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Sadly St. Charles lost two great men of God—Msgr. F. Thomas Gallen ’40 and Fr. Robert Schwenker ’54—who went to be with Him. Both served others generously and made a difference in many lives. Read about the memorial celebration for Msgr. Gallen and many tributes to him from St. Charles alumni and friends. (Page 3) Also read about Fr. Schwenker who died in Colombia where he served many years helping the poor and destitute. (Page 11)

St. Charles recognized the sacrifice and generosity of its many loyal supporters last June at the school’s ‘Celebrating Our Achievements’ event. It celebrated the success in reaching the school’s Phase I goal of $10 million through The Campaign for St. Charles. (Page 8)

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Beloved priest and teacher

He devoted 56 years of his life to St. Charles, its students, and their families
Principal’s Column

Challenges, successes and improvements
by Dominic Cavello

Another school year has begun - the school’s 81st- and St. Charles continues to operate with the core belief that hard work and discipline are necessary for personal and academic development. When I met with members of the freshman class in Mother of Mercy Chapel on the first day of school, I told them what I’ve been telling entering students for years: Their time at St. Charles would be challenging but experience has shown that those who accept the challenge will be successful.

Our students have once again shown themselves to be some of the finest in Central Ohio. I am proud to report that 11 members of this year’s senior class have been named National Merit Semifinalists, the second largest number in our school history. I am also extremely proud that on last year’s field test of the 10th-grade Ohio Graduation Test (OGT), not only did all of our sophomore students pass, but every one of them did so at the accelerated and advanced levels.

I have also come to expect the same degree of dedication and effort from the faculty and staff and year after year they continue to deliver. This past year, for example, the faculty worked diligently to re-map our curriculum to match standards covered on the OGT. They continue to give of their time and talents to meet with students before and after school who may need extra help, and they also make themselves accessible to parents by e-mail and telephone in the evening.

St. Charles has enhanced classroom instruction and parent communication by continuing to invest time and resources to upgrade the school’s audiovisual and computer equipment, as well as our phone system. This summer we installed SmartboardsTM and Smart SymposiumsTM in several more classrooms as another tool for teacher instruction. And now, for the first time, academic grade reports will be sent via e-mail to all parents every two weeks. A number of teachers also send weekly academic reports via e-mail to parents. The purpose of this extraordinary amount of home-school correspondence is to help parents monitor their sons’ academic performance.

This past summer we worked on several projects designed to provide our students greater safety and comfort. Most of the old wooden doors were replaced with electronically controlled aluminum ones. The project to air-condition the entire school is moving forward in good fashion. Work has been completed on the east and west wings, leaving only the central section of the main building to configure. We expect to complete this project by next fall.

With the dedication of our faculty and staff, and continued support of our alumni and friends, St. Charles remains positioned to carry on its proud tradition as The Distinctive Leader in Catholic Education. Please keep us in your prayers.

On the Cover—
Magr. F. Thomas Gallen served St. Charles for more than 60 years in many different ways: as a friend, counselor, priest, teacher, and musician. The school community gathered August 11 to remember and honor this great “man of God” in celebration of his life.

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Corrections
The staff of the Cardinal magazine would like to acknowledge some errors it made in the magazine’s spring 2004 edition. We misspelled the names of Mary Zehandelar (page 16), Cindy Kelley (page 19), Kathleen Thon (page 18), mis-identified Mike Lorz ’61 (page 24), and forgot to include Chris Mahler in his ’78 class reunion photo (the middle of the top row). We also made some factual errors. Dominic Cavello served in the U.S. Army (not the U.S. Marine Corps., page 33), and the Preparatory School’s enrollment was restricted from 1961-1969 to students contemplating the priesthood. The staff of the Cardinal regrets the errors.

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Monsignor Gallen was St. Charles icon

On the evening of August 11, 2004, the St. Charles community gathered for a memorial Mass to honor and celebrate the life of one of its truly great members, Monsignor F. Thomas Gallen, who died July 31.

“Probably none of us knows the whole story of his life,” commented Bishop James A. Griffin, the Mass celebrant, in his homily. “We all know parts and pieces, ‘Griffin added, ‘because we all knew Msgr. Gallen in different ways — as priest, as teacher, as musician, as counselor, as friend, as family member, as brother. We all know our little part of his life. Altogether, those thousands of pieces formed a breathtaking mosaic worthy of display at any of the world’s finest galleries or museums.”

Griffin’s observation was reflected in the feelings of people who filled Mother of Mercy Chapel that night. People of all ages, social backgrounds, and professions came to honor him for his many decades of dedication to St. Charles and a lifetime of service to God. Captains of industry were there, as were current and former faculty members, clergy, family members, and other alumni whose lives were enriched by Msgr. Gallen. They were there to thank ‘Monz’ for his kindness, compassion, and understanding — all of which helped make them better people.

In the “acknowledgements” section of his book, St. Charles Borromeo Preparatory School, The First 75 Years, author Louis V. Fabro ’49 expressed “very special gratitude” to Msgr. Gallen for the generous gift of his time and assistance with the book, which was two years in the making. Gallen reviewed and edited Fabro’s copy, gave suggestions, and noted errors. But most notably, Fabro said, “he provided valuable information about events and people important to the St. Charles story.” He called Gallen a “walking encyclopedia of information about the school.”

Gallen’s love of the school went far beyond just caring for its students and staff. During the mid-’80s through the late ’90s, for example, as the school undertook many remodeling and building projects, it was ‘Monz’ (a term of student endearment the past 25 years or so) who served as the unofficial “project foreman.” Whether it was new classrooms being built, the smokestack lowered, the theatre refurbished, or construction of the Dedger and Rose Jones Natatorium, Msgr. Gallen was there every day. He spoke to construction crews, kept a photographic timeline of construction progress, quizzed principal Dominic Cavello, and kept careful watch day and night.

Bill Nye, father of Bill ’78 and Dan ’80, and a school volunteer for many years, said that one morning ‘Monz’ mentioned he was very tired. It turned out he had stayed up all night watching Broad Street from his fourth-floor room because he was afraid that the truck driver delivering steel beams for the Natatorium project the next morning might miss the school or get lost or confused of where to leave the material. The St. Charles campus was his home for over 60 years and ‘Monz’ watched over it as if it were his very own.

From 1990-1998 ‘Monz’ swam most evenings in the natatorium, primarily for health reasons. Many mornings coaches would be greeted by reports from ‘Monz’ left on the locker room chalk board. The messages noted lights left on, doors ajar, showers left running, or whatever — all things he found during his building inspection after his evening exercise.

To honor his former teacher, Robert D. Walter ’63, established in 1995 The Monsignor F. Thomas Gallen Scholarship Fund. Income from this Fund supports students who qualify for tuition assistance and demonstrate a keen interest and/or aptitude for music or math. Monsignor Gallen, when he passed away, was 81 years old. Nearly 50 of those years — from June, 1950 to June, 1999 — were spent at St. Charles as a faculty member. He taught mathematics, music, and English at the former St. Charles Borromeo College-Seminary and St. Charles Preparatory School. No one had a longer tenure at the school. Gallen was a beloved teacher and a ‘living archive’ of information who was always eager to share information on the school’s 81-year history.

He graduated from Immaculate Conception School in 1936; Saint Charles Preparatory School in 1940; the College of Saint Charles Borromeo in 1944; attended Saint Mary Seminary, Norwood, Ohio and was ordained to the priesthood on June 7, 1947 at St. Joseph Cathedral.

He was also a graduate of the University of Montreal; the Pontifical Institute of Sacred Music, Rome, Italy; and the Pius X School of Liturgical Music, Manhattanville College of the Sacred Heart, Purchase, NY. He served in several parishes including Saint Mary Church, Lancaster; Saint Joseph Cathedral, Columbus; Saint Philip the Apostle Church, Columbus; and Saint Bernard Church, Corning, his last assignment. In 1960 he helped found the weekly TV Mass broadcasts, which are still televised in Central Ohio each Sunday morning.
Alumnus shared special friendship with ‘Monz’

By John T. Mackessy, Class of 1978

A few people have touched my heart as Monsignor F. Thomas Gallen did. Monz was my teacher from my first days at St. Charles to the end of his life. He also was my friend.

It has been over 30 years since I first came to know of Monsignor Gallen. I learned of Monsignor’s reputation before I actually met him. During a visit to St. Charles as an eighth grader, I was treated to a story about a Monsignor. There were two students who were goofing off in the stairwell at St. Charles and were also late for class. From above them came a booming voice, “Gentlemen, what are you doing?” When the boys looked up, all they could see was the silhouette of a man with white hair standing in front of a window with the sun streaming around him. One of the boys recalled that he thought it was God himself ready to pass judgment. This was ‘Monz’ and his flair for the dramatic, especially when teaching a lesson.

My first impressions of ‘Monz’ were of a stern, professional and no-nonsense teacher. He was very serious and devoted to his job. He set high expectations for his students. He set higher expectations for himself. Regularly he stayed up past 1, 2 or 3 o’clock in the morning to finish grading assignments, to work on diocesan business, to inspect the campus or to complete his daily prayers. After some time at St. Charles, I came to realize that there was another side to this man. It became clear to me how deeply he cared for us.

A classmate, Bob Carlisle, and I came up with the nickname ‘The Monz’ after the (TV) Happy Day character, ‘The Fonz’. Surprisingly, he enjoyed the comparison and the name stuck. This was about the time my friendship with ‘Monz’ began. I admired him greatly. He was a brilliant teacher, a gifted musician and a wonderful priest. His life defined the word vocation for me. Everything he did was out of love for God and love for us. The sacrifice he made for his faith amazed me. He devoted his entire being to St. Charles and cared for the students as if they were his own children. This became clear to me some years later during a class reunion Mass. At the petitions, ‘Monz’ prayed for two of my classmates who had died tragically not long after our graduation. It was the only time in my life that I saw ‘Monz’ cry. I have heard many stories from other St. Charles alumni about a visit from ‘Monz’ during an illness, hospital stay, or at the death of a family member. He treated us as if we were his family. In a special way, I believe we were.

Our friendship grew out of many common interests such as mathematics, music and a curiosity about our Catholic faith. During my time at St. Charles, ‘Monz’ renewed my interest in music. After a lapse of many years (on my part), he offered to give me piano lessons again. It became a weekly visit to the third floor where I proceeded to make ‘Monz’ cringe for the better.

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Remembering Monsignor Gallen

Following the Memorial Mass of August 11 for Msgr. Gallen, we invited those in the St. Charles community to send us their special memories of him. Those anecdotes and recollections appear in this special section. Your responses were filled with love, admiration, and respect for the man many called a ‘true saint on earth.’

Hugh Dorrian ’53 — Events like the (Memorial) Mass are always inspirational to me … with so many of the St. Charles community in one place at one time. Expressing our common faith manifests what St. Charles has always been about to me. Msgr. Gallen taught me as a freshman in 1950. Can you imagine, Gregorian Chant!!! Our class was probably one of Monsignor’s great challenges … We were the worst bunch of singers that he ever encountered. I will always remember his gentle spirit.

Sean Maxfield ’65 — Msgr. Gallen always impressed me as a man whose outward behavior was very consistent with his inner spirit. He’ll be missed by many.

Marion Smithberger ’72 — My first memory of Msgr. Gallen was when I came to St. Charles as an eighth grader and he was leading a very impressive choir of young seminarians in a performance in Mother of Mercy Chapel. It was so moving that I remember it vividly to this day. He always wanted to know how my wife and daughter were. I will miss him.

Liam Shanahan ’03 — Although I never had the chance to take one of Msgr. Gallen’s classes, he played a huge role in my St. Charles career. It was ‘his’ swimming pool that helped me through the toughest times at St Charles. It was there that I met two of my closest and best friends. The stories I have heard from fellow St. Charles alumni who had him in class are all amazing, filled with love and respect for Msgr. Gallen. I would just love to thank him for all his help with the construction of the pool that enabled me to meet some of my best friends.

Jeanne Schaefer — Msgr. Gallen was certainly a wonderful priest and man. I worked with him for many years when I was bookkeeper at St. Charles, and will never forget the cheery smiles and kind words he always had.

David de Fiebre ’76 — I consider Msgr. Gallen as one of just a few great teachers I’ve ever had. At St. Charles we had many good teachers, but the great ones like Msgr. Gallen are rare. I can’t believe he’s not around today without thinking about the first time I heard it during Msgr. Gallen’s freshman music appreciation class.

Herman Knapp ’58 — He was the class of all classes, respected by all ages, loved by all who knew him, and admired by the young and old. He set a great example to everyone around him and will be missed by not only the ‘Cardinals,’ but the entire St. Charles community. God bless ‘Father’ Gallen, as we knew him.

Tom Cafto ’75 — The most interesting and oddest thing Msgr. Gallen used to do was to call a student a “LUG” instead of some other adjective. He truly was a unique individual and will be greatly missed. May God be holding Msgr. Gallen in the palm of HIS hand.

Jerry Chubb ’59 — Msgr. Gallen had an uncanny knack for preparing us for LIFE. He was a grand gentleman (and model of Jesus), not just a respected musician, Catholic priest, and teacher. I’ve always remembered his English classes. While he studied for his doctorate in Rome, he had also taken the time to visit Britain and all the monu-

ments dedicated to English authors. We got sort of a ‘guided tour’ along with English class. I looked forward to hearing not only his lectures on the texts we were reading, but the more personal discussion of the authors’ lives.

Chris Harvey ’80 — To this day I can hear him in algebra booming out, to some errant freshman, ‘WHAT DOES THE VINCU-
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My sarcastic classmates. I will his witty comebacks to some of the many daring and amusing classmates, Bob Carlisle, had the nerve to stand up and imitate ‘Monz’ in a very loud, overstated, and hilarious way. Of course, Monsignor arrived during this performance and all of us were embarrassed and afraid! As only he could, Monsignor laughed the whole thing off saying “imitation is the highest form of flattery,” and then began teaching the class as only he could. His poise, dedication and great humor were without equal.

Joe Sabino ‘63 — My fondest memory of Msgr. Gallen occurred when he used to monitor the lunch room. The facility had just required us to wear neckties during the school day. I complied but wore a tie clip, which had the rear end of a horse in a brass circle. After a few days, ‘Monz’ noticed it: blushed and let out with, “Oooo, Joseph!” The next day during lunch, he handed me a tie clip, which came with a set of cufflinks he had received as a gift. He informed me that I needed it more than he. I have worn it every time I have worn a tie since.

Terry Rankin ‘80 — Msgr. Gallen was a very special person who connected with so many of us in different ways. My fondest memory was his speech to us seniors at our graduation. The one thing he said that stuck in my mind, and that I have tried to live by was “when you go out in the world and meet new people, don’t tell them about yourself unless they ask, because they won’t care. Build the relationship first. Always make that person the focus of your initial talk, and the ice will be broken. They will feel special and therefore find you special as well.” Words to live by!

When I was a freshman, sitting in the back seat of my parent’s car after baseball practice with my father and mother in the front, Monsignor came by to say hello, and I leaned over the front seat and said “Hello Monz!” I thought my father was going to ground me forever for being disrespectful. Monsignor simply said to my parents that it was a moniker that the kids had coined for him and he saw it as his ‘new’ connection. Even at his age then, and with respect he should have been given, he changed for the students of the day. My respect certainly gained for him as well. My prayers go out to him for I am sure he is sitting at the table of the Lord.

Al Bell ‘78 — As a freshman in the fall of 1974 we awaited the arrival of Msgr. Gallen to math class. As we waited one of our more daring and amusing classmates, Bob Carlisle, had the nerve to stand up and imitate ‘Monz’ in a very loud, over-stated, and hilarious way. Of course, Monsignor arrived during this performance and all of us were embarrassed and afraid! As only he could, Monsignor laughed the whole thing off saying “imitation is the highest form of flattery,” and then began teaching the class as only he could. His poise, dedication and great humor were without equal.

LUM MEAN?” (I’m sure you recall that it’s the line between the numerator and denominator of a fraction.) “THE VINCULUM MEANS ONE TERM!!!!” I’ve used that in so many places, at work, even my kids know it!!!

Will Anderson ’67 — After taking polyphony from Fr. Gallen for four years and touring throughout Ohio during our junior and senior years with him to promote the St. Charles Seminary, we were giving our last concert in the St. Charles theatre before graduation. Everyone was excited about graduation, and pretty happy to be giving our last concert. Towards the end of the concert we were singing the “Wiffen-Poot” song (probably not the actual title), with Fr. Gallen at the piano, facing us and away from the audience. Midway through this happy song we in the choir could see that Fr. Gallen had a tear or two running down his cheeks. While the audience never saw this, we all did, and we realized that this wonderful choir experience — with this wonderful priest — was coming to an end.

Andy Hanrahan ‘95 — I had Msgr. Gallen as a homeroom teacher my sophomore year. While I never had him as a teacher, I will always remember his witty comebacks to some of my sarcastic classmates. I will also never forget ‘Monz’ playing the organ during school Masses. He definitely made my St. Charles experience a memorable one.

Mike McGee ‘42 — I remember Father Gallen this way: Whenever, without exception, we met, his face would light up with genuine good will, a shy but handsome smile would cross his face, and his quiet tenor voice would greet me. A few minutes of chitchat would follow, and I always left feeling like it’s a nice world to be living in. I think he came as close as any human being could ever be to never having uttering a cross word to someone or making an unkind statement about anyone.

Joe Sabino ‘63 — My fondest memory of Msgr. Gallen occurred when he used to monitor the lunch room. The facility had just required us to wear neckties during the school day. I complied but wore a tie clip, which had the rear end of a horse in a brass circle. After a few days, ‘Monz’ noticed it; blushed and let out with, “Oooo, Joseph!” The next day during lunch, he handed me a tie clip, which came with a set of cufflinks he had received as a gift. He informed me that I needed it more than he. I have worn it every time I have worn a tie since.

Tom Prunte ‘75 — I remember when ‘Monz’ tore a telephone book in half with his bare hands on a dare from our class. (His strength was physical as well as internal and spiritual.) I remember him playing the piano and teaching us about music. We thought he was cool when he told us he liked the Beatles’ music and harmonies. I remember the look of exasperation when one did not get a math problem or formula. It was sometimes followed by the words, “Oh, you lug!” spoken in significantly less than harsh terms. I recall him calling Bingo games in the gym, lingering somewhat longer on the number “G - forty-nion”. I recall mostly his devotion to his “holy orders” and to his students, urging them on when the task seemed hopeless and beaming with pride when students were successful. Thank you Lord for making ‘Monz’ a part of all of our lives.

Ben Rottman ’95 — I have never found a better credo than Monsignor Gallen’s pet phrase: “De gustibus non est disputandum.” It means, “There’s no arguing about matters of taste.” I take it to be an affirmation of individuality, and that would certainly be consistent with ‘Monz’ appreciation for each student as a unique person.

David Hayes ’85 — I was happy to be able to make Monsignor’s Memorial Mass. I was not surprised by how many people from many different graduating classes were there. I looked at his photos and remembered him as if he taught me yesterday. A friend (John Conway ‘82) told me of a guy who fell asleep in Monsignor’s class. ‘Monz’ told everyone to let him sleep. He said “If he’s tired enough to fall asleep in my class, then he must be very tired and needs his sleep.” I imagine this person was well rested, but very surprised when he awoke during the next period. I know I am a better person today just for knowing ‘The Monz’.

John Row ’68 — I had the honor and privilege of having ‘The Monz’ for math, chorus and music appreciation both in high school and pre-seminary (the last class there as freshman). We “lugs” probably drove him around the bend at times since not only were we rather free spirited but we had the dubious distinction of having his cousin, Matt Gruber, in our class.

At that time the chorus (which basically consisted of the entire high school, approximately 75 students) would go on “recruit runs” to areas outside Columbus to explain what St.
Charles was all about. Since I never had the greatest voice to begin with and my voice was changing, ‘Monz’ made me the Designated Page Turner for the accompanist. As such I had to have the proper music in place. On one trip, I brought the wrong music so the choir and pianist were literally not on the same page. ‘Monz’ sat down and accompanied the choir without the music in front of him on all the songs the choir had actually practiced — not what I had brought.

Doug Stein ‘78 — As students and then alumni, I felt we put on our Sunday best when we were in ‘Monz’s’ company. Because he, himself was so gentle, I couldn’t help but be the “best gentleman” I could be. Even now I begin my phone conversations with my very best St. Charles friends with the deepest voice possible. “Hello, you lug.” I will always admire a St. Charles classmate of mine who was one of the truest, most devoted friends that ‘Monz’ ever had.

Joe DeSapri ’96 — Msgr. Gallen’s Honors Advanced Math class was one of the fondest experiences I had while at St. Charles. I vividly remember his welcoming smile, as he stood in front of our class in his black cassock and legendary Tefas. His superior knowledge in advanced mathematics was truly inspiring as he so often challenged us to “dream a little” while working through difficult problems. Msgr. Gallen’s kind generosity and sense of humor will not be forgotten.

Jay Van Echo ’73 — Here some 30+ years since graduation from Saint Charles, and not being musically inclined in any way whatsoever (just ask any of my classmates regarding my cur- rous line performance in “George M”), the only two songs that I know the entire lyrics to are “The Star Spangled Banner” and “On the Street Where You Live”! Singing “On the Street Where You Live” in staccato just gave me chills. Thank you Msgr. Gallen.

Steve Carroll ’70 — I had the pleasure to be a part of the English class in 1969-70 that Msgr. Gallen taught at St. Charles. Mrs. Smith helped teach me to read in the second grade at Holy Spirit School but it was Msgr. Gallen who taught me about the passion to be found in reading. Coach Cameron taught me how to be tough in the sixth grade as an offensive lineman for the football team but it was Msgr. Gallen who showed me the power of a compassionate and sensitive man. Many great teachers have filled my mind, but Msgr. Gallen brought light to my soul.

Don Poirier ’70 — Whenever I think of Msgr. Gallen, I always smile. He was my music teacher during my years at St. Charles, 1966-1969. He was always so enthusiastic and yet demanding of each of us in his music class. He taught me to appreciate how much precision and discipline (were) required, even for something as simple as singing. He never criticized the quality of our ever-changing adolescent voices, but he always insisted that we project our voices so, they could be heard by the whole school. He converted song into prayer for me that I have remembered ever since. May God grant Msgr. Gallen eternal life in His company.

Colby Grimes ’46 — In the fall of ’42 he taught me how to sing Ophelia’s “gone crazy” song in George Fultcher’s Hamlet. I’ve been singing ever since. Thanks Fr. Tom.

Andrew Babson ’93 — ‘Monz’s’ stature, while almost unparalleled in the St. Charles community, also touched the lives of others in the diocese. My grandmother, as many others confined to their homes, cherished the televised Masses during her final years. (Msgr. Gallen helped initiate televised Masses in 1960.) What made ‘Monz’ great was that he held us all to high standards while being fair, and most importantly, human. He had a warmth and concern for all of us “lugs”, but never let that threaten his professionalism. As a college professor, many St. Charles teachers have been a model for me, and I think ‘Monz’s’ influence on the quality of a St. Charles education cannot be overestimated.

Michael Gibson ’86 — As with most young men of St. Charles, my first contact with ‘Monz’ was in freshmen algebra class. Although many of us likely seemed non-teachable at times, he displayed the perfect balance of humor and discipline while managing to treat each young man with the kindness that was his hallmark.

My favorite memory of ‘Monz’ actually took place while I was participating in the summer work study program. I was helping with the remodeling of the fourth floor. All of a sudden ‘Monz’ appeared, hit my thumb with a hammer. ‘Monz’ was still living on the fourth floor at the time and decided to investigate the origins of the expletive that was heard resounding down the hall. As he approached to my repetitive apologies, he simply asked if I was all right and even offered to make sure that I was taken to the emergency room. I declined, commenting that my pride appeared more injured than my thumb, apologized again and continued working. The next day, ‘Monz told me that he had been to the store and saw something that I may need. He handed me some sort of plastic handled clamping tool. When I politely asked what it was, he replied, “ya big lug, it’s to hold the nails so you won’t hit your thumb”. I thanked him and then he stopped and added, “I believe it prevents cursing, too.” He then closed and winked, and then was on his way. I, like so many, am grateful to have known Msgr. Gallen. I’m sure he left a greater impression on each of us than we are even aware.

Greg Krivich ’75 — One of the things that I remember about Msgr. Gallen was his ability to encourage you to do your best. In Math, for example, there were no short cuts. You had to know the process as well as the final answer. And to be called a “Lug” was a badge of honor in our class. He was a man of great character, conviction and holi- ness. I think of “Monz” whenever someone asks me who I feel was a great teacher.

Dwight L. Mottet ’53 — I have many fond memories of Msgr. Gallen as an excellent teacher and friend. One lasting, albeit a very small memory, was when he taught us to properly sing the Star Spangled Banner; specifically, the word banner has only two notes not three, as many people sing it today. A small but unforgettable lesson.

Steve Bickham ’60 — As a first-year student in the seminary at St. Charles many years ago, I remember Father Gallen pumping the little pedal pipe organ at choir practice as he played Gregorian Chant melodies for the second grade at Holy Spirit School many years ago, I remember Father Gallen pumping the little pedal pipe organ at choir practice as he played Gregorian Chant melodies for the next Sunday’s Mass and simul- taneously gave us their history. My most treasured memory of him, however, took place much later. I was attending our 25th
class reunion, and I hadn’t been back to St. Charles since 1961. I was looking with my wife at the graduating class pictures up and down the long hall that houses them on the main floor. I saw Father Gallen approaching, and he called me by name! How in the world did he do this? I was simply amazed. He was a holy man; he had a real commitment to St. Charles down through the years; he was a great musician and director, and he must have had an amazing memory and affection for his students to remember me after so many years.

Jeff Pharion ’86 — To this day I pause and say a prayer each time I hear a siren in the area as a result of ‘Monz’ doing so in class.

Ted Hummer ’60 — My first contact with ‘Monz’ was when he returned from Europe to teach English to our class. His comment to us was “I know you lugs. You are the class that was determined to get through St. Charles without studying.” He made sure that didn’t happen. Through the years he saw my family grow up. After returning from Vietnam in 1969, we often attended Sunday Mass at Villa Madonna Convent. ‘Monz’ was the celebrant and was always friendly and welcoming to my wife, Lari, and our children. I don’t like fruitcake, but every Christmas he would send us one, which my wife really enjoyed. When I rejoined the staff at St. Charles in 1985 as a counselor, ‘Monz’ once again treated me as an equal although I’m sure he remembered my former high school ‘shenanigans.’ He was a great friend and colleague who was an example of what humility is all about.

Chris Durbin ’83 — There were weeks when he and I would “converse” by stating chapter and verse from a book of the Bible. It would usually begin when I would say something inappropriate/off color in class and he would overhear it. He would then admonish me, but not with a sentence. Instead, he would quote a chapter and verse. I would go home that day and read what he had said.” Then I would peruse the Bible (this would take me some time since I did not have it memorized like he did) to come up with a witty, yet appropriate, reply. This would go back and forth until I realized I could no longer find a good reply.

I also still think of him many nights per week when I put my kids to bed. One of the songs that I sing to them is the St. Charles Alma Mater (first two verses). Without ‘Monz’, I would have never learned it. And now my kids have learned it.

Dennis Reeder ’64 — Here is a slight recollection, but one that’s refreshed periodically for me at Sunday Mass. Perhaps we’ve all found ourselves seated near folks who are just a little reticent to join in singing. It’s at those times that I’ve often recalled Msgr. Gallen during Glee Club rehearsals saying “Sing boys, sing!” So despite a lack of genuine vocal talent, I’ve learned at least one thing from Fr. Gallen, it’s about just joining in. “Sing boys, sing!”

I also recall his comparison of the Glee Club’s talents when we once attended a choral competition. He remarked something on the order of, “What we don’t have in range and delicacy, we make up in volume.” Indeed.

Robert Dienschneider ’61 — When I was a senior at St. Charles, troubled by what lay ahead and surrounded by all types of challenges, Msgr. Gallen said, in front of a number of my peers, that one day I would be successful. I can’t tell you the encouragement that provided to me. In small ways Msgr. Gallen’s prediction worked out. I’ll never forget it because he gave me that push along the way.

Fr. Michael Lumpa ’78 — Oddly enough, it was the level of holiness that exuded from ‘Monz’ that held me back from entering seminary. I kept thinking: “How could I ever be as holy a priest as Msgr. Gallen?” It was Monz who reminded me that all of us are called to lead virtuous and holy lives, no matter what our vocation in life may be.

Andrew Riederer ’95 — I have many fond memories of ‘Monz’, having had him as a math teacher for two years. I still remember a number of his sayings. Most of his math quizzes were done “sine calculators” (surely the Romans would have approved, had they invented the graphing calculator), and at the end of every class, we were advised to “pack up your camels and fold up your tents” before moving on to the next class.

In addition to his endearing quirks as a math teacher, I’ll always remember how ‘Monz’ never forgot a fact. When my parents or I returned to St. Charles in the years between my graduation and his retirement, I was always greeted with a warm smile and a friendly hello - by name. He truly was a great man and a wonderful blessing for Saint Charles.

Frank Iannarino ’71 — I was honored to assist Bishop Griffin and the priests at Msgr. Gallen’s Memorial Mass. It is hard to believe that I have some very fond memories of him both as a student and then later as I went to college, got married, had children, and Msgr. Gallen’s weekly blessing. He truly was a great man.

Monsignor Gallen eagerly helped on school history book

“Gentleman!” That was the immediate one-word response — which he repeated for emphasis — of Father Romano Ciotola, pastor of Our Lady of Victory Parish, when I mentioned to him that I knew Msgr. F. Thomas Gallen. And with a broad smile, Ciotola repeated “gentleman.” Indeed, Msgr. Gallen was a gentleman in every sense of the word. According to my aging thesaurus, gentleman describes a man who is well-bred, elegant, cultivated, refined, polished, and courteous. All those descriptions fit Msgr. Gallen. He also was very gentle in his ways.

When I was asked in 1998 to write an updated history of St. Charles, I needed someone to review and edit my copy. The perfect candidate was Msgr. Gallen, who was then helping at St. Bernard Parish in Corning, Ohio. Gallen spent most of 56 years at St. Charles — four years as a student in its prep school, 16 years as a student in its college, and 34 years as a teacher at St. Charles College and Prep School.

Msgr. Gallen truly loved St. Charles. He loved the school’s traditions, its scholasitic mission, its history, and the people — teachers, administrators, support staff, and students who gave life to the school by their presence. Eager is the word to describe Msgr. Gallen’s response to the call for help. He began immediately to review what was being written and to offer suggestions. Generous with his time, he devoted much effort to clarify events that had been shrouded by the passage of time. What he couldn’t recall or was uncertain about, he helped dig for the elusive information or offered suggestions of where to find it.

In his correspondence — letters and e-mail messages — he typically extended wishes of good health and a blessing to family members. A gentleman, yes. Msgr. Gallen, indeed, was a gentleman. He also was a holy man who loved being a priest and who sought good in everyone. — Lou Fabro, Class of ’49.

On hand to remember ‘Monz’

Attending the August 11 Memorial Mass for Msgr. Gallen were from left — Fr. Michael Lumpa ’78, Advisory Board member Len Iannarino ’58, Msgr. James L.T. Ruel, and James Yeager ’64, who was organist at Mass.
n a delightful June evening bathed in perfect weather under a crystal blue sky, which created an atmosphere that brought to mind poet James Russell Lowell’s memorable verse about June, the beautifully renovated St. Charles campus was the setting for a special celebration. Indeed, the event, which was held last June 3, fittingly was bännered “Celebrating Our Achievements.”

Adding a festive note to the social gathering was the high-spirited music of the talented St. Charles Jazz Ensemble under the artful direction of Rick Brunetto, a well-known professional musician who is on the St. Charles teaching staff.

More than 200 members of the St. Charles community, including alumni, friends, benefactors, parents, volunteers, teachers, and others, came together to celebrate the latest school achievements made possible by the successful completion of Phase I of The Campaign for St. Charles that was launched in the spring of 2002.

From that very challenging campaign with an initial goal of $10 million — one of the largest fund drive ever undertaken by a Central Ohio high school — St. Charles has received $10.2 million in pledges and gifts. A truly outstanding accomplishment.

Most of those funds, St. Charles principal Dominic J. Cavello assured the celebrants, “will remain at St. Charles forever.” Some $8 million is being invested in endowments for student aid; to recruit and retain a highly-qualified faculty; and to provide the school on a continuing basis the latest and most advanced technology.

The remaining amount, Cavello reported, has been used for campus renovations and improvements. They include a dramatically improved and inviting front entrance; new doors that can be secured electronically; an elevator that provides access to every floor for handicapped students and visitors; new flooring to replace the original installed when the school was built in 1924-25; and a renovated courtyard enclosed by the distinctive colonnade of arches that from the school’s beginning on Broad Street enhances the St. Charles building with a classical appearance.

Cavello expressed his gratitude to the St. Charles Advisory Board for its deliberations that led to the decision to launch The Campaign for St. Charles and its work in identifying and recruiting volunteers for the project. They included most board members.

Special awards were presented by Cavello to the three leaders of the campaign. They were Robert D. “Bob” Walter, Matthew A. “Matt” Howard, and Timothy M. “Tim” Kelley. Walter, a 1963 St. Charles graduate, served as honorary campaign chairman, and Howard, Class of 1958 and Kelley, Class of 1976 were the general co-chairmen.

They were presented large, handsomely arranged and framed collages of drawings of four St. Charles scenes — front of the school, theatre, Mother of Mercy Chapel, and the grotto. The pen and ink drawings were created some years ago by Bexley artist Edie Mae Herrel and have been used by the school to grace note cards and medium-sized prints. The three chairmen also were re-awarded their St. Charles varsity letters.

Dr. Sarah Vandermeer, speaking on behalf of St. Charles’ 32 teachers, praised St. Charles and its benefactors for their support of the faculty and commitment to high academic standards. Dr. Vandermeer, who teaches physics, has been on the staff since 1995 and is advisor to the school’s very successful In The Know team.

Joshua Ebrahimian, a member of the St. Charles 2004 class who served on the student council among his many activities, spoke on behalf of the student body, especially those students who, as he did, received scholarship support from St. Charles.

In concluding his remarks, Cavello thanked Joe Isbell, Class of 1983 and District Partner for Bravo!Development Inc., for catering the evening event, and Dan Tarpy, area manager for Glazer’s Spirits, who promoted the wine tasting segment of the event. Isbell is an Advisory Board member and Tarpy is the parent of two St. Charles alumni.
Loyalty by St. Charles to its mission key to campaign success, leaders say

By Louis V. Fabro’49

The Campaign for St. Charles, a very challenging effort by any measure, succeeded because St. Charles and its administration have remained constantly loyal to the high standards and goals that were established for the school when it was founded in 1923, according to leaders of the recently-completed fund drive.

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Music to our ears
St. Charles band director Rick Brunetto, far right, accompanied the St. Charles Jazz Band as it provided the musical entertainment for the ‘Celebrating Our Achievements’ event held in the school’s rear courtyard last June.

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June 26 was a joyous day for the St. Charles community as Michael J. Lumpe ’78 and Robert J. Kitsmiller ’86 were ordained to the priesthood by Bishop James A. Griffin at St. Andrew Church in Upper Arlington.

Four other men also were ordained. They are William Hahn, Carl Subler, Dave Young, and Josh Wagner. The six matched the number ordained by the Columbus Diocese in 1983, and only the 1976 class was larger with seven ordained. The Diocese had no ordinations in 2002 and only one last year, Fr. Jonathan Wilson, a 1992 St. Charles graduate.

Many of the Mass concelebrants were graduates of either St. Charles Preparatory School or St. Charles College. Class of 1971 graduate Frank Iannarino was an attending deacon and Ty Tomson ’03, a seminarian at the Josephinum, helped serve.

Vesting clergy for the ordinates included Fr. Charles Klinger ’61, Msgr. Paul Enke ’64, Msgr. William Dunn ’57, Msgr. Frank Lane ’63 (College), and Msgr. David Funk ’70 (College). Guests included many past and present St. Charles teachers and Cardinal classmates and other members of the St. Charles community.

The son of Richard and Shirley Lumpe, Father Lumpe celebrated his first Mass of thanksgiving at St. Mary Church in German Village and will serve his first assignment as associate pastor at St. Matthew’s Parish in Gahanna. His younger brother, John, is a 1981 graduate of St. Charles.

Fr. Kitsmiller celebrated his first Mass of thanksgiving at St. Phillip the Apostle Church where he attended grade school. He is the son of Thomas and Mary Kitsmiller and has three brothers who are Carolian alumni: Tom ’85, James ’89, and Chris ’92. Kitsmiller’s first assignment is associate pastor at St. Nicholas Parish in Zanesville.

Fr. Lumpe had his first thoughts of the priesthood during his high school years at St. Charles where a number of priests had some influence, one way or another, on his decision to answer God’s call. They included Fr. Charles Jackson, Msgr. Thomas Bennett, and Msgr. F. Thomas Gallen, to name a few. But the prospects of a different career took over. He considered the Jesuit order briefly while studying at John Carroll University, but said that life in the business world, a wife, and family attracted him.

“God did not let up, though,” he said. “For many years God’s call to His priesthood persisted, even though I resisted. The career, the promotions, financial rewards, personal and business relationships, the house, the trips – I was caught up in all that I was doing, all that I was achieving,” he recalled, adding: “but the ever-loving, ever-persistent God was always there knocking on my door. Finally, God got my attention – like being hit upside the head with a two-by-four. After much prayer and discernment, I decided that I could no longer resist God’s call to the priesthood.”

Fr. Lumpe said, “‘Monz’ (Monsignor F. Thomas Gallen) strongly encouraged me to pursue my vocation to the priesthood, pointing out that my life experiences in the business world and my personal relationships prior to that would prove to be invaluable. I fully understand what he meant.”

Father Lumpe graduated from John Carroll University in 1982 with a degree in communications. He began a 16-year career in public and environmental affairs with FirstEnergy Corporation, including three years as its lobbyist in the Ohio Legislature. Lumpe holds a master’s of divinity degree from the Pontifical College Josephinum where he was active in many continued on page 53
Fr. Schwenker described as man who lived Gospel of poverty, prayer

**Saint**, Stollenwerk ’76 related that, at the urging of Father Schwenker, he volunteered in 1980 to help run a summer youth camp conducted by a chapter of Mother Teresa’s Missionaries of Charity in crime-ridden South Bronx, N.Y. Stollenwerk met Schwenker, whom he referred to as “Father Bob,” that same year in Columbus after earning a bachelor’s degree at Notre Dame.

At the request of Schwenker, Stollenwerk extended his stay in the South Bronx location through the winter to work with two other volunteers in running a men’s shelter. “Father Bob visited often, helping out with food, bringing in other volunteers and, perhaps most important, offering encouragement,” Stollenwerk wrote. “I felt as though we were journeying a similar path; desperately searching for God in poverty.”

That winter and the example and dedication of Father Schwenker made a lasting impression on Stollenwerk, who maintained contact with him until his death. “That winter,” Stollenwerk wrote, “opened up to me a different world. It was a world of the desperate and of the saint, of loneliness and consolation, of darkness and of the negative way to God (costing not less than everything). Father Bob introduced me to that world, and he would continue to inhabit it for the rest of his life.”

Father Schwenker, having completed his assignment as vocations director, and in response to his request to work with the poor, soon was assigned to a parish in Puerto Rico. After a year there, he was moved at his request to the Oblates’ poorest mission in Haiti where he served for six years. He also worked as a missionary in Mexico and the Dominican Republic. He went to Colombia in 1993 and was one of the founders of his order’s mission there. He worked in Cartagena until 2000 when he moved to Bogotá.

In describing Father Schwenker’s commitment to living the Gospel, Stollenwerk wrote: “The pearl he quested drew him ever further into an internal world that few appear to traverse. It was one of poverty, countless hours of meditation, a dietary discipline aimed at combating violence, and the preaching of a single Gospel message of repentance and salvation to the poor.”

Schwenker’s funeral and burial were in Bogotá.

**Former St. Charles classmate relates warm memories of Father Schwenker**

*By Jack Cherry ’54*

When asked to write a story about a very special classmate from our Class of 1954, I didn’t know just how difficult a task this would be. I write it not only with warm memories of a wonderful man, but also with fond memories of others in our class who have passed away, each of them deserving of a tribute, too. I am sure they are together in heaven with the man I wish to tell you about here.

I want to tell you about Rev. Bob Schwenker, OMI. He was special. (Father Robert Schwenker died March 17, 2004, in Bogotá, Colombia where he was a missionary for many years.)

Setting out on this task, I quickly decided I wanted his classmates and wives to tell you what a fun guy he was, what a man of faith he was, how much he was admired, and share as a class the deep respect we had for him.

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Some of us did not know during those years at St Charles, but Fr. Bob was a convert to Catholicism. Jim Sexton at the 25th reunion recalls how Fr. Bob related to him that even though he went to St Catharine’s grade school with other ’54 grads — (Joe Ryan, Mike Miller, Jim Grace, and Tom Martin) — it was at St Charles he decided to join the church. “Fr. Bob said it was seeing how everyone there had such a strong faith, he determined he wanted that also.”

Sexton at the 25th (reunion), seeing his classmate for the first time in 20 years, and not knowing that Fr. Bob had become an Oblate Father, asked him about his wife and children. “Fr. Bob just laughed and told me, “Jim, I’m not married. But after a fashion, I do have many children to care for in my mission in Columbia, South America.”

Carol and Joe Ryan, (Joe was his roommate at Notre Dame and Carol was a student at nearby St. Mary’s and met him then) treasure their many times together when Fr. Bob would visit on his every other-year trips back to Columbus. They remember, “He’d just get down on the floor and let the kids and the dog crawl over him while we visited about his work. He was the deepest, most humble, most kind man we’ve ever known, and was a true peacemaker for God.”

Bob and Marilyn Cherry were good friends with Fr. Bob; Marilyn was a cousin. “I think I know a secret about him,” Bob says, “He owned a motorcycle. Now, not many would figure him to be a biker. But one evening when I took him home some years back from a get-together at Planks, we went into his sister’s house via the garage. There stood this fine looking cycle. I inquired as to whose it was, and he said, ‘It’s mine.’” He said he was going to Buffalo the next morning on that bike. And he did.

Marilyn and Fr. Bob attended St. Catharine grade school at the same time. When asked if Fr. Bob was the apple of the girls’ eyes at St Catharine even then, Marilyn replied, “Only the girls from grades one through eight.”

John Mullin’s wife, Jane, verifies what a handsome man he was. “A year ago a group of us, including Fr. Bob, John Leach, Bob Cherry, John Dorgan, Jerry Strelecky, Joe Rotonda, Bill Bickham, Joe Endres, Phil Schaeffing, Jim Walsh, Guy Lawler, and Fr. Jim Walter had lunch together and had a group picture taken,” John remembers. “When I showed the picture to my wife, she said, ‘My Lord, the best looking man of the bunch is a priest.’”

John adds, “That framed picture is on our mantle, and Jane tells that story to one and all”

Bob Ryan recalled that Fr. Schwenker served in a Hispanic parish in his hometown of Buffalo for a very short time. He noted that on his death that parish held a celebration of his life … a man they barely knew, but loved.

Mike and Donna Miller have a lot of stories. Being Purdue grads (big rivals with Notre Dame, naturally) they had fun discussing the merits of each school’s football team. “Before our senior year, he and I went to some summer classes together at Ohio State,” said Mike “Afterwards we’d sample a couple of brews together. He told me his plans were to do his ROTC Army tour after graduation, and then go to medical school. That changed of course, but he would have been a marvelous physician. But, somehow I think even if he had become a doctor, he would have still become a missionary. What I think I will always remember the most,” Miller said, “is a trip to New York with him, Frank Murphy ’54 and Don Ettore. We were able to take that trip because Fr. Bob’s sister (Donna) was a dancer at the famous Cococabana Club and agreed to be our “chaperone.” We had fun very few 18-year old boys get to experience in a big city.”

John and Michele Donovan were living on Capitol Hill in Washington D.C. when one Sunday afternoon, there was a knock on their front door. “It was an Oblate seminarian taking a parish census,” John said. “After I gave him the requested information, I inquired if he happened to know “Schwenk.” He said he sure did, and said “Schwenk” was working the other side of the street. Well, Michele went and got him and we all shared the first of many Sunday dinners together,” said John. “Some Sundays Michele would play the piano at the seminary for a sing-along. Fr. Bob was the proxy godfather for our first daughter and we always stayed in touch through the years. We will miss him so much”

When asked his memories, Jim Grace said, “Where do you want me to start? I knew him when I was five years old. Along with Tom Martin, I guess I knew him the longest,” Grace said. “Ball games, bernie-bernie parties, a year apart when he went to a prep boarding school back east somewhere before enrolling at St Charles. Just a lifetime of memories. He was some kind of football player, too, a really fine back. Might have won all kinds of honors his senior year if he hadn’t broken his leg in the Circleville game. He was fun to be with each and every day I spent with him. And, he always stayed close to all of us from St Catharine.”

Patty Donovan Kletzly tells a tale of friendship that has come full circle. “My brother John (Donovan) had just come home from Korea. Lee (Kletzly) had just left the seminary in Rome and had returned home. There was a Notre Dame Christmas party as I recall,” she said, “and John asked me to fix him and Lee up with dates, and they would fix me up with Bob just home from his Army tour in Europe. I did, and we all went. Afterwards, rather than have Bob drive me from way out east back to Arlington, I went home with Lee and John. My brother went in the house, but before leaving, Lee asked me out New Years Eve, and I said yes. A few months later, Lee and I were engaged, and my Christmas Party “date” entered the seminary. Just to complete the circle, I went to the Class of ’54 fiftieth reunion with my brother.”

As for me, I last spoke with Fr. Bob when my brother got me on his cell so I could visit with him. I remember, for the 1,000th time asking him to “come home, smell the flowers, and get away from the danger he was living in.” He just said, “Jack, I am happy doing what I do. It’s my life’s calling and it’s what God wants me to do here on earth.” He did say though, “I do want to go back to Haiti. The people there have such great faith in God.” That didn’t happen. Wish it had, then maybe, just maybe… At our parish in Houston we were assigned an assistant who was an Oblate, and when Barb and I inquired if he knew Fr. Bob, he laughed loudly and said, “Of course. Every Oblate knows him, and we all love him. He’s just a great priest”

Whenever a classmate passed on, I’d write him (Father Bob) to let him know and he always replied: “He will be in my
prayers and in my masses. Just remember, someday our class will be together again in heaven sharing in the great glory of God.” Fr. Bob is one we can pray to. After all, as John Mullin said, “How many martyrs do we know?”

Elsewhere in this edition is a story by Dan Stollenwerk ’76, who knew Schwenker in another way. It is a beautiful account of a wonderful man. We are all so happy that others knew him like we did. — Jack Cherry

**Stollenwerk ’76 serving in Papua New Guinea**

Daniel J. Stollenwerk, Class of 1976, met Fr. Robert Schwenker in 1976 when, as vocations director of the Eastern Province of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, Fr. Schwenker came to St. Charles to address the upper classes. Dan remembers how Fr. Bob spoke without hesitation about a call to prayer, adventure, and service — a call to the priesthood. He joined Fr. Bob in Sumter, S.C., that summer to do volunteer work with the mentally handicapped. Dan kept in contact with him throughout his undergraduate years at Notre Dame leading up to his volunteer work in New York’s South Bronx. Since that pivotal experience in the Bronx, Dan has gone on to obtain a doctorate in theology from the Pontifical University of Salamanca, Spain. He has taught western humanities at the University of Puerto Rico and headed the Department of Religious Studies at a large boys’ high school in Auckland, New Zealand, which he now calls home. He is married and has three children. He and his wife are completing two years as volunteer professors at Divine Word University, Madang, Papua New Guinea.

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** Eleven named National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists**

Eleven St. Charles Preparatory School seniors were named National Merit Semifinalists for 2004-2005. Only one other Central Ohio high school — Upper Arlington — had more. For St. Charles, this is the second largest number to earn the honor. There were 17 semifinalists from St. Charles in 2002.

The 11 National Merit Semifinalists this year won their honors based on their scores from the Pre-Scholastic Aptitude/National Merit Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) they took last year as St. Charles juniors.

It’s expected that 15,000 students across the country will qualify as National Merit Finalists later this year. Of that number, 8,200 will be chosen to receive scholarships — there are three types offered — totaling $33.9 million. That selection process is in progress, and winners will be notified in March.

The eleven St. Charles semifinalists are: Ian B. Ballard, son of Kevin Ballard of Columbus and Katrina Bush. He attended St. Joseph Montessori School. Preston B. Bennett, son of Steve and Jeanne Bennett of San Antonio, Texas. He is a member of St. Brendan Parish and attended St. Brendan School. John P. Hanson, son of Pete and Marianne Hanson of Gahanna. He is a member of Church of the Resurrection and attended Hasting Middle School.

Benson Kwee, son of Boen-Che and Emily Kwee of Dublin. He attended St. Andrew School. Aaron M. Malone, son of Tim and Vicki Malone of Hilliard. He is a member of St. Brendan Parish and attended St. Brendan School. Terence J. O’Donovan, son of Terrence and Ellen O’Donovan of Gahanna. He is a member of St. Matthew Parish and attended St. Matthew School. Nathan R. Smith, son of Craig and Lori Smith of Columbus. He is a member of St. Anthony Parish and attended St. Anthony School.

Benjamin M. Stinson, son of Dane and Maureen Stinson of Dublin. He is a member of St. Brigid Parish and attended Karrer Middle School. Michael J. Tynik, son of Dr. John and Jude Tynik of Gahanna. He is a member of St. Matthew Parish and attended St. Matthew School. Michael J. Wodarczyk, son of Drs. Michael and Kathleen Wodarczyk of Blacklick. He is a member of St. Matthew Parish and attended Columbus Academy. Frank C. Zonars, son of Stephen and Patti Zonars of Dublin. He attended Grizzell Middle School.

“What these young men have achieved is a tribute to the hard work and support of their families and the St. Charles faculty,” St. Charles principal Dominic Cavello said. “St. Charles is very proud of them.”

**Commended Scholars**

Thirteen St. Charles students were named National Merit Scholarship commended scholars for scoring in the top 5 percent of all students who took the PSAT last year. They are:

- Daniel S. Alt, son of Douglas and Susan Alt of West Jefferson; Ryan W. Ballantyne, son of Wayne and Mary Ballantyne of Columbus; Stephen P. Coppel, son of Paul and Lori Coppel of Gahanna; Matthew D. Hester, son of Steve Hester of Columbus and Cathy Tucker of Gahanna; Tony J. Hoyt, son of Steven and Rita Hoyt of Columbus; Sean P. Kelleher, son of Mike and Teresa Kelleher of Columbus; Michael A. Lauzau, son of David and Kim Lauzau of Pickerington; Christopher J. O’Keefe, son of John and Monica O’Keefe of Columbus; Matthew E. O’Kelly, son of Morton and Susan O’Kelly of Dublin; Douglas R. Schuda, son of Robert & Dr. Marian Schuda; Alex M. Sigrist, son of Mark and Melissa Sigrist of Columbus; Trevor J. Teeter, son of J. Stephen and Joni Teeter of Columbus; and Matthew A. Ward, son of Darrell and Barbara Ward of Gahanna.
Wrestling
Coaches Aaron Schrein and Dan Nye’s team had a very successful season, highlighted by Walter Fyda’s 4th place finish at 189 pounds in this year’s state tournament. It was the highest that any St. Charles wrestler had placed in the state wrestling tournament in either Div. I or II. Kyle Curtin, a junior, also qualified for the state tournament. The team’s dual record was 9-6, losing by a collective difference of only 6 points to two of Central Ohio’s top 3 teams. Fyda was selected for the Warren MVP Award and also was named all-metro, honorable mention, as was Kyle Curtin. All-CCL honors were earned by Curtin, Jamie Mills, Jon Mills, and J.P. Sullivan.

Swimming
Coach Kyle Goodrich’s team had another outstanding year and continued to affirm it’s reputation as one of Central Ohio’s finest swimming programs. The Cardinals rang up a 10-2 dual meet record, won its sixth consecutive CCL championship, and placed 11th in the state championship tournament. It qualified a record 15 individuals to the central district championships where the team scored a record 183.5 points to place 2nd for the third straight year. In the state meet, the 200-medley relay placed 4th with the second fastest time in school history.

The Ken Flaherty MVP Award went to Chris Doman and Mitchell Sherman, the Freshman of the Year was Andrew Brown, and Brian Stromberg won the Coach’s Award. Five swimmers earned All-American status: J.D. Coppel, Doman, Patrick Johnston, Sherman, and Brian Stromberg. Johnston was named an academic All-American, as well as an all-Ohio swimmer with Coppel, Doman, Hans Hill, Sherman, and Stromberg. All-district honors went to Coppel, Doman, Chris Hetzer, Hill, Johnston, Sherman, and Stromberg. All-CCL honors were awarded to John Bishel, Nick Boling, Andrew Brown, Nate Cohen, Coppel, Doman, Chris Hetzer, Hill, Tyler Merkle, John Mertler, Johnston, Stromberg, Sherman, Jordan Toopes.

Track and Field
Coach Jeff Pharion’s team, despite suffering key injuries and illnesses this year, continued its league dominance by winning its third consecutive CCL championship. It qualified for three events in the state meet: Derek Hoye was third in the state’s 400 meter run (despite being out most of the season with a knee injury), Robert Orellana was eighth in the 800 meter run, and the 4x 400 relay team of Zach Griffith, Alan Tyson, Gavin Duffy, and Derek Hoye finished eighth. All were named all-Ohio. During his track career at St. Charles, Hoye qualified for all-Ohio status six times (a combination of relay and individual events). Tyson is the first freshman at St. Charles to be named all-state.

The team had first-place finishes in the Northland and Bexley Relays. Tom Tilton was selected the team’s MVP and Hoye was voted all-district. All-CCL selections included Tim Bringardner, Stephen Coppel, Duffy, Charles Ewing, Charles Fowlie, Michael Fowlie, Griffith, Hoye, Dan Kelly, Corey Morgan, Orellana, Mike Reggie, Tilton, Tyson, Walter Williams, and John Wickham.

Volleyball
Coach Lou Pallay’s team won the district championship over Hilliard Davidson in a tight match before bowing out to Gahanna Lincoln in the regional semifinals. They finished the regular season ranked 5th in the region. The team placed second at the Pickerington Invitational, the St. Charles Classic (Silver Division), and the Kilbourne Tourney (Silver Division). The ‘Monz’ MVP Award went to Joe Gruber and Grant Roberts. Gruber was named third team all-state and first team all-region while Roberts earned third team all-region.
Ice Hockey

Coach J.D. Kershaw’s team finished the year with 6-5-1 league record and 18-16-3 overall. The Cardinals played in the newly formed Capital Hockey Conference made up of Upper Arlington, Thomas Worthington, Worthington Kilbourne, Dublin Coffman, Dublin Scioto, Gahanna, and St. Charles.

St. Charles, winner of the Landon Ramirez Invitational Tournament, returns 16 of 18 players for the 2004-2005 season. The Sullivan MVP Award was shared by Clark MacLean and Matt O’Kelly. James Bush, Brad D’Antonio, Austin Gilmour, Michael Govern, Ian Hasson, Matt Hay, Grant Highley, Jay Laing, O’Kelly, Shavkat Nasirov, and Ryan Wofford were named St. Charles scholar-athletes and to the CHC academic all-stars. Trent Vogelhuber was voted second-team all-CHC, and Bryan Fairholm, MacLean, and O’Kelly were CHC honorable mentions.

Lacrosse

Coach Steve Dusseau’s Division II team had a challenging schedule made up mostly of Division I teams (the league arranged by age of programs) and finished with a 5-8 record and a first-round loss in the state playoffs. The team featured a very strong defense and attack units early in the season and relied on balanced midfield units to help it win late-season games. Ben Miller and Chris Gaines were both named the Brian Muha MVPs. All-Ohio honors selections went to Tom Dugan, Justin Jokovich, Miller, Chris O’Keefe, Ryan Thon, and Chad Vanderhorst. Defensive MVP honor went to Sean Cusack, and Chad Vanderhorst was voted most-improved.

Tennis

Coach Jim Paccioretti’s team took second in the CCL with a 4-1 record and posted an outstanding 13-2 overall record for the regular season. Along the way, Paccioretti coached his 100th career win with the varsity team’s 3-2 victory over Pickerington North. Arthur Cheng and Doug Schuda qualified for the district tournament, and both received the Tom Keys MVP Award along with Matt Inbusch. The three also were selected to the all-CCL team and Inbusch earned the OTCA Gold Racket Award.

Baseball

Coach Ray Benjamin’s team won a share of its second consecutive CCL championship by posting an 8-2 league record. The team was ranked as high as fourth in the central district this year and posted a 16-game league winning streak that dated back to the start of the 2002 season. Matt Selhorst, winner of the Jim O’Neil MVP Award, won all-Ohio first-team, all-district, and all-CCL honors. Frank Tedesco was voted all-district first team honorable mention and first-team all-CCL. Others named to the all-league first-team were Nick Gordon, Steve Rodack, Matt Schuster, and Jeremy Wentworth. Ben Goodman was all-CCL second-team. Graduating seniors Selhorst and Tedesco are slated to play next year at The Ohio State University and the University of Dayton, respectively.
Basketball

Veteran coach Wally Teeter’s last St. Charles team – he has retired — faced one of the most competitive schedules in school history and finished 9-11. Only two of the Cardinals’ opponents had losing records. Eight opponents made it to the district semifinals and four finished as district champions. The team faced the most Division I opponents ever, claiming wins over Upper Arlington, Pickerington North, Franklin Heights, and Whetstone. The Bob Duffy MVP Award went to Adam Rohletter and Casey Teeters.

Teeters, who will play basketball at Ohio Wesleyan University next year, was selected to play in the District 10 Coaches’ All-Star game and was voted all-central district honorable mention, all-metro honorable mention, and first team all-CCL. Kyle Ritter was also selected all-metro honorable mention and voted second-team all-CCL and central district special mention.

Bowling

Coach Kathleen Mahoney’s team turned in an impressive .625 winning percentage last year. The Cardinals finished second to Bishop Ready in the Columbus Catholic Division after the Silver Knights edged them out by two pins in a late-season meeting. St. Charles was led by Drew Robinson, who carried the season’s high average (164) and posted a five-match winning streak after losing the first two matches. Top single-game scores were bowled by Robinson (223 and a 206) and Joey Milacek (204). The team competed last season at the remodeled Amos Lanes after its former home at Mr. Bill’s Lanes was gutted by fire.

2003-2004 Bowling Team

Students participating in the Cardinal Scholarship Walk last spring stop at the Gruber family home on Ruhl Avenue for a candy break. Susan Gruber (nee Hoffman) and Matt Gruber ’58 have provided treats for walkers for about ten years because they “just like being part of Circus Day and seeing all of the young men.”

The house has been in the Hoffman family since 1950 and is where faculty member Sr. Margaret Hoffman (Susan’s sister) lives as its caretaker.

The 2004 Walk was another great success, surpassing its goal of $25,000 for student scholarships at St. Charles. The Walk’s chairman, John O’Neil, said “this year’s performance maintains a standard to aim for in future years.”

From left, front — Sean Collell ’04; second row — Pat Johnston ’04 and Jake Jones ’04, back — sophomore Anthony Coleman II and 2004 graduates, Mike Reggio, Mike Easter, Greg Forrest, William Davis, and Josh Ebrahimian, Dr. Matt Gruber ’68, Susan Gruber, Ned Gruber ’09, and niece Jane Newland, a student at CSG.

‘Walk’ Continues to Beat Forecasts

St. Charles students raised over $27,845 as part of the 21st Annual Cardinal Scholarship Walk pledge drive last May. Sponsored by the St. Charles Student Council, they surpassed the goal of collecting $25,000 to help meet the ongoing financial assistance needs of St. Charles students and their families. 100% of the money goes to the school’s general scholarship fund.

According to Student Council Moderator John O’Neil, students have raised more than $125,000 for the school’s general scholarship fund over the last five years alone.

Principal Dominic J. Cavello said the recipients of these efforts are students who might not otherwise afford to attend St. Charles due to financial limitations. He said the school continues to keep the charge given to it 81 years ago by founder Bishop James Hartley that no student of merit be turned away due to an inability to pay tuition.

“In service to God, our brothers, and to our community” is the motto of the St. Charles Student Council, O’Neil said. “The students realize their participation in this project, in a real sense, helps bring the school community some of our best and brightest, and that they truly are ‘their brothers’ keepers.’”

Volunteer Award

Aaron Richards and Michael Wode received the 2004 Tim Hamburger Volunteer Award at the academic awards assembly last May. They were nominated by religion teachers Linda Haas and James Paccioretti for their overall spirituality, respect and concern for others, parish involvement, and commitment to service. Richards was chosen for his involvement in ministries at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. He helped with the freshman retreat his junior year, tutored students his freshman and sophomore years and helped with many retreat experiences. Wode had been actively involved at St. Philip the Apostle Parish, especially with its youth group. He’s been a member of the Diocesan Youth Council and likewise has helped out with numerous retreat experiences. He also has been involved with ministries at Shepherd’s Corner.
Class of 2004 make college selections
Columbus State, Dartmouth, Arizona State University, Bowling Green State University, Capital University, Carnegie Mellon University, Case Western Reserve University, Colgate University, Colorado College, Defiance College, Denison University, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Franciscan University of Steubenville, Georgia Tech, John Carroll University, Lawrence University, Maine Maritime Academy, Marshall University, Miami University, Morehouse College, Muskingum College, Ohio Dominican University, Ohio Northern University, Ohio State University, Ohio University, Ohio Wesleyan University, Otterbein College, Purdue University, The University of Kentucky, The University of Notre Dame, Tiffin University, Toledo University, University of Akron, University of Cincinnati, University of Dallas, University of Dayton, University of Eastern Michigan, University of Kentucky, Villanova University, West Virginia University, Wittenberg University, Xavier University, and The United States Marine Corps.

Athletic Pursuits for 2004 Graduates
Craig Burke will play soccer at Defiance College, Chris Gaines will play lacrosse at Denison University, Mike Fowle will run cross country and track at Eastern Michigan, Derek Hoye will run track at Georgia Tech, Pat Johnston is swimming at Dartmouth, Branden Pavol will play soccer at Ohio Wesleyan, Mike Reggie will play football at Carnegie Mellon University, Matt Selhorst will play baseball at The Ohio State University, Evan Scourria will play football at Otterbein College, Brian Stromberg will swim at Xavier, University Casey Teeters will play basketball at Ohio Wesleyan, Frank Tedesco will play baseball at the University of Dayton, Ryan Thon will play lacrosse at Denison University and Matt Schuster will play baseball at Ohio Northern.

St. Charles student scores perfect
Senior Michael J. Tyznik, son of Dr. John and Jude Tyznik of Gahanna, achieved what many (or most) students dream of but very few ever obtain: a perfect score on the ACT. Tyznik last spring was one of only four college-bound students in Ohio and one of 31 in the entire United States to score a 36 on the test, the highest composite score possible. He was among 30,500 students in Ohio and 436,000 countrywide who completed the test last April. The ACT college entrance exam is given five times annually.

The ACT consists of tests in English, mathematics, reading, and science. A student’s composite score is the average of the four test results. It is one of the criteria that U.S. colleges and universities use to evaluate applicants. For purposes of comparison, the average composite score for the national high school graduating class of 2003 was 20.8.
Carrying on Monz’s work
by Louis J. Fabro ’83

The loss of Monsignor Gallen is not only a deeply personal one, but a profound loss for our school. He was a ‘living archive’ from which flowed the history of St. Charles Preparatory School and St. Charles Borromeo College-Seminary. ‘Monz’ was an important school treasure. He spent more time here and lived more of the St. Charles story than anyone else. He saved much of the written and pictorial history of the school during his nearly 60 years on campus. For the past two years, he had been an advisor, historical reference guide, and an extra set of eyes for me. He frequently mailed news of accomplishments, family events, and deaths of alumni that he came across while reading.

With his passing, we turn to all of you in the St. Charles community. Help keep us informed about alumni happenings – accomplishments, special awards, promotions, family events, or deaths that you learn about. Your alumni magazine, the Cardinal, will, as space permits, recognize important goings on in the lives of our St. Charles family.

Also consider providing any St. Charles memorabilia you may have to the alumni office. Help us carry on the task Msgr. Gallen began so many years ago: saving and sharing the history of the school by collecting photos, articles, and mementos from the school’s earliest days to the present.

It’s noted later in this issue, that the Alumni Association, together with the school’s Alumni and Development Office, has taken on the task of gathering, sorting, and protecting the history of St. Charles. Rest assured that your gift to the archive will be cared for.

As the son of a very involved St. Charles alumnus, and myself, a graduate, I was privileged to have been around St. Charles and Msgr. Gallen my entire life. As a very young boy I would see him playing the organ at spaghetti dinners never realizing what a lasting influence he would have in my life. He was a wonderful friend of our family for over 40 years, as he was to hundreds of others in the St. Charles community.

Being away from St. Charles and Columbus for several years during college and a time in the restaurant industry, it was a special treat to get reacquainted with ‘Monz’ in my role as alumni director.

Alumni and Monthly Activities Updates

Send news about your family, career, special honors and awards, and interesting free-time activities to alumni director Louis J. Fabro. As space permits, we’ll publish the info in the Cardinal magazine to help keep your classmates and friends informed about you.

The alumni office also sends monthly updates of St. Charles student and alumni activities to those who have current e-mail addresses on our database. If you aren’t receiving these messages, but would like to, send your e-mail address to Louis so he can update your records.

You can reach him by e-mail at lfabro@cdeducation.org or by phone at 614-252-9288 ext. 21.

First Friday Masses

Join with fellow alumni for First Friday Mass in Mother of Mercy Chapel each month. A light breakfast and Carolian camaraderie always follow in the Alumni and Development Office conference room.

Homecoming Bash

The St. Charles Alumni Association will hold its annual Homecoming celebration when the Cardinals meet Bishop Watterson on the football field. The date is Friday, Oct. 22. The hoopla begins before the game – with a tailgate cookout starting at 6 p.m. at the north side of the Campus Theatre. When the game ends, St. Charles community members are invited to a pizza party in the Campus Theatre’s Cavello Center, again compliments of the Alumni Association.

Alumni Assn. Sunday Performances

This December the St. Charles Alumni Association will begin an “Alumni Performance” socials to be held before each of the drama department’s Sunday stage productions. The Association will serve as host to a reception with refreshments and snacks before each Sunday matinee show. Alumni can make reservations for both events the show and reception by contacting the Alumni and Development Office three weeks prior to each show.

Alumni Mothers Lunch

All mothers of alumni are invited to the second annual St. Charles Alumni Mothers Luncheon Sunday, Oct. 24. The event is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. in the Campus Theatre’s Cavello Center. The inaugural event last year attracted more than 100
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mothers who reportedly had a wonderful
time renewing old friendships and remin-
sicng about their sons’ school days.

The luncheon will begin with a 1:30
p.m. social. Lunch is scheduled for 2 p.m.
A short program will follow lunch. Inform-
al tours of the school conclude the
afternoon’s activities. Call Kathleen
Cavello at 614-237-9572 to make reserva-
tions. Tickets are $20.

Lone 2004 Reunion
Remains

The Class of 1959 will celebrate its 45-
year reunion Oct. 22-23. Friday night’s
activities may be held in conjunction with
the St. Charles-Waterson football game
and the St. Charles Alumni Association’s
Homecoming cookout and pizza party.
Early plans for Saturday are a class Mass
celebration in Mother of Mercy Chapel
followed by a reception and dinner in the
Cavello Center. Specifics will be an-
nounced later by Dave Dorward and Bob
Moses.

Class Reunions for 2005

Golden Anniversary Class of 1955
Class of 1960
Class of 1965
Class of 1970
Class of 1975

Silver Anniversary Class of 1980
Class of 1985
Class of 1990
Class of 1995
Class of 2000

Summer Reunions

The 2004 Platinum Reunion celebrated
the legacy of the school’s earliest
graduates and paid tribute to alumni
and teachers who have passed away.

The event was held June 10.

Guests included graduates, former
students and their spouses from the
school’s earliest
classes, graduates and former stu-
dents of The
College and Semi-
nary of St. Charles
Borromeo, and

surviving spouses of deceased alumni from
those classes.

Mass in Mother of Mercy Chapel was
concelebrated by several alumni priests.
Guests posed for a “Class” picture and
were treated to a complimentary lunch in
the Campus Theatre’s Cavello Center
banquet facility.

The Classes of 1949 from St. Charles and
the former Aquinas College High School
celebrated a combined 55-year reunion on
Saturday, June 12. Mass was celebrated
in Mother of Mercy Chapel by St. Charles
‘49 class member, Msgr. Kenny Grimes,
pastor of Our Lady of Peace Parish. A
reception and dinner in the Cavello
Center and a tour rounded out the
evening.

Aquinas was an all-boys Catholic high
school operated by the Dominican fathers
from 1905 to 1965. The school was located
at a site now occupied by Columbus State
from Aquinas were organized by Harry
Erb. Other classes interested in holding
“joint reunions” are invited to contact the
Alumni and Development Office.

The Class of 1954 pulled out all the stops
for its 50-year reunion August 14-16 with
38 classmates in attendance. Jerry
Strelecky updated the class rolls to ensure
all were contacted and invited to attend.
John Mullin and Guy Lawler made sure
there was no lack of activities to keep
both alumni and wives busy all weekend.

The alumni had a golf outing Friday
morning at Bent Tree and a social gather-
ing afterward with classmate Fr. Jim
Walter at his pastorate (St. John
Neumann Church in Sunbury). Wives and
husbands met later for an evening cocktail
reception at the Easton Hilton.

The boys set off for a golf outing at
Granville C.C. Saturday morning while
everyone else had a chance to take a tour
of Columbus and an excursion through
Easton, where some of the classmates
stayed while in town. A tour of the city
was also provided.

Later in the day the group met for
Mass in Mother of Mercy Chapel cele-
brated by Fr. Jim Walter ’54, Fr. Joseph
Ehwald ’54, and former school faculty
member, Msgr. Edward Spiers ’31. A
reception with music by Joe Dunlap and
dinner followed in the Cavello Center.
Don Adams served as MC for the night’s
program, which included a showing of
A 15-minute DVD of class memories
produced by Guy Lawler and Anthony
Treboni ’83.

On Sunday all were invited to Bill
Igel’s home for brunch and more camara-
derie. As part of the weekend celebration,
Bob Ryan created a ‘Golden Anniversary’

Graduates Golden

The Class of 1954 had a grand time marking the 50-year anniversary of their graduation
from St. Charles. Those in attendance Saturday night included from left, first row —
John Mullin, Phil Schaeffling, Bob Ryan, Guy Lawler, Don Adams, Don DeShetler, Bob
Cherry, and Jim Walsh; middle — Jim Grace, Bill Bickham, John Leach, Mike Colley,
Jim McAdams, Fr. Joe Ehwald, Joe Rotonda, and Jack Wagenbrenner; top — Larry
O’Brien, John Donovan, Max Miller, Bob Igel, Dick Stedman, Jim Sexton, Joe Endres,
Fr. Jim Walter, Bill Igel, Gerry Strelecky, Chuck Lingo, Joe Ryan, Jack Cherry, Jerry
Welch, Bernie Dick, Bill Stellar, Phil Amorose, and Dick McMullen.

St. Charles Preparatory School
The Class of 1974 gathered on Friday, Sept. 10 to celebrate its 30-year reunion. Classmates met at the St. Charles-Bexley football game to cheer on the Cardinals to a 29-21 come-from-behind victory before heading to Plank’s Café. There the group enjoyed some refreshments, much camaraderie, and that famous Plank’s pizza.

The Class of 1979 gathered at classmate Ed Rice’s Quaker Steak and Lube restaurant near Polaris to start its 25-year class reunion on July 23. The stag event featured and cold refreshments — all compliments of Rice. Saturday’s activities started out with a class Mass in Mother of Mercy Chapel celebrated by Fr. Fred Loyd ’62 and a tour of the campus. Pat Byrne, proprietor of Byrne’s Pub in Grandview, donated the cold drinks for the evening. A reception and dinner followed in the Cavello Center. Ed Winters, co-owner of Tri-Village Studio in Grandview, took pictures and produced a complimentary CD that was mailed to every member of the class. The reunion committee included Andy Baumann, Thom Milem, Tim Pierce, Dave Pemberton Jr., and Ralph Recchie.

The Class of 1984 reunited for its 20-year anniversary last July 9-10. Nearly 30 classmates took part in an outing at Champions Golf Club. That was followed by a stag night at Plank’s. Classmates met again Saturday afternoon for Mass in Mother of Mercy Chapel celebrated by Fr. Bill Arnold ’70. That was followed by a campus tour and then dinner at Lindey’s. Thanks to the efforts of Brian Franz and the class, Fr. Arnold was flown in from his vacation in North Carolina!
Ten years and counting
Members of the class of 1994 celebrated their 10-year reunion last June. From left, front — Bob Mayhan, Brad Chelton, Chris Hughes, Geoffrey Shaver, guest Fr. Bill Arnold ’70, Gabe Diana, Bryan Carnahan, Syed Ali, Andy Parrish, and Shannon Donovan; middle — Bobby Dick, Derek Smith, Mark Franklin, Joe Rhea, Nick Magora, Brian Murphy, Pat Gordon, Mike McCarthy, Doug MacLachlan, and Ben Hatcher; back — Mark Wilkins, Rick Ey, Chad Cage, Alex Loehrer, John Shumate, Louis Susi, Phil Momburg, Jian Allen, and Chris Dake.

The Class of 1994 celebrated its 10-year anniversary June 4-5 with a Friday night stag party at Plank’s Café followed by a golf outing the next morning. Later Saturday there was a class Mass in Mother of Mercy Chapel celebrated by Fr. Fred Loyd ’62 followed by a cocktail and appetizer reception in the Cavello Center. The reunion committee included Brad Chelton (compiled a class update booklet), Alex Loehrer (master of ceremonies), Bob Mayhan, Andy MacKinnon, and Brian Murphy (who arranged for the refreshments and planned the food for the receptions).

The Class of 1999 marked its 5-year graduation point by gathering in the school’s rear courtyard for an informal pizza and beer party on Aug. 7. Some 15 classmates relaxed at the stag event and shared college stories and took a tour of the campus.

Mothers Club gets ready for silent auction
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2004 Alumni Open Winners
Jason ‘Toast’ Howard ’90 (far right above) was overjoyed at being part of the winning foursome. Others in the winning group, which shot 13 under par, were from left, Jim Rafter ’89, Jim Zink ’89, and Mark Hay (father of Matt ’04). ‘Skill’ prizes went to Eric Horvath ’92 (closest to the pin), Jeff Mattingly ’87 (longest drive), and Zink (longest putt).

97 golfers were treated to perfect weather at the St. Charles Alumni Association’s annual golf outing Sept. 19 at Chapel Hill Golf Club in Mt. Vernon. Helping make the event special were our sponsors to whom we extend warm thanks. Sponsors were: Suburban Natural Gas Co. (Dave Pemberton ’79), Discount Furniture (Bill Sharpe ’83), Bravo!Development, Inc. (Joe Isbell ’83 and Mike Creedon ’85), Miami’s Bar and Grille, Cole Clougherty and Milestone Community Bank, and Judge John A. Connor ’58.
Leif Mahler is beginning his second year at the University of Michigan, where last spring he started 29 games at shortstop on the varsity baseball team. With the team in Columbus last spring, he helped the Wolverines defeat the Ohio State Buckeyes with two clutch hits and two RBI. Mahler won the team’s Ted Sizemore Award as the top defensive player as well as the UM Athletic Achievement Award for 2004. He’s described on the team’s website as a “talented middle infielder who is versatile and has excellent infield actions and ‘soft hands.’”

Richard Ashworth Jr. is serving on the USS Ponce, whose home port is Norfolk, Va. He is a gunneryman, which, he said, “means that I help issue out, work on, fix, and fire every small arms weapon on this ship.” For security reasons, he cannot reveal where he might be heading, he said.

Liam Shanahan worked this summer as a congressional intern for U.S Rep. Ted Strickland of Ohio’s 6th District. Enrolled at Beloit College in Beloit, Wis., he is designing his own major: health sciences and plans to go to nursing school after graduating. He hopes his experience in Washing school after graduating. He has described his semesters at Notre Dame as “tiring all the time,” he explained.

Philip Schaeffing is a junior at the University of Notre Dame working on a degree in architecture. He’ll spend the 2004-2005 school year studying in Rome. “All three-year architecture students live and study in Rome,” Schaeffing explained, adding: “I’m really looking forward to it. We’ll be living not too far from the Vatican, in a hotel near the Pantheon.” Schaeffing made the Dean’s List all three of his semesters at ND, and three of his first-year studio projects were chosen for a “special commendation” award by his professor. He volunteers for Habitat for Humanity, and is a lector at dom Masses and an intramural sports participant.

Christopher Alvarez-Breckenridge continues his studies for a degree in biology and classics at The Ohio State University. He also continues to work in the lab of Dr. Charis Eng (see fall 2003 issue of the Cardinal magazine), a world-class scientist who directs the human cancer genetics program at OSU’s Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute. Alvarez-Breckenridge is preparing for the MD/PhD program at OSU and will be starting medical school there in the fall of 2005. This past year he presented work at a conference in Los Angeles and to the Orlando and was named a Thomas Barrows Scholar. (The American Association of Cancer gives ten such scholarships each year.) Alvarez-Breckenridge this fall will be presenting his research in Brazil through a research exchange program that OSU has with the University of Sao Paulo in Brazil. He was selected for the OSU homecoming court, served a year on the Sigma Phi Epsilon (his fraternity) executive board, and will be its vice president this coming year. He also had the exciting opportunity to serve on OSU’s search committee for the university’s new secretary vice president of research. That,” he said, “was a very valuable, eye-opening experience!”

2000

Travis Dent graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York last May.

Anthony Castricone is on schedule to receive a degree from the Ohio University E.W. Scripps School of Journalism in March 2005. He is currently the sports director at WATH-AM and WXTQ-FM in Athens, Ohio. He’s a host to a daily call-in sports talk show, is a play-by-play announcer for high school and college sports, and is host for pre- and post-game shows for Ohio Bobcats football and the flagship station. He worked for two years as a reporter on an Emmy-award winning high school football show called “Gridiron Glory,” and also worked as a freelance sideline reporter on OHN, Fox Sports Net and ESPN-Plus for Ohio football and basketball games.

Matthew Brooks is an applications engineer for OTC-Diahen Robotics (Dahen robots handle automated welding and plasma cutting for manufacturing facilities) and is working on his masters in welding engineering at The Ohio State University. In addition to his studies, he works out for triathlons.

Nicholas Buckley is a Peace Corps volunteer who teaches math at a secondary school in a small village in Ghana. He’ll be in the College of Medicine this summer. Buckley joined the Peace Corps immediately after graduating from the University of Utah in 2003. He’s getting in shape for his first marathon and spends lots of time reading and teaching himself French. He would love to hear from his friends. Just e-mail him at nicholasbuckley@hotmail.com.

James DeVore is a 2003 graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University and is in his second year in the College of Medicine at the University of Cincinnati.

Ryan Griffin is a student at The Ohio State University and likes to go camping, play soccer, and travel.

Ben Gruber began his third and final year at Capital University Law School. He’s focusing on family law. Ben, who likes to spend time with friends and family and going to movies and reading, recently bought a condominium in downtown Columbus. “I have many great memories of my four years at St. Charles,” he said. “From Father Bennett’s unique teaching style, the Cardinal Walk, the outstanding theatrical productions, and of course my classmates themselves.”

Michael Herrel organizes social and service outings for adults with disabilities for Starfire, a non-profit agency in Cincinnati. He and Rachel were married in May. Herrel plays soccer twice a week.

Morgan Hondros is an office assistant for National Education Seminars in Central Ohio. He spends time watching his siblings play sports and he practices the martial arts and golf.

David Mess is currently a student in The Ohio State University College of Law.

Paul J. (PJ) Shelton is a Jesuit seminarian in St. Paul, Minn. His interests include discussing theology and social justice and playing volleyball three times a

Second Lt. Matthew S. Mayo ’00 was in sales with NewPros Communications in Columbus before joining the Peace Corps last July.

1996

Joe DeSapri is an analyst in JP Morgan’s Equity Capital Markets group in New York City.

Nathan Estep lives in New York and works as a corporate communications specialist for an investment bank. He earned a degree in political science and Spanish from the University of Miami (OH) University. He spent a year in Washington, D.C. before attending graduate school in public policy at Carnegie Mellon.

Dan Rankin V works for Lindig Benefit Consultants, selling individual and group health insurance. He’s pursuing a degree in business at The Ohio State University and lives in Granview. His roommate, Kevin Kidd, also is a ’96 graduate of St. Charles. Rankin attended Miami (OH) University for two years before returning to Columbus. In his free time, he enjoys golfing and tries to get out camping.

Christopher Ward earned degrees in political science and Spanish from the University of Dayton in 2000, a law degree from OSU’s Moritz College of Law in 2003, and passed his bar exam that July. He’s worked at Calfee, Halter & Griswold LLP in Columbus as a litigation associate since September of 2003. He and his wife, Wendy O’Bryan, were married in May of 2003.

1995

Robert A. Hershner is a first lieutenant in the Air Force at Peterson AFB in Colorado.

1994

Notes gathered as part of the Class’s 10-year reunion celebration.

Syed Ali is finishing his doctorate in forensic pathology after earning undergraduate and master’s degrees at The Ohio State University. He’s been working as a training supervisor for a pharmaceutical benefits management company for the past five years.

Sean Bates followed up a degree in English literature at Wittenberg University with a dental surgery doctorate at Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tenn. He joined the Air Force and is a practicing dentist at Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Ala.

Robert Belli is a legal administrative assistant for the city prosecutor’s office in Columbus, is married, and enjoys watching sports and working on his house.

Chad Cage is a tennis coach at Southwestern University. He and his wife, Kim, live in Austin. Chad hikes, camps, and goes snowboarding in his free time.

Bryan Carnahan has served as the Central Ohio investment officer for the Huntington Investment Company since 2000. He earned an international business degree from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1998. He’s a martial arts instructor in Gahanna. He and his wife, Kerri, were wed on St Thomas (Virgin Islands) in 1999.

Brad Chelton graduated from Ohio Wesleyan in 1998 and has since worked at Ernst & Young accounting firm. He passed his CPA two years ago. He and his wife, Charity, have been married five years.

Christopher Dake is at Loyola College in Baltimore working on its $80 million capital campaign. He had been an assistant manager of major gifts in the development office of the John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts in Washington, D.C.

Shannon Donovan lives in Reynoldsburg and has been working in the accounting department for the American Heart Association and would like to possibly pursue a law degree. His two brothers are also St. Charles grads: Dan, ’91 and Michael ’03.

Tom Dunne is an adjunct college professor teaching design drawing, computer programming and interactive multimedia at the University of Cincinnati. He has worked in freelance 3D modeling, animation, and motion graphics projects. He has started his own entertainment software company, with an emphasis on computer game development. Tom has a degree in industrial design and a master’s in design, both from the University of Cincinnati.

Richard Ey teaches freshman and sophomore English at St. Charles, is an assistant soccer coach, and is pursuing a master’s degree at Ohio Dominican University.

Mark Franklin is a managed care pharmacist with Medco Health in Dublin. His free time is spent with family and friends, golfing, and OSU football.

Patrick Gordon is an accountant for Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield in Cincinnati. He earned a master’s in business administration from Xavier University.

Jim Hale started a consulting company focusing on low-income housing tax credit compliance after graduating from Capital University School of Law in 2002. Jim works across Ohio with investment corporations, property management companies, and social service agencies. While in law school, he ran programs for job development and placement for homeless veterans and job training for developmentally disabled adults and at-risk youth. Jim also earned a political science degree from Coastal Carolina University.

Mark Gramlich is with the industrial engineering department at UPS, where he’s worked since graduating from The Ohio State University in 1999. He and his wife, Jennifer, have two sons.

Ben Hatcher is an engineer at Lucent Technologies.

West Point Graduate

St. Charles guidance counselor Ted Hummer ’60 congratulates Travis D. Dent ’00 at his graduation from West Point Military Academy last spring.

Patrick Heiser is a graduate student beginning his fifth year at the University of California in San Francisco. His Ph.D. thesis focuses on diabetes research.

He and his wife have been married for five years and have two children. When time permits, he enjoys scuba diving in the lush kelp forests off the California coast.

Chris Hughes is a design engineer. He likes to play volleyball, soccer, and tennis, and plays golf regularly.

Ben Kalteneker is an animation coordinator for Warner Brothers’ animated TV series, “Justice League.” He has been living in Los Angeles for the past 2 1/2 years and began working for an animation studio, Klaskey Caspo, in Hollywood. He went on to work as a production assistant on two feature films, “The Wild Thornberrys” and “The Rugrats Go Wild,” that Klaskey produced and Paramount/Nickelodeon distributed.

He is working his way up to be a creative producer of feature films and has started his own sketch comedy troupe. “I have written the show and we are looking to put it on . . . this year,” he said, “…so, if anyone is out here, look me up.”

Ben started at Xavier University in ’94, studied there for a year and a half. After a few years of acting, he transferred to the University of Dayton and graduated in May of 2001 with a major in theatre and a minor in Spanish.

James Kasuyi lives in Boston where he’s been a financial analyst with Wachovia Bank for three years. He graduated from Johns Hopkins University in 1998 where he majored in natural sciences with a minor in psychology. He went to work for Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore as a liaison and coordinator for international patients and patient affairs.

“Unfortunately, after the events of 9/11, international travel was severely stunted, and I subsequently resigned from a wonderful job and experience,” he reported. “I hope one day to return (home) to Africa,” he said, “to lend my services to an impoverished yet naturally and spiritually priceless land.”

Alex Loehrer is public relations director for Concordia Language Villages which run world language and culture immersion programs for young people, seven to 18.

He and his wife, Abby (née Murphy), have been married two years and live in Fargo, N. D.
They both enjoy international travel — he works and travels in France occasionally. They spend most weekends at a family cabin, fishing, hiking, kayaking, and reading.

Doug MacLachlan works for an insurance brokerage firm, Travis-Pedersen and Associates, in Chicago. His father is a lieutenant colonel in the Army Reserves and recently returned safely from Iraq. Doug said he recently has been traveling more, “and not just for business, for pleasure.” He reads a lot — history and natural phenomena (i.e. quakes, hurricanes) and enjoys season tickets to see the Cubs play at Wrigley Field.

Eric Martin has been working as an environmental scientist for Science Applications International Corporation the past four years. The company recently moved him to California under contract with a major oil company. He earned a degree in natural resources from The Ohio State University.

Michael Maul is a design engineer for Lexmark and lives in Lexington, KY. His son, Caleb Michael Maul, was born April 30, 2004.

Bob Mayhan has been working for Sytronics Inc. in Beavercreek, Ohio as a systems engineer for nearly four years. Sytronics designs, builds, installs, and upgrades test stands and test cells for engines and accessories. Because his company’s main customer is the U.S. Government, Bob spends about a quarter of the year traveling to military bases. Mayhan attended Vanderbilt University for one year before transferring to The Ohio State University where he graduated in 2000 with a degree in electrical engineering. He and his wife, Jaime, have been married for five years and have two children.

Michael McCarthy is a Captain in the U.S. Marine Corps and is assigned to a bio-chem/anti-terrorism response unit outside Washington, D.C.

Philip Momburg is an application developer for Bank One, for whom he’s worked for over eight years. He and his wife, Rebecca, (nee Clingon) have two children. Momburg enjoys playing golf and spending time with his family and friends.

Brian Murphy works for a family business called the Murphy Company doing accounts receivable. He enjoys working out and playing basketball and golf.

Jason Neal is a senior analyst for a company specializing in market research for the healthcare and pharmaceutical industry. He earned a degree in geography/sociology in 1998 and masters in demography in 2000, both from Bowling Green State University.

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At the Summit
Andrew Riederer ’95 and his wife, Melissa, are shown sitting atop Mt. Kinabalu (13,435 ft) in Borneo, in this photo taken on one of the couple’s many trips while Andrew worked abroad for Merck Pharmaceuticals. Their ascent to the summit was physically demanding, especially because of the thin air which caused a few dizzy spells. “But the sunrise views were too spectacular for either words or pictures to fully capture,” Riederer said.

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Louis Susi is a resident in the endodontic post-graduate department at The Ohio State University. He graduated from OSU’s College of Dentistry in 2003. He runs and golf in his free time.

Mark Wilkins is a manager with the SBC phone company. He and his wife, Cari, have a daughter, with whom he “enjoys every second.” He only wishes he had more time to play golf.

William E. Switalski was married to Deanna Forrest in St. Charles’ Mother of Mercy Chapel on September 18, 2004.

Jeff Carr is the general manager of IT infrastructure consulting at Accenture and runs its U.S. federal IT consulting practice. Accenture is the largest IT and management consulting firm with more than 85,000 employees worldwide. Carr is responsible for all relevant work related to the Federal Government. “This is primarily designing and building network systems, security, and IT strategy,” he said. He lives and works in Reston, VA during the week and travels back to Cincinnati nearly every weekend, where he owns a home and previously was chief information security officer at GE Aircraft Engines.

Keary Doon lives in the Washington, D.C. area with his wife and two children. He is an account manager for Davey Tree.

Jeffrey Mullenix is a material damage claims manager for Nationwide Insurance and lives in McKinney, Texas, which is near Dallas.

Matthew Peters manages a family-owned manufacturing business in Obetz, Ohio. He earned a double major in political science and history from The Ohio State University in 1998. He and his wife, Janeen Patterson, were married in 1999 and have a daughter.

Chad Gibson is a senior planning official for the City of Upper Arlington. He graduated from Miami (OH) University in 1995 with a degree in geography/urban analysis. In 1997, he earned a masters in city and regional planning from The Ohio State University. He earlier worked his way up from intern, to planner, and then to senior planner with the city of Dublin. After eight years with Dublin, he moved to his current job. He and his wife, Heather, live in UA. He plays golf whenever possible, and he said, “I also play softball on Tuesday nights at Plank’s (Café), I mean Berliner (Park)...”

Aaron Schweitzer is a senior design engineer at the Caterpillar Wheel Loaders and Excavators Division in Aurora, IL near Chicago.

Gerard Tracy served in Iraq with the U.S. Army from January until March. He was stationed at a town near Kirkuk. “We did patrols to search out insurgents, weapons caches and the like. We also pulled security for our camps and for convoys.” He is a specialist E-4 “hoping to become a sergeant in the next few months” and is based in Ft. Carson, Colo.

Scott Lyons has three children and lives in Pickerington. He holds a CPA and was recently promoted to controller at Installed Building Products.

John Mers is director of coaching and player development for the Centerville United Soccer Association just outside of Dayton and an assistant coach of the men’s and women’s soccer programs at Wright State University. As a member of the Ohio South Youth Soccer Association, he coaches at the district, state, and regional levels in the Olympic Development Program and is also a clinician/instructor for the coaching courses. Mers was a professional soccer player for four years with the Dayton Dynamo and Cincinnati Silverbacks, and was also a personal trainer at Protector and Gamble (1998). He attended the University of Dayton from 1990-91 and Wright State University from 1991-95. He and his wife, Jennifer, have been married three years and have a son.

Mark Kneauve is an attorney at the law firm of Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP in Columbus. “St. Charles alumni Dan Clark ’95, Tom Tarpy ’82, and Richard Studman ’54 are also attorneys here,” Kneauve and his wife, Meredith, have two sons.

Devin Rice is an assistant attorney general for New York’s Labor Bureau. He handles cases related to enforcement of the state labor law including civil and criminal matters involving wage and hours, labor standards, and union issues. He is listed on websites for stories on cases he’s involved with can be viewed on: http://www.oag.state.ny.us/press/2004/jun/jun24a_03.html http://www.oag.state.ny.us/press/2003/sep/sep30a_03.html http://www.oag.state.ny.us/prfes/2003/jun/jun24a_03.html.

Rice earned a degree in political science and international studies from Macalester College in 1993. During that time he studied abroad for one semester at the University of Haifa, and for one summer at the Hebrew University. He also was a member of the varsity track and cross-country teams. He graduated from the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law in 1999. While there he interned two summers at the Finnish League for Human Rights in
Michael Santoro
Ensemble, which performs for Northern artistic director of the Jumping Buddha educator of world music in California for musician, stage director, producer, and Francisco World Music Festival. had its debut in San Francisco Sept. 26 as part of the San Santoro transcribed the music for the production, which rehearsals for the Beijing Opera, “The Female Generals.” and actors from the Beijing Opera Troupe after finishing Has Oriental Flavor26 and education accounts in and William L. L’Esperance 1988 hiking. He travels frequently and games, working out, biking, and Cinemathek, cooking (but not legal proceedings. He lives in Brooklyn and in his free time enjoys seeing films at the Brooklyn Academy of Music Cinemathek, cooking (but not cleaning), watching soccer games, working out, biking, and hiking. He travels frequently and recently has been to Canada, Peru, France, and the Czech Republic.

1988 William L. L’Esperance and his wife and children live in Cleveland where he sells computer technology to corporate and education accounts in Greater Cleveland area. and 1987 Christopher Cain is a turn-around manager for Equistar Chemicals in Clinton, Iowa. He and his wife, Regina, have two children.

Michael Whhl is the absentee voting supervisor for the Franklin County Board of Elections. He has attended The Ohio State University and Franklin University and is one class away from earning a degree in communications. He plays in three golf leagues, follows the Browns and OSU football “like clockwork,” and is a member of St. Mary Parish in German Village.

1986 Mark Beluscak is a member of the Denver Police Department. He earned a masters from Colorado University. Michael L. Green is the assistant branch manager for Smith Barney’s two Cincinnati branches. His son, Michael II, is 12 years old.

1984 Gathered as part of the Class’s 20-year reunion celebration Chris Bowe is a self-employed physical therapist with practices in Kentucky and Tennessee. He and his wife, Michelle, have been married for 15 years and have three children. In his free time, he enjoys coaching various little league sports (baseball, basketball, and football) and serves as youth football coordinator for Lexington Catholic High School.

Andy Brady is quality control engineer for Honda of America Mfg. He and his wife, Alicia, have been married for 14 years and have three children. He enjoys cars, motorcycles, target shooting, camping, and golf.

Rick Callahan is a lieutenant and paramedic for the Columbus Fire Department where he has worked 13 years. He’s been married for 10 years and has 3 children. He plays softball in his free time and attends as many of his kids’ sports and school events as possible.

Kevin Collins is a pilot for Northwest Airlines. He and his wife of seven years, Jocelyn, have two children. Kevin enjoys golf, softball, and chasing his kids around.

Steve Deibel is a portfolio manager who manages bond portfolios for individuals and small-to medium-sized institutions (pensions, charities, etc). He and his wife, Lisa, have three children. Steve volunteers at church, coaches youth sports, and loves to drive his jeep.

Craig Engle is a manager for an independent insurance adjusting company. He and his wife, Diane, have been married for 15 years and have two children. He coaches his son’s football team and enjoys motorcycling and physical fitness activities.

John Garvey is an attorney who enjoys golf, reading, and bar association and family activities. He and his wife, Michele, have been married for seven years and have three children.

Jeff Havens is an account manager at Hy-Tek Material Handling, which sells items such as fork-lifts, racking, and shelving. His wife, Amy, is an optometrist. They’ve been married for two years. Jeff enjoys ice hockey – he’s a Blue Jackets fan – softball and golf.

Tim Hamburger is training to become a district manager for Pfizer pharmaceuticals. He and his wife, Sharon, have been married for eight years and have a son. Tim has been competing in marathons and ultramarathons for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society since 1998 in honor of a young man from Pittsburgh who has chronic myelogenous leukemia. He does the endurance events to help raise awareness about cancer and to raise money for cancer research and patient aid.

Peter Hennerfeind has been a general contractor for the past seven years for Hennerfeind Builders, a third generation family business.

David Hohmann is a hazardous waste specialist for the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. He’s been doing this kind of work for the past 13 years, first in Seattle and now Columbus, trying to make sure businesses handle their waste.

26 Proud father Thomas Holliday ’90 and wife, Sarah, last March celebrated the birth of their son, Thomas Michael Holliday Jr.

Grad’s Musical Career Has Oriental Flavor

Music Man Michael Santoro ’88, right bottom, poses with musicians and actors from the Beijing Opera Troupe after their debut in San Francisco Sept. 26 as part of the San Francisco World Music Festival.

Michael Santoro ’88 has been busy as a musician, stage director, producer, and educator of world music in California for over 11 years. Since 1996, he’s been the artistic director of the Jumping Buddha Ensemble, which performs for Northern California audiences and tours nationally. “I’ve dedicated myself to introducing ethnic music and social consciousness through innovative staged presentations,” he said.

In 1995 Santoro founded and currently is executive director of Door Dog Music Productions, a Bay Area non-profit organization which introduces various world musical traditions. In 2000, he co-founded the San Francisco World Music Festival, (www.sffestivalmusic.org) which brings together master musicians from various parts of the Middle East, Central Asia, and the Bay Area. Additionally, in 2003, he was on the event committee of the Asian Art Museum and was program director for the Lily Cai Chinese Dance Company from 1997-2001.

As a musician he specializes in the performance of the dong xiao (vertical bamboo flute) and plays other Chinese traditional wind instruments, including the bawu (transverse flute) and xun (globular ocarina). He studied, the eight-hole xiao at the Central Conservatory of Music in Beijing, Cantonese music in Guangzhou and has researched Buddhist music in many temples throughout Taiwan. He’s had the opportunity to perform with some of the most distinguished Chinese musicians, including Liu Wei, Shan, Zhang Xiao Feng, Lu Xian, Zhang Hai Yue, Xi Pei Kun, and Liu He Cheng.

Santoro, and his wife, Yafonne, were wed last June at Malabar Farm in Lucas, OH. She is a Chinese dancer and choreographer. She also is editor for the Bay Area dance publication, “In Dance.” Santoro performs with the Cantonese Music Ensemble and opera clubs in various concerts and community events in the Bay Area. Some of his career highlights include performances at the Knitting Factory (NY), Bethlehem Musik Fest (PA), and the Goldman Environmental Prize (SF War Memorial Opera House).

“A little different than the jazz band during my time at St. Charles,” he said. He’s been commissioned over the last several years to develop original works incorporating Chinese music, dance, and innovative staging presentations. In 2001, the Goldman Environmental Prize commissioned him to create a new work.
safely and properly to reduce risk to workers and the environment. He and his wife, Becky, have been married 23 years and have a son. They’re happy to be near other family members in the Columbus area, including David’s dad, John ’59 and brother, Ed ’87. David and Becky are fixing up a 1927 house in south Bexley and plan to stay put for a while.

David is vice chairman of the board of the Friends of Alum Creek and Tributaries. The organization does cleanups and pulls trash from Alum Creek (source of the 1959 flood that marooned St. Charles) as it passes through our urban area. The group promotes responsible development in the watershed and works to educate everyone that “we all live downstream.”

Andy Hughes is self-employed, working mostly as an event services DJ and videographer. He also owns and manages real estate and works as a consultant and booking agent. Andy has a variety of leisure interests, including biking, walking, softball, concerts, and does charity work. His wife’s name is Kim.

Grant Kelley is the owner of Grant P. Kelley Co., an interior and exterior painting company. He and his wife, Robin, have four children and live in Gahanna. In addition to spending time with his children, Grant enjoys skiing in Colorado, where his brother Sean (Class of 1987) lives, and whitewater rafting.

Byron Kennedy is an engineering management professional with Warehouse Equipment Inc., a material-handling equipment and automated systems integrator, where he’s responsible for estimating and business development. His client list includes companies like Federal Express, Frito Lay, Random House, United Parcel Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the USPS.

Jeff Klinger is director of state policy and advocacy for the Ohio Hospital Association. He lobbies on behalf of Ohio’s 170 hospitals and 40 health systems. He and his wife, Kathy, have been married for 10 years, and have two children. Jeff enjoys home improvement projects, watching Ohio State football and basketball, and time with the family at the Columbus Zoo and COSI. He’s close with his brothers, Mark ’80 and Mike ’82 who live in Columbus.

Jim Klunk is a corporate finance professional. He and his wife, Sue, have two daughters. He enjoys playing golf, college football, and the piano. He says he learned his Spanish class prepared him well over the nearly 3 years he spent in Latin America.

Mike Knapp and his wife, Elizabeth, have three children and live in Columbus.

David Kuskowski is director of recruitment for Penn State University. He and his wife, Anne, have two children. He enjoys traveling and asks what is “free time?”

Chris Lowry is an investment manager for a family in Atlanta. He and his wife, Amy, have one child. In his free time, he enjoys making home movies, spending time with his family, and playing golf—“about twice a year these days”.

Rick Merola has established his own landscaping business — Outdoor Expressions by Rick Merola. He and his wife, Laurie, have been married for 13 years, and have two children. He enjoys playing catch with his son, watching over the animals with his daughter, and catching a movie with his wife.

Tim Palmer owns three Xerox sales agencies in southeast Georgia with his father. He’s married to his college sweetheart, Jackie, and has two children. Spending time with his wife and two sons, helping with sports, and golfing four or five times a year are his favorite diversions.

Brian Reis works in insurance and real estate sales and has two children. Brian is active in St. Catharine activities and his children’s sports. Golf and OSU football are his favorite activities.

Tom Rice is vice president of estimating and contracting for a commercial general contractor. He and his wife, Cheryl, have four children. He uses his free time for golf and jet skiing.

Robert Saint John is the director of marketing for a video software company in San Francisco. He recently had an article on the convergence of television and the PC published in Scientific-American. He’s married to his wife Barbara for six years. She is an artist, and together they live with their six cats in a studio loft in Oakland. They collect vintage Japanese toys and Roberts stays active in the Bay area independent film community where he specializes in 3D graphics and visual effects. Robert says he’s forever grateful to the St. Charles staff, especially Phil Smith who allowed him to break (well bend) the SC mold a bit to pursue his interest in art. He’s so very pleased to see that the school still supports its artists.

Brian Stittner is an associate professor of religious studies at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Conn. He also directs the Center for Catholic Thought, Ethics and Culture. He has been married to his wife, Ann, for 13 years and they have a son. They all enjoy the outdoors, including gardening and sports. Brian enjoys brewing beer, roller blades, indoor soccer, scrabble, and reading.

John Tiberi is a funeral director and vice president of the Mader-Quint-Tiberi Funeral Home. John and his wife of seven years, Julie, have a son. In his free time (what free time?), John enjoys golf, travel and family time (not in that order).

Chuck Warner is vice president of Developer Services for Paramount Financial Group, a national leader in syndicating real estate investments. He has been married to his wife, Theresa, for six years, and they have three children. Chuck likes car races, Columbus Blue Jackets hockey games (he’s a season ticket holder), golf, softball, and being with his kids, of course.

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Mark Alan Gordon is the associate director of the master of fine arts program at the Cleveland Play House in conjunction with Case Western Reserve University.

“I could not be happier,” he said. “This job seems to be a marriage of all three of my callings — acting, directing, and teaching. Especially, the latter calling for our final moments we pray; out of art...we cannot imagine heaven.”

1976

Peter Briski sold his family business after 20 years in the insurance and real estate industries. He and his wife, Traci, have been married 25 years, have three sons, and live in Canal Winchester.

William C. Fulcher, Jr. is a supervisory examiner with the Ohio Attorney General’s Office in the crime victims compensation section. He lives in Columbus with his wife, Patricia, and their daughter, and is part-owner of Gatto’s Pizza in Clintonville. He earned a degree in sociology from The Ohio State University in 1978 and enjoys watching his daughter compete in swimming and water polo, watching all the Ohio sporting teams, and harness racing (having been a horse owner for over 20 years.).

Chuck Gehring, a member of the St. Charles Advisory Board, is president and CEO of LifeCare Alliance, a not-for-profit organization that works with mostly senior citizens and the chronically ill. He has a bachelor’s degree from The Ohio State University in 1976 and enjoys watching his daughter compete in swimming and water polo, watching all the Ohio sporting teams, and harness racing (having been a horse owner for over 20 years.).

Don Breeckner is a project leader for a printing company in Columbus. He likes to collect political badges and play golf in his free time. He and his wife, Jackie, and has two children. Chuck Warner is vice president of Developer Services for Paramount Financial Group, a national leader in syndicating real estate investments. He has been married to his wife, Theresa, for six years, and they have three children. Chuck likes car races, Columbus Blue Jackets hockey games (he’s a season ticket holder), golf, softball, and being with his kids, of course.

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That’s an amazing number! Fr. Bill Arnold, a current St. Charles Advisory Board member, holds a pledge “check” for $25,000 from the Class of 1984 as he describes the “state of the school.” Arnold commented about changes the school has undergone since they graduated, the class’ legacy, and the great things in the school’s future. Since the reunion, an additional $11,500 has been pledged by other classmates.

Catching Up

Jim Wolf, left, talks with Jeff Klinger, center, and David Hohmann at their 20-year class reunion last July at Lindey’s Restaurant.

Funny story

Gene Brooks, current football assistant at St. Charles, listens with a smile to the goings-on at the Class of 1984 reunion dinner.
Press C. Southworth III has been appointed to the corporate board and named chairman of the audit committee for ProCentury Corporation, a specialty property-casualty insurance holding company. Its subsidiary, Century Surety Company, underwrites general liability, commercial property, and multi-peril insurance for small and mid-sized businesses. Southworth is a member of the St. Charles Advisory Board and the general managing partner of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.

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A source of education and amusement. He added: “I have finally learned that you keep learning as you go. I think the best lesson I took from St. Charles was to look for the positive aspect of life.”

Paul Duffy has been legal director for the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio for over 29 years. He and his wife, Beverly, have been married for 29 years and they have three children. When he has free time, he works on his “old house and my mother’s old house in Clintonville.” He said: “For some reason, after all these years, I still think of the Latin classes and those late nights working with Reeder (Dennis H.) and Emerick (Jerry O.) trying to get the Carolian to the print shop.”

Jerry Emerick is self-employed in the real estate rental and rehab business. His interests include genealogy, American folk dancing, and vintage baseball (baseball).

Msgr. Paul Enke is the pastor of St. Edward the Confessor Parish in Granville, OH.

He enjoys reading, walking his dog, and traveling to Ireland. He says that all his St. Charles’ teachers were special in their own way. “I most appreciate Mr. (John) Reclenwald for passing me in physics anyway only if I promised that I was going into the seminary.” His St. Charles’ friends, John Hoffman, Bill Reulbach, Tom O’Leary, and Bryan Hickey remain like family to him.

John Grady ran a six-doctor, three-office endodontic practice in Aurora, OH until retiring from active practice this year. He and his wife, Kathryn, have been married for 35 years and have three children. He is an assistant clinical professor at Case School of Dentistry and is active in the Cleveland Dental Society and the Ohio Dental Association. He is on his parish council and sings in the choir.

Stephen Greene retired from Columbia Energy Group in 2000 and lives in Dublin, OH.

He and his wife, Sheila, have a son who is a deputy probation officer for San Diego County. Greene remembers Father (Robert E.) Luchi’s first year Latin, Father (Charles A.) Haluska’s snowy white owl, and Father (John V.) Wolf’s spelling tests.

Bryan Hickey is an attorney in South Carolina. He and his wife, Diane, have two children. He enjoys hiking, taking care of his daughter’s puppy, visiting the kids, and obeying “she who must be obeyed.” He says, “The older I get, the more I recognize the tremendous gifts of those four (St. Charles) years.”

Fred Jestand lives in San Diego and is the department head of the logistics and field engineering departments for BAE Systems, North America. He is the father of four children and has five grandchildren. He was remarried (May 2003) to Californian native, Catherine Coquelin. In his free time he travels and plays golf. “Father (John V.) Wolf taught me English class to ‘never touch a button.’ Now I supervise an entire staff of engineers. I have four years of great education and great times!”

Thomas Kluessener is a senior manager for Key Accounts with PepsiCo Beverages & Foods (formerly Quaker Oats Company). He has been with the company for 30 years next year. He has two children and lives in Reynoldsburg. He is an officer and volunteer of the Reynoldsburg Touchdown Club and is active at his church. He remembers the senior party and theater productions, but mostly he remembers memories of people and friends at St. Charles.

Peter LaFramboise has spent over 25 years with Robert W. Baird & Company working in investments. He and his wife, Nancy, have been married over 33 years and have three sons. “Father Luchi was the only teacher to get me to work as hard as I should,” he said. “He was very demanding, very good, and very weird.”

Thomas O’Leary is a leisure consultant living in Michigan. He and his wife, Suzanne, have four children and five grandchildren. “My memories of St. Charles are all the wonderful people that I met who became a part of my DNA. My classmates, teachers, and coaches prepared me well for my adult life spiritually, personally, and professionally. I don’t think that I could have received a better preparation.”

Marius Poderys is a software programmer living in Los Angeles. He earned an electrical engineering degree and a master’s in business administration and worked in the commercial, aerospace, and research industries designing digital and analog circuits, and programming software. He and his wife have been married for 30 years. His interests include music, spiritual enlightenment, mountain trips, relaxing at the beach, reading books, and traveling. “I have the most enthusiastic dedicated and friendly classmates who were enthusiastic, determined, and courageous athletes, and excellent teachers. St. Charles was a highly respected educational high school. I was fortunate to participate and learn for four years with a great bunch of guys,” he said.

Michael Purnell is retired after 35 years of public school teaching but continues work at Assumption School in Cleveland as science teacher for grades 5-8. He and his wife have been married for 35 years and have three children and five grandchildren. He reads, square dances, and visits his children in New York and Colorado.

Dennis Reeder is a partner with Maguire/Reeder, Ltd, which produces videos, web media for meetings and event presentations in Alexandria, VA. He and his wife, Elise, have two children and four grandchildren (all of whom also live in Virginia). What little free time he has spent collecting classical music (thanks in large measure to the lasting influence of Msgr. (Paul) O’Dea and Fr. (Robert) Luchi) and tending affairs of his immediate, extended, family, many of whom still live in the Columbus area.

Michael Reidelbach is president and CEO of American Health Holding, Inc., a national company providing medical management services to the industrial industry. He is married to State Rep. Linda Reidelbach and they have four children and a very special grandchild named Max. Reidelbach enjoys basketball, scuba diving and a little golf when time permits.

“I came from a working class background where my parents had only eighth and ninth grade educations. St. Charles’ greatest impact on me stems from the curriculum and emphasis on studies and the expectation that college was the next step. That orientation at a time in my life when I could not self supply it was monumental. I went on to earn a degree in engineering from The Ohio State University and then later from Syracuse University with a MBA. Without St. Charles I do not believe that would have happened,” he said. “A special memory — it sure is!”

Anthony Schommer is a chaplain with St. Vincent Hospice in Indianapolis. He’s worked in hospice since 1995 with a year’s residency at St. Vincent Hospital in ’96 and ’97. He completed his MDiv at Christian Theological Seminary and certification with National Association of Catholic Chaplains.

He and his wife, Judy (nee Haag), have been married for 36 years and they have three children and six grandchildren, all presently living nearby. He enjoys being with the grandchild, gardening, reading, and nature. “I recall the hard work, the struggle to learn at St. Charles,” he said. “I did not attend college until 1982. At that time my foundational education at St. Charles was evident in that I was able to pick up where I left off in my education. St. Charles is in my prayers. Peace.”

Frederick Smeltzer is a radiologist at Lake Regional Hospital in Osage Beach, Mo. He and his wife, Sherry, have been married for 27 years and have two children. He has two daughters by a previous marriage. He likes to garden, golf, and listens to classical and jazz music.

Mike Wyss is in corporate finance with Chain Restaurants, and is semi-retired. He and his wife, Lucy, have been married
for 31 years and have two daughters. In his free time he enjoys playing golf and is interested in politics. He’s lived in the Akron area for over 18 years and gets back to Columbus for most of the OSU football games. “St. Charles was my best life-preparing lesson.”

James Yeager has been a professor of Sacred Music since 1984 at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus. He directs the 25-voice Josephinum Choir that recently toured Europe (2003) and produced a CD. Another tour is scheduled for summer 2005 and a second recording is soon to be released. He founded an ongoing performing arts series at the college called “I Fieri Musical,” now in its 16th season bringing world-renowned performers and orchestras to the campus. He and his wife, Elaine Zabor, recently bought 20 acres of ranch-land in the high desert of New Mexico, and are having fun figuring out what to build towards the day when they retire (“still some years away”).

Yaeger’s hobbies are audio and video editing, and creating multimedia presentations. “So, I am still involved with photography in a way.” In addition to teaching, he still performs (organ and harpsichord) and has been guest teaching and lecturing during the summer.

“In my world Msgr. (F. Thomas) Gallen remains most esteemed in memory and Fr. (Charles A.) Haluska was a great mentor on technical things such as photography, ham radio, and astronomy.” Yeager has taught a number of more recent St. Charles grads at the Josephinum. “I can say unequivocally that these men have shown brilliantly among their peers and are a testament to the strength of prep school education at our alma mater.”

Craig Yuskewich works for Market Finders Insurance Corporation in Centerville, Ohio. It is an insurance brokerage firm placing difficult to insure accounts. He and his wife, Celeste, have been married 35 years and have five children. Their youngest, daughter Cara, passed away at the age of eight. “One of my special memories is Monsignor (Paul) O’Dea coming in with report cards and rattling off numbers. My other favorite memory is sitting on my behind in right field catching a fly ball against East High. It was purely an accident.”

1958

Ed Lingo lives in the San Francisco Bay area to be closer to his three children who live nearby. After retiring in 1995, he moved from Los Gatos, CA to Alameda to enjoy his new sailboat. He then bought a powerboat and moved to Punta Gorda, FL, before selling it to move back to California.

Pat Ryan has been working the past 25 years as a real estate broker in Michigan. He and his wife, Monica Lisska Ryan, will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary this year. They have three children and 11 grandchildren. “I have always treasured my years at St. Charles,” he said. “May St. Charles continue its mission to teach Christian principles that remain with its students throughout their lives.”

1955

Mike Donnelly transferred to St. Charles as a junior after two years at the Pontifical College Josephinum Seminary. He attended colleges in Dayton and in Denver, joined the U.S. Army, and served three years in Germany as a communications expert. “This (Army) experience gave me the incentive I needed to continue college,” he said, and went on to graduate from Mt. St. Mary’s College of Maryland in 1964.

At St. Mary, Donnelly met his future wife of 38 years, Nancy. They lived in Maryland for five years and then moved to New Jersey where Donnelly began his second Army career as an active reservist in the Special Forces. “This required jump school and various special training which I loved,” he said. He served in the Special Forces and retired in 1975.

Meanwhile, he worked for Novartis Pharmaceuticals [then Sandoz] as a computer specialist and network manager traveling throughout the U.S. and Switzerland. He retired from Novartis in 1992 and concluded his work as a development manager with the Archdiocese of Newark, N.J. “This was most rewarding work and I enjoyed it thoroughly,” he said.

The Donnelly’s have two children — Michael Jr and Amy — and five grandchildren.

“St Charles has a wonderful history,” Donnelly said, “and I have nothing but fond memories and gratitude for having lived and studied there. I would simply pray that those who belong to today’s St Charles allow themselves to be enriched as I was while you are there.”

1954

Gathered as part of the Class’s 50-year reunion celebration

Don Adams is a mortgage broker who has served on numerous charitable boards and on five trade association boards, including president of the Construction Industry Manufacturers Association. He earned a business degree from The Ohio State University and became a CPA. He practiced with Peat, Marwick for five years before joining the Galian division of Jefrey Galian and spent 25 years there with successor firms. He went on to president of Thermotech Systems and then became a trade association executive before getting into the mortgage business. He has four children, six grandchildren, one great-grandchild, two step-chil-

### Russian translator retires to French Countryside

**European Retirement**

David Reaver ’57 with his wife, Michelle, (r) and youngest daughter, Cathy.

David Reaver ’57, after many years as a translator of Russian for various U.S. security agencies, has literally retired to the French countryside.

Specifically, he lives in Ouistreham, France, with his wife and two daughters, Carolyn, born in Japan, and Catherine, born in Caen, France.

Ouistreham is located in the part of France that borders the English Channel, an area known as Normandy. That area became world-famous in 1944 when the allies, led by the United States, launched a massive invasion on the Normandy coast to begin the liberation of Europe from Nazi dictatorship. The Reaver home is some 150 miles northwest of Paris, or two and a half to three hours away by train.

Reaver’s worked in several different areas of professional translation, which took him to many different countries. He completed a 10-month course in the Russian language at the Army language school in 1959 and then spent three years in Bavaria, Germany with the U.S. Army Security Agency.

After more Russian language training in the Air Force Security Service, Reaver served in Turkey and West Berlin. It was in Berlin that he met his future wife, Michelle, who happened to be visiting in the French Sector when the German capital was governed by the World War II allies — U.S., Britain, Russia, and France. Reaver at the time had been reassigned to Japan so the two were married at their respective embassies in Tokyo. “After my service was completed in 1972, we moved to her hometown in France,” Reaver said.

In France, Reaver worked for eight years in a shipping agency in nearby Caen where he also was the sworn translator for the local tribunal translating legal documents. In 1981, he decided to try his luck in the “big city” and began a weekly commute to Paris that continued for 15 years.

Reaver worked part-time as an animator for adult English study groups in various business schools and companies and in 1984 took a permanent job as a company translator for a manufacturer, Babcock-Wanson. Eleven years later he began translating technical instruction manuals and commercial correspondence into English. He returned home to Ouistreham for good in late 1995 and has been retired since.

He originally had no intention to live indefinitely in France. But, he said, “One year followed another and all of a sudden we’re in our sixties. I guess I just lost track of time.”

Reaver does get back to Columbus every now and then to visit with family, including his father and younger brother. “My one regret,” he said, “is that I haven’t been able to get back for any of the class reunions. But maybe I’ll make it one day!”
John J. Piecoro Jr. '56

Class of ’56 grad is professor and athletic rep. at Kentucky

Health Service (USPHS) and moved around the country to assignments at USPHS hospitals in Seattle and New Orleans before returning to OSU to work on a master’s degree in pharmacy. He went back to New Orleans in 1966 and helped establish the city’s poison control center before joining UK’s College of Pharmacy in 1968.

He was attracted to the school since it was starting a new program in pharmacy and was one of the first schools to establish a clinical pharmacy program. “With my background working with pediatricians at the poison control center in New Orleans, I started a program in pediatrics,” he said. “I was responsible for pharmacy services to the pediatrics area of University of Kentucky hospital and I taught students in that environment.”

While at UK in Lexington, Piecoro joined the Kentucky Army National Guard as chief pharmacist. He also directed the Guard’s drug testing program. He retired as a colonel after 28 years of service.

As a faculty member at UK, Piecoro became involved in the University Senate and was elected its chair. In one of his frequent meetings with the university president, he mentioned that he was interested in the school’s athletic board having been a student-athlete and the father of two student-athletes. That led to his appointment to the board.

UK’s president appointed Piecoro the school’s faculty athletics representative to the NCAA and SEC. He serves as the athletic board’s secretary and chair of a committee that oversees the athletics department. His duties include certifying the eligibility of all student-athletes at UK and conducting “exit interviews” when athletes complete their athletic eligibility. He’s a member of the NCAA research committee and recently completed a term as chair of the SEC faculty athletics representatives.

Piecoro and his wife, Sue, have been married 44 years and have four children — Jeff (a radio-TV sports announcer), Sheila (social worker), Mark (veterinarian), and Lance (pharmacist), and five grandchildren.
world advising banks on gov-
ernment compliance. He is proud
of his role in revisiting his native
ish after a large embezzlement by an
employee. He has also chaired his
local zoning board, which
led to him being honored as Citi-
zen of the Year in 1988. He and
Michelle enjoy sailing and their
coastal
tage. Every few years
they rent a
home in the
Tuscan countryside in Italy.

Father Joseph Ehwald is re-
tired and living in Columbus. He
has been a regular traveler to
Germany where his parents
were born for visits with family.
He earned his BA at St. Charles
Seminary and has a son, all college
to get degrees from Mt. St. Mary’s
and the North American College
in Rome. He was ordained in
1962, has served numerous
parishes in the Columbus Dio-
cese, and has taught at three
diocesan high schools. He did
missionary work in Bolivia and
Peru and has been a singing
member of the Newark
Maennerchor for over 30 years.

Joe Endres had two careers. He
worked for 32 years for Endres Tavern in Grove City and
13 years with the building de-
partment of Grove City. Joe and
his wife, Shirley, have three
daughters, eight grandchildren
and one great-grandchild. He is
a member of the Elks, has coached numerous
t.'/'.$base_url.'active in his parish and had
six children. She passed away in
2000. He has 16 grandchildren and is
active in the Upper Arlington
Lutheran Church.

Bill Igel is retired after spend-
ing his entire working life in
earth-moving work and utility
business. He now lovingly pur-
sues a woodworking hobby. He
was named "Man of the Year"
by the Columbus Builders Ex-
change in 1990 and earned a
civil engineering degree from
the University of Dayton. Bill and
his wife, Jean, are very involved in
their Church and have six chil-
dren. Igel has served for many
years on the board of the
Rosemont Center, and was also
on the Franklin County Child
Abuse board, Builders Ex-
change board, and the Ohio Con-
tractors Association board. He is
also a member of the K of C
and the Knights of the Holy Sep-
culchre.

Nick Herbert, M.D., is writing a
book that explores recent dis-
coveries in quantum theory. He
deaded a degree in engineering
physics, summa cum laude, from
The Ohio State University and
a Ph.D. from Stanford in
physics and mathematics. He’s
worked as both an academic
physicist in many locales and
as an industrial physicist in Silicon
Valley. Herbert has lectured on
quantum physics in numerous
venues and is internationally
recognized for his work. He has
authored numerous publications on
various scientific theories and
has appeared in several TV pre-
sentations on PBS, CBC and the
BBC and discusses time travel on
the Star Trek IV DVD. He lost
his wife, Betsy, in 2002. They
have one son.

Reunion Activity
Some members of the Class of ‘54 got together for a Friday afternoon round of golf at Bent
Tree G.C. From left, Bob Cherry, Jack Cherry, Joe Endres, Joe
Rotonda, Dick Stedman, Don
DeShetler, John Mullin, Don
Adams, Phil Schaefffling, Bill
Igel, Mike Miller, Jim Grace, and
Bernie Dick.

Sharing memories
Mike Miller, Joe
Rotonda, and Don DeShetler
relax on a patio at the Hilton
Easton where classmates and
their wives enjoyed a Friday
night reception.

Lifetime memories
Jerry Strelecky, Jack
Cherry, Jim McAdams, Joe
Ryan, and Michael Colley watch
a video created through the
efforts of Guy Lawler and
Anthony Treboni ‘83 that
chronicles the history of St.
Charles and the Class of ‘54
since 1950.
He played tennis three times a week for over 20 years but nowScalar and flies remote control airplanes.

Dick McMullen spent his entire career as a software test engineer before retiring from Boeing Aircraft in 2001. He earned a degree in aeronautical engineering from The Ohio State University in 1959 and an MBA from Loyola Marymount University in 1977. McMullen and his wife, Sunny, have been inveterate adventure travelers since 1981. They’ve visited 98 countries on five continents. In February 2005, they will visit Antarctica and walk to the South Pole! They have two sons and two grandchildren. His hobbies are coin collecting, astronomy, and photography. He especially enjoys astro-photography.

Ed (Mike) Miller made banking his career after graduating from Purdue University and is now fully retired. He spent seven years in Cincinnati with Provident Bank before moving back to Columbus. Here he worked 28 years for BancOhio and served as president of BancOhio Leasing Corp. He was president of a Jaycees chapter and the Young Men’s Business Club and twice was listed in “Outstanding Young Men in America”. He is past president of Worthington Hills Civic Association and has been an active member of Charity Newsies since 1995. Mike and his wife, Donna, have two sons and a daughter.

Miller wants to clear up some erroneous information that John Mullin reportedly provided for last spring’s edition of the Cardinal: “Contrary to what was published,” he protested, “I did have a bat in my hands!!! And it was 37 straight times at bat without a hit in 1953 — no more than that!!!” He remembers being disciplined by Father Spiers for causing Father O’Brien’s desk to crash and be ruined by the ball. There was no “Mullin’s in the middle of a baseball game.”

Max (“Gus”) Miller graduated from OSU and spent 37 years in the steel industry, primarily with Inland Steel in Chicago and Birmingham, where he opened its South East regional office in 1970. He and his wife, Peggy, have three sons and a daughter. Miller is retired but remains an active volunteer at the UAB Hospital. He also volunteers for the annual Bruno’s Memorial Carrousel for Operation PGA Tour and at the Nationwide Championship. He previously belonged to various service clubs and is a dedicated member of the Vestavia Country Club where he indulges his passion for golf.

Here’s to the Good Life

Michael Donnelly ’55 and his wife, Nancy, enjoy retirement in New Jersey.

Vestavia Country Club where he indulges his passion for golf.

John Mullin just retired after 40 years in the mortgage business, the last 13 years in his own firm. He is the proud father of four (one deceased) and loving grandfather to six. John and his wife, Mary Jane, enjoy tennis, golf, and traveling. He is past president of the Charities Newsies and Columbus Mortgage Bankers Association. He remembers “thumbing (for a ride) in front of St. Charles and being picked up by Bishop Ready. He also recalls running hamburgers and milkshakes for my brother,” Charlie Griffin, and other semi-narians. (I had tremendous respect for all the teachers.)

Larry O’Brien had been in management with three different GM dealerships over the past 30 years before spending the last 1 ½ of his career with Mercedes Benz. He has a degree from The Ohio State University. Larry and his wife, Mary, have been married for 32 years and have two daughters and one grandson. O’Brien is an usher in his parish and belongs to the Knights of Columbus. He remembers “Father O’Brien hitting me in the head with his missal for shooting spitballs and Joe Ryan’s poker games in his garage.”

Joe Rotonda operated a bar and grill for many years in Columbus. Virtually retired now, he still does some part-time work. He and his wife, Janie, have three sons and a daughter and five grandchildren.

Joe Ryan, Jr. has had a law practice in Upper Arlington since 1986. After earning a degree from the University of Notre Dame, he spent two years at sea, courtesy of the U.S. Navy, as a gunnery officer on the USS Whittaker. He worked in the insurance business and as a math/science teacher before getting a law degree from the University of Detroit in 1964. He and his wife, Carol (nee Cavanaugh) have been married for 40 years and have six children and six grandchildren. “I reached 10 openings kicked that landed untouched in the end zone against Grandview HS. The Grandview players walked away from the ball and Jim McAdams fell on it for a touch-down.”

Bob Ryan went into group insurance management and stayed in that business until retiring early in 1992 as regional manager. Since then he has researched and published his family’s history back to 1790 in Ireland, managed a baseball stars’ golf tournament for 10 years, and became a radio reporter for a PGA tour event. He and his wife, Diane, have four children and lived in Ireland for a year and toured Europe. He took courses in cryptography and drawing/sketching; and worked as a movie extra in the movie The Legend of Bagger Vance. Ryan is a 20-year member of MENSA (a worldwide intellectual organization) and recently became director of Tampa Bay Golf Tour. He says he remembers all the nicknames his classmates had….“Wings”, “Dirty Joe”, “Scooter”, “Monk”, “Knobby”, “Moon”, “Grinder”, “Shipwreck.” Also hitchhiking on Broad Street after school.

Phil Schaeffing owned and operated Greenlawn Transit, Bus One, Buckeye Bus, and Greenlawn Great Getaways until he retired in 2003 and either sold or closed them down. He married his wife, Rose, at the age of 46 and they have a daughter and two sons. One daughter married who is a November 15th baby and the other is a December 31st baby. Phil will celebrate his 96th birthday on St. Charles and Phil is a Class of 1961 alumnus.

Jim Sexton was a physicist and a technical manager whose work took him into guidance systems, micro-electronics, cryptography, nuclear effects, and ballistic missiles. He is a member of a national physics honor society and works with lectors in his parish. He and his wife, Pierrette, have four sons and a daughter. Three of his children are from previous marriages. Now that he’s retired he and his wife travel a bit, play golf and tennis.

Art Siebert is retired after spending 20 years in the U.S. Navy in nuclear submarines and another 20 as a quality assurance inspector at the Salem Nuclear Power Plant. He served in the Reserve in New Jersey. He enjoys golf and fishing. Siebert and his wife, Judith, have three sons. What does he remember about St. Charles? “Hearing Bernie Dick recite Shakespeare in Latin, which he enjoys aloud and (Fr.) Jim Walter’s intercession and runback for a TD to beat Bexley.”

Dick Stedman and his wife, Libby, are proud parents of two St. Charles grads, Richard ’89 and Patrick ’97, and a daughter. He earned a degree in accounting from The Ohio State University and became a CPA. Stedman returned to OSU for a law degree and was a Mershon Fellow and editor-in-chief of the Law Journal. He was a partner in a prominent Columbus law firm and retired in 1998. Dick has faithfully served St. Charles (long-time Advisory Board member) and the Diocese on various boards. He’s particularly proud of his work with The Catholic Foundation, which now has assets of $80 million. He received the papal award, Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice and is a Knight of the Holy Sepulchre and the Order of St. Gregory the Great.

Dr. Bill Steller has been a Columbus optometrist for 44 years and is easing back his workdays to two or three per week. He was active in the Downtown Lions Club for 25 years. He’s also been involved in his parish, St. Timothy, where he has been baseball coach for 30 years. He was honored by having the school’s baseball field named for him. He and his wife, Diane, have six sons, a daughter, and 12 grandchildren. Their seventh child is a “special needs” child, which prompted Steller to get involved with the Special Olympics, which he has been a member of for over two decades. Now that’s he’s retired he and his wife travel a bit, play golf and tennis.

Dick McMullen and his wife, Sunny, have two sons and one daughter. Their seventh child is a “special needs” child, which prompted McMullen to get involved with the Special Olympics. He has been a member of the organization for over 20 years.

Jerry Wegman spent a semesters at Xavier University (OH), returned to Columbus, and spent the next 30 years with Nationwide Insurance in Columbus. At Nationwide he served brief stints as an agent and an underwriter, but most of his career working with computers. He left to open a pasta, pizza and pub with his sons in 1996, but did that for only seven years. They sold the business and Wegman returned to Nationwide, where he worked in security for eight years until his retirement. He and his wife, Peggy, have four sons and a daughter.

George Weiss earned a degree in civil engineering at the University of Dayton, after which he became a U.S. Army officer and spent five years in service where he met his wife, Margie. In 1967 he joined the Ford Motor Co. as an engineer and worked for them 26 years until the plant he was at closed. He then worked for the state of NY designing bridges. Weiss and his wife have four girls and a boy and seven grandchildren. He is a lector at his church and enjoys golf, woodworking, and helping people with home improvement projects.

(Elliot) Jerry Welch and his wife, Carole, have two sons and two daughters and enjoy helping in the development of two grandsons and a step-grandson. He earned a degree at Xavier University (OH) and then began a career in the U.S. Army. He followed his classmates and helicopter pilots during Viet Nam, served throughout the United States, Germany, and Panama before retiring in 1986. His Army experience also included getting an MBA from Syracuse University, which led him to a new career as a law firm administrator in Sarasota, FL, and to a similar job currently with an insurance firm.
Former St. Charles student killed in Iraq

1st Lieutenant Charles “Chuck” L. Wilkins III

1st Lieutenant Charles “Chuck” L. Wilkins III, who was killed Aug. 20 while serving with his national guard unit in Iraq, attended St. Charles for three years (1981-83) and graduated from Bishop Hartley High School in 1984. Serving with the Ohio Army National Guard’s 216 Engineering Battalion, Wilkins was killed when a Humvee he was riding in was hit by an explosive near Samarra.

St. Charles principal Dominic Cavello told The Catholic Times that he remembered Wilkins as a “nice young man.” In the Aug. 29 Times article written by assistant editor Carla Banks-Williams, Cavello commented that Wilkins “wasn’t a real big kid, but he was on the football team and he was competitive. I have nothing but nice things to say about him.” He added: “I grieve and feel great sorrow over the loss of him and of all our servicemen lost.”

‘01 grad on national lacrosse title team

As a young boy, Andrew Boyle ’01 once visited the Carrier Dome on the campus of Syracuse University with his family. As he looked around the stadium, he told his mother this was the place he would play college lacrosse. As prophetic as that was, it’s doubtful he could have ever envisioned the way things turned out.

Boyle is in his third year at Syracuse University where, for him, he’s enjoying the ultimate college experience. He has been recognized for academic achievements by being named several times as scholar athlete of the week and to the athletic director’s honor roll. Last spring he earned his second national championship ring as a member of Syracuse’s lacrosse team, which defeated the Naval Academy in the NCAA finals on Memorial Day.

Boyle is pursuing a degree in finance and spent this past summer back in Columbus working as an intern for Merrill Lynch. He worked with the office’s administrative director, Art Rozema, on projects dealing with legal and accounting issues. After he graduates he plans on working in the financial banking industry in Chicago or New York City. He’s also thought about attending grad school, and possibly even law school.

His grandfather attended Syracuse, and seeing, Boyle commented “his success after college, as well as his enthusiasm towards Syracuse made me want to be a part of that tradition.” Boyle added that “Syracuse has been a lacrosse power my entire lifetime (and) it had been my dream to play there when I picked up a lacrosse stick, and to be able to play out that dream was a chance I could not pass up.”

Boyle’s grades and lacrosse talents earned him a shot at that dream. At St. Charles Boyle was a four-time all-state selection in lacrosse, and to his delight, Syracuse came calling.

This year’s national championship meant much more to Boyle than the first in 2002 won in a game with Princeton when he was a Syracuse freshman. That year he played ‘attack’ on the offense, got a little bit of playing time and was able to letter. The following year he changed to a defensive position (midfield) and the team failed to defend its title. But the move started to pay dividends and resulted in more playing time for him This past year he was assigned to “shadow” and defend against some of the opposition’s best offensive scorers.

Boyle credits the school’s challenging curriculum and staff of caring teachers for helping him achieve success both on the field and in the classroom. “The classes I took in high school taught me how to study and succeed. This has been very important because of the time constraints lacrosse puts on my life at school. The things I learned at St. Charles prepared me for the challenge of balancing Division I athletics and academics.”

Boyle added: “I found that when I got to college I was better prepared for life on my own then others in my dorm. I was able to balance the responsibility of freedom from parents, while still staying on top of classes and athletics, better then some of my peers,” he said.

Alumni Notes
**St. Charles grad, political leader says politics essential in democracy**

“Politics is a noble profession and essential for democracy,” Michael F. “Mike” Colley said in a phone interview after a party celebrating his long and successful career as chairman of the Franklin County Republican Party. And, he added, “Everyone should participate – by voting as a start.” Colley is one person who knows well the value and importance of voting. He’s had front-line experience for some 43 years.

A 1954 graduate of St. Charles, Colley has had a tremendous influence on government, and the people who run it, not only in Franklin County, but in Ohio. From 1978 to 2004, he was the unpaid chairman of the Franklin County Republican Party. His has been described as the most successful party chairmanship in county history. Under Colley’s leadership, his party’s candidates reportedly won 75 percent of their races for election.

Colley also served as chairman of the Ohio Republican Party from 1982 to 1988 and is on the Republican National Committee, a position he’s held since 1988. This past August, he participated in the Republican national convention in New York City.

U.S. Senator and former Ohio Governor George V. Voinovich credits Colley for getting him into politics. In a lengthy newspaper article carried by The Columbus Dispatch (Aug. 1, 2004), Voinovich was quoted as saying: “I’ve always said he (Colley) was responsible for starting my political career in the Republican Party. Mike Colley never, ever wrote me off. He was there from the beginning.” Voinovich previously served as mayor of Cleveland.

Even though he has relinquished some of his leadership roles, Colley emphasized that despite being slowed by a chronic health problem – Parkinson’s Disease – he fully intends to continue working in politics.

A 1961 graduate of The Ohio State University College of Law, Colley is a highly successful trial lawyer and continues in that role. He also has a long record of public service. He served on the Ohio Board of Regents (1982-86) and on The Ohio State University Board of Trustees (1991-2000) of which he also was chairman.

He began his professional career after law school in 1961 as an assistant prosecutor for the City of Columbus under city attorney Russell Leach. It was then that Colley began political work, campaigning for the reelection of his boss, which led to his gradual progression into full-scale involvement in politics.

A graduate of St. Mary Magdalene Grade School, Colley said his father had planned to enroll him at West High School. But Colley said he wanted to go to St. Charles. Why? “Because St. Charles had excellent academics – and Jack Ryan,” he replied. Ryan, as many St. Charles alumni and others know, was the school’s much revered coach of football, basketball, and baseball. Colley said he played all three sports his freshman year, and football and baseball his remaining years at St. Charles.

Attending St. Charles, Colley said, “was one of the best things I did in my life. I studied like crazy.” Among the teachers he recalled, Father Paul O’Dea, who eventually became principal, was the first he mentioned.

Colley attended all three days of the 50th reunion of his Class this past August. “It was wonderful,” he said.

**Available at a store near you: two books authored by alumni**

Frank Whyte ’74 and Michael Bennett ’81 followed different career paths after they graduated from St. Charles. Whyte’s interests took him into the medical field and Bennett pursued law. Both are published authors, and both credit their alma mater for helping them in their successful ventures.

Whyte this summer had his second novel, *Remedies of Choice*, published. He describes it as a “legal thriller, with a protracted trial scenario, but also has a strong forensic component.” The book was officially released Aug. 28 and is available for purchase at Amazon.com and BarnesandNoble.com. The ’74 graduate’s first novel, a medical/mystery entitled *Hearts of Gold,* is being reviewed by another St. Charles graduate, Bernie DeLeo ’79, to determine if perhaps it can be adapted as a screenplay.

Bennett’s book, *Union Jacks: Yankee Sailors in the Civil War,* recently was published by the University of North Carolina Press. He says it is the first comprehensive assessment of the experience of common Union sailors from 1861 to 1865. It explores the ideologies and motivations Union sailors had for joining the Civil War and grew out of his dissertation at St. Louis University years earlier. Although the Civil War is one of the most written-about event in history, Bennett feels this part of the war had been neglected or overlooked by authors of the past. His book can be found at or special ordered from local book stores or purchased from the University of North Carolina Press at 1-800-848-6224.

Whyte got the itch to write while he was chief deputy coroner in Vancouver, Wash. “I was in my twenties at the time,” he said, “and the thought of writing the last official document (coroner report) about someone’s life seemed extremely important to me. For that reason, while being as factual as I had to be, I also tried to add a bit of literary flair to the reports that I was writing.” As unusual as it might sound, he said, he used to fret over those reports a good deal. “I was much like the character in John Grisham’s book *The Last Juror,* who worried so much over the obituaries. I struggled with the coroner reports in like fashion.”

When attending college in Vancouver,
an annual fiction contest and an annual literary magazine caught his eye. When he saw the fictional stories he submitted being published each year, he decided to pursue writing a book. He began to write novels seriously around 1993. That was about when he had moved back to Columbus and was working 12-hour night shifts in the emergency room at Grant Hospital and helping raise two small children.

As with many new authors, Whyte had an optimistic outlook on his future. He felt certain that he was going to be able to write compelling fiction that “would take the literary world by storm,” he said. Why? Because he had been closely involved in the investigation and prosecution of several serial killers in the Pacific Northwest, had assisted with, or personally performed nearly a thousand autopsies, and had conducted the scene investigations of many thousands of deaths. Coupled with many years working in the emergency departments of level one trauma centers, “I was certain that I couldn’t lose.”

Whyte said his desire to write actually began at St. Charles, and credits Dr. Michael Gilligan, a former teacher, with nurturing that urge. “It was he (Gilligan) who caused me to take an interest in literature and in writing,” he said. To this day, Whyte says he attributes nearly all of what he’s accomplished in his life to the opportunity that he had to attend St. Charles. He struggled with math and languages and literature. In nursing school, heavily laden with sciences, he found that most joined for social and financial reasons rather than for ideological reasons. He traveled all over the United States for a year, scouring archives and studying historical projects as research for the book.

He hadn’t envisioned such a project earlier in his life. Four years after graduating from Saint Louis University in 1981, Bennett earned an A.B. in political science from John Carroll University and went to law school at Case Western Reserve University. He practiced law in the corporation and business group at Baker & Hostetler in Columbus, and Taft, Stetinius & Hollister in Cleveland.

After a graduate reading seminar at the University of Akron in January 1993, Bennett decided to leave law and committed to graduate studies full-time in pursuit of a master’s (John Carroll University, 1995) and Ph.D. (2001). Little did he realize when he took a night class in American history that it would lead to the book and career in writing. “I took the course….and I never looked back,” he said. Since then he has taught at John Carroll, Saint Louis, and Kent State University. He currently is counsel at Warren and Young PLL, in Ashtabula, and is working on a biography of baseball legend Bob Feller.

Bennett said the education he received and lessons he learned at St. Charles helped him every step of the arduous process to see this project through to publication. “It was at Saint Charles where I learned scholarly discipline, writing skills, and intellectual rigor,” he said. “Moreover, my history teachers, coach Teeters, and of course, Msgr. Bennett, provided me with the building blocks to my approach to history.”
in 2002. Classmates who attended remembered that Dury’s lingering illness and death had made a profound impact not only on the class but also on the entire St. Charles student body.

They made a commitment at the reunion to improve the two memorial benches that had been placed in front of the altar at Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto in his memory.

Fr. Wilson, now associate pastor at St. Mary Parish in Lancaster, was Dury’s friend going back to grade school. Father Wilson began coordinating the rededication work last March when he learned that plans were moving forward to enhance the Grotto. Wilson planned the service for May 24, significant because it coincided with the day Dury died 13 years earlier.

The Grotto received a facelift thanks to the contributions of the St. Charles Mothers Club, Paul Reiner and the folks at Oakland Nursery. The renovation was completed just in time for the ceremony.

Starting in late March, workers labored for two weeks installing a hand-laid flagstone path leading from the driveway to the Grotto. They constructed a dry “creek bed,” made mostly of river rock, in front of the Grotto to allow for runoff from the adjacent parking lot. They installed an elevated 15-foot flagstone circle directly in front of the Grotto where the memorial benches were placed. Applying the renovation’s finishing touch were three St. Charles moms who showed up the Monday after Easter and scrubbed (in a downpour, no less) the statues of the Blessed Virgin and a kneeling St. Bernadette.

(The St. Charles Grotto, a class memorial of the 1931 and 1932 St. Charles College graduates, is a replica of the Blessed Mother Grotto in Lourdes, France. Lourdes is the site of 18 appearances in 1858 of the Blessed Virgin to Bernadette, a peasant girl. Now an international shrine, it attracts millions of pilgrims each year, many seeking miracle cures from the water there.)

The month after Dury’s death, the executive committee of the St. Charles National Honor Society recommended the Borromean Chapter of NHS rename its annual scholarship award “The Francis Michael Dury National Honor Society Scholarship at St. Charles.” The fund was established as part of the St. Charles Endowment in May 1992. The award is given annually to a student who has earned a 3.5 GPA, and who through his character, leadership and service is working to better himself and St. Charles.”

Last year’s Dury Scholarship recipient, John Bishel of St. Peter Parish, then a senior, and his parents were in attendance at the rededication. The occasion moved several members of the Class of 1992 to make special gifts in Frank’s honor that went to the endowment.

**Alumnus brings love of lacrosse to Iraq**

Chris Widell ’97, the son of St. Charles physics teacher Dr. Sarah VanDermeer, has stirred up some interest in lacrosse in Baghdad where he is a platoon commander in the First Cavalry’s 8th Engineering Division. When he went to Baghdad last March, Chris took a couple of lacrosse sticks and his passion for the sport, which he shares with his fellow soldiers and Iraqi children who live nearby.

Widell’s unit patrols a sector of Southern Baghdad, an assignment that calls for conducting raids and making weapons searches and arrests. Chris brought lacrosse equipment for recreation with his men and plays it with the neighborhood children.

He was a lacrosse player at St. Charles from 1994 to 1997 and played for West Point in 1999 and 2000. Lacrosse went over so well that he called home and asked his family to send him 12 or more sticks to equip two teams for pick-up matches. Because new lacrosse sticks cost $40 to $100 each, Vandermeer considered finding used equipment.

Vandermeer called WSYX-TV6, the ABC affiliate in Columbus for help, and the following day the station came out to interview her. The story ran on that evening’s broadcasts and featured Chris and his lacrosse team, and asked for donations of used sticks to be sent to him in Iraq.

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**Help Us Honor Military Alumni in Spring Edition**

St. Charles will recognize its alumni serving in the U. S. military, especially those in the Middle East, by devoting a special section of our next Cardinal magazine to them. But we need your help to do this.

We ask all parents, alumni, and family members to share the names of their St. Charles graduates serving on active duty, some background on their locations and duties, as well as photographs. We certainly will respect requests to keep certain information confidential.

Please contact Louis J. Fabro in the Alumni and Development Office by e-mail at: lfabro@cdeducation.org or mail him the information and photo to his attention at St. Charles Prep, 2010 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43209.

**American Friendship**

Chris Widell ’97 and two young Iraqi boys stand in front of a U.S. Humvee in Baghdad with lacrosse sticks in hand. Thanks to the generosity of many Central Ohioans, Widell now has lacrosse equipment to share with his men and the local Iraqi children – enough to accommodate 12 players for a pick-up session.
The program generated an immediate and overwhelming response. Joe Healy, a U.S. Air Force veteran and owner of MidWest Lacrosse, saw the story and arranged for a large donation of sticks and other equipment. He got the Warrior Co. to donate 12 new lacrosse sticks, and he donated a new stick for Chris, as well as an assortment of equipment which included a Team USA goalie helmet, two dozen lacrosse balls, a full-sized goal and two corner targets.

Others who responded to the appeal included Dr. George Lewandowski and his wife Terri, parents of Chris ’06 and Michael ’03, who came up with 18 lacrosse jerseys. Still others were Mrs. Judy Ridgway of Westerville, Keith Scheiderer, and representative of Warrior, who pledged to pay shipping costs. Two other families from Thomas Worthington High School also responded.

### Dan Ross ’67 new chief of Ohio high school athletics

When Daniel Ross left Portsmouth in 1963 and enrolled in St. Charles Preparatory School, he fully intended to devote his life to the priesthood. After graduation in 1967, he entered St. Charles College-Seminary, which suspended operations in the fall of 1969. Ross then decided to devote his life serving young men and women as an educator and administrator.

Today, Dr. Ross is administrator of the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) overseeing athletic programs of 300,000 student athletes at nearly 1,700 schools in Ohio. Ross began his duties this past August succeeding Clair Muscaro who retired after nearly 15 years in that position. The OHSAA’s mission as defined in its bylaws is to “regulate, supervise and administer interscholastic athletic competition in a fair and equitable manner while promoting the values of participation in interscholastic athletics as an integral part of a student’s educational experience.”

With an OHSAA membership of 820 high schools and 850 schools with 7th-24th grades, Ross readily admits that his job is a formidable one. A major issue now confronted by the Association is the growing number of students who must “pay-to-play.” In many school districts hurt by tight budgets, or rejected operating levies, or both, a growing number of youngsters may lose the opportunity to be involved in athletics of the inability to pay the cost to play.

Dr. Ross is well prepared for the challenge in his job as Ohio athletic commissioner. He gained a wealth of academic and athletic experience as an educator and school administrator. He has served 30 years in the field of education as a superintendent, principal, teacher, counselor and coach. In 2003 he was named Superintendent of the Year by the Ohio Parent Teacher Association and named the Outstanding School Administrator by the Ohio Music Education Association. He also has experience as a college instructor and in manufacturing.

In the seven years (1997-2004) before being hired as athletic commissioner, Ross was superintendent of the Avon Lake City Schools. Before that (1986-1997), he served in the same capacity with the Pickerington schools and three years (1983-86) at Patrick Henry local schools. He’s been registered for nearly 21 years as an OHSAA official and has been assigned to five boys state basketball and two girls state basketball tournaments. He also has background in volleyball and baseball.

Dr. Ross began his teaching career in 1971 when he returned to his native Portsmouth after earning a bachelor’s degree in history and political science from Ohio Dominican College. He taught one year at Portsmouth Catholic Elementary School (Now Notre Dame Elementary School) and worked for five more at the Scioto County Joint Vocational School in Lucasville as a social studies teacher and a counselor. Meanwhile he earned a master’s degree in guidance and counseling from Xavier University in 1973.

In 1978 he was appointed principal of Portsmouth Notre Dame Junior-Senior High School and served there until 1981 when he became an instructor and student at Bowling Green State University. He completed his Ph.D. at BGSU in 1983 in educational administration and supervision.

OHSAA’s website notes that Ross represented the United States on an educational mission to the Soviet Union and represented Ohio on educational missions to China and at Columbia University. He worked with the Ohio Chamber of Commerce and local boards of education on “Boardmanship” workshops, worked with Georgia Southern University on “Projects for Youth at Risk” and was a member of an OHSAA ad hoc committee to review the Association’s bylaws and constitution.

Dr. Ross is an adjunct professor at Ohio University, Bowling Green State University, and Baldwin-Wallace College.

Msgr. Thomas Bennett was one person who had a profound impact on him. Ross considered him more than just a teacher during those years when Msgr. Bennett served as Ross’ dormitory prefect. “When you’re a boarder, over a hundred miles from home, in a lot of ways he (Bennett) was a father figure. Once you got by his rough exterior, there was a heart of a great guy,” Ross said.

Ross said Bennett was fair, thought he cared, and he really did put his students first. “Yes he had standards and yes they were strict, and yes he was strict, but I always thought he was extremely fair and caring person,” Ross said.

And those are some of the qualities that student athletes, coaches, and parents around Ohio can expect from Ross and the OHSSA in the years to come.

### Watching history unfold from front seat

By Wayne Gray, Class of ’86

The words came back to me at just the right time. The basics of good news writing that she (Ann Cobler) had drummed into our heads from the first day of class.

“It comes down to answering five simple questions,” I could hear her say: “Who, what, when, where, and how.”

Just stick to the basics and the rest will follow, she advised. Only this wasn’t for a test in her journalism class. U.S. tanks had just cleared the last line of Iraqi defenses south of Baghdad and were bearing down on the capital. The front line of a war was being carried live for the
first time in television broadcast history.

I was in CNN International’s control room that day, the producer of the program delivering the news that moment to one billion people around the world.

Now to describe the job. The newscast you watched . . . whether it was (on) your favorite local station or nightly network news, was assembled by a producer. We decide what goes into a show, and what doesn’t. Each day I go through the stories our correspondents around the world are following, along with material coming in from video services and affiliates in places where we don’t have our own people. From that I put together a program delivering the news that moment to one billion people around the world.

(For me), it all began in Mrs. Cobler’s (journalism) class about 20 years earlier. After graduating from St. Charles in 1986, I earned a degree in broadcast journalism at Ohio University. The field offered the chance to take two hobbies and turn them into a career: following world events and watching television. My long-term goal was to be a Moscow-based reporter. Then as now, the best place to feed that addiction was on CNN. Shortly after graduating, I crammed my meager possessions into the back of my car and headed south for the network’s headquarters in Atlanta and a job with Headline News. More than most fields, broadcast journalism tends to involve moving a lot.

In what would be the first of more relocations than my back cares to remember, 18 months later I had an offer too interesting to pass up. Through a CNN conference attended by a former professor, I was introduced to a U.N. public relations officer looking for a little freelance help in his agency’s headquarters in Vienna, Austria. Nothing glamorous — hours of tape needed to be catalogued. The (PR officer) needed someone with a broadcast background who could tell good video from bad, and develop a computerized archive for the former. He said something like that, anyway — truth is, I had already said yes after (hearing) the “Vienna” part and was thinking about exploring Europe. The rest was details.

What began as a four-month stay overseas ended up much longer. By the time my contract with the U.N. ended, I had landed a job with an English-language radio station. From a personal standpoint there was still much of Europe to see. Professionally, Vienna was becoming an interesting news hub, as the city offered its services for negotiating an end to the Bosnian War (thoughironically, the conflict would end with talks much closer to home in Dayton). I was finally an international correspondent. Well, sort of. I was living overseas and working as a correspondent. At 23, those distinctions don’t matter.

Two and a half years after beginning this adventure, it was time to go home, literally. My goal of getting to Moscow was still there. Problem was, I didn’t speak Russian, and so far my career had not involved being an actual television reporter. Columbus as it turns out was the perfect setting for meeting both needs. In 1994 I returned home to begin (work on) a master’s degree at Ohio State in Eastern European and Slavic Studies, while working at the local ABC affiliate, WSYX. Once I had the degree and a bit of reporting experience under my belt, I moved to Pennsylvania and a full-time television reporting job.

Sooner or later you reach a point in your career that requires you to rethink your long-term goals. Being a reporter had its moments, but was not a natural fit (for me). There is a lot of satisfaction in developing stories that have an impact on people’s lives, to know that you are making issues a little more comprehensible for (people), helping them to understand how events in their community impact them.

I love writing for television, which is an art of its own. And, truth be told, it was fun to be recognized occasionally as “that guy on TV.” But it takes a certain kind of person to sniff out a story and follow it doggedly to its conclusion, working telephones and developing sources and refusing to take no for an answer. Other producers with whom I work say they’re “big-picture people.” Perhaps that was the case for me. But it was also a matter of not being a “stick-a-microphone-into-someone’s-face” person. At some point, you have to be comfortable with what you are doing. I wasn’t.

Fast forward six years and this winding path has brought me again to CNN. Shortly after getting married I moved to London where I work the other side of the camera, a much more natural fit and every bit as exciting. Still following world events, still watching a lot of television. Still thrilled to be watching history unfold every day and bringing it to people around the world.

Stick to the basics, (Mrs. Cobler advised.) You never know what will follow.

To be, or not to be — stage or pro baseball?

In the theatre world, great actors crave the spotlight. In baseball, it’s where great players thrive.

During the last two years, it was Marc Cornell, pitching ace for Ohio University, who held the spotlight as one of the Mid-American Conference’s best baseball players. Voting the league’s pre-season pitcher of the year in 2004, Cornell started to attract notice of professional scouts long before then. His college performance this year earned him a trip to the big leagues.

A 2000 graduate of St. Charles, Cornell was featured in the spring edition of Ohio University’s alumni magazine. In the story, He’s making one last curtain call; Pitcher readies for pro stage, writer Joseph Hughes, an OU graduate, described Cornell’s excellent pitching talent and noted that the ace hurler was ranked among the top 50 prospects going into major league’s 2004 baseball draft. To support bold predictions, he wrote, Cornell had the numbers: 17 wins in 31 starts, twice as many strikeouts as innings pitched, and a fastball that neared 100 mph, plus an equally impressive breaking ball.

The magazine displayed the story in Continued on page 40
dramatic fashion. The text ran vertically down the magazine’s two center-stitched pages. Readers thus had to turn their magazines sideways to read the story, which was bordered down one side with a photo of the talented right hander in his windup.

In the story, Hughes also focused on Cornell’s considerable stage talent, enough for him to pursue a career as an actor. Hughes quoted St. Charles drama director and Ohio University alum, Doug Montgomery, who directed Cornell in high school. “He was a fine actor, very talented,” Montgomery said. “If that (acting) was what he wanted to pursue (At OU), he could have auditioned for an undergraduate acting program. And he was blessed with that natural singing voice and with an incredible range. I was just amazed,” Montgomery said.

Cornell is a sports marketing major who’s just one quarter short of his degree. “It’s very tough to be a Division I athlete in college and finish a degree on time due to the fact of scheduling conflicts and a lighter course load during the season,” Cornell said. “I’m going back to get my degree at the soonest possible time,” he added.

While at St. Charles, Cornell maintained a busy routine that included golf in the fall, drama in the winter, and baseball in the spring. His St. Charles stage credits included “Wild Oats,” “You Can’t Take It With You” and “All I Really Needed to Know I Learned in Kindergarten.”

In the magazine article, Cornell is quoted as saying: “People who know me and know my personality know that I love theater and miss it. Hearing the laughter and the cheers from the audience give you a great adrenaline rush. Baseball is a rush more often, but opening night of a play is hard to match,” he said. Commenting about Cornell, Montgomery said: “He had all of the technical skills — the good voice, the confidence. He really learned how to create a role, the homework that must be done to prepare.”

The article touched on questions about the durability of Cornell’s shoulder after an injury, and how that affected his status in the 2003 baseball draft. The Cincinnati Reds that year had drafted him in the fifth round, but the club and Cornell were unable to reach consensus during negotiations and auditions. Cornell felt he had the potential to go in the first round (in 2004) if his shoulder could be nursed back into shape and he remained healthy. “So he put his Major League Baseball dreams on hold as he returned for his senior season,” Hughes wrote.

In early 2004, OU’s head coach Joe Carbone said that Cornell is every bit as good as current professional pitchers Mark Mulder, Brad Penny, John Patterson, and J.C. Romero. “He throws harder than all of them, too. He hit 97 to 98 mph in 10 games last season. He’s a special guy with a big-time arm,” Carbone said.

Shoulder troubles resurfaced toward the end of Cornell’s 2004 season. That caused teams to approach him cautiously in this past year’s draft. The Texas Rangers selected him in the 19th round. He’s at the rookie level with the Arizona Rangers, and didn’t play this season. Cornell said he most likely will play in the fall instructional league and have a long break until February, 2005 when he reports for spring training.

“I believe that they have rights to me for seven minor league seasons,” Cornell said in a July interview. He confirmed that he received a contract and an undisclosed signing bonus.

In the worlds of theatre and sports, nothing is for sure, of which Cornell, a once-proclaimed “sure pick,” is well aware. “I could be released (by the Rangers) tomorrow if they so please,” he said. If a baseball career doesn’t pan out for Cornell, he could turn to the stage.

Whether his life plays out on a major league pitching mound or a Broadway stage, we just have to wait and see.
in specific patterns rugs, blankets, or other textile products. Atop the framed cards, Mess scattered machine parts – gears, nuts, spindles, bobbins, and many more items. Using vibrant colors and styles, he painted the assembled units. After the paint dried, the industrial scraps were removed, leaving behind their imprints and outlines on the cards.

The newspaper described the resulting work as “totally abstract, raw and haphazard, full of contemporary sensibilities and historical references. And for Mess, it’s an appropriate medium for his personal artistic quest.” The work has a home at the Bates Mill but also “will travel to various museums and venues over the next few years until a convention center is built where it will hang forever,” Mess said. As a result of his conference efforts, Mess secured permanent space in the mill to be used as a gallery/studio for his work, for solo and group shows, independent film-making, music, and artistic performances.

“Art has enriched my life in so many ways,” Mess wrote in an e-mail. “As an artist, I see, question and take on the world with a different view. Art helps me soak up the world and all it offers; teaching (art) helps me give it back. Since my early experiences with creativity and the freedoms of the old art room below the theatre at St. Charles with Mr. Smith (Philip W.) . . . it’s (art) what makes sense to me.” You gotta do what feeds your soul, and this is it for me.” He teaches art – ceramics, sculpture, etc. — at Leavitt Area High School in Turner, Maine, about an hour north of Portland. He’s been at the 800- student school since 2000. He also teaches an adult ceramics class.

Mess developed a great fondness for New England during his boyhood years when his family vacationed there regularly. He lives in Buckfield (pop. 1200), which he said is “in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains where we enjoy great mountain views, clear trout-filled wild rivers, and big pristine lakes.” He also wrote about outdoor activities he favors, as well as the ocean, and the rugged Maine coast, plus moose steaks and lobsters “for five bucks!!!”

My small bite of the “Big Apple”
By Brandon Morgan ’99

Brandon Morgan ’99

Have you ever wasted half a day lying in bed, wondering if getting up was worth sacrificing the comfort of your mattress? I spent many such mornings this past spring. While it was fun for a while, I eventually began to wonder what I would do with my life.

I had graduated in December from Miami University (OH) with a degree in finance, but the job market looked grim and I had little relevant experience in my field. My college grades were generously mediocre. Companies weren’t exactly knocking on my door with job offers. Instead, reality knocked at my door.

Then in a split second on the morning of March 3, something clicked inside me. I leapt from my bed, quickly gathered my possessions and packed my car. I said farewell to my family in Columbus and hit the road. I headed for Manhattan; yes, New York City, the perfect place for a jobless 22-year-old with no money! At 4 a.m. I arrived on the doorstep of an old family friend who kindly agreed to house me temporarily. At 22, I was, living in the basement of a 17th Street apartment in Manhattan with an average resume and a lot of guts. Did I realize my competition? Yes, but I didn’t care. I wanted to say that I played the game with the best of the best.

Back in Columbus I had searched for banking contacts. I called vice-presidents, managing directors and even CEOs of Wall Street financial institutions, whose names I had heard or received from friends of friends. I had asked my lawn-mowing customers, relatives, friends of my parents, teachers, and nearly everyone else I met for information on anyone involved with banking in New York. I set up tens of “informational interviews” to meet bankers and ask for advice; if lucky, I’d set up a formal interview. I even called one particular CEO every week for five months before he finally agreed to meet me.

The investment banking industry hires “analysts,” or entry-level bankers in the early fall, almost a year prior to their traditional June/July start date. I had arrived in the complete off-season. To stay afloat financially, I participated in as many paid research and marketing studies as possible, sang for money — those musical days with Mr. (Doug) Montgomery were paying off — and limited myself to $20/week in expenses. I worked for temp agencies and a hospital.

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A single moment, I realized something very important. I didn’t want to look back at my life and wonder, “What might have happened had I…” The only thing keeping us from achieving our goals are the excuses we have for failing to achieve them.

**Effort under way to preserve school history in new archive**

The St. Charles Alumni and Development Office, with the assistance of the school’s Alumni Association board, has taken on the monumental task of creating a special repository to preserve the school’s history. Although over a year old, the process is still in its infancy and an incredible amount of work is ahead. But the groups involved are sure that through their hard work and the help of the school’s alumni, the project will be a grand success and a special Archive Room will be ready for items in the coming months.

The work to save the school’s history was undertaken by Msgr. F. Thomas Gallen during his years on staff at St. Charles. In his book, *History of St. Charles Borromeo Preparatory School: The First 75 Years of Excellence*, Louis V. Fabro ’49 thanked Msgr. Gallen for his invaluable contributions, and referred to him as a walking encyclopedia of information about the events and people important to the story of St. Charles. Gallen, who lived at the school for nearly 60 years, helped gather and save much of what exists today of the school’s ‘history’ in two small rooms on the main building’s fourth floor.

Most of this collection consists of photographs, a large assortment of 16 mm film reels of sporting events, theatre posters, school-related publications, assorted materials, and some artifacts. It also includes a large collection of books that were saved from the library during the 1959 flood, and religious artifacts used in the Chapels during the time St. Charles College was open. Particularly important are the copies of the school newspaper *The Carolian*, artifacts associated with Coach Jack Ryan, and materials gathered for use in Fabro’s history book.

This collection, however, does not contain a full accounting of the school’s history. Alumni and friends will be asked to donate memorabilia materials later in 2005 once the school can insure the items can be stored properly. But before that can safely happen, several steps must be completed. An ‘Archive Committee’ must create an official tracking and usage policy for the items; create policies for safely handling materials; create a tracking and filing system to organize and handle future deposits; prepare an archival history room; and purchase proper storage containers for the treasures.

Luckily, a core group of supporters have already stepped up to the plate to spearhead the project as partners with the St. Charles Alumni Association: Colby Grimes ’46, Homer Beard ’46, and Katy Ryan Paolini.

The idea for creating an archive came from them in June of 2003 at the school’s Platinum Reunion. At the event, alumni director Louis J. Fabro had covered several tables with St. Charles memorabilia for the guests to reminisce over. Afterward, Grimes, Beard and Paolini volunteered to help Fabro put away the table’s contents. They lamented the fact that most photographs lacked dates or didn’t identify people in the pictures. They wondered how the school could create a system to categorize, identify and store all these items. Grimes was inspired into action later that summer when he attended a lecture at The Ohio State University given by the school’s chief archivist on the history of OSU. The rest, as they say, is history.

Grimes assembled Paolini and Beard and met with Fabro to explore the idea of helping the school accomplish this. Since then the group has met with school principal Dominic Cavello, who has pledged his support by committing a room on the school’s fourth floor to house the future archive collection. The room will have the proper climate controls to regulate temperature and humidity installed, window tinting and treatments to counter damaging sunlight, and an array of equipment to scan, record, and organize materials.

Grimes has done much legwork on the project thus far. He’s contacted several private schools, including Columbus School for Girls, to see if they had completed such projects and how they accomplished them. One person he’s spoken with and has been especially helpful is Eleanor Southworth, the Coordinator of Archives at The Chapin School in New York City. She has sent outlines, notes, and other items to help the St. Charles group map out a course.

In April, Grimes personally hired a business curator from the Ohio Historical Society to do a preliminary study of the school’s historical materials. The resulting report detailed a series of steps needed to create an official institutional archive that will protect these historically significant materials and make them accessible to the administration, alumni, and friends of St. Charles.

Most of the photographs and publications have been sorted, thanks to independent efforts of faculty member Sr. Margaret Hoffman, alumni/student mother Susan Gruber, and Fabro. The ladies sorted and organized a great amount of items kept by their cousin, Msgr. Gallen, during his years at St. Charles. Fabro had consolidated items from several storage rooms and sorted all pre-1990 photographs to help him organize ‘memorabilia tables’ for events like class reunions, Homecoming, and special luncheons.

Many items were placed in sealed plastic storage containers to at least temporarily protect them from possible damage. However, most of the items remain in file cabinets and remain vulnerable to damage.

Ultimately, the goal is to establish...
dates of all photographs and identify by name who are in the pictures. There will be an attempt to try and fill in missing time periods with yearbooks, additional photos, and other records. Every picture will need to be scanned and placed into computer records. All memorabilia will need to be photographed and catalogued as well. The archive room will be stocked with the equipment and computers essential for these tasks.

With a core group making up the Archives Committee, a first step has already been taken on this long journey. The committee is charged with the organization, processing and care of the archives, as well as provisions for long time care and the future growth of the archives.

According to the OHS report, a complete inventory of the archival materials is necessary to evaluate the historical material’s importance, historical significance, usefulness and condition of the material. It is recommended that archival volunteers receive some basic archival training related to preservation, maintaining institutional archives, promoting an organization’s heritage and fundraising.

At the end of this project, the committee hopes the archives can be used in an active program of highlighting the school’s heritage, serve to create an awareness of the archival collection, and stress the importance of it to the St. Charles community. One plan is to create historical pages on the St. Charles website that can be accessed and appreciated from anywhere in the world via the internet. This will be accomplished with the help of the school’s website designer, Ryan Sullivan ’91, who has once again offered his web talents to St. Charles.

Funding of some sort is critical to maintaining the archives. Most of the costs of this project will come into play when archival storage materials like acid-free boxes and folders, preservation quality photograph binders and sleeves, and related items are purchased. Future costs are ensured as the collection grows.

The archive committee is looking at opportunities outside the school’s operating budget as a funding source. They have enlisted the help of the Ohio Preservation Society’s Judy Krasniewski, who believes St. Charles archiving “project” may qualify for a $5,000, Community History Grant from the Ohio Humanitarian Council. She is preparing an application for the Grant. To insure an exact accountability of funding, St. Charles graduate and retired CPA, Press C. Southworth III ’65, has agreed to serve as treasurer.

The conclusion of the report written by the Ohio Historical Society’s business curator stated that “the archives of St. Charles Preparatory School do not represent an official school policy of collecting archival material. However, in this small collection lie the seeds of history, and if allowed to bloom through care, preservation and maintenance, the SCPS collection will prove invaluable not only as a historical resource, but also as a wonderful tool for promotion, marketing and educational activities. Resources invested in the preservation of St. Charles Preparatory School’s heritage now will help strengthen the future of the school in years to come.”

The St. Charles faculty welcomes the return of Pat Dimmick who will also serve as the school’s new varsity basketball coach and teach Health. Dimmick, a former assistant basketball coach, replaces varsity basketball coach Wally Tee-ters, who retired from St. Charles (see related story on page 45) and will teach freshman health and phys-ed. Dimmick had been a teacher for 13 years, working in the Big Walnut and Teays Valley school districts, as well as for the Diocese of Columbus at St Matthias and St. Catherine grade schools. He was a member of the St. Charles basketball coaching staff from 1992-2001, during which time he served as freshman assistant (1992-1993), junior varsity assistant (1993-1995), and junior varsity head coach (1996-2001).

His most recent coaching assignment was as assistant varsity basketball coach at Dublin Coffman. Pat and his wife, Paula, have two children and live in Hilliard.

2004 Clergy Jubilarians

65 Years
Msgr. Edward Spiers ’31
St. Charles Faculty Member 1939-1955

55 Years
Fr. Raymond Carter ’45 College
Fr. Robert Klee ’46 College

50 Years
Fr. Frank Miller ’51 College

45 Years
Msgr. John Dreese ’50
St. Charles Faculty 1961-1963
Msgr. Edward Fairchild ’56 College
Fr. Francis Stanton ’51
Msgr. David Sorohan ’56 College,
St. Charles Advisory Board member

40 Years
Fr. Arvids Bernans ’56
Fr. Joseph Losh ’60 College

35 Years
Fr. Ronald Atwood ’65 College
Fr. Homer Blubaugh ’60
Fr. Thomas Brosmer ’61,
St. Charles Advisory Board member
Fr. Justin Reis ’61
Fr. Jerome Sluka ’66 College

30 Years
Fr. Jerome Rodenfels ’70 College
Fr. Raymond Larussa ’66
Fr. Thomas Kessler ’66

Beth DeVine is part-time guidance counselor in place of Sam Hopkins, who left at the end of last school year. She is a retired high school counselor who worked at Marion-Franklin and West High Schools for 30 years. While retired, she has continued as a counselor at Marion-Franklin and Brookhaven High Schools. Devine earned a degree in education and a master’s in school counseling from The Ohio State University.

Beth and her husband, Ray, have two sons: Raymond, who graduated in the Class of ’04 and Ryan, who is a junior at St. Charles. They are members of Our Lady of Peace Parish in Clintonville.
Al Hostetler has been promoted to head track coach after four years as assistant at St. Charles. He succeeds Jeff L. Pharion ’86, who stepped down last spring because of time constraint issues after a four-year tenure and another championship season. Jeff teaches advanced placement and freshman English and continues as head coach and offensive coordinator of the freshman football team.

During Pharion’s tenure from 2001-2004, the track and field team won three consecutive CCL championships and had 15 qualifiers for Division I state track and field events. One of the 15, Derek Hoye ’04 won state and national titles in the 800-meter event in 2003.

Hostetler during his high school career won all-Ohio honors in both track and cross-country. He was recruited by Ohio State University where he was an academic all-Big Ten scholar-athlete and a four-time OSU scholar-athlete. He earned seven letters in cross-country and track, and in 1988 set the school record in the 3000-meter steeplechase and earned all-Big Ten honors in that event.

Graduating with a degree in education, Hostetler taught social studies at Park City (Utah) High School from 1988-1990 and was the school’s head JV and assistant varsity football and basketball coach. He returned to OSU to pursue a graduate degree in political science and to seek a berth on the U. S. Olympic team.

He trained with his former OSU teammates in a bid to qualify in his specialty, the 3000-meter steeplechase. Although Hostetler didn’t make the Olympic team, he had the pleasure of seeing his teammate, Mark Croghan, qualify and go on to become the second fastest steeplechaser in U. S. track history.

A knee injury ended Hostetler’s steeplechase aspirations and he went to Thomas Worthington High as head track coach. He coached his team to second in the OCC championships in 1992 and sent the 4 x 100 meter relay team to the state championships.

Hostetler in 1993 earned a graduate degree and was hired in 1993 to teach social studies at Maine West High School in the northwest suburbs of Chicago. There from 1993-95 he was the assistant boys track coach and the boys and girls cross-country assistant. The boys track team won its first league championships in 1995.

Dublin Coffman High School hired Hostetler that year to teach social studies and to serve as varsity boys track coach. During his five-year tenure at the school, Coffman won three successive OCC league championships (98-00), was regional runner-up in 1998, and that year placed third in the Division I state meet in which his team snared state championships in two events. Hostetler continues to teach social studies at Dublin Coffman.

He and his wife, Cindi Shaffer, have two children, Bryce, 3, and Nash, 1.

Jurkowitz retires from St. Charles; writes on religion

Dr. Paul M. Jurkowitz has retired from St. Charles where he taught religion for 18 years. He continues to share his strong interest in religion by writing articles on the subject for periodicals. He recently had his first article accepted by the Religious Teachers Journal.

Jurkowitz, remembered by many St. Charles students for his intellectual approach to religion (for many years he also conducted adult sessions on the subject), taught at the school for 18 years. From 1979 to 1986, he headed the Columbus Diocese’s department of religious education.

At St. Charles, Jurkowitz taught Greek, courses on the New Testament and moral theology to sophomore classes and a senior course that covered diverse topics, including a survey of some 20 religions. The senior course also focused on Catholic sacramentality, marriage, and related topics, and the Catholic Church’s teaching based on its Catechism. He carefully prepared each year special notes on the Catechism, which were intended for both his students and their parents because, he said “many parents are unaware of what’s in the Catechism.”

He liked teaching at St. Charles, Jurkowitz said, because the school emphasizes hard work. “A good school is like a good athletic program; sometimes it’s fun, but it’s also hard work.” Jurkowitz said, because the school emphasizes hard work. “A good school is like a good athletic program; sometimes it’s fun, but it’s also hard work.” Jurkowitz said, because the school emphasizes hard work. “A good school is like a good athletic program; sometimes it’s fun, but it’s also hard work.” Jurkowitz said, because the school emphasizes hard work. “A good school is like a good athletic program; sometimes it’s fun, but it’s also hard work.” Jurkowitz said, because the school emphasizes hard work. “A good school is like a good athletic program; sometimes it’s fun, but it’s also hard work.” Jurkowitz said, because the school emphasizes hard work. “A good school is like a good athletic program; sometimes it’s fun, but it’s also hard work.” Jurkowitz said, because the school emphasizes hard work. “A good school is like a good athletic program; sometimes it’s fun, but it’s also hard work.” Jurkowitz said, because the school emphasizes hard work. “A good school is like a good athletic program; sometimes it’s fun, but it’s also hard work.” Jurkowitz said, because the school emphasizes hard work. “A good school is like a good athletic program; sometimes it’s fun, but it’s also hard work.” Jurkowitz said, because the school emphasizes hard work. “A good school is like a good athletic program; sometimes it’s fun, but it’s also hard work.” Jurkowitz said, because the school emphasizes hard work. “A good school is like a good athletic program; sometimes it’s fun, but it’s also hard work.” Jurkowitz said, because the school emphasizes hard work. “A good school is like a good athletic program; sometimes it’s fun, but it’s also hard work.” Jurkowitz said, because the school emphasizes hard work. “A good school is like a good athletic program; sometimes it’s fun, but it’s also hard work.” Jurkowitz said, because the school emphasizes hard work. “A good school is like a good athletic program; sometimes it’s fun, but it’s also hard work.” Jurkowitz said, because the school emphasizes hard work. “A good school is like a good athletic program; sometimes it’s fun, but it’s also hard work.” Jurkowitz said, because the school emphasizes hard work. “A good school is like a good athletic program; sometimes it’s fun, but it’s also hard work.” Jurkowitz said, because the school emphasizes hard work. “A good school is like a good athletic program; sometimes it’s fun, but it’s also hard work.” Jurkowitz said, because the school emphasizes hard work. “A good school is like a good athletic program; sometimes it’s fun, but it’s also hard work.” Jurkowitz said, because the school emphasizes hard work. “A good school is like a good athletic program; sometimes it’s fun, but it’s also hard work.” Jurkowitz said, because the school emphasizes hard work. “A good school is like a good athletic program; sometimes it’s fun, but it’s also hard work.” Jurkowitz said, because the school emphasizes hard work. “A good school is like a good athletic program; sometimes it’s fun, but it’s also hard work.” Jurkowitz said, because the school emphasizes hard work. “A good school is like a good athletic program; sometimes it’s fun, but it’s also hard work.” Jurkowitz said, because the school emphasizes hard work. “A good school is like a good athletic program; sometimes it’s fun, but it’s also hard work.”
Wally Teeters at Licking Hts.

Wally Teeters, long-time teacher and coach at St. Charles, has taken a position as a full-time substitute teacher at Licking Heights High School.

First hired by St. Charles in 1972, Teeters served 31 years as a teacher of world history and at various times courses in government, physical education, economics, and health. In his first years he also taught typing.

He was appointed freshman basketball coach his first year at the school and became head basketball coach in 1975. In his first season, Teeters led the Cardinals to a second straight Central Catholic League cage crown and the school’s first district basketball championship that led to its first appearance in the regionals.

St. Charles repeated as CCL champions the following season and also completed a string of 25 straight league victories. That streak, a league record, was begun in January, 1975, with a win over Hartley and was ended in December, 1977, by Hartley, Teeters’ alma mater.

A 1970 graduate of The Ohio State University, Teeters is the father of two St. Charles Preparatory School graduates – Adam ’98 and Casey in ’04. Adam will start this fall as an American history teacher at Watterson High School, where he also will be an assistant coach. Casey is enrolled at Ohio Wesleyan University.

Dr. Gallen helped bring 12,000 babies into world

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Dr. Gallen, who was in the ninth (1935) St. Charles gradution class, died April 20 at his home in St. Catharine Parish of which he was a life-long member. He was 86.

A modest and unassuming man (he asked there be no eulogy at his funeral Mass), Dr. Gallen had an even temperament. Msgr. Sorohan noted in his homily initiated at the school.

Fr. Wiles described as generous, caring for children

Father Arthur W. Wiles ’57, passed away May 18. He was a former St. Charles faculty member (1975-1977 and 1994-1996). Father Wiles was a graduate of St. Agatha School and St. Charles Preparatory School (1957). He completed philosophy studies at St. Charles College, and theology at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. He was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Edward J. Hettinger at St. Joseph Cathedral on May 27, 1967.

“He was extremely generous in helping students, not only at Ready, but at Trinity, or from his parish in terms of tuition. Most of his efforts were unknown and out of his own pocket. He never wanted any recognition.” That’s what Celene Seamen, principal at Ready High School, remembered first about him.

Fr. Wiles, whose latest assignment was pastor of St. Christopher Parish, had recently taught theology at Ready and was the varsity golf coach from 2000-2002. “His easy, laid back manner really invited...
In Memoriam

Fr. Wiles is survived by three brothers who also graduated from St. Charles: Daniel ’59, Thomas ’60, and James ’63. Their father, Arthur R. Wiles, a practicing lawyer, was an early coach at St. Charles. He coached football for four years starting in 1928, became the school’s first multisport coach in 1930 when he added baseball to his coaching duties, and took on a third sport serving as basketball coach for two years (1929-31).

Fr. Michael Reis ’59 remembered when ‘Fr. Art’ taught him zoology in College Seminary. “After cutting up sharks, frogs and cats, dunked in formaldehyde, we ran upstairs to our room to splash on Old Spice so we could take on lunch.” He remembered Fr. Wiles as someone who truly cared about children.

Seamen said it was “a very good thing for the kids to have a pastor and priest who happened to be their teacher and someone who they were very comfortable to talk with and to about issues and problems.”

During his priesthood, Fr. Wiles also taught at Marion Catholic High School and at Portsmouth Notre Dame High School where he also was principal from 1973-75.

Father Wiles over the years served as associate pastor at Gahanna St. Matthew, Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help, and Columbus St. Christopher. His pastor assignments included Ada Our Lady of Lourdes (1977-87) and Westerville St. Paul, (1987-93) in addition to Columbus St. Christopher.

Haluska was teacher at St. Charles College

Father Charles A. Haluska taught at the former St. Charles College for 10 years starting in 1953. He also served for a time as dean of discipline. Several St. Charles alumni remember him as a “genius, phenomenal teacher who was very entertaining in the classroom.”

Haluska died July 12, 2004, at the age of 89. Mass of Christian burial was celebrated at Coshocton Sacred Heart which was his first assignment as a priest.

Born in Johnstown, Pa., he graduated from Cathedral Latin High School in Cleveland, and obtained his college education at Mt. St. John in Dayton, at the University of Dayton, and at Mt. St. Mary of the West in Norwood, Ohio. He was ordained a priest at St. Joseph Cathedral in 1951.

Current St. Charles physics teacher, Dr. Sarah Vandermeer, met Fr. Haluska in 1998 when he donated some surveying equipment, a mixer, some antique compasses and other miscellaneous items to the school. The two became friends and she visited him several times when he lived in a remote area in the hills near Mt. Vernon that he called ‘Birdsong.’ “We would share cookies and conversations and he’d give me a priestly blessing before I left.”

He served as assistant pastor at Coshocton Sacred Heart and Holy Cross Parish in Columbus, and as pastor at the former Strasburg St. Aloysius and Bolivar St. Stephen Parishes, at Corning St. Bernard, Mt. Vernon St. Vincent, and Columbus St. Ladislas. He retired in 1981.

Fr. Durbin fought in WWII to help liberate Europe

Father Clement B. Durbin, before beginning his studies for the priesthood at St. Charles Borromeo College in Columbus, fought across much of Europe during World War II as a member of the U.S. Army in the allied drive to liberate that continent from Nazi domination. He died June 7 about seven weeks short of his 80th birthday.

During his tour of military duty in Europe, Father Durbin “served with distinction, for which he received many medals,” Msgr. Anthony Borrelli commented at his fellow priest’s funeral Mass at St. Francis de Sales Church in Newark. Father Durbin saw combat with the allied forces in France, Holland, and Germany. “He came face to face with death – violent death – many times,” Msgr. Borrelli related. “In one battle, everyone around him was killed.”

Durbin decided then, Borrelli noted, that if he survived he would become a priest. Following through on that decision, Durbin after his discharge from the army – he had attained the rank of sergeant — entered St. Charles College. He received his bachelor’s degree in philosophy in 1950 and, after completing his studies in theology at Mt. St. Mary of the West Seminary in Norwood, Ohio, was ordained a priest March 27, 1954 in St. Joseph Cathedral by Bishop Michael J. Ready.

During his 50-year priestly career, Durbin served as assistant pastor at Christ the King Parish and Holy Name in Columbus and at St. Nicholas Parish in Zanesville. He taught religion at Bishop Watterson High and at St. Mary and Holy Rosary Schools. He served as principal at Rosecrans High in Zanesville. From 1965 to 1972 he was the first principal of FatherWerhle High School, where he also served as construction supervisor.

His other assignments included associate pastor of St. Rose in New Lexington, and St. Margaret of Cartona and St. Elizabeth in Columbus. He also served as pastor of Ascension Parish in Johnstown and was ordinary confessor of students who lived as borders at St. Charles Prep.

Father Durbin, who was born in Danville, Ohio, requested no eulogy at his funeral. A poem he had written some years ago summed up his thoughts on that subject. He wrote: “Eulogizing is totally useless you see – for by death our hearing ended must be. How much more wonderful would it have been, if these words were spoken way back when. So, when in death I lie, no eulogy must be; only pray God’s mercy on poor sinful me. If aught of good I’ve done anywhere, speak of it only to God in silent prayer.”

Father Jerabek had fond memories of his St. Charles years

“Those were great years… great spirit,” Father Joseph F. Jerabek said about his time at St. Charles Preparatory School in an interview for the school’s 75th anniversary history book that was published in 2000. He played football, he said fondly, and missed it very much...
after his high school days ended in 1940. “I thought then,” he said, “there was nothing else. But you move on.”

But he didn’t leave football. While working toward his degree at St. Charles College, Jerabek guided his alma mater, St. Ladislas Grade School, in the 1940s when it fielded some powerhouse football teams. One year Jerabek coached St. Ladislas through an unbeaten and unscored upon season as it snared its third straight championship.

Father Jerabek died June 30 at the age of 82. His funeral Mass was at St. Ladislas Church.

Bishop James J. Hartley, Jerabek said in his interview five years ago, “wanted two boys from St. Ladislas who spoke a foreign language to go to St. Charles.” He was one of them. The hope was that they would continue on to the priesthood to help serve the immigrant population.

Jerabek, who was born in Czechoslovakia, spoke Slovak fluently. After his ordination in 1948, Jerabek said, “I used to be on call to hear confessions in Slovak, Polish, Croatian, and Russian. All those languages are related,” he explained.

When Jerabek enrolled at St. Charles in 1936, high school tuition was $50 a year—a substantial sum during the Great Depression when for many families money for tuition was out of the question. “My family couldn’t pay it,” Jerabek said. “A lady—she taught at Reeb Avenue School paid my way through high school and until I was ordained.”

There were 33 graduates in Jerabek’s 1940 class. Five became priests. Besides Jerabek, they were George A. Fulcher, F. Thomas Gallen, Robert G. White, and John E. Simon, the class president. Fulcher eventually was consecrated a bishop, and Gallen returned to St. Charles in 1950 as a teacher and remained there until 1998.

During his 56 years of priestly life, Father Jerabek served as assistant or pastor in seven parishes—Columbus St. Mary Magdalen, Delaware St. Mary, Mt. Vernon St. Vincent, Lancaster St. Mary, Zaleski St. Sylvester, Jackson Holy Trinity, and Sugar Grove St. Joseph. He also taught at the former Mt. Vernon St. Vincent High. He retired in 1992 and was in residence for several years at Columbus St. Timothy.

In Memoriam


James E. E. Brooks, father of Mike ’95 and Marc ’00, passed away on May 25, 2004.


Kay Ciminello, mother-in-law of Tim Ryan ’75, passed away on September 17, 2004.


Joseph M. Gallen, M.D., Class of 1935 and long-time Advisory Board member, passed away on April 20, 2004.


Richard F. Holgate, father of Chris ’78 and Michael ’81, passed away on August 17, 2004.


Johanne Kyser, grandmother of students Eric (senior) and Phillip (freshman) Kyser, passed away on September 18, 2004.

Delmer P. Lehman, father of Thomas Lehman ’60, passed away on March 25, 2004.

Mary D. Lower, mother of assistant principal Jim Lower, passed away on April 21, 2004.


Paul E. Saezler, father of Matthew ’96 and Mark ’00, passed away on September 18, 2004.


Thomas E. Young, Class of 1956, passed away on April 21, 2004.

Father Arthur W. Wiles, father of Thomas Lehman ’60, passed away on April 8, 2004.

Father Clement Benedict Durbin, Class of 1946, passed away on September 17, 2004.


Thomas E. Young, Class of 1956, passed away on September 11, 2004.
Student Service Projects Extend Far beyond School Walls

By Linda Haas and James Paccioretti

Christian Service is a tradition and a requirement at St. Charles. Freshmen and sophomores are required to do four hours of Christian Service each semester for a total 16 in two years, and juniors are required to do 24 with one agency. The 40 hours of service necessary to graduate are completed in the junior year. Seniors, however, are encouraged to continue giving their time and talents to various service organizations. Many students do much more than the required hours, and the school faculty chooses projects to increase student awareness of the needs of others.

Service to the less fortunate teaches students about the reality of poverty, the needs of the poor, and the real reward of making a difference. Doing service projects often create in students an awareness of gifts that they possess, and does much to build strong character by providing opportunities for leadership and learning. Christian service does much to foster in St. Charles students humility, community spirit, and compassion.

At St. Charles, we try to instill in these young men the maxim that “they are their brother’s keeper.” This obligation, which extends to their classmates as well, is emphasized at the first meeting freshmen have with principal Dominic Cavello when they begin their high school careers, at their graduation ceremony, and periodically during the four years in between.

Why do we require service hours when students already are involved in projects sponsored by the National Honor Society and Student Council projects like food drives for the poor and adopting needy families during the Christmas season? It’s because only a fraction of the student body works on those projects. Participation usually involves giving money and food, and only the members of NHS and Student Council do the real work. The types of service projects we recommend get the students up-close and personal with them. It’s easy to bring in money or food; it’s another thing to actually see the results of what you do to help.

The following are several examples of the ‘outside service’ projects our students participate in....

Helping in Appalachia

This past June, 10 sophomores took part in a three-day Appalachian service project in Olive Hill, Kentucky. Religion teacher Linda Haas organized and supervised the effort. Those who worked were Brian Bender, Justin Harris, Hans Hill, Tyler McIntosh, David O’Horo, Richard Rieth, Will Rodock, Josh Spiert, Tom Weber, and Adam Woodruff.

The project involved roofing The Olive Hill Adult Learning Center, a non-profit organization funded through donations and grants and run by the Tiffin Franciscan sisters. Linda Haas, a Lay Associate member of the center, had learned of the need for a new roof. The materials had been secured and the St. Charles students provided the construction labor.

St. Charles guidance counselor, Ted Hummer, participated, as did several parents. Shelley Woodruff, mother of Adam ‘04 and current sophomore Mark, was the group’s cook and the Market Day company and Jany Hill donated much of the food. Hill’s husband, Mark, (crew boss), and American Electric Power provided work gloves and safety glasses for the project. Other parents helped make this project possible by providing services or donations to transport, feed, and purchase tools and equipment needed for each trip.

The students had a hot but rewarding experience. During the three days, they ripped off two layers of shingles and tar paper and removed nails, and applied on the 93x73-foot roof new tar paper and shingles. Among other things, including hard work, they learned how to measure and mark the tar paper and nail down shingles. The sisters reported the new roof doesn’t leak and said they are grateful for the young men’s work.

Habitat for Humanity

Another project that takes students off campus is Habitat for Humanity, which involves students at all grade levels. Freshmen and sophomores work at the “Build It Again Center” at Habitat’s warehouse in Columbus where building materials are recycled from construction sites and donations of construction companies. The materials are provided at reasonable prices to those doing their own renovations, especially in urban areas.

Students help sort and organize the materials and assist customers in finding and loading materials. Columbus Habitat is funded in part by this center. Juniors and seniors work either at the warehouse or at a job site. This past year some of them worked on a house with Dublin Habitat, a consortium of four churches in Dublin. Others worked on a Columbus Habitat house on Harvard Avenue not far from St. Charles. To make Habitat a

Shepherd’s Corner

Matt Willard, Brennan McGill, Adam Roeble, and Brendan Shanahan at Shepherd’s Corner at Dominican Acres.

St. Charles Preparatory School
Tutoring Projects
St. Charles students have participated in various tutoring opportunities during the years as a way to live the teaching of “being our brother’s keeper.” For nine years, freshman and sophomore students volunteered at Broadleigh Elementary, an inner-city school of grades K-5. Tutors helped younger students with remedial work in math, reading, and writing, and to prepare them for the fourth grade proficiency test. Juniors and seniors have helped coordinate the project.

Broadleigh teacher Mary Shenk had nothing but praise for our students. “Sometimes I would forget that these were only high school students,” she remarked, “because of their level of commitment, caring, and self-initiative.”

St. Charles was joined by Columbus School for Girls students several years ago, and with the help of several community groups since that time, they have taken over the project.

Most recently, St. Charles directed its attention to the needs of St. Thomas the Apostle School. With the Broadleigh program well-established and under way, St. Charles felt that it could better help another inner-city school with limited personnel and resources. This transition was due largely to the leadership of then-juniors Mitchell Sherman, Jared Wade, Rick Schnueree, Michael Murphy, Tim Bringardner, Jacob Holloway, Kevin Stebelton, and Billy Khourie.

(Now that St. Thomas has been closed and merged with Christ the King and St. Philip to form All Saints Academy, St. Charles will shift its tutoring program to that school.

For each session, 20 students made a four-week commitment to go to the school and tutor on Tuesday afternoons. The project lasted from mid-September through mid-May, and involved around 150 St. Charles students (some tutored two or three sessions). The principal at St. Thomas stated that our students “did more than tutor...they made an investment in the future of many young people, by their work and example.” Several juniors also have been involved in tutoring individual students at St. Catharine School, under the supervision of Mary Knox, for their Christian Service requirement.

Shepherd’s Corner Project
For five years now, St. Charles students have volunteered to work at Shepherd’s Corner, a farm/environmental experiment/retreat center run by the Dominican Sisters of St. Mary’s of the Springs. It’s a 160 acre property called Dominican Acres set aside to “care for the earth, its creatures, and one another.”

One Saturday a month, approximately 25 students come to clean sheep pens and chicken houses, feed animals, cut and stack wood, work on composting projects, and tend to flower and vegetable gardens. Junior student coordinators have led by example, working beside the sisters and student volunteers. Last year’s junior leadership team included Chad Vanderhorst, Joey Anastasi, Chris Moore, Kyle Gleich, and Jay Heller. St. Charles volunteers worked August through June this year, and about 225 students participated (again, some two or three times).

Downs Syndrome ‘Buddy Walk’
Through the initiative of Brendan ’04 and Brogan ’04 Ryan, and Current senior Thomas Vaccaro, St. Charles became involved with the Downs Syndrome Association of Central Ohio’s “Buddy Walk.” The event seeks to draw attention to the needs of persons with Downs Syndrome and their families and friends, and to raise money for the Downs Syndrome Association of Central Ohio. St. Charles volunteers helped direct cars to parking lots, set up before the event, and clean up afterward. Some students actually pulled wagons and pushed strollers, giving parents of Downs Syndrome children welcome relief. Fifteen St. Charles students worked the event, and St. Charles contributed around $500 to the DSACO.

Juvenile Diabetes “Walk for the Cure”
Through the initiative of Dru Belli ’00, St. Charles became involved in an effort sponsored by the Central Ohio Juvenile Diabetes Association called the annual “Walk for the Cure.” Originally held in Franklin Park, it became so popular that it had to be moved to Easton. Participants seek pledges for walking the five-mile route; proceeds go to the Association. This year, 12 St. Charles students participated in this project (it was on the same day as the Downs Syndrome Buddy Walk) and raised over $1,200.

CROP Walk
The CROP Walk is an interfaith, intergenerational effort to bring attention to and raise money for the poor and hungry of the world. Sponsored by Church World Services, the Franklin County CROP Walk was held last October. Participants signed up pledges beforehand, did the walk downtown, and then collected their money. This year, 17 St. Charles students participated in the walk, raising about $1,500.

Conclusion
The concept of being their “brothers’ keeper” is emphasized with students throughout their time at St. Charles. This simple saying reminds our students that our calling as Catholics is to help those who are poor and in need. As Catholics, service is the way we live our commitment to economic and social justice.

We’ve found through our experience that our students really don’t understand what it means to be poor. Most are well off in terms of finances and family support, but by helping others one-on-one, they learn that the poor and underprivileged are people with hopes and dreams, but short of opportunities, and not “ slackers” who don’t want to work.

Service is a tradition and requirement at St. Charles just as service is a tradition and requirement for all who follow Jesus. It’s a perfect fit for St. Charles.
A new, three-story St. Charles student-services building will be located on the site of the current powerhouse, which will be demolished. The new building will house the cafeteria, restrooms, campus ministry office, guidance and counseling offices, student tutoring center, nurses office, fine arts and performing arts classrooms, and an art gallery.

The Campaign for St. Charles is preparing to launch a $5.5 million expansion effort to fund construction of an atrium to enclose the North Courtyard and to build a student-services building that will be located in place of the old powerhouse. Principal Dominic Cavello said groundbreaking for the new structures could begin as early as this June.

“I feel this will be the most important expansion that St. Charles will have undertaken in the past 50 years,” Cavello said. “It will greatly enhance and improve the student learning experience at St. Charles.”

“We have a leadership financial commitment from a special donor to make the atrium a reality, Cavello said. It will give us the significant start we need to break ground in the near future.”

Cavello, a 1964 St. Charles graduate who recently began his 20th year as principal, has overseen the construction, renovation, and expansion of St. Charles facilities since 1985. He said the 79-year-old building needs several “relief valves” to accommodate the student body, which has hovered at nearly 600 for the past few years.

“St. Charles has wonderful facilities, but the main building was not built for that many bodies moving all at the same time,” Cavello said. “In between classes, there’s simply nowhere to go. This project will allow for the conversion of the existing cafeteria and art room for additional classrooms,” he said.

“The atrium will be beautiful and functional. It will also be an attractive area for our students before and after school, and during lunch,” Cavello added. “The new facility will have multiple uses. All-school Masses, graduation exercises and baccalaureate, to name a few, will be conducted there.”

When the concept of an atrium was being examined, Cavello said he and several St. Charles volunteer leaders visited several campuses in the Midwest that retro-fitted an atrium between existing structures. “They tell us the same thing. Students gravitate to that area and claim it as their own. We will encourage that. While teaching and learning are always our top priorities at St. Charles, a place away from the classrooms and crowded halls will be a welcome relief.”

The new student-services building will feature a cafeteria and restrooms on the ground level. The second floor will house the guidance and counseling offices, the campus ministry, a nurse’s office, and tutoring facilities. The third floor will house a new fine arts classroom and gallery as well as a new music room. The atrium area will serve as the common lunch area for students, faculty and staff.

The St. Charles Advisory Board has been studying the proposed multi-million-dollar expansion plans for over a year and endorses the expansion.

“Our Board has stated that it wants to do what’s best for enhancing the learning and student-services at St. Charles,” said Cavello. We are very excited and feel our students, parents and alumni will be excited, too. It’s an important statement for St. Charles to make and there’s no time like the present to move forward and break ground.”

St. Charles Kicks Off Annual Fund 2004-2005

St. Charles Advisory Board members Dave Pemberton Jr. ’79 and Al Bell ’78 will lead the 2004-2005 St. Charles Annual Fund as chairmen, respectively, of the alumni and parent segments of the campaign. This year’s combined goal is $550,000 in private support for the school, according to principal Dominic Cavello ’64.

Pemberton is president and chief operating officer of Suburban Natural Gas Co., and is the father of Joe Pemberton, Class of 2000. Pemberton recently established with St. Charles the Pemberton Family Scholarship, which will provide one full tuition grant to a qualified St. Charles student. In addition, he recently provided the lead gift and a challenge grant for the Class of 1979’s 25-year reunion gift to the Msgr. Thomas M. Bennett Scholarship Fund.

“Dave and his family have been very generous with their response to the needs of St. Charles students and faculty,” Cavello said. “I appreciate Dave’s willingness to lead the alumni portion of this year’s Annual Fund and the efforts of all our alumni class captains.”

The Alumni Annual Fund goal is $300,000, which will be used to provide tuition assistance to qualified students. “Helping their fellow men in need is a great St. Charles tradition,” Cavello said, “and our alumni have been tremendous supporters of our student aid program.”

Pemberton plans to personally contact over 200 alumni in his capacity as this...
year’s chairman because alumni participation is a top priority of this year’s Annual Fund effort. “Our captains are being asked to recruit 10 first-time donors from each class,” Pemberton said. “Those new contributors can help make many kids’ dreams of a St. Charles education a reality.”

The following alumni will serve as class captains for this year’s Alumni Annual Fund effort: Homer Beard ’46 (“Platinum Classes” of 1930-1949); Jack Coughlin ’51; Dr. Tom Miller ’52; Hugh Dorrian ’53; Patty Kletzly ’54 (honorary captain); Frank Bettendorf ’55; John Tracy ’56; Msgr. Bill Dunn ’57; Charlie Pickard ’58; Dan Wiles ’59; Mike Finn ’61; Pat O’Reily ’62; Joe Sabino ’63; Michael Reidelbach ’64; Tom Horvath ’65; Fr. Ray Larussa ’66; Paul Mahler ’68; Bob Ryan ’69; Fr. Bill Arnold ’70; Chuck Gehring ’74; Dick Miller ’75; Jay Ryan ’76; Marquis Miller ’77; Bob Carlisle ’78; Dave Pemberton ’79; Chris Harvey ’80; Joe Wagy ’81; Chris Meacham ’82; Joe Isbell ’83; Brian Reis ’84; Mike Jarosi ’85; Kevin O’Reilly, M.D. ’86; Ed Hohmann ’87; Tom Pillifant ’88; Mike Probst ’89; Brandon Belli ’91; Andy Bush ’92; Mike Pione ’93; Doug MacLachlan ’94; Lars Mahler ’96; and Chris Muha ’97.

The following parents will serve as parents for their sons’ respective classes and will make personal calls on all St. Charles parents:

- **Freshman Class Captains:** Dave and Lynne Canale; Drs. John and Mary Lou McGregor; Scott and Maureen Saygers; and Mike and Renee Sherman.
- **Sophomore Class Captains:** Bill ’74 and Theresa Buoni; Jim and Lana Erwin; Stan and Liz Jones; Ron and Elisa Roberts; Bert and Catherine Vonderahe.
- **Junior Class Captains:** Dan and Lori Deegan; Jon and Laurie DiSabato; Dave and Liz Hasson; Jim and Molly Nester; Jim and Suzanne Norris; and Gregg and Susan Zelasko.
- **Senior Class Captains:** Frank and Ann Korth; and Larry and Janet Sauer.

As the *Cardinal* went to press, Bell reported the Parents Annual Fund had received a lead gift of $50,000 from current St. Charles parents. “This special gift has given us a running start we had hoped for,” Bell said. “It’s a very generous commitment that all of us affiliated with the Parents Annual Fund appreciate very much.”

### St. Charles Endowment Update

The Dr. Joseph M. ’35 & Janet M. Gallen Memorial Scholarship

The family of the late Dr. Joseph M. ’35 and the late Janet M. Gallen have initiated a new endowment at St. Charles to provide tuition assistance to a St. Charles student in his senior year who intends to enter college and pursue a degree in medicine, with first preference to a student planning to attend Ohio State University. Dr. Gallen, who was preceded in death by his spouse, was a longtime member of the St. Charles Advisory Board and was instrumental in the re-emergence of the prep school in the early 1970s. Please see the related article in this issue of the *Cardinal* detailing Dr. Gallen’s loyal support of St. Charles and his serving as a role model for St. Charles students.

Wiles Family: The Father Art for the Kids Memorial Scholarship

The family of the late Rev. Arthur W. Wiles ’57 have initiated a new scholarship endowment that will provide tuition assistance to a St. Charles student in good standing from one of the following Diocese of Columbus parishes that feed into Trinity School: St. Christopher; St. Margaret Cortona; or Our Lady of Victory. Fr. Wiles was member of the St. Charles faculty in the mid-1970s and up to the time of his death was a frequent guest speaker to St. Charles students. At the time of his death in March, Fr. Wiles was pastor of St. Christopher Parish. He earlier served as pastor of St. Paul the Apostle in Westerville and principal of Portsmouth Notre Dame High School. Fr. Wiles is survived by his brothers, Daniel G. Wiles ’59, Thomas J. Wiles ’60, and James M. Wiles ’63.

The Class of 1954 Endowment

The members of the St. Charles Class of 1954 celebrated its 50-year golden anniversary reunion in August. As a tribute to the education they received at St. Charles, and as a special recognition for the special feelings they have for their alma mater, the ’54 alumni presented St. Charles Advisory Board member Patty Kletzly with a check and future pledges totaling $25,000. When fully funded, the Class of 1954 Endowment will provide an annual scholarship grant to a student who qualifies for tuition assistance.
**Development Update**

**Lead donors for $35,000 Class Gift Pledge**
This core group represents nine of the ten classmates who helped create the Class of 1984 endowment. From left, front — Tim Palmer, Grant Kelley, Brian Reis, and Tom Vargo. Back — Brian Franz, Todd Pinkerton, John Tiberi, Chuck Warner, and Greg Bigler. Not pictured, Dan Galden.

The Class of 1984 Scholarship
The members of the St. Charles Class of 1984 celebrated its 20-year reunion in August by initiating a new scholarship fund for students in need. The effort was led by class member Brian Reis, who approached St. Charles with a primary goal of recruiting 10 classmates to pledge $2,500 apiece. Reis’s goal was accomplished by personally calling the 10 classmates before the reunion was held. An additional $11,500 in pledges was secured by the end of the reunion weekend, to bring the gift and pledge total to $36,500. At their reunion dinner, the Class of 1984 presented St. Charles Advisory Board member Fr. Bill Arnold ’70 with a pledge check to initiate the 10-year anniversary of the first awarding of the Walter H. Plank Memorial Scholarship at St. Charles by publishing a progress report for the family and friends of the late Walt Plank ’41. St. Charles principal Dominic Cavello ’64 reports the Plank Scholarship’s principal value has grown to $258,000, which will provide five young men a Walt Plank Scholarship this school year. According to fund co-founder, Don Kelley ’47, the fund is a fitting tribute to Walt and the Columbus South End students who have received the annual grants.

“I believe strongly that an education at St. Charles gives an opportunity to those students who otherwise wouldn’t be able to attend St. Charles,” Kelley said in his September 15 letter to Walt Plank Scholarship Fund contributors. Kelley added, “Walt would be proud of the progress to date.”

**Walt Plank Memorial Scholarship Celebrates 10th Anniversary**
In September the St. Charles Endowment celebrated the 10-year anniver.

**Class Reunions Gift Program Makes Major Strides**
Thanks to the care and generosity of its alumni gathering for class reunions, St. Charles continues to meet the growing financial need of its students who qualify for tuition assistance. As the financial need continues to increase each year, the school has called on its alumni reunion classes to help perpetuate the school’s founding premise of 81 years ago: “No student of merit will be denied a St. Charles education due to economic means.”

According to Alumni Director Louis Fabro ’83, the “Class Gift” program at St. Charles is conducted as part of the school’s ongoing Alumni Annual Fund appeal.

“The primary goal of our Class Gift program is to increase alumni-giving participation among the 10 alumni reunion classes. We serve as host to all reunion classes, usually at 5-year intervals, all the way to 55-years and up, Fabro said. “Gifts are pledged on the spot at the reunions and collected later as part of our Alumni Annual Fund,” Fabro said. “Our reunion classes this year alone have pledged over $69,000 to the school through their respective class gifts,” he noted.

According to Director of Development, Doug Stein ’78, in recent years several classes have stepped forward to initiate new class endowments, which are now invested in the St. Charles Endowment and will remain at St. Charles forever.

“Our class endowments provide either a perpetual scholarship that is offered annually, or a faculty-support fund. In either case, the investment creates a perpetual source of cash for St. Charles,” Stein said. “We began our class endowment program as part of the Campaign for St. Charles. We continue to offer those as part of our Alumni Annual Fund,” Stein said. As examples, he pointed to the recent successes of the Class of 1954 Endowment Fund and the Class of 1984 Scholarship Endowment.

St. Charles in 2002 provided $175,000 in financial aid, principal Dominic Cavello said. That amount jumped to $250,000 the following year, and now, in 2004, that figure has climbed to over $350,000. “Our alumni and parents of alumni have been consistent and generous with their support of need-based scholarships, Cavello said. It’s a great St. Charles tradition that makes all of us very proud.”

Gratefully received
Dave Pemberton Jr. ’79 presents St. Charles academic dean Scott Pharion with a $5,000 check for the Msgr. Thomas M. Bennett Scholarship fund. Pemberton then challenged his classmates to participate in the class gift and committed to matching each of their gifts $.50 cents on the dollar up to $10,000. His classmates responded by pledging an additional $2,500 at their 25-year class reunion in July.

Pledge of support from ‘54
Advisory board member Dick Stedman ’54, holds a check pledging $13, 435 for the Class of 1954 Endowment at the class’ 50-year reunion last August. With him are classmate Don Adams (left) and Patty Kletzly, also a St. Charles Advisory Board member and widow of ’54 grad Leo Kletzly.
The following reunion classes have helped demonstrate that St. Charles alumni – Carolians young and old – continue to serve as their brother’s keeper. It’s important to note that over 40% of the alumni donors from the following reunion classes were first-time contributors to St. Charles.

The Class of 1963 created the Class of 1963 Alumni Memorial Endowment as a tribute to their deceased classmates. The class pledged $25,000 to their fund and have raised $10,500 to date.

The Class of 1983 raised $7,200 for scholarships on the evening of its 20-year reunion.

The Class of 1978 established the Class of 1978 Endowment Fund at its 25-year reunion with $25,000 in pledges. To date the fund has received $9,100.

The Class of 1979 pledged $25,000 for the Monsignor Thomas M. Bennett Scholarship Fund at its 25-year reunion and has raised $6,200 to date. A $.50 on a $1 challenge grant was issued by class member Dave Pemberton Jr.

The Class of 1954 initiated the Class of 1954 Endowment with a pledge of $25,000. Of that total $15,050 will be collected as part of the 2004-2005 Alumni Annual Fund.

The Class of 1964 pledged $4,314.

The Class of 1984 initiated the Class of 1984 Endowment with pledges of $36,500. To date, the fund has received $5,100.

The Class of 1994 pledged $804.

2003-2004 Annual Fund – Final Report

Last year’s St. Charles Annual Fund, under the leadership of alumnus Dr. Tom Ryan ’58, and parents Mike and Marcia Kelty, emerged with very successful results after a two-year hiatus. That Annual Fund effort brought in $408,773, a new record that eclipsed the previous high by $159,000, according to St. Charles development director Doug Stein ’78. Most of the funds were dedicated to student financial aid, he said.

“Out of last year’s gift total, $202,546 came from 528 alumni, which equates to a 17% response rate, Stein said. “The norm for direct mail response is in a range of one to three percent, so St. Charles alumni, parents and long-time supporters beat the national average rather handily,” Stein said.

A factor in the significant return rate, Stein said, is the personal contact initiated by alumni class captains and parent class captains. “Our captains are wonderful ambassadors for St. Charles. They are successful and busy people and we ask them to find time each fall to keep raising the bar for St. Charles. Thanks to them, we are able to provide some form of financial aid to nearly 25% of our student body,” Stein added.

Other gift categories from last year’s Fund include gifts from 123 current parents, who contributed $86,545 (21% responding); 131 parents of alumni contributed $50,259 (7.5% responding); 140 longtime friends and benefactors contributed $45,603 (12.5% responding); 33 Aquinas College High School alumni contributed $13,820 to the Father Smith Scholarship Fund (4.5% responding); and a private foundation, which made a contribution of $10,000. All told, 956 donors participated with an average gift of $427. Stein said other pertinent information from last year’s Annual Fund include 219 “first-time donors” to St. Charles; 7 stock gifts with a total value of stock: $60,332; 13 corporate matching gifts with a total value of $10,625; 20 gifts made “In Honor of” and 251 memorial gifts.

“A good number of last year’s Annual Fund contributors are listed in this issue of the Cardinal,” Stein said. This year’s Annual Fund kicked off September 24 and contributors to that appeal will be listed in the Spring 2005 issue of the Cardinal.

Two St. Charles graduates ordained to priesthood

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groups and committees, especially those focused on helping the poor and needy. He also served for three years as the technical director for the weekly Television Mass.

He invites “any men – students or alumni – who have questions about the priesthood, or who feel they are being called to the priesthood of Jesus Christ and wish to discuss their call with someone, I am more than happy to do so,” he said. Simply give him a call at St. Matthew’s.

Fr. Kitsmiller holds a master’s of divinity degree from the Pontifical College. He graduated in 1990 with a degree in classical languages from Xavier University. He then spent eight years working as a paralegal at Vorys, Sater, Seymour & Pease LLP in Columbus prior to entering the seminary in August of 1999.

Fr. Kitsmiller said he considered the priesthood during his time at St. Charles Prep, but wondered if he could truly be happy without the companionship and love of a wife. “This feeling gradually changed for me as I graduated from college and began working,” he said. “I began to realize that without God in my life and answering his call, I would never be happy no matter what walk of life I chose.”

After he quit his job and entered the seminary, he said it became a matter of simply trusting God. “It was like going into the deep water for the first time. I had to trust that God had given me the ability to swim. I had to trust that God would give me the capacity to successfully and joyfully live out my priesthood in a celibate manner.”

Father Kitsmiller said many teachers and staff members at St. Charles were role models for living a life as a follower of Jesus Christ. “They helped to instill in me the values and commandments of the Gospel, and reinforce what I had learned in grade school and at home,” he said. The examples set by Msgrs. Galen and Bennett, with their life-long commitments to their vocations, and their fidelity to the Church, motivated Kitsmiller.

“What I took from St. Charles was this desire for knowledge and truth,” he said. “I’ve learned to cultivate that desire and to pay attention to it. I have also taken with me a great respect for tradition, values and customs passed from one generation to the next; particularly the value of a Catholic education and the Sacred Tradition of the Church,” he said.
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Male students were recruited from parishes in all of the Diocese’s then-32 counties (reduced to 23 counties in 1944). The hope was that many prep school graduates would go on to St. Charles College-Seminary and eventually advance to the priesthood. Recognizing that it was unrealistic to expect most enrollees would choose the priesthood, St. Charles was open to others who wished to obtain a college preparatory education. Bishop James J. Hartley, the school founder and described as “a financial wizard,” figured it would be too costly to operate a diocesan prep school solely for students who might go into the priesthood. It wouldn’t be cost efficient.

Initially, St. Charles had only prep school students who lived at the school as boarders. But when the first prep school class graduated in 1927, the St. Charles College-Seminary was activated and the first freshman class was enrolled. Thus began two distinct groups of boarding students: those in the prep school and those in the seminary, and they weren’t permitted to socialize. Prep school students lived in a dormitory located on the second floor of the east wing. The dormitory was roughly akin to the type of living quarters for recruits in the military. Unlike military dorms, it was sectioned into cubicles with four-foot tall partitions to provide a small measure of privacy for students. Each cubicle was furnished with a bed, locker, table and lamp, medicine cabinet, and mirror. Bathroom and shower facilities were located at one end of the dormitory.

The college-seminary students had more commodious living quarters, but far from sumptuous. They lived in one-room apartments, each accommodating two persons. The apartments had beds, desks, wash basins, and other furniture. The prep students lived apart from college-seminarians.

When Gable lived in the dormitory (1945-50), Father Paul J. O’Dea (later Monsignor and St. Charles principal) lived in a suite at one end of the dormitory. The floor above also was used as a dormitory and housed the prep students’ study hall. Gable was one of several students from New Lexington. The others included his brother, Bob, Art Diamond, Jack Dreese, Leo Bennett, Bill Johnson, and Pat Sorohan. Diamond, Dreese, Johnson, and Sorohan became priests.

Human nature being what it is, and given the discipline and somewhat stern guidelines that they lived under — up to eight years for some students — many boarders ventured to places that were off-limits and did things that were forbidden. (Of course, since parents entrusted the care of the students to school administrators and teachers, the school had an obligation to try and ensure the safety and development of those students.) Although former boarders now can joke that any statute of limitations to prosecute them has expired or that some of the people involved have passed away, there are some stories they just won’t tell.

Fortunately, there are some tales that former boarders are happy to share! They are things our fathers told us NOT to do growing up — but got busted trying to do themselves.

**Secret Phone System**

Duffey had nine other boarders in his class. In addition to Miller and Don Gable, they were John Geiger and Julius Wilson (both deceased), Dan Chapman, Bob Luchi, Francis Martini, John Snyder and Bob Visintine. In their senior year, they had the previously unheard opportunity to depart the common dormitory life and move into five apartments previously occupied by seminarians. Even so, as Duffey said: “Each room was only large enough for a closet and bed on either side with a small sink in the corner. If you opened the closet doors and tied the knobs — it effectively (b)locked the entry door from opening.”

With their newly acquired privacy also came the need to communicate back and
Secret basement hideaway

Many — and maybe most — alumni and students would be surprised to learn that during the early years the school’s east basement was used for a theater and basketball gym. The area initially was envisioned for a swimming pool. The theater-gym area extended from the current restroom in the southeastern wing (what is now rooms 103, 104, and 105) to the end of the building. The current gym was built in 1930-31 and when the current theater was built in 1941, the east basement was remodeled for classrooms.

In his junior year, Jim Saad ‘63 and a couple of friends found a way into an area that had been sealed off behind what had been the stage. He discovered an area four feet wide by five feet high and extended about five feet back with a smaller space attached. “Our senior year we made it exclusive to the five senior borders,” he said. It was their very own secret hideout.

They hid in the area to smoke and drink beer and store all their empty bottles. But their lair didn’t stay secret long — not because someone talked — but because of the threat of flooding. In January or February of 1963, Saad said, the school was threatened by water from swollen Alum Creek. The priests worried it would come into the basement of the main building as it did in the ‘Great Flood of 1959’ when large sections of the Columbus West and East Sides were flooded.

“Fr. Murphy (Hugh J.) searched about the school’s basement level for items to move,” Saad recalled. “One of the priests came across our ‘den of iniquity.’ There were a lot of questions asked, but nobody was charged.” Saad thinks the priests suspected any and all of the boarders — but the classroom area around the hideout was used by day students as well, he said.

Saad said the beer was snatched in late night raids on the large walk-in refrigerator in the cafeteria kitchen. The beer, of course, was for use by the teacher-priests who lived in apartments in the school building. “We’d take our share only once in a while,” Saad said, “so that nobody would get too suspicious.” They hated one brand, Gambrinus, which was brewed in Columbus. “Fr. O’Brien (Robert H.) loved it,” Saad said, “he must have been the one to pick it. We kind of acquired a taste for it after a while when your desperate!”

Msgr. George T. Wolz, probably the most scholarly faculty member (indeed, it was remarked that he was the most brilliant graduate of North American College in Rome) and who became school rector, used to keep his cigars in the walk-in refrigerator. “Every once in a while,” Saad said, “they (boarders) would sneak one out. We’d have to be real careful!”

Dan Ross ’67, who lived in Portsmouth and moved to St. Charles as a boarder in 1963, stayed until the College suspended operations in 1969. “I don’t know about the beer cooler, but there were an awful lot of guys down there during off-hours getting cookies and milk,” he said. During his six years living at the school, he couldn’t remember any of his classmates drinking. “Even when you went off campus to go to the drugstore or a movie, you didn’t have beer with you in the car,” he said. “I tell people that and they look at me kind of funny.”

Busted for Pulling an All-Nighter

Gable also recalled one spring night when fellow boarders had an all-night party. They lifted some beer from the kitchen during a secret trip.

“There were five of us, on a Friday night, figuring we had all day Saturday to catch up on our sleep,” he said. “The party played cards, drank beer, and smoked cigarettes. ‘Along about 4 or 5 a.m., was the hard part — trying to stay awake was the challenge,’” he said. “Right after Mass the next morning as we were coming out, Msgr. Spiers (Edward) picked us out and had a ‘project’ to do on the ball diamond. Boy he babied that baseball diamond! Hauling sand in wheelbarrows and spreading sand all day long!’ To say the least partygoers were dragging would be an understatement.

Something that all boarders seem to have shared in were late-night or after-midnight raids on the large walk-in icebox in the cafeteria kitchen. Boarders had to take a circuitous route to get down from the dormitory floors to the cafeteria to get beer and the like. The “secret” route wound its way through hallways and down darkened stairways. It took more than an hour to complete the trip because of the need to be very quiet to avoid getting caught.

Ross ’67 remembered a program for boarders called ‘Volunteers’, which didn’t exactly match its name. There was list of activities — or chores — posted each Saturday for anyone who was late for Chapel services or failed to be quiet during the ‘Grand Silence’ — complete silence after night prayers and everyone in bed by 10:30. The “Grand Silence” ended with morning prayers at 7:15 a.m. The chores were in addition to regular duties.

As far as smoking was concerned, Gable said, “The priests already knew who smoked. If you were caught smoking, you were given 40 lines of poetry to memorize, forth undetected.

“One of our more resourceful members came up with the solution,” Duffey said. “I believe I remember whose idea it was, but on the chance of being wrong, I’ll allow any or all of the other nine to take credit.” It took a trip downtown to Lazarus, which was a definite no-no, on a Saturday afternoon to purchase three sets of six-volt battery-operated telephones and plenty of extra wire.

Duffey said that the telephone installation took a few weekends to accomplish. Phones were installed in back-to-back closets with holes punched through the wall down near the floor for wiring to connect adjoining rooms. Other wiring was tediously and delicately hidden and pushed down into and behind baseboards, and around/over door frames. “We eventually had all five rooms tied together on one big party line,” Duffey said. “Each room had its own signal of long/short rings with one very short ring reserved as the ‘DANGER/Cool It’ signal, sounded three times with one second between each ring. For the nightly snacks, he confessed that “Food was acquired a taste for it after a while….”

As far as smoking was concerned, Gable said, “The priests already knew who smoked. If you were caught smoking, you were given 40 lines of poetry to memorize, but they were wise enough to know the likelihood of discovery over the summer months when maintenance or renovation might be done. I believe we did leave the wiring though.”
and then it was 80, 120, etc. for subsequent violations.

After hearing some of these stories, you wonder: ‘With a faculty made up of some of the brightest, most well-educated professors, how could a bunch of kids outsmart them? Is it possible that, like parents, they knew everything that went on, but pretended not to know most of the time?’

**Daily Set Routine**

Saad, who left Zanesville to spend four years St. Charles as a high school student, also spent another four years to get a degree from the college. “If you were going to be a border,” he said, “you were committed to being in the seminary part of the school. You still had all the regular classes of a normal student, but you had to do extras that came with wanting to be a priest.” That included daily Mass and confinement to the campus, except for Saturday afternoon for a few hours.

Jim Boetcher ’64 recalled the mandated weekday schedule for boarders is as follows: “Monday through Friday we arose at 6:15, washed and dressed, and attended Mass at 6:45, breakfast at 7:30, free time until the school day began at 8:30, Mass again at 11:30 followed by lunch. Classes from 12:45 to 3:15 followed by some free time until the mandatory study hall, proctored by a college seminarian, at 4:15. At 5:30 there was chapel and meditation (usually a talk by one of the priests), supper at 6, and then free until another study hall from 7:15 until 9. Night prayers were at 9:15 and ‘Grand Silence’ was in force until breakfast the next morning. After night prayers we got ready for bed and were in bed at 9:45. With special permission, a student could stay up and study until 10:30 (“of course ‘Grand Silence’ was still in force”), he said.

Boetcher noted that the weekend schedule differed slightly. Boarders awoke until 6:45 (on Saturdays), attended Mass, and ate breakfast at 8. After breakfast they performed work projects until noon lunch. Afterward, they (juniors and seniors only) were permitted to go off campus as long as they returned by 4 p.m. Most took full advantage of this small bit of freedom.

Michel Donnelly ’55 remembered having no shopping centers in town. “The center of Columbus (downtown) was a delightful city with many movie theaters, numerous department stores and other shops everywhere. The streets were totally safe day or night and around Christmas everything was lit with colored lights like a fairyland. When you went into town and it snowed — with all those lights everywhere — it was like having a wonderful dream snugly covered with a warm blanket in a soft bed.”

Boetcher said “Sometimes we would go downtown (Broad and High) and see a movie, go to Lazarus and look around, or just walk around. Most of us had little money.” They hitchhiked, walked the six-mile round trip or walk down and catch the Oak Street bus — since the bus didn’t run out near St. Charles at the time.

Another option was to go to a Gray’s Drugstore that was just across the bridge over Alum Creek in a little strip mall at the corner of Nelson and Broad St. “It was close and we could get some ice cream and cokes at the fountain, maybe buy a magazine. Sometimes we did not leave the school on Saturday afternoons because we had no money; instead, we would get up a game of whatever sport was in season (baseball, football, or basketball). The priests provided some old athletic equipment, and they would let us use the gym as long as the school teams were not using it,” Boetcher said.

Gable remembers Bexley as a regular Saturday afternoon destination. “We used the Bexley library and went to see movies. “We weren’t supposed to go downtown unless we had permission, but frequently we did (anyway). Our senior year we would go over to the wine shop across the street from capital to buy some beer or wine — telling the workers they were college students at Capital.”

Saad noted that in the 60s they’d make trips downtown because of the availability of public transportation. “We’d typically hop a bus and go to Lazarus... about the only place to really go at that time. We didn’t have any money, so we didn’t do any shopping to speak of.” But there were the occasional side trips. “We’d sneak up to The Ohio State campus and go into one of the bars a sneak a beer and get some pizza — things not normally available at school,” he said.

As a bit of an aside, Gable remembered riding trolley buses to get around Columbus. They had electric motors and were powered by power lines over the streets (the electric company owned the city’s bus line then) that were reached by double arms that raised above the bus roof. “These were great, quiet, and efficient vehicles which had zero pollution. But those trolley arms would pop off once in awhile — either one or both of them — and the driver had to get out of the bus and grab the ropes hanging from the arms which permitted him to put the arm back in touch with the wiring. It was quite a pain in the bad weather but we accepted it as the most normal thing in the world. Buses and cars had no AC then so on hot days all the windows would be open in the heat,” he said.

Free time was a precious commodity, not just on the weekends, because the days were so heavily regimented. The high school boarders passed their time on campus in different ways. “Down in the basement was our rec room,” Gable said. Boarders played a lot of cards — canasta and pinochle — and there was a stage, ping pong, pool table, piano, and tables — but no TV or radio. “Most of us were involved in ‘Stagecrafters,’ he said. Underclassmen served in supporting and women’s roles while the main roles were played by the seminarians. They (prep school boarders) also handled the lighting, stage crew and built scenery. Each year “there was always a major Shakespearean production and a couple minor shows.”

Gable said they were able to travel to Erskine Hall at St. Mary’s of the Springs (now Ohio Dominican University) where once a month they listened to distinguished speakers — diplomats, noted clergy, and others. The boarders also met quite a few notable people who would be visiting the diocese from around the world, because they were housed at St. Charles instead of hotels. Boarders sometimes could go to a St. Charles sporting events, but only on a bus under priestly supervision.

Saad said that boarders were permitted to go home during summer vacation and major holidays like Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter.


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