When I came to Loras two years ago in January, I attended a campus-wide meeting for all faculty and staff the second week I was here. As a way to begin the meeting, we stood together as a community in prayer and song led by the Rev. John Haugen (Padre, as I soon learned he was affectionately called). I remember thinking to myself, “Wow. This is so different from anywhere else I have worked. How lucky am I to be able to practice my Catholic faith openly at my job and share it with such a loving community of people.”

I have attended Catholic schools my entire life, from first grade through college. Yet I have to say that there is something unique about Loras College. It doesn’t take one very long to see that Catholic Identity is truly at the core of this institution. That identity does not merely live in affiliations, mission statements and traditions. It lives in every aspect of every day here at Loras, permeating everything and everyone. As you read the cover story, “Catholic Identity: Our Foundational Core” (pg. 14), you will see several examples of the breadth and depth to which this is true. There would never, unfortunately, be enough pages to convey all of the ways in which Catholic Identity reveals itself on this campus.

That identity is not restricted to the campus, however. It is also ingrained in the members of the Loras community spread far and wide across the world. The feature story, “SAME Café: Defeating Hunger and Building Community” (pg. 20), demonstrates how one alumnae and her husband have turned this identity and their faith into a noble entrepreneurial adventure. Also, Mary (McGrath) Cornelis (’78) shares how Loras has been an integral part in her faith formation and that of her family in the perspective piece, “Loras: That Special Place” (pg. 64).

As we reflect during this time of Lent and prepare to celebrate the resurrection of Christ, we can be thankful to be a part of the truly loving and spiritual community that is Loras College.

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Donna Bauerly, Ph.D., professor emeritus, will present a six-week workshop titled, “Passages: An Invitation to Story,” at the Shalom Retreat Center in Dubuque, Iowa, in March and April.

Karla (Glab) Braig, M.A. ('78, MA '89), adjunct professor of English, was re-elected to her second term on the Dubuque City Council on Nov. 6, 2007.

David Cochran, Ph.D., associate professor of politics, has co-authored, The Catholic Vote: A Guide for the Perplexed, which was released by Orbis Books in January. He was also recently interviewed on Sirius Satellite Radio’s national Catholic channel about Catholics and the upcoming election. Cochran delivered a paper titled, “How Protecting Religious Freedom Sustains Freedom Itself,” at a conference on religious liberty sponsored by the University of Portland. He presented a set of talks and moderated discussions on religion and politics over the course of a two-day workshop for the Iowa Ecumenical Leaders Retreat, an annual gathering of bishops, presbyters, synod presidents and other leaders of the state’s Christian denominations.

Gerald Eagleson, Ph.D., professor of biology, presented the invited lecture, “Stage-Specific Effects of Retinoic Acid and Citral on Gene Expression,” at the 5th European Conference on Comparative Neurobiology held at the Museum of Natural History in Paris, France, on April 25, 2007. Also, Eagleson and Loras alumnus Stephanie Theisen ('06) had the following paper accepted for publication: “Stage-Specific Effects of Retinoic Acid and Citral on Gene expression during Forebrain Development.”

Nancy Zachar Fett, L.M.S.W. ('90), associate professor of social work, Maggie Baker, M.A., service learning coordinator, and Lisa Grinde Budzisz, Ph.D., associate professor of psychology, presented the paper, Permeating the invisible border: Integrating the academy and the community at the Association for Integrative Studies Conference in Tempe, Ariz., in September 2007.


Janine Idziak, Ph.D., professor of philosophy and director of the Bioethics Center, presented the lecture, “Spirituality, Ritual and End-of-Life Medical Treatment Decisions,” at the 2007 Northeast Iowa Fall Ethics Conference Guideposts in Ethical Care of the Patient: Spirituality and Cultural Diversity, held at Covenant Medical Center in Waterloo, Iowa, Sept. 19, 2007. She also presented a six-hour program on resident autonomy for the fall state conference of the Long-Term Care Social Workers of Iowa, was appointed to the Board of the John Paul II Stem Cell Research Institute in Iowa City, Iowa, and was appointed chair of the Ethics Committee at Bethany Home in Dubuque, Iowa.

The Rev. William Joensen, Ph.D., associate professor of philosophy and chair of the division of philosophy, religion and theology, along with students Nathaniel Gee ('09) (Galena, Ill.) and Christian Sogaard ('10) (Dyersville, Iowa), participated in the continued on next page...
"Dialogue of Cultures" conference held at the University of Notre Dame, Nov. 29-Dec. 1, 2007. Joensen presented his paper entitled, "Benedict XVI: Theologian as ‘First Philosopher’? An Ontology Where Reason is Truly Reasonable." This interdisciplinary conference addressed a wide range of political, philosophical, legal and theological issues and included participation by historians, literary theorists, artists and businesspeople. The conference dialogues addressed causes of cultural conflict and engaged the resources of human reason and Christian faith, all with the hope of fostering human freedom and mutual understanding.

Mark Kehren, Ph.D., assistant professor of history, presented the invited paper, "Negotiating Natural Beauty: The Accommodation of the Automobile to the Urban Landscape of Rio de Janeiro in the 1960s," at the conference, Le Beau dans la Ville (Beauty in the City), hosted by the Centre d’Histoire de la Ville Moderne et Contemporaine (CEHVI) at the Université François-Rabelais in Tours, France, Nov. 23-24, 2007. He was also organizer and chair of the panel “Urban Renewal in Comparative Perspective—Interdisciplinary Approaches” at the Social Science History Association (SSHA) Annual Conference in Chicago, Ill., Nov. 15-18, 2007.

Kevin Koch, Ph.D. (‘81), professor of English and chair of the division of language and literature, had the article, “The Rivers That Bring Us Together,” published in Big Muddy: A Journal of the Mississippi River Valley in December 2007. Koch has also been awarded sabbatical for the spring 2008 semester.

Catalin Mamali, Ph.D., adjunct professor of psychology, had a poster accepted at the 13th International Reversal Theory Conference held in the United Kingdom in July 2007 as well as a poster accepted at the Association for Psychological Science 19th Annual Convention held in Washington, D.C., in May 2007. He also had the article, “The Communist Mega-Violence,” published in the Romanian literary magazine Apostrof.

Ann McCaw, Ed.D., associate professor of education, has been awarded sabbatical for the spring 2008 semester.

Kenneth McLaughlin, Ph.D., associate professor of physics and engineering, has completed a four-year research project funded by the National Science Foundation that involved the design and construction of new instrumentation that increases the capabilities of the synchrotron facilities at Berkeley National Laboratory. Following peer-review of new proposals this year, McLaughlin’s research team will have “beam-time” at this facility in June 2008, which allows the continued participation of Loras College students in this research project.

Patrick Pisarik, M.A., professor of communication arts, has been awarded sabbatical for the 2007-08 academic year.


Susan Stone, Ph.D., assistant professor of English, had articles on William Dean Howells and Mary Wilkins Freeman published in the Encyclopedia of American Writers, 1815-1895. She was also invited to serve as a peer review board member for Teaching American Literature: A Journal of Theory and Practice (TALTP).

Grant Improves Equipment for Choral Performances

BY JOANNA BRADY (‘08)

In May 2007, Loras College was awarded a $19,292 grant from the Dubuque Racing Association, Ltd. The grant was used to purchase staging equipment including risers and a choral shell for a variety of choral performances.

Prior to receiving this grant all Dubuque schools shared the need for quality staging equipment. The grant proposal was funded as a partnership between Loras College and Dubuque Community Schools. While the risers and choral shell will be stored at Loras, all schools in the Dubuque community school system will be able to use and benefit from the equipment.

“With the addition of risers and sound shell, this equipment will not only let the audience hear the full tonal quality of the performance, but will allow the singers to hear themselves and build stronger ensemble technique,” expressed Bruce Kotowich, associate professor of music and director of the Loras College Choirs. The new equipment will also allow the choirs to expand their tour schedule.

The Dubuque Racing Association, Ltd. (DRA) is an Iowa not-for-profit corporation which operates the Dubuque Greyhound Park and Casino. The Association holds the license for both greyhound-racing and slot-machine operations at the park and is the co-licensee for the Diamond Jo Casino.
Wertzberger Joins Administrative Staff

President Jim Collins ('84) announced in September the hiring of Jack Wertzberger ('75) as vice president for institutional advancement. Wertzberger replaces Dan Allen ('90), who left Loras in June to pursue his doctoral degree at Loyola University and take a professional opportunity closer to home.

“I am truly honored to return to Loras College and delighted to be back in Dubuque,” said Wertzberger. “With great pleasure I look forward to working with President Jim Collins and the entire Loras community.”

Most recently Wertzberger served as the associate director for major gifts at Georgetown University Law School in Washington, D.C. A Dubuque native and Loras alumnus, he brings with him a depth and breadth of experience, both in philanthropy and in higher education.

Wertzberger attended Loras College from 1971 to 1973, then transferred to Notre Dame where he received his undergraduate degree in 1976. He then received his law degree from the University of Iowa. His professional career began at the Reynolds & Kenline law firm in Dubuque. Since that time, he has served in key development, alumni relations and public relations roles at the University of Iowa Law School, George Mason University and Georgetown University.

“I am thrilled that Jack has joined us to head up our advancement division,” commented Collins. “Jack brings with him strong professional experience and a passion for Loras College that is unparalleled. In addition, his ability to build genuine and long lasting relationships is a true gift. Jack will have an extraordinary impact on Loras’ future.”

An already active member of the Loras community, Wertzberger has served on the National Alumni Board. He has also sponsored several internships for Loras students and has been a mentor/advocate for Loras graduates who have gone on to the University of Iowa Law School.

Hendry Thanked for Service on Board

Loras College would like to thank Mary Hendry for completing her term of service on the Loras College Board of Regents. Hendry is the vice president for enrollment and student services at Roosevelt University in Chicago, Ill., and has served on the board since May 1998. During her tenure as a regent, Hendry served on a number of key sub-committees, including the Diversity Task Force, the Executive Committee, the Development and Marketing Committee and as chair of the 2004 Presidential Search Committee. Prior to joining the board, Hendry was a member of the Parent Council. Her daughter, Bess, is a 1998 graduate of Loras College and her husband George hails from the class of 1967.

Strategic Planning Retreat

In conjunction with the meeting of the executive committee of the Board of Regents, a strategic planning retreat was held on July 27, 2007. Fifty-eight alumni and friends of the College were gathered on campus under the leadership of Tom Tauke ('72), chair of the Board of Regents, and Mike Rice ('64), chair of the Steering Committee, to discuss future strategic initiatives for Loras. Ideas garnered from this retreat were coupled with work by faculty, staff and administration to create a strategic plan for 2008-2013. President Jim Collins ('84) has shared some of these upcoming initiatives with alumni at gatherings around the country and will continue to do so in the coming months.
Steven Godek ('01)

Hometown: Palatine, Ill.

Profession: Since graduating from Loras in 2001, I’ve worked with my dad as an operations manager at the family business, GPM Mfg Inc. We’re a small machine shop in the northwest suburbs making component parts out of metal and plastic for many different industries.

Why did you choose to come to Loras College? I chose Loras for several different reasons. Coming from a small, Catholic high school, at least by Chicago suburban standards, I felt very comfortable with the size of Loras. The smaller class sizes and accessibility to the professors was definitely a positive. The beauty of the campus was a draw as well. Loras was close to home, but not too close, so a trip home for the weekend or a visit from the folks was very doable.

What are some of your fondest memories of Loras? It’s difficult to narrow down, we had some really good times. Attending basketball and football games, Dyonisia softball and intramurals, even simple things like staying up late with friends, talking or doing homework together at the library are great memories. I also really enjoyed going to class and becoming a principled thinker!

How do you continue to be involved with the Loras community? I try to stay very involved with Loras. I make it back to Dubuque pretty often. Some of my very best friends have stayed in Dubuque since their days at Loras ended. I attend a few basketball and football games every year and I’ve never missed a Homecoming. Every spring, many of us get together for Spring Cominghome in Dubuque—just a reason to come back to Dubuque and relive some of the glory days. I also am a board member of the Loras Club of Chicago, so I stay pretty involved even away from campus.

How do you continue to actively live the Loras mission? I’m always trying to better myself and live my life to the fullest. I try not to take anything for granted and am very thankful for all my blessings. I can’t say there is just one thing that Loras taught me, but many different things that shaped who I am. I strive to treat others the way I’d like to be treated.

Why do you give back to Loras? I feel a very strong connection to Loras. Some of my very best memories are linked to this institution. The friendships and memories I’ve made will last a lifetime and I feel very thankful for having the opportunity to attend Loras. I give back to Loras because I want other students, both current and potential, to have just as great an experience as I had. As great as I think Loras is though, there is always room for improvement. Loras needs support from its alumni to continue its dedication of providing a high level of both academic and spiritual education to its students. I’m simply just trying to do my part.

What does philanthropy mean to you? To me, philanthropy means giving back. It means sharing some of your gifts with others. It’s a way of saying thank you for all that I have. As I said before, I feel very blessed and giving some of my blessings to Loras or other worthwhile causes is not only good, but necessary to my becoming the best person I possibly can be.

Why should other people consider making a gift to Loras College? Like all small, private colleges, Loras relies on its alumni for financial support. Those that had a good experience at Loras should strongly consider giving to Loras so other students can make the same memories, and also learn and prepare for the rest of their lives. Your hard-earned money can be difficult to part with, especially for young alumni just starting out in the working world, but there are other ways we can give back. Suggesting Loras to a potential new student, attending a Loras sporting event or alumni event in your own town; just wearing Loras apparel and keeping the spirit alive in your life and the lives of others around you can make an impact. Every little thing helps.
Kathryn Whitney ('08)

Hometown: Aloha, Oregon

Major: Mathematics and Secondary Education

Plans after graduation: I am waiting to see if I am accepted into Teach for America. If so, I would be teaching in high-needs school districts across the United States. If not, I plan on returning home, working on a master’s degree in teaching mathematics and teaching in a high-needs area if possible.

Why did you choose to come to Loras College? I found Loras on an Internet search engine. Loras had the major I sought, was a small Catholic college and had a good soccer program. When I came to visit, I absolutely loved it and decided it was the place for me.

What are some of the important lessons you have learned during your time as a student? I have learned two things that may seem like opposites of each other. The first is that I have learned to become very independent. Living so far away from home, I have learned to take care of my everyday needs along with my classroom needs. The second is that I have learned how to appreciate and depend on my friends. The friendships that I have formed here at Loras College have been so moving and worthwhile that I know, though we might live far away, we will still be close for years to come.

What do you think you will miss most about Loras College? I think I will miss the atmosphere the most, the people and the community. I will miss my professors who are always there to answer my questions, and I will miss my friends who are always there when I need them.

How has Loras helped shape your view on life? Loras is a liberal arts college and because of this, requires you to take courses outside of your major. Those general education classes have given me a chance to think in different ways. To try to wrap my mind around how a post-modernist thinker would react to things or how Christ was viewed through the centuries, I have found that by taking these classes I have begun to not just think like a mathematician, but to think as a well-rounded individual.

How have generous donors been difference-makers in your life? To be honest, I would not have attended Loras College without the funds that have come from donors. When considering schools, there was another college that was very similar to Loras and I was in a rut trying to decide which school I was going to attend. When I received the financial aid from both schools, Loras was more affordable and I decided to come here.

What would you like to say to donors who give to Loras College? I have met a few donors for Loras College and they are such wonderful people. Not only do they seem to just love the Loras College community, but they love to meet and are interested in the students of that community. I would like to thank them for all their generosity because they are truly the reason that I was able to attend this College.

How do you plan to give back to Loras? As of right now I do not know how I plan to give back to the Loras community. I have a few ideas though. I plan on contributing to the senior gift and I hope to donate back to the school in whatever way that I can, if it is through money or through time. I also hope to promote Loras College a little bit more to the west coast when I finally return home.
President Collins Appointed to Institute for Tomorrow’s Workforce

Iowa House Speaker Pat Murphy appointed President Jim Collins (’84) in May to a three-year term on the Board of Directors for the Institute for Tomorrow’s Workforce (ITW). Collins’ service on the board began with his first meeting in August. The Iowa nonprofit educational foundation was created to provide a “long-term forum for bold, innovative recommendations to improve Iowa’s education system to meet the workforce needs of Iowa’s new economy.”

ITW believes that Iowa’s greatest imperative is that all learners are prepared for the 21st century. This means a postsecondary credential (diploma, college degree, license or certificate of employability) for all learners. Without this, Iowa students are unequipped for the global marketplace. Tomorrow’s workforce requires high-level reading, structured problem-solving, effective oral and written communication and working in diverse groups. The readiness of Iowa’s workforce will determine Iowa’s economic security, prosperity and quality of life.

Collins joins 14 other members of the board, comprising business and education leaders from throughout Iowa, including David Roe, president of Central College, and former Governor Tom Vilsack in this effort to link the education system in Iowa to future workforce needs.

Loras Jumps to 12th in U.S. News Rankings

Loras College earned the 12th spot in the Top Tier among Best Midwest Baccalaureate Colleges in the 2008 edition of “America’s Best Colleges” by U.S. News & World Report. The ranking is a significant move up within the Top Tier from last year’s 25th place. This is the highest designation Loras College has received in this category since the inception of the “America’s Best Colleges” guide.

The publication evaluates 320 institutions in the Best Baccalaureate Colleges category (formerly titled “Comprehensive Colleges-Bachelor’s”) and divides them into four regions. Loras shares the 12th ranking in the Midwest with Buena Vista University, also in Iowa.

Areas within the rankings that increased for Loras over last year include peer assessment, average alumni giving rate and average graduation rate. The graduation rate ranking earned Loras a place on the separate list of the top five highest graduation rates in the Midwest Baccalaureate Colleges category.

In discussing the rankings, President Jim Collins (’84) commented, “Frankly, I am not surprised by our move upward. The entire community has worked hard to improve all aspects of student learning and campus life. Though these rankings do not completely represent the overall quality of Loras College or any other institution, we are very pleased to have received such recognition.”

Using a proprietary methodology and according to U.S. News & World Report, the annual rankings represent the most comprehensive look at how schools stack up based on a set of 15 widely accepted indicators of excellence, and help consumers evaluate and compare data compiled from more than 1,400 accredited four-year schools.

Higher education institutions are classified into categories by U.S. News & World Report based on their mission and region. Baccalaureate Colleges are defined as institutions that focus on undergraduate education and offer a range of degree programs in the liberal arts (which account for fewer than half of their bachelor’s degrees) and in professional fields (such as business, nursing and education).
Loras Expands Study Abroad Program in Ireland

BY TWYLA (McCABE) MARLOW ('03), PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR

President Jim Collins ('84) and Andrew Auge, Ph.D., ('78) professor of English and program chair for Irish studies, recently traveled to Dublin, Ireland, to visit the Dun Laoghaire Institute of Art, Design and Technology (IADT), one of Loras’ partner schools. They were invited by Josephine Browne, Ph.D., head of the School of Business and Humanities at IADT, to participate in the launch of a new institute for public culture.

Plans for expanding the relationship between Loras and IADT were also discussed during their visit. A joint summer research project was developed that will allow for collaborative work between Loras and IADT faculty and students. The first summer research project will take place in June 2008, focusing on the topic of immigration and work in Ireland as well as the United States. John Eby, Ph.D., associate professor of history, will direct five Loras students through this project. They will be joined by five IADT undergraduates and a few graduates from the master’s in public culture program. The second summer research project will take place in June 2009 and will involve a conference on the theme of Catholicism and public culture, which will be co-hosted by Loras and IADT.

The Center for Experiential Learning at Loras College has offered a semester study abroad program to Dublin, Ireland, since 2000. More than 155 students have participated in this program, taking courses in Irish cultural studies, literature and media at the Dun Laoghaire Institute of Art, Design and Technology as well as the Dublin Institute of Technology.
Archbishop Hanus Blesses New Athletic and Wellness Center

On Nov. 28, 2007, a sizeable crowd gathered in the new Athletic and Wellness Center to formally bless and dedicate Loras’ newest facility.

The dedication began with a warm welcome from President Jim Collins ('84), followed by remarks from others, including Loras Board of Regents member John Mulherin ('73) and Matthew Maloney ('09) (Cedar Rapids, Iowa), student union president.

Loras students, faculty and staff participated in the celebratory event, singing along with the Loras College choir and pep band and waving rally towels as a new tradition in the facility.

“"We look forward to this building being the venue for improving health and wellness, for enhancing our athletic programs and providing a welcoming environment for such special ceremonies at the heart of this learning community as commencement and baccalaureate,” said Collins.

Dignitaries from the city and county, including Mayor Roy Buol, were on hand to congratulate Loras. Ambassadors from the Chamber of Commerce performed an official ribbon cutting, with Dewey the Duhawk having the honor of holding the scissors. A formal blessing of the building was then bestowed by the Most Reverend Jerome Hanus, OSB. Several crucifixes were blessed then carried by Loras priests and students to be ceremonially placed throughout the facility.

“This new facility speaks volumes about the inherent value of health,” noted Maloney. “The human body and health are some of God’s greatest gifts and the new Athletic and Wellness Center will help us as students embrace a healthy lifestyle.”

The 74,793 square-foot Athletic and Wellness Center features an arena for basketball, volleyball and large events; new locker rooms; Hall of Fame area; two-level fitness center; hospitality room; concession and retail space; and an athletic training office. Dedication of the Center marks the conclusion of the For the Glory campaign, which allowed for renovation of the Rock Bowl, creation of the Alumni Plaza, building of the Athletic and Wellness Center and ultimately construction of a tower and bridge connecting the Athletic and Wellness Center to the Alumni Campus Center. Roughly $22 million worth of upgrades were made possible principally through alumni and friends’ contributions to the campaign and attractive bond rates. Naming opportunities in the new facility are still available. If interested, please inquire with the Development Office at 800.245.6727.

Facelift Begins on Keane Hall Porch

The Keane Hall Porch has begun its transformation to a fully renovated, 725 square-foot space for lounging, enjoying views of campus and hosting receptions. Renovations were able to begin this fall due to a substantial lead gift by the Class of 1980. Support by the classes of 1951, 1956, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991 and 1996, as part of their reunion year giving for Homecoming 2001, has also assisted the construction.

A major part of the renovation is converting the porch into a four-season space, which, primarily constructed of glass, will be heated and air conditioned. New exit stairs will lead to a patio area overlooking the Academic Resource Center and lower campus. When complete, the porch will provide seating for 24 people and a reception space that can accommodate 50 people.

If you would like to support the Keane Hall Porch Renovation, please contact the Development Office at 800.245.6727.
New Marketing Campaign Challenges All to “Be More”

The Loras marketing team convened in early summer 2006 to review the long-standing marketing campaign and tagline, “You Belong Here.” After consulting research and garnering input from outside marketing agencies, the decision was made to phase out the campaign and tagline.

While the “You Belong Here” campaign was successful in conveying the Loras message to thousands of prospective students, research shows this new generation of students is no longer connecting with that message. They are even more in tune with technology and media and thus understand the concept of being the subject of a marketing campaign. In fact, marketing has become an interactive process for today’s students. Research indicates this generation responds better to marketing messages that challenge rather than assume - today’s students are savvy consumers.

After much coffee and creative strategizing, a new campaign and tagline were born and piloted in Admissions marketing for the 2006-07 academic year. The campaign consists of an updated design approach and the tagline, “be more. be Loras.” The campaign has also allowed for various impact statements, beginning with the word “be” to be incorporated into the messaging. Being well-received in the pilot year, this has become the official marketing campaign for the entire College.

The concept behind “be more. be Loras” is that a tagline should be flexible. The “be more” tagline can mean different things to different people. Inherently, though, the Loras experience challenges each person to strive for the best that he/she can be, in all areas of life. This resonates with both prospective students as well as alumni and complements the Loras College mission.

THE EVOLUTION OF LORAS TAGLINES

1940s - “100 Years of Progress”
1950s - “The Loras Look”
1960s - “This is Loras”
1970s - “The Loras Experience”
1980s - “The Excellence Continues” and “Small Classes, Big Opportunities”
1990s - “Educating Principled Thinkers” and “Quality Learning for Quality Living”
2000s - “You Belong Here” and “be more. be Loras.”
LCTV Broadcasts get Boost from Local Grant

BY ALANA CALIGIURI ('09)

The Loras College media studies program received a $39,000 grant earlier this summer from the Dubuque Teleprogramming Commission, which holds the community access channels in the city.

Craig Schaefer ('89), professor of communication arts, applied for the grant to purchase new media production equipment and software to advance student learning as well as the quality of Loras College Television (LCTV) productions.

The LCTV lineup includes From the Boulevard and SportsZone, two newscasts created and televised by Loras College students. From the Boulevard broadcasts news about the College campus, Dubuque community and tri-state area. SportsZone provides updates in Loras College sports while including interviews with athletes on campus and a weekly sports challenge.

With this $39,000 grant, the media studies program has already purchased a newsroom software system; a character generator, which will improve the graphic abilities and instantly provide an improved look to the shows; two shotgun microphone systems, which will have a dramatic impact on sound gathering abilities; a Panasonic camera, which will be used for nearly all student production work; and a professional-quality light kit that provides quality lighting in field locations and allows for sophisticated lighting control.

“They believe in what we do in terms of education and the students,” commented Schaefer when asked why the Dubuque Teleprogramming Commission funded this grant proposal. “They know we’re serving the greater Dubuque community with our newscast From the Boulevard. They believe in the opportunity to invest in a Dubuque newscast and this news affects the people in Dubuque.” From the Boulevard is available to an audience of 100,000 people through one of Dubuque’s community access channels.

Many students have benefited from this grant. LCTV producer Kate Berning ('09) (Cuba City, Wis.), states, “The new software is very similar to the ones they use in real newsrooms so it’s given me a look at how professionals use these tools to produce a newscast. It’s really cool to see how these resources are pushing our program to the next level.”

“We are very, very thankful to receive this,” notes Schaefer. “We appreciate the Commission’s acknowledgment of what we do in an attempt to serve the Dubuque community. We appreciate that they help us achieve our goal to reach out.”

Reflecting and Being Thankful

BY SHEILA GERMAINE, SENIOR DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANT

Loras College hosted Reflections of Thanks on July 27, 2007, to thank leadership-level donors as well as parents, friends and community leaders who have shown their commitment and support to the College during the 2006-07 fiscal year. Special recognition was given to Bill Lynch ('64) for his lifetime giving to Loras that has surpassed $1 million.

Most Reverend Jerome Hanus, OSB, presided at the Mass in Christ the King Chapel prior to the reception, dinner and program that followed. The evening’s program included inspiring remarks from Loras College Board of Regents Chair, Thomas Tauke ('72), President Jim Collins ('84), Jim Theisen ('56) and current student, Brian Tlach ('08). The evening’s festivities rounded out with a performance by the Dubuque Symphony String Quartet as well as a showcase of musical selections performed by the staff and students of the Loras College Music Department under the direction of Bruce Kotowich and Roy Carroll, Ph.D.

The entire Loras community is deeply grateful for all of the support shown to the College by its many benefactors. These caring individuals, businesses and community leaders are helping to shape the leaders of tomorrow through their generosity and commitment.
Grateful for a Loras College Education

BY SHEILA GERMAINE, SENIOR DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANT

This year’s Scholarship Luncheon was held on Sunday, Oct. 14, 2007. The annual luncheon provides an opportunity for students to meet and express thanks to the donors who have provided generous financial support toward their Loras College education in the form of endowed scholarships and annual awards.

Steven Nesteby (’08), a recipient of the Voels/Vogl Scholarship, stated, “With the scholarship that Father Vogl has established, I have been fortunate to have met him numerous times through my college experience. Not only is he kind and generous, he is very considerate and shares valuable insight with anyone who knows him.”

The feeling is mutual. “As a beneficiary of a generous benefactor’s financial assistance that made possible my own college education many years ago, I heartily endorse and contribute to the Loras scholarship program,” said the Reverend Monsignor Robert Vogl (’44). “It is gratifying to be able to help a worthy young person receive the Loras Catholic college experience today.”

Vogl looks forward to the luncheon each year. “It enables the donors to really get to know and visit with the students they are assisting and I find so many of them to be serious, hard-working and grateful young persons.”

Keane Hall Parking Lot Undergoes Renovation

BY ALANA CALIGIURI (’09)

Aged asphalt, dull landscapes and worn out automobile stalls are no longer a reality in the 80,000 square-foot Keane Hall parking lot. The entrance to campus and most recognizable building at Loras College underwent much-needed renovations this summer.

Many changes and updates were applied to the Keane Hall parking lot including 2,000 yards of poured concrete, paint lines for 300 newly-configured automobile stalls and a landscaped pedestrian walkway that connects the parking lot to the entrance of Keane Hall.

The flow of traffic in the Keane Hall parking lot has been improved as well. The alley in the middle of the lot, connecting Vernon Street and Loras Boulevard, was removed and two new entrances were created off Alta Vista Street. The Loras Boulevard entrance at the far west end of the lot has been retained.

The lot was designed by GLT Architects in St. Cloud, Minn. IIW Engineers & Surveyors, P.C., Paulson Electric and Horsfield Construction of Epworth, Iowa, also worked to complete this project.

The Keane Hall parking lot underwent renovations this summer, making it a much more functional and appealing entrance to campus.
Catholic Identity: Our Foundational Core

Most people are surprised—surprised at a chapel full of college-age students singing their hearts out; surprised at the attraction to daily Eucharistic adoration; surprised at the numbers going on nine domestic and international service trips; surprised that students last year raised $70,000 in tithing and charitable fundraising. And they are most surprised that these are just regular, normal college students for whom faith and spiritual values are vitally important.

Today’s young adults combine sharp intellects, critical thinking skills and a thirst for spirituality. They are exceedingly generous with their time and their enthusiasm. Yet many of these same young adults come lacking knowledge in the fundamentals of the faith or the skills to wrestle with integrating their faith into daily life. One thing is for sure, they are an exciting generation to serve at Loras College!

The challenges of faith-based education are like never before in history. Students come to us from an ever-widening background experience of spiritualities and of Church. Forces within culture and within the Church itself sometimes seek to polarize and to divide people into camps—painting with broad strokes and offering little opportunity for dialogue and understanding. It is precisely at this time in history that our heritage in the Catholic intellectual tradition positions us to be of great service to this new generation of seekers. While it may be easier to narrow our focus in terms of spirituality, theology or ecclesiology, Loras College strives to reflect the true universal experience of our faith, and at the same time being faithful to the Magisterial teaching of the Church. What does that really mean? It means placing ourselves in the center of the Catholic faith tradition and accepting students “where they are at.” Although terms such as “liberal, conservative, progressive or traditional” tend to divide and are not always helpful, we have them all, and then some! Yet all are called to see balancing views and teachings through Church teachings and encyclicals, personal reflection and many opportunities for civil discourse—a skill fast disappearing in many sectors of our society today. It means a balanced presentation of spirituality: contemplation and action; personal and communal prayer; worship and service. You will find Latin Mass parts sung in Lent and drums and guitars during Easter, both very reverent and with full participation. It also means pondering what faith and values have to do with one’s personal areas of study, and how they need to inform one’s choice of vocational career and goals for life.

But most of all, it is about balancing personal faith with the faith of the Church. The Loras faith experience is about appropriating the faith tradition as “my faith tradition.” Loras is brimming with students seeking to make not only a connection, but sense out of Jesus Christ and the world in which they live. The following snapshots will reveal some of the many and varied ways the College is living out its mission. We’re sure you’ll be pleasantly surprised.

— BY THE REV. JOHN HAUGEN, DEAN OF CAMPUS SPIRITUAL LIFE
Fellowship of Catholic University Students

BY DANIEL HERTZNER, FOCUS MISSIONARY

“To evangelize one must first be evangelized,” writes Pope Benedict XVI in a recent article. This is what inspires the four staff members who work on campus at Loras College representing the Fellowship of Catholic University Students [FOCUS]. This is a nation-wide organization sending recent college graduates to live authentically Catholic lifestyles, while drawing students into that life. This fits into the vision of Loras being a place that not only fosters participation in campus ministry events, but also a visible spiritual life throughout the campus which can affect anyone who attends the College. There have been various missionaries at Loras since we were invited onto campus four years ago. We are inspired to do this work because others have impacted our lives in a profound way and we hope to inspire Loras students in a similar way, whether they would join us in this mission after graduating or take this vision for life as they move on to different communities.

Some of the ways we concretely spend our time on campus are through weekly bible studies, sharing the richness of the Catholic tradition and engaging in good fellowship. One of the unique characteristics of FOCUS is our men’s and women’s formation, which is an effort to re-emphasize the importance of living a virtuous life. We serve as examples by “living” virtuously ourselves and then teaching the art of living in everyday ways such as through sharing meals, praying together, spending time in leisure, studying and in intentional conversation. It is in this way that the everyday atmosphere of Loras College is a training ground to be formed in an even deeper spirituality and faith.

In desiring to share this opportunity of growing in faith and life-giving spirituality, it is possible for campus spiritual life to thrive when relationships are being formed. Again, by first living and then communicating the fullness of life within the family of God, the students we spend time with will live this vision for their circle of friends, and that circle will begin to affect people on campus that a missionary or campus minister might not be able to impact. The spiritual life throughout campus can truly affect anyone who attends the College. The attractiveness of the life of faith is a life excellently lived and we take our inspiration from the one who lived most fully, Christ. Here we want to be Loras, be everyday, be spiritual, be excellent, be Christ.

This academic year, the FOCUS missionaries are led by Jessica Pruemer and additionally staffed by Katie Huempfner, Daniel Hertzner and Dave Daro.

Breitbach Catholic Thinkers and Leaders Program

Loras launched its newly-developed Breitbach Catholic Thinkers and Leaders program fall 2007. The program—which was made possible as part of a $15 million donation from J. Paul ('60) and Frances Breitbach in 2005—targets incoming students who are curious about the tradition of Catholic thought and enthusiastic about the possibility of making a difference in the world. Accepted program participants receive a $16,000 scholarship per year as long as they remain in the program.
Since 1999 the Archbishop Kucera Center for Catholic Intellectual and Spiritual Life at Loras College has pursued a unique mission in Catholic higher education. Consistent with the College’s identity as one of only a handful of diocesan schools in the United States, our work is rooted in both the campus and larger diocesan communities. This dual focus, one that links Loras to the ongoing life of the Church beyond campus, is what makes the Center’s approach so distinctive.

Funded by two extraordinarily generous endowed gifts, the Archbishop Kucera Center’s mission is to support both the ongoing development of Catholic intellectual and spiritual life at Loras and the ongoing pastoral needs of the Archdiocese of Dubuque as it faces the challenges of the Church in the 21st century. We also draw on this work to share information and exchange ideas with those from other Catholic colleges and dioceses, the larger Catholic community and other faith traditions.

The Center funds, organizes or helps coordinate a wide variety of activities consistent with this mission. These include campus retreats, worship experiences and speakers. We help support the integration of Catholic themes into faculty teaching and scholarship, internships for students working in Catholic-related areas and faith-based service trip opportunities. The Center works with the Archdiocese on workshops and speakers, as well as regular events such as the twice-annual Pastoral Leadership Study Day, which brings together people from across the Archdiocese to hear from national experts and work on issues of common concern. More recently, we have co-sponsored the Archdiocese’s annual Hispanic Congress of Evangelization, which will come to the Loras campus for the first time this summer. The Center’s publishing efforts include the Frank and Ida Goedken Series, focusing on spiritual life in the Upper Mississippi River Valley. The latest edition to this series is a forthcoming biography of Bishop Loras that tells the fascinating story of how this missionary priest established Catholicism in the frontier region that today includes much of the Upper Midwest.

The Archbishop Kucera Center is proud to serve as a rich resource for Loras College and the Archdiocese of Dubuque, bringing together the two communities in the ongoing exploration of Catholic intellectual and spiritual life. Please visit our website at www.loras.edu/kucera to find out more about our work.

Cochran has been a professor at Loras College since 1996 and became the director of the Archbishop Kucera Center for Catholic Intellectual and Spiritual Life in 2006.
"It was this Mass last year that brought me back to the Church," explained Katie* as we left a massive Jesuit celebration at the School of the Americas' protest/vigil in Columbus, Ga. She explained little beyond her initial comment, but an explanation was unneeded. The Mass is a gathering of around 5,000 people who have spent the day protesting what they consider an injustice funded by United States tax dollars. The spirited celebration of the Eucharist is the culmination of the day and the thirst for God's justice among the attendees is palpable. It was at that Mass that Katie experienced the liturgy as the energizing force which propels those gathered to serve the world and work for justice. It was her first experience of a relevant Church, of the living expression of the Church's Social Teachings.

Katie's experience on that annual trip, which is sponsored by the Fr. Ray Herman Peace and Justice Center, is a snapshot of what the Center has been striving to accomplish since its inception in 1983. Responding to student interest, the Loras Peace and Justice Center first took root in the offices of the Rev. Robert Beck, D.Min., professor of religious studies, and Paul Allen, Ph.D., professor emeritus. A year later Jim Runyon was hired as coordinator and the center was renamed in honor of the Rev. Ray Herman, an Archdiocesan priest who was martyred while serving the people of Bolivia.

The Center's mission is to be a resource to both students and faculty concerning issues of peace and justice. The Center maintains a library on the fourth floor of the Alumni Campus Center, sponsors two social action trips, provides a student worker to help organize campus programming, supports an intentional living opportunity for students, along with countless other encounters with the spiritual and academic life of the College. The hope is that every student who attends Loras College will be exposed to the ideas of Catholic Social Teaching—to wrestle with them and decide how to incorporate them into their own faith lives. As the Fr. Ray Herman Peace and Justice Center nears its 25th year, it continues to permeate the campus as a vital component of the College's mission.

*Name has been changed to protect anonymity.

Worship Schedule

THE FOLLOWING WORSHIP SCHEDULE APPLIES WHEN SCHOOL IS IN REGULAR SESSION:

**Sunday Eucharist**
8 p.m., Christ the King Chapel

**Daily Eucharist**
Monday-Friday, 4:15 p.m., Christ the King Chapel
Wednesday, 9 p.m., Christ the King Chapel

**Morning Prayer**
Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m., Christ the King Chapel

**Daily Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration**
Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., St. Joseph Chapel (Hoffmann Hall)

**Exposition, Benediction and Confession**
Thursday, 9-10 p.m., Christ the King Chapel
Theology

BY JOHN WALDMEIR, PH.D., ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Theology at Loras begins with the experiences of human beings in the world and openness to God’s presence. Those experiences are as complex as they are vital, especially when it comes to our efforts to express them through spiritual impulses. Consider Pentecost. Unexpected in its suddenness, Pentecost is both deeply personal and widely communal. A direct encounter with the divine, the coming of the Holy Spirit nevertheless is mediated by language. The announcement of something new, its arrival also is steeped in the signs, symbols and structures of an ancient law. All of these points are important, and understanding what they have meant historically and what they mean today is a tremendous opportunity and challenge.

The Loras program in Religious Studies and Theology teaches both undergraduate and graduate courses that address various forms of religious spirituality. We do so with the tradition of Catholic intellectual inquiry foremost in mind; that is, with the call both to wonder at the workings of the spirit and to reflect upon its effects in the world. The sacramental vision that defines Catholicism leads us to approach spiritual experiences as embedded in the realities of life, not just in feelings but in flesh, not only in individuals but in community, not exclusively in theological writings but in all cultural expressions. This sacramental vision is willing to see— with the Jesuit poet Gerard Manley Hopkins—that “Christ plays in ten thousand places / Lovely in limbs, and lovely in eyes not his.” To perceive the spirit incarnate within the world is not the end of study but only a beginning.

The Loras program offers courses in both the study of religion and in theology, and in this way it helps students understand and articulate the faith they have experienced. Organized within the Roman Catholic tradition of higher education, the program emphasizes three areas of inquiry: theological studies, biblical studies and moral studies.

St. Pius X Seminary Program

BY RUSTY MONTGOMERY (’07)

The St. Pius X Seminary program at Loras College provides an intentional discernment opportunity for young men thinking of the priesthood while being a part of a college community. Here you have regular guys, attempting to understand God’s plan for them, contemplating a life of service to the people of God. Living at the Vianney House, the seminarians have the opportunity to pray together, have meals together and engage in fellowship as community to grow in fraternity. Our time together at the house is also complemented with opportunities to serve and be present on the Loras College campus. By being involved in the Loras community with liturgy, leadership groups, intramurals and service projects, there are many great opportunities to discern our vocations. On a weekly basis the seminary community also joins in a spiritual conference together and has a meal together on campus. The program is uniquely balanced to give young men an opportunity to discern the priesthood while still having many great opportunities to be well-rounded college students.

Realizing that Loras used to be a seminary, it is incredible to think about the men who walked around campus pondering the same questions and dreams as us. The history and legacy of priests who graduated from Loras College, who served God as priests. It might be a slightly different College and world today, but the same priority is still true.

Loras College and the St. Pius X Seminary Program are committed to giving young men a discernment opportunity complemented with a college experience.

Rusty Montgomery is a 2007 graduate of Loras College and is currently a pre-theologian at St. Gregory the Great Seminary in Seward, Neb., and is a seminarian for the Diocese of Lincoln, Neb. He also is a youth columnist and the assistant director of Live Greater Ministries based in Lincoln, Neb.
A Late-Night Community of Faith

BY JOANNA BRADY ('08)

As the melodious bells resonate in the night sky surrounding the Loras College campus, students stream through the double doors of Christ the King Chapel for the 8 p.m. Sunday night Mass; whispering warm and excited words of welcoming as the community gathers for worship. "When you walk into Sunday night Mass at Loras, you walk into a community of faith and support," shared Megan Meyer ('07) (Bolingbrook, Ill.), a Loras December graduate.

In the last five years, participation in Sunday Eucharist has risen over 400%. "I think that it is easier for students to become involved in campus ministry and worship now. The same students used to do the same things at almost every Mass. Now we have so many students participating in ministries that we hardly have enough spots for everyone," stated Meyer.

Two large purple banners on either side of the altar in Christ the King Chapel challenge all who enter with the words, "Who are you becoming?" on one and "The best version of yourself!" on the other. The Rev. John Haugen, dean of campus spiritual life, feels students are answering that call. "They are hungry for more than pious sentiments and want to be challenged in preaching, even if it means hearing some things they would rather not hear."

"College students like anybody are busy, so if they are going to take the time to do this it needs to be worthwhile. So with that in mind, I tend to look at planning Mass as if this may be the only one they may go to. Each Mass could be a Christmas or an Easter. The quality and the reverence should be as good as it can be at that time," said Haugen.

The Worship Team, a group of 12-15 Loras students, takes a more active role in planning the Masses. The students, along with Haugen, prepare Masses one month in advance and the music is chosen based on the liturgy for that weekend. "When there is a conscious effort to put these things together, the message is much stronger because people have tried to tie the introduction with the intentions and the music. Students feel great ownership for the worship that goes on here," said Haugen.

Sunday night worship at Loras tries to be faithful to the tradition of the Church by offering a variety of styles of worship and devotional experiences, from lively music during the beginning of the year and during Easter season to Eucharistic Adoration in St. Joseph's Chapel or the singing of Gregorian chant Mass propers during Lent.

It can be rather easy to see why the students keep coming back, even though there are 13 other churches in Dubuque. It is all about community and Loras students take pride in the faith community they have formed. As expressed by Meyer, "I know that it will be very difficult to find anything that will compare to the family I have in Sunday worship at Loras."

Retreats

Throughout the year, Campus Ministry offers opportunities to participate in all-student retreats as well as one for all members of the Loras community to attend.

Patterned after the text in Acts of the Apostles (2:42), the Antioch weekend strives to involve 35 to 40 students in a regular practice of their faith and examination of how they follow Christ.

Discovery is a program of retreats for high school students that are going through the confirmation process at their parish. Teams of college students are trained to put on a retreat day for these confirmation students. This year, instead of going out to the parishes to do the retreats, we have invited the parishes to bring their students to Loras for the retreat day.
It was a Sunday night in mid-November and SAME Café in Denver, Colo., should have been closed. Only, their lights were brightly burning inside. I was passing through Denver and just happened to have an hour to spend with Libby (Whalen) ('97) and Brad Birky. One could clearly see the orange Gerbera daisies neatly arranged on the tables, the paper cranes hanging overhead and a group of lively people cooking and visiting inside. Sundays are the only days Libby and Brad take off from the daily grind of work. On this night though, they were busy preparing a meal for a community event focusing on spirituality and the work place.

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**SAME café: DEFEATING HUNGER AND BUILDING COMMUNITY**

**BY CARA LYNCH ('01)**

On Oct. 19, 2007, the Birkys toasted the first anniversary of their café. Given their business model, this is quite an achievement. It defies all laissez-faire views of the market and economy. What makes SAME “unique” is that the Birkys insist upon a donation-only method of payment. Moreover, they have infused their food and restaurant with pure spirit. At the center of their philosophy and work the two are driven to build a better community. “We do ask people to give more. This is an intentional place to connect those who have with those who have very little,” Libby said.

SAME is an acronym for So All May Eat. The Birkys insist that everybody—the single mother struggling to buy food for her children, the down and out homeless man panhandling and the suit-wearing executive—should have access to healthy, organic and delicious food. Anyone who walks through the doors of the café is fed. The catch is that no one is required to pay for their meal. Instead patrons are encouraged to donate what they can or what they feel the food is worth. If a person is unable to donate monetarily the Birkys ask that one hour of work in the restaurant be exchanged for one meal eaten.

After the first year, SAME has been as monetarily successful as traditional restaurant competitors. The difference is that SAME has fully rallied a diverse community of people to come together face to face over one of society’s most pressing problems—food and class. “Hunger is a problem,” states the SAME pamphlet. Indeed, it is. In present-day America 35.5 million people (1 out of every 10 people) have a difficult time getting enough food to eat for a single day.

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770 Angella Street. As it turned out, Alisa was locked up in the CAB office, arranging the next social event for Loras and Heidi (Winter) Augustine ('98) was busy typing up a paper on the Bhagavad-Gita. The only one there was Libby. She invited me in, we quickly got acquainted and before I knew it, we were making a batch of Rice Krispies treats while discussing my recent readings of Socrates and what he meant by “know thyself.” What I did not know then was that Libby would become a lifelong friend, even after nearly 10 years of not seeing each other. I also did not realize that food politics and the Catholic Worker movement is what would bridge our most recent meeting.

Motivated by the writings of Dorothy Day, I decided to take action a couple of summers ago by volunteering at Trinity House in Albuquerque, N.M. The place was so magical and the work so real, I knew that it was truly a demonstration of God’s work revealing itself through humanity. After making a vow to use my summers for service (I am a full-time teacher) and after year two of delving into Dorothy Day, I received a forwarded e-mail and link from my cousin, Alisa. “Libby and Brad opened SAME!” she wrote. “Check out the link: www.soallmayeat.org.” Knowing that they could use volunteer work and that their mission was to feed those who need it, I decided to contact them about spending some time during my upcoming summer break (2007) to help them out. The response I received through e-mail eased any and all trepidation. “Are you kidding me? Hello! Hello! It is so great to hear from you. You will have to come out to Denver soon.” I did head out to Denver and spent an entire week making food, visiting with the regulars and learning much about friendship and giving. Libby and Brad have so many friends at SAME, and they all instantly became my own. For example, Patty, who weaves in and out of addiction, came in to volunteer every day. On one of those days she came in and said, “You know, I finally see the value in letting go and feel okay with starting at the beginning again.” In an instant, she and I started discussing Zen Mind, Beginner’s Mind and she leaned over to give me a hug.

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There are also Dee and Iris and Bob, all of whom find SAME to be more interesting than the local senior citizens’ center. Knowing that Iris’ diet is restricted to non-dairy and minimal glucose, Brad prepares special dishes for her. Bob, a retired custodian, mops the store at night and locks it up. Then of course you have the young hip crowd of artists, musicians and bakers, all of whom give of their talents to SAME.
These were the people present during that November night I stopped in for a few minutes before catching a plane home to Albuquerque. Laura and Brian and I hugged for a few moments remembering the long, hard hours put in during last summer’s volunteer work. No kidding—Libby, Brad and I would wake at 8 a.m., head to the grocery store and begin preparation work by 9 a.m. The day would disappear and before I knew it, I found myself drying the last dish at 9 p.m.

“Think globally, act locally” is somewhat of a cliché today. There is no other way to describe the work that Libby and Brad achieve day in, day out. When asked what inspires their work Libby said, “I think it is our Midwestern upbringing, our families. Service was a part of our youth. I volunteered in West Virginia all throughout high school and at Loras, I participated in the Washington, D.C., immersion trip for spring break.”

Aside from the focus on service, at the heart of SAME is good food. Brad is a certified gourmet chef, having attended culinary arts school. He knows the value of vinegar, wine and spice when it comes to making killer soups and pizzas. Likewise, nobody can leave the restaurant without taking one of Libby’s famous lemon sugar cookies. She has come a long way since the days of Rice Krispies treats!

As the clock neared 5 p.m. and the street outside grew darker with winter approaching, Libby and Brad loaded their sporty station wagon with the food they were going to be taking to the night’s events. I had to get to the airport. “You know,” Libby said as she was putting bread onto a plate, “this is my church. This is my sanctuary. This is a sacred place.” Indeed, it is.
Together we make up the greater Loras community.

We are a mosaic of diverse lives and experiences all touched by Loras College. If each of us gives what we can, collectively we can make a great impact.

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For many Loras students, faculty and staff, Christ the King Chapel is vital to their life at Loras College. It is a place they call their home parish, a place where they made memories, established lifelong relationships and grew in their faith.

After discussion with the Archbishop and the Dubuque Deanery, Loras College was given permission to celebrate the sacrament of marriage for current full-time Loras students, graduates, alumni, faculty and staff, and their immediate family members.

“For many young people, their college years are the times when they really mature in their spirituality and their faith,” said the Rev. John Haugen, dean of campus spiritual life. “Values are clarified and they make significant decisions about the rest of their lives. We are privileged to be a part of their faith journey during these years and want to help them strengthen and celebrate their faith.”

For some, this decision was a dream come true. This can certainly be said of Craig ('07) and Colbey (Wiermerslage) ('05) Decker who were the first couple married in Christ the King Chapel. “Having our wedding at Christ the King Chapel with Fr. John seemed like the perfect way to spend the most amazing day of my life,” Craig shared. “Christ the King was our parish for four years and there was no better place to share the sacrament of marriage,” said Colbey.

According to Canon Law, couples are to be married in their home (canonical) parish. Many students have considered Christ the King their spiritual home, so it only seems fitting that they have the opportunity to celebrate such a special day at Loras. In anticipation of the beginning of their married life, couples must take part in marriage preparation. Loras is currently developing a marriage preparation program which will be facilitated on campus. The preparation helps to strengthen the ongoing faith journey which began at Loras and helps prepare the couple not only for their wedding day, but for the rest of their lives.

“Fr. John helped make [our wedding] the best celebration we could have asked for, helping us grow stronger in our faith, our love and appreciation for Loras. Loras College has provided me with countless memories but none is more remarkable than seeing Colbey walk down the aisle of Christ the King. Loras College and Fr. John helped make our wedding day the perfect start to the rest of our lives together,” said Craig. “We cannot thank Loras enough for letting us fulfill our dream of getting married in Christ the King Chapel,” said Colbey.

For further information on marriage celebrations at Loras, please contact the Office of Campus Spiritual Life at (563) 588-7108.

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Loras Again Convenes Diocesan Colleges

BY JOANNA BRADY ('08)

After a successful planning meeting last May, the nation’s diocesan colleges sent representatives to a conference at Loras College. The participants gathered May 29-31, 2007, to explore the meaning of diocesan identity and to examine campus culture within the context of diocesan Catholic identity. The theme for this year’s meeting was Stewards of God’s Varied Grace: The Charism of the Diocesan College/University.

Diocesan college representatives engaged in a full schedule of activities over the course of the three days. The conference began with an opening liturgy in Christ the King Chapel followed by dinner and welcoming remarks by President Jim Collins ('84). Keynote speakers presented ideas throughout the conference, generating ideas and empowering those in attendance. “I think the speakers did an excellent job of stimulating the thinking of participants about the qualities of a diocesan college/university we may share, but the need to each build on our unique histories and geographical location,” expressed Sr. Marlene Pinzka, O.S.F., professor of mathematics.

THE FOUR KEYNOTES INCLUDED:

• Michael Galligan-Stierle, Ph.D., “A View from Heaven: The Transformational Mission of the Diocesan College/University,”
• Alice Hayes, Ph.D., “Leadership: A N Influence Relationship” on leadership responsibilities of the diocesan college/university,
• The Rev. Joseph Hauer, J.C.D., “The Diocesan College and Canon Law,” and
• Michael Galligan-Stierle, Ph.D., “The Pearl of Great Price: Embodying the Virtue of Confident-Moderate.”

Pinzka noted opportunities for further collaboration between the diocesan colleges, such as an interchange of students between an inner-city campus in Miami and Loras’ more rural setting. Other ideas included sharing in service trips (for example, an Engineers Without Borders project to bring safe drinking water to a small village in Mexico) and study abroad programs geared toward students in which the number of majors at any one of the schools might be small.

Groups made up of administration, faculty, staff and students from each of the diocesan institutions traveled to Loras, thanks in part to a grant from the Humanitas Foundation, to participate in the gathering. The colleges and universities represented were: Carroll College (Helena, Mont.), Gannon University (Erie, Pa.), Loras College (Dubuque, Iowa), St. Ambrose University (Davenport, Iowa), St. Thomas University (Miami Gardens, Fla.), Seton Hall (South Orange, N.J.), Thomas More College (Crestview Hills, Ky.), University of Dallas (Irving, Texas) and University of St. Thomas (Saint Paul, Minn.).

The gathering was coordinated by the Loras College Catholic Identity Committee, whose mission is to facilitate reflection and activities that will help the Loras community sharpen its focus as a Catholic institution. Participants will return next year to Loras to continue the dialogue. The University of Dallas and Carroll College are planning to host the conference the following two years.

Students Represent Loras at Regional Math Conference

Four students majoring in mathematics at Loras College, Steve Anderson ('09) (Germantown, Wis.), Corey Becker ('09) (Lenexa, Kan.), Maria (Jime) Gonzalez Ramirez ('09) (Bogota, Colombia) and Ryan Kruse ('09) (Dubuque, Iowa), attended the Pi Mu Epsilon Regional Undergraduate Math Conference at St. Norbert College in De Pere, Wis., Nov. 2-3, 2007.

These students represented Loras College successfully, taking third place in the “Face-Off! The Mathematics Game Show” competition which is similar to Jeopardy. Contestants buzzed in to answer a broad range of mathematical questions for different point values. Three of the four students also made presentations at the conference.

Kruse presented, “Mechanical Analysis of a Block on a Spring on a Conveyer Belt: An Engineering Application.” Using differential equations, he constructed a slope field describing a particular physical system. The system, consisting of a block attached to a spring on a conveyer belt, moved at a constant velocity combining elements of spring and frictional forces. The resulting slope field describing the system incorporated two different slope fields separated by a horizontal line.

Gonzalez examined an application of multivariate calculus to economics in her presentation titled, “Optimizing Profits in Multiple Markets.” She analyzed a product sold in several different markets, assuming there was no competition for that product. Gonzalez optimized profits in three different markets, using multivariate calculus to select prices for the product. This application of multivariate calculus is not often observed in calculus classes.

Anderson presented, “A Statistical Analysis of the Game Lost Cities.” Named the best two-player strategy game of 2000 (International Gamers Award), Lost Cities is a card game in which contestants earn points for expeditions to one or more of the five lost cities. Anderson described several strategies he developed using a probabilistic analysis of the game.
On Sept. 19, 2007, students, faculty and staff filled any available space in St. Joseph Auditorium to hear Cedric Jennings share his story. Jennings is the lead character of Ron Suskind’s novel, A Hope in the Unseen, which records Jennings’ struggles with race and class as he journeyed from inner-city Washington, D.C., to reaching his goal of attending Brown University. A Hope in the Unseen was used as a common reading for all first year students at Loras College this fall as part of the Launch into Loras program.

The audience was engaged and attentive as Jennings told his story, making jokes and providing words of inspiration to all, especially first year students. “He’s a good speaker,” expressed Amy Kirkpatrick (*'11) (Lincoln, Neb.). “It was great to hear the talk because we read the book and that was really neat.”

Jennings stressed that faith, the support and love of his mother, and hope helped him to conquer low-grade schooling and aggressive peer pressure in a violent neighborhood to go on to be admitted to Brown University even though his SAT score was hundreds of points below the university’s average. “I was set up to be blessed,” stated Jennings. He also touched on the idea of diversity saying that we need to consider what joins us, rather than what divides us. “His presentation gave me a different perspective on the diversity issue. Cedric defines it as the story of a person,” shared Emilio Alvarez (*'11) (Aurora, Ill.).

“Turning a negative situation into a positive one – it’s what I do best,” stated Jennings. He even holds a positive outlook on getting kicked out of the eighth grade, saying that it was one of the best things that could have ever happened to him since it showed him the importance of embracing opportunity.

When asked what he hoped the audience would take away from his presentation Jennings said, “Listen and reach out of your comfort zone and don’t be afraid of new experiences.” He also hoped it would make the transition for first year students easier and help them to realize they are not alone.

With those many blessings and his determination, Jennings graduated from Brown University and currently serves as a social worker in the Washington, D.C., area.
Bioethics Resource Center Celebrates 20th Anniversary

BY JOANNA BRADY ('08)

The Bioethics Resource Center of Loras College, a regional center for bioethics, celebrated its 20th anniversary on Oct. 4, 2007, with a Mass of Thanksgiving and a lecture by Alan Moy, M.D., director of the John Paul II Stem Cell Research Institute (JP2SRI).

Moy, a physician-scientist who founded JP2SRI, presented a lecture titled, “Stem Cell Research in Iowa – The Crossroad Between Science, Politics and Bioethics,” to students, faculty, staff and community members. Moy received his doctor of medicine degree from Creighton University in 1985 and has earned several awards and published numerous articles throughout his career. He holds research expertise in such areas as the development and application of cellular and tissue engineering technologies, cytoskeletal biology and stem cell-based tissue engineering.

The Bioethics Resource Center of Loras College was founded in October 1987 to provide educational programming for the Archdiocese of Dubuque. “Since its establishment in 1987, it has grown into a regional center which even provides programming and services at the state level,” stated Janine Idziak, Ph.D., founding director of the Center and Loras professor of philosophy. She elaborated saying, “We have also established a close relationship with the Archdiocese of Dubuque. Our service to the Archdiocese fits with Loras’ mission as a diocesan college.”

The John Paul II Stem Cell Research Institute (JP2SRI) is a non-profit research institute whose mission is to advance research and education on stem cell research in such a way that it is consistent with pro-life bioethics. The Institute strictly focuses on adult and cord blood stem cell research and education. The Institute’s goal is to focus on reducing the barriers to translate basic research into clinical research. Their mission is to coordinate research activities between the Institute, the academic world and industry and to find treatment solutions for patients.

The Institute represents an opportunity for pro-life Christians to support ethical-derived stem cell research consistent with pro-life values. JP2SRI does not conduct human embryonic stem cell research and does not perform therapeutic cloning or somatic cell nuclear transfer.

“ They say my work is just a drop in the ocean.  
I say the ocean is made up of drops.”  
- MOTHER TERESA
Loras College was immersed in art as the 2007-08 Arts and Culture Series, Learning Through the Arts, presented a major art exhibition, Regionalist Prints from the Needles Collection, sponsored by American Trust & Savings Bank. The exhibition was held on Aug. 28-Nov. 4 at the Dubuque Museum of Art.

The Arts and Culture Series is committed to offering a selection of fine arts presentations and lectures to students as an extension of Loras’ liberal arts educational mission, and to provide the opportunity for faculty, staff and the community to gain exposure to artistic expression that complements what is otherwise available in the community. In order for the Arts and Culture Series to achieve its goal, Loras College faculty and staff organized this exhibition, handled the promotions and helped fund the show.

The exhibition included artists who were major forces promoting Regionalism in the 1930s, when many Midwestern artists returned to their prairie roots for the purpose of developing a truly American art that was not reliant on European modernist influences. Over 50 works were on display including major lithographs by Thomas Hart Benton and John Steuart Curry, as well as works by lesser-known Regionalist artists influenced by and associated with the named artists. Many of the lithographs in this exhibition came from the collection of doctors Belverd E., Jr., and Marian Needles of Winnetka, Ill. These pieces were joined by the works of Grant Wood, from the permanent collection of the Dubuque Museum of Art.

An opening reception was held on Aug. 30 at the Dubuque Museum of Art with nearly 300 individuals in attendance. A multi-media panel discussion took place on Oct. 20, featuring Belverd Needles; Randy Lengeling, M.D., of Dubuque, who has donated several Grant Wood pieces to the museum; Jim Hayes ('60), Iowa City, Iowa, whose home was formerly owned by Grant Wood; and Jennifer Walker, who taught an art history course on campus this past fall, using this show as text.

Loras students enrolled in Walker’s fall semester 20th Century American Art History class were taught by a Regionalism specialist. “It was terrific to be able to hold class at the Dubuque Museum of Art in front of dozens of Regionalist prints and paintings,” said Walker, who also expressed that being able to see a work of art live and in-person can immediately help someone understand it better.

Hannah Spina ('10) (Cedar Rapids, Iowa), enjoyed the 20th Century Art History class. “It helps to have an expert teach the class because you know you are getting thorough information, which tends to be rather interesting,” commented Spina. “The exhibit itself is beautiful and allowed us to see many examples of Regionalist work by a variety of artists, not only from those who are well known, but also from some artists who are not commonly heard of.”
Loras College Welcomes Biology Educators

BY JOANNA BRADY (’08)

Loras College hosted the 51st annual meeting of the Association of College & University Biology Educators (ACUBE) Oct. 4-6, 2007. The meeting focused on the theme, “Learning by Doing: Integrating Teaching and Research in the Biology Classroom.”

A variety of sessions were offered by ACUBE members on effective teaching, field biology methods and incorporation of research into the classroom. There were also several demonstrations on computer technology and software. Jon Monroe, professor of biology at James Madison University, was the keynote speaker and presented, “Bringing Biology Back to Life at JMU.” In addition, several nationally-known speakers presented on undergraduate research projects.

“This meeting was a chance to talk with people who teach the same classes that I do. We steal each others’ teaching ideas. I see how other college biology teachers handle different challenges and problems,” shared Tom Davis, Ph.D., professor of biology at Loras College and executive secretary of ACUBE.

“This was my 14th ACUBE meeting, and each time I come away with something I can use directly in my classes,” noted Karen Klyczek, Ph.D., professor of biology at the University of Wisconsin–River Falls. “ACUBE is one of the only organizations focused on biology education at the undergraduate level, and it is extremely valuable to share ideas with other faculty in similar situations.”

The 260 active members of ACUBE are primarily biology faculty and educators from four-year and community colleges from 37 states around the country. “Many of these people return to this meeting year after year to learn how to improve their teaching and ultimately help our students learn more effectively as a result,” added Davis.

“It is hard to find a more supportive group of educators anywhere else!” shared Sr. Marya Czech, assistant professor of biology at Lourdes College in Sylvania, Ohio. “Dr. Tom Davis, local arrangements chair, made sure that no need was left unmet, that ACUBE conference attendees knew where every session was located and had everything they needed,” added Czech.

ACUBE members foster the improvement of college biology teaching and strive to work to help one another deliver the best, most effective methods of college biology teaching in the undergraduate and graduate areas of study. Members share their ideas and concerns, present work at the annual meeting and have work published in the peer reviewed journal Bioscience and the Journal of College Biology Teaching quarterly.
Loras Choirs to Tour China

In recent years there has been an increase in the number of students auditioning for the Loras College Choirs. A record number of prospective students have auditioned for Music Performance Scholarships and the number of students graduating with degrees related to the performing arts is on the rise.

The music program has grown to 130 students in the four choirs which are directed by Bruce Kotowich, associate professor of music. Loras College Concert Choir, Loras College Chamber Singers, Loras College Bella Voce (the women’s choir) and the newest addition, Con Brio (the men’s choir) allow students opportunities to perform a wide variety of music ranging from classical to 21st century while also offering them the opportunity to perform for their peers, the Dubuque community and throughout the United States and the world.

Loras College continues to celebrate a tradition of excellence in music with an exciting new opportunity. The choir will travel to China for a 12-day tour from May 25 through June 5, 2008. During their time in China, students will have the opportunity to explore Beijing, Tian Anmen Square, the Great Wall of China and Shanghai. They will also perform as a group and as individuals, sharing their love of music with the world.

This is an opportunity for Loras College to gain international attention and for students to showcase their talents with the citizens of China as they prepare to host the Summer Olympics. “By attending and performing in the pre-Olympics art festival in China, we will be representing and sharing the spirit of Loras College and the Dubuque community on an incredibly global scale,” noted David Summers (’08) (Lincoln, Neb.). “This is a true testament to the growth and achievement of the Loras College Choirs and the Loras music program.”

The choir is continuing to raise funds to cover the cost of the trip. If you are interested in helping support the choir’s trip to China, please contact Sandra Gonzales (’05), director of the Loras Fund, at 800.245.6727, ext. 7328 or e-mail sandra.gonzales@loras.edu.

David Summers (’08) (Lincoln, Neb.) and Erin Horst (’09) (Vinton, Iowa) sharing their musical talents at Easter Mass. Both will be traveling to China with the Loras College Choirs.
Community Experiences Native American Culture

Mary Louise Defender Wilson shares her wisdom in storytelling as brothers Dana and Courtney Yellow Fat perform vocals and drumming.

Loras students, faculty, staff and members of the Dubuque community were able to experience first-hand drumming, dancing, singing and storytelling during a Native American presentation held on Nov. 14, 2007. The following five individuals performed at this event.

Mary Louise Defender Wilson is a Dakotah and Hidatsa storyteller and traditionalist whose skill and wisdom in storytelling are well-known throughout the United States and American Indian Reservations. She has dedicated much of her life to the art of storytelling and the wisdom it brings to the listener. Her stories are featured in four nationally-awarded enhanced CDs: The Elders Speak, My Relatives Say, Un de’ che cha pi: The Way We Are and Spirit Woods. Wilson is an enrolled member of the Standing Rock (Sioux) Indian Reservation of North and South Dakota. She lives in the rural town of Porcupine, N.D.

Dana and Courtney Yellow Fat are brothers from the Standing Rock (Sioux) Reservation and lead singers for the Grammy-nominated American Indian drum group called Lakota Thunder. Lakota Thunder was first established in 1994 and the first recording, Veterans Songs, under the Makoche label, earned the brothers a Grammy nomination for Best Native American Recording in 2001. Veterans Songs was also nominated for two Native American music awards and won in the category of Best Historical Recording. When they are not singing, the brothers are both teachers of the Lakota language and culture in the Standing Rock school system.

Nellie Boyd is a Hidatsa, Mandan, Assiniboine and Sioux who lived the first half of her life with her mother’s people in North Dakota and is now living with her father’s people in western Montana. Boyd is a singer of traditional, pow-wow and ceremonial American Indian songs. She has done recordings for various projects and CDs. Boyd is skilled at a number of traditional crafts and has won awards for her beading and quilt work. She harvests and cooks traditional foods which includes growing traditional corn of the Mandan and Hidatsa. Boyd is also a Master Teacher with the International Traditional Games Society and works for the Salish Kootenai Tribal Health as a Juvenile Counselor.

Russell Young Bird is an Arikara and Hidatsa from North Dakota who has competed in drum and has been dancing since he first started walking. He has also taught dancing at an elementary school. He performed several traditional and contemporary dances dressed in native garb.

This event was sponsored by a grant from the City of Dubuque Arts and Culture Grant Program, the Loras College Intercultural Programs Office and the Loras College Arts and Culture Series.
Bob Bierie ('65)

Bierie started his storied coaching career at the prep level as an assistant at Rockford Boylan Central (Ill.) and built a 59-38 record in 11 seasons at Beloit Catholic (Wis.) and Freeport High School (Ill.) as a head coach before spending two years as offensive coordinator at Northern Illinois University. In 1980, Bierie returned home – taking over as the 19th head coach in Loras' hallowed history. Football had been dropped as an intercollegiate sport in 1960, played on the club level from 1970-78 and revived in 1979. Under Bierie, the Duhawks quickly returned to the ranks of the small college elite.

In his first seven years on campus, Loras had break-even or winning seasons, and in 1985 finished 8-2-1. In his remarkable 25-year coaching career, the numbers speak volumes: most career victories (144), 20 career shutouts, 13 straight Rock Bowl victories (1991-93), a 22-3 mark, including the last 20 in a row against intra-city rival University of Dubuque, 4-1 against traditional rival St. Ambrose, five unbeaten home seasons and two eight-victory seasons. Nearly all the individual and team records were set or broken during the Bierie era that also saw 41 first-team Iowa Conference players (1986-2004), 21 NAIA All-District selections (1980-85) and 15 selections to national recognized All-America cademic teams.

But numbers tell only part of what Bierie has done for Loras. He served as the school's first full-time women's basketball coach, was athletic director from 1985-97 and led the Duhawks back into the Iowa Conference and NCAA Division III in 1986. He was a devoted teaching coach: more than 80 Loras players from the Bierie era are coaches or administrators on the college or prep level.

In his final five seasons, Bierie served on the American Football Coaches' Association (AFCA) and the NCAA Rules Committee, and was the NCAA representative on the National High School Athletic Association Football Rules Committee. He was also the NCAA regional representative for the Division III national playoffs.

As a testament to their love, devotion and respect, Loras football alumni raised $500,000 to etch Bierie’s name on the Rock Bowl field and have nearly brought in an additional $500,000 to preserve his unique legacy.

In retirement, Bierie remains a part of the Loras family as a member of the development office. With his wife Jerine, the Bieres reside in Dubuque and are the parents of three daughters and have six grandchildren.

Dan Edmeier ('83)

Loras’ football resurgence in the early 1980s was a combination of rugged defense and the hard-nosed running of tailback Edmeier. When he graduated after three seasons, Edmeier held the school single-season and career rushing records, record for rushes in a season and was the first Duhawk with three consecutive 1,000-yard rushing seasons.

After attending Aurora Central Catholic High School and a year of junior college, Edmeier joined the Loras team and powered the Duhawks to an 18-11-1 mark in three seasons - often against scholarship small college teams. In three seasons, Edmeier rushed for 3,477 yards (still No. 3 all-time) with a best of 1,323 yards as a second-team NAIA All-America as a senior.
In his senior year he rewrote the Loras offensive record book as the Duhawks finished 7-3. An injury sidelined him for the traditional match-up with intra-city rival University of Dubuque and Loras fell 14-10 and the team rushed for 26 yards in 36 attempts. Six times, Edmeier rushed for 140 yards or better, including a career-high 213 in 35 carries in his final game. Again, big games came against nationally ranked foes. Olivet Nazarene came to the Rock Bowl 4-0, ranked No. 3 in the country in scoring, but lost 21-7 as Edmeier rushed for 145 yards in 39 carries.

The season also included two citations as NAIA District 15 offensive player of the week, a then school record 295 rushes in a season and No. 3 national ranking among NAIA players in rushing per game at 147 yards. For his career, including pass receptions, punt returns and kickoff returns, Edmeier amassed at least 3,839 yards total offense.

A communication major, Edmeier is now president of KingdomFresh Produce, Inc., a company he founded in 1983 for the sales and marketing of fresh produce. He resides in Mission, Texas, with his wife Vivian, son Gabriel and daughters Daniela and Julianna.

Adriana Gonzalez (’94)
Gonzalez came from far away to make an impact on Loras and its women’s tennis program. Coming from Medellin, Colombia, in 1990, she was a mainstay as the Duhawks became powers in the re-organized Iowa Conference. She becomes the first Hall of Fame inductee from the women’s tennis program, which was started in 1980.

In the four years Gonzalez played No. 1 singles, Loras finished runner-up every year in the Iowa Conference. In 1992, Loras took Luther to the wire in the IC tournament, losing by four points as the Norse won the title for the 11th straight year. Gonzalez was the 1992 conference singles and doubles champion (with Lisa Bolin) and the first Duhawk to be named Iowa Conference Most Valuable Player.

Gonzalez began playing tennis on a national level in Colombia at age nine, but started really enjoying the game when she got to Loras. Gonzalez credits Coach Pat Flanagan for early success, particularly with boosting her confidence and making her an aggressive doubles’ player.

Her individual career marks (53-20 in singles and 48-11 in doubles) remain among the top five in Loras history. But above all, Gonzalez was a team player and all four years was voted Loras MVP.

During her career, Loras never lost more than four dual meets in a year and in the 1992 season went 9-1 with the only loss (5-4) to Luther. The Gonzalez years had Loras posting a 43-9 record in dual meets. She was at her best in the IC tournament: one singles title, two seconds and a third. In doubles: a first and three seconds.

Gonzalez left Loras as a dean’s list scholar in 1994 with a degree in physical education. After Loras, Gonzalez studied translation for four years in France. She currently lives in Medellin, Colombia, with her husband Nicolas. She is an English teacher in a bilingual primary school.

Kevin Rouse (’85)
Rouse was one of the most tenacious defenders in Loras’ football history. More than 20 seasons after he made his first crunching hit, Rouse still holds the career record of 450 tackles.

After a standout career at East Dubuque High School as a running back and linebacker, Rouse moved in as a starting linebacker in 1981, as Loras posted a 6-3-1 mark in only its third season after no intercollegiate program for 20 seasons. He was a ringleader on defense that set a school record of allowing only 114.5 yards a game passing. A standout again at linebacker as a sophomore, the Duhawks improved to 7-3 and along the way recorded the 200th victory in Loras football history.

A reluctant move to nose guard came as a junior, but the consummate team player took over in a big way. In his final two seasons, he claimed four citations as NAIA District defensive player of the week (two each season) and was an NAIA honorable mention All-America after his All-District 15 NAIA selection as a senior. After a 0-3 start in 1984, the Duhawks went 5-2-1 against probably the toughest schedule in the school’s history. As one of 11 seniors, Rouse’s leadership and inspiration were a big part of the strong finish.

Rouse completed his illustrious career as a senior co-captain, the school’s all-time solo tackler with 270 along with 180 assisted tackles. He still ranks fifth in Duhawk history with 17 sacks.

A marketing graduate, Rouse is an insurance agent in Yorkville, Ill. Rouse and his wife, Sue, have eight children.

Nominations for next year’s Varsity Athletics Hall of Fame inductions are being accepted. Go to http://depts.loras.edu/sports/hof/ to fill out the online nomination form. You can also view all the members of the Hall of Fame at this Web site. Several of the members have recently added personal stories and memories.
Heinzen Steps in as Women’s Basketball Coach
BY JON DENHAM ('02), SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR

The Loras College women’s basketball team has a new head coach this season, following the departure of Shauna Green to Providence College in Rhode Island. Justin Heinzen was hired as an assistant this summer and was promoted to the head coaching position for the 2007-08 season.

“I have truly enjoyed my time here at Loras and want to thank them for the opportunities that they have given me,” Green noted. “This was one of the hardest decisions that I’ve ever had to make and it is because of the people here and my team.”

Heinzen came to Loras from Lakeland College in Sheboygan, Wis. The team there achieved regular success during his two seasons as an assistant with the program totaling 40 wins and making an NCAA III Tournament appearance.

Heinzen made note of the opportunity he was given, saying, “I’m very excited to inherit a team with so much recent success and overall talent. It is a chance to jump into a situation and a program that is definitely on the rise due to the job Coach Green has done the last couple of years.”

Erion Wins Iowa Conference’s Top Academic Award
BY JON DENHAM ('02), SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR

This past May, Abby Erion ('07) (Decorah, Iowa) was helping the Duhawks to a fifth-place finish at the NCAA meet just days after graduating with a degree in sports science and a minor in mathematics. Her performance at the IIAC meet in April earned her MVP honors. In December it was announced that Erion was the recipient of the Duane Schroeder IIAC Female Scholar Athlete of the Year Award.

Erion’s athletic resume is impressive. She was captain of the team her junior and senior years. She qualified for the national meet 11 times in four different events (including the heptathlon). She won six IIAC titles and performed at the All-IIAC level 22 times.

Academically, Erion was a true student athlete and tremendous performer in the classroom. She was on the Dean’s List each semester at Loras, was president and four-year member of Loras’ chapter of Delta Epsilon Sigma (a national Catholic scholastic honor society) and was also a four-year member of the Health Science Club.

“In my fifteen years of coaching, she is one of the finest people I have had the privilege to work with and is a coach’s dream,” head coach Bob Schultz said. “Another reflection of her tremendous character is that she was voted to be a captain twice by her teammates...she did an outstanding job of leading our team to successful seasons.”

Erion is the first Loras College student athlete, male or female, to win the award in its seven-year history.

The Duane Schroeder IIAC Female Scholar Athlete of the Year Award was first presented in December 2001 for the 2000-01 academic year. To be eligible for nomination, a student athlete shall have graduated or exhausted their eligibility during the academic year for which the award is given. The nominee must have demonstrated a high level of accomplishment and achievement in a varsity sport, have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.5 (4.0 scale) and show evidence of scholarly achievements, community service involvement and leadership.

The Duane Schroeder IIAC Scholar Athlete of the Year Awards are named in honor of the late Duane Schroeder, former sports information director (SID) at Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa. Schroeder served as Wartburg’s SID for 43 years until his retirement in 2000. During much of his 43 years, Schroeder served as the IIAC’s secretary and treasurer.
In the early 1900s, football was not the first intercollegiate sport at Loras (then known as St. Joseph’s College), but it didn’t take long for foot-ball or socker football—as it was called by many—to take over as the number one extra-curricular love on the hilltop campus. As we celebrate the 100th anniversary and football begins its second century, the Loras gridiron history has few equals among small colleges for glory, heroics, color and rivalries.

Baseball had the honor as the school’s first competitive sport (a game with then Iowa City, the present University of Iowa, was played in 1903) but an infant form of football was around, even in the 19th century, as pickup games were played with the day students versus the boarders and against amateur teams from the city. As early as 1905, The College Spokesman carried an account of two on-campus games between class teams, and added, “Our material is equal to any in the state, and with a good coach we soon would be in condition to carry off the honors from many a hard fought field.”

In November 1906, The College Spokesman wrote, “Soccer football is being played whenever the field is not occupied by the lovers of the more strenuous Rugby football. It will be played more later on...” The campus publication was oh-so right.

Even before the first College game with an outside foe, enthusiasm, expectations and pride ran high. The sport had arrived in a big way and football quickly became, and remains, an integral part of Loras. And what a storied history it has had.

To read overviews of each football era at Loras, visit http://depts.loras.edu/sports/100years/. You will also find a compilation of football coaches and All-Americans.

The 2007 season marked the 100th Anniversary of Football at Loras College and an official recognition of this milestone was given at halftime of the Homecoming game. Former coaches and players were invited onto the field to march with their appropriate era. Commemorative media guides were produced for the season and a special commemorative print was sold. A limited number are still available. If you are interested in a media guide or print, please contact Jon Denham at (563) 588-7407 or jon.denham@loras.edu.
MEN’S SOCCER
UNDEFEATED, AND THE BEST TEAM IN SCHOOL HISTORY

The Duhawk men’s soccer team went in 2007 where no other team sport in Loras College history had — the semi-finals of an NCAA tournament. The season was memorable, record-breaking, and concluded at the Final Four in Orlando, Fla., with a 23-0-2 record.

Beginning Labor Day weekend and concluding the day after Thanksgiving, the season seemed to keep going, and going and going as the team continued winning, and winning and winning. The Duhawks took the field 25 times and never “lost” a match, only having their season abruptly ended in penalty kicks after a 110-minute draw in the NCAA III semifinals at Disney’s Wide World of Sports Complex to Middlebury College, the tournament’s eventual winners.

The Duhawks finished 2007 with a mere six goals scored against them, compared to 69 scored against their opponents. Loras continued their dominance at home in the Rock Bowl in 2007, upping their more than two-year record in the new facility to 21-0-1 by winning 13 games in front of the home crowd. The team set records for wins in a season (23), consecutive games without a loss (25 and counting), goals against (6) and shutouts (19), to name a few. The Duhawks never conceded more than one goal in a game and finished the year as the only men’s soccer team in the NCAA (all divisions) without a loss on their record in 2007.

The team went 8-0 in league play as well, the first time an IIAC men’s team had done so in seven years.

Individually, the accolades were abundant. Dan Rothert (’96) was named IIAC Coach of the Year. Senior defender Matt Brumfield (’08) (Davenport, Iowa) was the IIAC’s MVP (the first time a defender has won the award) and a first team IIAC selection. Santiago Mejia (’10) (Cali, Colombia) and Mike Richter (’08) (Libertyville, Ill.) were named to the NCAA III All-Tournament team in addition to being first team selections in the IIAC. Other first team selections include Nate DuBois (’11) (Lemont, Ill.), Matt Splittergerber (’09) (Marshalltown, Iowa), Miguel Bonilla (’11) (Cali, Valle, Colombia) and the team’s leading scorer Matt Pucci (’09) (Libertyville, Ill.) (17 G). Pucci’s seventeen goals were the second most by a Duhawk in a single season. Second team All-IIAC honors went to Nate Minkel (’09) (Marshalltown, Iowa) and Nick Rizzo (’10) (Wheaton, Ill.). Matt Lamale (’11) (West Des Moines, Iowa) was awarded honorable mention. Minkel and Mejia were also named to the ESPN the Magazine Academic All District (VII) Men’s Soccer Team.

Loras ended the season third in the Nov. 27 NSCAA/Adidas Division III national poll. The Duhawks defeated Wheaton College (Ill.) 1-0 in the second round of the tournament, North Carolina Wesleyan 2-1 in the Sweet 16, and the University of Redlands 3-1 in the Elite 8 to earn a spot in the semifinals. They were welcomed back to Dubuque on Monday, Nov. 26, in the Athletic and Wellness Center to a chorus of cheers, a booming round of applause and a standing ovation.
The team loses three starters to graduation for 2008, and will benefit from the first official spring season next semester as they prep to defend their IIAC title and make another run at the NCAA Division III championship. The support from Loras College, the alumni, the Dubuque community and so many others grew and grew over the course of this memorable season—from Labor Day through Thanksgiving and beyond—and was second to none.

WOMEN’S SOCCER
ANOTHER IIAC TITLE FOR THE DUHAWKS IN 2007

The women’s soccer team ran the table in Iowa Conference play in 2007 under head coach Dan Rothert (‘96), winning all eight games and outscoring their opponents 25-5 on their way to the championship. In non-conference play, the Duhawks once again played one of the most difficult schedules in the Midwest, if not the country, competing against seven teams who appeared in the NCAA III Tournament a year before. The final record posted at 14 wins to seven losses, as the Duhawks finished the year winning 11 of their final 13 games. The exclamation point to the season was missing, however, as 2007 marked the first time in seven seasons the team didn’t qualify for the NCAA Tournament.

The 2007 squad was led by a senior class that posted 23 goals and 10 assists. Midfielder Katie Ryan (‘08) (Bartlett, Ill.) led the team in goals (12) and points (30) as well as the league in points during IIAC games (7G, 4A, 18 PTS). Holly Wilson (‘10) (Waunakee, Wis.) led the team in assists with seven, five of those coming in IIAC games to lead the league in that category. Goalkeeper Torrey Murray (‘09) (Des Moines, Iowa) made 85 saves and won 12 games while compiling a 1.18 goals against average.

The team also garnered attention from the Iowa Conference when the season was over. Eight Duhawks earned All-IIAC honors, led by senior defender Lauren Schaeflein (‘08) (Joliet, Ill.), who appeared on the first team list in four consecutive seasons. Joining her on the first team in 2007 were seniors Ryan, Katee Whitney (‘08) (Beaverton, Ore.) (a three-time selection), and Maria Prendergast (‘08) (Rochester, Minn.) (6G, 2A). Second team selections included Morgan Spencer (‘10) (Batavia, Ill.), Samantha Messacar (‘10) (Saint Charles, Ill.), and Alex Clesen (‘09) (Evanson, Ill.). Murray earned an honorable mention selection for her work in goal.

The Duhawks will return six starters to next year’s team and will benefit from an official spring season in 2008 in preparation for their run at next year’s title.

WOMEN’S GOLF
#25 DUHAWKS FINISH SECOND IN IIAC; UDELHOFEN COACH OF THE YEAR

The senior-laden Loras College women’s golf team earned multiple awards during the fall 2007 season as part of their most successful campaign since 2003. Led by Stephanie Schwartz (‘08) (Glencoe, Ill.), (2nd individual score, 324) at the IIAC meet, the Duhawks claimed a second-place finish at the four-round tournament hosted by Loras College.

The opening weekend at Pheasant Ridge Golf Club in Cedar Falls, Iowa, included a season-low opening round 75 for Schwartz on Friday - a score she matched one week later in the first round (3rd of the tournament) held at The Meadows in Ansbury, Iowa, on Oct. 5. Schwartz was in the final group on Sunday, Oct. 6, but was unable to catch the leader. She was followed on the team scorecard by Amy Kemp (‘08) (Dubuque, Iowa) (340), Brooke Davis (‘08) (Delmar, Iowa) (343), Brittney Davis (‘09) (Delmar, Iowa) (344) and Jackie Kieffer (‘09) (Belmond, Iowa) (345).

Kemp’s 10th place earned her a third consecutive All-IIAC selection. She was 10th in 2005 and third in 2006. She was also named to the NGCA’s All-America Scholar team for the fourth time in as many years. The accolades continued that final weekend when head coach Denise Udelhofen was named the Iowa Conference’s Coach of the Year. It was the second IIAC Coach of the Year award for Udelhofen in a three-year span. Loras earned themselves a spot in the NCGA/Golf Digest National Top 25poll for the first time in 2007, immediately following the conclusion of their season, when they were ranked #25.

Four careers came to an end this season. Brooke Davis, Brittney Davis, Kemp and Schwartz each finished their fall golf careers with the runner-up spot at the IIAC Championships. Loras won two tournaments during the regular season in 10 days time when they claimed their own Loras College Fall Invite and the Clarke College Invitational in mid September. Other strong finishes included a fifth place finish at the Warburg Invitational and an eighth place finish at the D3 Midwest Classic in Wisconsin.

The team will head to Sebring, Fla., this March to work on their game and celebrate their fall season before returning home for a short spring season. The spring schedule can be viewed at www.loras.edu/athletics/womens/golf.
VOLLEYBALL
DUHAWKS WIN 15 GAMES IN KEHE’S SECOND SEASON

Loras College volleyball put another strong team on the court in 2007, winning 15 games and the season-opening Monmouth Triangular in Monmouth, Ill. A non-conference winning streak of four games stood out on the early season schedule when the Duhawks knocked off Ashford. Followed by their first three opponents in the Clarke College Invitational. The season concluded with the Graber Sports Center finale on Oct. 30. The Duhawks defeated Coe College 3-1 in the last game of 2007 and the last official volleyball competition to be held in the Graber Sports Center as the team will move into the new Athletic and Wellness Center for the 2008 campaign. Statistically, Loras was led by first-year hitter Julianne Lord (‘11) (Cedar Rapids, Iowa) (370 kills) and senior Jenny Kollasch (‘08) (Algona, Iowa) (361 kills) on the attack. Setter Jenny Dziubla (‘09) (Bartlett, Ill.) earned first team IIAC honors for the second consecutive year after posting 1,245 assists. Jamie Mayer (‘08) (Mission Viejo, Calif.) led the team in aces (39) and Michelle Bahl (‘10) (Sherrill, Iowa) led the team in digs (448).

FOOTBALL
DUHAWKS WIN TWICE; FOUR LOSSES BY TOUCHDOWN OR LESS

The 100th anniversary of the first season of Loras College football was a roller-coaster ride of emotions for second-year head coach Steve Osterberger. When things were going well, the Duhawks were smiling ear-to ear after long touchdown drives, the defensive side of the ball forcing turnovers and a kick return game that threatened nearly every time the ball was in the air. When things were down, it was after a close loss or single costly mistake.

When it was all said and done, the team won twice in 2007 with strong defense and solid running by tailback Alex McGrew (‘09) (Van Horne, Iowa). In each of the wins, McGrew ran for 100 yards and had a touchdown, and the defense intercepted at least one pass. In the Cornell game, first team All-IIAC defender Brock Hall (‘09) (Davis Junction, Ill.) ran back an interception for a touchdown to go with McGrew’s two. In the St. Thomas win, Hall picked off another pass, and Nate Gee (‘09) (Galena, Ill.) and Tyler Carroll (‘10) (East Dubuque, Ill.) added one each from their secondary positions.

The Duhawks also hosted the league’s top two teams (Central and Wartburg) in the Rock Bowl in 2007, holding them both well under their scoring average and putting together fourth quarter drives to inch closer to victory. Unfortunately, both games resulted in losses, and the Duhawks were sent back to the drawing board in search of a win.

Other highlights of 2007 included holding the league’s top rusher to 54 yards against Cornell (an effort that earned him IIAC Football Player of the Week honors). A n experienced receiving core of Jon Gill (‘09) (Cedar Rapids, Iowa) and Mike Hachey (‘09) (Hiawatha, Iowa) have completed their eligibility and will be missing from next year’s squad, however, Ben McMahon (‘10) (Waterloo, Iowa) will be the top returning player in receptions. Matt McLaughlin (‘08) (Dubuque, Iowa) took every snap at quarterback in his senior season (1,921 YDS, 11 TD). Hall earned first team IIAC honors for the second consecutive year. Other All-IIAC selections included junior running back McGrew (2nd team), defensive tackle Zach Wilker (‘09) (Elkader, Iowa) (2nd team), and offensive lineman Bob Roe (‘08) (Park Ridge, Ill.) (honorable mention).

WOMEN’S TENNIS
YOUNG DUHAWK SQUAD GAINS EXPERIENCE, CONFIDENCE IN ‘07

The Loras College women’s tennis team battled through a solid schedule to win six dual meets in 2007 and gain valuable experience under third-year head coach Karl Stubben. The Duhawks defeated Buena Vista, Aurora, Dubuque (twice), Clarke, and Wisconsin Lutheran to fill out the win column. The top spot was held by Alisha Espey (‘10) (Camanche, Iowa) for much of the season. Espey faced top competition all year in winning six matches. The singles team high in wins came from #2/#3 Lindsay Dunkirk (‘10) (Cedar Rapids, Iowa), named team MVP at the December team banquet, who went 9-5. Other strong singles performances came from Breann Billiet (‘10) (Decorah, Iowa) with eight wins and Clare Tuchscherer (‘11) (Neenah, Wis.) with 4 wins.

In doubles competition, the Duhawks fared well, winning a total of 19 matches. The most successful tandem in terms of winning percentage was Brenda Beckers (‘10) (De Pere, Wis.) and Dunkirk (3-0).
Six of Loras’ top women qualified for the individual IIAC tournament. In Flight A, Espey gave the top players a go, winning one match. Billiet, Tuchscherer, and Molly Hepworth (’11) (Waterloo, Iowa) competed in Flight B and Kristina Dufour (’09) (Rockford, Ill.) and Carrie Hoskey (’11) (Brooklyn, Iowa) qualified in Flight C. In doubles, the Duhawks sent four teams into competition. Billiet and Tuchscherer won two matches during the Oct. 19-20 tournament. Loras and Stubben will look to build on this youthful team’s successes and climb the IIAC standings in 2008.

WOMEN’S CROSS COUNTRY
CORKEN LEADS SQUAD TO TWO WINS, 4TH PLACE IN IIAC

The Loras College women’s cross country team had another successful season in 2007. The team was off to a tremendous start with a first-place finish at the Elmhurst Early Bird Invite. Mary Bridget Corken (’10) (Dubuque, Iowa) and Hannah Weiss (’10) (Dallas Center, Iowa) finished 2-3 to lead the squad in the season’s opening race. Another strong result followed at the National Catholic Invite at Notre Dame when the Duhawks finished third out of 26 teams. The season rolled on and the top 10 finishes continued to mount. The Duhawks were second at the Pr-National meet in Northfield, Minn., in early October. The second win of the year came at the Dr. Robert Tucker Invitational on Oct. 12. In the year’s final race, the NCAA Central Region Meet at St. Olaf, the Duhawks were about as close as any team could be without qualifying for the championship. Corken was also a slim three seconds from an individual qualification. At that regional run, four of the seven ladies posted lifetime PR’s.

Awards were not elusive for the Duhawks in 2007 either. Corken earned All-IIAC honors for the second consecutive year. Corken and Erica Stevens (’10) (Central City, Iowa) also earned All-Region honors. Five Duhawks were also named to the IIAC’s All-Academic team; Jackie Astor (’10) (North Liberty, Iowa), Lisa Ballard (’08) (West Dundee, Ill.), Corken, Amy Hall (’08) (Orland Hills, Ill.) and Heather Heffernen (’10) (Manchester, Iowa) were recognized by the Iowa Conference for their work in the classroom. The most notable recognition of 2007 may have come in the final race of the season. In the most difficult region in the country, the Duhawks outran two nationally-ranked teams (Grinnell and Carleton) and finished the year with a #36 national ranking and #10 regional ranking.

MEN’S CROSS COUNTRY
LORAS HOSTS IIAC MEET; GRANT RUNS PR AT NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Loras College men’s cross country team hosted the Iowa Conference Championships and the Dr. Robert Tucker Invitational this fall at the Dubuque Soccer Complex in front of tremendous crowds of Duhawk supporters. The team finished in first place at the Tucker Invitational and third at the IIAC meet. Loras’ schedule also included the annual trips to the Elmhurst Early Bird Invite, the National Catholic Championships in South Bend, Ind., and the Brismann-Lundeen race at Augustana. Some of the top performances of the year came at the course most traveled by the Duhawks in 2007—the Northfield, Minn., home course of St. Olaf. Loras made the trek a total of three times this season, the final of which was to cheer on individual NCAA qualifier Ben Grant (’08) (Peosta, Iowa). The senior, who was the Duhawks’ top finisher in every race this year, was the top individual to qualify for the NCAA Championships from the Central Region. Grant ran a PR time of 25:10 at the NCAA Regional meet. Before returning to the course for nationals, both Grant and head coach Bob Schultz expressed great pleasure in the pace, conditions and result. Neither truly knew what was in store a week later.

In his final intercollegiate race, Grant outran 276 of the 280 participants in finishing fourth. In setting his newest and most memorable PR, he finished the course in 24:43, an unthinkable 27 seconds faster than the time from seven days earlier. The time was the fourth fastest in Loras history, ten seconds from the all-time 8K mark of 24:33.

Schultz expressed his thoughts on Grant’s best run later that day, “He ran an amazing race, definitely his best race as a Duhawk. I’m really proud of him and we sure are going to miss him.”

Keep Up with Duhawk Sports

Call the Sports Hotline at 563.588.7014 or visit the Athletics Web page at www.loras.edu/athletics to stay up to date on your favorite Duhawk teams!

Live audio broadcasts are available for certain sports and games – check it out online.

GO DUHAWKERS!
National Alumni Board Welcomes Two New Members

Two new members joined the Loras College National Alumni Board in October 2007. Mike Blouin ('66) and Lori (Welsch) Thielen ('87) will each serve a four-year term.

Mike Blouin ('66) is president of the Greater Dubuque Development Corporation and leads Greater Dubuque’s entrepreneurial and venture capital development efforts. Prior to joining the Greater Dubuque team, Blouin was director of the Iowa Department of Economic Development where he was appointed by Governor Tom Vilsack and Lt. Governor Sally Pederson in January 2003 and again in August 2006. Blouin was a member of Congress in the U.S. House of Representatives for the 2nd District, State of Iowa, from 1975 to 1979. He was also a member of the Iowa State Senate and the Iowa House of Representatives for Dubuque, Iowa, from 1969 to 1975.

Lori (Welsch) Thielen ('87) most recently served as chief financial officer for The Durrant Group, an architect and engineering firm in Dubuque, Iowa. Previously, Thielen spent 17 years in the financial industry working primarily in the areas of retirement and investment. Thielen currently serves on the boards of Greater Dubuque Development, Dubuque Racing Association, Mississippi Valley Promise and Holy Family Development Council. Additionally, she participates in the Carnegie Stout Capital Campaign, Holy Family Capital Campaign, Go Red for Women and Every Child Every Promise.

MISSION STATEMENT

The National Alumni Board was formed in 1989 under the direction of the Loras College Office of Alumni Relations. The board serves to develop and promote support of alumni and friends through a variety of programs, events and communication in an effort to strengthen the College.

In support of the priorities of Loras College, the National Alumni Board of directors created a scholarship in the amount of $2,500 to help a student with financial need. This award will be available to a student for their four years at Loras as long as they maintain good academic standing and meet the financial need requirements. The board continues to raise funds for the scholarship so that eventually it will be endowed and multiple students can benefit. To learn more about the National Alumni Board and its mission, visit http://alumni.loras.edu.
My name is Tara Kilburg and I am honored to be the first recipient of the National Alumni Scholarship. I would like to share with you a little bit about myself, why I chose to come to Loras and what this scholarship means to me.

I grew up on a small farm near LaMotte, Iowa, and graduated as one of four valedictorians in my high school class. I was involved in a lot of activities in high school, and was lucky enough to be a four-year state qualifier in track and cross-country.

My first semester at Loras College was great—I loved almost every minute of it! As a pre-pharmacy and Spanish major, I’ve become involved in the Spanish and Health Science Clubs on campus, ran cross country and plan to run indoor and outdoor track for the spring semester. I also work about eight hours a week as a staff helper at St. Mark Community Center in Dubuque.

Many of you may be asking why I chose Loras—my list is endless! I knew I wanted to go to a fairly small college where I would get plenty of personal attention from my professors. When I visited Loras I loved the campus, especially the Academic Resource Center, and really felt that I fit in. I also wanted a college where I could run and focus on my school work; Loras definitely provides that opportunity. Loras has a strong science program which will be very helpful when I apply to pharmacy school. Best of all, between private and Loras-based scholarships, Loras was very affordable for me.

I would like to thank the National Alumni Board for making this scholarship possible and let them know that I am very honored to be the first recipient. I LOVE Loras College and I cannot imagine being this happy anywhere else. Thank you so much!

Tara Kilburg (‘11)
Loras Honors Distinguished Alumni

Loras College awarded its annual Distinguished Alumni Awards during the Homecoming dinner on Saturday, Oct. 13. Recipients of Loras’ 2007 Distinguished Alumni Awards included the following individuals:

Donna M. Bauerly, Ph.D.
Contributions Made as a Staff, Faculty or Administrative Member

Bauerly first arrived on the Loras College campus in 1971, the year the College became coeducational. She was the first female to serve as faculty chair and faculty senate chair, and also chaired the Division of Humanities, English and Continuing Education. Bauerly received her bachelor of arts degree from Briar Cliff College in 1963, her master of arts degree from Marquette University in 1969 and her doctoral degree from Marquette University in 1973.

It would be impossible to list all the classes Bauerly has taught or to include all the students she has touched, but one of her nominators wrote, “Dr. Bauerly intrigued us with the possibilities of literary interpretation and challenged us intellectually so that we did more than we thought we could.”

Bauerly includes a quote from F. O. Matthiessen on her webpage that captures how she has lived her life as an educator. It states, “The true function of scholarship, as of society, is not to stake out claims on which others may not trespass, but to establish a community of knowledge in which others may share.”

Michael J. Conlon ('58)
Contributions Made to Loras College

The Conlon family has continued a connection to Loras College over several decades through the constructing and remodeling of many of the facilities on campus. It all started when Michael Conlon’s father and grandfather helped build the Fieldhouse in 1926. His memories of that construction project involved climbing the rafters of the Fieldhouse and watching games from beams that spanned the court.

Looking at the map of campus you will see how Conlon and his family have impacted Loras College. Rohlman Hall, Wahlert Memorial Library, the Planetarium, Binz, Beckman, Keane and Hoffmann Halls, St. Joseph Hall of Science, San Jose Swimming Pool, the Alumni Campus Center, Graber Sports Center, Visitation Complex, Academic Resource Center, student housing and residential apartments, Rock Bowl press box and our most recent construction, the Athletic and Wellness Center, are just a few of the highlights.

In 2003, he and his wife, Sharon, created an endowed scholarship that helps students, benefits programming and helps with new initiatives at Loras. The Conlons have also generously supported the Faculty Development Endowment, the Loras Club of Dubuque Scholarship Golf Outing, internship programs, Friends of the Library and many, many other programs.

Mark R. Knabel, M.D. ('74)
Contributions Made in Christian and Volunteer Service

Knabel graduated from Loras in 1974, majoring in biology. He then went on to the University of Iowa Medical School where he graduated in 1979, specializing in dermatology and skin surgery.

As a dermatologist, Knabel has helped thousands of patients at Aurora Sheboygan Clinic for nearly 25 years. He also serves as professor of procedural dermatology for the Family Practice Residency program at Aurora St. Luke’s Medical Center in Milwaukee, Wis., helping to train the next generation of physicians. He is actively involved with the Vince Lombardi Cancer Clinic at St. Luke’s doing research.

Knabel is also an active participant in the Helping Hands Medical Mission Organization. This is a Catholic, non-profit organization that provides medical aid in rural areas of
developing countries. He has volunteered for six missions, providing free medical care for needy patients in Venezuela and Mexico.

In 2004, Knabel and his wife, Mary, created the Helping Hands Medical Mission scholarship allowing undergraduate students from Loras College to join him in a week-long journey to Mexico.

Paul J. Heer, Ph.D. (’81)
Contributions Made as a Public Servant

Heer attended Wahlert High School before earning his bachelor of arts degree in history from Loras College in 1981. He received a master of arts degree in history from the University of Iowa in 1982, and his doctoral degree in diplomatic history from The George Washington University in Washington, D.C., in 1995.

Currently Heer is the national intelligence officer for East Asia on the National Intelligence Council (NIC). This is the primary center of interagency strategic analysis in the Office of the Director of National Intelligence. Before joining the NIC in May 2007, he served as an officer in the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

During his 24 years with the CIA, Heer worked as a political and foreign policy analyst on Southeast Asia and China; he has also served as an analytic manager and on the staff of the President’s Daily Brief—the primary source of foreign intelligence analysis for the President and foreign policy members of the Cabinet.

Heer has received numerous exceptional performance awards over the course of his CIA career, including Senior Intelligence Service—the highest rank attainable in the U.S. Intelligence Community.
LORAS CLUB OF CEDAR RAPIDS/IOWA CITY GOLF OUTING — Pictured (l to r): John Tursi ('90), Brian Beck ('02), Tom Bohr ('95) and Ryan Wertz ('08).

LORAS CLUB OF DES MOINES I-CUBS GAME — Former Duhawk basketball players gathered for a picture before the start of the game. Pictured (l to r): Scott Peterson ('76), Dick Wright ('57), Jeff Ludovissy ('05) and Bob Wagner ('76).

LORAS CLUB OF WATERLOO/cedar falls GOLF OUTING — Pictured (l to r): Theresa (Obermann) Hoffman ('81), Loras College regent, and Loras Club of Waterloo/Cedar Falls board member; George Weilein ('78), board member; Bobbi Earles ('88), executive director of alumni and communications; Kelly Myers ('85); Sheri (Schmitz) Becker ('89), board member; Mike Fereday ('75), board member; and Pat Kramer ('53), board member.

LORAS CLUB OF LACROSSE GOLF OUTING — Mary Jo Werner ('81), Loras Club of La Crosse treasurer and John Walsh ('57), senior development officer, teamed up for the day for a round of golf.

ALL SPORTS CAMP RECEPTION — Pictured (l to r): Margaret (Bamrick) Yocum ('81), Eunice (Ermer) Bamrick ('74) and Mike Doyle ('91), senior development officer.

LORAS CLUB OF NORTHEAST IOWA SUMMER POTLUCK/PICNIC — Pictured (l to r): Duane Briening ('52) and the Rev. Phil Gibbs ('89), pastor at St. Benedicts Catholic Church in Decorah, Iowa.

LORAS CLUB OF DUBUQUE GOLF OUTING — Pictured (l to r): President Jim Collins ('84) and Matt Horsfield ('97) celebrated after Matt purchased a live auction item for dinner with the President.

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This summer, the Alumni Office welcomed back Loras alumni for an All-Sports Camp Reception during each session of camp. As parents were dropping off their kids for the week, the alumni were welcomed back to campus with cookies, punch and air conditioning! Nearly 100 alumni and friends stopped by to catch up on Loras.

The Loras Club of La Crosse met on July 23, 2007, for their annual golf outing and dinner at the La Crosse Country Club. Nearly 40 alumni and friends showed up for the day. This year, the Loras Club of La Crosse gave out two scholarships to area students who will be attending Loras.

Despite the humid weather, the Loras Club of Des Moines family and friends showed up at Principal Park on Aug. 3, 2007, to cheer on the I-CUBS and catch up with Loras alumni living in the area. The group gathered for a private reception and was treated to fireworks after watching the game.

Loras Wrestling Coach Randy Steward, along with wrestling alumni in the Chicago area, met at John ('78) and Patrice (Beck) ('79) Duffy’s home on August 4, 2007, for their annual Wrestling Alumni Picnic. Former athletes and parents enjoyed learning more about where the Loras program is headed.

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The Loras Club of Dubuque hosted the season’s first Duhawk Den on Sept. 8, 2007, when the Loras Duhawks took on the St. Thomas Tommies. Loras won 31-23. More than 30 alumni gathered in front of the Fieldhouse before the game to cheer on the football team to victory.

The Loras Club of Chicago met at Cog Hill in Lemont, Ill., for the BMW Classic on Sept. 8, 2007. Stephanie (Burgmeier) Ludovissy (’05), assistant alumni director, and Sandra Gonzales (’05), director of the Loras Fund, gave a College update. Alumni enjoyed a private luncheon in the club house before heading back out to watch PGA professionals like Tiger Woods and Zack Johnson play a few rounds.

On Sept. 21, 2007, wrestling alumni and friends of the College along with Loras wrestling coach Randy Steward met in Dubuque at Bunker Hill Golf Course for their annual Wrestling Alumni Golf Outing. Money raised from this event helps the team with expenses throughout the school year.

At the Loras Club of Dubuque’s second Duhawk Den on Sept. 22, 2007, alumni and friends celebrated with Bob Bierie (’65) and his family before Bierie was inducted into the Loras College Hall of Fame. The other 2007 Hall of Fame inductees included Dan Edmeier (’83), Adriana Gonzalez (’94) and Kevin Rouse (’85).

On Sept. 26, Loras College Regent Jim Davis (’67) and President Jim Collins (’84) met with other alumni and friends in Colorado to discuss future strategies and initiatives of the College. Msgr. James Barta (’52) attended and answered questions about his new role as Loras’ Vice Chancellor. Nearly 50 alumni gathered to celebrate their Loras connections.

Loras College alumni met on Sept. 27, 2007, in Cleveland, Ohio, and visited area high schools to help with recruitment efforts. National Alumni Board member Kelly Walsh-Hunt (’90) initiated these efforts.

A reception was held on Oct. 12, 2007, to honor Msgr. James Barta (’52) being named the Vice Chancellor of Loras College. More than 60 community members, alumni, friends and campus members attended the reception in the St. Clare House. With this new role, Barta will be traveling on a limited basis to meet with Loras alumni.

The Loras Club of Madison gathered together at the home of George (’63) and Ann Croal in Middleton, Wis., on Oct. 23, 2007, to hear President Jim Collins (’84) discuss the future strategies and initiatives of Loras College.

The Legacy Reception was held on campus over Family Weekend, Nov. 3, 2007, to honor Loras alumni and their children who are current students. Bobbi Earles, (’88) executive director of alumni relations and communications, welcomed more than 75 people to the reception.
The Loras Club of Rockford held their 30th Annual Scholarship Luncheon on Nov. 15, 2007, at Giovanni’s Restaurant in Rockford, Ill. Every year the club honors one current Loras student from the Rockford area with a scholarship. This year, Daniel Dobson (‘11) was the scholarship recipient and the Rev. John Haugen, dean of campus spiritual life, was the guest speaker. Dobson’s parents were able to join him for the luncheon.

On Nov. 27, 2007, the Loras Club of Cedar Rapids/Iowa City hosted President Jim Collins (‘84) for a luncheon at Elmcrest Country Club in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Alumni, parents and friends of the College gathered to hear the strategic initiatives in store for Loras.

Loras College blessed and dedicated the Athletic and Wellness Center on Nov. 28, 2007. Basketball alumni gathered that evening to support the current student athletes as they took on Central College. Nearly two dozen alumni were recognized during halftime of the men’s game.

Mike (‘62) and Janet Valder welcomed more than two dozen alumni and friends to their home in Phoenix, Ariz., on Nov. 29, 2007. The Loras College Mock Trial team, competing in the Sun Devil Tournament at Arizona State University, joined alumni and friends along with their coach Mary Lynn Neuhaus (‘76), professor of communication arts. President Jim Collins (‘84) recognized the success of the team and shared other student and faculty accomplishments at the College.
LORAS CLUB OF ROCKFORD SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON —
The luncheon honored the 2007-08 scholarship recipient and his family. Pictured (l to r): Stewart Dobson, Daniel Dobson ('11) and Kathy Dobson.

ALUMNI BASKETBALL RECEPTION — Loras College held a reception for men's and women's alumni basketball players on Nov. 28, 2007. Pictured (l to r): Greg Gorton, head men's basketball coach; Noah Carter (front); Joe Carter ('96); Les Teeling ('52) and Joe Ottavi ('57).

ALUMNI IN PHOENIX, ARIZ. — Alumni gathered in late November when the Loras Mock Trial team competed in the Sun Devil Tournament at Arizona State University. Hosting the event was Mike ('62) and Janet Valder, pictured here with President Jim Collins (center).

The Rev. Msgr. Arthur Breen, dean of students, takes attendance at daily Mass in the newly constructed Christ the King Chapel in 1948.

Photo courtesy of the Loras College Archives. The archives, as well as the Center for Dubuque History, are interested in collecting Loras College and Dubuque memorabilia including photographs, postcards, letters, diaries, etc. Contact Mike Gibson, archivist at Loras College, 1450 Alta Vista, Dubuque, Iowa, 52001, or call (563) 588-7163, or e-mail michael.gibson@loras.edu.
Meredith Marlow ('08) (West Des Moines, Iowa) and Alan Dietzenbach ('08) (Fort Atkinson, Iowa) proudly served as Loras’ Homecoming Queen and King.
During Homecoming weekend, President Jim Collins ('84) gave a State of the College Address in the Academic Resource Center for alumni and friends.
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A Duhawk Family Wedding

Tabethe Galle ('02) was married to Andrew Schemmel on Oct. 7, 2006, in Germantown, Wis. Celebrating with them were many Loras alumni, including Andrew's grandparents Elizabeth (left) and Jack Dale ('51) (right). Tabethe is working as a prevention educator for the Riverview Center, Inc., Sexual Assault Prevention and Intervention Services and helped train Loras residential staff on sexual assault.

Current & Alumni Duhawks

Current Loras students worked with Loras alumni at the Banner Day Camp in Lake Forest, Ill., this summer teaching soccer skills to children. Pictured (l to r): Mike Mason ('67), Matt Pucci ('08), Dom Pelletiere ('10), Luke Schweitzer ('10) and Bill Schufreider ('87).

Future Classmates

Pictured (l to r) are three (squirmy) future Duhawks: Caitlyn, 5 months, daughter of Ellen (Manderscheid) ('00) and Ben Zacharias; Dylan, 2 months, son of Sara (Wieland) ('03) and Andy ('03) Lang; and Kathleen, 8 months, daughter of Steve ('00) and Renae (Rosauer) ('01) Masbruch.
Lawrence Bussard ('49) has been recently inducted into the Phi Alpha Literary Society as an honorary member at Illinois College, Jacksonville, Ill.

Thomas Hunt ('52, A '48) has been informed that the Christian Science Monitor will publish an op-ed essay from his co-authored book, The Dissenting Tradition in American Education.

Vince Stankewitz ('54) was inducted into the Beloit Historical Society's E.L. “Ted” Perring Sports Hall of Fame on June 21, 2007, at the Lincoln Center in Wisconsin.

Miles Conway ('57) continues countless treks from Illinois to Minnesota and elsewhere in the Midwest on his Schwinn bicycle.

Dale Kueter ('58) recently had his book, Vietnam Sons: For Some, the war never ended, published by AuthorHouse.

Joseph Schaefer, Ph.D. ('62), professor emeritus of physics and engineering science at Loras College, recently was promoted from lecturer to senior lecturer in the Department of Aerospace Engineering at Iowa State University.

The Rev. Michael Tierney ('63) celebrated his 40th anniversary of faithful service to God’s people on May 26, 2007, in Algonquin, Ill.

John Decker, J.S.D. ('66, A '62), professor of law at the DePaul University College of Law in Chicago, received the DePaul University College of Law Sapientiae Award, the university’s highest academic award, at the College of Law’s commencement exercises on May 20, 2007.

Paul Logli ('71), after 21 years of service as Winnebago County State’s Attorney, did not seek re-election. His last day was Aug. 1, 2007.

Joe Dolan ('75) received the 2006-2007 Teacher of the Year for the Dubuque Community School District and the KWWL Gold Star Teaching Award.

Bradley Harris ('76) was appointed by Iowa Gov. Chet Culver to serve as northeast Iowa’s judge for District 1B which includes Black Hawk, Buchanan, Chickasaw, Fayette, Grundy and Howard counties.

Kevin Coogan, C.P.A ('78), presented “Best Practices in Warranty Management” and was track chair for “Globalization and Growth” at the International Conference on Warranty Chain Management held in Tampa, Fla., earlier this year. This is the second time Coogan has been selected to speak on this discipline.

Steven Sloan, O.D. ('78), was recently inducted as President of the Iowa Optometric Association. This will be Sloan’s sixth term on the Iowa Optometric Association Board. Sloan works for Vision Health Center, P.C., and has offices in Dubuque and Bellevue, Iowa.

Rob Stenander ('97) returned from a six-month deployment in Iraq where he served as a supply officer for the Seabees as part of the U.S. Navy Reserve.

Jim Lynch ('57), a former naval officer, read the Oath of Office swearing in his grandson, Matt Arnsberger, as a Plebe at the U.S. Naval Academy this summer.
Kevin Kraus (‘79), professor of biology at Luther College, received a three-year appointment as the Russel R. Rulon Endowed Chair in Biology. His teaching and mentoring skills helped numerous students advance to careers in medicine.

Gary Steinke (‘80) left the Iowa State Board of Regents in October 2007 and took a job with the Iowa Association of Independent Colleges and Universities beginning on Nov. 1, 2007. He took over as president of the association on Jan. 1, 2008. 

Dr. Paul Heer (‘81) has been appointed to the National Intelligence Council (NIC) as National Intelligence Officer (NIO) for East Asia.

Thomas Roth (‘81) was hired as the first city administrator of Camanche, Iowa, in July 2007.

Mark Meloy (‘83) was promoted to CEO of First Business Bank-Madison, part of First Business Financial Services, Inc., in June 2007.

The Rev. James Weighner (‘84) has been newly ordained and appointed parochial vicar (associate pastor) of Notre Dame Parish at Chippewa Falls, Wis., and Sacred Heart Parish at Jim Falls, Wis., chaplain and instructor of religion at McDonell Central Catholic High School and chaplain to Notre Dame Middle School.

Sherri (Hoffman) Hoye (‘85) was chosen as one of the 65 teachers to participate in the academically rigorous program, *Mark Twain and the “Impolite Nation.”* Using *Mark Twain’s Work to Teach About Race in America*, a week-long workshop sponsored by the National Endowment of the Humanities in July 2007.

Thomas Putz (‘87), teacher and basketball coach at Notre Dame Prep in Scottsdale, Ariz., had his basketball team secure the Arizona 4A title.

William Albrecht (‘88), teacher and baseball coach at West High School in West Bend, Wis., had his baseball team win the Wisconsin summer baseball title.

Don Noel, Jr. (‘90) was honored with two prestigious cooperate awards in the “Champions through Excellence” program of the Amerisure Insurance Company Claims Department. Noel received the 2006 Best Customer Service Award and 2006 Claims Adjustor of the Year. In addition he has been promoted to platinum claims specialist and is based in St. Louis, Mo.

Doug O’Brien, J.D. (‘92), has accepted a new position as assistant director of agriculture for the state of Ohio in Columbus.

Jeff Dolan (‘95) became the assistant city manager for Davenport, Iowa, in July 2007. Dolan retains his human resources position in addition to his new post.

Jen (Galloway) McDevitt (‘95) successfully completed the New York City Marathon on Nov. 4, 2007. She was diagnosed with brain cancer four years ago and is now in remission.

Gina Galetti (‘96) has been hired by Bailey Computing Technologies, Inc., an Eastern Tennessee based provider of IT services, computer training, application development and networking.

Heather (Davis) Rosenthal (‘98) won the Wisconsin Center for the Book Poetry Bookmark Contest. As a winner of the award, Rosenthal read her work to lead off the Booklovers’ Dialogue at the Wisconsin Book Festival on Oct. 13, 2007.

Thomas Klein, Ph.D. (‘99), was awarded his doctoral degree in mathematics at ceremonies held by the State University of New York at Binghampton on May 19, 2007. His dissertation, *Filtered Ends of Pairs of Groups*, was selected as winner of the Distinguished Dissertation Award in the category of Science and Mathematics. Klein also received a University-wide research award in recognition of research included in the...
Bill Kuennen ('02) married Katie O'Brien on April 27, 2007, in Glen Cove, N.Y. Sharing their special day were Duhawks (pictured l to r): Stacia Edwards McDermott ('03), Robbie Stran ('02, MA '04), David McDermott ('01), Nick Irving ('02), Ken Kurt ('03), Bill Kuennen ('02), Katie (O'Brien) Kuennen, the Rev. David H. O'Connor ('82), Tasha (Weitl) Havercamp ('02), Patrick Brutsche ('02), Michael Dodds ('04) and Lynn (Kuennen) Altmann ('92).

The Rev. Don Hertges ('00) was ordained on May 26, 2007, at St. Raphael Cathedral in Dubuque, Iowa.

Blair Henry ('01), an area scout for the Red Sox in Northern California and Nevada, received a World Series Championship ring from the Boston Red Sox.

Hassan Rashid ('01), a defensive back for the Stuttgart Scorpions, played in the German Bowl, Germany's equivalent of the "Super Bowl."

Erin White ('01) has been hired by Harpo Productions in Chicago, Ill., as a writer for Oprah Winfrey's Web site.

Nancy (Denk) Paolucci ('02) has been named the new executive director for Promotional Products Association of Chicago, Ill. Denk previously worked with PPAChicago supplier member American Greenwood as the sales and marketing coordinator.

Brian O'Rourke ('03) has begun creating custom fine art paintings on-demand for homeowners, starting a new trend in Chicago. Non-custom pieces of his artwork are available for sale at Macy's Home Stores in the Chicago area.

Stephanie Begley ('05) began her first year as an assistant athletics trainer at Colorado School of Mines (CSM) in 2007-08.

Previously Begley worked at Minnesota State University—Mankato, where she served as a graduate assistant for two seasons.

Kourtney Kelso ('05) joined the Burlington Bees, an Iowa minor league baseball team, as the director of tickets/merchandise.

Courtney Kettmann, P.A. ('05) joined Dubuque Internal Medicine in Dubuque, Iowa, as a physician assistant on Sept. 10, 2007.

Adam Ottaviano ('02) married Cristina Dacio ('02) on June 10, 2006. Loras alumni celebrating their day included (from top to bottom): Jim Anderson ('01), Dustin Derflinger ('02), Dan Yuska ('02), Chris Burns ('02), Jeff Lay ('02), Steve Godek ('01), Jaci Klabunde ('02), Eric Bero ('02), Andy Rebik ('02), Colleen (Brogan) Black ('02), Theresa O'Donnell ('02), Adam Ottaviano ('02), Roy Sackmaster ('03), Sara Covington ('02), Beth Kempel ('02), Cristina (Dacio) Ottaviano ('02), Angie Klostermann Lay ('02), Cathy Veth ('02), George Vlatis ('02), Robbie Stran ('02, MA '04) and Amanda Talsma ('02).

Lad Dullum ('92) married Jennifer Lombardo ('93) on March 17, 2007, back home in the Chicagoland area. Erinn (Schubert) Henes ('93) and Mike Henes ('95) also joined in the celebration. Jennifer and Lad met at Loras eighteen years ago. They ended up connecting again in 2000 and as they say, the rest is now history! Jennifer and Lad currently reside and work in Dallas, Texas, with their dogs Wrigley (go Cubs!) and Cooper.

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Kathleen Volk (‘05) obtained her master’s degree in English from Marquette University, Wis., in May 2007. Volk is now serving as the assistant director of the Learning Resource Center and director of the Writing Center at Concordia University Wisconsin in Mequon, Wis.

Charlie Bishop (‘06) has been hired as a special education teacher and wrestling coach at Sterling High School in Sterling, Ill.

Pam Enderson (‘07) was hired on the auditing staff with Bansley & Kiener, L.L.P., a certified public accounting firm in Chicago, Ill.

Joseph Greenley (‘07) joined ENTEGEE Engineering Technical Group in Dubuque, Iowa, as a design engineer.


Dr. Chad Morarend (alumnus) joined Dubuque Orthodontic Associates in Dubuque, Iowa, in June 2007.

Brad Feldott (‘01) to Naomi Hoppenjan (‘02) on Sept. 8, 2007.

Michael Roling (‘01) to Maggie Berntsen on Nov. 3, 2007.

Amanda Dahlen (‘02) to Joe Jacquinot (alumnus) on June 11, 2005.

Tabetha Galle (‘02) to Andrew Schemmel on Oct. 7, 2006.

Adriana Amaya (‘04) to Andrew Foxen on Sept. 29, 2007.

Thomas Lange (‘07) to Katie Gross (student) on June 23, 2007.


ALUMNI WEDDINGS


Regina Doerning (‘95) to Robert Zlomke on Sept. 2, 2006.


Lea Kahrs (‘99) to Kirk Peters on July 7, 2005.

ALUMNI BABIES

To Jeffrey (‘79) and Lisa Kurt, a son, Justin James, on Aug. 29, 2007.

To Carl (‘82) and Leslie Bockenstedt, a son on May 19, 2007.

To Mark (‘88) and Christine Murphy, a daughter, Shayla Ann, on June 7, 2007.

To Lori (Jansz) (‘90) and Robert Benvenuto, a daughter, Caroline Grace, on Feb. 23, 2007.

To Linda (Callahan) (‘90) and Shawn Carr, a son, Riley Richard, on Aug. 17, 2007.

To Michael (‘90) and Wendy Kiefer, a daughter on April 28, 2007.

Jacob Boyle (‘97) married Cora Hummel on May 5, 2007. In attendance were (not in order) Bob Bierie (‘65), Jason Stecklein (‘96), Ted Swanson (‘00), Jason Nemmers (‘01), Chris Curry (‘02), Paul Patterson (‘96), Carrie Boyle (‘04), Dan Verble (alumnus), Matt Ferris (‘97), Austin Steines (‘02), Tom Kult (‘97), Bill Huisenga (‘99), Kristin (Stillman) Patterson (‘96), Matt Nauman (‘91), Joe Boyle (‘94), Tom Andrews (‘05), Jody Verble, Jason Sturm (‘96), Jill (Center) Gehl (‘97), Katie (Speck) Knepper (‘99), Liz (Ressler) Hammerly (‘03), Abby (Pape) Gehl (‘01), Katie (Recker) Koopmann (‘04), Brian Beck (‘02), Andy Boyle (‘96), Tom Shet (88), Dennis Reams (‘97), Carey (Gil) Hosch (‘03), Bill Diesing (‘96), Brett Aberle (‘97), Stacie (Byers) Diesing (‘98), Chris Hansen (‘98), Troy Burton (‘98), and Heidi (Fluhr) Burton (‘97).
To **Patrick** (’91) and Marilee **McCauley**, a daughter on June 28, 2007.

To **Stacy (Kinsella)** (’93) and Jim **Krug**, a daughter on May 21, 2007.

To **Susan (Ludescher)** (’93) and Steve **LeFevre**, a son, Brayden Armstrong, on June 6, 2007.

To **Terry** (’93) and **Tammy (Klein)** (’94) **Reichel**, a daughter, Hailey Jo, on July 16, 2007.

To **Christian** (’93) and **Megan (McCormick)** (’94) **Schultheis**, a daughter, Lilian Mae, on April 28, 2007.

To **Jennifer (Kurt)** (’94) and Dennis **Erickson**, an adopted daughter on July 13, 2006.

To **Jill (Rowley)** (’94) and Barry **Flynn**, twin girls, Rose Marie and Kathleen Ann, on June 4, 2007.

To **Christian (Horst)** (’94) and **Christopher (McCormick)** (’94) **Geers**, a son, Benjamin Joseph, on Dec. 27, 2006.

To **Jennifer (Jaros)** (’94) and Robert **Hooks**, a daughter, Danielle Faith, on May 9, 2007.

To **Lisa (Till)** (’95) and **Nathan Tyler**, a son on July 20, 2007.

To **Kevin** (’96) and Beth **Berg**, a son, Jack Matthew, on June 19, 2007.

To **Brian** (’96) and **Angela (Snyder)** (’98) **Jones**, a daughter, Amelia June, on June 26, 2007.

To **Justin** (’96) and **Jennifer (Oberbrockling)** (’97) **Kieffer**, a son on May 30, 2007.

To **Amy (Frantzen)** (’96) and Ratah **Tath**, a daughter, on Aug. 8, 2007.

To **Jennifer (Biver)** (’97) and John **Bauer**, a daughter on Oct. 2, 2007.

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**Bridget Monaghan** (’01) married Kryspin Turczynski on July 7, 2007, in Monti, Iowa. Many Loras alumni shared in their special day. Pictured are Bridget and her 2001 classmates (back row, l to r): Cara Lynch (’01), Marca (Wosoba) Horgan (’01) and Sarah Kotz (’01); (front row, l to r): Kris [Hain] Casey (’01), Kelly Conney (’01), Bridget (Monaghan) Turczynski (’01) and Melissa (DeVeau) Hammerly (’01).

**Michael Zachar, D.D.S.** (’03), graduated from the University of Iowa in June 2007 with his dentistry degree. His wife, Kelly, received her dentistry degree last year.

Cheri Strutt (’06) and Jonathon Moser (alumnus) were wed on June 30, 2007, in McGregor, Iowa. Pictured are (l to r): Stephanie (Graber) Klapatuskas (’05), Kyle Klapatuskas (’04), Benjamin Andrews (’06), Troy Rabbett (’06), Adam Bauder (’08), Lauren Squires (’08), Melissa Donile (’06), Caitlin McIntosh (’07), David Summers (’08), Jessica Gerlach (’06), Bree Miller (’08), David Arens (’09), Cheri (Strutt) Moser (’06), Jake Paul (’05), Megan Backer (’06), Kevin Keisenich (’08), Jonathon Moser (alumnus), Erin Horst (’09), Craig Schaefer (’89) (faculty), Doug Donald (faculty), Brenda Arens (’06), Mariah Powers (’06), Steve Ortman (’07), Natalie Catron (’06), Gabe Stauffer (’05), Erin (Hughes) Paul (’08), Christine (Willems) Ripperger (’08), Patrick Freund (’07), Katie Weber (’05), Nathan Ripperger (’05) and Craig Nagovan (’07).
To Lynn Lester ('97) and Adam Howland, a son on May 25, 2007.

To Mark ('97) and Staci McKeon, a daughter, Annabelle, on June 8, 2007.

To Tracy (Webster) ('98) and Dennis Downs, a daughter, Kameron Michelle, on Oct. 8, 2007.

To Mark ('98) and Lori Konrardy, a daughter on Aug. 21, 2007.

To Regina (Merges) ('98) and Robert ('99) Noel, a son, Joseph Robert, on Oct. 21, 2007.

To Jason ('99) and Nicole (Papis) ('00) Berna, a daughter on July 17, 2007.

To Angela (Dempewolf) ('99) and Curt Dolphin, a daughter on Aug. 22, 2007.

To Sarah (Rossman) ('99) and Ryan Gilgenbach, a daughter, Nia Marie, on Jan. 23, 2007.

To Tim ('99) and Anne (Joy) ('00) Heiar, a daughter on April 28, 2007.

To William ('99) and Kelly (McFarland) ('01) King, a son on May 12, 2007.

To Chad ('99) and Amber (Schmidt) ('02) Leitzen, a son, Owen, on May 13, 2007.

To Autumn (Esch) ('99) and Alejandro ('99) Pino, a daughter, Lily Rose, on May 30, 2007.

To Steven ('00) and Renae (Rosauer) ('01) Masbruch, a daughter, Kathleen.

To Stacy (Feller) ('00) and Chad Sieverding, a son, Brady David, on Sept. 9, 2007.

To Ellen (Manderscheid) ('00) and Ben Zacharias, a daughter, Caitlyn.

To Traci (Stoffel) ('01) and Peter Gael, a son, Matthew, on Oct. 23, 2007.

To Kay (Schockemoehl) ('01) and Donnie Manternach, a son, Kalvin John, on Oct. 12, 2007.

Brian (B.D.) Davis ('99, MA '01) married Katie Carlson ('02) on July 1, 2006. Celebrating with them were (front row, l to r): Steve Davis, Abby (Gantenbein) Kluesner ('02), Hope (Schmitt) Trainor ('02), Katie (Carlson) Davis ('02), Brian Davis ('99, MA '01) and Andy Dampeer ('99); (back row, l to r): Kelly (McFarland) King ('01, MA '05), Bill King ('99), Jeanne (Cafaro) Conlon ('00), James Conlon ('98, MA '00), Stacey Brunner (MA '01), Brad Vanden Boogaard (MA '01), Robert Davis ('69), Sherry (Davis) Goff ('96), Bill Slager ('01) and Jenny Fox ('97).
To David (’01) and Anastacia (Edwards) (’03) McDermott, a daughter, Maria, on Sept. 27, 2007.

To Tim (’02) and Heather Felderman, a son, Easton Alan, on Sept. 20, 2007.

To Amanda (Dahlen) (’02) and Joe Jacquinot, a daughter, Madeline Eileen, on July 30, 2007.

To Abby (Gantenbein) (’02) and Martin Kluesner, a son on Oct. 16, 2007.

To Michelle (Wertz) (’02) and Jacob (’02) Zeal, a daughter, Alexia Sam, on May 1, 2007.

To Stephanie (Hirsch) (’03) and Troy Otterbeck, a daughter, on July 19, 2007.

To Robin (Slaght) (’03) and Michael Reed, a daughter on July 24, 2007.

To Todd (’03) and Susie Wernimont, a son, Benjamin Michael, on Oct. 19, 2007.

To Ryan (’04) and Katherine Beyer, a son, James Dennis, on Sept. 8, 2007.

To Jesse (’05) and Heather Freiburger, a son on Oct. 18, 2007.

To Ronda (Gerlach-Johll) (’05) and Brian Jasper, a daughter on Oct. 6, 2007.

To Edie (Huss) (’05) and Thomas Kuhle, a daughter on June 27, 2007.

To Gary (’05) and Jennifer McAlpin, a daughter, Kiana Wyvonne Nah-Nay-A-Beke, on June 11, 2007.

To Nathan (’05) and Christine (Walleser) Ripperger (student), a son on July 25, 2007.

To Alesia (Bassler) (alumnus) and Casey Kuhle, a son, Carter Anthony Allen, on Sept. 18, 2007.

To Timothy (alumnus) and Ellen Steffen, a daughter on July 1, 2007.

ALUMNI DEATHS


James H. Fitzgerald (’37) on Aug. 18, 2007, in Fort Dodge, Iowa.


Charles C. Griffin, M.D. (’43) on Aug. 16, 2007, in Greensboro, N.C.


Francis Skopec, M.D. (’48) on July 23, 2007, in Iowa City, Iowa.

Robert Theisen, Sr. (’48, A ’41) on Aug. 18, 2007, in Fort Worth, Texas.

To Andrew (’95) and Beth (Wagner) (’00) McGlynn, a daughter, Mary Kate, on Oct. 13, 2006.

To Michael (’01) and Juliet Meinert, a son, Michael Robert “Robbie,” on May 8, 2007.


Robert Amundsen (*'50).

Richard D. Evans, Sr. (*'50) on Sept. 20, 2007, in Inverness, Ill.

Rosemary K. Giunta (*'50) on May 19, 2007, in Dubuque, Iowa.


James D. Cox (*'51, A '47) on Sept. 21, 2007, in Dubuque, Iowa.


Vincent E. Funk (*'51) on May 14, 2007, in Dallas, Texas.


Joseph B. Royal (*'51) on June 14, 2007, in Lebanon, Ind.

Charles E. Ward (*'51) on June 20, 2007, in Ill.


Merlin A. Steger (*'52) on July 10, 2007, in Des Moines, Iowa.


Robert J. Schueth (*'55) on May 12, 2007, in Indianapolis, Ind.

Lorenzo C. See (*'56) on June 23, 2007, in Manilla, the Philippines.

Donald Flottmeyer (*'57) on Aug. 29, 2007, in Madison, Wis.


Philip M. McClean (*'59) on Oct. 11, 2007, in Bethesda, Md.


Thomas L. O'Conner (*'59) on June 19, 2007, in Rochester, Minn.


John Burke (*'70) on Aug. 11, 2007, in Jonesboro, Ill.

Thomas C. Beadle (*'72) on June 1, 2007, in Dubuque, Iowa.

Dan Black (*'81) on Oct. 6, 2007, in Iowa City, Iowa.


Lance Vermeil (*'00) on Sept. 14, 2007.

Kyle A. Andersen (MA '04) on May 26, 2007, in Fort Dodge, Iowa.

Jamie S. Stock (*'06) on May 27, 2007, in Grayslake, Ill.

William Arneson (alumnus) on July 8, 2007, in Kenosha, Wis.

Dennis Benda (alumnus) on Sept. 30, 2007, in Dubuque, Iowa.

Richard Billimack (alumnus) on May 26, 2007, in Arizona.

Donald C. Breitbach (alumnus) on April 29, 2007, in Houston, Texas.


Lawrence Byrne (alumnus) on Aug. 2, 2007, in Chicago, Ill.
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I grew up in a loving, busy, faith-filled Catholic family. But like many teens, I lost sight of that love and faith for awhile, beginning in high school. When I left home for the first time and ventured all the way to Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa, I had really lost sight of my spirituality. During my four years at Loras, I gradually found both love and faith again. God provided many people and experiences that led me to rediscover my true self.

Father Gary Krapfl came down to the A-Level of Binz Hall and said Mass every Sunday night. If not for that, I would not have attended Mass very often during my first two years at Loras—and I needed all the grace I could get. Then there were the theology classes we were required to take. I took both History and Literature of the New and Old Testament from Father Vogl. I was pleasantly surprised at how much I enjoyed them and how they rekindled an interest in my faith. I also took a class on sacraments and was amazed at how the pieces of my life and my faith began to fit together like a puzzle.

Relationships were a huge part of my developing spirituality at Loras. My dear friends Faye and Teri encouraged me to attend noon Mass with them during Lent. We attended together several days a week. Fr. Gary must have noticed our increased attendance, as he soon asked me to serve as a Eucharistic Minister. I was humbled by the request and accepted. The simple commissioning ceremony and the experience of serving the Body and Blood of Christ to others was life-changing for me. It helped me come to terms with many things that had to be changed in my life.

I have since been a very busy and involved person, living life fully. My faith and spirituality are an integral part of me. I cannot separate them from the rest of my life. My life is family and friends. My work is sharing my faith in a Catholic school with students, their families and staff. In the busy days I can still lose sight of God. But now I am confident God does not lose sight of me. And when I slow down and reflect, I see that God is always present in the simple, ordinary events and relationships of my life.

Our second oldest child, Sarah, graduated from Loras last May. She loved the warm hospitality of the Loras Masses. She felt the homilies were truly directed at helping young people make tough decisions and see God in their lives. She now lives in Abury, Iowa, and chooses to attend Mass at Loras each Sunday because of the uplifting liturgies. The Sacrament of Reconciliation there made her feel loved and accepted in a new and wonderful way. This is a true blessing. Sarah enjoyed the classes in which she learned about other religions and faiths. She felt this led her to an appreciation and respect for the faith of others, yet strengthened her own faith at the same time. Relationships also played a key role in Sarah’s faith journey at Loras. Her friend and roommate, Britney, asked Sarah to be her R.C.I.A. sponsor during their senior year. That experience deepened their friendship and enriched Sarah’s faith.

Our third child, Laura, is now a first year at Loras. She has a mature faith and a winning smile. She loves the Loras Masses. She says that the homilies and the music are incredible. Laura felt the Advent Masses were especially meaningful with the beautiful contrast of darkness and light and the raising of the Advent wreath. Laura says “thank you” to Fr. John and his staff for the amazing liturgies.

Loras was the place I was meant to be so many years ago as I grew in faith and discovered my own spirituality. It was the place for Sarah and now it is the place for Laura. Thank you, Loras, for being that special place for each of us.

Mary (McGrath) Cornelis is a 1978 graduate of Loras College. She and her husband Bill, a 1976 Loras graduate, have been married for 27 years and have four children. Mary has been a Catholic school educator for over 25 years, has a master’s degree in special education from Western Illinois University and is presently assistant principal of Seton Catholic School in Moline, Ill.

The Cornelis family (l to r): Sarah (’07), Bill (’76), Mary (’78), Katie Jo, Tim and Laura (’11).