Joey Jones '92 sees his career taking flight

Graduate’s love of computer animation leads to an internationally-renowned short film and a growing animation studio with big plans for the future
Principal’s Column

Reflections in a busy time
by Dominic Cavello

St. Charles remains steadfast in its charge from founder Bishop James J. Hartley that no qualified Catholic student be turned away because of an inability to pay tuition. The school continues to provide students a college preparatory education of the highest quality in a Catholic environment of diversity and opportunity. Having been prepared for the challenges of life, St. Charles alumni continue to achieve great successes in their chosen fields of endeavor.

While many St. Charles graduates enjoy financial success, they have done far more in their careers. They have worked to make worthwhile contributions in their career fields such as medicine, law, government, science, teaching, and religion. Many share their resources with their alma mater to make certain that future students have the same opportunities they did. Several examples are found in this edition’s articles.

St. Charles at its traditional feast day Mass celebration last November honored three special alumni with the school’s highest honors. The three — Matt Howard ’58, George Vargo ’58, and Homer Beard ’46 — have accomplished much in their careers. In return for what they have received at St. Charles, they have shared much time and their talents with the school. For that, St. Charles Preparatory School is truly blessed.

Recent graduate Joey Jones, class of 1992, earned a degree in architecture, but pursuing a personal dream, has produced an internationally acclaimed animated film short entitled: Little Red Plane. Read how his bright future includes a book for children, a growing company, and a resolve to give back to others by teaching school.

There are several pieces in this edition on alumni who have recently passed away and the impressions they made with their lives. Former principal Fr. Charles Jackson helped to provide leadership in a difficult period of the school’s history. James Visintine ’59 left a beautiful hand-crafted bridge for others to appreciate. Fr. Tom Cadden and Fr. Jim Jones devoted their lives in dedicated service to the Church and to others.

A very energetic effort under the direction of Doug Stein ’78, our visionary director of development, continues to generate necessary income to provide financial assistance to our needy students. Reports on the successes of the Campaign for St. Charles and our 2003–2004 Annual Fund are described in this issue’s Development Update section.

It’s noteworthy that in the past four years, need-based student aid has grown 116% to nearly $350,000. The school’s endowments continue to grow, but increasing student aid needs remind us that work must continue to broaden our safety net to ensure all qualified boys will have an opportunity for a St. Charles education.

St. Charles strives to prepare each student not only for the rigors of college, but for the challenges of life. As you read this issue of the Cardinal, you will see many examples of how our alumni continue to meet challenges, take advantage of opportunities, and remain loyal to St. Charles. And, with God’s blessing, will continue well into the future.

On the Cover—
Class of 1992 graduate Joey Jones holds a copy of the animated short film, Little Red Plane, which he co-produced. In the background is the Student Emmy Plane won in 2003 and a movie poster for the film. For Jones and his partners at Shadedbox Animations, the sky’s the limit on their future successes.

Human rights champion, Cardinal McCarrick highlights 2003 Borromean Lecture

Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick advised more than 450 St. Charles students and guests that we all must live for others, always give our best, and must try and make a difference in the world. “These are the fundamental rules for living a decent, civil, Christian life,” McCarrick said. By following these rules, he added, “this high school, this Church, this nation, and the Lord will always be proud of you.”

McCarrick, the archbishop of Washington, D. C., was the featured speaker at the 2003 St. Charles Borromean Lecture last Oct. 28 in the school gymnasium. The lecture followed a luncheon attended by business and civic leaders, church officials, and St. Charles juniors and seniors.

Cardinal McCarrick is distinguished for his leadership role in a wide range of religious and social issues. He has visited many nations as a human rights advocate and to survey humanitarian needs. His work has taken him to China, Cuba, Vietnam, the Philippines, South Korea, Rwanda, and Burundi.

He was honored in 2000 when then-President Bill Clinton presented him with the Eleanor Roosevelt Award for Human Rights. McCarrick earlier was named an Officer of the Order of the Cedars by the president of Lebanon.

Cardinal McCarrick is chancellor of The Catholic University of America and a member of the board of Catholic Relief Services. He has served as a member of the U.S. Commission for International Religious Freedom, the Pontifical Council for Migrants & Refugees, the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, and as chair of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on International Policy.

St. Charles established the Borromean Lectures in the fall of 2000 in honor of the school’s patron saint, St. Charles Borromeo. The lecture series provides on the St. Charles campus a forum for speakers of national renown to address topics of morals and ethics in society, business, and government. The lecture series was launched in the fall of 2000 through the initiative and generous financial support of alumnus Robert J. Dilenschneider, Class of 1961, an internationally known public relations executive who owns and manages The Dilenschneider Group, Inc. in New York City.

The lecture could not have been a success without the help of numerous volunteer parents. Nearly 30 of them were on hand to help serve the lunch to over 450 guests during the event. Our special thanks goes to Anita Davidson, Beth Devine, Beth Morgan, Bonnie Plapper, Candy Stein, Carson Reider, Dennis Cho, Fern Colon, Jane Visocan, Janice Goodman, Julie Byrne, Katrina Bush, Liz Hasson, Marie Quinn, Mary Barcza, Mary Scurria, Mary Zeehandelar, Mary-Anne Willard, Melissa Sigrist, Michele Melaragno, Pat McJoynt, Sandy McGill, Sharon Houghton, Sharri Merz, Shelly Cocumelli, Sue Miller, Susan Ritter, Teresa Norton, and Tricia Yurkovich.
Graduate’s career taking flight on the wings of “Little Red Plane”

For an animated film only six and half minutes long, 1992 St. Charles graduate Joey Jones and his colleagues put in two years of hard work. The result? Their film, Little Red Plane, has won them international acclaim, confidence to start their own company, and a partnership with Disney, to name one of many opportunities.

From his company’s offices in Pasadena, Calif., Jones in a phone interview reflected on his young and successful career in film animation. It’s a career that wouldn’t have come to fruition without the support and encouragement of family and friends. Nor would it have occurred if he had been unwilling to pursue a dream.

After earning a degree in architecture at The Ohio State University in 1997, Jones worked two years for the international firm URS Corporation as an architect in its Columbus office. With encouragement from his wife, Mara, whom he met at OSU and married in 1998, and with support from his company boss, Jones decided to explore a long-time love for film animation. To do that, he moved to California to enroll at the Art Center College of Design in Pasadena. To reach his goal, Jones worked three years at the Art Center for a masters degree and completed a nine-month fellowship at the California Institute of Technology.

While at the Art Center, Jones and two fellow classmates began work on an animated film. The project, which wasn’t for any specific class, mushroomed into a collaboration of 11 people in five different majors. “We all met in the computer labs working late at night,” Jones said. “Most of the software that we used had been donated to the school. And they paid for the film transfer and helped promote the film,” he said. Most of the students, even after graduating, worked to complete the project.

What was begun as a “portfolio piece” or “resume builder” by a group of participating students turned out instead to be something much more — a widely acclaimed production named Little Red Plane. The film was produced and directed by Jones and his classmate, Wira Winata.

Shown at film festivals around the country and at international events, the film won many awards and attracted wide notoriety. It was honored as “best dramatic short” at the Dances With Films Festival in Hollywood; “first place student animation” at the International Family Film Festival in Valencia, Calif.; and the Fuji Film “audience impact award.” It earned awards at the Kalamazoo International Animation Film Festival, the Heartland Film Festival, the London Effects and Animation Festival, Savannah Film and Video Festival, Marco Island Film Festival, San Luis Obispo International Film Festival, and many more.

Perhaps the most impressive award it won was the “student Emmy” at The Academy of Arts & Sciences Foundation College Television Awards in 2003. With the award came a plaque, $2,000 check, and $2,000 worth of Kodak Eastman camera film. More importantly, Kodak invited the film production participants to the Cannes Film Festival in France where they screened their film during the Emerging Filmmakers Showcase.
Although his wife wasn’t one of the project participants, Jones persuaded Kodak officials to include her in the delegation to Cannes where the award winners would meet and network with executives from major studios. Having his wife, Mara, included was important to Jones because she had been the most ardent supporter in his move for a career change. Not only did she support his decision to leave the security of his architecture career to explore a new field, she provided the financial support needed during the three years he worked on his masters at the Art Center.

Thanks to the awards and accolades showered on _Little Red Plane_, which was planned originally as a possible exhibit in job resumes, talk began about starting a company. “We realized later that we’d had such a fun time working together, we said ‘hey, let’s start a company together,’” Jones said.

Bolstered by the success and notoriety of _Little Red Plane_, they started their company, Shadedbox Animations in early 2002. The company is described as “a studio specializing in animation and visual FX for film, broadcast, and games,” and Jones is its Director. The company’s logo is the 3-D depiction of a cube with shaded sides. It represents the basic object a person can create in the Maya rendering program that was used to produce the effects in _Little Red Plane_.

Shadedbox has worked very hard to get _Little Red Plane_ released as a children’s book, which will give the animated film a much broader audience. “In one way it’s a done deal because there are contracts and we’ve been compensated for our work,” Jones said. He noted that the movie’s adaptation to book form has taken as long (two years) as it took to create the film.

Because the film contains no dialogue, text needed to be written to accompany the book’s pictures. Shadedbox and Byron-Priess Publishing have been working with several professional writers during this time to come up with the final version of the book’s wording.

Byron-Priess is the editor in charge of content, while Simon and Schuster will print and distribute the book. They’re partnering because of costs. Each book will be accompanied by a DVD, making it more expensive than a traditional book. It is expected to reach bookstores this November.

Shadedbox is doing well. Its growing client list includes: Sony Computer Entertainment, Disney Feature Animation, Burger King, Bacchus Energy Drinks, Space X, and the World Wild Life Foundation among many others. The company recently completed development work on a future project for John Williams, the head of Vanguard Films and producer of the hit film, _Shrek_.

Competing with eight other studios for a game project for Microsoft, Shadedbox was one of three studios chosen as finalists. Microsoft will visit the company’s studio to determine if Shadedbox would be hired to create the animation for a major game release.

“We’re going to use our size as an asset,” Jones said. “We’re very small and young, compared to the other companies we compete with, but in some ways that works to our benefit. We have lots of ambition and energy, and in several ways, we have as much talent as some of the big studios.”

Video games offer huge opportunities for animation studios, but the work is fraught with ethical dilemmas for Jones and his team. The games segment provides opportunities for lots of work and profits, but at the same time, its often violent nature is seen by some as harmful to children. Balancing that fine line is difficult.

Jones’ strong religious faith and the personal beliefs of his partners have presented Shadedbox with some very difficult choices: Questions they face are which clients should they work with and what projects should they pursue? Shadedbox has turned down jobs, mainly video games, because they were “overtly grotesque and gratuitously violent.” Jones said. It’s a difficult dilemma.

Shadedbox, meanwhile, is working with Disney on several productions. They’re creating a pilot project for Disney Television and working with Disney Animation to have their film idea, _Let’s Get Francis_, developed into a full-length animated feature. The plot revolves around two hamster brothers kept in a pet store at Christmas. They separate when one runs off in a jealous moment. A ragtag crew of loyal pets sets out on a seemingly impossible mission to reunite them. Jones says it’s a story about sibling rivalry and what it means to be brothers.

Disney has paid Shadedbox an undisclosed sum to hold rights to the story for four years. If the movie isn’t made by that
time, all rights revert to Shadedbox. It's now in the developmental stage and Jones and Company are serving as consultants. They hope it will get a green light to proceed, but projects often are put on hold in this industry, Jones said.

Jones developed a talent for drawing at an early age. One of his earliest sources of inspiration was Nathan Cartwright, a childhood friend and 1992 St. Charles classmate. "He was always better than I was," Jones said. "He was a really gifted artist" and "was always inspiring and pushing me to go further and hone my talent." Cartwright now lives and works as an artist in Los Angeles.

Jones’ foray into the artistic world of film animation began in his senior year at St. Charles when he saw some ‘claymation’ shorts and remembers “just falling in love with them,” he said. He and classmate Jason Sutton got an OK from art teacher Phil Smith to set up their own mini studio near the school’s art room. “Jason and I proved to Mr. Smith that we could be trusted to do this project by ourselves. And so he let us go.”

The two classmates created a stop-frame animation entitled Michael Jordan vs. Larry Bird, a claymation basketball game filmed on Super 8 film. Jones said it turned out “pretty cool.”

Because of his love for drawing and stop-animation film, and with the overwhelming support of his parents, Jones gravitated to architecture in college. Because he was a good artist and a decent mathematician, it was a good choice. But while working on his architecture degree, Jones discovered the ‘Form Z’ program and computer modeling. The film urge was still alive – and growing.

Just before graduating from OSU, Jones interned with Morphosis Architects, an internationally renowned firm in Santa Monica, Calif., started by architect Thom Mayne. “It was definitely a dream come true,” Jones said. He (Mayne) was an inspiration to me while I was attending Ohio State and I really admired his work.” The company used the ‘Form Z’ computer program to produce 3-D modeling that created buildings in simulation and produced animated walk-throughs for clients to view.

As if his California internship wasn’t enough, Jones spent his weekends free-lancing with an animation company comprised of Ohio State graduates. He slept on one of their couches and stayed with them for three months. They used the ‘Form Z’ program to produce animation. Jones was impressed with their creative results and the fact “they were working for themselves.” He could now see the potential of the program, and it stuck with him. “I thank my lucky stars because I realized at that stage that architecture was not what I wanted to do,” he said. Nevertheless, Jones returned to Ohio State to complete work for his architecture degree.

He knew he could get a job easily because of his internship with Morphosis and his free-lance experience. Six months after joining URS, Jones got a career wake-up call when he saw an animated movie short called Gerti’s Game. An Academy Award-winning short film from Pixar Studios, it was about a man in a park trying to win a game of chess against himself.

“I got that same gut feeling that I got doing claymation at St. Charles in Mr. Phil Smith’s class,” Jones said. “I knew that I wanted to do animation. In fact, I even bought one of the programs and tried to teach it to myself.” Still hesitant to follow his inner voice, a year went by. He liked the work at the architecture firm, but Jones knew he wouldn’t last.

He had a very good relationship with his boss, Mark Molen, so much so that he confided that he really wanted to make animated films. Molen encouraged Jones to look into attending the internationally known Art Center College in Pasadena. Its faculty represents more than 24 professions that included artists, filmmakers, scientists, philosophers, and software engineers. Jones eventually sent for the school’s catalog and wound up on the campus in the fall of 1999.

At the Art Center Jones soon joined several other students working late into the night on Fridays and Saturdays on individual projects in the school’s computer labs. It became clear to them that “the process to create animations was so lengthy that it didn’t make sense to do it by yourself,” Jones said. “So (in 2000) we decided to pool our resources and to work together on a project we could all be proud of,” Jones said. That idea would become Little Red Plane.

It was a true collaboration of talents, exactly the kind of working environment the Art Center encouraged. (The school’s website describes the Art Center as a place with “an atmosphere where creative, collaborative, and mentoring relationships extend beyond the classroom and into professional life.”) Little Red Plane could qualify as “Exhibit A.” Jones said the characters and storyboards were designed by illustration students, props and planes were designed by product design students, tree house scenes were designed by environmental students and graphic design students created the identity of the film. He was able to choose personally the best talent for each need.

As work on Little Red Plane moved ahead, Jones was given a fantastic opportunity in the fall of 2001 when he was selected as one of only nine Fellows to receive a nine-month grant from the National Science Foundation. This program paired students from the California Institute of Technology (CIT) and the Art Center College with fluency in science, engineering, and design. According to CIT’s website, it teaches “skills geared toward the development of commercial products in a start-up environment. It’s meant to help students who want to make the transition from the academic environment to the world of high-tech business.”

It was at this time that Jones and his group started to think about forming their own company. “We had a dream to start a studio, and here (the Fellowship) was an opportunity to get almost a mini MBA,” Jones said. “The process taught me everything from accounting, to leadership, to having the guts to take a risk, to just make a cold call to talk with someone to get information. It was a great lesson in what it takes to be an entrepreneur,” he said. “But most importantly, it gave me
the confidence that once I finished Little Red Plane, we could start a studio.”

Jones completed his masters work in 2002 with a thesis on character animation and film.

At the Art Center, the group continued work on the Little Red Plane project. Four of the 11 original collaborators, including Jones, were still in school. One of the biggest hurdles was the time it took to render (create) the animations. As students without prior experience, they learned by trial and error, which at first took much time. Other students started to complain because they thought the group used the machines too long and took over the computer labs.

As a result, Jones and his group decided to move production off-campus and into the apartment of one of the group’s members. They all pitched in and bought six computers on which to do the film’s rendering. That’s where production was completed on Little Red Plane and it housed their new company for its first nine months. Then came the notoriety generated by the film’s festival success, and the rest, as they say, is history. Exploration now is under way to expand the Little Red Plane into a feature film.

What else is in Shadedbox’s future? “Our ultimate goal is to become a studio which is self-financed, like Pixar, that doesn’t need to go out and find studios to make our films,” Jones said. In the meantime, Shadedbox hopes to start work on another in-house short film to show at film festivals and attract more publicity and press. Despite the time and effort he devotes to growing Shadedbox, Jones tries to honor those who guided him to this point. For example, he teaches at his alma mater, the Art Center, and at Santa Monica College.

In his teaching work, Jones said, “I can’t help but think on some of the teachers who influenced my style.” He alluded to different teaching styles that his St. Charles teachers used when he was a student. Jones said: “I thought of Mr. (Wally) Teeters who used comedy, Mr. (John W.) Hoelker was very methodical, Mr. (Jim) Lower made sure you understood the material before moving on, Mr. (James J.) Pacciarretti was very emotionally attached to the work, and Msgr. (Thomas M.) Bennett preached discipline.”

Jones added: “They showed me what it means to be a teacher (who’s) emotionally engaged in the work, like Mr. (James P.) Cassidy and (Dr. Paul M.) Jurkowitz. When they taught religion, you could tell they really cared about the subject.”

Red Balloon inspires ‘lushly visual’ and touching story; Toy plane heart of film & proposed book

In late 2004, Simon & Schuster will put Little Red Plane out as a children’s book with a companion DVD that will include “director’s comments” from Joey Jones ’92 and co-director Wira Winata. What can people look forward to in the book? A heart-wrenching story and beautiful illustrations featuring a brilliant red cardinal.

The storyline centers on a young boy’s toy plane that takes him on an imaginary flight that reunites him with his deceased father, whose spirit is represented by a cardinal. In the story the son and father are in a dogfight with enemy planes. The father sacrifices his plane, and ultimately his life, to protect his son. The story is meant as a tribute to pilots who died in the world wars.

Asked if it was a coincidence that he used a cardinal, the symbol of his alma mater St. Charles, Jones replied, “It’s no accident. It was definitely something conscious.”

The color red was an important feature used by Jones and his Plane colleagues. A cardinal, of course, is a red bird and flies, just as the father’s red plane does. And the father’s plane has a cardinal for its insignia.

“I was able to really tie the cardinal from my past into the film,” Jones said. “The best thing about the film is making it really personal. Animation was chiefly my responsibility so I was able to bring that cardinal to life,” he added.

Jones describes the look of Little Red Plane as a stylized surreal. Others describe it as “lushly visual.” A web story published online by Kodak described how the film’s effects were created on the computer: “The group used Photoshop (for texture maps and concept paintings), After Effects (for compositing) and Maya (for animating and rendering), a program which had gone through two upgrades during the two years of production. To prevent these new advances from making their film look dated, they produced visuals that didn’t rely on special effects. They instead focused on the character in the film that comes from the hand-drawn texture maps and attention to detail.”

Jones said that many elements besides the color and music helped create the dramatic atmosphere of the animated short. Jones also credits the lighting, modeling, and texturing. “When you use a computer,” he explained “there are so many different settings. And if you just use the settings that are standard on the computer, then your renderings will look just like everyone else’s. So the trick and artistry behind it,” Jones continued “is to really take that tool and put your own thumbprint on it. To figure out a way to make this very generic application of standard settings and tweak them so your work really stands out.”

One example of this can be seen in the ‘look’ of the clouds. He said standard clouds didn’t look right using the normal applications. So they created ‘work arounds’—altered and engineered variations to create distinctive looks to their renderings. The same for the gunfire flashes.

The inspiration for Little Red Plane turns out to be from something most middle-aged or younger people might remember from their grade school days: the classic French short The Red Balloon. Jones saw it in one of his Art Center classes and thought it told a compelling story with just visual storytelling. “There’s no dialogue and no narration. And we all knew that if we could pull that off in a project of our own, then we would have a good grasp on what it is to tell a story,” he said.

The team discussed The Red Balloon and brainstormed ideas that dealt with childhood and themes that tie children together. They came up with ‘making paper airplanes’. An idea to present a paper airplane race didn’t seem to work because it lacked an emotional aspect to it. “One of the group (Howard Kouo) came back the next day and had incorporated his military experience into a new story line,” Jones said. The idea worked.

Top see a trailer of the upcoming DVD, just visit www.shadedbox.com and follow the link.
Honors and Awards

Alumni Honored
Three St. Charles alumni were honored by their alma mater at the annual feast day Mass of St. Charles Borromeo last November 4. Bishop James A. Griffin celebrated the Mass attended by the entire student body, relatives, friends and others in the gymnasium.

The 2003 honorees were Matthew A. “Matt” Howard, Class of 1958, awarded the Borromean Medal for Distinguished Achievement; George G. Vargo, Class of 1958, presented the Borromean Medal for Distinguished Service to St. Charles; and Homer V. Beard, Class of 1946, given the Principal's Award for Leadership and Service to St. Charles.

Borromean Medal for Distinguished Achievement Goes to Howard
Matthew A. “Matt” Howard, Class of 1958, had a 31-year career with Sears Roebuck & Co. where he rose from the company’s stockroom to its boardroom. He joined the company as a college management trainee in Cleveland after graduating from The Ohio State University in 1962.

Sears transferred Howard to Columbus in 1964 to launch its first Columbus retail operation in the former Northland Mall. Transferred again later to Chicago, Howard served there as a vice president in various areas of merchandising. He then was elevated to senior vice president of marketing and given charge of all company advertising, sales promotions, and store merchandising. In 1988 he became senior executive vice president of merchandising in which he directed all domestic and foreign buying offices, product development, and retail store merchandise assortments.

Retiring from Sears, Howard went into retail consulting and became president of Computer City, a $2-billion national computer retail chain. Today Howard serves as a private retail consultant and as a member of several company boards. He is a member of Over The Rainbow, a non-profit group that provides barrier-free housing to enable physically handicapped adults to live independently.

As was his career with Sears, Howard’s service to St. Charles has been exemplary. He has been an Advisory Board member for five years during which time he served a strong leadership role in two capital campaigns. He was chair of the 2000-2001 Annual Fund that raised $330,000; which was a 100% increase over the amount pledged and collected the previous year.

Howard currently co-chairs The Campaign for St. Charles, a $10 million success effort, with Timothy M. Kelley ’76 and honorary chair Robert D. Walter ’63.

Including Matt, four Howard brothers — Frank ’56, Mike ’63, and Danny ’66 — have graduated from St. Charles. Their uncle was Monsignor Matthew Howard, a 1928 St. Charles graduate who taught at his alma mater from 1939 to 1955.

Howard and his wife Beth, live in Chicago. She is a 1960 graduate of St. Mary of the Springs and is a sister of Tom O’Leary ’64. O’Leary, who won football renown at St. Charles and the University of Notre Dame (he was a starting defensive back on the 1966 national championship team), is a member of the Advisory Board.

The Howards are the parents of three grown children, Matt, Patsy, and Molly, and have five grandchildren.

Vargo honored for service to St. Charles
George G. Vargo, Class of 1958, has served as an influential leader, benefactor, advisory board member, and board chairman for the school. He earned a marketing degree from The Ohio State University in 1965 and went to work for the F & R Lazarus Company in its executive training program.

Seeing a business opportunity, Vargo and his brother in 1972 formed Vargo Associates Inc. to sell material-handling equipment. He now is sole owner and president of Tanna Corporation which he founded in 1994. Through his earlier and present companies, Vargo during the last 25 years has been a major supplier to retail marketing giant, The Limited, and all seven of its divisions.

A long-time member of the St. Charles Advisory Board, Vargo has been chairman of that board for the past 14 years. In the years prior to 1985, which was the start of Vargo’s tenure as Advisory Board chairman, St. Charles began to enjoy record growth in student enrollment which for the first time in school history neared 600.

To cope with the demands of soaring enrollment, St. Charles, with the encouragement and support of the Board, embarked on major capital improvements. New classrooms were built in

Two members from the 1958 Class — Matt Howard and George Vargo — were honored at the St. Charles feast day Mass last November. Howard was recognized for his distinguished career achievements and Vargo for his long leadership of the Advisory Board. Howard (l) and Vargo (r) in the first row with classmate Len Iannarino. Behind them from left are Charlie Keys, Michael Sullivan, Charlie Pickard; Jim Devine, and John Sauter.
former living facilities of the main school building. Existing classrooms were renovated. Major renovation was initiated to improve the chemistry and physics labs and a facility was created to teach the latest in the ever-growing computer field.

Major capital improvements in the school’s facilities included the construction of the $1-million Dedger and Rose Jones Natatorium, which was completed in 1990. A fund drive headed by 1970 St. Charles graduate Father William Arnold, a former teacher at the school, led to the construction of the $400,000 Jack Ryan student fitness center that was completed in 1999. The theatre, built in 1941, was renovated and the Cavello Center was created below the theater’s auditorium in 1990. A major improvement included the installation of new windows in the school and theater buildings.

Also during Vargo’s term as board chair, the school’s endowment funds enjoyed steady growth and The Campaign for St. Charles, the most ambitious fund drive in school history, was initiated. The drive this year reached its primary goal of $10 million. Vargo is one of the charter officers of The St. Charles Endowment Trustee Advisory group, formed 10 years ago.

For many years, Vargo was a very active leader in his former St. Andrew Parish. He served on its parish council for 20 years and was chairman of that body from 1982 to 1992. He chaired the parish’s Bishop Annual Appeal drive 10 years and he and his wife, Marianne, co-chaired the general phase of the campaign to build the St. Andrew gymnasium.

Vargo has been on the board of the Catholic Foundation since 1997 and was chairman the past year. He is a knight in the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher, a member of The Ohio State University Alumni Association and a member of the OSU President’s Club.

He and Marianne (Heinmiller) have three grown children — Thomas (St. Charles Class of ’84), Margaret, and Jane, and six grandchildren.

Principal’s Award to Beard for leadership and Service

Homer V. Beard, Class of 1946, has been instrumental in helping the school rebuild its alumni network and especially in restoring alumni loyalty among graduates from earlier years – the late 1920s through the 1940s.

After high school, Beard served in the U.S. Navy for two years and in 1951 graduated from The Ohio State University with a degree in education. He became a public school teacher and coach and continued his education to earn a masters degree in school administration at Ohio University. He made use of that degree by working from 1954-1957 as local superintendent of schools in Richland County.

In 1957 he became a data processing manager with AMF Pinspotters Inc. From there he served in various information/business technology roles such as corporate systems analyst, director of business management consulting with Coopers and Lybrand, business manager of a standardbred breeding farm, and capped his career as administrative services vice president for the Gates McDonald Company, an affiliate of the giant Nationwide Insurance organization.

He is the “decade captain” for the current 2003-2004 Annual Fund drive and served in that same role in the last drive held in 2000-2001. Beard has been a true ambassador for St. Charles since graduating in 1946 and is constantly available to share his expertise.

Among other contributions to the school, he helped plan many of the special events for the school’s 75th anniversary in 1998. Beard was also on the committee that developed the school’s Borromean Medals and Principal’s Award, given annually to honor individuals for outstanding accomplishments and service. Having helped rebuild the St. Charles Alumni Association, Beard continues as an active and influential member of that group working on the homecoming, recognition, and information committees.

He has served with 1946 classmate Dick Brehm as co-chair of all three of the school’s Platinum Reunions. This annual event brings together alumni from the earliest years — 1929 through 1953, and their spouses, of both St. Charles Preparatory School and the College and Seminary of St. Charles Borromeo. As “decade captain” for the Annual Fund campaigns, Beard personally has contacted hundreds of graduates in the classes of the ’20s, ’30s, and ’40s to seek their participation, to appeal for their financial help, and to collect current information to update the school’s database.

He and his wife, Jean, reside in Reynoldsburg. They are the parents of five children — Michael, Paul, Colleen, Roger, and Rocky — and have 13 grandchildren.
Five Named National Merit Finalists

Five St. Charles seniors are finalists in the 2003-2004 National Merit Scholarship competition based on scoring in the top one percent of over 1.5 million students who took the PSAT/NMSQT test last year. Although all students who attain Finalist standing in the National Merit Scholarship program are distinguished, not all finalists receive a Merit Scholarship Award. Only 8,000 of the 15,000 finalists will be chosen in April to receive one of the three types of scholarships totaling more than $32 million.

The five seniors are: Samuel Patrick Gavin, son of Patrick and Teresa Gavin of Newark; William M. Phillip Hudelson, son of David and Betsy Hudelson of Pickerington; Mathew Evans Inbusch, son of Ted and Catherine Inbusch of Columbus; Benjamin Edward Keller, son of Peggy and Bill Keller of Dublin; and Aaron Jacob Richards, son of Ray and Ann Richards of Pickerington.

Nationally-known author/director hosts movie premiere for St. Charles track

St. Charles welcomed nationally-known author and film director Peter Hedges October 29, to speak with the members of the sophomore, junior, and senior classes in the school's campus theatre.

The night before, Hedges was on hand for the Gala Ohio Premiere of his United Artists movie, Pieces of April, at the Arena Grand Theater. The event was a fundraiser for the St. Charles track and field team.

Hedges wrote and directed the movie. He is the uncle of a former St. Charles track and field captain, Stephen Evans (Class of 2003). Track coach Jeff Pharion ’86 expressed great appreciation for the Evans family, who helped arrange Hedges’ visit on behalf of the school.

“We raised $5,700 and that’s fantastic, but the wonderful time enjoyed by all those at the premiere and the great feelings generated by the event overshadowed the money,” Pharion said. “We are very fortunate to have an accomplished author/director like Peter Hedges in our extended family. Steven Evans was a model student and a leader on the track team. I am honored that he chose to give such a great gift to his alma mater,” Pharion said.

Hedges is a well known author and screenwriter who wrote the book, What’s Eating Gilbert Grape, and received an Academy Award nomination for his screenwriting contributions on the movie, About a Boy, in 2003. Hedges wrote and directed the movie, Pieces of April, and shared insights with St. Charles students in the campus theatre the night after showing a special gala premiere of his movie, Pieces of April, in downtown Columbus.

College bound with athletic grants
Seniors Derek Hoye, left, and Matt Selhorst signed letters of intent to play Div. I college sports. Hoye will attend Georgia Tech for track and Selhorst committed to play baseball at The Ohio State University.

Follow your dreams
Critically-acclaimed author and screenwriter Peter Hedges shares some insights with St. Charles students in the campus theatre the night after showing a special gala premiere of his movie, Pieces of April, in downtown Columbus.
Students provide generous holiday

The St. Charles student council this past Advent oversaw *Viriditas*, a series of school-wide service projects to help provide a meaningful Christmas for many Columbus-area children and adults. With an outpouring of generosity, the school’s students and their families made each of the program’s three components a resounding success.

The first project was an ambitious effort that had each homeroom adopt a family in the St. Dominic Parish Christmas gift program. The parish coordinator, Willie Moore, was overwhelmed with the student response; he reported that 105 people in 24 families received gifts. St. Charles families adopted several additional families. In a letter, Moore said that “all the families expressed their thanks and for many, they were relieved to know their children would have gifts to open on Christmas day.”

The second part of the Advent project was a first-time Mitten and Tree program. Some 288 hats, mittens, scarves, and gloves were donated. The third part of the program were weekly collections to benefit the work of St. John’s Community Kitchen. That effort brought in $3,256 to help provide meals for homeless and hungry people on the near east side of Columbus.

Sixteen Named Commended Scholars

Sixteen St. Charles seniors were named commended scholars for finishing in the top five percent of all students who took the PSAT last year. They are: James R. Blakeslee, John A. Cocumelli, Jimmy V. Coleman, Michael A. Easter, Thomas A. Gernetzke, John T. Gramila, Hal C. Hamilton, Matthew A. Hay, Gregory R. Hecker, Patrick M. Johnston, Jacob J. Jones, Christopher Kanalas, Eric T. Plapper, Brendan T. Ryan, Brogan C. Ryan, and Michael Wells.
**Cross Country**

Coach Steve Kull’s harriers had another exceptional year, capturing their fifth consecutive CCL title. Season highlights included first place in the New Albany Invitational, and runners-up in the Watkins-Memorial, Central Ohio, and Arrowhead Invitationals. The team also placed fourth and sixth in the highly-competitive Worthington and All-Ohio Catholic Invitationals. The team was paced by first-team all-CCL athletes Michael Fowle, J. D. Coppel, Derek Hoye, Sean Cusack, Nick Boling, Daniel Zaksheske and second-team member Brendan Weibel.

The Cardinals, led by Michael Fowle’s second place and Derek Hoye’s third place performances, finished second in the Div. I district meet, just 10 points behind defending state champion Hilliard Davidson. At the state regional meet, they placed sixth, just two spots from qualifying for the state tournament. However, Michael Fowle qualified individually for the meet at Scioto Downs and finished 50th out of a field of 149. Fowle, Hoye, and Coppel were named to the all-district squad.

**Football**

Coach Jeff Liebert’s team posted a 5-6 record this year in Division II play, just missing the playoffs. The seniors helped the team stay focused, determined, and relentless throughout the season, Liebert said. “I could not be more proud of their effort,” he said. “The last game, a 17-14 win over Portsmouth, was a worthy finale for a really great team.”

Senior lineman Mike Reggie was named all-district, first team defense. Linemen Walter Fyda and Evan Scurria were named to the second team. Receiver Paul Kuppich and kicker Brandon Pavol were named to the second-team all-district offense.

Quarterback John Heffernan and linebacker Mark Lower received special mention and wide receiver Justin Cassidy and linebacker Dan Kelly earned all-district honorable mention honors. Daniel Longbrake, Reggie, Woodruff, Kelly and Lower were voted all-CCL.

**Golf**

Coach Bart Mahoney’s team finished second in the CCL with an 8-2 record, and came in ninth in the district. Over the entire season, the team scored better than 106 other teams and finished behind 41 others in multi-team matches and tournaments. The team included seniors Paul Copeland, Chris Zeitler, and captain Mark Pagnotto; junior David Becher; and sophomores Joe Pelland and Anthony Owers. Becher was named all-district honorable mention and all-CCL with Zeitler.

**Soccer**

Coach Matt Highland’s squad highlighted the program’s reemergence as a top-notch competitor in the central district. It gained respect by performing well against a stout regular season schedule and showcased an increased skill level and toughness in the quality matches the team played. An overall record of 10 wins, 7 losses, and 2 ties carried them to the semi-finals of district play. The Cardinals finished second in the CCL (4-1) after another epic battle with archival DeSales.

The team was led by Brandon Pavol, who earned state honorable mention, first team all-district, and first team all-CCL. Others making all-league first team were Craig Burke, Nick Daniele, Matt Kelty, and Chris Mangone. Nick Lovatt and Bobby Orellana were named to the second team.
The Catholic diocese of Columbus from 1941 to 1943 recruited some of what were described as the diocese’s brightest eighth grade boys to participate in a Latin language education program. Generally known as the “Latin School,” the unique program was conducted at the former St. Joseph Cathedral School in downtown Columbus. It was intended by Bishop James J. Hartley to help swell enrollment at St. Charles Preparatory School and encourage vocations to the priesthood. (Bishop Hartley had a vested interest in the project because he founded St. Charles in 1923 as an eight-year learning institution – four years prep school and four years college-seminary – to nurture priestly vocations and educate future priests. But to assure sufficient enrollment at St. Charles, long referred to as the “bishop’s school,” Hartley intended that the prep school’s “classical” education be such that it would be beneficial to graduates no matter what profession they chose.)

A list of Latin School graduates who also graduated from, or attended St. Charles, was compiled recently through much effort and many long-distance phone calls by St. Charles graduates George Rieser ’46 and Russ Finneran ’48. They graduated from Latin School in 1943 and 1944, respectively. The list they compiled include: Tom Coughlin, Mike Dorrian, Tom Hielman, Keith Helver, William McGovern, Richard Ward, and Frank Wernz.

The Catholic Grade School, where the Latin School was conducted, was housed from 1907 until it was closed in 1958 in the former Kelley Mansion on E. Broad Street, about a block east of St. Joseph Cathedral. Noted for its classical revival style with monolithic stone columns and ornate plaster moldings, the 19th century mansion for many decades was the finest home in Columbus.

It was built in 1838 by Alfred Kelley, an Irish Catholic who in his lifetime, was one of Ohio’s leading citizens. An attorney, financier, and government official, he came to Columbus to oversee the construction of Ohio’s extensive canal system and served in the Ohio General Assembly for 43 years.

A 1986 article in the Barquilla del Santa Maria (monthly bulletin of the Columbus Diocese’s Catholic Record Society) reported: “After his (Kelley’s) death the house passed to his widow, and then to his son, and from 1890-1892 served as the governor’s mansion. Kelley’s son mortgaged the property in 1904 and sold it in 1906.”

The Record Society reported in its bulletin that Bishop Hartley purchased the house and about one acre of land.
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in 1907 for $40,300 and assumed the original mortgage of $24,000, which was considered at the time a “substantial commitment toward the Catholic education of the Cathedral parish.”

According to the Barquilla story on Cathedral School, enrollment hovered between 100 and 125 for the first 22 years. Enrollment during World War II dropped to around 70, and, even though the city’s Catholic population grew following the war, growth was in the suburbs and declined in the inner city. With the decline of enrollment, Bishop Clarence G. Issenmann closed Cathedral School in May of 1958 and its students were transferred to nearby Holy Cross. Best estimates are that nearly 600 students graduated from Cathedral School during its 51-year life.

The school building was razed in 1961 to make way for construction of the circular Christopher Inn (also gone now). The mansion’s sandstone blocks were carefully catalogued and stored in Wolfe Park across from St. Charles for many years in the hopes the mansion could be restored elsewhere and returned to its former glory. Later the mansion’s stones were carted to another city; some were used in another restoration.

As he had intended in building St. Charles, Bishop Hartley sought to use the Latin School to increase vocations to the priesthood. His vision was to have teachers, pastors, and parents identify two or three boys from each parish who might be willing to pursue an education at St. Charles and possibly a priestly vocation.

The Latin School program was initiated for 8th grade boys throughout the city in 1941 under the direction of Fr. Roland T. Winel ’31 and the Sisters of Notre Dame. The school was very small and two grades shared each classroom. There were four teachers from the Sisters of Notre Dame order. The teacher of the 7th and 8th grades was the principal, Sr. Anna Therese. The rooms weren’t remodeled into traditional schoolrooms, but still had fireplaces and were decorated with ornate plaster moldings, just as they were when the building was used as a residence.

The boys of the Latin School met for one period during the day in the mansion’s most northeastern room when the 7th grade was being taught and the other 8th graders would be instructed to study quietly until the lesson was over, Rieser said.

Parental permission was always required to attend the Latin School. In Rieser’s case, his father had died and his mother was in very poor health. “I simply did what the priest at the Cathedral asked me to do, because I’d always done it,” he said. Rieser grew up in St. Joseph Cathedral Parish, was baptized there, and served as an altar boy through high school. He served ordinations of many of the diocese’s priests, including those of Msgrs. Edward F. Spiers ’31 and Winel.

At Cathedral School Fr. Winel occasionally pulled aside each boy and ask: “Have you considered becoming a priest?”

One day Winel approached Rieser in his 8th grade year and said “George, there are a lot of Riesers, don’t you think it was time there was a Rieser priest? He hadn’t seriously considered the idea, but told Winel that he was keeping his options open.

A special benefit for Latin School students who finished in the upper third of their class was permission to skip the freshman year at St. Charles and enroll as sophomores. The Latin studied as 8th graders was the same as taught at St. Charles in the freshman year. Rieser skipped his high school freshman year.

Two challenges for those who skipped their freshman year was being far behind sophomores academically, and knowing few socially. Rieser said their transition was eased by understanding teachers and helpful classmates who knew their situation. “You also had the support of the other students who joined as sophomores, maybe four or five with the class,” Rieser said. “The quality of the instruction was so high,” Rieser said, “that you just wanted to stay on, even while you entertained thoughts of ‘why am I going through this?’”

Thomas J. Devine, a 1947 graduate, seemed to confirm a special attitude that many of his classmates carried with them to St. Charles. He cited his Latin School days when his football team, coached by Joe Stanton ’42 (later Father Stanton), lost every game. “Nobody quit, they just kept going,” Devine said. Devine finished Latin School in 1943 and didn’t skip into the sophomore class at St. Charles. “It was great,” he recalled, “that when Kerrigan (Msgr. John W.) had us in Latin class, I did extremely well because it was a repeat course for me.” Devine also remembered Fr. Winel took him to Good Shepherd Convent and had a surplice made for him because “I was the train bearer for Bishop Hartley at all the ordinations and ceremonies at the Cathedral.”

“St. Charles wasn’t a mystery to any of us (Latin School students),” Rieser said. “We’d come out and watch all the football and basketball games”. Many had older brothers who preceded them at St. Charles. Rieser’s two brothers, Howard ’37 and Frank ’41, were St. Charles grads.

While some eighth graders enjoyed skipping a grade, the decision brought with it some sacrifice. Those who skipped their freshman year were expected to focus all their time and attention on their studies, and weren’t permitted to play any sports at all. If you agreed to skip you agreed to forego athletics.

Fr. John Fulcher, Class of ’48 and 1944 Latin school grad, had always considered becoming a priest in respect of his parents and pastors. He grew up in North Columbus and attended Cathedral school his 7th and 8th grade years. One of eight children, his four brothers all attended St. Charles. His oldest brother was George A. Fulcher, a 1940 prep school graduate and 1944 college grad. Ordained a priest in 1948, George served at St. Joseph Cathedral, was pastor of St. Anthony Parish, and editor of The Catholic Times. He was consecrated auxiliary bishop of Columbus and later became bishop of the Lafayette, Ind. Diocese. Other Fulcher brothers — Bill ’42, Dick ’46, and Edward ’54 are St. Charles graduates.

“My mom and dad thought this was the greatest thing that could ever happen to us that we were going to St. Charles,” Jack Fulcher said. Commenting on his Latin School experience, he said: “I’m telling you we had very good preparation for high school and college. You didn’t have to be a genius or anything, but you had to be ready to study!”

Because of the quality of education at Cathedral School, Fulcher said, “We were in very good shape before we started there (at St. Charles),” Fulcher said. He was given the option to skip his freshman year at St. Charles, but his parents had different ideas. “There was no way my mom and dad would be in favor of us taking a...continued on page 32
From the director’s chair:

Saving School Friendships

By Louis J. Fabro ’83

Oftentimes, it’s not until we lose something do we realize its true value.

Friendships we forge in high school is one such example. Fortunately, a friend isn’t lost forever — thanks to a tradition called the Class Reunion.

I’ve been working to help ten classes make arrangements for their fall and summer reunions. They all will hold celebrations here on the St. Charles campus where many reunion committee members say they spent their most important four years together. The men on these reunion committees spend a lot of time telling old stories. Their eyes light up with talk of “Mouse,” and the old cars they drove. Their faces break into wide smiles when they reminisce about athletic triumphs over rivals Watterson and Aquinas. Together they shared the mundane. Together they won great victories. Together they suffered defeats and heartache. Together they sat through class lectures. And together they prayed in Mother of Mercy Chapel.

Having attended many class reunions as the school’s alumni director, I’ve seen firsthand the bond of friendship that faded over time and distance magically renewed among old classmates. I wish more alumni could enjoy this unique experience. Sadly, many don’t attend their reunions for a variety of reasons, ranging from practical to simply indifference.

In the January issue of America magazine, Fr. James Martin wrote about his 25-year class reunion and how he almost talked himself out of going. Like many people, he thought of many reasons not to go, but he eventually relented. “I set out, knowing that a few friends would be there, but otherwise unsure of what awaited me.”

During the course of the night he met with many friends whom he’d lost touch with after graduation. He said that by the end of the evening he “began to see how limited I had been in truly appreciating my friends.”

Martin said “On the way home, I had an epiphany of sorts. Here were so many good people who were part of my life...The ones who lent me their notes, studied with me, commiserated over bad test grades, congratulated me when I did well, and helped me to dream about the future.”

He says he realized that “this was one way God cared for me when I was young. Here were people God placed in my life to teach me about love and friendship. It was a reminder that God does this constantly, for us all, whether or not we enjoyed high school or college, or even enjoy our lives today. God is continually placing people in our lives to help us along the way.”

At St. Charles we are taught to be men of God. We go on to be leaders in our parishes, civic communities, and workplaces. Look back with an open heart and mind and you’ll realize just how much your friends, teachers, and coaches helped you become the men you are today.

St. Charles awaits your return with pride and joy. You graduates mean very much to us!

Value of the Alumni Association

By Marion Smithberger ’72

After two enjoyable years, this will be my last column as president of the St. Charles Alumni Association. My term expires in May, but I will continue as an active member under the very capable leadership of Father Fred Loyd ’62, our incoming president.

Serving as president provided me a good opportunity to work with many St. Charles graduates, who, but for my involvement with the Alumni Association, I would have had no reason to know.

A St. Charles education has been a great gift to many, including me, over the years. It has provided an opportunity for young men, regardless of their families’ means, to receive a high quality education. It has allowed them to position themselves for admission to top universities if they worked hard and had the intellectual skills to be admitted. No qualified Catholic student has been turned away from St. Charles because his family could not afford the tuition.

Although we are very proud of the education students receive, we believe the values young men are taught here are equally important. Of course we wish success and happiness for every graduate, but we would call ourselves a failure if we had not nurtured Christ’s message in our students. Ultimately, faith is a gift from God, but we have a role to play. St. Charles is committed to developing Catholic leaders, whether they ultimately choose to serve in Columbus, Washington D.C., or Riyadh.

We’ve worked hard to assemble a strong Alumni Association with a range of committed people who represent a wide spectrum of different classes. Each brings unique talents to the table. Our members are committed to helping tomorrow’s St. Charles student receive the best education we can deliver; people who want to sustain alumni friendships.

The restoration of our Alumni Association (which had its origin in 1927) was a labor of love for George Gugle III. It has continued to make great strides under the able leadership of Louis J. Fabro ’83. As wonderful as our volunteers are, no one should have any illusion that we could do this without their critical staff support.

There are many ways to give back to St. Charles. You can make a financial gift to the school; you can volunteer your talents, just as Ryan Sullivan ’91 has with the school’s website; and you can attend our alumni events such as our golf outing, softball tournament, our First Friday Masses, or our homecoming party.

While I loved St. Charles before I got involved, the alumni I came to know...
Alumni Mothers celebrate

In what many hope will become an annual event, more than 90 women attended the St. Charles luncheon for mothers in the Campus Theatre Cavello Center last October. It was organized to bring together alumni mothers to socialize, enjoy a light lunch, and see the many campus improvements.

The idea for an alumni mothers reunion has been suggested periodically during the past 20 years to allow women to renew friendships made while their sons attended St. Charles and they did volunteer jobs like working cafeteria and bingo. Kathleen Cavello, mother of Dominic ’93 and Chris ’91, said the idea resurfaced again at the St. Charles feast day Mass reception in 2002 when Molly Snell (Steven ’01) and Anne Park (Greg ’99 and Jeff ’95) brought up the idea. It took hold, a committee was formed, and the event finally became reality.

Those who helped plan and run the first luncheon included: Cavello, Park, Rita Ciancetta, Paulette Conlik, Mary Marg Drumheller, Mary Lou Rahde, Sheila Reiner, Molly Snell, Debbie Southworth, Joni Warren, Cathy Wickert, Carole Winkel, and Mary Zeehandelar.

The afternoon social started with warm greetings, fond memories, and cold mimosas. The program included brief remarks by Kathleen Cavello, Msgr. Thomas Bennett, and Dominic Cavello.

The ladies enjoyed a lunch of chicken salad, fresh fruit, hot tea, and desserts, catered by Bob Selhort ’74 and his company, Mass Appeal. Twenty-six door prizes were drawn and student Frank Zonars ’03 provided keyboard music for the reception.

Mothers from classes back to the 60s attended. While invitations were sent out to alumni mothers from the last ten years, an effort was made to get some of the ‘pioneer’ moms to attend. The Cavellos spent much time searching old records for addresses for those ladies, and invitations were sent to all that could be found. The hope is that more will be found for the next event, scheduled for Sunday, October 24, 2004.

Jack Ryan Invitational set for June 21

The Jack Ryan Invitational Golf Tournament will be played this year starting at 1 p.m. on Monday, June 21 — one week later than in past years. The annual event provides ongoing financial support for the school’s Jack Ryan Training and Fitness Facility and will once again be hosted at the Granville Golf Club in Granville, Ohio. The four-man scramble includes competitions for closest to the pin, longest putt, and longest drive. Dinner will be in the delightful Granville Inn.

Reservations are $250 per person or $1,000 per foursome. They include a round of golf, cart, lunch, door prizes, and dinner. You and your company also are invited to become a hole sponsor for $250. Donations for raffle gifts also are welcome. To participate and for more information, please contact Louis J. Fabro at 614-252-9288, ext. 21 or by e-mail at lfabro@cdeducation.org.

Class Reunions in 2004

Contact St. Charles alumni director Louis J. Fabro ’83 for more information on your class’ reunion activities at lfabro@cdeducation.org or by phone at 614-252-9288 ext. 21.

The 2004 Platinum Reunion will be held Thursday, June 10 to honor all of the school’s earliest graduates and remember the school’s alumni and teachers who have passed away. All graduates, former students, and their spouses and families from the classes of 1927-1953 are invited.

The invitation also extends to graduates and former students of the College and Seminary of St. Charles Borromeo. In addition, surviving spouses of deceased alumni from those early classes are invited as a tribute to their husbands and to see old friends.

The reunion begins with Mass at 11 a.m. in Mother of Mercy Chapel, followed by a complimentary luncheon at noon in the Campus Theatre Cavello Center. Priests are encouraged to concelebrate the reunion Mass.

The Class of 1949 will celebrate its 55-year anniversary June 11–12, 2004. Tentative plans call for a golf outing Friday morning and an informal social that evening at Plank’s Café. Saturday’s activities will include the Aquinas College High School Class of 1949. There will be a Mass in Mother of Mercy Chapel followed by a reception and dinner in the Cavello Center. The St. Charles reunion committee includes Bill Bringardner, Bob Albert, Msgr. Kenny Grimes, and Lou Fabro. Harry Erb is coordinating the Aquinas grads.

The Class of 1954 will celebrate its 50-year anniversary Aug. 13–14–15, 2004. It has tentatively scheduled a round of golf Friday morning and an informal get together that evening at the Hilton. They’ll be back on the links Saturday morning before gathering at St. Charles that afternoon for Mass in Mother of Mercy Chapel. A cocktail reception and
The Class of 1959 will celebrate its 45-year reunion Oct. 22-23, 2004. Friday night’s activities may be held in conjunction with the St. Charles-Watterson 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. The reunion committee includes Dominic Cavello, Jim Dill, Paul Duffy, and Msgr. Paul Enke.

The Class of 1964 will celebrate its 40-year anniversary July 2-3, 2004. A stag event is slated for Friday night. Activities Saturday include a class Mass in Mother of Mercy Chapel to be followed by a cocktail reception and sitdown dinner in the Cavello Center. The reunion committee includes Dominic Cavello, Jim Dill, Paul Duffy, and Msgr. Paul Enke.

The Class of 1974 will celebrate its 30-year anniversary Sept. 10-11, 2004. On Friday evening, events kick off with a tailgate party at the SC vs. Bexley home football game and will continue at Plank’s Café afterwards. Saturday’s activities include a class Mass in Mother of Mercy Chapel followed by a cocktail reception and dinner in the Cavello Center. Specific details are being worked out by reunion committee members Chuck Gehring and Bob Selhorst.

The Class of 1979 will celebrate its 25-year anniversary July 23-24, 2004. It begins with a stag event Friday night at the Polaris Quaker Steak and Lube restaurant starting at 6 p.m. Saturday’s activities start with a class Mass in Mother of Mercy Chapel; that will be followed by a cocktail reception and buffet dinner in the Cavello Center. The reunion committee includes Andy Baumann, Dennis Durbin, Bob Horner, Thom Milem, Tim Pierce, Dave Pemberton, Jr., Ralph Recchie, Dr. Andy Stein, and Paul Woodruff.

The Class of 1984 will celebrate its 20-year anniversary July 9-10, 2004. A golf outing Friday morning and a stag event that evening at Plank’s Café are planned. Saturday’s activities will include a class Mass in Mother of Mercy Chapel followed by a cocktail reception and buffet dinner. The reunion committee includes Brian Franz, Andy Hughes, Scott Kays, Grant Kelley, Jeff Klingler, Brian Stiltner, and John Tiberi.

The Class of 1989 will celebrate its 15-year anniversary Aug. 27-28, 2004. It tentatively plans a Friday night stag party at Plank’s Café. A golf outing is listed for Saturday and will be followed by a class Mass in Mother of Mercy Chapel, cocktail reception, and buffet dinner in the Cavello Center. The reunion committee includes Todd Gummer, Tony Martin, Ralph Napolitano, and Jason Younger.

The Class of 1994 will celebrate its 10-year anniversary on June 4-5, 2004. It begins with a Friday night stag party at Plank’s Café. A golf outing will be held Saturday morning followed by a class Mass in Mother of Mercy Chapel and a cocktail reception with appetizers in the Cavello Center. The reunion committee includes Brad Chelton, Alex Loehrer, Bob Mayhan, Andy MacKinnon, and Brian Murphy.

Fall Reunions

1948

The Class of 1948 held its 55th reunion Friday, Dec. 5 at Plank’s Café on Parsons Ave. Eleven classmates and nine wives were on hand to enjoy dinner and an evening of camaraderie. Russ Finneran treated the group to updates on their classmates which he’d compiled through much effort. He already is hard at work seeking volunteers to help with plans for the class’ 60-year event in 2008.

1968

The Class of 1968 gathered to celebrate its 35-year anniversary Aug. 23, 2003. John Gideon organized the activities, which included an afternoon tour of the renovated St. Charles campus followed by dinner hosted by classmate Paul Mahler at his home.

Still going strong 20 years later.

Members of the Class of 1983 who returned to St. Charles last September to celebrate their 20-year anniversary are from left, first row — Kevin Shannon, Tim Rankin, John Knapp, Ed Mueller, and Jeff Kuzma; second — assistant principal Jim Lower, Joe Isbell, Louis J. Fabro, Mitch Barnes, Bill Sharpe, and Jay Kratz; top — Andy Carr, Dan Sullivan, Dr. Tim Freeman, Ron Thomas, and Nick Wiggins.
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1978
A round of golf at the Columbus Country Club kicked off this silver anniversary celebration on Friday, Sept. 26. Many other ’78 classmates gathered that evening at the Cavello Center on the campus for a stag party held in conjunction with the school’s homecoming festivities. Magr. Gallen celebrated Mass for the class and their guests in Mother of Mercy Chapel, which was followed by a tour of the campus. A cocktail reception and dinner were held in the Cavello Center. Reunion committee members included: Barry Backiewicz, Sean Cull, Pat Kelley, Julian Kim, Chris Mahler, John Mackessy, and Doug Stein.

1983
The class kicked off its 20-year reunion on Friday, Sept. 19, 2003 with a stag party at a traditional St. Charles gathering destination: Plank’s Café on Parsons Avenue. Classmates gathered Saturday afternoon at St. Charles for a class Mass celebrated by Father Fred Loyd ’62. After a school tour they enjoyed a cocktail reception and dinner.

A special thanks goes out to Joe Isbell for graciously providing the services of Bravo! Restaurant for the evening’s festivities. Reunion committee members included Tim Freeman, John Knapp, Jay Kratz, Tim Rankin, Kevin Shannon, Louis Fabro, and Joe Isbell.

Upcoming Alumni Association Events

Alumni Softball Tournament
The St. Charles Alumni Association’s annual Alumni Softball Tournament will be Saturday, July 24, at 9 a.m. and includes an afternoon picnic. Games this year will be played at St. Charles and Wolfe Park and plans are underway to hold a Faculty-Alumni game on Friday night, July 23 at the school. Individual and team reservations can be made by e-mailing Joe Wolf at jwolf14@insight.rr.com.

First Friday Masses
Join the Alumni Association for First Friday Mass at 7:30 a.m. in Mother of Mercy Chapel each month. A light breakfast and warm camaraderie is always provided afterwards in the Alumni and Development Office’s conference room.

Coming this Fall
The Alumni Association will sponsor two special events this fall: Homecoming and The Alumni Golf Outing.

The Homecoming celebration will be held in conjunction with the Cardinal football team’s game vs. Bishop Watterson on Friday, October 22. A tailgate cook-out will be held before the game along the North side of the Campus Theatre at 6 p.m. A pizza party will follow the game in the Campus Theatre’s Cavello Center.

While no specific date has been set for the golf outing, it will probably take place in late September or early October. Read about last year’s event in this edition of the Cardinal and look for more details in our fall edition.

Mothers of Alumni Luncheon II
Ladies, mark your calendars! Based on the success of last year’s event, plans are being made for the 2004 St. Charles Alumni Mothers Luncheon. It is tentatively planned for Sunday, October 24th at 1:30 p.m. and will be held in the Campus Theatre’s Cavello Center. The luncheon committee includes Kathleen Cavello who invites those interested in volunteering to contact her at 614-237-9572. More information to follow in the fall edition of the Cardinal.

Reunion for 1929-53 alumni set for June 12
St. Charles Preparatory School will host the 2004 Platinum Alumni Reunion Thursday, June 12, on the campus at 2010 E. Broad St. All graduates and former students from the classes of 1929 to 1953, and their families, are invited.

Surviving spouses of deceased alumni from those classes also are invited as well as all graduates and former students of The College and Seminary of St. Charles Borromeo and their families.

The reunion begins with Mass at 11 a.m. in Mother of Mercy Chapel (lower chapel), followed by a luncheon at noon in the Cavello Center on the lower level of the campus theatre. All diocesan priests are invited to concelebrate the reunion Mass.

Please call the school’s Alumni and Development Office for extra assistance. For those in wheelchairs or on crutches, the school has a new chair lift for the chapel steps to allow easy access.

A postcard invitation will be mailed in late April, but mark your calendars now. For more information, contact Louis J. Fabro in the Alumni and Development Office by phone at 614-252-9288, or e-mail lfabro@cdeducation.org.

Grad creating new St. Charles website
A newly redesigned St. Charles website is up and running at www.stcharlesprep.org. Its goal is to better serve the entire St. Charles community through useful features and a sleek new look. Ryan Sullivan ’91, the site’s creator, has devoted months of work to the project.

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Auction raises $90,000
The St. Charles Mothers Club raised nearly $90,000 for the school at its Cardinal Christmas Silent Auction last December. The event at the Hyatt on Capitol Square drew a festive crowd of celebrants who enjoyed a social hour, cocktails, dinner, and silent and live auctions.

The success of the auction was due in large part to the generosity and work of many people. They include: Kathleen Thon, Debbie Jokovich, and Liz Heller who co-chaired the event. Cherri Taynor of the alumni and development office helped the co-chairs with gift tracking and acknowledgements, among many other tasks.

We would also like to acknowledge the contributions of the following volunteers and their committees: Karen Pangnotta, Bob and Mary Ginn Ryan, and to Dan and Chris Tarpy, Mark and Denice Meadows, Terri Abel Vaccaro, Andrea Mackessy, Karla Crosswell, Jeanne Bennett, Tricia Yurkovich, Tom Thon, Michael Jokovich, and Kathleen Cavello. Also deserving thanks is Gail Hogan who donated her special talent to serve as mistress of ceremonies.

Silent Auction - Christmas Camaraderie

The Mothers Club annual Cardinal Christmas festivity was held last December at the Hyatt on Capitol Square. It was a huge success, raising $90,000 for technology upgrades and capital improvements at St. Charles.

Photos courtesy of Finocchi Photography
Premiere Movie Event

Nationally-known author and film director Peter Hedges was on hand for the Gala Ohio Premiere of his United Artists movie release, Pieces of April, at the Arena Grand Theater. The event, held last October, was a fund-raiser for the St. Charles track and field team.

Alumni News

Please keep alumni director Louis J. Fabro updated with news on your family, career, achievements, interesting events, honors, awards, etc. As space allows, we will publish the information in your Cardinal magazine to keep your friends and classmates informed about your current happenings.

Monthly updates on St. Charles alumni and student activities are sent on the school’s database to people who are listed with current e-mail addresses. If you are not receiving these messages and wish to get them, please send Lou your e-mail address and he’ll get you on the mailing list.

You can reach him by e-mail at lfabro@cdeducation.org or by phone at 614-252-9288 ext. 21.
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1946
Homer Beard served as 1920s-40s decade captain for the 2003-2004 Annual Fund drive. He also was presented the Principal’s Award for Leadership and Service to St. Charles during the St. Charles Borromeo feast day Mass celebrated in the gym on Nov. 4, 2003. The complete story is in this edition’s Honors and Awards section on page seven.

1951
John J. Coughlin owned and operated Coughlin’s Pharmacy in north Columbus for 20 years and is now retired. He earned a pharmacy degree from The Ohio State University in 1956 and managed two Gray Drug Stores. He also was a sales representative for Eli Lilly and Company in the Columbus area for 14 years.

Coughlin is past president of the Academy of Pharmacy of Central Ohio. He was awarded an honorary life membership in the Academy and its Bill Marks Award for community and professional service. He’s been treasurer of the OSU College of Pharmacy Alumni Society and is a distinguished alumni award recipient of that group.

Coughlin served two and a half years active duty in the U.S. Army and, including his reserve time, a total of 34 years. He retired in 1993 with the rank of colonel.

He and his wife, Suzanne, have been married 48 years, are members of St. Patrick Parish, and live in Worthington. They have four children and 10 grandchildren.

1952
Art Lee passes these wishes on to his friends: “May the winning spirit of coach Jack Ryan fill you all!”

Tom Ryan served as his class captain for the 2003-2004 Annual Fund.

1953
Hugh Dorrian served as his class captain for the 2003-2004 Annual Fund.

1954
Bill Igel was his class captain for the 2003-2004 Annual Fund. He retired as vice president of contract work and sales for his family’s business. After graduating from St. Charles Igel earned a degree in civil engineering at the University of Dayton. He started in the family business digging ditches and through the years advanced to superintendent, manager, and finally, vice president. He and his wife, Jeanie Bendele, have six children and nine grandchildren.

Igel has served as president of the local Chapter of the Ohio Contractors Association; director and secretary of the Ohio Contractors Association; and director of the Builders Exchange of Columbus of which he was honored with the “Man of the Year” award. He has served on various committees of St. Brendan Parish (including several fund drives). He is chairman of St. Brendan’s building committee. He’s a member of several boards, including those of the Rosemont Center, the Catholic Foundation, and The Knights of the Holy Sepulchre.

1956
Jim Lehman served as his class captain for the 2003–2004 Annual Fund.

John J. Piecervo Jr. is a professor in the University of Kentucky’s College of Pharmacy and is UK’s faculty athletics representative to the National Collegiate Athletic Association and the Southeastern Conference. He and his wife, Mary, have four children and five grandchildren.

1957
Dan Connor served as the ‘50s decade captain for the 2003–2004 Annual Fund.

Jerry Morris served as his class captain for the 2003-2004 Annual Fund.

1958
George Vargo served as his class captain for the 2003-2004 Annual Fund. He also was presented the Borromeo Medal for Distinguished Service to St. Charles at the St. Charles Borromeo feast day Mass celebrated on Nov. 4, 2003 in the gym. The complete story is in this edition’s Honors and Awards section on page seven.

1959
Jim Jacobs is a co-founder and board member of the Men’s Lay Movement in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis which addresses the needs of adult men hungry for spiritual growth. He helps men “to look for Christ, encounter Him, and love Him in their daily life.” He and his wife, Barbara, have been married for 34 years. They have three married children and five grandchildren, with a fifth grandson due in May.

1960
Ted Hummer served as his class captain for the 2003-2004 Annual Fund.

1961
Michael Finn served as his class captain for the 2003–2004 Annual Fund. He’s president of Central Power in Columbus and lives in Upper Arlington with his wife of 12 years, Janet Alexander Finn. He has two children from a previous marriage and three grandchildren.

Finn earned a degree in education from The Ohio State University in 1964, graduated from the OSU College of Law in 1967, and received a masters degree from Harvard Business School that same year. He worked two years at McDonnell Douglas in Huntington Beach, Calif., as a financial planning analyst and has been with the family business in Columbus for the last 33 years.

1962
Pat O’Reilly served as his class captain for the 2003-2004 Annual Fund.

1963
Richard L. Ferris served as his class captain for the 2003-2004 Annual Fund. He founded the law firm of Ferris and Associates, P.C. in 1993 in Williamsburg, Va. He concentrates on estate and trust planning and estate administration. He earned an undergraduate degree from the University of Dayton in 1967, a law degree from Ohio Northern University in 1970, and a masters in taxation from Boston University in 1978.

After working for the Ohio attorney general in its tax section, Ferris spent 21 years at Aetna Life and Casualty Company before retiring in 1992 as vice president. During his 32-year career he wrote three books on estate planning — Legacy, Generations, and Love, Money, and Control — Reinventing Estate Planning.

Ferris and his wife, Joyce, have been married almost 30 years, are avid golfers, and enjoy motorboat cruising the Chesapeake Bay. They live at the Governor’s Land Golf and Marina Community in Williamsburg and are active members of St. Bede Church there.

‘54 classmates living the good life
Bob Ryan, Don DeShetler, Jim Grace, and John Mullin (l-r) got together in February at Greenfield Plantation in Bradenton, Fla. for a round of golf and a mini 50-year class reunion celebration. Grace and Ryan try to round up any classmates that winter/vacation in Florida for golf and good times.

1964
Ken Castrop served as his class captain for the 2003-2004 Annual Fund.

Tom O’Leary served as the ’60s decade captain for the 2003-2004 Annual Fund.

1965
Jim Finn was his class captain for the 2003-2004 Annual Fund

Mike Rafferty is a utilities management consultant and lives in Jacksonville, Fla. with his wife, June, and three sons.

Hugh Dorrian ’53 was all smiles when his daughter, Julia, was sworn in as a Franklin County Municipal Court Judge in January. Julie continues the Dorrian family tradition of public service. Hugh has served as Columbus city auditor since 1969. His brother, Mike Dorrian (Julie’s uncle), who attended St. Charles before graduating from Holy Family High in 1948, served many years as a Franklin County commissioner.

Family visit
1966
Dan Howard was his class captain for the 2003-2004 Annual Fund

1967
Andy Dick served as his class captain for the 2003-2004 Annual Fund.

1968
Paul Mahler served as his class captain for the 2003-2004 Annual Fund. He spent 25 years as a financial planner and portfolio manager at Smith Barney and currently works at Merrill Lynch in Upper Arlington.

He earned a political science degree from Loyola University in New Orleans in 1972 and is a certified financial planner (College of Financial Planning Denver, Colo.) and a certified portfolio manager (Merrill Lynch & Co.). He and his wife, Susan Halverson, have been married for 27 years and have four children.

1969
Bob Ryan was his class captain for the 2003-2004 Annual Fund.

1971
Sam Wallace continues as a professor in the Department of Communication at the University of Dayton where he says he “sees many St. Charles graduates.”

Francis A. Iannarino currently is assigned by Bishop James A. Griffin as the full-time chaplain at Bishop Watterson High School where he has long been a faculty member. He is director of the Office of the Diocesan for the Diocese of Columbus. His parish diaconate ministry is at St. Brigid of Kildare Church in Dublin.

Iannarino has spent most of the last 30 years in education. He taught history at DeSales High School in Columbus; history and theology at Notre Dame High in Portsmouth; and currently teaches theology to seniors at Watterson where he’s been since 1977. Along with teaching, he has coached freshmen baseball and basketball, and varsity golf.

Iannarino earned a degree in history and education from Capital University in 1975; a masters in education from The Ohio State University in 1980; and a masters in theology from The University of Dayton in 1985.

He completed formation studies in the Columbus Diocesan Diocesan School of Theology and was ordained a deacon in 1989 by Bishop Griffin. He and his wife, Peggy, have been married since 1979, have three children, and live in Dublin.

1972
Marion Smithberger served as his class captain for the 2003-2004 Annual Fund.

1974
Dr. Bill Buoni was his class captain for the 2003-2004 Annual Fund.

George L. Gugle IV recently was appointed associate director of stewardship and parish development for the Catholic Diocese of Columbus to help parishes develop capital campaigns and stewardship drives.

Eric Stinson has been living in Washington, D.C. for over 20 years. He’s a sales executive in the office furniture industry and works primarily with the federal government.

1976
Paul Kunzen served as his class captain for the 2003-2004 Annual Fund.

1977
Rick Macknessy was his class captain for the 2003-2004 Annual Fund.

1978
Compiled last September on the occasion of their 25-year reunion

Barry Backiewicz is a dentist practicing in Gahanna. He is still single, an avid Buckeyes fan, and enjoys all outdoor activities, especially golf.

Mark Baumann and his wife, Angi, have three children. Their infant son, Max, passed away when he was almost 7 months old. “Though only on earth a short time he still lived a lifetime and we are grateful to have had the time with him.” Baumann is a self-employed plumbing contractor. “When I’m not working or running between volleyball games, basketball games, baseball games, dance recitals etc. etc. etc., I enjoy playing golf, fishing, boating and spending time with good friends.”

Al Bell is vice chairman, chief administrative officer, and corporate board member for Big Lots, Inc. Prior to joining Big Lots, he was a writer for Battelle Memorial Institute and was a private-practice attorney. Bell is active with mentoring programs and supports students at Capital University Law School (his law school alma mater), St. Paul the Apostle School, Catholic Social Services, and St. Charles.

Bell last June accepted a three-year appointment to St. Charles’ Advisory Board. He and his wife, Carla, have been married for 17 years and live in Westerville with their two children.

Rob Brisley lives in Charlotte, N.C., where he is a captain with the city’s fire department. He serves as the department’s public information officer (PIO), a role that frequently places him in front of news cameras when dealing with fires and disasters in the Charlotte area. Within months of graduating from St. Charles, Rob enlisted for four years in the U.S. Air Force where he served assignments in Texas and England, working as a medic. Rob and his wife, Amy, have three daughters.

Christopher Bryan is the chief financial officer in Plant City, Fla.

St. Charles grad featured in Wall Street Journal

The Wall Street Journal devoted extensive space in its Jan. 19, 2004 issue for a major article about St. Charles graduate Richard C. “Dick” Notebaert, Class of ’65. The mostly complimentary article described his managerial style and his efforts to rescue Qwest Communications International Inc. from near financial collapse. Qwest is a major telecom company based in Denver.

Richard C. Notebaert ’65

When Notebaert was hired 18 months earlier (June, 2002) as chairman and chief executive officer of Qwest Communications, the company was “mired in an accounting scandal and laden with debt” ($26 billion), the WSJ writer noted, and the company’s shares price had plunged from “a high of $66 in 2000 to just over $1 in 2002.” (Business Week described Qwest “a mess” when Notebaert was elected CEO.)

Thanks to a strong turnaround, Qwest’s “prospects are looking up,” the Wall Street Journal observed. Its debt has been chopped by $8.5 billion, and the company is teaming up with another corporation to expand from a regional wireless operation in 14 states to a countrywide service. It’s also entering the video business and has made a $390 million bid for another telecom company.

“Much of the credit for these changes goes to Richard C. Notebaert,” according to the article, which described him as a “no-nonsense manager.” In contrast to his flashy predecessor, the article continued, Notebaert “resembles a clean-cut Boy Scout,” who “avoids clothes bearing the Qwest logo – down to his pajamas.” The article noted that Notebaert has pushed to improve the company’s accounting practices, “shuns consultants to help foster change,” and “concedes he has much work to do.”

His work includes more debt reduction – it’s down to a still

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for Beacon Food Services, Inc., formerly located in Dublin. He said most of the company’s business involves selling meats to restaurant chains such as KFC, Chili’s, Cooker, Big Boy, etc. “My (spare) time is primarily filled with raising four children (with his wife, Marcia), helping with homework, attending school activities (sporting events, plays, choir performances, etc.),” he said. “I also spend a significant amount of time working with the church and, when possible, acting in plays and singing in various functions.”

Thomas I. Caine IV has been a Columbus city firefighter for 11 years. He’s assigned to Ladder 15 (the old neighborhood) at Nelson and Livingston. He previously worked for The Ohio State University as a residential counselor. He and his wife, Kim, own Caine Properties, residential rental properties in Columbus, and Caine’s Lawn Service. They have been married eight years and have three children.

Robert P. Carlisle works for the Columbus Division of Fire and has a private law practice. He graduated from The Ohio State University in 1981 with a degree in business administration-finance and from OSU’s College of Law with a Juris Doctor. He and his wife, Mary Jo Baker, have been married since 1988 and have four children.

Mike Conners is a lead software developer at Sterling Commerce, where he works on a wide variety of software plat- forms writing primarily in Java and C++ programming languages. He and his wife, Lori Miller, were married in 1997 and have two daughters. “Over the years I’ve played in rock bands but in the past few years got interested in Irish traditional music,” he said. “I took up the Irish Uilleann bagpipes and have been playing since ’98, and play in a few of the local Irish music sessions in town. I won a first place medal in a local Feis competition in 2001 and occasionally go to out-of-town Uilleann piper’s gatherings.”

Sean Cull is pharmacy coordinator at Knox County Hospital in Mt. Vernon. He earned a degree in pharmacy from The Ohio State University in 1983. He and his wife, Mary Jo Essig, were married in 1986 and have two children.

Christopher de Fiebre has been an assistant professor for the last seven years in the Department of Pharmacology & Neuroscience at the University of North Texas Health Science Center in Fort Worth. He earned a degree in psychology (minor in biology) from the University of Minnesota and a Ph.D. at the University of Colorado at Boulder in pharmaceutical science, specializing in neuro-pharmacogenetics. He received post-doctoral training at the University of Florida and worked as a research faculty member. He and his wife, Nancy Ellen, have a son, Kurt.

Scott M. Engle is an independent sales contractor representing McNichols Roofing in Sunbury, Ohio. He graduated from The Ohio State University in 1983 with a degree in business administration. He and his wife, Julie, have three children.

Joe Fawcett had cancer and is coming up on his third year of remission. He is a born-again Christian who, he said, “was homeless at one time, and then another time I brushed cuffs with the vice president of the United States. I know what it is like to be totally unimportant, and then to be sought after by the mighty and powerful. I have learned where to put my hope, faith and trust — in God.”

Ed Fitzpatrick is an English teacher at Camden County Technical Schools in Sicklerville, N.J., where he teaches 9th, 10th, and 11th graders, and coaches the junior varsity basketball team. He is the father of two children.

Mark Alan Gordon is an actor and teacher living in New York City. He attended the Sundance Theatre Institute, where he originated the roles of Bob in Chuck Mee’s Wintertime and Fabrizio in Heather McDonald’s When Grace Comes In and then went on to perform them for the La Jolla Playhouse and at the Long Wharf Theatre. Mark also originated the role of Daniel in Available Light at Arlington’s Signature Theatre. Other original plays include Romulus Linney’s Ambrosio’s True Crimes.

Marty Haran is a software engineer for a company called Tekelec. He previously spent two years with Applied Innovation, 10 years with CompuServe, and six years with Dresser Industries. He keeps busy working out and jogging. “I’ve been coaching Little League baseball for the last six years and currently volunteer help at the food bank of North Carolina,” he said. He and his wife, Michelle, have been married for 15 years and have two children.

Jim Heinmiller is an industrial engineer for Boeing Guidance Repair Center in Heath. He and his wife, Jeanne, have two children. He enjoys watching the Columbus Blue Jackets (NHL hockey), the OSU Buckeyes, and his kids’ sporting events.

Christopher Holgate used to sell real estate and was a ski bum in Snowmass (Aspen area), Colorado. In 1993 he joined Max & Emra’s real estate department “where there are many connections to St. Charles” and is in his third year as vice president of real estate. He graduated from Ohio State University with a degree in business administration and a major in finance. Holgate was a member of the Buckeyes’ varsity soccer team and for fun served as rush chairman for Sigma Chi Fraternity. He snow skis, competes in American Rhythm Pro-Am ballroom dancing, and still plays soccer competitively. He’s in his 16th year as a Big Brother and third year on the board of trustees for Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Jan Jancosek owns an automotive repair center and a car wash with an emissions station. He and his wife, Lisa, have been married seven years and have two children.

Pat Kelley is president of Falco, Smith & Kelley Ltd, real estate brokerage and consulting firm, and vice president of Donald W. Kelley & Associates, real estate appraisal and development. He earned a degree in business administration and masters from The Ohio State University. He and his wife, Lisa, have eight children.

Tom Kessler lived in Atlanta the last four years where he was president of Dynalectic. He recently re-located to the Westerville area and is employed with Dynalectic’s parent company, EMCOR, in national business development. He and his wife, Danita, have been married 21 years and have two children “The children keep us busy with sports, dancing, and theatre,” Tom said, “but also enjoy boating, water sports, fishing and golf. We are blessed with good health, good friends, and a great family.”

Julian Kim has had a practice in surgical oncology and cancer research at the Cleveland Clinic
daurting $17 billion — and dealing with ongoing government investigations that were begun before he was hired.

Avoided the newspaper reporter what he would advise CEOs faced with corporate challenges. Notebaert generally repeated some of what he said in a 40-minute interview with the St. Charles alumni magazine, the CARDINAL, for its fall, 2002 issue. His advice included “passion for what you do. . .and passing the newspaper test,” both of which he said last year “goes back to St. Charles.” On the newspaper test, he explained in the St. Charles interview (and rephrased for the WSJ) “if what’s written (in the newspaper) bothers me, then I probably shouldn’t have done that.”

As are other regional phone companies, Qwest is challenged by increasing competition. To overcome what was described as the company’s “terrible reputation with customers,” Notebaert emphasizes the need for “outstanding service.” Practicing what he preaches, he said people “can send me an e-mail and get a response within 24 hours.”

In response to a WSJ question about ethics, Notebaert replied that “every talk I give I talk about ethics. I like to say there is a right way to do things.”

The WSJ interview article was prominently displayed on page 1 of the second section and was jumped inside. It was illustrated with a three-column sketch of Notebaert; the Wall Street Journal rarely prints sketches. A “teaser” paragraph, with a reduced version of the sketch, was run on the newspaper’s front page to draw reader attention to the article.

Earlier, the Denver Post daily newspaper reported that Notebaert had done “an above average job in guiding Quest through what may have been its darkest days.” That verdict came after the newspaper last summer polled nine financial analysts, 14 Qwest employees and retirees, and 10 state utilities regulators and consumers in Qwest’s operating territory.

Before accepting the challenge at Qwest, Notebaert enjoyed a highly successful business career that included 30 years with Chicago-based Ameritech. He rose to CEO and board chairman of Ameritech before retiring in 1999 after completing the sale of that company to SBC communications for $74 billion.
since 1998. He graduated from Miami University (Oxford) medical school. He served his general surgery residency in Baltimore, Md., and relocated to Columbus where he completed a surgical oncology fellowship and was an assistant professor of surgery at The Ohio State University’s James Cancer Hospital. He and his wife, Amy, have two children.

Alan E. Koch works as an assistant manager at AutoZone. He and his wife, Cecilia, were married four years ago in a civil ceremony “here in Columbus and then one month later in her parish, Nossa Senhora Das Dores, in Campinas, Sao Paulo, Brazil,” Alan said. “Most of my family was able to fly to Brazil for the wedding and spend a week exploring Campinas and the surrounding area. Cecilia and I fly down to Brazil at least once a year on vacation and to visit her family. Last year while on a two week European cruise, we docked in Antwerp, Belgium and attended Sunday Mass at The Church of Saint Charles Borromeo.”

Mark Kraus is office manager of the Coldwell Banker King Thompson real estate office in Bexley. He earned a bachelor of fine arts degree from Ohio University in 1982. He and his wife, Susan, have two daughters.

Arthur R. “Bobby” Lee works for FEDEX in Marietta, Ga. He and his wife, Joyce, have been married for 19 years and have two children.

Brian Lehner has been involved in real estate since graduating from St. Charles. He was an agent with RE/MAX for several years before opening his own brokerage, Realty Solutions. “I have a great office in Old Westerville with five agents and spend most of my time building an investment portfolio,” he said. “I often reflect on the lessons learned at St. Charles.” He and his wife, Kathy, have been married 20 years and have four children.

Rev. Mr. Michael J. Lumpe is to be ordained a priest for the Diocese of Columbus on June 26, 2004. During his priestly formation, he served three years as technical director for the weekly television Mass, has been involved in numerous projects to help the poor and needy of the diocese, and serves Bishop Griffin as his master of ceremonies. He graduated from John Carroll University in 1982, and worked for 16 years in public and government affairs with what is now Akron-based FirstEnergy Corporation. During his career, Lumpe held various management positions, including director of public affairs and director of nuclear communications. He also was based in Columbus for three years as a lobbyist before the Ohio General Assembly.

After a number of years of prayer and discernment, Lumpe answered God’s call and entered the Pontifical College Josephinum seminary in 1996 and was ordained a deacon in 2003. His summer parish assignments as a seminarian have included St. Mary Parish and St. Francis of Assisi in Columbus, St. Edward the Confessor in Granville, St. Brigid of Killarney in Dublin, and St. Joseph in Dover.

Lumpe noted that while traveling with Bishop Griffin to various parishes he has run into several St. Charles alumni. He asks for your prayers and that you pray for more vocations to the priesthood because, he noted, “the number of priests are getting fewer each year!”

Joe Luthman is employed in wholesale nursery sales for Willoway Nursery in Hilliard. He is active with the Central Ohio Model Railroad Club. He’s single and enjoys volleyball, softball, running, cycling, hiking, camping, and home improvement.

John Mackessy served as the ’70s decade captain for the 2004 Annual Fund. He has spent the last 20 years as an information systems professional. He is a partner with HMB, Inc., an IT consulting company that specializes in project management, software acquisition, and software development. It serves a wide variety of industries including government, public utilities, insurance, and retail.

Mackessy earned a degree in mathematics from Kenyon College in 1982 and a masters of information systems at Northeastern University in 1988. He previously worked for Nationwide Insurance, Gates McDonald, and General Cinema Corp. He lives in Bexley with his wife of 19 years, Linda, and their four children. They belong to St. Catharine parish.

Chris Mahler was his class captain for the 2004 Annual Fund. He’s an accountant working exclusively with Ohio hospitals on Medicare reimbursement issues. He and his wife, Elizabeth (Beth) Greely, have been married for 18 years and have three children. “Our current hobby is attending our children’s school and sports functions,” he said. “We occasionally run into fellow alumni at various school sports events.”

Tony Monaco is a jazz musician. In recent years, the Tony Monaco Trio has performed at every major festival and outdoor concert in Central Ohio, including the Jazz and Rib fest and Confest. Monaco’s second national release, “Master Chops T” was featured in the March 2002 issue of Jazz Times and climbed into the top 10 on the jazz radio charts. Later that year, his third national release, “Intimately Live at the 501” climbed the radio jazz charts to #15. Recently he’s been endorsed and endorses Hammond Organs, joining his fellow organ mates Joey DeFrancesco, and Jimmy Smith, and Jimmy McGriff. Tony now travels and plays the “New B3” organ. His fourth national release, “A New Generation,” is a very special release as the recording features his Trio along with the Joey DeFrancesco Trio. Monaco has three daughters.

Bill Nye founded Nye Tree Landscaping in Fountain Hills, Ariz. in 2000 and is a year-round coach of girl’s fast-pitch softball in the Phoenix area. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1979 to 1993 — many years as a drill sergeant at Fort Sill, Okla., and received an honorable discharge as a master sergeant. In 1997 he be-
gan a three-year stint as a high school teacher and coach. He and his wife, Georgia, have three children.

Shawn Nye is a customer service supervisor at Medco Health Solutions where he’s worked for five years. He previously worked 16 years at Nationwide Insurance. He and his wife, Crystal, live in Columbus and have three children.

Jason Plank is administration manager at Gap, Inc.’s Direct Fulfillment Center in Groveport. He earned a degree in accounting from The Ohio State University in 1982 and obtained his C.P.A. in 1985. He and his wife, Susan, have been married for 22 years and have two sons (one, Alexander, is a sophomore at St. Charles, where he plays on the football team). Jason enjoys golf, exercising, and volunteering at St. Charles football games concessions.

Scott Postma works for Heinz as a southeast U.S. sales director. He began his career in sales with various local companies in Columbus. He graduated from Miami University in 1982 and in 1986 landed a job with Dial and has been in the grocery business ever since. Postma’s family has moved several times for several promotions with companies such as Dial, Dannon Yogurt, and Frito-Lay. He and his wife, Karen, have been married 20 years and have two children.

“St. Charles was a great overall experience as I tell my kids the many stories of the friends I made and the many different things that happened,” he said. “Because of this, I can now appreciate the struggles and victories my kids experience at their school and in their lives.”

Thomas Rachner, M.D., is chief of the department of radiology at Memorial Hospital in Martinsville, Va. He and his wife, Linda, have two sons. Rachner enjoys wakeboarding, kayaking, road and mountain biking, and golfing.

Tom Ritz started a telecommunications company, OComm Communications, over two years ago. It’s a full-service telecommunications company representing various telecommunications products and services. These include local and long-distance, high-speed data services, wireless, business telephone equipment, and cable. He earned a degree from Franklin University in business management with additional majors in accounting and finance. He also earned an MBA from Capital University. Until the mid-80s, Ritz worked for his uncle’s road construction business, handling most of the accounting functions. He then joined Central Telephone in Chicago as a regional finance manager for some three years.

David Ryan is vice president of information services for Artromick International, Inc., which manufactures medication carts for the acute care and long-term care markets. David, a CPA, spent six years as an accounting and information systems consultant in the public accounting arena before joining Artromick 3½ years ago. In 2001 he earned the outstanding technology awareness advocacy award from the Ohio Society of CPAs for his work in the field. He and his wife, Christine, have a son, Jacoby.

Ted Ryan has worked within the commodity and derivative industry for the last 25 years. He’s a director of the Stonington Institute, an adult and adolescent substance abuse rehabilitation center in Connecticut. He and his wife, Catherine, have been married 17 years and have two children. They’ve lived for 13 years in Hawthorn Woods, a suburb northwest of Chicago. Very involved with his kid’s sporting activities, he coached his son’s baseball and softball teams the last seven years. “I continue to enjoy running as I did in high school,” he said. “I am working on my ninth marathon.” Commenting on two Columbus Marathons he ran, he said: “It was very exciting to run by St. Charles on mile two.” He added: “We (he and his wife) enjoy returning to Columbus and occasionally watching a St. Charles football game. Catherine and I look forward to retaining a residence in Columbus — perhaps when the kids enter college — so we can spend more time with family and friends.”

Mike Scheifer is self-employed as a CAD artist for commercial piping contractors. His wife, Teri, invented the name for the company: Bytes to Pipes. “Being self-employed has allowed me to begin to pursue what I have always thought was my vocation.” He planned to begin graduate school and hopes to become a licensed counselor and practice pastoral counsel-

munications company representing various telecommunications products and services. Those include local and long-distance, high-speed data services, wireless, business telephone equipment, and cable. He earned a degree from Franklin University in business management with additional majors in accounting and finance. He also earned an MBA from Capital University. Until the mid-80s, Ritz worked for his uncle’s road construction business, handling most of the accounting functions. He then joined Central Telephone in Chicago as a regional finance manager for some three years.

David Ryan is vice president of information services for Artromick International, Inc., which manufactures medication carts for the acute care and long-term care markets. David, a CPA, spent six years as an accounting and information systems consultant in the public accounting arena before joining Artromick 3½ years ago. In 2001 he earned the outstanding technology awareness advocacy award from the Ohio Society of CPAs for his work in the field. He and his wife, Christine, have a son, Jacoby.

Ted Ryan has worked within the commodity and derivative industry for the last 25 years. He’s a director of the Stonington Institute, an adult and adolescent substance abuse rehabilitation center in Connecticut. He and his wife, Catherine, have been married 17 years and have two children. They’ve lived for 13 years in Hawthorn Woods, a suburb northwest of Chicago. Very involved with his kid’s sporting activities, he coached his son’s baseball and softball teams the last seven years. “I continue to enjoy running as I did in high school,” he said. “I am working on my ninth marathon.” Commenting on two Columbus Marathons he ran, he said: “It was very exciting to run by St. Charles on mile two.” He added: “We (he and his wife) enjoy returning to Columbus and occasionally watching a St. Charles football game. Catherine and I look forward to retaining a residence in Columbus — perhaps when the kids enter college — so we can spend more time with family and friends.”

Mike Scheifer is self-employed as a CAD artist for commercial piping contractors. His wife, Teri, invented the name for the company: Bytes to Pipes. “Being self-employed has allowed me to begin to pursue what I have always thought was my vocation.” He planned to begin graduate school and hopes to become a licensed counselor and practice pastoral counsel-

ing, integrating spirituality and psychotherapy. “I will also be applying to enter the next permanent deaconate class in 2005.” He and Teri have been married for 23 years and have five children.

Mark Schirtzinger graduated from The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy in 1987 and worked for various retail pharmacy chains. After graduating he became interested in the stock market and traded stock indexes, and treasury and currency futures for nearly seven years. He volunteers as a co-facilitator for an intensive outpatient treatment program for the recovery from alcohol and drug addiction in the Dayton area. He and his wife, Beverley, were married in 1987 and have four children.

Steve Shea is founder of Xenontonville Tax Center in Westerville and Central Ohio Financial Consultants, LLC. Shea is involved in the Notre Dame Club of Columbus as a board member, treasurer, and membership committee chairman.

Bob Shook is owner of Advantage Supply & Services, Inc. in Columbus. Bob and his wife, Dana, have been married 18 years and have two children. He and his wife lead a home-based Bible study and are home group leaders at Xenos Christian Fellowship. “Still playing tennis three times a week; also enjoy darts and reading,” he said.

Steve Sims has worked for the Kroger Company for 25 years. He is based at the Maltown Road store in Westerville.

Doug Stein is director of development at St. Charles and services as senior advisor for donor relations at the Catholic Foundation. He spent 15 years at Ohio State as the advancement program director for the College of Pharmacy and two years as chief fundraiser at the Arthur G James Cancer Hospital and Richard J Solove Research Institute. He and his wife, Barbara, have been married 18 years and live in Westerville with their four children. Doug’s brother, Ray Stein, St. Charles ’77, last year was named sports editor of The Columbus Dispatch.

Ken Taylor has been serving as the co-host of The Screening Room with Debbie Matenopoulos on The TV Guide Channel. He began his career as a radio entertainment editor and reporter for several radio stations in Central Ohio and in Los Angeles. He later moved on to become a host for E! Entertainment Television’s E! News Daily where he provided celebrity information every day. Tay-

Military family
Kevin Hollyfield ’95 with his wife, Kalli, daughter Madison Mae and son Coltin Lee.

Bowl of nuts
Steve Fain ’83 (left), now living in Tempe, Ariz. attended this year’s Fiesta Bowl game with friends: Anisa Alhilali, a co-worker of his from Honeywell; Amy Koler, a surgeon from Lorain, Ohio; and Steve Meyer, also from Lorain and a former U. of Dayton football player. Fain also attended OSU’s 2003 national championship victory against the University of Miami.
Joe Wirthman runs the Wirthman Brothers Auto Parts Inc along with several other family members. For several years he served as the yard foreman there. After graduating from St Charles he went to work as a ranch hand for a friend of the family outside of Tombstone, Ariz. for three years. He then worked for a paper company in northern Arizona, and later a construction company cutting paths for logging roads in national forests.

He and his wife, Cindy, were married in 1981 and he later adopted Cindy's one year-old daughter, Gina, and moved back to Columbus in 1982. They live on five acres outside of Lithopolis. "I spend a lot of my free time taking care of my property, three dogs, two cats, two ducks, and a game-fish pond," Wirthman said. "My family and I enjoy attending my son's motorcross races all over the state of Ohio and as far away as Michigan and Florida. I also enjoy fishing — whenever I can. I am also an avid Buckeye fan."

Ray Zanon works for a site development construction company in Bowling Green, Ky. He earned a marketing degree from The Ohio State University and is employed in the sales in the construction-product industry. "I enjoy attending my son's football games and travelling as much as possible and to do anything that they request," Zanon said. "I was his class captain for the 2003-2004 Annual Fund."

1980
Dr. Jim Mackessy served as his class captain for the 2003-2004 Annual Fund.

1982
Chris Meacham was his class captain for the 2003-2004 Annual Fund.

1983
Joe Isbell and his wife, Rani, became proud parents of daughter Fiona Jude on Sept. 28, 2003.

1984
Shea and and his wife enjoy travelling as much as possible and he plays the guitar. "Last Easter, Carolyn and I got back into Columbus and got to meet up with Dave and Karen Lawler, Louis Pallay, Scott Schaefer, P.J. McMeesney, and Mark Batchock for a bit of a reunion," Shea said.

1981
Steven Meier served as the '80s decade captain for the 2003-2004 Annual Fund. He operates Cardinal Financial Advisors in Upper Arlington where he began a career in financial services in 1986. He is a certified financial planner, charter financial consultant, and an accredited estate planner. Meier earned a degree in biology from Denison University in 1985 where he was all-conference in track. He spent the next year teaching biology at St. Charles and coached cross country and track. He earned a masters degree in financial services in 1999 from the American College in Bryn Moor, Pa. Steve and his wife, Sally, have been married 16 years and live with their three sons in Upper Arlington. They are members of Our Lady of Victory Parish.

Paul Solomon works as a development engineer in the aerospace industry in Florida. He and his wife, Bobbie, were married in Mother of Mercy Chapel at St. Charles in 1992. She is a task force agent with the DEA and they have a daughter who is in the second grade at All Souls Catholic School in Sanford, Fla. What is DEA?"
Christopher P. Hill and his wife, Adrienne, welcomed their first child, Gabrielle Elizabeth, on Aug. 5, 2003.

Lt. John Brattain, U.S.N., completed the Navy’s prestigious TopGunn training in Fallon, Nev., last September. “I was lucky enough to make the very last TOPGUN class for F-14 guys and graduated this past fall,” he said. (The F-14s will be retired in several years and ‘replaced’ with F/A-18 E/F Super hornets, so now only F-18 aircrew have the opportunity to attend TOPGUN.) He currently teaches fighter tactics to fleet aircrew at the Naval Strike Fighter Weapons School Atlantic based in Virginia Beach.

Brattain graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1995 with a degree in history and a minor in Russian. He started naval flight school in the winter of 1996 in Pensacola, Florida flying the T-34 ‘Mentor’. ‘My first carrier landing was in August of 1998 in the Skyhawk on board the John F. Kennedy.’ He and his wife, Christina, were married that fall and moved to Virginia Beach to fly F-14 ‘Tomcats’.

His call sign is ‘BAM!’ which has nothing to do with television chef Emeril Lagassi!

Bennett Rockwell Bartz, St. Charles Class of 2017

Ohio University in 1998 and an MBA from Capital University in 2002. He worked for Turner Construction for several years as a construction engineer and superintendent on the Nationwide Arena project, the Ohio Stadium renovation and expansion, and various other projects. He lives in German Village and is a member of St. Mary Parish.

Ryan Wackerly is practicing law in Tucson. He received a bachelor’s degree from the Ohio State University in 1998 and his law degree from OSU in 2001. Ryan is married to Abbey (Cantrell), a Bishop Watterson graduate.

1994

Gabe Diana deployed to Kuwait and Iraq as part of Task Force Tarawa in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He led a rifle platoon in combat operations in An Nasarayah, Ad Diwaniyah, and An Numaniyah Iraq. His wife, Lauren, also a Marine officer, was deployed to Kuwait as part of the Marine Logistics Command. She had an opportunity to visit her husband in central Iraq last April. ‘My wife and I live on Emerald Isle NC, but unfortunately are always deployed and do not get to enjoy our home, which is located three blocks from the beach. I think often of my experiences at St Charles, and the lessons have served me well in very (difficult) situations.’

Jeff Dodd is working in Cincinnati, where he lives with his wife, Kristen, and son.

He earned a Series 7 license and has taken additional securities coursework. Kristen is involved in the local BackStage Theater and has convinced Jeff to participate on a regular basis. “I actually enjoy the experience immensely. It is a great medium for relieving the stress of everyday life,” he said.

Chris Kazor served as his class captain for the 2003-2004 Annual Fund.

1991

Brandon Belli was as his class captain for the 2003–2004 Annual Fund.

Happy Couple

Adam Saad ’96 married his Indiana University sweetheart, Jessica Chastain, on Oct. 4, 2003 at St. Josaphat Church in Chicago.

Train,” he said. “I traversed 2167 miles (Georgia to Maine) in five months and one day, summing Mt Katahdin with two other Car- dinals (Jon Mess ’93 and brother Luke Mess ’00) on my birthday just three days prior to Sept 11th.”

Alex Loehrer served as his class captain for the 2003-2004 Annual Fund.

James Mulligan lives in the Czech Republic city of Prague where he works in the theatre and teaches. After graduating from St. Charles, he earned a fine arts degree in theatre at Emerson College in Boston. He moved to San Francisco and went to work for the American Conservatory Theatre, before moving to Prague last year.

Jeff Park is a project engineer for the Gilbane Construction Management Company. He works in Cleveland and is a 2001 graduate of the University of Cincinnati.

All in the family

Freshman Grant Highley (l) was joined by his brothers, Luke and Clint at the alumni hockey game during the Christmas break. Luke is a 7th grader at St. Andrew’s and Clint, who attended St. Charles for three years, is playing Junior-A hockey for the Greenville Glades. Behind the trio is Eric O’Brien ’03, a freshman lacrosse player at The Ohio State University.
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Alumni Notes

1995
Matt Baehr served as his class captain for the 2003–2004 Annual Fund.

Kevin Holleyfield joined the U. S. Air Force in July 1995 and has served at several Air Force bases around the world. Since being reassigned to Minot AFB in North Dakota in 2001, he’s been deployed in support of Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and ANAconda in Afghanistan, and IRAQI FREEDOM. He will serve for a year at Osan Air Base in South Korea to work on the F-16 Fighting Falcon and then rejoin his family in Minot in February 2005. Holleyfield then will go to Lakenheath RAFB, United Kingdom for four years to work on the F-15E Strike Eagle. “From Lakenheath we hope to move to Aviano AB, Italy, but that is just a hope at this time,” he said.

After basic training Holleyfield was reassigned to Sheppard AFB, Wichita Falls, Tex. for three months of aircraft armament systems technical school. He graduated at the top of his class with full honors. Upon graduation he was assigned to Kadena Air Base (AB), Okinawa, Japan from where he was deployed twice to Prince Sultan Air Base, Al Kharj, Saudi Arabia in support of Operation SOUTHERN WATCH.

He is married to Kalli and they have two children, both born in Okinawa, Japan and old enough they were born at the same hospital where his father worked when he was assigned to a holding company during the Vietnam war. He’s an active youth sports association coach, and member of Knights of Columbus Council 9839. “Mostly I try to spend my free time with my family since I spend enough away to perform my duties,” he said. “This next year will be the toughest since I have to serve my assignment in South Korea alone but I know I will come out the better for having done this tour.”

1996
Mike Giasi served as his class captain for the 2003–2004 Annual Fund.

Pat Wackerly graduated Summa Cum Laude from Notre Dame in 2000, spent a year of graduate school (in theater) at Yale, and is now applying to law schools. He’s married to Elaine Bonifield, (Notre Dame University ’00 and Yale University ’03) and lives in New Haven, Conn.

Lars Mahler invites his classmates and friends to contact him at his e-mail address: larsmahler@yahoo.com.

Adam Saad married Jessica Chastain on Oct. 4, 2003 at St. Joseph Church in Chicago.

Corey Todd lives in West Lafayette, Ind. and is the head lab technician at Patriot Engineering and Environmental. He received a degree in geology from Ohio University in 2001. In his spare time he helps support his girlfriend, Carrie Davis, in achieving her doctorate in geology at Purdue University. Corey is also a member of the Bach Chorale Singers, the premier community choir in the Greater Lafayette area.

In his free time he enjoys spending time with friends and restoring classic muscle cars. Commenting about St. Charles, he said: “I can’t believe all of the changes that has been done to the school in the past five years!”

Greg Park graduated Magna Cum Laude from Case Western Reserve University last May with degrees in philosophy and psychology (with honors). He’s a research assistant in Case Western Reserve’s psychology department.

Kyle Scholl is majoring in zoology at The Ohio State University. He plans to get his degree and join the OSU police department. Eventually, he would like to return to school for a degree in wildlife management and become a park ranger.

Scholl is a member of TDBBITL (The Best Damn Band In The Land – the OSU marching band). He will be going into his fourth year as an active band member and his second term as vice president of Kappa Kappa Psi, the national honorary band fraternity. He works as a student supervisor in the OSU transportation department on campus.

Scholl supervises campus buses and coordinates all student related issues, such as, but not limited to, payroll and schedules. “I also participate in the Athletic Band at Ohio State, which is different from the Marching Band,” Scholl said. “This band plays at men’s and women’s basketball games and men’s ice hockey games, and includes woodwinds unlike the Marching Band,” he said.

2001
Andrew Boyle, a short-stick defender on the Syracuse University lacrosse team, was named scholar athlete of the week on Feb. 9, 2004. Majoring in finance, he also was named to the athletic director’s honor roll during the fall and spring semesters in 2003. Boyle last year played in six lacrosse games and tallied his first career assist against Princeton in the NCAA quarterfinals. He played football and lacrosse all four years at St. Charles. In lacrosse he was first-team all-Ohio in 1999, 2000 and 2001 and was team captain his junior and senior seasons.

A bridge from the past
James Visintine ’59 passed away in May of 2003, but he left behind a work of love that continues on for others to appreciate and treasure for years to come.

For two years he worked to move an old covered bridge near his home in Fairfield County, Ohio, and restore it on his property. Using old-fashioned tools and his bare hands, plus knowledge and experience gained from his family’s bridge-building business, Visintine reworked the old timbers and restored a segment of Americana.

Visintine and his wife, Susan, moved in the early ’60s from Powell, Ohio, to a 10-acre plot on Tollgate Road in Pickerington. An old boy scout bridge that crossed the creek that ran in front of the property needed to be replaced.

Nearby was a covered bridge that had been damaged by an oversized truck. Visintine bought the bridge from the township for $1 and set forth one winter to dismantle the structure piece by piece by hand. After carting the salvaged material to his property, he discovered there wasn’t enough for his bridge rebuilding project.

But nearby was another covered bridge – well known as the Hizey Bridge – which was built in 1891 and was then closed to traffic. “Evidently the State of Ohio loved covered bridges,” Susan said, “but hated them for traffic.”

Visintine set to work by having steel pilings sunk into the creek bed to support structure. Then he, his son, and son’s friend set to work. “They put a brand new roof and siding on the structure,” Susan said. “The beams are original, and so is the gable,” she added. Once, while working alone on the bridge rafters, Visintine fell and broke his wrist, three ribs, and a tibia. He managed to get back to his truck where his son found him. He was

Pretty as a postcard
This image graces a postcard featuring the covered bridge restored by James Visintine ’59.
taken to the hospital but was back at work the next Monday.

When he had completed his project, Visintine planned to place on the bridge’s gable the name of James W. Buchanan, the original builder, “I blew my stack,” Susan said. After rebuilding the bridge, she felt her husband deserved to have his name on it. Tradition dies hard. Because of its original location on Hizey Rd, that name stuck. It’s now the Hizey-Visintine Bridge.

Visintine’s work won recognition in the article, Covered Bridges of Ohio that appeared days before his death in the May 2003 edition of The World & I magazine. The article reviewed the history of Ohio’s historic covered bridges, many of which have been lost because of indifference and neglect.

Many of Ohio’s covered bridges have been bypassed or moved to parks, county fairgrounds, and college campuses. “Some have been rehabilitated at great cost, as they are truly treasures of the past that cannot be duplicated,” Bridges author Jeanne Conte wrote.

When working on her story about Ohio’s covered bridges, Conte, a photo journalist, contacted the Visintines and said she’d like to produce a postcard of their bridge and include it in her article.

Sadly, Visintine, who was a very stoic person, his wife recalled, had just a short time to live. As it turned out, he had lung cancer. “It was quite a shock when (May 6, 2003) I was told,” Susan said. “He was dead a week later.” It was 12 days after their 38th wedding anniversary and his ashes were spread over the bridge and the property.

His wife said her husband saw the postcard before he died and was looking forward to seeing the article. Copies of the article arrived the day of his funeral. As it turned out, Conte, the writer, held them in her hands when she visited the funeral home. Susan didn’t read the article until long after her husband’s funeral. The account is as follows:

“An interesting restoration is the Hizey-Visintine covered bridge in Fairfield, County Ohio, built in 1891 by James Buchanan and moved and rebuilt in 1991 by its new owner, James Visintine. The old bridge sagged a little (Buchanan always built camber into his bridges, tuning them like violins.) Visintine moved it piece by piece, rebuilding it over Sycamore Creek on his property. He worked with simple tools and replaced broken timbers with those of like kind.”

“It’s just beautiful. To sit on the hill and look down on this covered bridge, which is a dark walnut color, it all blends in to the surroundings...There is so much peace and serenity out here.”

According to the story, more than 5,000 wooden truss-covered bridges were built in Ohio, but only 140 remain today. As people traveled West by horse and wagon through Ohio, there were many streams, rivers, and canals to cross. Many bridges were lost to the ravages of weather, the Civil War, and neglect.

Visintine’s family owned a company that was in the bridge and road building business. “It was in his blood”, Susan said for his whole life he only worked for his family and also built garages.”

The Visintines attended his St. Charles class reunions. He was good friends with ’59 classmates Dave Dorward, Bob Moses, and Joe Conie.

Moses, remembered Jim as “a real intense exterior, but underneath he was a real sweet person. He was just a guy you could count on.” They knew each other from early grade school together at St. Christopher on through St. Charles. “I was sure glad to see him at the reunions and talk with him. He was just a nice person,” Moses said. “He and Father Haluska (St. Charles’ Dean of Discipline at the time) were pretty good friends.” “They knew each other well,” he joked.

Dorward said that “Jim was a very, very tough and rugged guy. He had a voice that absolutely boomed! At all the football and basketball games he led all the cheers without the megaphone. He’d really got excited and into it,” he said.

Conie and Visintine attended school together from third grade until graduating from St. Charles. They would see each other for many years after when Visintine visited his parents in Grandview for the Fourth of July parade. Connie lived nearby in the neighborhood, so they’d get together and have a couple beers afterwards.

“We thought the world of the priests who at St. Charles and all the guys we met. That was the best thing that happened to us,” Conie said.

In her article, Conte says the covered bridges in Ohio are “truly treasures of the past that cannot be duplicated.” Friends might consider James Visintine the same way.
Ethan Dicks has a pretty good reason for not making his class’ 20-year reunion this July.

He’ll be wintering at the South Pole, doing astrophysics research for the University of Wisconsin running AMANDA, the Antarctic Muon and Neutrino Detector Array. What’s more, the station he works and lives at is closed from mid-February through late October. No planes, no mail, no anything…in or out.

So how did a St. Charles graduate end up in one of the world’s most inhospitable places? He says it was his experience in computers, going back to his sophomore year at St. Charles when he started computer programming for money. “Not the background you expect for an astrophysics researcher,” he said.

He earned a degree in history from The Ohio State University in 1989, including a summer at New College, Oxford and two seasons of archaeology in Greece. His career has encompassed system administration, software design, hardware and software maintenance, and more.

For this job, the University of Wisconsin was largely interested in his networking, software development and Linux experience. He said they were willing take someone who was technically savvy and train them on the physics required, and on the theory and operation of the detector itself.

He said it has been a great opportun-
invocation.

Pirik has worked at the courthouse for almost 20 years, most recently as chief of staff to his predecessor, Paul M. Herbert. Pirik was appointed to fill the remaining two years of Herbert’s term after he was elected a Franklin County Municipal Court judge.

In addition to his courthouse duties, Pirik is the countywide chairman for Operation Feed, a coordinator for Red Cross blood drives, a member of Charity Newsies and the Agonis Club, and is an usher at Our Lady of Victory Church.

A 1981 political science graduate from The Ohio State University, Pirik earned a masters in public policy from OSU 10 years later. He and his wife, Chrisitne, have been married almost 20 years and have three children.

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Grad notes 60 years as priest
By Louis V. Fabro '49

“I always was in trouble,” Msgr. Paul Metzger confessed, with perhaps a touch of exaggeration, in summing up his eight years at St. Charles in a phone interview from his home in Middletown, Ohio, where he lived most of his grade school years. He’s a 1935 graduate of St. Charles Prep and 1939 grad of the former St. Charles College-Seminary. Metzger said Leo Wangler, Class of 1930, steered him to St. Charles.

He lived all eight years at St. Charles, as did many out-of-town students when the school had dormitory and rooming facilities. He was called out of class many times, he said, to drive Msgr. Joseph A. Weigand, the school’s first rector, to various destinations in his Franklin automobile.

As did his college classmates – Msgrs. Lawrence J. Corcoran, Michael “Andy” Nugent, and Robert R. Schmidt – Msgr. Metzger last spring celebrated the 60th anniversary of his 1943 ordination to the priesthood. While their celebration was at Holy Cross Church in Columbus, Metzger’s was at Holy Family Church in Middletown. Metzger has celebrated daily and weekend Masses there for the past six years.

Msgr. Metzger was separated from his St. Charles classmates in 1944 when 13 eastern counties of the Columbus Diocese were incorporated in the newly-formed Steubenville Diocese. At the time, he was in his first priestly assignment as pastor of St. Mary Church in Pine Grove, which is about nine miles from Ironton. The late Father Peter Sartori, a 1932 St. Charles Prep grad, also wound up in the Steubenville Diocese.

During his priestly career, Msgr. Metzger was diocesan director of charities for 18 years, and served as pastor of St. Joseph Church in Bridgeport and St. John Church in Belleira where he was kept very busy running both St. John elementary and high schools with a total of some 1,200 students.

He retired in 1985 but continued as a social administrator for Belmont County and later in Akron where he worked for five years. He later took on priestly assignments in St. Clairsville and Dillonvale. In addition, he served on many education and financial boards and held memberships in many fraternal groups.

Among his many activities in the Middletown community, Msgr. Metzger is chaplain of the parish and district units of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Middletown Knights of Columbus. He said “my years as a priest have been most wonderful and rewarding” and that he was glad he chose St. Charles. He reports that he is “very healthy.” Although 87, he still mows his own lawn and the next-door lawn of his cousin, Sister Bridget Cottle. Another cousin, Peggy Cottle, shares his home.

Video award for “God”
Steve McVey ’76 won the Bronze Plaque award from the Columbus International Film and Video Festival last November for his production of a religious video entitled “The Existence of God.”

McVey finds time to experiment with the use of the internet to make videos available via “streaming video.” Anyone interested in his work can, by using high speed internet access, see portions of the video (free) by visiting his website at www.faithvideos.com. He invites you to use the email button and send him a note.

Creating videos is a hobby for McVey. He’s now working with one of the dioceses in Massachusetts to create several more videos. In his professional life McVey is a certified project manager for IBM. He currently is working in his company’s quality assurance operation.

McVey graduated from The Ohio State University, moved to Cleveland, and spent seven years working for a bank in its information technology department. After a brief stay at a small startup company that didn’t work out, he joined IBM and has been with them 16 years. During that time he’s moved seven times, once living in Buenos Aires, Argentina for 18 months.

“St. Charles,” he said, “integrated faith and life for me.” It provided him with an environment, he said, “where I found encouragement. St. Charles showed me that worthwhile dreams can become realities with hard work and the help of friends and family.”

Steve and his wife, Barbara, have been married for 20 years, have two children, and live in Milford, Mass.
Father Jackson was a talented teacher; led St. Charles during revival years

by Louis V. Fabro ’49

“As a teacher, Father Jackson had the unique ability – the gift – to break open the mystery of what he was teaching and to make it understandable,” Bishop James A. Griffin commented in his closing remarks at the funeral Mass he celebrated in December for Father Charles A. Jackson at Our Lady of Victory Church. Father Jackson, who died Dec. 15, “spent 23 years in the classroom as a teacher,” noted Msgr. William A. Dunn in his homily. “Students consistently rated him as a demanding – but witty – teacher. His religion classes were alive.” Among subjects Jackson taught in college and high school were Latin, Greek, scripture, and theology.

Msgr. Dunn described Jackson as a “renaisance man” with wide interests. “He knew and loved theater,” Dunn said. He was a movie fan, too, and during his high school years at Cleveland Cathedral Latin became a devoted opera buff. Father Jackson was able to make good use of his knowledge of theater when in 1965 he was given charge of the drama department at St. Charles College. He directed a half dozen plays, including Murder in the Cathedral, Oliver, and Luther.

He was an accomplished cook, who loved pasta but disliked chicken and turkey, Dunn noted. Being a Cleveland native, Charlie Jackson was a dedicated fan of the Cleveland Browns and Indians, both currently in need of special assistance, Dunn observed. In his homily he described possible heavenly intervention that led to the call-up of Father Jackson to seek the special assistance his favorite teams needed. (Displayed in Jackson’s casket before Mass was a Cleveland Indians cap.)

Father Jackson began his teaching career in 1963 when he was named a professor at the former St. Charles College where he remained until it was closed in 1969. He returned to teaching in 1971 when he was appointed principal of St. Charles Prep, a position he held until 1976.

Jackson served as St. Charles principal at a very difficult time in the school’s history. It had been reopened in 1969 as a college prep school after being restricted for four years (1965-69) as a seminary prep open only to boys who were interested in vocations as priests. The seminary prep effort failed, as evidenced, among other things, by school enrollment collapsing to 69 in the 1968-69 school year. (Enrollment now hovers near 590.)

Dunn in an interview said that Father Jackson “had a very significant role in reviving St. Charles.” Qualities that helped him, he said, “were very good people and management skills and an ability to quickly analyze balance sheets. While he was stern and commanding, he had great rapport with students.”

Among challenges Jackson had to confront as principal were lukewarm support for St. Charles from the diocesan establishment, pressure from various factions to close the school, and hostile alumni who were still embittered about the years when St. Charles enrollment was restricted.

There was vigorous opposition to the re-admission of St. Charles to the Central Catholic League. As a result, Msgr. Dunn pointed out, St. Charles had great difficulty scheduling games for its athletic teams. Cardinal teams had to travel frequently – and far – to play games. Not exactly a sports fan himself, Dunn said he discovered a great variety of gyms gallivanting all over Ohio with St. Charles teams.

In the face of often bitter opposition of member schools, Dunn said Father Jackson campaigned vigorously for readmission to the CCL, of which St. Charles was an original member. He eventually succeeded with support of several league coaches and others.

As did other Catholic school administrators, Dunn said, Jackson had to find qualified teachers to replace departing priests and sisters. (Holdover St. Charles priest teachers in 1969 included Fathers F. Thomas Gallen, Thomas M. Bennett, Roger A. Emmert, Ralph J. Huntzinger, and Dunn. Father Daniel A. Pallay joined the staff a year later.) Another daunting task was generating enough tuition income to pay higher lay teacher salaries and growing facility and equipment costs.

Among lay teachers Jackson hired were Dominic J. Cavello, Class of ’64, and Jerry M. Connor. Cavello was assigned to handle student discipline as well as teach. He remains a St. Charles teacher and since 1985 has been the school’s principal.

Connor, a former DeSales coach and graduate of former Rosary High School, was named athletic director in charge of rebuilding the school’s athletic program and to coach.

To rebuild enrollment, Father Jackson launched a strong student recruitment program that featured visits to diocesan grade schools. A key recruiting tool was a slide presentation assembled and narrated by veteran WBNS radio newscaster Don Smith, a 1938 St. Charles graduate who then was chairman of the St. Charles advisory board.

Jackson began a serious effort to raise money for scholarships, expanded and energized the advisory board, introduced social activities to help attract more students, and worked to win back alienated alumni. He revitalized the alumni association, which had become dormant when the school became a seminary prep, and organized the tedious effort to rebuild the alumni mailing list, which had become terribly outdated.

To provide needed support in his efforts, Jackson relied upon his faculty members, the advisory board, and various alumni and parents of students. Upon leaving St. Charles, Jackson was appointed co-pastor of St. Andrew Parish in 1976 and served as pastor of Newark St. Francis (1977-82) and at Hilliard St. Brendan (1982-93).

After 17 years of pastoral duties, Bishop Griffin noted, “Father Jackson was eager to return to teaching.” He spent his last 10 years as a professor in the College of Liberal Arts at the Pontifical College Josephinum where he taught classical languages. Other duties included aca-
In Memoriam

Father Jackson earned his B.A. degree in philosophy from St. Charles College in 1957, won bachelor’s and licentiate degrees in theology at the Pontifical Gregorian College and was ordained Dec. 18, 1960, at the North American College, both in Rome.

A very learned man, Jackson gained a masters degree from The Ohio State University, took counseling courses at the University of California, and library science courses at Ohio Dominican University. His first priestly assignment was associate pastor at Columbus Holy Name Parish after his return from Rome in 1961.

Father James W. Jones was born in Chillicothe, a Catholic convert and the first black priest ordained for the Columbus Diocese, died last Feb. 28 at 74 years of age. He was ordained in 1969 at the age of 39.

Noted for being very down to earth — much like the proverbial “common man” — Jones once confessed at a Good Friday service at St. Joseph Cathedral that he was disappointed for not having had an “audacious” ministry.

Harking back to that somewhat surprising comment, Father Stanley Benecki in his homily at Father Jones’ funeral noted that in his career Jones had been “a soldier (he enlisted in the air force when he was 17), a professional jazz pianist, a Carthusian monk, a teacher, a hospital chaplain, a pastor, and a prison chaplain. How did he fit it into 74 years?” he exclaimed.

Born in Chillicothe, Jones’ priestly career included assistant pastor at St. Joseph Cathedral and pastor at St. Dominic Church, associate pastor at Sacred Heart Church, chaplain at Franklin County Jail and St. Ann and Doctors Hospital North, and he taught religion at the former St. Joseph Academy.

In addition to his many pastoral assignments, Cadden served as diocesan vicar for Catholic Charities and Social Concerns, was Cum Christo spiritual director and served as chaplain at St. Ann’s Hospital, St. Raphael’s Home for the Aged, and St. Rita Nursing Home. He served on the boards of many social service agencies and worked directly with several, including St. Lawrence Haven, JOIN, and St. John’s Community Kitchen.

Father Cadden pursued social service mission

Father Thomas J. Cadden was a restless exponent of the corporal works of mercy. Or as Father Donald E. Franks said as he began his homily at Father Cadden’s funeral: “he had a special mission for the poor and vulnerable — the disenfranchised, the lost and forsaken…”

Cadden died March 7 after his car veered off the road in Madison County and struck two trees. He was driving to Plain City to celebrate Sunday morning Mass at St. Joseph Church there. Conscious after the accident, he reportedly apologized to the homeowner for damage caused to his tree. He died several hours later at Grant Hospital.

Born in Chillicothe, Father Cadden was a 1952 graduate of St. Charles College, where he later taught philosophy. He was ordained Aug. 27, 1955, in Mother of Mercy Chapel at St. Charles. He was ordained a year early — a full year ahead of his class by virtue of being appointed prefect in his last year at Mt. St. Mary’s of the West Seminary in Cincinnati where he completed his studies.

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Commenting at the close of the funeral Mass he had celebrated for Father Cadden at St. Joseph Cathedral, Bishop James A. Griffin said Cadden “gave his life to serve his brother and sister…he helped all of us in our community…with shelter for the homeless and assistance to the needy and sick. Far more important,” the Bishop continued, “his service was fueled by his faith…”

Father Cadden in 1988 was presented The Columbus Dispatch Service Award and the Governor’s Award for Humanitarian Services.

Grateful alumnus gave back to school

Dr. Dominic Francisco, Class of 1956, passed away April 22, 2003 in St. Louis at the age of 63 after fighting pancreatic cancer for the last 19 months of his life.

He continued seeing patients at his office despite his affliction and the ordeal of chemotherapy and radiation treatments. “He was the bravest soul there ever could be,” his wife, Irene said. “He still wanted to practice.” They were married nearly 40 years and raised five sons, all who attended St. Louis Priory, an all-male high school run by Benedictine monks.

Irene said her husband talked about how “St. Charles gave a firm education.” She said he was determined every year to send a gift to the school because he was so grateful for all that the school had done for him.

One of his best friends was Msgr. Michael L. Donovan, a classmate who died in 1994. Another was Bob Ferris, who died in the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center in 2001, and who visited the Francisco home once during a trip through St. Louis. Francisco made a gift to the Robert Ferris Endowment at St. Charles to honor his classmate and friend.

Proud parents
Dominic and Irene Francisco at their son, Greg’s graduation from medical school.

Elaine Casey DiSalvo (c) presents librarian Antoinette Koontz with a collection of books for the Holy Angels Library at St. Charles. The books are from her late father, Daniel J. Casey, (inset) who was in the first (1927) graduation class at St. Charles.
Francisco graduated from The Ohio State University in 1960 and four years later from St. Louis University Medical School he began his residency in radiology. He was drafted in the army in 1966 and served in Vietnam. Francisco returned to St. Louis, completed his residency, and in 1969 began his lifetime private practice of radiology.

First grad with pro contract
Page Heise, Class of 1946, is believed to be the first St. Charles graduate to sign a professional baseball contract. He died March 5 at the age of 76. Mass of Christian burial was celebrated for him at Christ the King Church. Concluding a eulogy on behalf of his family, son James Heise placed a new baseball on his father’s casket and called out baseball’s familiar signal for action: “Play Ball!”

A superb baseball player, Heise was the first of many standout pitchers who helped make St. Charles a perennial baseball power under Coach Jack Ryan through the mid-1960s. Don Kelley ’47, a high school teammate, remembered Heise threw a “terrific sinker.”

Heise went to Milwaukee shortly after graduation to join the Triple-A Milwaukee Brewers which had signed him to a contract. An injury, unfortunately, suffered on the playing field, cut short his career. Heise is survived by his wife of 55 years, Mary Ann, five daughters—all named Mary but with different middle names—and four sons.

Former Carolian, Times editor was brilliant
By Louis V. Fabro ’49

Michael E. Collins ’56

After 42 years as writer-editor for The Catholic Times, Mike Collins, St. Charles Class of 1956, looked forward to retirement. It would be a time free of schedules and deadlines—a time for his consuming love of reading. It would be a time to use his newly purchased computer to explore the internet with its inexhaustible sources of information. And it would be a time for him to accept writing invitations from favorite organizations.

Many friends and associates joined Mike for a joyous luncheon party at the diocesan office at 197 E. Gay St. on Jan. 30, his last day at the Times, to celebrate his retirement. But on Feb. 11, only 12 days later, the earthly life of Michael E. Collins came to an abrupt end.

Appropriately, the shortness of life was the opening theme of Msgr. James L. T. Ruef’s homily during the Mass of Christian Burial at Holy Name Church in Columbus where Collins had been a lifetime member. Noting that many Scripture passages remind us of the brevity of life. Msgr. Ruef recalled the words of another priest who said “no matter how long we live, life will always seem short to us.”

One could be philosophical about Mike’s aborted retirement plans and point out that he doesn’t have to plow through mountains of books for enjoyment. And he doesn’t have to go through the tedious—and sometimes frustrating—task of searching the internet for information and be concerned about potential viruses or possible computer glitches and crashes. That practical observation likely would have brought a smile to his face.

Upon retirement, Collins completed a 42-year career as a writer-editor for The Catholic Times, official newspaper of the Catholic Diocese of Columbus.

Collins served five bishops, all publishers of the newspaper: Clarence G. Issenmann, John J. Carberry (later elevated to Cardinal), Clarence E. Elwell, Edward J. Herrmann, and James A. Griffin. He worked for several years with a future bishop, Father George A. Fulcher when he was editor of the Times. (A 1940 graduate of St Charles Prep and 1944 grad of St. Charles College, Fulcher was consecrated auxiliary bishop of Columbus in 1976 and bishop of the Lafayette, Ind., diocese in 1983.)

Well known for his encyclopedic knowledge, many who knew Collins remarked that he seemed to know something about almost everything and, what he didn’t know, had a knack for finding the necessary information. His knowledge served him well; he was a National Merit scholarship winner the first year (1956) that award was made available. He used that scholarship to attend MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) before transferring to The Ohio State University where he majored in English.

Collins got a taste for journalism as editor of the Carolian, the student newspaper at St. Charles. He worked on the Newman Society newspaper at MIT and joined the Times as a staff writer in 1962. He rose to news editor in 1966 and a few years later to editor, a position he held for 25 years. He was consulting editor his last nine years with the newspaper.

One of Collins’ notable achievements was membership in Mensa, an international society for people who have exceptionally high IQs. Reportedly, only 100,000 have membership in the 100 countries that have Mensa chapters.

Among his memberships, Collins belonged to the Knights of Columbus, the former Press Club of Ohio, St. Vincent de Paul Society, the Catholic Press Association, and the Central Ohio Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ). He served as SPJ chapter president for nearly two years; only three others—two of them former chief editors of Columbus daily newspapers were presidents more than one year in that society’s 55-year history.

St. Charles community loses good friend

Joan (Kappes) O’Leary Smith passed away Feb. 6, 2004 at St. Raphael Home for the Aged in Columbus. She and her family have been members of the St. Charles community all the way back to the school’s third year of operation (1925-26).

Her second husband was John Smith, president of the St. Charles Class of 1929 who that year captained the school’s first championship basketball team and later served as a head coach. Both of Mrs. Smith’s brothers, Fr. Francis Kappes and Msgr. William E. Kappes graduated from St. Charles College in 1937 and 1938, respectively.

Smith’s children include; Tom O’Leary, a 1964 St. Charles graduate and current Advisory Board member; Peggy O’Leary Bennett; and Beth O’Leary Howard, who is married to 1958 St. Charles graduate and current Advisory Board member, Matt Howard. She is also survived by her stepson in-law Bob Albert, a 1949 St. Charles alumnus.
Paul Gallo took great pride in St. Charles

O. Paul Gallo “took great pride in going St. Charles,” his brother, Bo, said in a telephone interview. His affection for the school continued long after his graduation in 1936. He died Nov. 14 after an extended illness.

No matter the weather conditions, Bo added, Paul walked every day to and from St. Charles from his home at Mound and Oakwood in St. John the Evangelist Parish. That was a hike to school of about four miles each way. Illustrating his enthusiasm for his school, Paul never missed class.

Because of the Great Depression, most families during the 1930s had very little money—none for school tuition. “Money was so scarce,” Paul said in an interview for the St. Charles history published in 2000—perhaps with a little exaggeration—“that St. Charles had only two footballs—one for the game.” Even though St. Charles tuition then was only $50 a year, that was a small fortune and beyond the reach of many parents. Paul’s tuition was paid for by Msgr. Ed Murphy, who taught at St. Charles (1927-36).

(Many St. Charles students—and, for that matter, students at other Catholic schools during the depression—had tuition paid for by non-family members, often through the intervention of pastors. Among those who were helped were the four Fulcher brothers, including George A. Fulcher, a 1940 St. Charles graduate who went on to the priesthood and consecrated a bishop.)

A memory that Paul shared in his interview for the St. Charles history book was the excitement generated when the Notre Dame football team in 1935 practiced, ate, and stayed overnight at St. Charles before its first-ever game with Ohio State. (There’s a film clip of Notre Dame’s team stay at St. Charles in the school archives.) Many people, he said, “tried to make the game a religious confrontation—the Catholics against the Protestants. Heck, most of Ohio State’s starting team were Catholics,” he said. So was the Buckeyes’ coach, Francis A. Schmidt, who was noted for his razzle-dazzle offense.

Both teams went into the game unbeaten. Ohio State was touted as a potential national champion. The Buckeyes dominated the game and went into the last quarter leading 13-0. Notre Dame rallied and closed the gap to 13-12 with two minutes left in the game. With the game all but lost, the Irish recovered a fumble near midfield, and with 30 seconds left, completed a pass for the winning touchdown. Final score: Notre Dame 18, Ohio State 13. The Ohio State Stadium was stunned into silence and the game remains as a milestone event in OSU football sports annals.

Paul Gallo continued to hold St. Charles dear to his heart long after his graduation. He demonstrated his affection by heading several school projects. For example, he organized the first reunion of his class, started a successful fund-raising campaign to build the first Alumni Memorial Gateway from Broad Street to the school, and chaired the committee that revived the school’s alumni association in the late 1940s.

The gateway, constructed in 1948 at a cost of $2,500 raised by the alumni, remained for more than a half century at the Broad Street entrance to St. Charles. (It was rebuilt a few times when damaged.) Simple in design, the gateway consisted of two monuments bearing the St. Charles name, one on each side of the driveway, flanked by brick walls and topped by large Florentine-style lamps. This gateway was replaced by a new and larger entrance that was built in 2003 during extensive renovation of the Broad Street side of the St. Charles campus.

Paul Gallo helped organize and headed the effort to resurrect the school’s alumni association in 1948. Because of travel restrictions and gasoline rationing caused by World War II, the last alumni gathering had been held in 1941, about a month before the United States was jolted into the war by the Dec. 7 surprise attack on Pearl Harbor.

The annual alumni meeting actually was an outgrowth of a yearly dinner that Bishop James J. Hartley, founder of St. Charles, initially held on Thanksgiving eve at St. Charles for all the priests of the diocese to thank them for their work. Bishop Hartley later invited the alumni to that annual event before it was suspended in 1941.

With the help of Paul Gallo and others, the alumni association was reborn in 1948 and continued to function into the 1960s. The group resumed the Thanksgiving tradition by holding an annual banquet during that week. A highlight of the evening was an address by a prominent speaker. Cleveland Browns star, Lou “The Toe” Groza, was one notable speaker. Another was Ken Coleman, then a well-known play-by-play radio announcer for the old Cleveland Browns.

Described as a “good people person” who got involved, Paul Gallo was a member of the Dublin Kiwanis Club, that was instrumental in establishing the annual Dublin frog jumping contest (which brings to mind the humorous Mark Twain story, The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calveras County).

Similarly, Paul helped establish, with his Kiwanis buddies, Dublin’s ever-growing St. Patrick’s Day celebration—very appropriate for a town with the name of Dublin.

Generous with his time and talent, Paul was gifted with an excellent tenor voice. He sang in various choirs, including St. Patrick’s in Columbus and with another when he lived in Cincinnati, and participated in various amateur entertainment groups as a singer and dancer.

His willingness to share his singing talent included participation with Zivili, a traveling entertainment troupe of singers and dancers that was based at the Creation Lodge on Reeb Avenue in the South End of Columbus. So Paul could sing Creation songs, his wife, Mary, transcribed the song words phonetically, because, she explained, “Creation words are hard to pronounce for people who don’t know the language.” She does. Thanks to his wife’s help, Paul was able to sing like a native—and a good time was had by all.

Paul Gallo entered the army at the outset of World War II, went to officers candidate school, transferred to the army air force, and rose to captain. He and Mary had seven children. For most of his working career, he was with the O.P. Gallo company, now a formal wear concern founded by his father as a tailoring business in 1908.

A man who was generous with his time and talent in life, Paul in death shared his body by having it donated to The Ohio State University medical school. A memorial Mass was offered for him at St. Brendan the Navigator Church.
Annual Fund Update

After three years of inactivity because of the capital campaign, the St. Charles Annual Fund has made a triumphant return! This year’s appeal, which was led by alumni chair Dr. Tom Ryan ’58, and parent chairs Mike and Marcia Ketyl, surpassed by mid-February its $350,000 goal. By March 10, it reached an all-time Annual Fund record of $401,000. More than 30 St. Charles alumni worked on the drive. They served as decade captains and class captains, and called on classmates, fellow parents and longtime St. Charles friends seeking their support.

An innovated wrinkle in this year’s appeal was an automated outbound telephone message from each alumni class captain to classmates and fellow parents. The adjacent photos feature a few of our Annual Fund decade and class captains.

When the call goes out seeking support for the next Annual Fund, please consider a gift to St. Charles. As we close this year’s drive, I wish to give special thanks to our 2000-2001 Annual Fund chairman emeritus, Matt Howard ’58, who developed a highly effective volunteer network three years ago that netted a then-all-time record $343,000.

Class Reunion Giving

Several St. Charles classes made special statements of financial support as part of their class reunions in 2003. As reported in the fall issue of the Cardinal, the Class of 1963 raised $6,200 for a new endowment, the Class of 1963 Alumni Memorial Fund, in observance of its 40-year reunion. Special thanks to reunion host Bob Walter, and committee members Bob Cull, John Connor, Bob Mottet, Jim Saad, and Joe Sabino. The Class of 1968 raised $5,500 to celebrate its 35-year reunion. Special thanks to class captain Paul Mahler for coordinating pledges and gifts. The 1983 Class raised $7,500 as part of its 20-year reunion last September. Special thanks to class captain Tim Rankin for handling pledges and gifts. The Class of 1978, which celebrated its 25-year reunion last September, established a new endowment at St. Charles, the Class of 1978 Fund. Pledges and gifts for the new fund now total $20,000.

New Endowments

Honor Carolinians

St. Charles announces the establishment of The John W. Brown ’51 Memorial Fund as part of the St. Charles Endowment. The endowment fund honors John W. Brown, a 1951 St. Charles graduate who died last June 12 at the age of 70. He is survived by his daughter, Debra B. Parker (Jim) of Falmouth, Me.; sons David A. (Shareen) and Scott; their mother, Sandy of Columbus; and a sister, Mary Lou (Keith) McNamara. The Brown Family’s recent gift, coupled with memorial gifts dating back to last summer, boosts the fund principal to St. Charles’s endowment benchmark of $250,000. About her father, Debra recently wrote: “Many of my father’s fondest memories were from his years at St. Charles. His father, Harry P. Brown, died when he was a teenager and I believe St. Charles played an important role during this time in his life. His friendships from St. Charles were life long and his faith was strong.”

St. Charles announces the formation of The Heller Family Fund as part of the St. Charles Endowment. The new endowment is a family gift to St. Charles from John H. “Jack” (Sr.) and Alice Heller of Worthington, who are the parents of two St. Charles alumni, Paul G. Heller ’82 and James E. Heller ’85. Joining his parents as equal partners in the endowment funding are Paul G. ’82 and Renee Heller of Dublin. When fully funded, The Heller Family Fund will support need-based student financial aid at St. Charles.

St. Charles announces the formation of The Sean P. Reed Memorial Fund as part of the St. Charles Endowment. The endowment fund honors the late Sean P. Reed, a member of the current senior class, who died February 16, 2004 at the age of 18. Sean was a two-year football letter winner at St. Charles football, volunteered with Mt. Carmel Medical Center and Adena Regional Medical Center and was a summer camp counselor. Sean is survived by his parents, Gary and Paula Jo Reed of Reynoldsburg; grandmother, Joanne Distelzweig; aunt, Ann Marie Distelzweig; uncle, Fred (Karen) Distelzweig Jr. ’76; godmother, Sr. Marilyn Sue Hopkins, O.S.F. When fully funded, the memorial fund honoring Sean Reed will provide a need-based scholarship to a student participating in St. Charles football.

Designating St. Charles in Your Estate

As a tribute to anyone who names the school in wills for an estate provision, St. Charles enrolls those individuals in its Borromean Society, the school’s major
donor recognition unit. So far this year, 10 St. Charles alumni and the parents of an alumnus have notified St. Charles that they have named the school in their estate plans. Most of those notifications came in the way of a “check box” on this year’s Annual Fund appeal card. To begin the process of naming St. Charles in your will, be advised to contact legal counsel or a certified financial planner.

Unlike a cash gift, a bequest will not provide you with an income tax deduction. However, your estate will receive an estate tax charitable deduction for the fair market value of your charitable bequests. It is also worth noting that a bequest to St. Charles can establish a permanent fund which provides a lasting memorial to the donor, the donor’s family, or anyone the donor wishes to honor.

For assistance, it’s recommended that you consult with our Development Office to draft an endowment description that guides the use of your endowment once it’s established. This confidential description will remain in our files until your bequest is received. You can also begin the endowment now with an outright gift to supplement the fund with your bequest. Your attorney, accountant and other advisors can give you more detailed information about the tax consequences of your estate plans. Contact St. Charles Preparatory School, Development Office, 2010 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43209.

For his many years of devoted service to St. Charles, the school’s renovated front courtyard was named in honor of Msgr. Thomas M. Bennett in response to a major gift to the school from Robert Horner III ’79 and his family. Horner, left, presented the veteran teacher a bronze plaque (displayed in the center) designating the new name of the courtyard. Posing below the plaque is Horner’s son, Bobby, who was baptized by Msgr. Bennett and is looking forward to starting his own St. Charles experience in the fall of 2006.

**Courtyard named to honor Bennett**

For four decades, Msgr. Thomas Bennett has endeared himself to St. Charles students as an authoritarian teacher and friend. To recognize his pervasive influence, one of his former pupils made arrangements to have the school’s front courtyard named in his honor. It has been formally named the Msgr. Thomas M. Bennett Courtyard.

A major financial gift from the family of Robert W. Horner III ’79 was the impetus for the special dedication. In his endearing, irascible manner, Bennett promptly described it “a grand waste of money!” Horner smiled as he enjoyed the trademark consternation which has made Msgr. Bennett a beloved personality at St. Charles.

“It is a privilege for me to be able to facilitate this recognition which is so genuinely and richly deserved,” Horner said. The Bennett Courtyard provides “a unique and fitting opportunity to honor an exceptional person during his lifetime for his 40 years of extraordinary service to St. Charles,” Horner said. “Monsignor represents everything that makes St. Charles special.

“Some 25 years after my graduation, I still find myself relating stories of my experiences in his classes as an illustration of the remarkable nature of the St. Charles experience,” Horner said.

Horner, who serves as vice chair of the school’s Advisory Board, praised Bennett’s outstanding academic teaching with his unique blend of discipline and levity. Moreover, despite a lifetime of notable achievement, “Monsignor remains one of the more truly humble people I have ever had the pleasure of knowing,” Horner said. “He is a true servant of the Lord in every sense.”

The process of replacing the school’s original wood doors began this winter as part of several new upgrades to the building. An elevator has been installed to allow handicapped access to the entire building and the tile flooring on the first and second floors was replaced.
Devotion to Mary
Oakland Park Nursery workers install a flagstone walkway to Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto. The project, sponsored by the St. Charles Mother Club, also includes a dry stream bed, a pedestrian stone bridge, and a flagstone landing on which stone and marble benches memorializing '92 graduate Frank Dury will be replaced.
The St. Charles Annual Fund have been received in memory of the following:

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St. Charles gratefully acknowledges the following corporate foundations and family foundations that matched 20 charitable donations between Sept. 1, 2003 and March 25, 2004.

For those alumni, parents and friends of St. Charles considering a gift to the school in the coming year, please consult with their employer’s human resources office to obtain a matching gift form.

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By Sister Margaret Hoffman, O.S.F.

Here at Saint Charles the liturgy has always been an integral part of our identity. The school crest, for example, bears the symbol of the eucharist — a chalice. We have been blessed over the years with dedicated presiders at eucharist, and teachers devoted to guiding our students in liturgical ministries that enrich the prayer life of our school community.

When I came to St. Charles 15 years ago, the priests on the faculty were Msgrs. F. Thomas Gallen and Thomas M. Bennett, and Father William A. Arnold. All imparted to us formative messages. Msgr. Gallen would include in his homilies incidents of the lives of the saints to inspire us. In addition, he would include a theme, such as the four cardinal virtues, which would be the basis of his homilies all year.

Msgr. Bennett has been a well-respected homilist for many years. He always can say much in a very short time. Father Bill Arnold has a wonderful ability to make the gospel message relevant to today’s world. His background in economics and government, coupled with his passion for justice, invigorated us with inspiring and challenging messages.

It was to a school enriched by such preaching that I arrived as an English teacher and gradually charged with the school’s liturgy. Mr. Dominic Cavello, who had in mind some innovations in liturgy, brought to faculty in-service meetings speakers who would pursue Catholic identity. They included experts in church architecture, liturgical developments, and building community. Those sessions also included witness talks by faculty members of all Christian faiths.

The administrators and faculty members have been very supportive and receptive to those sessions, and are willing to train lectors, servers, and musicians as needed. Any group, such as ours, that undertakes having Mass for 600 people, knows the importance of cooperation by many willing individuals.

When I came to Saint Charles, we all managed to fit in the Mother of Mercy Chapel. When I picture it now I realize how cramped we were. The choir loft was crammed with pews and students. Young men were seated behind the altar and around the parameters of the chapel. But we managed. The students sang and prayed as they had in that same worship space for decades before them.

Need more space, we moved our traditional all-school Masses to the gym. Mr. Cavello inaugurated having banners, each representing a class, carried in the entrance procession for Mass. Through his efforts, a huge altar backdrop highlighted with the St. Charles crest, was made by the Matthew Gruber family and hung in the gymnasium to transform it as much as possible into a sacred space.

In time, Mr. Cavello had programs printed for the Masses. They list Scripture readings, psalm responses, order of service, and names of participants. The computer helps tremendously in this and in the production of Mass cards. The cards include Mass prayers and words to a canon of hymns that a committee felt are important for students to know. It’s a big undertaking because each faculty member is asked for input and the variety of “standard hymns” suggested was unexpected.

The computer also has a significant part in recent years for greater participation by the entire student body in our liturgical celebrations. Religion teachers on the second day of the school year give each student a survey form asking what ministries he’s willing to take for the year. The ministries include those of lector, cantor, instrumentalist, acolyte, banner bearer, gift bearer, and sacristan. From that computerized survey, students are assigned and trained to participate in the Mass. The faculty and staff also are given a survey that offers an opportunity to train students in those areas. The September survey allows many, many students to be involved in our celebrations.

Music is, of course, a specialized gift to liturgy. Students and teachers have come forward to be cantors. Our liturgies are enriched by the St. Charles Chorus under the direction of Johnny Steiner and Doug Montgomery and the instrumentalists under the direction of Rick Brunetto. Many cantors also are chorus members.

The restoration of the chapel organ and installation of an organ in the gym also have been key to developing our liturgy. Thanks to donations led by Msgr. Gallen, the chapel organ was restored, and in 2002 was rededicated. As usual this year, we have in each class at least one student who can play the organ for Mass. We also have violinists, keyboardists, saxophonists, clarinetists, trumpeters, guitarists, pianists, drummers, etc., who have all played at liturgies to enhance the prayer of the community.

Five years ago, Mr. Cavello instituted the practice of weekly Masses for one entire class at a time. Several years before that Mr. Richard Elfein designed and built the beautiful altar of sacrifice and cantor’s podium that blend in with the chapel’s architectural beauty. Now we have reunion and first Friday Masses for alumni in the chapel. That’s possible thanks to the willingness of priests from around the city and suburbs to celebrate with us. We’re most grateful on Wednesdays at 10:40 A.M. to welcome one of the priests from various parishes and assignments to celebrate here.

Our Lenten devotions include the Stations of the Cross which students prepare one class at a time. As on the days of Mass, other activities in the building stop so that all can attend the services. Any student who wishes to participate in the weekly religious service is free to do so. Penance Services are...
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He said his “overarching goal is to create something that not only reflects the image and integrity of St. Charles but also interconnects the school’s students, faculty, friends, family and benefactors.” He hopes the website will be used by alumni, friends, and parents as both a source of information and as a channel of communication between the school and the community. “I want the website to convey that sense of pride and fraternal bonding that St. Charles men share,” Sullivan said.

He’s redesigning the current website to provide more comprehensive information to a wider target audience. Most information on the current website is from the student handbook. Sullivan is reorganizing this information by using a different style of drop-down menus and introducing new items.

New features include: a map tour of the campus with identifications and histories of buildings and landmarks; a class registry that enables an alumnus to update personal information or to look up graduates by name or graduating year; an expanded page for the school’s alumni and development office that includes sections devoted to the Borromean and Principal Award winners; and guidelines for making gifts to St. Charles.

Sullivan hopes to create a section that can be used to sell St. Charles apparel online. He’s also seeking to establish a secure online donation page.

The site will always be a work in progress, he said, and “hopefully will be a foundation for even more exciting ideas for the school’s web presence.” Sullivan welcomes comments or suggestions for the site. He can be reached at rpatri克@wideopenwest.com

While searching for a job last July and with extra free time, Sullivan volunteered his professional talents to St. Charles. Doug Stein (the development director), Sullivan said, “mentioned that they needed someone to help out with the St. Charles website. I was very eager to assist, as website development was something that I had worked in and wanted to learn more about,” he said.

He submitted a business proposal and project plan to redesign the school’s existing website. He analyzed the current site and researched websites of many other institutions, both high school and college, for additional ideas. Sullivan met regularly with principal Dominic Cavello, Stein, and alumni and communication director Louis J. Fabro to discuss site requirements and update them on progress.

Sullivan earned a master’s degree in Slavic Linguistics from The Ohio State University, but an interest in computer hardware and software led him to a career in information technology. He served as regional coordinator at Expeditors International and moved on to American Electric Power (AEP) a couple years later as a desktop support specialist. He was promoted to project coordinator the next year and realized that his strength was communicating with business about its short and long term IT initiatives, as well as managing projects that arose from them.

Soon after, however, his job was eliminated in a corporate restructuring move. His ensuing job search, Sullivan said, afforded him time to spend with his newborn daughter, Katie, and to contribute his talents to the school that he says gave so much to him. “I still look back on my days at St. Charles with a great sense of pride,” beamed Sullivan. He has since secured a project management position at Bank One, but is open to exploring a permanent position should the right opportunity come along.
## Calendar of Events

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<td>Apr 29-30, Thur. &amp; Fri. at 8 pm</td>
<td>Drama Dept. presents spring musical, <em>Godspell</em>, in the Campus Theatre. For ticket information, call main office during school hours at 614-252-6714.</td>
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<td>May 1, Sat. at 3 pm and 8 pm &amp; May 2, Sun. at 8 pm</td>
<td>First Friday Mass in Mother of Mercy Chapel. Alumni, students, friends, and staff welcome.</td>
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<td>Alumni Association board meeting in the alumni-development office conference room. All alumni are encouraged to attend.</td>
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<td>June 3, Thursday 7-9 pm</td>
<td>Campaign for St. Charles Celebration in the Rear Courtyard of St. Charles at 2010 East Broad Street. Call alumni-development office for information at 614-252-9288.</td>
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<td>June 4-5, Fri. &amp; Sat.</td>
<td>Class of 1994 celebrates its 10-year reunion.</td>
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<td>June 11-12, Fri. &amp; Sat.</td>
<td>Class of 1949 celebrates its 55-year reunion, joined by 1949 Aquinas alumni.</td>
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<td>June 21, Monday at 1 pm</td>
<td>Jack Ryan Invitational Golf Tournament at Granville Golf Course &amp; Granville Inn. To play or become a hole sponsor, contact Louis J. Fabro at 614-252-9288 ext.21 or by e-mail at <a href="mailto:lfabro@cdeducation.org">lfabro@cdeducation.org</a>.</td>
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<td>Class of 1984 celebrates its 20-year reunion.</td>
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<td>July 24, Saturday at 9 a.m.</td>
<td>Alumni Association’s annual alumni softball tournament. Games at St. Charles and Wolfe Park Cookout to follow. To make individual and team reservations, e-mail Joe Wolf at <a href="mailto:jwolf4@insight.rr.com">jwolf4@insight.rr.com</a>.</td>
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<td>St. Charles Alumni Association board meeting in the alumni-development office conference room. All alumni are encouraged to attend and become active members.</td>
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<td>Sept. 10-11, Fri. &amp; Sat.</td>
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