech I heard on globalization, the speaker suggested that one of the academic outcomes of a college

education should be students equipped to negotiate their way through the world, rather than shout their way through it. The civility that characterizes our campus culture certainly facilitates our attempts to achieve this kind of educational outcome for our graduates.

I would like to acknowledge the stewardship of a truly important group of individuals who bear the responsibility and ultimate accountability for the mission, strategic directions, and central policy decisions of Assumption College—our Board of Trustees. These volunteer directors bring tremendous experience, essential wisdom, and often their personal treasure to bear on the affairs of this educational organization. Our current trustees, and those who served in earlier years, have made numerous “critical calls” that have sustained the College over its long history. I want to identify them to you so that you can all be assured that this College is under the watchful eyes of a very gifted group of individuals. We are all thankful to them for their generous service and loyal commitment to Assumption College.

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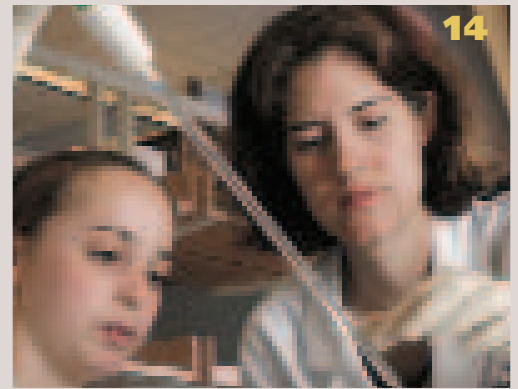
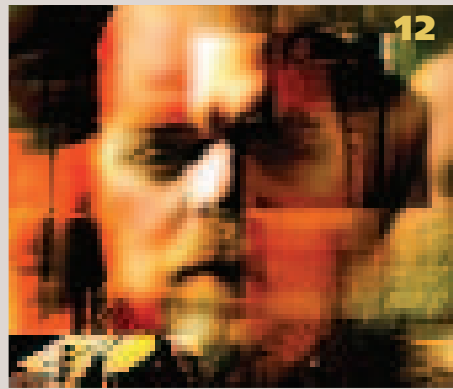
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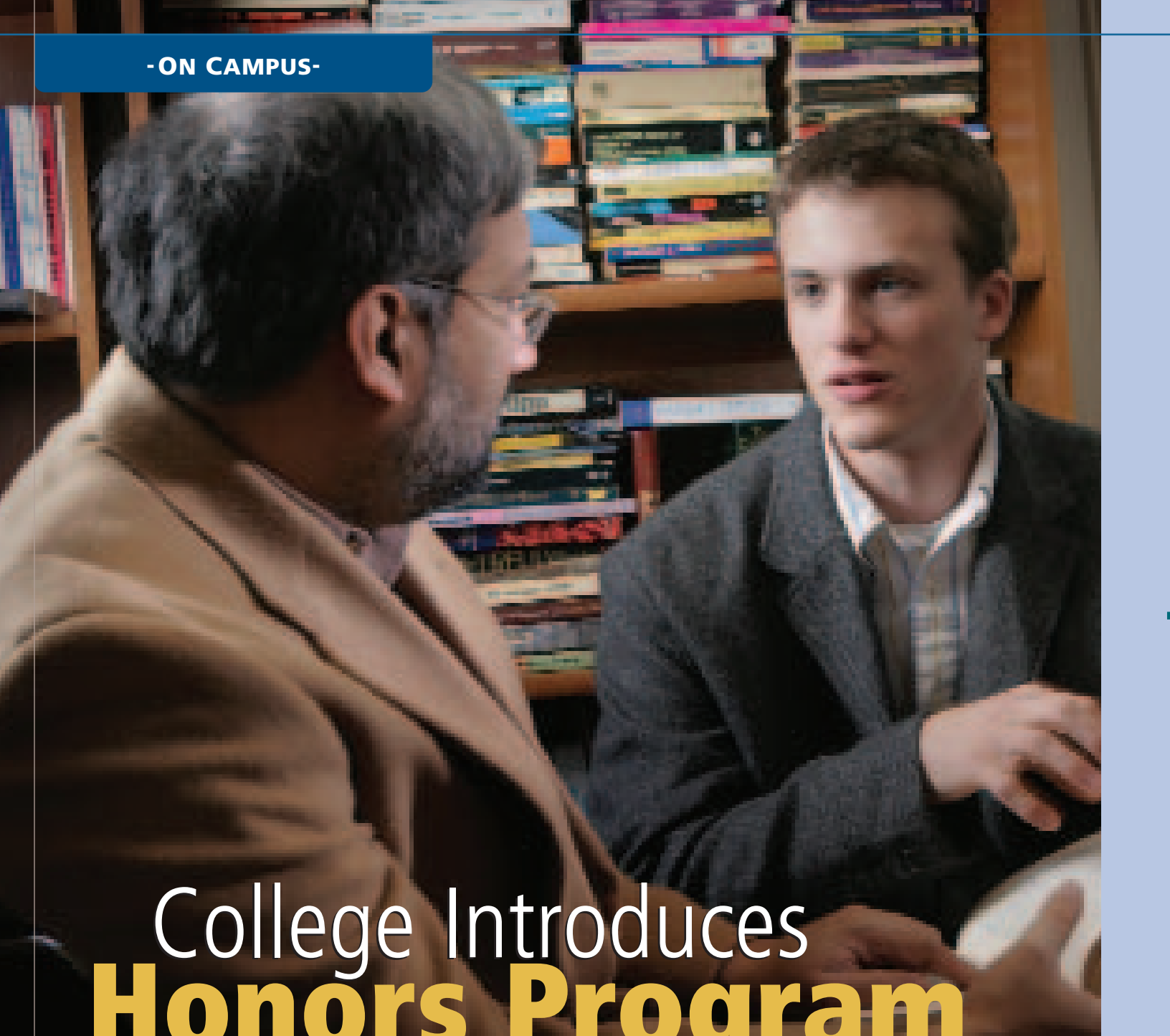


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College Introduces **Honors Program**

Top Incoming Students will be Leaders in the Intellectual Life of the Campus

The new Assumption College Honors Program, to be launched Fall 2006, is a selective program designed to foster academic engagement both inside and outside the classroom. It promotes intellectual friendship and discourse while providing a common, intensive learning experience in small seminar classes.

The program reflects the mission of the College by providing a curriculum that offers a high-quality liberal arts education; in-depth disciplinary and professional training; opportunities to

learn from and contribute to the local, national, and global community; and a basis for a meaningful personal, professional, spiritual, family, and civic life.

The Honors Program is seeking students who are passionate about ideas and learning, eager to grow by taking on challenges, and committed to making a difference in their communities. For that reason, honors students are encouraged to select courses and projects that reflect their individual interests, connect their classroom studies with experience in the community, collaborate on research with faculty members, and design independent projects.

Students selected for the Honors Program will become members of a lively community that offers activities, the chance to build lifelong relationships, and the opportunity to develop as leaders. ❖



Bulgarian Ambassador to Speak at Commencement

Elena Poptodorova, ambassador of the Republic of Bulgaria to the United States, will return to Assumption on May 13, 2006, to serve as speaker at the 89th Commencement exercises. Ambassador Poptodorova first visited the campus in the fall of 2002 when she captivated an audience gathered at the Chapel of the Holy Spirit for the Assumptionists' celebration of Pope John Paul II's beatification of three Bulgarian Assumptionist martyrs. In May 2003, she graciously hosted a well-attended reception at the Bulgarian Embassy in Washington, DC for Assumption alumni living in the DC area.

Elena Poptodorova, Ambassador of the Republic of Bulgaria

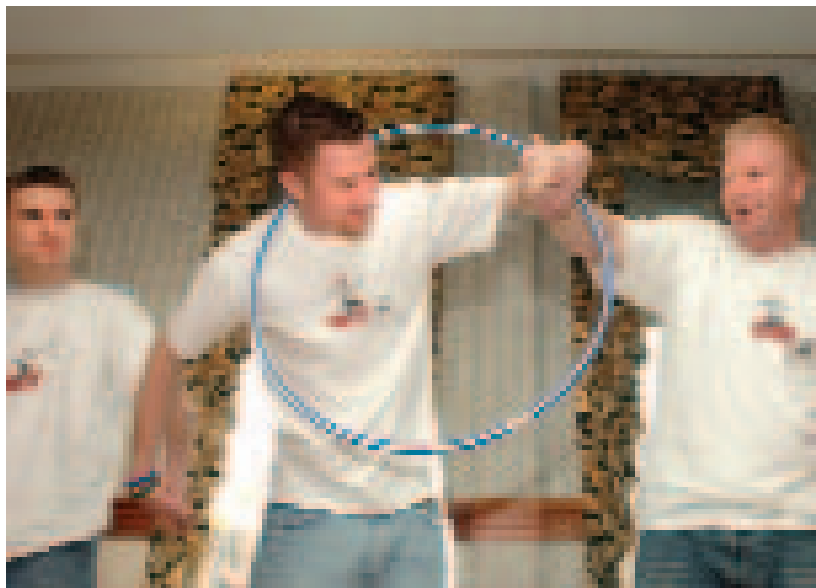
Second Annual NCCSA Student Leadership Conference Held

The National Catholic Center for Student Aspirations (NCCSA) at Assumption hosted its second annual leadership conference for middle school students from 23 area Catholic schools in January.

The conference, "Leading with Heart," was attended by approximately 140 participants from 22 schools in the Worcester diocese and one school from the Boston diocese. School principals, teachers, coaches, and parents also participated in the conference as part of a workshop on student aspirations.


The middle school students took part in three workshops, "Speaking and Listening," "Team Building," and "Clarifying Values," under the direction of 18 Assumption College student volunteers. Some of the exercises within the workshops included students sitting back-to-back and describing diagrams to each other; traversing across a room in teams with only the use of five wooden blocks; and a values auction where students could bid on love, beauty, and peace with artificial money. Other full-group activities such as a "human centipede" race took place in the Hagan Campus Center.

The goal of the conference according to Kristin Melley, director of the NCCSA, is to give middle school students an opportunity to be leaders among their peers. Students attending the conference are chosen by administrators at their respective schools. "Through this conference we let middle school students know that by taking steps today they can be somebody tomorrow," said



College student volunteers Frank Galligan '07, Kevin O'Connell '08, and Tim Finnegan '06 demonstrate the Hula Hoop relay race for 140 Catholic school students.

Melley. "This is a great way for Assumption to show that we really care about Catholic education."

The day ended with students discussing goal-setting within their individual school groups. This activity gave the students a chance to address problem areas within their own schools and to come up with ways of solving them. Topics discussed included graffiti, making student council meaningful, the use of school uniforms, and bullying. ❖  [WEBLINK](#)

New Lantern Adorns Chapel

The Chapel of the Holy Spirit underwent a major renovation that culminated in the construction and installation of an octagonal lantern atop its refurbished roof in January. The renovation included the installation of a new roof, interior lighting system, and sound system over the course of the last year.

In terms of architectural design, a "lantern" is defined as "any light, decorative structure of relatively small size crowning a roof, dome, etc." A steeple is defined by a spire.

The lantern was made possible by way of a generous gift from James and Patricia Moynihan through the Greater Worcester Community Foundation.

Students Help Produce Video for Worcester Housing Authority

A unique collaboration between Assumption and the Worcester Housing Authority (WHA) has produced a first-of-its-kind tenant orientation video. The video will be shown to all new residents of WHA communities as a part of the overall new tenant orientation. Designed to assist new residents to better understand the rules of their new communities, the video was produced in four languages: English, Spanish, Vietnamese, and Russian.

WHA Executive Director Raymond

Mariano praised Assumption and its students for their help. "When I first came up with the idea, I knew that we simply did not have the resources to complete the project. Assumption College made it happen."

With the help of the Worcester UniverCity Partnership Executive Director Armand Carriere, Assumption was contacted and agreed to take on the project.

Tom Burke G'98, media services supervisor and lecturer in television arts, supervised the work of seniors Aaron Skopek and David Fry.

Burke noted, "This video production was unique due to the variables that had to be realized. Ray Mariano and WHA were looking for a professional-quality video

production for their organization. Coincidentally, Assumption had two talented and well-versed students capable of producing a video of this quality. Aaron and David spent five months working on the project, and the result is a professionally produced video for WHA and an invaluable 'real world' experience for two of our best students."

As a testament to the quality of the video and the impact which it will have on WHA residents, Aaron and David were recently recognized with a UniverCity Partnership Award at a city-wide event honoring outstanding student achievements that benefit the Worcester community. ❖

Raymond J. Marion Award Winners Announced

Seniors Kristen Bartolomeo and Kerry Sullivan were named recipients of the Raymond J. Marion Award for the 2005–06 academic year in a ceremony held at the Testa Science Center Atrium in November 2005.



Kerry Sullivan and Kristen Bartolomeo

The Marion Award, established in 1984, honors the outstanding contributions of Dr. Marion, who served as a professor of History at Assumption (1946–1990) and academic dean (1971–1973). A \$1,000 award is given annually to the two students who, at the end of their junior year, have the highest cumulative grade point average.

Kristen is pursuing a double major in visual arts and foreign languages (French as a primary language and Italian as a secondary language). She has been a peer tutor in the Academic Support Center for two years in both French and Italian, and participated in the writing fellows program during the spring of 2005.

Kerry is completing an English major with a concentration in writing and mass communications and a minor in French. She is the editor in chief of *Le Provocateur*, Assumption's student newspaper, where she oversees the production of 13, 20-page issues by a staff of more than 30 student writers and eight editors. ❖



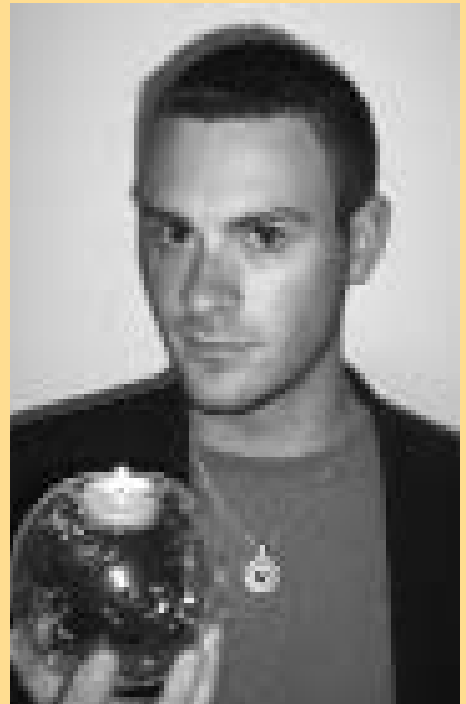
Dan Meunier '09: Assumption's Resident Magician

You may be surprised to learn that Assumption has a student listed in the *Guinness Book of World Records*—Dan Meunier '09. He has not participated in the most Olympic athletic events, nor is he an origami whiz. He is the World's Youngest Trained Stage Hypnotist (certified at age 14), and is known as Dan Candell, "The Hip Hypnotist and The Mystical Magician!"

Dan has been performing magic and stage hypnosis since he was 11, and is a registered member of the National Guild of Hypnotists. He is double-majoring in Business and Psychology, and plans to eventually become a hypno-therapist.

Asked how he got into magic and hypnosis, he replied, "Unlike many people, I didn't have a relative or a friend that showed me magic when I was a child. Even before I saw my first show, I was performing for my family and friends. I guess it was just a natural talent."

Dan has performed all over New England for thousands of people, and, in Las Vegas, he was the main attraction at the Boardwalk Hotel and Casino. He does comedy, stage, and classical magic, as well as children's shows. He has raised almost \$3,000 for two local groups: the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and the Shrewsbury (MA) Speech and Debate Team. Dan also won first place in a local Star Search talent show in which he performed two of his award-winning acts. He is heavily booked throughout the year and will be performing during Reunion Weekend. ❖





the mission

FR. DENNIS GALLAGHER, A.A. '69, VICE PRESIDENT FOR MISSION

Learning in All the Right Places

The following is a “week in the life” of Assumption College during the spring semester. **MONDAY NOON** The first of three groups, this one comprised of faculty and staff, meets to begin discussing Pope Benedict’s encyclical letter, *Deus Caritas Est*. **MONDAY 3:30 P.M.** Professor Daniel Mahoney gives the first of this semester’s Ernest Fortin lectures, on the writer’s vocation in Alexander Solzenitsyn’s Nobel Lecture. **MONDAY 7:00 P.M.** Motivational speaker Danny Duval speaks on substance abuse, fall and recovery. **TUESDAY 7:30 A.M.** A meeting of the second group of faculty and staff convene to discuss the Pope’s encyclical letter. **TUESDAY 6:30–8:30 P.M.** Students and Campus Ministry staff come together for a weekly dinner and discussion. This week’s topic is “God’s Love: Our Response.” **TUESDAY 8:30 P.M.** A student discussion of *Deus Caritas Est* is held. **WEDNESDAY 4:30 P.M.** The d’Alzon faculty reading group, comprised of first and second-year tenure track faculty across the disciplines meets for its monthly discussion. This time the reading is a text from the Italian Enlightenment thinker, Giambattista Vico. **THURSDAY 4:00 P.M.** At the invitation of Professor **Marc LePain ’65**, a number of faculty gather for the first of four conversations on Islam based on the classic autobiography of Ghazali. **THURSDAY 4:30 P.M.** Sponsored by the History Department Honor Society, Professor Lance Lazar gives a presentation on his latest book, *Working in the Vineyard of the Lord: Jesuit Confraternities in Early Modern Italy*. **THURSDAY 5:30 P.M.** At the monthly Food for Thought program, discussion on the topic “Race: What role does it play on college campuses?”

FRIDAY 6:30 P.M. A screening of the film *Emmanuel’s Gift*, the story of a Ghanaian man “who defeated stereotypical viewpoints on disabilities.” **FRIDAY 7:00 P.M.** Two local poets, Carle Johnson and Frank Miller, read their poetry as part of the Emmanuel d’Alzon Arts Series. In addition, weekly gatherings on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings of the Philosophy Club, Theology Club, and **Fr. Barry Bercier’s A.A. ’67** discussion group respectively, and meetings, surely, of other departmental clubs of which I am not aware.

Even the most loyal participant in the College’s extracurricular intellectual life is confronted by hard choices during this particular week. Although Al-Ghazali and Danny Duval may appeal to quite distinct interests, the number and variety of opportunities for engaging one’s mind over the span of five days is rather staggering. So is it reasonable, then, to fret over the lowering of the intellectual tone on campus? Of course it is, but a week such as this, not so atypical after all, suggests something irrepressible about the desire to understand and to seek communion with others founded on that desire. Needless to say, the vitality of a college’s intellectual life is measured not only by what takes place in the classroom, but by the extension of what happens there into the residence halls and the dining halls and to every other place on campus congenial to the search for truth. In this way, a liberal arts education can still offer effective resistance to a culture grown increasingly crass and mindless. ❖

Assumption, Worcester Public Schools Announce Major Scholarship Program

Assumption College has announced a significant commitment to the students of the Worcester Public Schools (WPS) through the establishment of a new scholarship program. The Assumption College-Worcester Public Schools Small Learning Communities Scholarship is for students in the 17 academies that were created from the transformation of the Worcester public high schools into Small Schools. The total commitment after the first four years of this fund could amount to more than a half-million dollars per year to Worcester public school students.

Beginning with the Class of 2006, WPS high school seniors who graduate from one of the city’s 17 Small Schools will be eligible to apply for one of the eight, four-year, renewable scholarships. The amount of the scholarships, based on scholastic merit, will range from \$11,000 to \$16,000 bringing the total commitment, by year four, to potentially more than \$500,000 annually. Merit will be based on a combination of SAT test scores and grade point average. These awards are in addition to the scholarship Assumption already offers students at Doherty High School.

“The students in Worcester’s Small Schools work hard to meet the goal of qualifying for college. Hopefully, these scholarships will be an additional incentive for them to work hard,” said President Plough. “The administration and the faculty of the Small Schools have developed a culture that encourages and expects every student to succeed. That culture is also found at Assumption College and we want those students here.”

Dr. James Caradonio, superintendent of the Worcester Public Schools, said these new scholarships are a major opportunity for the students attending the 17 academies. “The transforming of our high schools focuses on the new three Rs—Rigor, Relevancy, and Relationships—that our students, citizens of the twenty-first century, will need to learn and master,” he said. ❖

Working for Social Justice

by Stephanie McCaffrey, Assistant Director of Campus Ministry

As a Catholic college, we are called to be true to our Catholic Christian foundation, and to preach the Gospel of love and forgiveness. That same Gospel demands that we advocate for justice in the world and reach out to the poorest and most oppressed in our midst. The Catholic Church's own corpus of social teaching makes this strikingly clear. In fact, Pope Benedict XVI's first encyclical, *Deus Caritas Est*, states that "[the Church] cannot and must not remain on the sidelines in the fight for justice" (No. 28a). How are we, at Assumption College, responding to this call?

One response came via the second annual Spare Change Retreat, which took place in January. A collaborative effort between Campus Ministry and Students Advocating Change, a student club committed to addressing issues of social justice on campus, the retreat was 24 hours in length and served to help educate students about the Christian call to social justice advocacy. While there are countless social issues that could have been addressed, the retreat focused in a special way on the particular issues of fair trade, poverty, and the death penalty. Two professors, Dr. Kathleen Fisher (Theology) and Dr. Steven Farough (Sociology), presented perspectives on social justice from their respective disciplines. In the evening, the film *Dead Man Walking* was viewed, which inspired a thoughtful discussion, facilitated by Dr. Fisher, about the challenges of faith and what the Church



Students attend the Spare Change Retreat.

means when it talks about the dignity of the human person and the common good.

It is fairly easy to talk about justice; it is quite another thing to help put it into action. May we all take to heart the responsibility we all have, especially as members of the Christian community, to help advocate for a more just and peaceful world. As Pope Paul VI said, "If you want peace, work for justice." ❖

MBA Assumption Takes Courses on the Road

When colleges or universities decide to expand enrollment in a program, most open satellite campuses in another part of the state. Assumption is taking a different approach by moving just a few streets away. Assumption and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Business Empowerment Center have entered into a collaboration to offer MBA courses onsite at the Center, located at the corner of Chandler and Dewey Streets.

This partnership represents the first time the MBA Assumption program has been offered outside of the Salisbury Street campus. According to the MLK Center, this is the first time college courses have been offered in this non-traditional environment to a traditionally underserved

market in higher education. Although students from the MLK Center who enroll in the MBA program will eventually take classes at both locations, the initial goal is to bring a great educational opportunity to individuals associated with the MLK Center location.

According to Dr. Jeff Hunter, director of the MBA Assumption program, "Assumption is pleased to enter into this arrangement. We are excited to be able to provide advanced education to small business owners and others who have ties to the MLK Center."

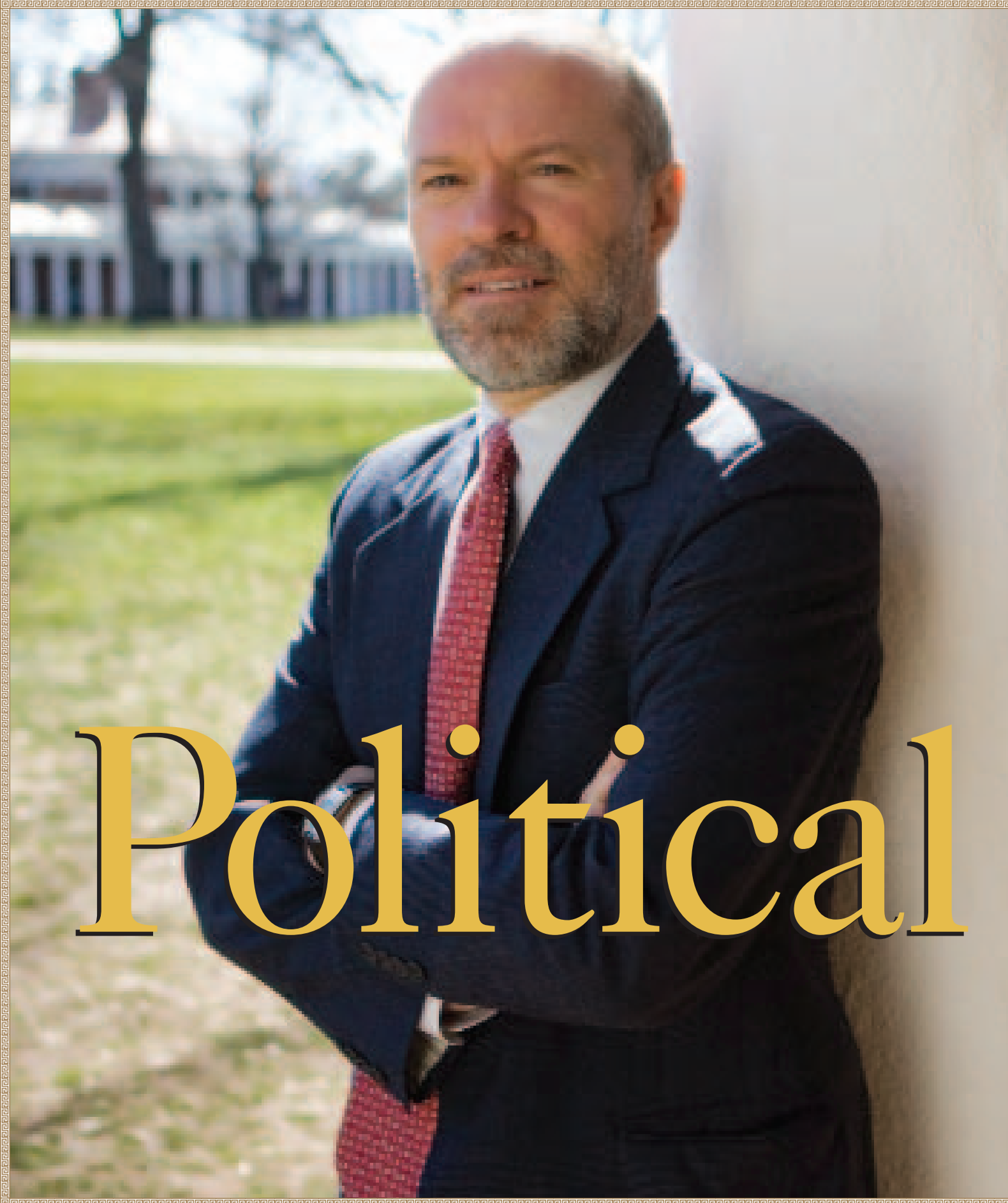
Robert Thomas, president of the MLK Center, reflected on this opportunity for his clientele. "These business owners will



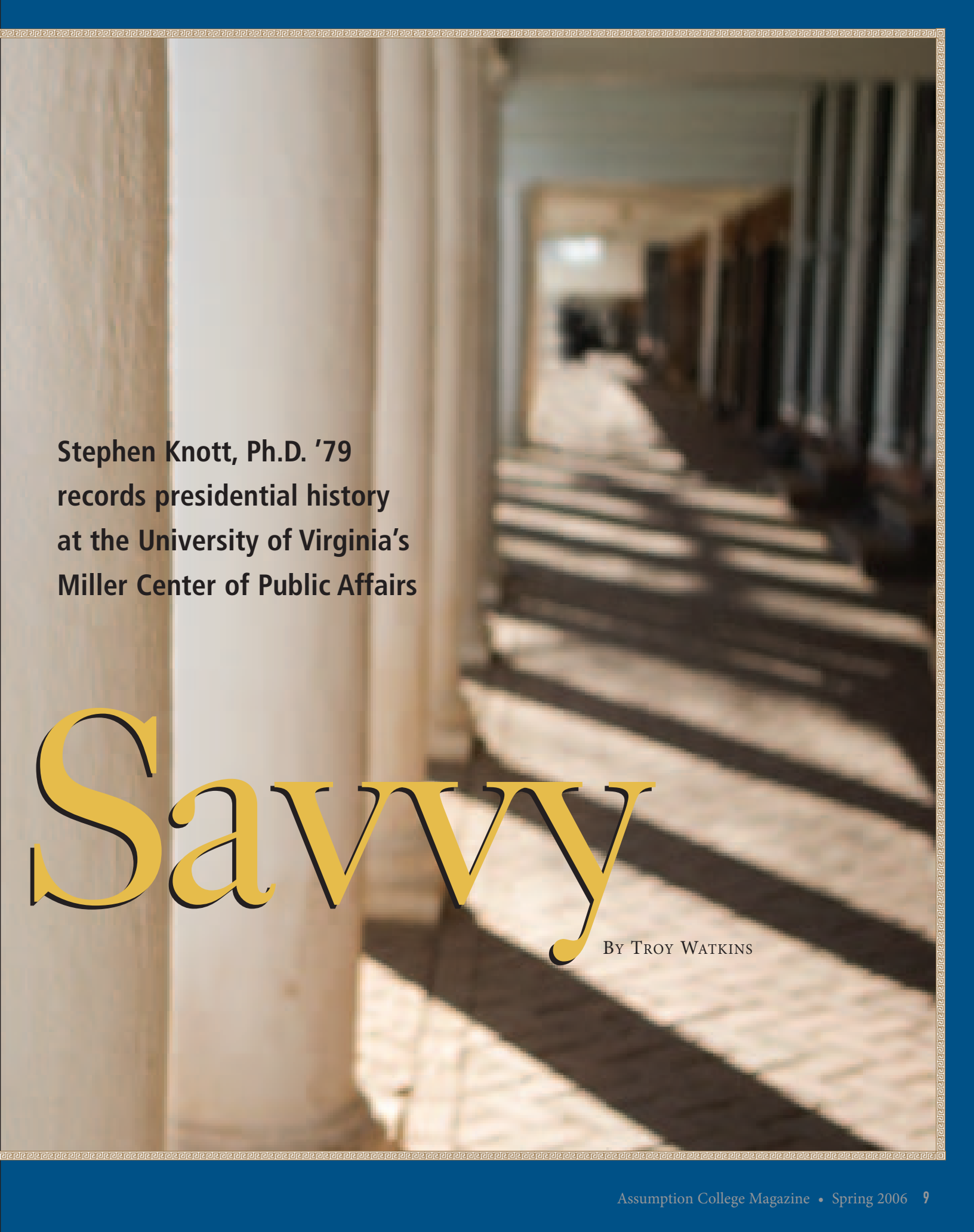
have a tremendous opportunity to increase their knowledge base, gain access to new business tools, and increase their credibility due to new credentials," he said.

The courses at the MLK Center, which began in January, are opened to all MBA students, including those already enrolled in the Assumption campus program.

The MLK Center is a community-based operation focusing on business development, business incubation, job training, and placement. Clients are provided with technical support and business training skills in the areas of accounting, cash management, employee relations, technology, and business planning. ❖



Political



**Stephen Knott, Ph.D. '79
records presidential history
at the University of Virginia's
Miller Center of Public Affairs**

Savvy

BY TROY WATKINS

In May 1979, Stephen Knott '79 sat with his classmates and listened intently to Senator Edward Kennedy's Assumption College commencement address. Steve undoubtedly wondered where his life would lead him. Who knew that it would converge with the life of his commencement speaker?

Today, Dr. Stephen Knott is associate professor and research fellow for the Miller Center of Public Affairs' Presidential Oral History Program at the University of Virginia. He oversees the Ronald Reagan Oral History Project (which was released to the public in February) and is team leader of the Edward M. Kennedy Project. He also participates in the George H.W. Bush and William J. Clinton Projects. Safe to say that he's come full circle, or maybe, in a sense, back to where he started—listening intently to Senator Kennedy.

A native of Paxton, MA, Steve attended Assumption based on a recommendation about its Politics Department. Interested in politics and history at an early age, he decided to major in Politics and was not disappointed. "I was the beneficiary of a life-altering liberal arts education whose legacy resonates with me to this day," he said about his time at Assumption.

Steve admitted being challenged from the start by former Politics Professors Chris Wolfe, Patrick Powers '64, and the late Jack Crutcher. He also appreciated other professors. "Angela Dorenkamp HD'95 taught me how to write; Ken Moynihan AP'62 nurtured my love of history; Fr. Richard Richards, A.A. '46 taught me to appreciate the Fine Arts; John Burke HD'97 and George Doyle HD'92 exposed me to new areas of interest; and the Politics professors challenged a number of preconceived notions I held about the best way one should live their life," he said.

"I learned how to write, how to think 'critically,' and not in the way that term is bandied about by today's education schools. My Assumption professors challenged me to step back from, to step outside of, the world I lived in, in Central Massachusetts, which is what a liberal arts education is all about. I learned that ideas were important, that ideas have consequences for our everyday lives, although we may not always notice. And finally, I learned that there were certain truths that were not defined by time or place, or popular opinion."

Steve also spent a one-semester internship in Washington, DC, working for a small interest group. This was in the days long before 9-11, so the city was highly accessible. "I remember seeing Anwar Sadat on Capitol Hill—he was in Washington for the signing of the Camp David Accords," he recalled. "My experience in DC served to whet my appetite about American politics."

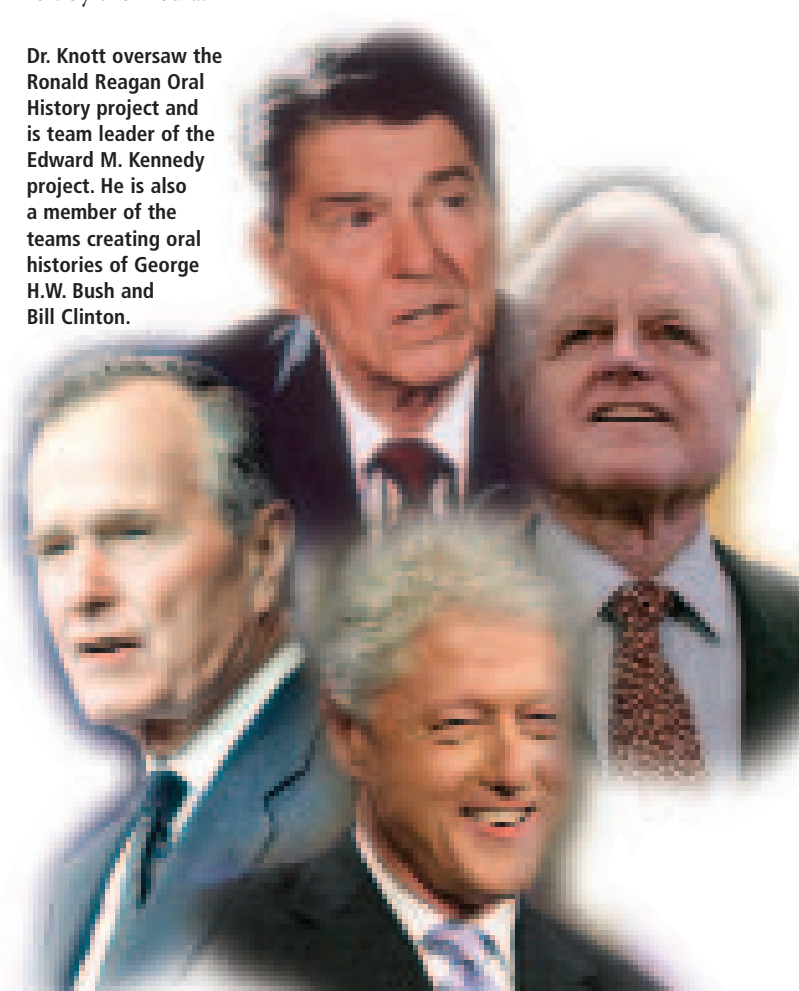
"My Assumption professors challenged me to step outside of the world I lived in, which is what a liberal arts education is all about."

OVERALL, STEVE CHERISHES HIS ASSUMPTION education and experience. "I have nothing but fond memories of Assumption," he explained. "I've maintained friendships with several classmates, and we often get together and reminisce about our time together."

Steve's career included a six-year stint at the John F. Kennedy Library in Boston, where he met many of the people who are now being interviewed by the Miller Center for the Edward Kennedy Project. Steve taught American Politics at the University of New Hampshire, Boston College, and Quinnipiac University, before a seven-year tenure as associate professor of political science at the United States Air Force Academy.

In 2001, he jumped at the opportunity to join the Miller Center. "I love studying the presidency, and this position allows me to interview some fascinating people, and help preserve their recollections for history," he stated. "Our interview sessions, many of which last for a day and a half, are designed to capture for the historical record a picture of each presidency seen through the eyes of those on the 'inside.' We have often discovered that the press accounts of an administration, while they may provide a 'first draft' of history, are incomplete. So in addition to filling in the gaps in the documentary record we also try to fill in the gaps left by the media."

Dr. Knott oversaw the Ronald Reagan Oral History project and is team leader of the Edward M. Kennedy project. He is also a member of the teams creating oral histories of George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton.



“For many of our interviewees, giving their oral history can be an emotional experience. On more than one occasion I’ve had to stop an interview to allow an interviewee to regain their composure—for many of them their time in the White House was the best years of their lives,”

The Miller Center is the only institution in the country doing this work, as the National Archives and the various Presidential Libraries no longer conduct oral histories. The histories on the Reagan, Bush, and Clinton presidencies are funded in part by the respective presidential library foundations. The Miller Center maintains its scholarly independence from them, but the interview transcripts are ultimately housed both at the Miller Center and at the respective presidential library.

Without these recollections from key people in each administration, the information might be forever lost. “Official documents have never told the entire story, and that is truer today,” Steve said. “A former White House chief of staff recently told us that in light of increasing demands for information from Congress and from special prosecutors, he ‘stopped writing anything down’ and ‘didn’t keep any written notes.’ This, coupled with the advent of e-mail and the cell phone means that future generations of historians and political scientists would have a difficult time piecing the story together without these oral recollections.”

STEVE HAS INTERVIEWED MANY CABINET MEMBERS

and officers, as well as congressional and foreign leaders during his tenure. “For many of our interviewees, giving their oral history can be an emotional experience. On more than one occasion I’ve had to stop an interview to allow an interviewee to regain their composure—for many of them their time in the White House was the best years of their lives,” he said. “My experience with both Democratic and Republican interviewees has reaffirmed my faith in the American system, as naive as that sounds these days. Most of our interviewees have impressed me with their intelligence and their devotion to the public good. They are not the caricatured public servants that one hears repeatedly portrayed on talk radio.”

The Edward M. Kennedy Oral History Project is a new venture for the Miller Center, which is now engaging in comprehensive oral histories of major American legislative figures. The Kennedy Project is scheduled to last another 5 years, and 38 individuals have been interviewed to date, including the Senator on 8 separate occasions. “It’s a fascinating project, and for me it is all the more so because of my attachment to and affection for




Dr. Knott frequently visited with Senator Kennedy at his office as work progressed on the senator’s oral history.



Dr. Knott and colleagues with former Secretary of State James Baker (second from left) after interviewing him for the Ronald Reagan project

Massachusetts,” Steve said.

In his “spare” time, Steve teaches politics courses at the University of Virginia and he has written three books: *The Reagan Years*; *Alexander Hamilton and the Persistence of Myth*; and *Secret and Sanctioned: Covert Operations and the American Presidency*. Steve joked, “The only downside is that this has really done a number on my tennis game. Since I travel for so many of these oral history interviews, I can never find the time to play on the road. That’s my only ‘complaint.’ But overall, my position at the Miller Center has exceeded my wildest expectations, and I couldn’t be happier.” ❖  [WEBLINK](#)

To find out more about the Kennedy Family Legacy at Assumption go to www.assumption.edu/kennedy.



Paradoxically yours, Scott *Paradoxically yours, Scott*

BY NANCY MCBRIDE

Professor Scott Glushien's world is full of everyday beauty, ideally frozen in time with a click of his digital camera, then printed out to hold in his hand—captured, still—allowing him time to absorb and reflect upon its meaning.

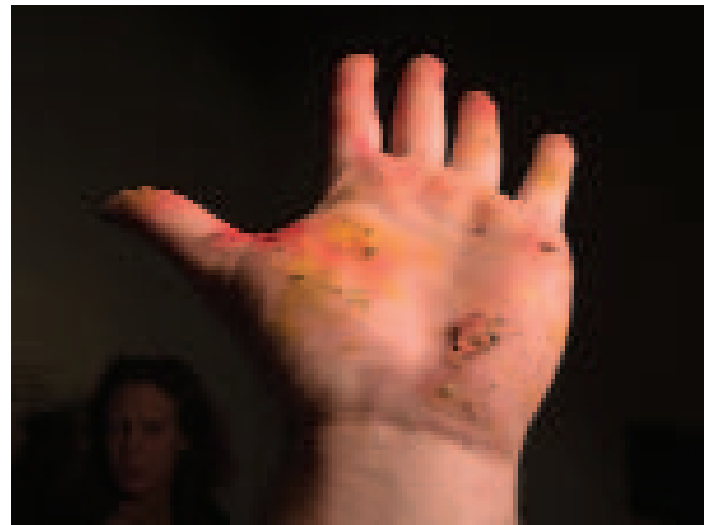
Photography enables Assistant Professor of Art Scott Glushien to capture what is important in his world and to express it so that we too may have the gift of stopping our world, taking a breath and appreciating its beauty.

Life's paradoxes have always fascinated Scott, especially how they are revealed in art and literature. He loves reading Nobel Prize winner Issac Bashevis Singer's works, or becoming absorbed in Walker Evans' photographs, each rich with life's blatant contrasts.

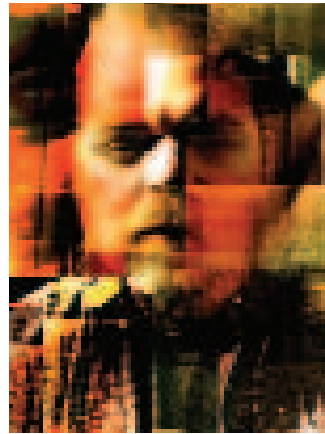
Digital technology, be it concerning computers or cameras, operates on a simple premise of opposites. Two digits—zero and one, or on/off, or yes/no—are the base of all digital communication. All of the complexities of the computer are reduced to the simplest form. How does Glushien figure out the myriad of facets, pixel upon pixel, available to him with this new venue? He, like the pioneers in film before him, experiments by going straight to the grounding subject matter of Mother Nature, the antithesis of high tech. They—the tool and the elements—provide endless richness in their variations. The camera, the subject, and the software programs that can enhance them, allow extensive variations, much different from film.

WELCOME TO THE WORLD OF DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY, technologically complex, but for the user, so friendly and freeing. Whether you are taking a course with Scott, or taking a snapshot of a friend to send out on the Internet or a cell phone, he believes digital photography has already become a common way to freeze our frenetic lives, slow down and make sense of the world around us. Despite our hectic lives, the opportunity to share our art is now available to everyone, almost instantaneously. It is an extension of one's vision, providing opportunities to communicate like never before.

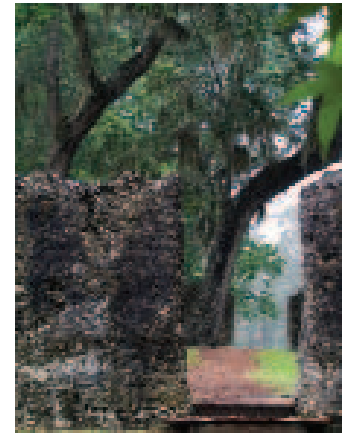
Blessed with an early, natural artist's appreciation of how light affects all we see, and an innate need to stop his world and find



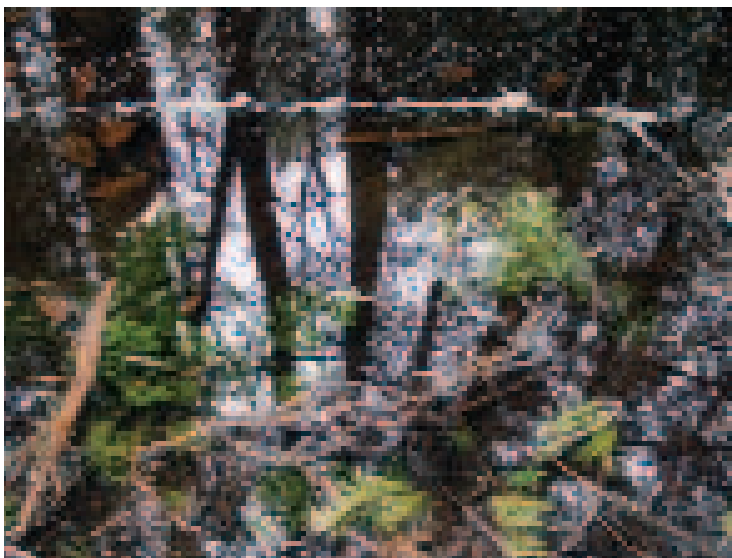
Sara's Studio



Self Portrait 2006



Dorchester, SC



Holden, MA

the aesthetic in the everyday, photography has been Scott's lens into himself, and his means of finding and expressing the richness of his life. After a difficult childhood, and dropping out of high school, Scott found his focus, and passed his G.E.D. He attended community college, and then transferred to Hampshire College in Amherst, MA, where he excelled. After graduation, he earned an MFA in Photography at Yale University. That track, especially his bumpy start, is openly shared with his students. They appreciate his humanness, his passion for and his earned perceptions about life, and his genuine eagerness to learn along with them.

The art of taking time to observe and ponder the beauty and the paradoxes in life, the opportunity to learn how to see critically, how to explore one's creativity, how to understand the basics and explore the freedom in one's life that comes with these underpinnings—these vehicles enrich our students with lifelong tools to help them share what is important in their life with others—an example of what our mission means when it says, "grounded in the Liberal Arts." ❖



Valuing an Assumption Education

Spring has returned to New England. Crocuses dot the landscape, the Red Sox are back in action, and colleges and universities roll out their new tuition rates. The mass media is poised to react with astonishment as a growing number of schools' price tags surpass \$40,000 a year. The public responds with a question that used to be reserved for the Wall Street crowd, "What's the return on that kind of investment?" This vernacular shift is easily read: Our students want a bigger bang for their educational buck.

Given the strong correlation between education and income, great expectations may not be as cheeky as they sound. The marketplace, after all, demands a college degree, and students can get their educational bona fides—that is, required knowledge in a given field—anywhere. But students might wisely ask what the marketplace, in this post 9-11 age, might be asking beyond the basics. Some of the qualities most associated with a Catholic liberal arts education—high ethical standards, critical thinking, and a capacity to work collaboratively—are decidedly marketable ideals.

Although Assumption takes pride in its students' impressive employment and graduate school acceptance rates, it is the process, not the end result, that directs its teaching and learning. It all begins and ends with a deeply held mission that guides the board of trustees, the president, faculty, administration, and a host of other decision makers:

Assumption College, rooted in the Catholic intellectual tradition, strives to form graduates known for critical intelligence, thoughtful citizenship and compassionate service. We pursue these ambitious goals through a curriculum grounded

in the liberal arts and extending to the domain of professional studies. Enlivened by the Catholic affirmation of the harmony of faith and reason, we aim, by the pursuit of the truth, to transform the minds and hearts of students. Assumption favors diversity and ecumenically welcomes all who share its goals.

Assumption's mission helps inform the faculty and staff as they prepare students for a complex world in which social and economic issues intertwine with political and moral ones.

In his on-campus address to more than 70 religious leaders a few years ago, President Tom Plough noted: "We are all challenged by the fact that most of our young adults come to college with little, if any understanding of the Judeo/Christian intellectual tradition. Our core liberal arts requirements in philosophy and theology, our rich campus ministry programs, our many ongoing dialogues throughout the curriculum, in the snack bar and residence halls, reinforced by personal example and presence of faculty and staff, especially our Assumptionists and Religious of the Assumption, are designed to demonstrate for students that the complementarity of faith and reason provides a reliable path to the truth and to a set of values which must undergird their professional careers and personal lives."

The key to meeting this challenge and forming "graduates known for critical intelligence, thoughtful citizenship, and compassionate service" is effective student engagement.

The 2005 National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) recently published results from more than 190,000 first-year and senior students representing more than 530 colleges and universities. The findings reveal the dimensions that improve the quality of a

college, the student experience, and educational effectiveness, all vital factors in a challenging global market. To address the needs of today's student, the National Benchmarks of Effective Educational Practice urges colleges to align new initiatives with their institutional mission and values and focus improvements in five areas:

- **Level of academic challenge**
- **Active and collaborative learning**
- **Enriched educational experiences**
- **Supportive campus environment**
- **Student-faculty interaction**

Catherine WoodBrooks, Ph.D., Assumption's vice president for student affairs, says, "The new student has grown up within a culture where there is a plethora of choices, whether in sports, travel or technology. Today's student is socially sophisticated, loves learning and has a curiosity about what education has to offer." Comfortable taking risks, the modern student welcomes detours from traditional pathways and wants to be inspired.

WoodBrooks continues, "At Assumption the overarching question is 'Who do I want to be?'" In a small liberal arts environment, students can realize educational expectations through vehicles that foster self-reflection and intellectual curiosity. "The more engaged you are, the more successful you will be," she says. Higher education has always been in the business of teaching students what it takes to be successful, although the strategies have changed and the resources have expanded to maintain the pace of today's savvy students. What has not changed, however, is the need to nurture students and help them develop a structured plan built on a solid curricular and co-curricular foundation. Personal attention never goes out of style.

Additionally, "deep learning," which combines reflective, integrative, and higher-order scholarship, has been shown to promote a more satisfying approach to education, resulting in better grades and a higher degree of material retention. NSSE Survey analysts note that experiential learning, as well as progressively greater intellectual challenges, engage students more actively in the education process. Assumption's Community Service Learning (CSL) program serves as a quintessential example of student engagement in the learning process. It brings classroom theory to practice via an interdisciplinary model that enhances academic material and uses an individually tailored strategy for student engagement, according to Susan Melia, Ph.D., program coordinator. "The community work meets the learning objective of the class," says Melia. A combination of community service, intellectual development, and personal reflection, CSL is a proven way to help students absorb subject matter better. "This is an important way to do engaged learning. It makes the subject come alive for students," Melia says. She emphasizes that CSL differs from internships and practica required in some disciplines. Rather, the program oper-



Students help to clean up New Orleans.

ates on a model of reciprocity where students ask how they can be changed by the experience of service and what they can learn from the people in the community.

Another example of student engagement in contemporary higher education is the College's redesigned Honors Program that, according to director Paula Fitzpatrick, Ph.D., will focus on shared intellectual experiences with collaboration in and outside the classroom. The Honors Program will also focus on research leading to greater understanding of a subject in preparation for post-graduation study. Fitzpatrick anticipates the new Honors Program will "spark intellectual life through community building."

The 2005 NSSE study notes a resurgence in worship, prayer, meditation, and related practices on college campuses. Students who make the effort to cultivate the spiritual dimensions of their lives are inclined to participate in a broad range of collegiate activities. In these students, the mission of the College comes alive and informs their day-to-day decisions.

Father Barry Bercier '67, A.A., says, "The Catholic tradition of higher learning contributes to the kind of education or personal growth a student here would ideally experience." Campus ministry actively engages students in enhancing their faith lives via liturgical participation, on and off campus retreat programs, domestic and international mission programs, candlelight prayer services, and other activities, but represents only part of the College's Catholic educational potential. "More central and more important is the Catholic intellectual tradition as it forms Assumption's work of education as a whole, including the academic endeavor, the tone of life in the dorms and on campus generally, the conduct of students engaged in sports and recreation, as well as the activities associated particularly with campus ministry," he says.

At a board of trustee orientation some time ago, **Fr. John Franck '70, A.A.**, then board chair, eloquently clarified the distinctions between a liberal arts education, a Catholic liberal arts education, and an Assumption College education. "To be sure, a liberal arts institution should educate students to read discerningly, write clearly, speak articulately, and think critically. As a Catholic college, Assumption maintains that discovering the truth is not only possible, but that the truth is a person, Jesus Christ. As an Assumptionist institution, we celebrate the Catholic intellectual tradition, the family spirit and sense of community, the emphasis on good liturgy and sound preaching, the love of the Church, the ecumenical spirit, and Fr. d'Alzon's insistence on working hand in hand with lay colleagues."

Such are the elements of a distinctive Assumption education. Together they add up to a solid return on a wise investment—a return that will reverberate not only throughout a fruitful professional life, but far beyond, into the realm of personal and spiritual fulfillment. Students come to Assumption expecting to receive a first-class education, but they leave with so much more. ❖

WINTER Sports Roundup

Three Greyhounds in First Northeast-10 Hall of Fame Class

The Northeast-10 Conference will officially unveil its inaugural Hall of Fame class on June 5, 2006. The initial group will include three individuals who have made a significant impact on Assumption College athletics as well as the conference. The inductees include **Andrew Laska HD'68**, one of the original founding fathers of the conference and longtime director of athletics at Assumption; baseball All-American **Mike O'Keefe '91**; and **Kristen Coker '95**, two-time Northeast-10 Player of the Year in women's tennis. ❖

Winter Sports Recap

WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK: Senior miler Caitlyn Clark was the standout of the winter season as she became the first Greyhound to earn first-team all-conference honors. She ran a career-best 5:11 mile in the Northeast-10 Championships and followed up that performance with a 5:01 mile to earn all-New England honors.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: Sophomore forward Charde Floyd and freshman guard Beth Plasski led the Greyhounds to a 16-13 record. Floyd, who led the conference in both rebounding and shooting percentage, was named a first team Northeast-10 Conference all-star, while Plasski was named to the all-rookie team. Senior captain Kerry Milhaven fell just short of the magic 1,000-point mark as she finished her career with 934 points.

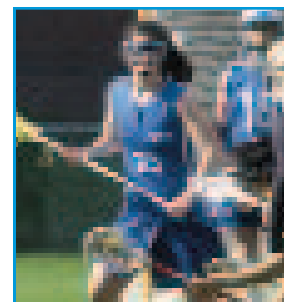
MEN'S BASKETBALL: While the men's basketball team struggled, head coach **Serge Debari '71** did have some positives including wins over regionally ranked UMass-Lowell and conference champ Saint



Charde Floyd



Jim Trahon



Jen Mongeau

Anselm. Sophomore forward Greg Twomey fully recovered from knee surgery and earned team MVP honors. He averaged 10.1 points per game and was the only Hound to start all 27 games. DeBari was inducted into the Hudson County, NJ Sports Hall of Fame in March.

ICE HOCKEY: Sophomore forward Jim Trahon led the Ice Dogs (17 goals–10 assists–27 points) in scoring and was the only conference regular to avoid penalty minutes. Senior Bobby Fanciullo finished just short of the coveted 100-point mark for his career (37 goals–58 assists–95 points).

NEWS AND NOTES: Softball coach **Ralph DeLucia P'99** recorded his 200th career win on the team's spring break trip to Florida and was inducted into the Dean College Athletic Hall of Fame in October. Associate Athletics Director **Peter Gardula G'04** was inducted into the Wachusett High Hall of Fame in the fall. Greyhounds web-cast play-by-play man Chris Fama was recently hired to broadcast Portland Sea Dogs games. Former hoop standout **Brian Robinson '05** is now playing for Atletico/Slimcei Club de Portugal, while teammate **O McGee Sharp '04** is with the Hawaii Mega Force. Northeast-10 Conference career scoring leader **Drew Adderly '92** was named to the NE-10 25th anniversary team. Baseball All-American **Chris Colabello '05** signed with the Detroit Tigers in early March. The men's tennis team has extended its winning streak in Northeast-10 matches to 94 and with six matches left in the regular-season they could reach the century mark this spring. Over the last seven years

the men's tennis team is 135-18 with seven conference titles and six NCAA berths. Ten members of the field hockey team were cited by the NFHCA on its all-academic squad while the team was one of just 10 nationally in Division II to have a cumulative GPA over 3.0.

Spring Teams Utilize New Facilities

After spending a year away from home during the renovations of the outdoor fields, the baseball, softball, and men's and women's lacrosse teams will all enjoy a home-field advantage again this spring. Spring sports teams have had the added advantage of outdoor practice since January with the synthetic turf surface in the new Multi-Sport Stadium. The women's lacrosse team, led by senior All-American Jen Mongeau, played the first night home game against Southern Connecticut in March. Significant enhancements were also made to the H.L. Rocheleau Baseball Field and Marois Softball Field including the installation of new dugouts, press boxes, ample comfortable seating, and several on-field renovations.

Student Athletes Shine in the Classroom

Seven athletes earned a perfect 4.0 GPA in the first semester as Assumption student-athletes continued to keep the emphasis on both the "student" and the "athlete." Seniors earning a 4.0 included Brian Blanchette (ice hockey), Adrienne Haduch (women's rowing), Beth Hordern (volleyball), Samantha Kenney (field hockey), and Tania Palumbo (softball). Juniors earning a 4.0 were Shannon Steele (women's tennis), and Liz Tessier (field hockey). ❖

Centennial Campaign at \$27.4 Million—91% of Goal!

Focus for Final Nine Months is Endowment and Annual Fund

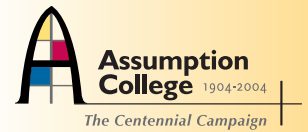
Hopes are high for a successful fundraising effort as the six-year Centennial Campaign heads into its final nine months. The Campaign has raised \$27.4 million in gifts and pledges toward its \$30 million goal.

According to **David Grenon Hon. '86**, national chair of the Campaign, "We had a very active December with year-end giving and we received some major gifts and grants in the first three months of 2006, increasing the Campaign total from \$26.3 million to \$27.4 million, or 91% of our goal. We are very encouraged by this surge and are optimistic that the excitement of the final year of the Campaign will take us over the top this fall."

During the final nine months of the Campaign, giving emphasis will be on endowment support for much needed financial aid and merit scholarships and for academic programs, as well as the Annual Fund. A gift to the Annual Fund represents an important investment in Assumption because it enhances the operating budget and provides valuable support for financial aid and a variety of student and faculty programs and initiatives.

In terms of capital projects, the Multi-Sport Stadium is at 96% of its goal of \$3.2 million. Trustee **Geoff Smith '66** and Athletics Director **Ted Paulauskas '67** encourage all former athletes and parents of current athletes to participate in the effort to raise the final \$115,000 needed to meet the goal. Two major renovations in Kennedy Memorial Hall will take place this summer thanks to the generous support of Assumption Prep alumni and the George I. Alden Trust of Worcester, MA. **Peter Deckers, MD AP'58** and **Charlie Bibaud AP'51, '55** have spearheaded the Assumption Prep Campaign to raise \$350,000 for the renovation of an auditorium in Kennedy Hall into a high-tech classroom and an additional \$150,000 endowment to be used to keep the auditorium on

Centennial Campaign Gifts and Commitments to Date



CAPITAL PROJECTS GOAL: \$15 Million

Achieved to date: \$15.4 Million

ENDOWMENT GOAL: \$10 Million

Achieved to date: \$5.6 Million

ANNUAL FUND GOAL: \$5 Million

Achieved to date: \$6.4 Million

COMBINED GOALS: \$30 Million

Achieved to date: \$27.4 Million

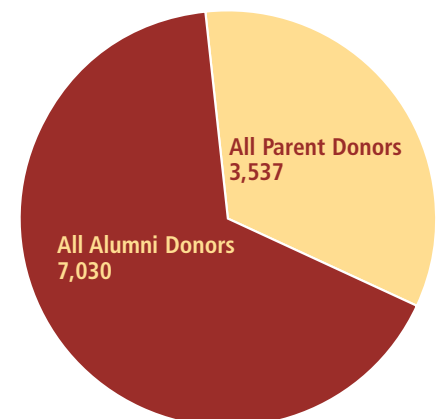
the cutting edge in terms of technology. To date, \$362,000 has been raised toward these goals. Last month the **George I. Alden Trust** awarded Assumption a \$400,000 grant to completely renovate the large auditorium in Kennedy Memorial Hall into a high-tech lecture hall and performance space that will accommodate major lectures, small musical and theatre performances, an on-going film series, and regular classes. ❖

Alumni and Parent Support of the Campaign

At the December and March meetings of the Board of Trustees, **Mike Tsotsis '71**, vice chair of the Campaign, and **Jeff Lagarce '76**, national chair of the Annual Fund, spoke of the importance of alumni and parent support of the Campaign. Lagarce reported, "To date, 40% of our alumni have made a gift to the Campaign. While this is significant, I would love to see us finish with over 50% total participa-

tion by our alumni. Current parents have given at an even higher rate—45% overall! This speaks volumes of their appreciation for the education Assumption is providing their children." Tsotsis emphasized that gifts of all levels are welcome in this effort, "In terms of participation, a \$50 gift is worth the same as a \$5,000 gift. It would be wonderful to see our alumni embrace this final year of the Centennial Campaign by supporting the 2006 Annual Fund with a gift of any size." ❖

The Centennial Campaign Total Donors to Date (2001–2006)



Centennial Scholars Fund Program Announced

Benefiting first-generation college students

President Tom Plough announced the establishment of a Centennial Scholars endowed financial-aid fund. "In recognition of the College's milestone anniversary and as part of the \$30 million Centennial Campaign, Assumption is inviting its alumni and friends to support the endowment with a special gift to the Centennial Scholars Fund Program. The College has always embraced the mission of educating first generation college students. Through the mid-1960s, more than 70 percent of the student population were the first in their families to go to college. Today, approximately 20 percent of our undergraduates are first generation college students. Most

of these students have a very high need and the College is not able to meet their demonstrated need in full. The Centennial Scholars Fund will provide additional aid specifically for our first-generation college students with high need."

These students will receive a grant that enhances their financial-aid package. The grants will be awarded to students in good academic standing upon the completion of their freshman year and it will be renewable for their junior and senior years as well. The Centennial Scholars Program will accept gifts and pledges of \$5,000 or more to the program. These pledges can be paid over a 2-to-3-year period, ending May 31, 2008. All participants in the program at the \$5,000+ level will be notified of the Centennial Scholars each year. ❖

Regional Campaign Events Planned in Worcester and Boston

Tom Ryan, vice president for Institutional Advancement, shared at a recent meeting of the Assumption community that the College had successful campaign events in Florida during the month of February (see alumni pages for photos) and additional events are planned for Worcester and Boston in May and June. These events will be a great opportunity for alumni, parents and friends to meet and to hear about the programs and initiatives of The Centennial Campaign. ❖

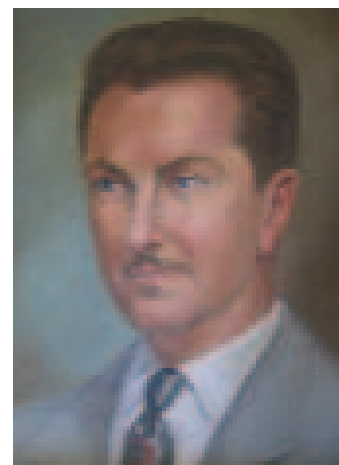
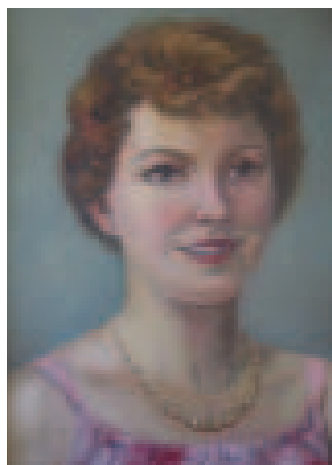
Dorothy and Normand Cartier '34 Endowed Scholarship Established

In 2005, Assumption College was notified it was a beneficiary in the will of Dorothy and **Normand Cartier '34**. The Cartiers left half of their estate to the College, and established the Dorothy and Normand Cartier '34 Endowed Scholarship to provide financial-aid assistance to students who have a demonstrated need. Their \$370,000 bequest will generate \$18,500 in scholarship aid each year to deserving students.

Normand received his A.B. from Assumption in 1934 and later earned an M.A. from Columbia University Teachers College and an M.A. and Ph.D. in Romance Philology from Harvard University. He was awarded a traveling fellowship from Harvard to study in France, Italy, and Spain. Normand served in the U.S. Army during World War II and the Korean War as a commissioned Special Agent First Lieutenant, Counter Intelligence.

After serving many years on the Harvard faculty, Normand was recruited to Boston College, where he served for 15 years in the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures, retiring as department chairman in 1979. He published a book and had numerous articles published in the journal *Romania*. In recognition of his contributions, Boston College inducted him into the Jesuit Honor Society, Alpha Sigma Nu.

Dorothy "Betty" Cartier was a founding member of the Radio City Music Hall Rockettes and danced for them for 15 years. A plaque in Boston College's Department of Romance Languages and Literatures reads "For over 30 years, both during his professional years and in his retirement, the presence of Normand Cartier and his wife, Betty, graced this campus, where they lived their faith, celebrated French culture and inspired others. We remember



Normand Cartier as our mentor, our teacher, our friend."

Father Louis Dion, A.A. '35 and retired Director of Planned Giving **Frank McGuire G'74** were frequent guests of the Cartiers at their Newton home. Frank remembers, "Normand often expressed how fond he was of Assumption. He had such a strong appreciation for his education. And Normand and Dorothy were a terrific, loving couple. It was a pleasure to get to know them." Assumption is deeply grateful to the Cartiers for remembering the College in their will.

For more information on making an estate gift to Assumption College for the Centennial Campaign, contact Michael Reynolds at reynolds@assumption.edu or 508-767-7332. ❖



from the alumni association president

MAUREEN RYAN DOYLE '73

Preparing students for the future is certainly an essential component to the mission of any institution of higher learning. Students look to their college for advice and wisdom as they equip themselves with the knowledge and skills that will allow them to lead deeper and fuller lives. However, a pertinent issue comes to the forefront. We live in a society where the velocity of change is unparalleled in all of human history. What specifically does Assumption College do to prepare students for a future that is at times imperceptible and indiscernible? The answer is, quite a lot. Space limitations require that I concentrate on only a few areas:

The CALLS Program (Career, Academic, Lifetime Learning Skills) is a new initiative at Assumption developed to support the transition of first-year students into the liberal arts community. Specialized workshops aim to build confidence, self-assessment, and skill development.

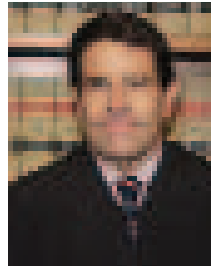
The Office of Career Services (OCS) encourages students to set expectations that integrate short-term, intermediate, and long-term goals around a career theme. Specialized professional development seminars are presented each year as well. The OCS now hosts more than 100 employer visitations each year, and maintains an impressive database of jobs, internship, and volunteer opportunities.

At Assumption, education is not a process that involves only the mind. The total person and his or her relationship to God and others is of great value. The Office of Campus Ministry started offering overnight retreats in 1999. The program offers 14 retreats this year, which will involve more than 250 students. The College's Reach Out Center, which coordinates community service programs, boasts that more than 800 students participate annually. Students engage in meaningful proactive service that includes tutoring, mentoring, serving in soup kitchens, etc. Their efforts help to create a campus environment that is responsible and inspirational.

It is clear that Assumption continues in its mission of educating the whole person. This education focuses on all dimensions of human life: moral, cultural, professional, and spiritual. It investigates the traditions of the past as these shape our present and our future. It is the development of the powers of reasoning, judgment, and critical analysis steeped in our Catholic tradition that will equip today's students to meet the future that will be theirs. ❖

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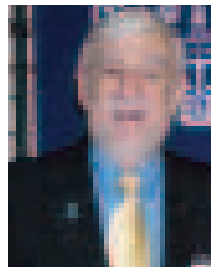
2006 Alumni Award Recipients Selected



Honorable Jay Garcia-Gregory '66
FR. LOUIS DION, A.A. '35 OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Born in San Juan, Puerto Rico, Jay is a federal judge in the U.S. District Court, District of Puerto Rico. He is believed to be the first alumnus to be appointed and confirmed by the Senate as a federal judge, a post to which he was commissioned in 2000 upon President

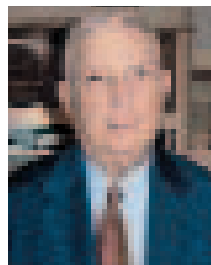
Clinton's nomination. Prior to his judicial appointment, Jay worked for 27 years at the Puerto Rico-based law firm of Fiddler, Gonzalez & Rodriguez, including the last 11 years as a partner.



Paul Hand Sr. '56
JACK L. BRESCIANI '72 OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS/ALUMNA AWARD

Paul retired in 1999 as chair of the department of Social Work/Social Relations at Anna Maria College. He served as a member of Assumption's Alumni Board of Directors for 13 years in the 1960s and '70s, including a two-year term as president. A current

Alumni Board member, he also served on his 40th Reunion Committee and serves on his 50th Reunion Committee. He and wife Gloria, who retired from Assumption's Financial Aid Department in 1998, received the Outstanding Alumni Award from Anna Maria College last year. Paul has also earned awards from both the National Association of Social Workers and the Diocese of Worcester for his contributions to each of these organizations.



Lester "Les" Sadowsky
HONORARY ALUMNUS/ALUMNA AWARD

Les served the College for 12 years as a member of the Board of Trustees (1978-90) and has been a member of the President's Council since 1982. He and his wife, Joan, are lifetime PC members. Les has been a tireless supporter and friend of the College for nearly 30 years, having served on the

Father Bissonnette Invitational Golf Tournament Committee during its formative years. He is the former chair of Atlas Distributing Company, a Central Massachusetts-area beverage distributor located in Auburn. ❖

Florida Alumni Receptions

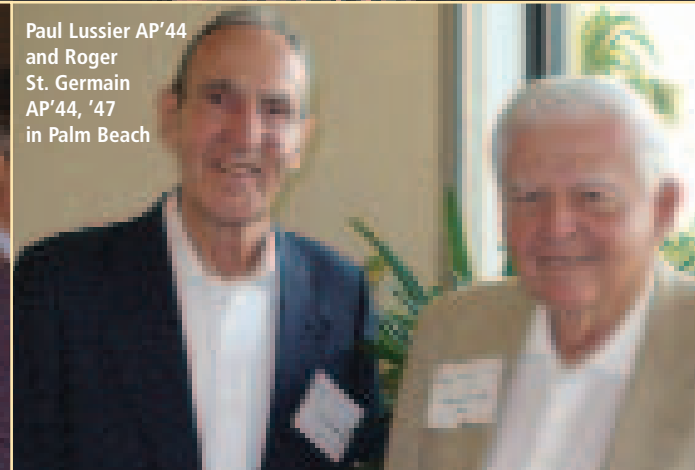
President Tom Plough and members of the Institutional Advancement staff enjoyed successful receptions and visits from February 4–9. Overall, a record number of alumni and friends attended the events. Former Assumption Executive Vice President and Treasurer Frank Gurley and his wife, Ana, hosted an alumni reception at their Orlando home. Other receptions were held at the Don CeSar Beach Resort, St. Petersburg Beach; The Strand Golf Club, Naples; and the Heart of Palm Beach Hotel, Palm Beach.



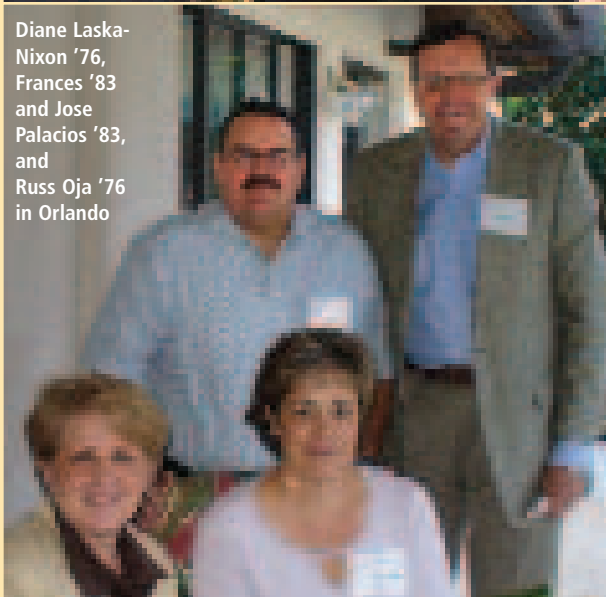
Bryan Dockett '91, Kerry (Haughey) Dockett '92, Melanie Demarais, Jim Loudon '76 and Frank Gurley in Orlando



Trustee Geoff Smith '66 with Frank and Kathleen Fitzgerald P'98 in Naples



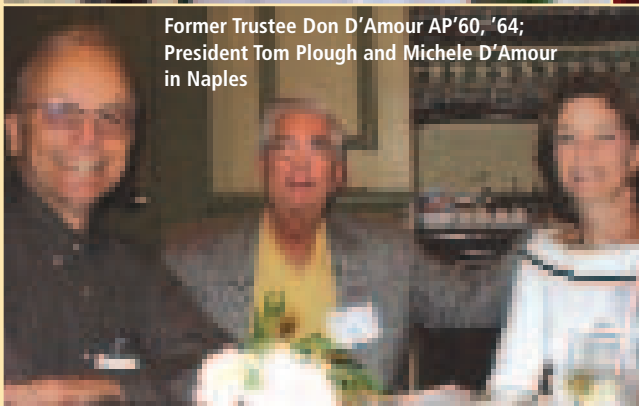
Paul Lussier AP'44 and Roger St. Germain AP'44, '47 in Palm Beach



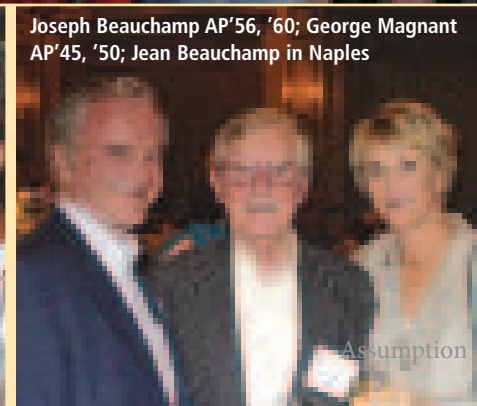
Diane Laska-Nixon '76, Frances '83 and Jose Palacios '83, and Russ Oja '76 in Orlando



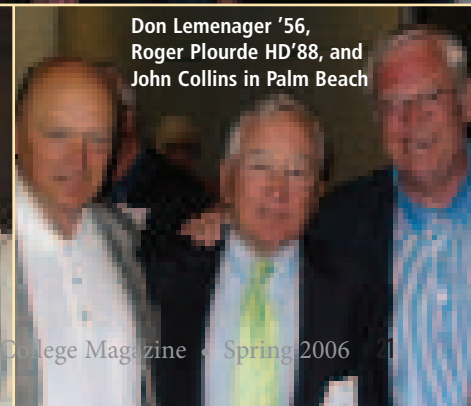
Some of the guests gather at the St. Petersburg Beach reception.



Former Trustee Don D'Amour AP'60, '64; President Tom Plough and Michele D'Amour in Naples



Joseph Beauchamp AP'56, '60; George Magnant AP'45, '50; Jean Beauchamp in Naples



Don Lemenager '56, Roger Plourde HD'88, and John Collins in Palm Beach

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CLASS AGENT

George Picard (70 Hadde Avenue, Cumberland, RI 02864) **Roger St. Germain** and his friend, **Connie Tarro**, reconnected with **Paul Lussier** in Jacksonville, FL, while Roger and Connie were fleeing one of Florida's hurricanes in September. Roger and Paul hadn't seen each other in more than 50 years. Paul attended the Palm Beach alumni reception in February after visiting with Roger and Connie.

'45

Joseph Benoit and wife Eleanor are well. They survived three Florida hurricanes this year from their Fort Lauderdale home. Joseph writes "hello to all my surviving classmates." **Charles Mathys** visited with classmates **Dick Miller** and **George Magnant** at the Naples alumni reception in February. Charles and wife Marge are active members of the Naples Bath & Tennis Club, which boasts 38 tennis teams.

'46

CLASS AGENT

Normand Petit (133 Bogle Street, Fall River, MA 02723) Assumption's Associate Director of Major Gifts **Melanie Demarais** visited **Normand Laflamme** and his wife, **Gabrielle**, at their home in Chicopee, MA, in February. **Donat Robitaille** moved from Oklahoma to Florida in 2004 to live with his son. Donat had a military career and later worked for American Airlines. Both classmates hope to attend their 60th Reunion in September.

'47

Roger Chagnon and wife Pat attended the Assumption alumni event in St. Petersburg Beach in February.

'49

Chuck Hamel is a former oil transporter and former chief of staff to U.S. Senator Tom Dodd. A long-time adversary of Alaska's major

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oil companies, Chuck plans to write a book about his life. For years he has been a conduit to Congress for whistle-blowing employees of the oil companies and Alyeska Pipeline Service Co. He resides in Alexandria, VA.

'53

CLASS AGENT

Mel Dutremble (melanddorisc@comcast.net)

Leo Archambault and wife Terry hosted a luncheon in Vero Beach, FL, in February, which was attended by Assumption Major Gift Officers **Michael Reynolds** and **Melanie Demarais**; **Bob Gosselin** and wife Lorraine, **Del Cournoyer** and wife Jane, and **Norm Marois** and wife Gloria.

'56

CLASS AGENT

Jean Nault (5 King's Point, Shrewsbury, MA 01545)

Edgar L'Ecuyer will be traveling to India and Alaska before his 50th Reunion in September.

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'35

Henry Belanger of Sarasota, FL, attended the alumni event in St. Petersburg Beach in February. Through his discussion about his military career, Henry revealed that he once danced with "Betty Windsor," who is better known as Queen Elizabeth II.

'43

Gustave Coté was selected to receive the Rhode Island Society of Certified Public Accountants' Centennial award for Distinguished Service in Education in April 2006. Gustave is professor emeritus of Business Administration at Providence College, where he served as a professor for 25 years.

'54

Jean-Pierre Garnier retired in February after 45 years of practicing law at Garnier & Garnier, P.C., in Falls Church, VA. Jean-Pierre was the firm's founding member and serves as "of counsel" to the firm.

'60

Joseph Beauchamp, M.D. and wife Jean attended the Naples alumni event in February. They have lived in Florida since 1968 and have two sons and a daughter. The Beauchamps spend their summers in Madison, CT, and look forward to seeing Joe's Assumption Prep classmates at his 50th reunion in September.

'61

45TH REUNION

James Bill HD'89 retired after 36 years of teaching at the University of Texas and the College of William and Mary. His expertise has been in Middle East politics with a special focus on Iran. The author or coauthor of seven books, his collection includes the award-winning *The Eagle and the Lion: The Tragedy of American-Iranian Relations* and his most recent book, entitled *Roman Catholics and Shi'I Muslims: Prayer, Passion and Politics*.

'65

CLASS AGENT

Charlie Aleksiewicz (caleksie@bancroftschool.org)

Bob Esposito and wife Deanna welcomed their 16th grandchild in October 2005. Their youngest child is a sophomore at Elms College

in Chicopee, MA, where Bob is taking classes in the diaconate formation program in the Diocese of Springfield. He hopes to be ordained in December 2007. Bob writes that their welcome mat is open to anyone traveling out to the Berkshires. The Espositos reside in Dalton, MA.

'66 40TH REUNION

CLASS AGENT

Geoff Smith (staghart30@aol.com)

Maurice Boisvert G'68 was named *Worcester Business Journal's* 2006 Business Leader of the Year—Non-profit in January. Moe is president/CEO of Youth Opportunities Upheld (Y.O.U.) Inc., a Worcester-based, non-profit organization that provides a wide range of social, psychological, educational, vocational, and other preventive and rehabilitation programs for troubled and at-risk children, adolescents and families. Moe has led Y.O.U. Inc. for 35 years. **John Gray G'71** will be turning 98 in July 2006. He worked days and took classes at Assumption at night to complete two degrees. John has two daughters. **Wilford LeForestier** writes "I might be a retired superintendent but I never forget why I discovered and fell in love with teaching. So, for the past year I have been a regular substitute teacher at Colonie High School, Albany, NY, and loving it—all of the fun without the stress and paperwork."

'67

Jacob Kojalo was named chief lending officer of Lawrence Savings Bank, effective January 1, 2006. Jake has worked at the Bank since 1995 and has been in banking since 1967.

'68

Al McGee hosted a dinner at his Stuart, FL, home in February, attended by Assumption's Major Gift Officers Michael Reynolds and Melanie Demarais. Later that week Al attended the Palm Beach alumni reception. **Tom O'Connor** is vice president and director of athletics at George Mason University.

'69

Phil Martowski, D.M.D. welcomed Melanie Demarais for a visit to his dental office in

February. Phil recently discovered that one of his new patients is **Normand Choquette AP'44**.

'70

CLASS AGENT

Henri Demers (henri.demers@admlaw.com)

Brian O'Sullivan (bjosullivan@earthlink.net)

Fr. John Franck, A.A., vice chair of the College's Board of Trustees, is the vocation director for the Augustinians of the Assumption in Worcester. **Ralph Julian G'80** retired in 2005 after 35 years of teaching. The last 34 were spent in the Southbridge (MA) School System. He was a French teacher, Foreign Language Department head, and most recently, an elementary school reading specialist. Ralph also coached the junior high basketball and junior varsity baseball teams for several years. He resides in Sturbridge, MA, with his wife of 36 years, Pauline. They have three sons—Matthew, Marc, and Jonathan. **Bob Wood G'77** retired in 2005 as assistant principal at Hopedale (MA) High School. He was an HHS staff member for 35 years, chairing the social studies department for many years. He is married with two daughters.

'71 35TH REUNION

CLASS AGENT

Daniel Micari (daniel.micari@po.state.ct.us)

Jim Cuccaro owns Cuccaro Associates, Inc., a manufacturers' representative firm in Shrewsbury, MA. Jim is co-chair of the Bro. Robert Scholarship fund. He and his wife of 31 years, Shirley, have three children—Matthew (30), Mark (24) and LeighAnn (21). **Bill Fournier** is the new superintendent of schools in Palmer, MA. He was formerly the assistant superintendent in Hull, MA. **Bill Humbert**, a professional recruiter since 1981, is the owner of the Humbert Group, a contract recruitment firm. **Art Lindberg** and wife **Margie G'79** reside in Shrewsbury, MA. Art is a regional vice president for First Magnus Financial and Margie is a consultant for the Massachusetts Department of Social Services. They have two children—Sean and Christina. **Tim McCormack** retired from the New York Fire Department in 2003 after 22 years. He and wife Margie have three grandchildren. **Philippe Ouellette Jr.** and wife Jeannette have retired and purchased a travel trailer. He writes "so, when we are not busy

with volunteer work at Citadel Federal Credit Union, we plan to roam the Eastern Seaboard."

'72

Tim Shea, head women's basketball coach at Salem State College, was on the ballot for the 25th Anniversary team of NCAA Division III women's basketball. Fans elected five players and one coach to the team.

'73

Edward Connor recently joined Strategic Financial Partners, in Holden and Waltham, MA. Ed is a registered representative, providing investment and insurance services.

'75

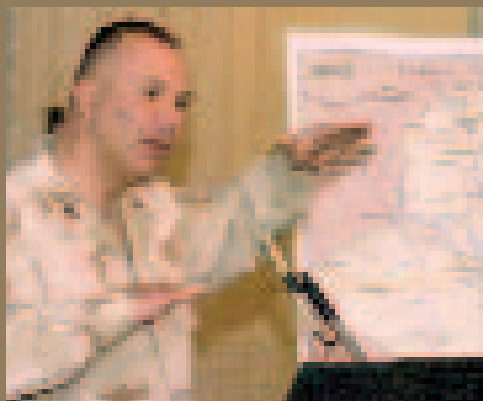
John Grochowalski, a former three-time All-American basketball player, was the only player from New England on the ballot for the 50th Anniversary team of the NCAA Division II Men's Elite Eight, which began in 1957. Fans elected 10 players and two coaches to the 50th Anniversary team. **Steve Rossi** retired in 2003 as executive vice president of a global engineered materials manufacturing company. He now owns and operates one of the top equestrian boarding and training facilities in the state of Maine—Cavallo Rossi Equestrian Center in Gray, ME. He has two children, Nick (24) and Assumption first-year student Christina (19).

'76 30TH REUNION

CLASS AGENT

Jeff Lagarce (jlagarce@ofiinstitutional.com)

Tony Annicone directed *Butterflies are Free* at the TheatreWorks Auditorium, Woonsocket, RI, in November/December 2005 and directed *Blithe Spirit*, at the Greenwich Odeum, East Greenwich, RI, in March. Tony is affiliated with Rhode Island's Academy Players, and is the entertainment writer for the Little Rhody Theater. **Roy Briggs G'79** was ordained as a permanent deacon by Bishop McManus in December 2005. He is the deacon of Blessed Sacrament Parish Parsh, Worcester. Roy is a registered nurse for Oriol Health Care and a certified religious educator. He and wife Denise have three children and two grandchild-



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Colonel Robert Catalanotti addresses the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce with "An Officer's View From Inside the Turmoil."

COL Robert Catalanotti, USA '80 Awarded Bronze Star

United States Army Colonel **Robert Catalanotti '80** returned from Iraq in December after serving for a year as commander of the largest military base in Iraq, located in Taji. He was directly responsible for 15,000 Iraqi soldiers and more than 500 coalition soldiers from the U.S., Great Britain, Australia, Italy, Poland, and Estonia.

He was awarded a Bronze Star for his service in Iraq, where the constant challenge was to know who was a soldier and who was a terrorist, as well as to be on guard against attacks by insurgents. Col. Catalanotti spoke about his Iraqi experience at a Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce business luncheon in February. His visit was featured in a *Worcester Telegram & Gazette* article on February 9.

He explained at the luncheon, "Of the 15,000 Iraqi troops, I had terrorists who were in those ranks." Due to the active insurgency and the unprepared Iraqi military, Col. Catalanotti was forced to assume a combatant leadership role in the daily fight against terrorism.

Since returning home, he has visited many families of the soldiers who died in Iraq. He explained, "The ultimate question of a commander is 'Could you have done more?'"

A 26-year Army veteran, Col. Catalanotti has served on assignments in Iceland, England, Germany, South America, Italy and Iraq. He is currently brigade commander for the northeast region, headquartered in Providence, and for all active and reserve drill sergeants in an eight-state region. Bob and wife Karen (Farina) '78 reside in Grafton, MA with their children Eric (19) and Brigit (16).

dren. **Robert Conry** was appointed chair of Aviation Sciences at North Shore Community College in Danvers, MA, in September 2005.

Barbara (Taylor) Edmond is vice president of Best Practice Exchange at United Way of America. She resides in Alexandria, VA. **Elaine (Babineau) Lomenzo** and husband Peter launched Lomenzo Properties, LLC, in July 2005. Their real estate company is based in Dennis, MA. **Ed Rodrigues** has coached the New Bedford (MA) High School boys' basketball team to a record of 419-143 over 26 seasons. His tenure has included two state championships and 17 league titles. Ed's three children—Rebecca (23), Gretchen (21), and Ryan (17)—have all starred for New Bedford's basketball teams. **Carmela (Leone) Szklarz G'83** was inducted into Assumption's Center for Continuing & Professional Education's Dean's Circle in 2005, recognizing her 20 years of service as an adjunct faculty member. She received the Outstanding Faculty Award in 2003. Carmela is a language teacher at Worcester's Doherty High School, and was named acting foreign language-advanced placement liaison for the city of Worcester in November.

'78

Candy Race was appointed senior vice president of marketing for Pyramis, a new Fidelity venture, in January. Candy previously served as senior vice president of marketing communications for Fidelity Institutional Retirement Services Co. for four years and senior vice president of participant strategy since May 2005.

'80

CLASS AGENT

Mike Robinson (mjrobinson@att.net)

Colette (Gushue) Rowland (rowlandhing@aol.com)

Sarah Thomas Tracy (sjttracy@cox.net)

Monique Doyle Spencer, author of *The Courage Muscle: A Chicken's Guide to Living with Breast Cancer*, was featured in a Q&A article in the 1/26/06 issue of *Worcester Magazine*. Her book is based on personal experience. **Li-Lee Tunceren** is an English as a Second Language instructor at St. Petersburg (FL) College. While serving in the Peace Corps she met her husband, Vural, a native of Turkey. They have three children.

'81 25TH REUNION

CLASS AGENT

John Shea (john.shea@towersperrin.com)

Fatima de Melo-Shay is the human resources coordinator at Ditch Witch of New England. Her husband, **Roy Shay**, is a cardiac nurse clinician for UMass Medical Center in Worcester. **Karen (Cardello)** and **John Dries '79** will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary in August 2006. They reside in Cary, NC, and have two children—Jessica (21) and Adam (18). **Mark Horan** is an administrative law judge at the Department of Industrial Accidents in Boston. He and wife Rita have three daughters—Sara '09, Erin, and Amy—and reside in Attleboro, MA. **Theresa Piotrowski, M.D.** was named medical director of a new bariatric medicine (the study and treatment of obesity) department at Lehigh Valley Medical Center, in Allentown, PA. She earned her medical degree in 1989 from Georgetown University School of Medicine. **Kathleen (Harvey) Rugg** is a software consultant for Hewlett Packard in Marlboro, MA. She and husband Paul reside in Northboro, MA, with their children Michael (16) and Caroline (15).

'82

CLASS AGENTS

Carolyn Clancy (carolyn.clancy@fmr.com)

Phillip Sarocco (phillip.sarocco@aventis.com)

Peter Altieri recently earned his professional certification of senior level practitioner in human resources, sponsored by the Society for Human Resource Management. He is senior employee relations specialist with Bose Corporation in Framingham, MA. **Brian Feeney** and wife Sandi have three children, including Dwight '08, and live in Andover, MA. Brian works for Century Bank & Trust Company in Medford, MA. **Sean Savage** won the 2005 CHOICE Outstanding Academic Title Award for his 2004 book *JFK, LBJ and the Democratic Party*. CHOICE, a professional journal used in college libraries across America, announces the annual award in each year's January issue. The journal honored fewer than 10 percent of the field of 6,964 titles reviewed, including Savage's work. Sean is associate professor of political science at Saint Mary's College, South Bend, IN.

'83

Ellen (Moynihan) Long G'85 is assistant professor of special education at Millersville (PA) University. She recently relocated to Willow Street, PA with husband Mike, and sons Joseph (10), Daniel (8), and Jacob (2). **Sandra Merlini** did a reading for one of the Longfellow Poetry Society's monthly meetings. The poem, entitled "Feline Fantasies," is about her two sweet cats. A published poet, Sandra has been a member of the Society since 1993. **Frances (Ortiz)** and **Jose Palacios** attended the Orlando (FL) alumni reception and expressed interest in planning future alumni events in the Orlando area.

'84

William Kotoski purchased R. Smith Furniture in November 2005, one of the Greater Gardner (MA) Furniture Outlets. **BIRTHS: Alan Smith** and wife Ann announce the birth of Isabella Marie on 8/13/05. Isabella joins sisters Tracy and Abigail.

'85

CLASS AGENT

Sheila (Waldron) Veideman (AC1985SW@aol.com)

Al Cavallo, owner of No Sweat Apparel, recently opened another store, called All is Fair, in Harvard Square, Cambridge, MA. No Sweat Apparel only sells products made by unionized workers.

'86 20TH REUNION

CLASS AGENTS

Catherine (Browne) Harrison (cath.browne@att.net)

Robert Ravenelle (rravenel@assumption.edu)

Elizabeth (Mowry) Sabourin (esabourin@hanover.com)

Sal Attianese has worked at Hubbell, Inc., Milford, CT, for 19 years and has been officiating hockey for eight years. He also enjoys spending several weeks each year at his vacation home in Florida. **Terri (Bahn) Aves** is a realtor/broker with York Simpson Underwood in Cary, NC, where she resides with husband Dennis, son Ryan, and daughter Kayla. **Gary Mallalieu** married Dana Even in July 2005. Gary has immigrated to Montreal, Canada, where he teaches 7th and 8th grade science at Beurling Academy, an inner-city high school in Verdun, Quebec. **Allyce Najimy** writes "If I

can run the Boston Marathon three times, you can too! Have faith!" **Chuck Werneke** is a producer with News 12 New Jersey in Edison, NJ. He writes that he "still hangs with **Tom Kabelka** and speaks with **Dan O'Brien**." **BIRTHS: John Beauregard** and wife **Anne (Gonsalves) '85** announce the birth of their first child, Madeleine Anne, on 12/7/05.

'87

CLASS AGENT

Neil Isakson (neil.isakson@worcesteracademy.org)

John McQuade is assistant to the special agent in charge of the New York City field office of the U.S. Secret Service. He was recently appointed to supervisor of the counterfeit squad. John and wife Christine have three children and reside on the New Jersey shore. **George Moniz, D.P.M.** has opened a satellite office in Lincoln, RI, expanding his practice in podiatric medicine, surgery, and sports medicine. George and wife **Kelly (Avery)** have three sons—Joshua (9), Zachary (7), and Jacob (4)—and reside in Saundertown, RI.

'88

BIRTHS: Bill Collins and wife Cyndi announce the birth of Charlize Brown on 9/29/05. Charlize joins Alexis (8), Mitchell (6), Connor (5), and Brendan (3). **Michele (Terranova) DiLoreto** and husband Tony welcomed Sophia Margaret on 8/11/05. She joins Elizabeth (9), Danielle (7), Matthew (7), and Katie (4).

'89

CLASS AGENTS

Chris Agro (c-agro@cox.net)

Mike Igo (56 Spruce Street, Cornwall-on-Hudson, NY 12520-1122)

A group of classmates held a mini-reunion at Mahoney's Pub in Worcester last fall. Pictured are: (front row kneeling, l-r) "**Chip**" (**Alan Smith**, **Ann Marie (Mahoney) Quinn**); (second row l-r) **Joanne (Faino) Allen**, **Lorena (Giovannetti) Moynihan**, **Maura Hunter**, **Michelle Dellorfanio**, **Arlene Fitzgerald**, **Rose Rodriguez**; (third row l-r) **Pete Baldracchi**, **Laura McCluskey**, **Steve Bruce**, **Steve Jaslowich**, **Roger Canestrari**, **Matt Roach**, **Lisa McGrann**, **Katie Quinn**, **John**



Moynihan. The class is planning a spring reunion. For information, contact Ann Marie Mahoney Quinn at worcquinns@aol.com. **Jacqueline (Carroll) Chlapowski** is a secretary in Assumption's Art & Music department. She writes "It's great to be back on campus after so many years. There are still so many familiar faces." **Celeste Michaud** was promoted to assistant controller of Kewill Solutions North America, Marlboro, MA, in 2005. **John Zinno** is a partner with Blum Shapiro in West Hartford, CT. Blum Shapiro is one of the top 100 U.S. accounting firms.

'90

CLASS AGENTS

Cliff Jefferson (cjefferson1@unumprovident.com)

Kelly (Cronin) Sachleben (ksachleben@comcast.net)

Katherine Fligg married Todd Smith on 5/26/05 in a village outside of Siena, Italy. The couple has relocated from San Francisco to Las Vegas. **Michael Matraia** operates the Law Office of Michael T. Matraia P.C. in Shrewsbury, MA. **Kirsten (Downs) Rioux** is a psychiatric home care nurse for VNA Community Healthcare in Guilford, CT. She also coaches the John Winthrop Junior High boys' basketball team. Kirsten and husband Robert reside in Ivoryton with their son Taylor (12), and daughter Mallory (10). **BIRTHS: Michael Bonina** and wife **Tracey (White) '95** announce the birth of twin daughters, Camille Mary and Grace Dominica, on 10/14/05. The twins join sister Antonia (5). **Beth (Collins)** and **Kevin Murray** welcomed John William on 11/3/05. He joins Ellie (5) and Colin (2).

'91 15TH REUNION

CLASS AGENTS

Robert Ayles (ayles37@comcast.net)

Bryan Dockett (bryan.dockett@disney.com)

Laurie (Robillard) '90 and **James Castro**

reside in Attleboro, MA, with their children—Matt (9), Theresa (6), and Zach (3). Jim is a CPA, working in his own firm in Attleboro. **Mary Ellen Driscoll** will graduate from Anna Maria College in May with a M.A. in Pastoral Ministry. **Ellen (Ottaviano) Riley** writes that she is the proud mother of twin sons, Aidan and Drew, born in July 2003. **Laura (Riley) Shickle** writes that she has a 1-year-old daughter, Danielle. They reside in Alpharetta, GA. **Diana Zubrowski** works for Principal Financial Group in Tampa, FL and looks forward to seeing her classmates at their 15th reunion in June. **BIRTHS: Lori (Benestad) Connors** and husband **Tom '92** welcomed Aidan Brendon on 8/9/05. He joins Liam (4) and Ainsley (2). **Karen Decker-Gendron** and husband **George** welcomed twins Helen Margaret and Boden Charles on 11/21/05. They join Nathan (5) and Lucas (2). **Susan (O'Mara) Flynn** and husband Stephen announce the birth of Kerion Teague Patrick on 5/20/05. He joins Hannah (4). **Laura (Swenson)** and **Kevin Henkin** announce the birth of Cole Evan in June 2005. Cole joins Connor (2). **Timothy Lucey** and wife Kelly welcomed Sophia in May 2005. She joins Gaby (5) and Paul (3). **Kelly (Connor) Perfetti** and husband David announce the birth of Julia Margaret on 8/21/05.

'92

CLASS AGENTS

Kerry (Haughey) Dockett (khdockett@optonline.net)

Will Waldron (aquinashomeimprove@yahoo.com)

Patrick Dawson and Miyuki Aihara were married on 6/17/05 in Osaka, Japan. Patrick is a real estate agent with Dawson GMAC Real Estate, Mattapoisett, MA. They reside in Fairhaven, MA. **John Degon** resigned from his position as head of reference and instruction at Assumption's Emmanuel d'Alzon Library in January. He plans to "through hike" the length of the Appalachian Trail (2,160 miles), beginning from Springer Mountain, GA, on March 1, to Mount Katahdin, ME. **BIRTHS: Lisa (Barbara) Malkowski** and husband Eric announce the birth of Andrew James on 11/21/05. He joins Ryan (2). **Kris (Kisling) Renihan** and husband Jeff welcomed Adam on 12/17/05. He joins Matt (6) and Dean (1).

'93

CLASS AGENT

Alan Deckman (ajdeckman@tcors.com)

Len Burgmyer returned home from Iraq in the fall of 2005 after spending 18 months on active duty as a physician's assistant with the 42nd Divarty Mass Army National Guard. **Ann Marie (Leary)** and **Ken Ford** reside in Barrington, NH, with their children, Jake (3) and fraternal twins Mya and Maxwell (1). Ann Marie works for a healthcare company and Ken is active in hospitality real estate consulting. **Dianna (Tramontozzi) McCarthy** and her three sons moved back to Marlborough, MA, to be close to family after the sudden and unexpected death of her husband, Kevin, in April 2005. **John Rupp** joined U.S. Trust in October 2005 as a vice president and business development officer for the firm's Palm Beach, FL, office. **April (Farber) Walling** is an English language teacher in the Shrewsbury (MA) Public Schools. April and husband David recently moved to their new home in Shrewsbury. **BIRTHS: Suzanne (Littlefield) Boothby** welcomed Caroline Elizabeth in May 2005. She joins Will (6) and Matthew (3). The Boothbys reside in Arlington, VA. **Kristina Gwinn-Crisologo** and husband Joseph announce the birth of Alexia Susan on 5/16/05. **Lauren (Kearney) Hayes** and husband David welcomed William Kearney on 8/16/05. He joins Caroline (9), Patrick (8), Grace (4), and Maggie (2). **Stacey (Sullivan) Hunt** and husband Todd announce the birth of Faith Rita on 12/19/05. She joins Ryan (5) and Brendan (3). **Kim Hodges-Moccio** and husband Billy announce the birth of Carson Andrew on 8/7/05. He joins Shelby (4) and Bradford (3). **John Lawrence** and wife Jill announce the birth of Heidi Hindley Lawrence on 11/16/05. She joins brother Grayden (2). The family resides in Norfolk, MA. **Laura-Mae (Rutkiewicz) Liddy** and husband Rob welcomed Thomas Joseph on 9/7/05. He joins Haley (5) and Patrick (3). **Sandi (Horgan) Rhodes** announces the birth of Thomas Robert on 11/24/04. He joins Alexandra (2). **Kristen (Rozanski) Skerry** and husband Pat welcomed Ryan Patrick on 3/18/05.

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or your class agent (listed in Class Notes)
Include photos with names and graduation years
of alumni pictured. Please print or type.

The annual golf tournament on Cape Cod to benefit the **J. Michael Keefe '93 Scholarship Fund** at Assumption College will be held July 15 at the Hyannis Country Club. Contact Jeff Phaneuf '93 at jeffheidip@comcast.net

'94

CLASS AGENTS

Scott Tomlinson (tomlinsons@sidwell.edu)

Mike Walsh (mpwalsh@snet.net)

Robert Balderson joined Belmont (MA) Savings Bank as a mortgage loan officer in December. **Mario Lostracco** was promoted in December to supervisor of the Carlin, Charron & Rosen's Integrated Services Division in Westboro, MA. Mario has worked for the firm as a CPA since 1996. **BIRTHS: Amy (Keane) Blake** and husband Tommy announce the birth of Kelly Elizabeth on 11/18/05. Kelly joins Kathryn (2). **Karie (Colligan) Lee** and husband Christopher welcomed Harrison James on 11/3/05. Harry joins brother Jackson (3). **Julie (DiPietro)** and **Wayne Smith** announce the birth of Ryan Alexander on 9/6/05. He joins Madelyn (2).

'95

CLASS AGENTS

Kiersten (Chapman) Marich (kmarich@optonline.net)

Cindy (DeNaples) Silva (cindy.silva@fmr.com)

BIRTHS: Stephanie (Godfrey) Gomes and husband Steve welcomed Jack Thomas on 9/12/05. Stephanie is a teacher at Jacobs Elementary School, Hull, MA. **Julie (Mahoney) Kelly** and husband Bob announce the birth of their first child, Samantha, on 10/16/05. **Kiersten (Chapman) Marich** and husband Mike welcomed Caroline Carr on 1/22/06. She joins Will (1). **Wendy (Hebert) Marshall** and husband Stan announce the birth of Brooke Elisabeth on 11/7/05. She joins brother Jesse (2). In February, the Marshalls moved to London, where they'll live for a year while Stan works on a project for Brown Brothers Harriman, the same company for which Wendy consults. **Stephen Santello G'96** and wife Nancy welcomed Ryan on 12/14/05. He joins Ben (2).

'96 10TH REUNION

CLASS AGENT

Wendy (Vautour) Durkin (wdurkin@comcast.net)

Lynda Carmel is a sign language interpreter at Assumption's Center for Living & Working. She is nationally certified as an ASL interpreter. **Janice Foley** married Domenic Rinella on 10/10/04. They reside in Peabody, MA. **William Moore G'00** works part-time for Harbour Counseling Service in Worcester, performing home-based psychotherapy. **David Norman** was promoted to sports editor of the Worcester *Telegram & Gazette* in November 2005. **BIRTHS: Melissa (Martino) Campbell** and husband Patrick welcomed their first child, Aidan Patrick, on 9/14/05. Melissa is a case manager for HealthSouth in Woburn, MA. The Campbells reside in Dracut, MA. **Kevin Carney G'97** and wife **Teresa (DaSilva) G'98** announce the birth of Jack Lucas on 2/23/05. **Erin (Cathro) Cauley** and husband Brian welcomed Brenna Tighe on 10/22/05. She joins Nora (2). **Mike DiGregorio** and wife Elizabeth announce the birth of triplets—Matthew Pasquale, Claire Florence, and William Michael—on 10/24/05. Mike is a senior business analyst at Wellington Management Company in Boston. **Heather (Hamel) Farley** and husband Glenn welcomed Jackson on 11/4/05. He joins Mackenzie (3). Heather is the principal of a Bucks County Country Day School in Levittown, PA. The Farleys reside in Newtown, PA. **Darin Haig** and wife **Chantal Royer-Haig '97** welcomed Sophie Marie on 8/5/05. Darin is program coordinator for the Family Partnership Program, a program of Riverside Community Care, Upton, MA. Chantal is a developmental therapist for UMass Early Intervention, Shrewsbury, MA. **Melissa (Schroeder) Niziolek** and husband David announce the birth of Christopher Michael on 5/30/05. Melissa is assistant vice president in the tax department of Bank of America, Providence, RI. The Nizioleks reside in Coventry. **Leah (Marinello) and Trevor O'Brien** welcomed Mia Anne on 6/21/05. She joins Ava (2). **Jennifer (Corden) Pearson** and husband Jonathan announce the birth of their first child, Abigail Grace, on 1/19/05. Jennifer teaches first grade in Waterbury, CT. **Lisa (Masstracchio) Wittman** and husband Michael announce the birth of their first child, Christopher, on 10/26/05.

'97

CLASS AGENT

Jared Bouzan (jbouz75@cox.net)

BIRTHS: Amanda (Ashe) Gibbons and husband Thomas announce the birth of Mary Wyonia on 10/20/05.

'98

CLASS AGENT

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Jessica Carneiro married David Mazzaccaro on 9/17/05.  Alumni in attendance were **Andy Aniballi, Josh Eldrege '99, Alicia (Josephson) '97 and Adam Gove '97, Jennifer Jones '97, Jennifer (Thomson) Law, Jessica (Carneiro) Mazzaccaro, Kerrie (Demers) McFeeters, Kristen (Wheelock) Oliver, Ericka (Harris) Racca '97, Jennifer (Thompson) Strong '97, Kara (Cisek) Szewczynski '97, and Amanda Young.** Jessica is an account manager with Option One Mortgage, Farmington, CT. The couple resides in Manchester, CT. **Colleen McGowan** completed P.F. Chang's Rock & Roll Arizona Half Marathon (13.1 miles) for the second consecutive year as a member of the Mass./Maine/N.H. Chapter of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. She finished in 1:47, placing 72nd of 1,870 runners in her age group (30–34). **Derek Mohamed** was promoted to first vice president, wealth advisor, of Morgan Stanley's Wellesley, MA, office in December. He resides in Marlborough, MA, with wife Nicole, son David and daughter Isabelle. **Andy Quinn** is a middle school special education teacher in the Albany, NY, area and a football coach at Cohoes (NY) High School. He earned a master's degree in special education from Simmons College. **Colleen Teehan** and Gary Asselin were married on 9/4/05. Colleen has opened a hypnosis office in Nashua, NH. **BIRTHS: Cheryl (Nardine) Burke** and husband **Tom G'98** announce the birth of daughter Caitlyn on 11/4/05. She joins Hannah (1). **Emily (Densberger) Dustin** and husband Grant announce the birth of twin daughters, Margaret Hollis and Molly Elizabeth, on 10/20/05. They join Ella Rose (2). **Diana (DiPietro) West** and husband Paul welcomed Ryan Justin on 9/22/05. He joins Paul Jr. (3).

'99

CLASS AGENTS

Lauren D'Angelo (laurend7@msn.com)


Laura (Ramsdell) Parrillo (lauralei@myway.com)

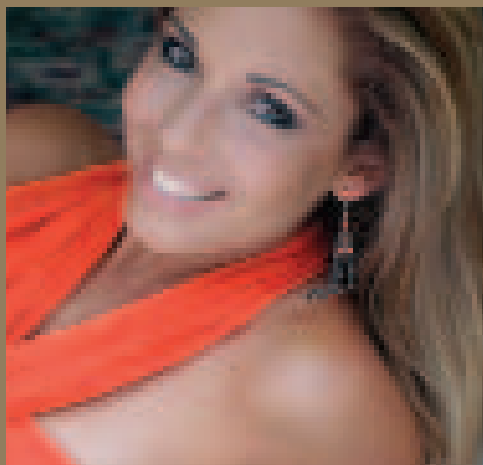
Matthew Freeman married Jacqueline Harris on 9/10/05 in Nantucket, MA. Matt is a labor and employment lawyer with Jackson Lewis in Boston. **Michelle Latorraca** and **Michael Liguori** were married on 6/11/05 in Danbury, CT.  In attendance were bridesmaids **Erica (Sheehan) Fallon** and **Allyson (Sandberg) Martin**, as well as **Jennifer (Mara) Meadows** and **Dayna (VanBlarcom) Zynda.** Michelle is an elder law attorney at Cramer & Anderson, LLP in New Milford, CT, where the couple also resides. **Alina Mazzaferro** joined Re-Max Excellence of Longboat Key and St. Armands Circle (FL) as a real estate associate in January. **Meredith Miller** married Eric Shafer on 8/6/05 in Bristol, CT.  Meredith is the school counselor at Morris Schott Middle School, Mattawa, WA. She is pursuing a Master's Degree in Counseling Psychology from Central Washington University. The couple resides in Othello, WA. **BIRTHS: Erica (Sheehan) Fallon** and husband Ron announce the birth of Connor Thomas on 8/10/05. **Tara (Malcolm) and Jaime Gamache** welcomed Logan Thomas on 2/2/06. He joins sister Seana (1). **Katie (Stoehrer) Mulcahy** and husband Kristian announce the birth of Noah Robert on 10/22/05. **Tricia (Rumery) Rust** and husband **Steven '98** welcomed Isabella Lourdes on 7/9/05. She joins Peter (5), Thomas (3) and Samuel (1).

'00

CLASS AGENTS

Doug and Claudia Arcuri Brown (dbrown@courion.com)

Allison Coutts began a new job at as director of student activities & orientation at Curry College, Milton, MA, in January. **Amanda Dusza** married Jacob Puschel on 9/16/05 in Springfield, MA. Amanda is enrolled in the graduate program at Elms College in Chicopee and works at Outback Steakhouse in West Springfield. **Mike Herard** sells medical produce for Greer Laboratories, an allergy immunotherapy company. **Federico Lascano** and **Christine Orlovsky '02** were married on 9/24/05 in New Milford, CT. 



Kristin Gauvin '05 Competes in Miss America Pageant

Back when she was a child, **Kristin Gauvin '05** always dreamed about being in the Miss America pageant. Many of those childhood dreams came true in January when Gauvin competed as Miss Massachusetts in the 2006 Miss America Pageant at the Aladdin Resort & Casino in Las Vegas. The event was televised live on CMT (Country Music Television) and was hosted by actor James Denton of ABC's hit show *Desperate Housewives*.

Since being crowned Miss Massachusetts in June 2005, when she received more than \$9,000 in scholarships, Gauvin has conducted several speaking engagements and public appearances in and around the Bay State. She spoke to middle school students throughout the state about the effects of making educated decisions on tobacco and drugs through the "Right Decisions, Right Now" program. She continues to teach dance in Worcester and coaches the Assumption dance team, a team she helped establish as a student.

At Assumption, Gauvin majored in Business Management, earned Dean's List honors and graduated cum laude. She competed as a member of the College's varsity track team and was a candidate for a Fulbright scholarship during her senior year.

Off-campus, Gauvin was a member of the New England Patriots cheerleading squad, serving as captain during the 2003 season and cheering at the 2004 Super Bowl. During the same season, she was named the team's Cheerleader of the Year, which enabled her to travel to the 2004 Pro Bowl with 24 of the NFL's best cheerleaders.


Alumni in attendance were **Robert Boncore**, **Christie Buyniski '01**, **Jessica Caforio '01**, **Jason Calla**, **Nadine (Pacileo) Calla '01**, **Angela Corby**, **Thomas Cunningham '01**, **Gregg Dennis**, **Peter Dolan '89**, **Jennifer Federico '01**, **Courtney Goff '01**, **Alyson Goyette '01**, **Elise MacCurtain '01**, **Kate McClintock '01**, **Brian Meade**, **Kevin '91** and **Maria (Lascano) O'Neil '91**, **Greg Stevens**, **James Sullivan**, **Derek '00** and **Elizabeth (Palinkas) Thieme**, and **Novar Whitworth '00**. The couple resides in Newton, MA. **Dan McGowan** is the new baseball coach at Holy Name Central Catholic Jr./Sr. High School in Worcester. **Bryan Moore** and **Jamie Mulryan '01** were married 10/15/05 at Assumption's Chapel of the Holy Spirit. **Fr. Dennis Gallagher, A.A. '69** presided. Alumni in attendance included **Casey Carney '01**, **Jason Chavoor '99**, **Serge DeBari '71**, and **Andrew Niedzwiecki**. **Brenda Safford G'04** was named Assumption's director of multicultural affairs in January. She was previously the coordinator of admissions at Quinsigamond Community College and director of the teen services and care resource center at the YWCA of Central Mass. **Kerri Streeter** married Jason Wheeler on 8/6/05 in Westfield, MA. Kerri is a teacher at Woodland Elementary School in Southwick, MA. **BIRTHS: Stacy (Gallagher) Boumenot** and husband Christopher announce the birth of son Colin Eamon on 1/15/06.

'01 5TH REUNION

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Alex Foster and **Erica Lohr** were married on 11/19/05 in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit. **Fr. Dennis Gallagher, A.A. '69** presided. Erica is assistant alumni director at Springfield (MA) College. **Crista Lambert** earned an Associate's Degree in Sign Language Interpreting from Northern Essex Community College in May 2004. She has passed the state exams to become a NH licensed interpreter and is an educational interpreter in the Manchester, NH Program for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. She continues to work as an interpreter at NASA's Space Camp in Huntsville, AL. **Catie Maiorano** married **Matthew Watkins '02** on 7/8/05 in Easthampton, MA.  **WEBLINK**. In attendance were **Danielle Ahern '02, G'03;**

Jaime Aliperti '02; Ashley Rice; Christel Byrne; Matt Caceci '02; Amy Centazzo; Paul Colandro; Mark Joyce; Chris Kissane; Jason Luck; Tim Troy '02; and Paul Zurek '02. Catie is a guidance counselor at Hampshire Regional High School in Westhampton, MA. Matthew is a sales executive with Ingersoll Rand in Salem, NH. **Dana Nazzaro** teaches fourth grade at St. Francis School in New Haven, CT. She is also advisor to the Student Council and chairperson of the Social Studies Curriculum Committee. **Stacy Rennell** earned a Master's Degree in Psychology with a concentration in clinical mental health from Springfield College in December. Stacy is a school adjustment counselor and team chairperson for two elementary schools in an alternative program for children with behavioral, social, and emotional problems. **Ashley Rice** and **Ismail Azeri** were married on 9/30/05. **Erin Toomey** married Ryan Peterson in June 2005. **BIRTHS: Sara (Ayres) G'03** and **Eric Vettese G'03** welcomed Andrew Louis on 4/24/04. They were married in May 2003 and recently purchased a home in Templeton, MA. Eric is director of office technology for Assumption's Admissions and Financial Aid offices.

'02

CLASS AGENTS

Amy Beadle (amy.e.beadle@gmail.com)

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Kara Dowdle is recreation director for Kindred Healthcare at the Newton and Wellesley Alzheimer Center in Wellesley, MA.

'03


CLASS AGENT

Katie Beane (katiebeane17@hotmail.com)

Jessica Cremin is a sales assistant/promotion coordinator at WLNE-TV, ABC's affiliate in Providence, RI. **Charles Iacono** became the director of institutional advancement at the Prout School, Wakefield, RI, in December. **Sean Kenney** was promoted in January by MFS Investment Management in Boston. He was reassigned as regional manager of a Michigan territory. **Mark Lambton** was named associate engineer in the mooring ops and field engineering group at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution on Cape Cod. **Luke Soojian** recently purchased and now main-

tains an events Web site (www.armoparty.com), which posts local events.

'04

Ronald Halterman joined John Hancock's AspenCross Financial Group in January. He is a financial representative working in the Westboro, MA, office. **Katherine Kane** is a graphic designer with the Massachusetts Dental Society. She is enrolled in the School of the Museum of Fine Arts Boston's graphic design certificate program. **Amy Leo** joined the staff at Worcester Academy in January as annual fund coordinator. She previously worked at Bose Corporation. **Rebecca Schultz** married **Jason Kurland '02** in Gales Ferry, CT, on 10/22/05.  Alumni and current students in attendance were groomsmen **Adam '06** and **Joseph Kurland '05**, as well as **Margaret Adamczyk '03**, **Frankie Ambrogio '05**, **Gretchen Anderson**, **Bill Antonitis '02**, **Marianne Beauvais '03**, **Megan Chenaille '05**, **Dan Esposito '03**, **Dan Legg '06**, **Jenna Luce '08**, **Matt McDonald '03**, and **Anne Marie Pfeffer '03**. Rebecca works in the

Annual Giving/Alumni Relations Office at WPI. Jason is a customer service analyst at Allmerica Financial in Worcester, where the couple resides.

'05

Sr. Laetitia Byukusenge, R.A. has returned to Rwanda, where she is working with three other sisters in the Kabuye community. They welcome groups and individuals who come for spiritual thirst at Centre Marie Eugenie. **Brian Gordon** earned a spot on the training camp roster of the Manchester Wolves Arena Football League team. Brian was assigned to the Wolves after excelling at an open tryout in November. Brian starred as a defensive lineman for Assumption's football team, setting the school record with 27 career sacks. He will compete for a spot on the permanent roster as a fullback/linebacker at training camp in March 2006. **Jeff Lavery** is a staff reporter for the *Worcester Business Journal*, a biweekly publication covering business news in Central Massachusetts.



Teresa Sanford G'95, Named Commander of Navy Frigate

In early February, **Teresa Sanford G'95** became the first female to assume command of the United States Navy frigate *USS Elrod*. Previously a commander of joint forces, Cmdr. Sanford now leads a crew of 17 officers and 198 enlisted crewmembers. Frigates fulfill a protection of shipping mission as anti-submarine warfare combatants for amphibious expeditionary forces, underway replenishment groups, and merchant convoys.

A native of Kinston, NC, Sanford joined the navy in the early 1980s and was granted relief time to further her education. She holds a B.A. from North Carolina State, an M.S. from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, and a M.B.A. from Assumption.

Her naval career has included assignments both ashore and at sea. She has worked aboard the *USS Mars*, *USS Moosbrugger*, *USS South Carolina*, and *USS Carr*. Cmdr. Sanford's personal decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal and the Navy Commendation Medal (eight awards).

The *USS Elrod* was built at the Bath Iron Works in Maine and was commissioned in 1985. Originally home ported in Charleston, SC, it was shifted to Norfolk, VA, in 1995. It has completed deployments to the Arabian Gulf, Mediterranean Sea and Adriatic Sea, and has participated in numerous operations in the Atlantic Ocean, Mediterranean, Black, and Caribbean Seas.

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Assumption College Magazine, the quarterly magazine of Assumption College, publishes Class Notes three times per year – in January, April and August. This section of the magazine provides an opportunity for alumni (undergraduate, graduate and Assumption Prep) to share announcements of promotions, graduate degrees, political elections or appointments, marriages or civil unions, births, adoptions and grand-children. The magazine does not publish engagement notices.

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Graduate Alumni

G'66

Harry A.M. Rush Jr. contributed a series of biographies in French to the University of Maine's Franco-American publication, *Le Forum*. The series was about Harry's teachers at St. Martin of Tours School, Millinocket, ME, and the Sisters of the Holy Rosary, Quebec, Canada.

G'73

Rev. George DeTellis and wife **Jeanne CE'80** attended the Orlando (FL) alumni reception in February and shared a story of the mission work they've done in Haiti and Dominican Republic. **Robert McCaffrey, Ph.D.** is CEO of E-Coast Rehab Networks, in Portsmouth, NH, and serves as executive vice president of development for Futures Health Group in Springfield, MA. He is the brother of **Ted '69** and **MaryBeth McCaffrey '76**. **Peter Tamulis Jr.** was named chief learning officer of the Seven Hills Corporate College in October. The college opened on Hope Avenue, Worcester, in February 2006.

G'74

Richard Tatro was ordained as a permanent deacon by Bishop McManus in December. He is the deacon of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Gardner, MA. Richard is a quality assurance inspector for Dogwatch Inc. and has worked as a career assessment counselor and director of production planning. He and wife Brenda have three children and one grandchild.

G'75

Linda Orosko G'77 holds two master's degrees (in Counseling Psychology and Special Education) from Assumption. She is a school psychologist in Millbury, MA, and a veteran of theatrical productions. She directed *The 1940s Radio Hour*, performed in December at the Calliope Theater in Boylston, MA. Her husband, **Charlie '68, G'76**, is the associate vice president of student affairs and dean of students at Worcester State College.

G'81

Carol Fredette received the Theodore James Ryken Award for teaching excellence from St. John's High School in Shrewsbury, MA, in December. Carol teaches English Studies.

G'93

Kel Kelly (formerly Kelly McGovern) is the founder & CEO of Kel & Partners, an extension marketing firm in Hopkinton, MA.

G'96

Joan Leahy was appointed assistant vice president of marketing communications of PeoplesBank in October.

G'99

Maria Heskes-Allard was appointed vice president of commercial lending at Clinton Savings Bank in January.

G'02

Diane Mohaghegh, academic counselor in Assumption's Center for Continuing & Professional Education, was named Assumption's advisor to the honor Alpha Sigma Lambda society in December. **Shelly Roy** married Robert Wells in Westport, NY, on 9/4/05. Shelly is employed at Commerce Insurance in Webster, MA.

G'03

Robbie Burnett joined John Hancock's AspenCross Financial Group in December as a financial representative in the Westborough, MA office.

Honorary Degree Recipients

Arthur Remillard Jr. HD'94 announced in January that he will retire in July as CEO and chairman of Commerce Group Inc., concluding a 40-year career in the property and casualty insurance business. Arthur founded the Commerce Insurance Company in 1971.

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- IN MEMORIAM -

Robert A. Desilets '39

Leominster, MA, died December 5, 2005

Born in St. Gregoire, Canada, Robert moved from Canada as a teenager and settled in Leominster, where he resided for most of his life. Robert founded Desilets Market in 1948 and was its sole proprietor until 1973. He enjoyed teaching French to his grandchildren, reading, volunteering in schools, and making pilgrimages to Europe and throughout North America. He leaves sons Ronald, Charles, and Paul; sisters Sister Gilberte, Jeannette, Fernande, and Jacqueline; brothers Aime and Brother Michael; and seven grandchildren.

Gerard B. Giguere, Esq. AP'40, '43

Phillipsburg, NJ, died November 2, 2005

Born in Lewiston, ME, Gerard earned an LL.B. from Catholic University. He was an attorney with Corporation Trust Company in New York City, retiring in 1985. He leaves his wife of 53 years, Constance; five children; and 15 grandchildren.

Robert E. Blais Jr. AP'44, '47

Westbrook, ME, died November 24, 2005

A native of Portsmouth, NH, Robert was raised in Amesbury, MA. He served in the U.S. Air Force, as a tail gunner in a B-24, stationed in Germany. He attended the New England Institute of Funeral Service in Boston and owned Rocheleau Funeral Home in Westbrook before establishing Blais Funeral Home, which he ran until he became ill several years ago. He leaves sons Robert, Roger, Marc, James, and John; daughters Denise, Michelle, and Lisa; brother Louis; sisters Marie and Roberta; and 17 grandchildren.

Roger A. Larrivee, D.D.S., AP'45, '48

Bedford, NH, died December 25, 2005

Born in Westbrook, ME, Roger was a Korean War veteran, serving three years as a captain in the U.S. Air Force. He graduated from Georgetown School of Dentistry and practiced dental surgery in Manchester, NH, for more than 40 years after beginning his dentistry career in Maine. He leaves his wife, Catherine; sons R. David and Philip; and three grandchildren.

Gilbert A. Bellerose, D.D.S., AP'47, '51

Westboro, MA, died October 31, 2005

Born in North Grosvenordale, CT, Gilbert served in the U.S. Army from 1955 to 1963. He practiced family dentistry in Westboro for more than 30 years, prior to his retirement. He was a communicant of St. Luke the Evangelist Church, where he sang in the choir and was a member of the Northboro Community Chorus. Gilbert leaves his wife, Irene; sons Marc, Gary, and Brian; and two grandchildren.

Edward J. Comeau AP'53

North Chelmsford, MA, died January 27, 2006

Edward served for eight years in the U.S. Army Reserves, Corps of Engineers, earning the rank of captain. He worked for several construction companies during his career, including Wes Construction Corp. in Dedham, MA where he worked for more than 20 years. He retired in 2000 after serving as project manager and claims supervisor for ICF Kaiser Engineers in Boston. Edward leaves his wife, Jane; sons John and Thomas; daughters Eileen and Marie; brother Ernest; sisters Laura and Catherine; and 10 grandchildren.

Andras V. Bende '61

Franklin Lakes, NJ, died December 27, 2005

Born in Budapest, Hungary, Andras lived in Franklin Lakes for the past 27 years. He was the president and owner of the Bende Companies of Passaic, NJ and current president of the Passaic Rotary Club. He also was on the board of trustees of the Passaic Urban Enterprise Zone and was a member of the Hungarian Piarist Alumni Association. He leaves his wife of 35 years, Mary Jeanne; daughter Rene; son Andras Q.; mother Elisabeth; and two granddaughters.

L. Paul Courchesne Jr. AP'62

Placitas, NM, died February 4, 2006

A Worcester native, Paul was vice president of Systems Services & Training and was owner of the former Courchesne Funeral Home in Worcester. He was a car enthusiast and enjoyed boating, fishing, gardening, and caring for his five dogs. Paul leaves his wife, Virginia; stepdaughter Twinkle; stepgrandson Ezra; brothers Robert and Marc; and nieces and nephews.

Paul E. Richards AP'64, '70

Griswold, CT, died December 14, 2005

Born in Fall River, MA, Paul graduated from Assumption Prep and Assumption College and later earned a master's degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He was self-employed as a consultant in the software industry. Paul leaves his wife, Linda; son Brian; daughter Bonny; brothers Mark and David; two grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Leon Hovsepian II G'69

West Boylston, MA, died November 16, 2005

Leon was an art teacher in the Worcester Public Schools for 34 years, teaching at both North High and Burncoat Junior and Senior High School. He worked with his mother and father to design and create a fresco, *Christ in Glory*, which resides in the Church of the Annunciation in Washington, DC, and a sand sculpture of Our Lady of the Highway for St. Barbara's Parish in Vulcan, MI. Leon leaves his wife of 35 years, Sarah; son Leon III; daughter Lisa; parents Leon and Mary; sister Marlene; two nieces and an aunt.

Robert A. Cole, J.D. G'73

Shrewsbury, MA, died November 23, 2005

Born in Holden, Robert lived in Shrewsbury for more than 50 years. After beginning his career as a clinical psychologist, Robert's passion for architecture led him into real estate design and development. He developed several Shrewsbury projects, including Eastern Point Condominiums and Quinsigamond Plaza. He also was a solo law practitioner specializing in real estate litigation and bankruptcy law. Robert leaves his wife of 35 years, Pamela; daughters Sarah and Elizabeth; father Robert B.; sister Susan; a granddaughter, a niece and four nephews.

Sr. Lorraine R. Maille G'74

Petersham, MA, died January 1, 2006

Born in Dracut, MA, Sr. Lorraine taught junior high school for 20 years in several MA and CT parochial schools. She later worked as a counselor in the special academic services department at UMass-Lowell for 10 years and was the director for the counseling department at Lowell Catholic High School for the last 12 years of her career. She leaves a sister, Jeannine; brother-in-law Robert; and several nieces and nephews.

Rosemary "Roe" A. Kalagher '77

Marlborough, MA, died November 27, 2005

Born in Fitchburg, Roe was a transportation coordinator with Montachusett Regional Transit for 10 years, retiring in 1999. She enjoyed reading and traveling. Roe leaves brothers Joseph and William; sister Judith; foster daughter Brenda; two aunts and several nieces and nephews.

Peter J. Lemieux '77

Sturbridge, MA, died December 3, 2005

A native of Ware, Peter was raised in North Brookfield, where he lived until moving to Sturbridge in 1985. He was a manager at Lightbridge Corp. in Burlington for the past five years, and was also a former volunteer firefighter for North Brookfield. He enjoyed camping, golfing, and riding his Harley Davidson motorcycle. Peter leaves his wife, Tracey; children Jason, Zachary, Jillian, Timothy, and Molly; brothers Paul '77, Philip, and Stephen; parents Joseph and Alice; and a grandson.

Barbara A. Dubrule '81

Worcester, MA, died December 13, 2005

Born in Worcester, Barbara lived in Paxton for many years. She worked for many years as a registered nurse in the surgical intensive care unit at Worcester City Hospital. After earning a MSW from Boston College, Barbara became a research social worker and private psychotherapist. She also served as a counselor at Worcester State Hospital, Westboro State Hospital and McLean Hospital in Arlington, MA. Barbara leaves a son, Douglas; daughters Laurey, Lisa, and Robin; and four grandchildren.

- IN MEMORIAM -

Frances A. York G'93

West Yarmouth, MA, died November 23, 2005
Frances grew up in Dennis, MA, and earned degrees from Stonehill College and Assumption. She was pursuing a doctoral degree from Lacrosse University. She worked in the field of human services and forensic therapy and was recently retired as a social worker for Cape Cod Human Services. She also volunteered at Independence House and Habitat for Humanity. She leaves a son, Kenneth; daughters Patricia, Jennifer, and Jessica; and nine grandchildren.

Priscilla M. Groves G'94

Auburn, MA, died December 30, 2005
A native of St. Louis, MO, Priscilla has lived in Auburn for the last 27 years. She was a special education teacher in the Worcester School System for eight years, and last taught for five years at the Chandler Magnet School before leaving due to illness. She was a member of Saint Joseph's Church, Auburn, and the Massachusetts Teachers Association. Priscilla leaves her husband of 33 years, Jim; son Bryan; mother Florence; brother Lawrence; two grandsons and several nieces and nephews.

Jonathan P. Stacey-Lewis '03

New York, NY, died December 10, 2005
Born and raised in NYC, Jonathan joined the New York Boys Choir at the age of 10 and traveled extensively, singing at Radio City Music Hall with Whitney Houston, and the White House, among other venues. A high school honor roll student, he enrolled in a summer college internship program at Goldman Sachs while still in high school. Jonathan earned his BA in Economics, Issues and Policy. He worked at Macy's department store as a special events commission flyer after graduation, then joined Argent Mortgage, where he earned two promotions prior to his death. Jonathan leaves his mother, Sharon; half-sister Keshia; grandparents Ruthella and James; and aunt Jean.

-Friends of the College-

Claire Avis, mother of Jack AP'63; **Elenore Blackett**, mother of Jeanne Blackett Harmon '82; **Cecile Brennan**, mother of Deb Daly and Maureen Asdikian, AC employees; **Frances Carrigan**, mother of James AP'58 and William AP'64; **Norina Costa**, AC volunteer;

Ralph DeLucia, father of Ralph, AC employee; grandfather of Danielle '96 and Stephanie '99; **Ann Donahue**, mother of Thomas Jr. AP'57; **John "Jay" Gannon**, husband of Kathleen '91, AC employee; **Orville Harrold**, AC friend; **Margaret "Peg" Henry**, AC volunteer; **Lucille Jackson**, mother of Paula Howarth, AC employee; **Peter Laska**, AC friend, father of Sandra (Laska) Jackson '77, brother of Andy HD'90, and uncle of Diane Laska-Nixon '76; **Jennie Mikelonis**, former AC employee; **M. Marcus Moran Sr.**, AC friend, father of Kevin '72 and Peter '74, and father-in-law of Emilie (Arbor) '74; **Ruth Morin**, W.I.S.E. member; **Dorothy Philbin**, mother of Edward AP'64, G'70; **John Reisert**, father of John '90, father-in-law of Theresa (Carney) '91, and husband of Professor Emerita Patricia Reisert; **Marie Shortsleeve**, sister of AC English professor Michael O'Shea '59, sister-in-law of AC employee Julie O'Shea, and niece of Molly O'Shea '03; **Bernard Tremblay**, father of Joseph '97 and father-in-law of Laura (Abladian) '97; **Amos Wasgatt III**, AC friend, brother of Paul '82, and brother-in-law of Barbara (Hagopian) '82.

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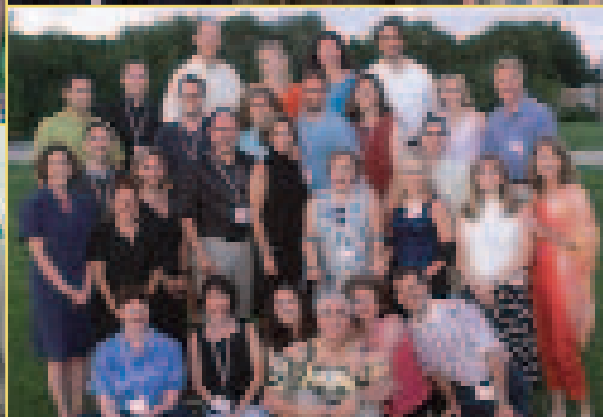


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