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DONNA BAUERLY, PH.D.
PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH
An Introduction...

BY CHERYL JACOBSEN, PH.D., PROVOST

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lthough Dr. Donna Bauerly and Professor MaryLynn Neuhaus were among the first women faculty and students at Loras College, they were part of a much longer history of women seeking access to education and to expanded rights in the larger society. Both Dr. Bauerly and Professor Neuhaus speak of the opportunities, and briefly a few challenges, they encountered as the College became co-educational. As Dr. Kristin Anderson-Bricker points out in her article, “The significant impact and involvement of women at Loras College since 1971 reflects not only the decision to become co-educational but the transformation of American society and culture over the past 35 years as a result of the feminist movement.”

The ground work for that transformation began in colonial America. Although the first colonial colleges in pre-Revolutionary America — Harvard, William and Mary, Yale and Princeton — were closed to women, the education of women was being urged by social and political philosophers as essential to the development of strong societies, citizens and culture. By the early 1800s, girls could move beyond the basic reading, writing, “figuring” instruction they received in a day school to enroll in private “academies” or “seminaries,” secondary schools that offered liberal education similar to that available to boys and young men. The rationale for increased education for girls and young women, though, still centered on the concept of women’s separate sphere of home and family. Better to have a somewhat-educated woman who would raise decent, future citizens or be able to earn a living rather than become dependent on society’s support if her husband died or deserted her.

The concern for women’s higher education continued to grow throughout the 1800s as popular women writers and reformers pushed for more sophisticated educational institutions for women. Catherine Beecher, Mary Lyon, the founder of Mt. Holyoke College, and Emma Willard all promoted women’s education. Generally, the proliferation of literature written for women fueled their expectations for more education. Beecher was an especially popular writer of advice books on housekeeping and child care. She actively promoted women as teachers for young children while noting that women teachers could be hired more inexpensively than their male counterparts. The events related to the Civil War, like subsequent wars, also expanded women’s roles in society and the workforce and fueled demands for education. In the abolition movement leading to the war, women played central roles. They often advocated simultaneously for women’s rights. For example, the 1848 Seneca Falls Convention made up of women abolitionist leaders and a handful of their male counterparts resulted in a “Declaration of Sentiments” modeled on the Declaration of Independence. The document identified education and educational roles as rights not to be denied. Based on a similar rationale, Oberlin College was among the first private colleges to admit both women and blacks before the Civil War. About the same time, the University of Iowa opened as one of two public co-educational institutions, recognizing both women’s expanding need for higher education and the institution’s need for students.

By the beginning of the 1900s, a significant number of new institutions had been founded, among them women’s liberal arts colleges and co-educational institutions. This higher education landscape remained largely unchanged until the 1960s and 1970s. Under the pressures of feminism, baby boomer enrollment numbers, and various financial needs, many single-sex institutions became co-educational, and existing co-educational institutions approached equal representation of women and men students. For Loras College, the transition from a male institution to a co-educational institution fit the larger context. This is the story that Dr. Kristin Anderson-Bricker takes up and that Dr. Bauerly and Professor Neuhaus lived.
Faculty Recognitions


Donna Bauerly, Ph.D., professor of English, is chair of the Carnegie-Stout Library Foundation and was the recipient of the 2006 Carnegie-Stout Public Library Outstanding Volunteer Award. Bauerly was also elected to her fifth term as a member of the Dubuque Community School Board, where she has served for ten years and will serve again from 2006-2009.

Christopher B. Budzisz, Ph.D., associate professor of politics, was chosen as a Fulbright Scholar to Ukraine for the 2007 spring semester. He will be teaching courses on American politics and democracy at Chernivtsi National University and will guest lecture at Odessa National Economic University.

David Cochran, Ph.D., associate professor of politics, has recently published several articles. “Democracy, Pluralism, and the Catholic Tradition” was in the fall 2006 issue of Church; “Consistent to its Way” a review of Mark and Louise Zwick’s The Catholic Worker Movement: Intellectual and Spiritual Origins appeared in the summer 2006 issue of The Review of Politics; and “Toward a Catholic Understanding of American Multiculturalism” appeared in the winter 2006 issue of The Journal of Catholic Social Thought.

Tom Davis, Ph.D., professor of biology, recently published two debate case studies online for the National Center for Case Study Teaching in Science. They are titled “Living Downstream: Atrazine and Coliform Bacteria Effects on Water Quality – A Debate Case” and “Oak Clearcutting: To Cut or Not to Cut? A Debate Case.” Davis was also selected executive secretary of the Association of College and University Biology Educators (ACUBE) where he will serve a six-year term in charge of membership, finances and organizational communication.

Peter Doerschler, Ph.D., assistant professor of politics, published “Push-Pull Factors and Immigrants’ Integration in Germany” in the December 2006 issue of Social Science Quarterly. He will also have an article published in 2007 in Electoral Studies, entitled “Voter Support for the German PDS over Time: Dissatisfaction, Ideology, Losers and East Identity.”

Doug Donald, M.F.A., associate professor of communication arts and director of the Loras Players, received a grant from Mediacom of Dubuque to help support the annual spring production of the children’s play All About Jack.

Nancy Zachar Fett, L.M.S.W., associate professor of social work, worked with senior level social work majors to secure two grants totaling over $43,000 for the local agencies Presentation Lantern and Albrecht Acres.


Lisa R. Grinde, Ph.D., assistant professor of psychology, was chosen as a Fulbright Scholar to Ukraine for the 2007 spring semester. She will be teaching courses on cross-cultural psychology and children’s disabilities at Chernivtsi National University and will guest lecture at Odessa National Economic University.

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Jacob Heidenreich, Ph.D., assistant professor of mathematics, was selected as a 2006 Project NExT fellow. Project NExT (New Experiences in Teaching) is a professional development and mentoring program for recent Ph.D.s in mathematics funded by the Mathematics Association of America (MAA) and the Exxon Foundation.

Brian Hughes, M.M., associate professor of music, has completed coursework toward the doctor of musical arts degree in conducting at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Hughes’s proposed research is based on the symphonies of 20th century Portuguese symphonist Joly Braga Santos. This fall he appeared as a guest conductor with the UW-Madison Wind Ensemble, the United States Air Force Heartland of America Band and the Quad-City Wind Ensemble.

Janine Marie Idziak, Ph.D., professor of philosophy and director of the bioethics resource center, presented the workshop “Navigating the Ethics of Senior Services” at the annual national meeting of Catholic Charities USA in Minneapolis in September 2006. She was also appointed to a special ethics committee of the Iowa Department of Public Health to develop guidelines for the allocation of medical resources in the case of a pandemic.

Mary Johnson, Ph.D., professor of psychology, was appointed by Governor Tom Vilsack to serve on the Board of Psychology Examiners for the state of Iowa. In this role, Johnson will work with other board members to approve new applicants for licensure, investigate and hear complaints concerning professional conduct of psychologists and serve in an advisory capacity for new legislation involving the practice of psychology.


Kenneth McLaughlin, Ph.D., associate professor of physics and engineering, co-authored a manuscript that was published in the American Institute of Physics’ Ionization, Correlation, and Polarization in Atomic Collisions. He also co-authored a manuscript entitled “Production of excited atomic hydrogen from H2 photodissociation” which was accepted for publication in the Journal of Physics B, an international journal specializing in atomic and molecular physics. This publication has also been chosen by the Institute of Physics (IoP) Publishing to be highlighted and posted on their Web site as part of their IoP Select Publications.

Dana Livingston, Ph.D., associate professor of Spanish, received the Governor’s award from the Department of Natural Resources for volunteer work at the Mines of Spain. The project involved students in a savanna restoration. Livingston also received the 2006 Volunteer of the Year Award for the state of Iowa at The Nature Conservancy’s Annual Meeting. He has been a volunteer at the Conservancy’s Kaufmann Avenue prairie site for years and has involved his students in his work there.

Catalin Mamali, Ph.D., adjunct faculty, psychology, participated in the 4th International Biennial Self Research Conference: Self-concept, motivation, social and personal identity for 21 century at University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, on July 23-26, 2006. He presented the poster: “Pictorial representations of self-other relationships.” Mamali also published the comment “The value of images for exploring the functions of social representations: Toward self generated pictorial social representations” in Papers on Social Representations.

MaryLynn Neuhaus, J.D., professor of communication and fine arts and director of the Mediation, Moot Court and Mock Trial programs, was one of two keynote speakers at the American Mock Trial Association Newcomer’s Conference at Hamline University Law School Oct. 13-15. She addressed undergraduates and attorneys from new mock trial programs on the need for civility in the law profession and also instructed new coaches in effective teaching methods in trial advocacy.

Marlene Pinzka OSF, Ph.D., professor of mathematics, was elected as a counselor member on the leadership team for the Rochester Franciscan Congregation.


Susan M. Stone, Ph.D., assistant professor of English, chaired a panel at the Society for the Study of American Women Writers (SSAWW) November annual meeting in Philadelphia, Pa., and also presented a paper entitled “Reading, Writing, and Rhyming: Multiple-Audience Epistolary Verse from the Delaware Valley Network of Pre-Revolutionary Women Writers.” She was invited to serve as a Peer Review Board member for the prestigious journal Teaching American Literature: A Journal of Theory and Practice (TALTP).

John C. Waldmeir, Ph.D., associate professor of religious studies and theology, delivered an address titled “One God, Three Faiths: The Word of God in Islam, Judaism and Christianity, An Interfaith Dialogue” held at Coe College on Nov. 18. Waldmeir shared the stage with Sheikh Shaker Elsayed, Imam at the Dar Al Hijrah Islamic Center, Falls Church, Va., and with Rabbi Aaron Sherman, Temple Judah, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

The Rev. Douglas O. Wathier, S.T.D., associate professor of religious studies and chair of the division of philosophy, religion, and theology, participated in a Lutheran/Catholic Ecumenical Day on Oct. 28, 2006. Wathier gave a presentation on Martin Luther’s and the Council of Trent’s teachings on justification and tried to show that neither denied what the other stressed. The day’s activities were designed to bring to life the call of the document: “The Lutheran churches and the Roman Catholic Church will continue to strive together to deepen this common understanding of justification and to make it bear fruit in the life and teaching of the churches.”
President Collins Announces New Hires

President Jim Collins announced the hiring of Dr. Lisa Lail Bunders as vice president for enrollment management and Mike DeMoully as the director of human and organizational development.

Bunders joined Loras in August from Northland College in Ashland, Wis., where she most recently served as the vice president for enrollment, research and financial aid. Prior to that, she was the director of institutional research/assessment coordinator at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa. In her role at Loras, Bunders oversees the College’s recruitment efforts, financial aid awards, marketing and web strategies.

DeMoully joined Loras in July following his retirement from 21 years of service in the United States Air Force where he served in such positions as corporate quality assurance manager, organizational training manager, curriculum designer, executive assistant to a CEO and senior long range planning manager. DeMoully’s military academic experience includes over 12 years of instructional systems design. He also served three years as associate professor of aeronautical studies at the University of South Florida, Tampa. He holds a bachelor of arts degree in psychology from the University of Tampa and a master of arts degree in human resource development from Webster University in St. Louis, Mo.

In his role at Loras, DeMoully oversees personnel, focusing on benefits administration, payroll and personal and professional development. He is responsible for training, developing sound personnel policies and benefit practices, and advocating for employees.

Loras College Ranked 25th in U.S. News & World Report

U.S. News & World Report’s 2007 edition of America’s Best Colleges once again ranked Loras College among the top tier of Midwest colleges. Loras ranks at 25th, a four-point improvement from last year, in the Best Comprehensive Colleges — Bachelor’s category.

U.S. News & World Report reviews more than 1,400 accredited colleges and universities. The publication evaluates 320 institutions in the Best Comprehensive Colleges — Bachelor’s category and divides them into four regions. Loras shares the 25th ranking in the Midwest with Northland College (Wis.) and Northwestern College (Min.).

Loras College President Jim Collins commented, “We are very pleased that Loras has consistently been ranked in the top tier of Midwestern colleges. Our ranking is a testament to the ongoing hard work of our faculty and staff and the quality of our students. We do, however, recognize that rankings are just one tool that prospective students and their families have in the college selection process. First and foremost, our goals are directed toward student and alumni success.”

One of several guides to rank schools, U.S. News & World Report began publishing its Guide to America’s Best Colleges in 1983. Higher education institutions are classified into categories based on their mission and region. U.S. News & World Report gathers data from each college on up to 15 different indicators of academic excellence, weighs each factor based on their judgment and then ranks each school against its peers.

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FACT: THE FIRST SORORITY ON-CAMPUS WAS SIGMA DELTA OMEGA, ORGANIZED IN 1972.
Breitbach Joins Loras College Board of Regents

Loras College has announced that J. Paul Breitbach has joined the Board of Regents, where he will serve two four-year terms. He completed a previous term on the Loras College Board of Regents from 1989-2000.

Breitbach, of Winston-Salem, N.C., received his bachelor’s degree from Loras College and attended graduate school at Butler University. He also completed the executive program at Stanford University. He is retired from the Krispy Kreme Foundation, where he served as president. Prior to that position he was the executive vice president of finance, administration and support operations at Krispy Kreme. From 1960-1992, he was employed at Price Waterhouse, where he became a managing partner in 1983.

Breitbach holds board of director positions for the Hospice Foundation and Catholic Social Services Office in the Triad. He is also actively involved with the Diocese of Charlotte.

Loras College would also like to thank those board members who have recently completed their service:

Barbara Sullivan Woodward, Ph.D., is a clinical psychologist. She is currently on sabbatical from the staff of Mercy Hospital and also serves on the board of Woodward Communications, Inc.

Al Ruffalo is president of RuffaloCody, Inc. He has been involved with Junior Achievement and Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

Sister Colman O’Connell, O.S.B., Ph.D., is former president (1986-1996) of the College of St. Benedict and currently serves as senior development officer. She has been involved in the Central Minnesota Area Foundation and the St. Cloud Chamber of Commerce.

Schrup Family Proves Years of Leadership

Through the generosity of scholarships and leadership provided on the Loras College Board of Regents, the Schrup family name has a distinguished place in Loras’ history. Perhaps most notable, though, is the pioneering spirit and contributions made by the women of the Schrup family.

Nicholas J. Schrup immigrated with his parents to the United States when he was two years old. While still very young, his family settled just south of Dubuque. Nicholas was an entrepreneur, becoming president of the American Trust and Savings Bank and in 1918, served as a trustee of Columbia (now Loras) College.

Nicholas and his wife Mary’s children carried on the spirit of generosity and leadership through the following decades. Daughters Lillian and Rosalyn Schrup graciously donated the Lourdes Grotto in 1954. Modeled after the grotto at Notre Dame University, this beautiful monument still graces the northwest corner of campus. In 1959, Rosalyn became the first woman to receive an honorary degree from Loras College.

Upon his father’s death, Charles became president of American Trust and Savings Bank. Following in his father’s footsteps, he was active in the Dubuque community and the Catholic Church. He served on the Loras College Board of Regents and was elevated to knighthood of St. Gregory by Pope Pius XII. After his death in 1949, his wife, Ethleen (O’Rourke) Schrup, became the first woman to ever serve on the Loras College Board of Regents. In 1965 she was awarded the Papal Honor “Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice” for meritorious service to the Roman Catholic Church by Pope Paul VI at a ceremony held in Christ the King Chapel. The Loras Board of Regents voted her to life membership in 1973, making her a Regent Emeriti. Ethleen passed away in October 1985.

Nicholas J. Schrup III, grandson to Ethleen and Charles, continued the family tradition by serving on the Loras Board of Regents from 1994-2003. The family legacy of dedication and generosity also continues each year as Loras students are awarded the Charles J. and Ethleen O. Schrup Scholarship.

Historical information contributed by Jerry Enzler of the Dubuque County Historical Society, Michael Gibson of the Loras College Archives and Nicholas J. Schrup III.
Construction Underway for New Facility

The second phase of the For the Glory campaign is in full swing with construction of a new Athletic Wellness Facility currently underway. The Loras College Board of Regents approved the construction of the 74,189-square-foot facility at its May meeting.

Since June, grassy Coyne Field has been transformed into a building site filled with dust, machinery and a flurry of activity. On Sept. 7, a celebration and blessing ceremony for construction of the facility was held. Students, faculty, staff, alumni, community leaders and friends of Loras joined in the ceremony and signing of a guest book to be part of a time capsule for the building. Completion of the project is scheduled for November 2007.

The facility will be home to the basketball and volleyball teams as well as provide a top-quality fitness and strength center for the entire student population.

“This new building has been designed with the entire student body in mind,” notes President Jim Collins. “Wellness is key to educating students with a holistic approach for healthy living.”

This second phase of the For the Glory campaign continues, working toward its $12.5 million goal by May 31, 2007. Phase one, renovation of the Rock Bowl Stadium, was completed last year. A rock wall near the entrance to the stadium recognizes donors to the entire campaign thus far. A similar wall of recognition will be displayed in the new Athletic Wellness Facility.

Included in the new facility:

- A basketball/volleyball arena with maximum traditional seating for 1,732 spectators. The same venue for concerts/speakers will provide seating capacity between 2,289 and 2,913.
- A two-level fitness center overlooking lower campus which will provide 9,500 square feet of cardiovascular and strength conditioning space.
- Locker room facilities to support Loras students, visitors and comprehensive student athlete needs.
- Space for coaches’ offices, a concessions/retail area, hospitality area, an athletic training room and storage.
Students entering Loras College in the fall of 2008 will enter under a new calendar system. These students will have expanded opportunities during the January period, between the fall and the spring semesters, for intensive courses that connect classroom experience and the larger world. Graduates of the Class of 2012 are expected to have completed at least two courses offered during the January terms.

Provost Cheryl Jacobsen, Ph.D., is excited by the changes and sees them as a key part of the College’s future. “We see the new term as distinctive; it will provide students access to intensive and accessible courses that will emphasize experiential learning.” Jacobsen noted that some of the anticipated offerings may include divergent experiences such as study abroad, study away from campus, student-faculty research projects, community-based and service learning.

The new calendar builds upon efforts from the Center for Experiential Learning (CEL). CEL helps Loras recruit, retain and graduate students who are able to apply the knowledge and methods they learn in courses to a world outside the classroom. The proposal grew out of strategic planning and the initiative was developed by efforts of the Academic Council. After extensive campus-based discussion, the proposal was approved by the faculty on April 20, 2006. “The research says that this is a value-added piece; it can help bring students to the college and keep them here,” Jacobson notes.

Sociology Professor Richard Anderson, Ph.D., serving as the chair of the Faculty Senate, said there was considerable faculty discussion and input on this proposal. “The calendar proposal really stimulated faculty discussion,” Anderson said. “The idea of having short-term intensive courses is not new; nor is this high risk.” Anderson said he sees the new term as “giving students opportunities they would not otherwise have had,” such as travel abroad or domestic travel to different parts of the nation. In the field of sociology, for example, Anderson cited examples of intensive study of poverty and the sociology of sports as being potential areas where he may offer courses.

The January term isn’t the only calendar change in store for Loras College. Also important is the effort to create a new weekly block for “community” or “common time” in the schedule. As the 2007-2008 academic calendar is being built, an effort will be made to set aside a period when the entire College community could come together for shared learning such as guest speakers or other special events.

The proposal also included other provisions relating to a reduction in the standard teaching load for faculty. “Our intention is to make sure that we have enough time to offer students high quality education,” said Jacobsen. “We know that many people are spread too thin, and we need to provide the time for high quality, rigorous instruction.”

By scheduling the three-week period of intensive study during the middle of the traditional academic schedule, students will not have as much difficulty with the logistics of fitting experiential learning into their studies. Student financial aid will cover these costs as part of the year of instruction. Additionally, there will also be fewer conflicts with summer jobs and other internship opportunities.

High expectations are being set for the new courses that may be offered. Jacobsen indicated that having well designed, engaging and compelling courses will be important for the success of this effort.

Cynthia Smith, Ph.D., associate professor of classical studies, commented that she saw an opportunity for trips and study abroad in her area as part of this new offering. “Having an opportunity to study and travel in a three-week period,”
Three new coordinators joined the Center for Experiential Learning (CEL) for the start of the 2006-07 academic year. Eric Miller, Ph.D., study abroad coordinator; Maggie Baker, service learning coordinator; and Faye Finnegan, academic internship coordinator, will work with students to help coordinate activities such as internships, study abroad, service learning, study away and career exploration and planning.

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Donors Recognized through a Symphony of Thanks

By Jennifer Walthall

On July 28, 2006, Loras College hosted the Symphony of Thanks event to honor St. Joseph Society members. Members of this society include donors who, during the 2005-06 fiscal year, have given $1,000 or more or alumni who have been graduates for 10 years or less and who have given $500 or more. A special recognition award was presented to those who have donated $1,000,000 or more in their lifetime to the College. These donors included J. Paul (‘60) and Frances Breitbach, Joseph (‘31) and Corinne Graber, the Iowa College Foundation, John (‘58) and Carol Saeman, Thomas (‘72) and Beverly Tauke and the Wahlert Foundation.

The evening began with a special Mass presided by Archbishop Jerome Hanus and continued with an elegant reception, dinner and program. The program included remarks from Loras College Board of Regents Chair Thomas Tauke (‘72), as well as President Jim Collins (‘84) and recent Loras graduate Stephanie Theisen (‘06). The evening concluded with a brilliant performance by the Loras College music department faculty and students, as well as members of the Dubuque Symphony Orchestra.

Loras College is sincerely grateful for the support of all these generous donors. Their commitment to Loras College makes a significant impact on the mission of the College.

The Franciscans were a vital part of the history of Loras College for some 79 years (1878-1957). The Sisters were in charge of the refectory, the laundry, kitchen and dormitories. This 1944 photo shows some of them preparing a meal in the dining hall then known as St. Francis Hall, now the old portion of the Alumni Campus Center.

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.

2007 Loras All-Sports Camp

Summer Camp Dates
First Session ....................... June 17-22
Second Session .................... June 24-29
Third Session ....................... July 8-13
Fourth Session ..................... July 15-20

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Hindsight

Two of Loras’ Million Dollar Donors Converse at the Symphony of Thanks Event Held at Loras College in July 2006. (L TO R) THOMAS TAUKE (‘72), LORAS COLLEGE BOARD OF REGENTS CHAIR, AND JACK JONES, PRESIDENT OF THE IOWA COLLEGE FOUNDATION AND HIS WIFE, SUSIE.
Cover Story

FORGING a Path to Equity: Women and Four Decades of Change

BY KRISTIN ANDERSON-BRICKER, PH.D., ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF HISTORY

Founded in 1839, Loras College initiated coeducation in August 1971. That fall women comprised 8% of the student body, 4 of 99 faculty members and 0 of 30 staff and administrators at middle and upper ranks. Of the transition to coeducation amid many other changes during the 1971-1972 academic year, a student editor of The Lorian wrote in May 1972: “The changes at Loras this year have not been revolutionary, and because they have occurred with a minimum of controversy, they were not even dramatic. In fact, for most members of the community, they just happened and were soon forgotten. But that does not lessen their importance.”
women immediately. The decision transformed Loras College. This past fall, women represented 49% of the student body, 64 of 153 full- and part-time faculty members and 4 of 9 executive administrators. The significant impact and involvement of women at Loras College since 1971 reflects not only the decision to become co-educational, but the transformation of American society and culture over the past 35 years as a result of the feminist movement.

Several events catalyzed the emergence of feminism during the second half of the 1960s. In 1963 Betty Friedan published *The Feminine Mystique* and the Presidential Commission on the Status of Women, chaired by Eleanor Roosevelt, issued its report. Although added by southern segregationists to prevent passage of the bill, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibited discrimination on account of sex as well as race, color, religion and national origin. When the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission failed to use the law to follow up on complaints of gender inequality in employment professional women organized the National Organization of Women (NOW). NOW saw itself as a civil rights organization for women, using the law and political activism to reform the inequities in society. College-age women active in the civil rights movement and the New Left organized around gender inequity when they became aware of the contradiction between the goals of the 1960s social movements and their own experiences. Although these movements claimed to be bringing about more equal social relations, women found they were relegated to menial tasks and denied leadership posts. These women found one another in consciousness-raising groups where they discovered that the “personal is political.” Discussing their personal lives led these women to understand how sexism permeated American society and they argued for the need to re-define basic definitions of gender identity, sexuality and patriarchy. Some of these small groups organized sit-ins, demonstrations and boycotts, others established non-existent services for women such as health clinics, day care centers, domestic abuse shelters and rape crisis hotlines. Although the media presented feminism as a monolithic entity by the 1970s, the feminist movement was and is not united. Various aspects of one’s personal identity, such as economic background, ethnicity and

"A belief in equality is the core

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2 Hong Gas, Institutional Research, 27 November 2006; Beth Burgmeier, Human Resources, 27 November 2006.


5 “Founding the National Organization of Women,” 1966, in Ware, 239.


2000 to Generation X, Jennifer Baumgardner and Amy Richards wanted to “out unacknowledged feminists” to embrace the following philosophy: “To acknowledge that, although feminists may have disparate values, we share the same goal of equality, and of supporting one another in our efforts to gain the power to make our own choices.”

Census data from 2000 indicate that women took advantage of the new choices offered by the feminist movement. Over the past 30 years the college education gap between men and women narrowed from 5% in 1970 to 3% in 2000. In 1970 8% of women and 14% of men graduated from college, whereas in 2000 the figures rose to 23% of women and 26% of men. For younger generations, women’s matriculation rates have begun to bypass men’s. Within the 25 to 29 age group, 30% of women completed a bachelor’s degree compared to 28% of men. In fact, since 1979 a majority of college students have been women. Labor force participation rates for women also expanded since 1970. Women made up nearly half of the employed civilian labor force over the age of 16 in 2000 (47%) as compared to 38% in 1970. Although only 51% of women between 55 and 64 worked outside the home for wages, the labor force participation rate for women ages 25 to 54 ranged from 73% to 74% in 2000. Yet despite gains in education and work opportunities, census data document inequities. In March 2002 the U.S. Census Bureau concluded: “Even though women have made progress in entering occupations predominately held by men (especially executive and professional specialty occupations), the majority of women were still in traditional ‘female’ occupations.” For example, 73% of women 16 and older worked in one of four occupational groups including administrative support, professional specialty, service workers and executive/administrators/managerial. While men represented 91% of the 14 million people working in precision production, craft and repair occupations, women made up 79% of the 18 million people in the occupations of administrative service. The 2000 census also documented significant wage disparity. A report comparing male and female wage earning concluded: “There is a substantial gap in median earnings between men and women that is unexplained, even after controlling for work experience (to the extent it can be represented by age and presence of children), education, and occupation.” Women earned approximately 73 cents for every dollar made by men in 2000. A bachelor’s degree did not even close the wage gap. While the median earnings of women aged 25 and older working full time with a bachelor’s degree was $38,208, men earned $53,505. Other problems not so easily documented by census data have been identified as issues preventing the full equality of women today. These include issues such as the difficult balance of home life and work, the rise in domestic abuse and rape and the representation of women in the media.

The successful integration of women into Loras College, an end to legal discrimination in education, and the many new workplace opportunities seized by women over the past 35 years are a testament to the historical and contemporary feminist movement. In fact, opinion polls in the 1990s indicated that a majority of Americans profess a belief in gender equality. Yet, the reality of women’s lives does not reflect this equality. In 2000 Peggy Orenstein wrote: “This is the condition we find ourselves in at the turn of the century — a state of flux. Old patterns and expectations have broken down, but new ideas seem fragmentary, unrealistic, and often contradictory.” Amazingly, the NOW statement of purpose drew a similar conclusion in 1966: “[W]e believe that the current state of ‘half-equality’ between the sexes discriminates against both men and women.” For many feminists, the next stage of the movement involves redefining masculinity and offering men the same freedom of choice feminism demands for women. In other words, as a society we need to loosen the restrictions on the choices available to men regarding careers, parenting and pastimes. How might we as a society re-define gender identity for men? How do we re-define our institutions so that women AND men do not have to choose between private happiness and public justice? How do we create a fully changed world where men and women are truly equal?"
1971

1971 was the year that Loras College “went” CO-ED! Women on campus! Many people thought, as Chicken Little did, that the sky was falling in. But I, one of only four women faculty members that year, did not have such a view. In fact, I had very little perspective when I first stepped on the grounds of Loras College as an instructor in the department of English. My major concern was education, and so I went about my way absorbed in teaching. Today, as I sit in the same office where I began my career (534 Hoffmann Hall – formerly 444 Old St. Joe’s), I take out the college catalogue for the year 1971-72, looking for some “easy” comparisons with the present academic year.

In 1971 there were 99 faculty members. Three of the four women teachers were instructors in rank. The other woman was an assistant professor. We held our ranks in four departments: education, English, modern foreign languages and religious studies. Out of the 30 administrators and staff members no women were in middle or upper levels. No women were on faculty committees and, obviously, no women were chairs of committees or chairs of divisions or departments.

We had a “long way to go,” it seemed. We needed to prove ourselves as able or even excellent faculty members; we needed to “rise in the ranks” according to our abilities and dedication. We needed more women faculty members, more women in staff positions and at least SOME women in administration, if we wanted our influence to be widely felt, if we wanted to be a real and far-reaching presence on this male-oriented campus.

What kind of student population did we serve at that time? Out of the total enrollment of 1537, 8% were women: 78 full-time and 49 part-time. Student offices were dominated by men, as would be expected. Only four women out of 35 were in the Student Senate and there were no women officers among the 18-member cabinet. The registrar could find no recorded figures for the numbers of Regents or Presidential Scholarships awarded to women that year.

On the more intimate side, I remember that there were no designated restrooms for women (faculty or students), there were no locker facilities for women students. Instructions sent out to all Loras students before college opened directed them to bring their gym “shorts.” I was addressed as “sir” at the first faculty meeting and at most faculty gatherings I was the only woman present. It took a while, in all aspects of college life, to recognize the reality that women were here to stay, for better or worse.

1987

1987 and sixteen years have passed since I first sat in this office. What changes do I perceive? Again, a few statistics will reveal some, but not all, of that change. Faculty members now total 124 instead of 99, an increase of 25%. The number of women faculty members has grown from four to 18, influencing eight departments instead of four. There are still no upper-level women administrators, even though the number of administrators has grown from 30 (1971) to 71 (1987), an increase of 137%. However, there are nine women in middle management, an increase of 900% (in case we’re looking for “great strides”). There is one woman divisional chairperson and there are two female departmental chairpersons. There are, at present, no women faculty committee chairs, but out of 20 positions on these committees, 10 are held by faculty women.

The student population we serve has changed a bit too. Out of the total enrollment of 1987, 47% are women: 762 full-time and 168 part-time. Recent Student Senate figures show that 53% of the total sophomore, junior and senior voting members are women. Among the officers, 33% are women. Committee membership shows 62% women. Four of the ten Student Senate committees are chaired by women. Last year (1986) 65% of the seniors at the Honors Recognition Dinner were women and 75% of the special awards were presented to women at that gathering. This year (1987), 63% of the Regents Scholarships and 50% of the Presidential Scholarships were awarded to women.
Numbers, at least, for both faculty and students, show that women are more visible on campus and are often being recognized for their abilities and willingness to become involved.

Even though many women at Loras could tell you individual “success stories,” we can still ask if we live in a perfect collegiate world. Nathaniel Hawthorne, in 1850, had some sobering thoughts about women’s positions in any society. In part, he said, remarking about Hester Prynne from The Scarlet Letter: “Indeed, the same dark question often rose into her mind, with reference to the whole race of womanhood. Was existence worth accepting, even to the happiest among them?… As a first step, the whole system of society is to be torn down, and built up anew. Then, the very nature of the opposite sex [men], or its long hereditary habit, which has become like nature, is to be essentially modified, before woman can be allowed to assume what seems a fair and suitable position.” (Chapter XIII)

Is the task to establish equal opportunity that formidable at Loras College? Do old structures still remain that need to be broken down? Some would say yes. Some would assert that the “sir” mentality remains as arrogant a barrier on this campus as it is in the world at large.

2003

Even futurologists find it difficult to predict what lies ahead. However, no one ever prevents anyone who cares about a milieu larger than her own backyard to have comprehensive plans. Numbers of women at Loras College at all levels and in all kinds of positions may not be the only answer to women’s influence, but it is one way to be highly visible and more divergently effective. Excellence of most of those women is, of course, tantamount and will be the “cutting edge” for whatever presence we assert. If we continue to be excellent scholars (students and teachers alike), excellent staff and administrators, we can at least hope that our voices will be heard and that our moral strength will be felt and that what it means to be a woman at Loras College will be defined over and over by each woman in her own way, making labels useless and false barriers non-existent.

Women students seem to have made greater strides than women faculty members in number and influence. For the first time, there are now more women living on campus than men. However, since women faculty in science and women in upper-level administration are still a minority on almost all campuses, it takes a great deal of commitment and money to search out such people for Loras College. By 2003, it may not be so difficult to envision a woman in the White House. Do we envision a woman chairperson of the Board of Regents, as president of Loras College? Whether or not we think such a vision is worthwhile depends on our present view of women and our belief in their intrinsic worth and capabilities.

The time is now for such soul-searching.

2006

Flash! Women in administration are at an admirable level: provost and academic dean, vice president of enrollment management, associate vice president for academic affairs and experiential learning, director of the Bioethics Resource Center, director of the Academic Resource Center, director of the Writing Center, director of learning disabilities and director of clinical education. More women faculty join our ranks in a wide variety of disciplines.

Do numbers count? Well, my 35 years here at Loras College would tell me they do. The bigger issues lie, of course, in our dedication, our acquisition of knowledge and wisdom, our aspirations, our wide-ranging abilities and desire to help create a better world for all of us to enjoy. Women, we are a powerful force if we so choose. And no man should fear that power. Women are known to share.

Dr. Donna Bauerly was the first female professor at Loras College. She was elected faculty chairperson twice and English department chairperson three times. She has served on most major faculty committees and is known throughout the community as an outstanding educator. She is actively involved in local, state and national societies for education. She graduated maxima cum laude from Briar Cliff College, received highest honors in her doctoral work at Marquette, was an NDEA Fellow from 1968-1971 and a Danforth Associate from 1977-1986. Her publications have centered on The Rev. Raymond Roseliep and Carson McCullers. Bauerly is in her 11th year as a member of the Dubuque Community School Board and is also chair of the Carnegie-Stout Library Foundation Board.
Taking their first steps onto the historic stage of Carnegie Hall’s Isaac Stern Auditorium, it was hard for them to say what exactly was so magical about that space. Was it the hundreds upon hundreds of red velvet seats laid out in the expansive concert hall? Or perhaps it was their imaginations running wild thinking of the legendary musicians who graced the same stage they were standing on. For the 30 student musicians of the Loras College choirs, their dreams came alive.

Accompanied by the New England Chamber Orchestra, the Loras College choirs and director Bruce Kotowich, assistant professor of music at Loras, delivered a noteworthy performance of Gabriel Faure’s *Requiem* on May 22, 2006, in New York City. The standing-ovation concert was sung in union with students from the University of Maine Singers, Castleton State Collegiate Chorale and York Chamber Singers. Performers and guests were invited to enjoy a dinner cruise of the New York Harbor after the concert, adding to the special night.

In attendance at the concert and cruise were Loras College President Jim Collins (’84) and Provost Cheryl Jacobsen, Ph.D.

Director Bruce Kotowich was pleased with the tour saying, “To witness the quality of our continued growth throughout the rehearsal process in New York was astounding. The performances there have brought us to a new level of artistry and recognition by fellow artists. This tour will become a springboard for continued growth in artistic quality and extended tour opportunities.”

The students also performed a concert on May 18, prior to singing at Carnegie Hall, for the Loras Club of New York, entitled “Songs and Sandwiches,” at Cornell University Medical College. The event was hosted by David (’71) and Alice Walsh and John Wagner, Ph.D. (’70).

During their tour, May 18-24, choir members had the opportunity to experience New York life, using the subway as their primary mode of transportation. Choir member Lauren Squires (’08) (Germantown, Tenn.) reflected on her experience saying, “After just a few days I was comfortable making my way around the city and I was thriving on it — visiting Ground Zero, seeing Broadway shows and shopping around town. Overall, singing in Carnegie Hall and learning more about the city of New York was an amazing experience that I will never forget.”

Before the choir was able to make it to New York’s prestigious concert hall, they had to raise funds for their trip. The choir members earned money from their annual madrigal dinner, singing valentines, pictures with Santa and through the generosity of Loras College and private donations.

The Loras College Choirs have been invited to return to New York City to sing at Cornell University Medical College as well as Carnegie Hall. The upcoming tour season will begin in May 2007, with locations throughout Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota and Canada.
Loras Hosts Pivotal Diocesan Colleges Meeting

BY ZACHARY BADER ('07)

For two days, May 31 and June 1, 2006, every Catholic diocesan college in the United States was represented at Loras College. Representatives from Loras, St. Ambrose University (Davenport, Iowa), Carroll College (Helena, Mont.), Gannon University (Erie, Pa.), Seton Hall University (South Orange, N.J.), St. Thomas University (Miami, Fla.), University of St. Thomas (St. Paul, Minn.) and University of Dallas (Dallas, Texas) met to discuss issues facing higher education institutions from a diocesan perspective. The conference, which was initiated by Loras President Jim Collins, was highly productive and well received by its participants.

“This meeting was important because diocesan colleges need to determine what their unique contribution is or can be to higher education and the church,” explained Sr. Marlene Pinzka, Ph.D., co-chair of the Loras College Catholic Identity Committee and professor of math and computer science, who scheduled and coordinated this event.

The conference opened on the evening of May 31 with a liturgy presided by the Rev. Monsignor James Barta, Loras’ former president and a member of the college’s board of regents. Mass was followed by dinner, where President Collins welcomed visitors and the Rev. Joseph Hauer discussed how Canon Law affects diocesan colleges and universities.

After dinner, participants, led by Sr. Katarina Schuth, OSF (University of St. Thomas), met in Smyth Hall to discuss the following questions: (1) What makes diocesan Catholic colleges and universities distinctive? (2) How are or how could these colleges be more intentional about what makes them distinctive as diocesan colleges? (3) What issues of Catholic identity are individual colleges and universities struggling with, and similarly, what topics would be helpful to discuss at a future conference? The colleges continued their discussion on the morning of June 1 by planning for a future large-scale gathering of representatives from diocesan colleges and universities. They also discussed the purpose of a future gathering, along with content, size, participants, potential speakers and follow-up.

“I think the meetings were quite successful,” commented co-chair of the Catholic Identity Committee and Loras’ religious studies department chair the Rev. Douglas Wathier, S.T.D., associate professor of religious studies.

“We had an opportunity to discuss issues affecting Catholic diocesan colleges and universities, and there was a consensus among the members of the group that we should begin planning for a larger gathering next spring involving representation from diverse constituencies of each of the diocesan universities and colleges.”

The follow-up conference will also be hosted by Loras and will build on the ideas presented at the 2006 meeting. Thanks in part to a $28,600 grant from the Humanitas Foundation, this meeting will reach out to a larger audience and hopes to bring in a national speaker. According to Pinzka, the 2007 conference will be one day longer, from May 29 to May 31, and will allow more people to participate in the discussion. Rather than the one or two representatives invited this time, the conference will welcome six to eight representatives from each college, including students and faculty. This larger group will allow more people to brainstorm how diocesan colleges and universities can collaborate to focus their mission and to share ideas and resources.

Five Years Later

BY ZACHARY BADER ('07)

Rain blanketed the Loras campus on Sept. 11, 2006, reflecting the somber reverence with which the community honored the victims and fallen heroes of 9/11 on the fifth anniversary of the terrorist attacks.

To honor the deceased, the College coordinated several memorial events which were open to the public. Artwork, poetry and reflections conveying the tragedy and beauty of 9/11 were displayed in the Alumni Campus Center concourse throughout the day. The bells of Christ the King (CTK) Chapel were tolled at 7:45 a.m., 8:03 a.m., 8:43 a.m. and 9:10 a.m., in conjunction with the times of the infamous plane crashes. At 4:30 p.m., a Mass dedicated to 9/11 observance, with special readings and music, was be held at CTK. At 9:45 p.m., participants gathered around the Memorial Peace Pole in front of CTK for a candlelight vigil in remembrance and to pray for peace in the Middle East.

“Annual events are important to maintain perspective — perspective not only for where we’ve been, but where we’re going — not only so that we don’t forget them, but so they don’t become larger than life,” explained the Rev. John Haugen, dean of campus spiritual life. “Our world moves so fast, and it’s important to pause every once in a while to see if the conditions are different. Are things better, and if not what do we need to change?”

In a related event, the office of spiritual life, in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus, presented the Blue Mass on Oct. 11, honoring firefighters, police and other emergency personnel. It is a custom within the Catholic Church to have a memorial Mass one month after a death. This Mass, in its second year of existence, was conceived by the Knights of Columbus and inspired by the sacrifice of emergency personnel during the 9/11 attacks.

“These are people who dedicate their lives to services that we take for granted,” said Haugen. “We need to honor and pray for them.”
Dance Marathon 2006 — Got Heart?

BY JOANNA BRADY (’08)

Adrenaline pumping from hours of dancing, the crowd gathered in front of the television projector and heard the little voice of 6-year-old Jacob, one of the many children helped by the Children’s Miracle Network. He shared his story and as he did, hearts melted and everyone realized what had kept and would keep them dancing all night long — it was for those kids.

On April 22, 2006, the participants of Loras College’s Dance Marathon realized that they were part of something bigger. They were not only part of Loras’ largest student philanthropic event ever; they had made a difference in the lives of families affected by the Children’s Miracle Network.

The 105 student dancers collected over $23,000 in pledges to stay awake and dance, without the help of caffeine, beginning at 8 p.m. on April 22, and ending at 8 a.m. on April 23. Alongside staff spirit dancers, dance marathon executives, volunteers, Miracle Children and families, they stayed up dancing, playing games, participating in activities, eating food and hearing stories from families affected by the Children’s Miracle Network.

Chairperson of Loras Dance Marathon, Maria Koeppe (’08) (Iowa City), reflected on the event saying, “The Dance Marathon went amazingly well — better than I could have hoped for. There was an amazing group of students involved and because of that teamwork we were able to put Loras on the Dance Marathon map. By doubling the average amount raised for first year Dance Marathons, and winning Best New Dance Marathon at the National Conference, Loras students showed that Duhawks do it right!”

Planning for next year’s Dance Marathon, set for April 14-15, 2007, is already under way. Dance Marathon is a facet of the third tier of LEAD 4 Loras that focuses on service and commitment to the community. The 4-tiered program allows students to grow in their leadership skills throughout their years at Loras. Each tier focuses on a different perspective of leadership: (1) learning, (2) exploring, (3) applying and (4) dedicating.

The Children’s Miracle Network (CMN) is an international non-profit organization composed of more than 170 children’s hospitals throughout the United States and Canada. CMN raises money for these hospitals in a variety of ways, including the popular dance marathons. All of the money that is raised goes toward pediatric research such as cystic fibrosis and cancer-related studies, as well as enhancements to the patient’s stay such as books, games and other distractions. The Children’s Hospital of Iowa at The University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics is one of two Children’s Miracle Network hospitals in Iowa. Located in Iowa City, it is the state’s longest-serving children’s hospital. More than 140,000 children receive care at Children’s Hospital of Iowa and its statewide network of outreach clinics each year.

THE COMBINATION OF PHILANTHROPY AND DANCING AMONG LORAS STUDENTS IS NOTHING NEW. DANCE MARATHONS WERE HELD AT LORAS DURING THE 1970S AND 1980S WITH PARTICIPANTS DANCING FOR 30 HOURS TO RAISE MONEY FOR MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS. ABOVE, STUDENTS DANCE IN A CIRCLE DURING THE 1986 DANCE MARATHON.
Catholic Author Energizes Loras Community

By Joanna Brady ('08)

On April 24, 2006, Loras students and area community members gathered in the standing-room-only Marie Graber ballroom to hear Australian author and inspirational speaker, Matthew Kelly, speak on his new book, The Seven Levels of Intimacy: The Art of Loving and the Joy of Being Loved.

“Matthew Kelly’s talk about relationships and people’s need for intimate ones was very eye opening. We see and experience the characteristics of the simplest forms of relationships everyday, but many times we fail to look inside and see how we can turn those basic relationships into thriving intimate ones,” remarked Joey Hetland ('09) (Chicago, Ill.). “If nothing else, Kelly made everyone aware of what he calls ‘The Seven Levels of Intimacy’ and the little things we can do to make our primary relationships the centerpiece of our quest in becoming the best version of ourselves.”

The Rev. John Haugen, dean of campus spiritual life, echoed similarly saying, “Speakers like Kelly, who are pretty evangelistic, they get Catholics to think about their faith, to want to know more about their faith and to have a greater appreciation for their faith. He combines religious literacy and evangelization and pumps people up about their faith in a real solid but practical and down-to-earth way.”

Kelly has written 10 books since 1993 including The Rhythm of Life: Living Every Day with Passion and Purpose, one of Kelly’s New York Times best-sellers that each Loras student received.

Beyond his writings, Kelly has traveled to more than 50 countries working as an inspirational speaker. He tries to inspire people to become what he describes as the “best versions of themselves” by attending to their legitimate needs in four areas: physical, emotional, intellectual and spiritual.

Loras students Adam Cesarek ('06) and Troy Rabbett ('06) collaborated with the Matthew Kelly Foundation to schedule a time that he could speak on the Loras campus. The event was made possible through the generosity of the Matthew Kelly Foundation and Loras College.

Japanese Sister School Visits Loras

A group of 16 Japanese students and one professor from Eichi University experienced life at Loras College while residing with area host families from Sept. 6-20, 2006. A welcome reception for the group was held on Thursday, Sept. 7.

The group was engaged in an English class and served as guest speakers in Japanese history and multicultural education classes. The guests also visited Dubuque area attractions, such as the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium, the Field of Dreams, Farm Toy Museum, John Deere, St. Mary’s Church and St. Luke’s Church.

“I think their visit exposes our community to a different part of the world and educates us about their culture and traditions. They teach us all to appreciate difference in a unique way,” expressed Alejandro Pino, director of intercultural programs.

Eichi University is located in Amagasaki City, Japan, and has been a sister school of Loras College for over 20 years.
Professors/Spouses Earn Fulbright Scholar Grants in Respective Fields

BY ZACHARY BADER ('07)

Loras’ first Fulbright couple is lending credence to the old adage, two heads are better than one. Spouses Christopher Budzisz, Ph.D., assistant professor of politics, and Lisa Grinde, Ph.D., assistant professor of psychology have been chosen by the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board as two of approximately 20 American scholars to serve in Ukraine for the 2006-2007 year. Both earned grants for work in their respective fields and will teach at Chernivtsi National University in Chernivtsi, Ukraine, during the spring 2007 semester.

Established in 1946, the Fulbright Program aims to increase mutual understanding between the peoples of the United States and other countries through the exchange of persons, knowledge and skills. The program, which is sponsored by Congress via the U.S. Department of State and the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, operates in 150 countries worldwide. The process for selection is highly competitive, with applicants choosing specific countries and universities. Approximately 800 U.S. faculty and professionals will travel abroad through the Fulbright Scholar Program this year. Since 1990, eight Loras professors have been honored with Fulbright awards.

Earning a Fulbright award is momentous in its own right — since 2000, only two other Loras faculty members have taught abroad through the Fulbright program — but this occurrence is made even more uncommon by the fact that two married Fulbrights will be teaching side-by-side in a foreign country. Grinde and Budzisz will also be the first Fulbright Scholars to teach at Chernivtsi. This exceptional opportunity did not occur by chance. “We knew we wanted to teach abroad,” explained Grinde. “We looked into several different programs. Chris became interested in the Fulbright opportunity and passed the information along to me. We requested to teach at the same university.”

Even though they applied together, Budzisz noted that the Fulbright doesn’t make exceptions to keep couples together. “It’s pretty rare to have an academic couple placed in the same country, let alone the same university,” said Budzisz. “I looked at the awards for different countries and applied at the ones that had programs for both political science and psychology.”

“Experiencing [Ukraine] together will magnify the experience,” he added. “We’ll have interaction with more people this way. It’s a wonderful opportunity to experience new things for ourselves and to open each other up to new experiences.”

Budzisz will be a visiting professor at the university’s College of History, Politics and International Relations. He will be teaching an introductory American government course titled, Democratic Institutions and Processes in the United States. Budzisz explained that his course will be the first, and probably only, American politics course the students at Chernivtsi will take. Therefore, he will introduce them to the fundamental elements of American democracy including the formal institutions of American government (e.g., Congress, President), political agents (e.g., political parties, interests groups), principles of American politics (e.g., federalism, pluralism) and how all of these relate to democracy as practiced in the United States. The idea of presenting examples of how American democracy works — or in some cases, how it does not work — to students living in a developing democracy excites him.

“I think it is a great opportunity and a true honor to be part of the Fulbright program,” said Budzisz. “The opportunity is made all the more exciting because of the country I will be serving in. Ukraine is a country with a rich and complicated history, yet a limited history as a politically independent country.”
Since 1991, Ukraine has been coping with the political, economic and social issues associated with its status as an independent country following the demise of the Soviet Union. In the wake of the fraudulent 2004 presidential election, Ukraine experienced the non-violent democratic Orange Revolution. Following this revolution and subsequent national parliamentary elections the country continues to confront the difficulties in growing and maintaining a democratic form of government.

“I am also eager for living and working in a country and culture with which I have had no previous contact. I expect it to be a challenge, but one that will lead me to both personal and professional growth,” Budzisz said.

Grinde will be working in the department of psychology, which is housed within the College of Education. She will be teaching a course titled, Disability Across the Lifespan: A Cross-cultural Perspective. Throughout the course, students will explore the multiple frameworks cultures utilize to view and treat persons with disabilities and their families. They will examine the human diversity present in disability and also will explore the culture of disability itself. Within these discussions, students will need to analyze the multitude of environmental influences affecting all aspects of disability from physical, social and cognitive, to political, economic and cultural, to spiritual and technological.

“I am looking forward to the challenge of teaching in another country; the cultural knowledge I will gain, which will benefit my cross-cultural and developmental courses in the future; and to the educational exchanges with colleagues at Chernivt’si,” said Grinde.

Grinde will also be doing work in local orphanages throughout the semester. She will be studying the benefits of therapeutic touch on orphans and will pass her findings onto the orphanage’s caretakers. Assisting her will be three Loras psychology majors, Meghan Kluver (’07) (Carroll, Iowa), Brittney Flanske (’07) (Fredericksburg, Iowa) and Kiley Waltz (’09) (Johnson, Iowa); students Grinde has selected due to their interest in graduate school and child development. These students will be spending 14 days in Ukraine at the end of the spring semester.

Beyond their teaching and research responsibilities, Grinde and Budzisz will also have the opportunity to travel on their own within Ukraine and to other countries within the region, including Romania, Poland and Russia. At the end of the semester, they will spend time in Norway. The couple already has plenty of irons in the fire, with more opportunities to arise when they actually arrive in the spring. “I see this as an opportunity with so much potential, that I don’t even think [Chris and I] can see all the possibilities yet,” said Grinde.

New Master’s Degree Offered at Loras College

The Iowa State Board of Education has approved an administrative preparation degree program, the master of arts in educational leadership, based on a collaborative agreement between Loras College and St. Ambrose University, called the Loras/St. Ambrose Consortium for Educational Leadership (LSACEL).

The purpose of this new degree program is to provide aspiring school leaders with strengthened core knowledge, skills and abilities, resulting in improved student achievement, and to prepare highly qualified administrative candidates with the capacity to lead elementary and secondary schools through the 21st century.

The program, designed for adults employed full-time as teachers, is structured to be completed in two years and requires 36 credit hours of course work, which includes clinical experiences and a two-semester internship. This degree prepares individuals seeking to become certified for the positions of elementary principal, secondary principal or supervisor of special education.

Charles Manges, Ph.D., director of LSACEL, introduced the first cohort of students to the program in June 2006. For more information about the program, please contact him at Charles.Manges@loras.edu or by phone at 563-588-7045.
When asked about their favorite part of camp, campers responded with “reading!” Continuing the vision of Loras for Literacy, a summer camp was held in Wahlert Hall June 12-16, 2006. Twenty-nine future second-grade students participated in the camp as recommended by their respective teachers. Students received extra literacy support facilitated by local teachers, Loras faculty and Loras for Literacy interns.

“For five days they [the campers] received one-on-one tutoring in reading, small group instruction in reading and writing and enjoyed large group literacy activities including read-alouds by guest readers, performing reader’s theatre for each other, shared reading of big books and singing songs,” noted Gwen Countryman, Ph.D., Loras for Literacy committee director and assistant professor of education.

“Our five Loras for Literacy interns had the opportunity to work shoulder to shoulder with the highly trained, veteran teachers,” continued Countryman.

“Having the support and expertise of veteran teachers made the camp week go smoothly,” said Lisa Blink (’06) (Des Moines, Iowa), a Loras for Literacy summer camp intern. “They provided us with many resources including strategies they used, professional titles we should read and things to remember as we enter the field of teaching.”

At the end of camp a celebration was held in which students, their families, area educators and officials commemorated the week’s accomplishments.

The summer literacy camp is a component of the Loras for Literacy program, funded by a grant from the Verizon Foundation’s national literacy program, “Verizon Reads.” The Loras for Literacy program strives to help educate future early childhood and elementary teachers, as well as current teachers, to be better prepared in teaching basic literacy skills to all children. The program also focuses on better preparation in working with diverse learners, and those who are struggling as readers, through mutually beneficial local partnerships.
Loras and Clarke Students **Win Grants** for Nonprofit Organizations

**BY ZACHARY BADER (’07)**

As part of its mission, Loras aspires to mold students into active learners and responsible contributors. Students in the Social Work Practice III course held last spring exhibited these traits and experienced first-hand the rigor and rewards of the grant writing process. The class was divided into teams of students who worked with local organizations to research and write much-needed grants. Their efforts resulted in a $25,000 grant from the R. J. McElroy Trust to Albrecht Acres, a private, nonprofit organization in Sherrill, Iowa, that provides camping experiences for children with special needs, and an $18,000 grant from the Conrad N. Hilton Fund for Sisters to the Presentation Lantern Center, a drop-in center, sponsored by the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Dubuque, Iowa, that offers hospitality, educational opportunities and advocacy to women and their children who are striving to better their lives.

The course, part of the bi-college social work program at Loras and Clarke colleges, allows students to gain and practice the skills, knowledge and values necessary for the social work practice within a classroom setting. Students were expected to research an idea along with a community partner, find a suitable granting agency and follow the guidelines outlined for obtaining a grant, which needed to be in the $5,000 to $25,000 range.

“Students and agencies have been asking for a partnership for the last few years,” explained **Nancy Zachar Fett, L.M.S.W.**, associate professor of social work at Loras. “I found that students took it more seriously and also had a greater passion for completing their assignment because it was for a real program. Of course we cannot say that every semester will be as successful for agencies in the future, but $43,000 is a pretty good start.”

Loras students **Maggie Chilsen (’07)** (Evansville, Wis.), **Angie Harpman (’07)** (Macomb, Ill.) and **Rachael Webber (’06)** worked on the grant for the Presentation Lantern Center. Loras students **Shannon Carolan (’07)** (Centerpoint, Iowa) and **Meghan Kluver (’07)** (Carroll, Iowa) and Clarke student **Jackie Wiersema** earned the grant for Albrecht Acres.

“[Grant writing] can be a very tedious process that requires extreme attention to detail,” said Kluver. “However, a successful proposal makes all of the long meetings and repeated revisions more than worthwhile. It takes patience and a sense of commitment to write a successful grant, and in our case, successful teamwork.”

In recognition of their contributions, the Board of Directors for Albrecht Acres invited student writers who won the McElroy Trust grant to attend a Hall of Fame and recognition dinner on Nov. 5. At the dinner, these students were publicly acknowledged and thanked for their contribution to the camp.

“It was nice to see how much the camp as a whole appreciated the work that we did and to see how many other individuals volunteer at the camp,” commented Carolan.

“I felt our efforts were genuinely appreciated, and I was honored when individuals personally thanked us for our hard work,” added Kluver. “The dinner seemed to validate the importance of grant writing, and it demonstrated the number of people that grants impact in the long run.”

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**School’s Out**

**BY ZACHARY BADER (’07)**

On May 22, 2006, students and faculty from Queen of Peace Grade School, formerly St. Mary’s School, in Waterloo, Iowa, enjoyed one final field trip to Dubuque before their school closed permanently at the end of last school year. During their visit, students and faculty celebrated Mass with the **Rev. John Haugen**, dean, campus spiritual life, a 1969 graduate of St. Mary’s, in Christ the King Chapel and held a picnic lunch in the Rock Bowl Stadium.

Queen of Peace had been part of Waterloo’s east side community for 106 years. It was the last Catholic school on the east side and had the most ethnically diverse student population in the state of Iowa.
Students/Professors Learn From Iowa Court of Appeals Visit

BY ZACHARY BADER ('07)

On Sept. 13, justice was served in Loras’ Marie Graber ballroom, where the Iowa Court of Appeals publically held its hearings. In its first visit to Loras, the court, which reviews appeals from trial court decisions transferred to the court of appeals by the Iowa Supreme Court, held a total of 17 hearings over two sessions, at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Hearings consisted of arguments presented to the judges by attorneys for both parties. The normal schedule was ten minutes for appellant, ten minutes for appellee and five minutes rebuttal for appellant. Proceedings did not involve witnesses, juries, new evidence or court reporters. Instead, the court reviewed the written record of the trial court to determine whether any significant legal errors occurred.

“Our students and the Dubuque community had an opportunity to experience this little understood and seldom seen and heard function of the judicial system,” commented MaryLynn Neuhaus, J.D., professor of communication arts.

Neuhaus recognized the significance of this rare opportunity and recommended the event to members of the mock trial team. She required her communication law students to attend at least one of the sessions. “As media practitioners, they should be able to report to the public what the Court of Appeals does and report on the decisions it makes,” she reasoned.

“This visit by the judges for oral argument was a fantastic and relatively rare opportunity to directly experience the court in action,” added Chris Budzisz, Ph.D., assistant professor of politics. Budzisz also announced the event to his classes. He stated that, of all the branches of state and federal government, students generally know the least about the judiciary. “As a program, and as a professor, we thought this was a great opportunity for students to witness the workings of a state appeals court.”

Budzisz was also joined by two politics majors, Brady McAninch ('08) (Godfrey, Ill.) and Justin Vorwald ('07) (Edgewood, Iowa), for an informal meal with the Appeals judges. During this time, the students and professors were able to interact with the judges in a relaxed atmosphere.

“I talked with two judges about law school, coffee making, parental rights termination and skiing,” said Vorwald. “They are just regular people, but so many citizens do not realize that since they have never actually talked to a judge before. This was certainly an experience that removed that stigma for me.”

Both Budzisz and Neuhaus declared the discussion and hearings successful, with over 200 people, primarily college students and professors, attending the oral arguments. President Jim Collins has invited the Court back to Loras, but due to their infrequent traveling and numerous invitations, they are unlikely to accept at this time.

The Court of Appeals, which decides the majority of appeals filed in Iowa, convenes in Des Moines ten times a year for oral argument sessions and on special occasions holds oral argument sessions in other locations around the state. Loras is one of the few colleges to host this event; others include Luther College and the University of Iowa.

After the arguments, the justices discuss cases in private conferences. The chief justice assigns the task of writing the court’s decision to one justice. Generating a final opinion may take several months. Ultimately, the appellate court may “affirm” — uphold the decision or order of the lower court; “reverse” — set aside the decision or order; or “remand” — send the case back to the lower court with instructions for further action. Decisions made by the Iowa Court of Appeals are final unless reviewed by the Iowa Supreme Court on grant of further review.

Alpha Writing Contest Winners

The Loras Alpha Chapter of Delta Epsilon Sigma (DES) holds a local writing contest each year, open to Loras students, and selects the best writing samples to compile a journal called Alpha. Alpha writings are then submitted to the DES national writing contest held each year.

Winners of this past year’s contest include Jessica Urgo ('07) (Elmhurst, Ill.) for her prose fiction titled “The Silver Band,” Loras graduate Barbara Simon for poetry titled “Accounts Receivable,” “A Moment” and “Small Gifts,” Loras graduate Jody Iler, for “The Family Farm: Destiny or Dinosaur” in the scholarly research category and Michael Danaher ('07) (Rockford, Ill.) for his narrative non-fiction informal essay titled “Yorick’s Illusion.”

Delta Epsilon Sigma is a national scholastic honor society that invites college students earning a GPA of 3.7 or above to join. The Most Rev. Edward A. Fitzgerald, former academic dean at Loras College, founded DES in 1939 as a national scholastic honor society for students, faculty and alumni of colleges and universities with a Catholic tradition.

You can view the entire Alpha online at http://depts.loras.edu/des/Alpha.html.
International Voyage Program Sets Sail

BY ZACHARY BADER (’07)

The Loras College intercultural office has discovered a unique way to combine cultural awareness and community involvement. Through the International Voyage program, Loras’ international students are learning that they not only belong here, they belong in the greater Dubuque community.

The program, initiated by the intercultural office last fall and implemented for the first time this fall, has a dual purpose. The primary purpose is to educate hundreds of Dubuque area students about the international community, helping them better understand the outside world. This experience brings classroom teachings to life, piquing students’ curiosity of other countries. Secondly, this experience allows Loras’ international students to get involved in the Dubuque community and demonstrate that their presence and diversity are appreciated and supported. It also allows them to improve their presentation skills, while learning more about the American culture.

“It is important in order to expose Dubuque area students to cultural difference and celebrate the traditions represented in our institution,” said Alejandro Pino, Loras’ director of intercultural programs. “It is also important to prepare students for the diversity they may experience later in life.”

Over 20 Loras students are involved in this program, including students from Nepal, Colombia, Russia, Botswana, Peru and Hong Kong. So far the International Voyage has presented at St. Joseph the Worker and Our Lady of Guadalupe elementary schools and at Washington Middle School.

At Washington, six students representing Nepal, Colombia, Russia and Botswana, educated over 240 seventh-grade students about their home countries’ geography, traditions, music, clothing, foods and language. They also showed students where their home countries are located and explained how they ended up in Dubuque, Iowa. Middle school students received flags and educational materials about these countries.

“Coming to the schools and talking about Colombia helps students broaden their perspectives,” said Jime Gonzalez Ramirez, a sophomore majoring in economics and mathematics from Bogota, Colombia. “Similar to my experience coming here, the kids are exposed to a new and different way of viewing the world. Unfortunately, the media do not always portray the positive aspects of a country. Colombia is known for the difficulties it is currently facing. However, there is so much more beyond the news. I love to talk about my country, to answer questions and to show the beauty of Colombia.”

“We realize that we international students bring in diversity to the college and to Dubuque, but often we don’t get to express it since we are so caught up with college and work,” added Sanjit Pradhananga, a first year student from Nepal majoring in international studies. “I thought the presentations were a great forum for us to express ourselves, our cultures and the different perspectives that we bring from our homelands. The kids seemed to enjoy the presentations as well.”

Due to the program’s initial success, Pino plans to visit Lincoln Elementary and Holy Ghost Elementary in the near future. This program is being supported by a grant from the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque. Loras will continue the program in future years through community partnerships with the Holy Family and Dubuque community school systems. In addition, the intercultural office will collaborate with community organizations and local colleges.

“Our hope is to continue this program annually to target multiple populations of Dubuque area students in order to maintain the cultural awareness,” said Pino.
Loras held its 167th commencement ceremony on May 14, 2006, preceded by a baccalaureate Mass on May 13, both in the Five Flags Center. In all, the College bestowed the following degrees upon 245 students: nine honors degrees, one bachelor of music degree, 23 bachelor of science degrees, 199 bachelor of arts degrees and 13 master of arts degrees.

Commencement speaker was Fred Morton, Ph.D., outgoing professor of history at Loras. Morton lived for 17 years in Nigeria, Kenya and Botswana, and during his 19-year tenure at the College, he did considerable research on African history. He is best known for launching the study abroad program in South Africa.

“Fred Morton’s contribution to the life of this campus was significant and multi-faceted,” commented fellow history professor John Eby, Ph.D. “Not only did he guide the work of the Diversity Task Force after having spent many years of bringing greater awareness of the needs of minority and international students to the college, he served as an important voice on Academic Council as a Division Chair who was able to balance the concerns of his division with the more global needs of the college. For many of us, and me especially, he is a mentor, role model and friend.”

Attendees were touched by Morton’s address, especially Kim (Muenster) Schroeder (*06), an English creative writing and human resource management double major. “During his speech, Dr. Morton said that we owe our success and the success of the college to everyone from maintenance to the president. I thought that was important because a lot of people have a hand in this college, and it’s important to remember that.” Schroeder also felt that Morton’s concern for the entire Loras community reflected well on him.

Commencement marked the end of successful undergraduate careers for these students, but few will forget their time here. “Graduation was the culmination of so many things that happened over the course of the time we all spent at Loras, that I don’t think anyone really knew how significant it was until we got to the end of August and none of us was heading back to the place that we called home for so many years,” said media studies major Troy Rabbett (*06). “But the one thing that makes that realization bearable is the best friends we have come to know, and who have affected our lives forever. For most of us, that is something that will never change!”

The college also awarded three honorary degrees to distinguished individuals during the commencement ceremony: Dr. Norman Francis, Charles Weepie and Jerry Enzler.

**Dr. Norman Francis** is president of Xavier University in New Orleans, La., and is the longest serving college or university president in the United States. Last year Xavier, the country’s only historically black Catholic college, was nearly destroyed by Hurricane Katrina, but due to the hard work by staff and administrators, opened its doors for students again on Jan. 17, 2006.

**Charles Weepie**, a 1953 graduate of Loras, resides in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and is the treasurer and director of LAWCHEK®, a law portal for legal information designed to assist law offices and library patrons. He has over 39 years of financial and management experience and has dedicated significant time to his home parish, St. Matthew; Camp Courageous; and the Franciscan sisters in Dubuque. Over the years Charles and his wife Tina have generously created the Weepie Family Scholarship at Loras and have created an endowed fund for Loras through the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque.

**Jerry Enzler**, a 1973 graduate of Loras, is the executive director of the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium. For 27 years he has strengthened the reputation of the museum, helping lead riverfront development, economic revitalization, and the emergence of tourism and most recently, ecotourism as a major Dubuque area industry.
George Freund
One in a Million

BY REV. MSGR. FRANCIS FRIEDL, PH.D. ('39)

Father Matt Hoffman wrote the history of Loras College covering the first hundred years, from 1839 to 1939. In the academic year of 1998-99, the College celebrated its sesquicentennial. George Freund, chairman of the program, asked me to write a book that would cover the history of Loras from 1939 to 1999. I did so in a volume entitled The Loras College Story. In order that readers might have a complete history of the College in a single volume, the first chapter of the book was an abbreviated story of the first hundred years.

Loras College has had an unusual group of highly talented administrators and professors. It was common to hear from the heads of various colleges and departments of universities all over the States that when a Loras alum applied for admission to their institution, they knew that he or she was well prepared for graduate work, and acceptance was almost a given.

With such a high level of competence at Loras, it is difficult to single out persons who have made the most valuable contributions to the success of the College. However, when writing The Loras College Story, I was asked to name three persons who, in my perspective, made decisions that have changed the history of the institution. Making such a selection is risky, but I did name three men — Msgrs. Michael Martin, Dorance Foley, and Justin Driscoll, and described actions that they took which had a lasting effect upon the College. Today, I would add to this group the name of George Freund.

I have never met a person who loved the College more and did more for it than George. I knew him as a student at Columbia, the name of the College when both of us were students. Later I came to know him well when he operated a luggage store in downtown Dubuque. During my visits to the store, his conversation was seldom about his inventory, but about the college from which he graduated in 1941. Working at KDTH, even before the station formally opened, George would find stories in the press releases pertinent to Loras, especially stories of philanthropic note, and would notify the Loras staff.

In 1960, Mike O’Dowd and Father Schroeder strongly recommended to Msgr. Foley that he hire George as director of alumni publicity and college advancement. Foley’s acceptance of that recommendation was one of the best decisions he ever made.

There is not enough space in this article to tell all of his successful ventures at the College. The areas which he handled — alumni, homecoming, fund raising, publicity and publications, were a huge task for one man, but he covered them all with skill and hard work. He was promoted to the post of vice president of development and director of college affairs. Even though he suffered a heart attack, he recovered and continued his remarkable work, finally retiring in 1985.

When I was president of Loras from 1971-77, many suggestions would come to my office for the betterment of the College. George Freund had such a comprehensive knowledge of the history of Loras and his judgment was so sound, that not once — not even once — during those years did I ever reject one of his recommendations. And they always turned out to be correct.

George was not only an excellent administrator; he was a good friend and valued companion. How fortunate for Loras to have enjoyed for a quarter of a century his wisdom, his talents and his knowledge. He was one in a million.
IN REMEMBRANCE

Al Schramm
“Ball Game, Leave Your Shirts”

BY PAT FLANAGAN ('63)

These words came from the voice of Al Schramm after every intramural basketball game during his tenure at Loras College from 1939-1981. His voice was sadly silenced on July 21, 2006.

Those famous words were almost said instead at Father Flanagan’s Boy’s Town. Schramm hitchhiked there in the summer of 1939 and was offered a recreation position. Not having any money for food, he borrowed one dollar from Fr. Flanagan as he hitchhiked back to his hometown of Freeport, Ill.

On his way to begin his job in Omaha, Schramm visited the new Loras president, Msgr. Martin, to inform him of his plans. Msgr. said, “You don’t want to go to Boy’s Town — we want you here.” Schramm stayed and his first year of intramural activities included 13 sports: touch football, volleyball, horseshoes, table tennis, handball, basketball, tennis, baseball, golf, bowling, 12” and 16” softball and track and field.

Fr. Barrett, the registrar, didn’t want any physical education classroom courses, so Schramm taught history, civics and business law (his degree was in economics) at the Loras Academy, plus he coached football, basketball and track and field at the College.

His tenure was interrupted three times. First came World War II. He was drafted in 1941, went to OCS in the Air Force and was stationed in England where he also coached football at Burtonwood Air Field. He returned to the states a Major in 1946. Schramm left Loras a second time to earn his master’s degree in physical education at the University of Iowa in 1948. The Korean Conflict had him assigned to ROTC duty at the University of Illinois from 1951-54. He returned as a Lieutenant Colonel. Schramm retired from the Air Force in 1976.

The physical education major program began in 1948 with the blessing of Bishop Lane, president. Schramm initially was the department for the 30-hour course of study, with Dr. Theodore Greteman, M.D., volunteering to teach anatomy and kinesiology.

The strength of intramurals was based on a strongly organized and well-administered program. Yearly, 80% of the student body participated in one or more sports, clearly the highest in the nation. Over the years many colleges requested information about conducting an intramural program, even the University of Notre Dame, which once tried to lure Schramm to South Bend.

In the early years, he did all the paperwork (starting at 7:30 a.m.) and supervised all the activities; however, with basketball he was at the worker’s desk making sure the games were played properly without horseplay (leaving at 10 p.m.). His officials were told to work a game as if it was USC playing Notre Dame — ALL games were important to him. Basketball teams numbered as high as 107, with the normal range being between 80-90.

Schramm was respected by every student in his program because he cared about their well-being. His administration, dedication and sacrifice made it possible for them to lead a healthier life through his intramural exercise program.

In 1998 the “Outstanding Physical Education Major of the Year Award” was created and named in honor of Al Schramm. The recipient of this award must “demonstrate a high level of academic performance, leadership in the field, in community activities, dedication for the development of physical skills, sportsmanship, healthful practices, in addition to moral and emotional growth.”

Al will be missed, but he has rejoined his beloved wife Nora.
Remembering Dr. Czar

BY GERALD EAGLESON, PH.D., PROFESSOR OF BIOLOGY

I first met Dr. Dave Czarnecki after returning from a research year in the Netherlands. During my absence, Dr. Ed Cawley and the biology department had hired Dave to replace Father Nye. Initially, Dave and I seemed to be very different people. Since I was a developmental neurobiologist and Dave was a phycologist, we seemed unlikely to be destined for friendship. Our areas of expertise, luckily, turned out to be the only area that we differed very much.

Like me, Dave previously taught at a large university and also a small college. Due to the more personal approach, he chose to teach at a small college, but he also felt that one must continue to be on top of their field. He didn’t see why one couldn’t be an international expert and also instruct at a small college. Friendship. Therefore, research and instruction as an all-consuming passion, intensely pursued, was an area we shared. Dave worked hard, played hard and took his area of expertise seriously. As a result of this common approach, we often were the only ones in the science hall on Friday evenings and Saturday afternoons; he tending to his diatoms and me organizing and caring for amphibians and microsurgical operations. As isolated companions, we soon queried each other about what hypothesis we were pursuing and how we were testing it. We became each other’s soundboard, and soon became each other’s friend and then mentor. Our friendship also carried over to interests outside of Loras. We would often talk shop, but also converse, cajole and interact with local Dubuquers. Dave was an excellent pool player; he approached the game not with the attitude of “beating” someone, but with the desire to improve his game. He was far more interested in understanding and improving what he was doing than in winning. This approach to science and to life was a very consistent aspect of Dave.

**Research and Instruction.** Dave did not invest much effort into competition. He was always trying to improve his understanding and technical abilities in all his various fields of interest, and he was quick to help all others who were also curious and interested. To him it was imperative that a good instructor was also an expert and advocate in what he was instructing. He often declared that good instruction cannot be separated from good research, because instructors not only pass on knowledge to their students but also the enthusiasm of active inquiry in their field. The former may get you through the course, but the latter gets you through life and makes it much more worth pursuing.

As an instructor, Dave emphasized that one needs depth in education and not the “Wal-Mart approach” of providing services to the momentary impulses of students. He was quite averse to the idea that we should provide mental-candy courses and activities to appeal to the student brain’s entertainment and sweet-tooth preferences. “Why pursue an in-depth education?” Because doing something in depth produces stable anchors against the whims of the flights of passing fancies. Depth directs us toward truth. Thus, through an applied effort, original research keeps instructor and students on course toward valid understanding.

As a colleague, Dave first became my friend, then my mentor and finally my instructor. To most of his students, he went through these transitions in the reverse direction. He was first their instructor, then their mentor and lastly their friend. Since Dave’s death, I attended quite a few weddings and gatherings of former Loras students. In all cases a toast was lifted to a true friend. They remember him best and foremost as their friend. I, therefore, raise my glass and state: “Goodbye my good friend!”

“He was first their instructor, then their mentor and lastly their friend.”
Growing Media Studies Program Earns High Marks

BY ZACHARY BADER ('07)

The Loras College media studies program earned itself an “A” with an exceptional 2005-06 school year, highlighted by multiple production awards, outstanding individual performances and the construction of a state-of-the-art digital media center.

Award-Winning Productions
Several Loras College productions earned honors and/or recognition this year. Tracing a Journey: The Life of Fr. Samuel Mazzuchelli was awarded the Silver Eddy in the Documentary category at the Cedar Rapids Film Festival on April 8, 2006. The film was also picked up for national distribution by Harcourt Religion Publishers, based in Orlando, Fla.

Credits include media studies professor Craig Schaefer, director, co-writer, photography; Chris Lenart, producer, editor, photography; Paul Kohl (associate professor of communication arts), co-writer; the Rev. John Haugen (dean, campus spiritual life), voice of the Rev. Samuel Mazzuchelli; Rob Kundert narrator; Kristen Eby music; Pat Yackley ('00), editing; Doug Donald (associate professor of communication arts), wardrobe; Jonathan Moser ('08) (Elkader, Iowa), actor – the role of Fr. Samuel Mazzuchelli; Adam Cesarek ('06) (Rock Falls, Ill.), crew; and Jason Drager ('07) (Marshalltown, Iowa), crew.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops awarded Different Faces of Priesthood the 2006 Catholic Communication Campaign Proclaim Award. The award was presented on May 25, 2006, at the Proclaim Awards ceremony in Nashville, Tenn.

The video was produced by Loras College Productions in the summer of 2005 in conjunction with the Archdiocese of Dubuque’s Vocation office. Over 1,000 copies have been distributed. Loras College Productions has won this top national video award for three straight years. South Pole Padre won in 2005 and in 2004, For God and Country won the award.

In other Loras College Productions news, Iowa Public Television has signed a three-year contract to broadcast the documentary For God and Country.

Individual Awards
Eighteen students received individual awards for their work on Loras media productions this year.

The Iowa Broadcast News Association selected Cheri Strutt ('06) (McGregor, Iowa) for the 2006 Dick Petrik Outstanding Student Award.

The award, named for the late, longtime news director at KOEL Radio in Oelwein, Iowa, is given annually to a college student whose work shows outstanding potential for a career in electronic media journalism. This honor is the top media journalism award in the state and carries with it a monetary award of $500.

Strutt has produced and anchored the state’s top student newscast, From the Boulevard, for the past two years. When she graduated in May, she was already working full-time at Cedar Rapids television station KCRG, producing seven newcasts a week including the weekend 6 and 10 p.m. shows.

Strutt and the Loras media studies program also experienced unprecedented success at the 2006 Iowa College Media Association (ICMA) fifth annual conference and media festival, held on Feb. 2. Loras students claimed awards at the event for their work within the media studies program and Loras College Television (LCTV).

Loras students won nine out of 15 awards presented, including four first-place awards:

1ST PLACE Best Newscast – “From the Boulevard”
1ST PLACE Best Storytelling – “Veteran’s Day” – Cheri Strutt
3RD PLACE Best Storytelling – “Track Player Profile” – Alicia LeGrand
1ST PLACE Best Corporate Production – Cheri Strutt, Nathan Trenkamp ('05) (Worthington, Iowa), Alicia LeGrand, Troy Rabbett ('06) (Dubuque, Iowa) and Adam Cesarek
2ND PLACE Best Corporate Production – Dustin Roth ('06) (Burlington, Iowa), Nathan Ripperger ('05) (Afton, Iowa) and Brian Maguire ('05) (Wheaton, Ill.)
1ST PLACE Best Promo/Commercial – Lauren Squires ('08) (Germantown, Tenn.) and Luke Pattarozzi ('08) (Middleton, Wis.)
2ND PLACE Best Promo/Commercial – Alicia LeGrand
3RD PLACE Best Promo–Commercial – Jason Drager ('07) (Marshalltown, Iowa)
2ND PLACE Best Sportscasting – Adam Cesarek, Jude Wilbers ('05) (Linn, Mo.) and Dane Lissner ('05) (Oconomowoc, Wis.)

The ICMA media festival is open to all colleges and universities in Iowa. All entries were judged by professionals in the media industry. Entries in the Best Newscast, Best Sportscast and Best Storytelling categories were judged by five news professionals from Waterloo and Des Moines. Entries in Best Promo/Commercial and Best Corporate Production were judged by three commercial production professionals in Cedar Rapids and Dubuque.

“I am very proud of the work that our students produce day in and day out,” said Schaefer. “To create quality broadcast programming takes a tremendous amount of
The national Accolade Competition was created to honor and give recognition to outstanding craft and creativity in film, video and television. Entries are judged by professionals in the film and television industry.

State-Of-The-Art Media Center

Prior to the 2006-07 school year, Loras completed construction on a state-of-the-art digital media center. The new center, funded by a grant from the Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust, features 14 classroom workstations, one remote student station and one teacher station, all connected via fiber optic cables. It represents a tremendous upgrade over Loras’ previous media center.

“We’ve built a facility to maximize creative collaboration,” said Craig Schaefer, associate professor of communication arts.

The old center, which included only three unconnected workstations, hampered practical teaching and student use. According to Schaefer, students were required to gather around the professor’s computer and take notes before taking turns accessing the editing software themselves. In the new center, all students in these classes have access to computers with the software, and professors are able to teach from a projection screen at the front of the classroom. Because all computers are connected by the fiber optic network, professors are also able to access an individual student’s work from the teaching station, project that work on the screen and offer comments and suggestions to the class.

The new center is also ideal for students who need to use the facility for class and LCTV projects, particularly, end-of-the-semester projects. In the old center, LCTV and media studies students picked one computer to save their work on throughout the semester. With only three work stations available, scheduling for the machines was problematic. “Last year semester projects were literally scheduled around the clock,” said Schaefer. Due to the 400% increase in workstations and the connectivity of those workstations, students can access their projects from any computer in the lab at convenient times.

The interconnectedness also allows for improved collaboration on projects, a point that Schaefer emphasized as crucial. Because of their size and complexity, all media productions are group projects, and the new facility makes that kind of collaboration a reality.

“Every project is better because we have more time and better facilities to do it,” said media studies major and LCTV anchor Lauren Squires. “It’s a good learning tool for all students.”

Schaefer echoed Squires’ observation, stressing the media center’s potential to assist all students, particularly the Division of Communication and Fine Arts, the fastest growing division on campus.

“This puts Loras students one step in front of students at other colleges,” continued Squires. “It’s the new hangout. People take pride in this.”
Loras College welcomed all incoming first year students to campus through the Launch into Loras program August 24-27, 2006. In previous years, Launch into Loras was piloted with a limited number of students. This school year marked the first time that all first years shared the Launch experience.

Students were broken up into small groups by their Modes of Inquiry first year seminar sections. Key components of the Launch into Loras program included a common reading of *Mountains Beyond Mountains* by Tracy Kidder, a poverty simulation, ropes course team building activity, service project and social activities.

Launch into Loras established a new tradition with a convocation ceremony officially kicking off the program on August 24. Keynote speaker, **Provost Cheryl Jacobsen, Ph.D.**, challenged each student to “Dare to Be Remarkable,” the theme of Launch into Loras 2006. Each first year student had the opportunity to ring the victory bell, the same bell they will ring on the last day of their senior year. The program concluded with a presidential luncheon and a welcome liturgy.

First year student **Gina Kubik** (’10) (Clutier, Iowa) reflected on her experience saying, “Launch into Loras was a really great opportunity for me. Coming to Loras I didn’t really know what to expect, but this was an experience which helped me to become familiar with the Loras campus and showed me many ways to get involved.

Meeting most of my friends during the activities at Launch also helped with the transition to college life. Overall, I had a fantastic time and if I could, I would do it again!”
Loras Players Present: A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum

BY DOUG DONALD, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF COMMUNICATION ARTS

The Loras Players, Iowa’s oldest theatre company, opened their 96th season with a production of the award winning musical A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum. With music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim and book by Burt Shevelove and Larry Gelbart, the show won six Tony Awards in 1963, including Best Musical. Inspired by the plays of second century B.C. Roman playwright, Plautus, the play is a madcap, hilarious romp through the streets of Rome.

The slave Pseudolus is promised his freedom if he can help secure the love of Philia (played by sophomore Erin Horst of Vinton, Iowa) for his master, Hero (played by first year student Randy Andrews of Dubuque, Iowa). But the arrogant Captain Miles Gloriosus (senior David Summers of Lincoln, Neb.) also wishes to marry her and he presents a formidable barrier. The story takes frequent humorous twists and turns as Pseudolus uses every trick in the book to try and win his freedom.

The Loras production, directed by Doug Donald, associate professor of communication arts, with musical direction by Bruce Kotowich, assistant professor of music, involved over 30 students in the staging of the show including cast, choreographer, crew and a full pit orchestra. Performances, which were Oct. 26-28, 2006, played to highly receptive — and laughing — audiences in St. Joseph auditorium, Hoffmann Hall.

The Loras Players’ next production is the Pulitzer Prize winning play J.B., by Archibald MacLeish. Based on the biblical story of Job we are taken on an exalting, memorable and moving exploration of love, acceptance and devotion — a modern view of an ancient relationship. Production dates are Feb. 23 and 24 at 8 p.m. and Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. in St. Joseph auditorium, Hoffmann Hall.

Psychology Conference Tests and Prepares Students

BY ZACHARY BADER (’07)

Loras hosted the 16th Annual Undergraduate Psychology Research Conference on Oct. 28, 2006. Lisa Grinde, Ph.D., assistant professor of psychology, coordinated the event, which took place in the Marie Graber ballroom, Alumni Campus Center.

Keynote speaker was Colleen F. Moore, Ph.D., professor of psychology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Her lecture, “Why Pollution Matters for Children’s Psychological Development,” addressed how exposure to certain pollutants can affect children’s intellectual functioning, their social interactions and behavior and their stress responses.

The conference also included undergraduate research poster presentations, Psi Chi/Psych Club “best practice” poster presentations, a graduate school fair, discussion of admission strategies for graduate school and a career planning panel discussion.

“I thought the faculty panel was extremely interesting,” said conference participant Kelli Bradley (’08) (Freeport, Ill.). “I thought they did an excellent job of discussing what students need to do to gain entrance into graduate programs.”

This annual conference is hosted on a rotating basis by four colleges – Loras College, University of Wisconsin-Platteville, Rockford College and Augustana College.
Sports

Loras College Athletics
wrap-up and review.

Loras College Athletics

Hall of Fame Inductees 2006
Loras College inducted five new members into the Athletic Hall of Fame on Saturday, Sept. 23, 2006.

Mike Delaney (’80)

Mike Delaney’s time at Loras resulted in four years of hitting .326 or better, four winning seasons, the first back-to-back 20-game winning seasons in school history, three selections to the NAIA All-District 15 team and four straight trips to the NAIA District 15 championships.

In his first Duhawk season Delaney hit .326 and helped the club to a record of 16-12 — a vast improvement over the five wins of the previous year.

As a sophomore, Delaney batted .340 and the Loras team finished 13-9 with Delaney winning the first of three straight NAIA All-District 15 honors. His junior year was one for the record books — a career high average of .384, with 11 doubles, 6 home runs and 28 RBIs. The Duhawks finished 22-9 with Delaney earning Co-MVP NAIA District 15 honors.

His senior season was one of the storied years of Loras baseball — a 28-13-1 record, including sweeps of seven doubleheaders and an 8-7 victory over The University of Iowa and a 4-1 victory over Northern Iowa.

Active with intramurals, Delaney was part of men’s basketball champions ASIA team in 1979-80, a Dean’s List student and a member of Epsilon Upsilon Sigma.

With a degree in sociology, Delaney is manager of customer service for Pearson Education. The Delaneys — Mike, wife Brenda and son John — reside in Carmel, Ind.

Thomas Jackson (’70)

Thomas Jackson has had many titles and nicknames over the years, but when it comes to Duhawk basketball, one fit perfectly: Mr. Rebound. Some 35 years after his last Duhawk game, Jackson still stands alone in many rebounding categories.

From the outset, the former Chicago Dunbar 6-foot-6 prep standout was dominant. He started as a first year student, helping the Duhawks to an 18-10 season in the Midlands Conference championship. He was third in scoring and second in rebounds on that 1966-67 team.

As a sophomore, he averaged 20.2 points a game and 11.8 rebounds. In his junior year, Jackson set the single season Loras record for rebounds (376) and rebound average (13.9 a game) which still stands today.

Jackson was the first junior ever to join the Loras 1,000 point club, and ended his Duhawk career as the No. 1 rebounder and third-leading scorer. Today, he still ranks as the top rebounder (1,103) and No. 6 in scoring (1,619). He is the only former Duhawk who averaged in double figures in scoring (17) and rebounds (11.6), and holds first and third places for season rebounds (376 and 296) and first and second in rebound average (13.9 and 11.8 a game) in the Duhawk record book. Jackson was also a leader — captain as a junior and in 1969, he was the winner of the Loras Spirit Award.

His post-graduate career finds Jackson carrying on those leadership talents. He is a doctor of preventive medicine and heads M.E.E.T — Missionary Education and Evangelistic Training. He has co-authored two books on high blood pressure and cancer, and is a noted speaker and preacher who has often traveled abroad to bring his message to thousands. Jackson and his wife, LaVerne, live in Huntingdon, Tenn., with their daughter Emma.

The Varsity Athletics Hall of Fame Committee is seeking nominations for the Hall of Fame. (There is no self-nomination.) To submit an online nomination, go to http://depts.loras.edu/sports/hof/. Please complete the form with as much information as possible.
Chris O’Donnell (’88)

Chris O’Donnell was a three-time All-American in track and field with a second in the 1987 NCAA Division III 5,000-meter and in 1988 with a third in the same event. He was also a cross country All-American, ranking eighth nationally in 1987. In 1986, O’Donnell became the first Duhawk to enter an NCAA Division III national after the college left the NAIA. He was a six-time Iowa Conference champion in the 800, 1,500 and 5,000 meters, winning the events back-to-back in 1987 and 1988. He helped Loras to an outdoor and cross country Iowa Conference title sweep in 1987 and another outdoor title in 1988. After his final season, O’Donnell owned the Loras record in the 800, 1,500 and 5,000-meter events. Nearly two decades later, he retains the 5,000-meter mark (14:31.89) and is a member of the record holding foursome for the 4x800 relay (7:43.08).

O’Donnell’s hallmark traits were consistency, competitiveness and leadership. In his senior cross country season, he was either first or second in six of nine meets, including the Iowa Conference championships and the NCAA regionals. He shared the Iowa Conference MVP award with Pat Tierney in 1987. In all four of his Loras years, O’Donnell was a member of a national cross country qualifying team (NAIA in 1984-85 and NCAA Division III in 1986-87). Along with Tierney, he was the Duhawks co-captain for several seasons. Also outstanding in the classroom, O’Donnell was GTE District VII All-American in 1987.

Since college, O’Donnell has put his accounting degree to excellent use as one of the founding partners of Dymas Capital, a multibillion dollar specialty finance company in Chicago. In addition, he is involved in several local charities. O’Donnell and his wife, Jane, live in Western Springs, III., and have four daughters—Madaleine, Claire, Emily and Olivia.

Pat Tierney (’88)

As a first year student, Pat Tierney helped the Duhawks to the NAIA District 15 title with a second-place finish and Loras went on to place 20th in the NAIA Nationals. The next spring, Tierney was the NAIA District 5,000-meter run champion and as a sophomore, he again reached the NAIA cross country nationals.

Tierney admits that cross country was his first love. Once Loras re-entered the Iowa Conference, Tierney was runner-up in the 1987 conference meet, took first the next year, was the conference MVP, NCAA Regional champion, NCAA Division III finals qualifier and Loras Most Valuable Performer.

For four straight years Tierney won the 5,000-meter run title (NAIA in 1985 and Iowa Conference 1986-88), added the 10,000-meter Iowa Conference crowns in 1987 and 1988 and was runner up in the 3,000-meter in 1988.

In 1987 and 1988, he was an NCAA Division III All-American in the 10,000-meter run.

With five individual titles, Tierney and Chris O’Donnell helped Loras to Iowa Conference outdoor track championships as juniors and seniors — the start of a four-year run of conference crowns (1987-90). Since then, no Duhawk team has finished lower than fourth in the conference outdoor meet.

Tierney put his marketing degree to work as regional director of Allegra Network. He has turned his sporting interest since Loras to yachting and has been on nine championship crews since 1996. With his wife Aimee, Tierney lives in Evanston, Ill.

Dr. Bob Tucker

In the 25 years Bob Tucker has devoted to Loras, he has made a difference in the lives of thousands on the track and football field, in the classroom, through special seminars and summer sports camps.

Tucker came to Loras after a distinguished academic career that includes a B.A. from Monmouth College (1965), M.S. from Western Illinois (1968) and an Ed.D. from Virginia Tech in 1981.

Tucker began coaching at Loras in 1981 as men’s head track coach and assistant football coach. In 14 seasons under Tucker, the Duhawk men’s track team captured six Iowa Conference outdoor titles, including four straight (1987-90) and an indoor (2005 when his team took the outdoor also). His Duhawks won seven Iowa College State Championships, including five straight (1986-90). Loras was the NAIA District 15 champion in 1984, 1985 and 1986. After the school moved into NCAA Division III, the Duhawks were fourth in the 1989 indoor and fifth in the 1989 outdoor nationals. Of the 47 Loras track All-Americans through 1992, 32 came during Tucker’s coaching years. Tucker was head cross country coach two years (1984-85) and in 1985, Loras was the District NAIA champion. When women’s track was introduced in 1985, Tucker guided the program from its infancy until 1992, winning the conference outdoor title in 1987.


For 18 years Tucker chaired the Department of Physical Education, and in 1983 he founded the nationally acclaimed Loras College All-Sports Camp, which he still directs with his wife Judy.

Active in such community volunteer projects as the Winter Special Olympics, Camp Easter Seals for the Mentally Retarded, Hope Church and Area Residential Care of Dubuque, Tucker also is a well-known official starter at track meets. Retired from Loras, Tucker lives in Dubuque with his wife Judy. They have three grown children — Cinda, Scott and Cary.
Ben Grant
Earns All-America Honors in Cross Country

Ben Grant ('08) (Peosta, Iowa) became the first Loras cross country All-American since Marcus Murphy ('04) won it in 2003.

Grant ran at the national meet last season but did not place. He finished as the highest runner from the Iowa Conference at nationals after winning the conference meet, as well as earning all-region honors by placing sixth at the regional meet on a snowy course in Minnesota. He was honored by the Iowa Conference as the Runner of the Week five times during the season.

Bierie Field Dedication

The football field at the Rock Bowl was officially given a new name on Saturday, Sept. 23. In a pre-game ceremony, the field was rededicated as Bierie Field, in honor of the 25-year boss of Loras football, Coach Bob Bierie.

Bob Bierie served as the Head Football Coach at his alma mater from 1980-2004. He finished with a career record of 144-106-5, the most victories and games coached in the school’s football history.

The field was able to be renamed due to the generosity of former players under Bierie, who have donated $500,000, with a goal of $1,000,000.

It was fitting that the field was renamed before a game with the University of Dubuque. Bierie ended his career with a 28-7 win over Dubuque on Nov. 6, 2004. He also guided Loras to 20 straight wins over the Spartans, a streak started in 1985. On Sept. 23, 2006, the Duhawks beat the Spartans 23-20.

Koopman Named Head Softball Coach

The Loras College athletic department announced the hiring of Katie (Rasmusson) Koopmann ('03) as head softball coach. Koopmann takes over for Sarah Anderson, who resigned after three seasons at the helm to devote herself full-time as a physical therapist.

“Katie will be an excellent addition to our staff,” Loras Director of Athletics Chad Walthall said. “She has competed as an athlete at Loras and has a real understanding and passion of what the Loras experience means to student-athletes. I have complete confidence that she will be able to continue to take the program forward.”

Koopmann is familiar with the Loras program having served as an assistant coach for three years under Anderson. During the three years as coach, Loras won 40 games. The 2005 team finished 9-7 in the tough Iowa Conference and tied for fourth in the league.

“I am extremely honored to be taking over the softball program,” Koopmann said. “The opportunity to coach at my alma mater and in such a well-respected softball conference will be an exciting opportunity.”

A native of Epworth, Iowa, Koopmann completed both her undergraduate and graduate degrees at Loras. She competed in both basketball and softball while at Loras and was a member of the 2002-03 Iowa Conference Champion women’s basketball team. In her senior softball season, Koopmann hit .271 with two home runs and 12 RBIs. In the 2002 season, she was named first-team all-Iowa Conference when she batted .418 on the season.

After graduating in 2003, Koopmann joined the softball staff as an assistant while working toward her master’s degree.
Fall Wraps

Women’s Soccer

With a roster featuring only one senior and facing one of the toughest schedules in the nation, the Loras women’s soccer team faced plenty of adversity in 2006. Still, the Duhawks managed to find their way back to the NCAA Tournament for the sixth straight season.

The Duhawks finished 11-8-2 on the year, but faced seven regionally ranked opponents and six NCAA Tournament teams, including eventual national champions, Wheaton College who visited Loras for the first time ever on Sept. 16. Loras completed a 7-1 tour through the Iowa Conference with the only blemish being a 1-0 home loss to Simpson in a contest that Loras outshot the Storm 23-7. The Duhawks would exact revenge in the Iowa Conference championship match. After 110 scoreless minutes of soccer in Indianola, the Duhawks won the conference title for the sixth straight season by scoring a 3-1 victory on penalty kicks.

With the victory, Loras qualified for another NCAA appearance. Loras opened at UW-Oshkosh, a school making its first appearance. The Duhawks took advantage of their only opportunity as Alex Clesen (‘09) (Evanston, Ill.) netted a goal with 10 minutes left, sending the Duhawks to the NCAA Tournament second round for the fifth straight season. Loras was outshot 18-4 in the contest, but netminder Torey Murray (‘09) (Des Moines, Iowa) helped the Duhawks overcome a wave of injuries by stopping nine shots in goal. Washington University ended Loras’ season with a 3-0 win in the second round.

Four members of the team were recognized by the Iowa Conference. Lauren Schaeflein (‘08) (Joliet, Ill.) earned first team honors for the third straight year. She was joined on the first team by Katee Whitney (‘08) (Beaverton, Ore.) and Maria Prendergast (‘08) (Rochester, Minn.). Katie Ryan (‘08) (Bartlett, Ill.) was on the second team. Schaeflein and Prendergast also earned NSCAA All-Region honors.

Men’s Soccer

The Loras men’s soccer team had ten first year students on their 23-man roster but in spite of its youth, the team still had one of its best seasons ever – building on their success in 2005 by returning to the NCAA Tournament for the second straight season.

The Duhawks began the season 2-2, in the next 15 games they were 11-2-2 and ended the season at 13-5-2. The regular season was highlighted by a 2-1 win in overtime over powerful Wheaton at the Rock Bowl on Sept. 16. Wheaton eventually advanced to the NCAA Final Four. Loras did not lose at home, finishing 7-0 in the first full season playing at the Rock Bowl.

Loras lost in the conference championship match to Wartburg by a 2-1 score in double overtime, however the Duhawks still received a bid to the NCAA Tournament. The Duhawks suffered a 1-0 defeat to Gustavus Adolphus in the first round of the tournament. The Duhawks held a 10-6 advantage in shots and created several chances but could not rally to tie the match.

Dan Rothert was named the Iowa Conference Coach of the Year for the second straight season. Rothert has been the conference Coach of the Year six times in his nine-year career, having also earned four women’s honors.

Rothert was joined by six players in receiving recognition from the Iowa Conference. Kevin Smerko (‘07) (Rockford, Ill.) and Nick Anello (‘07) (Orland Park, Ill.) earned first team honors for the second straight season. They were joined by Matt Splittgerber (‘09) (Marshalltown, Iowa) and Santiago Mejia (‘10) (Cali, Colombia) on the first team. Mike Richter (‘08) (Libertyville, Ill.) and Kevin Burberry (‘07) (Orland Park, Ill.) received second team nods. Nick Anello and Mike Richter also earned All-Region status from the NSCAA and d3kicks.com.
Volleyball

The turnaround occurred almost overnight. First-year collegiate head coach Teresa Kehe guided the Loras volleyball team to a record of 18-18 to surpass their win total of the previous two seasons combined. The Duhawks also returned to the Iowa Conference tournament for the first time since 2004 by finishing 4-4 in conference matches, and in the process rewrote the record books.

Kate Sievers ('07) (Miles, Iowa) set the Loras career record for kills by pounding down a single season record 597. Sievers concluded her career with 1,383 kills, passing Allison Naddy ('04) for the top number. She earned second team all-conference honors after leading Loras in the offensive category.

Sievers also became the second player ever at Loras to amass over 1,000 kills and 900 digs in a career. She set a single match record by recording 34 kills in a five game win over Buena Vista University.

Kate Sievers ('07) (Miles, Iowa)

Sievers was not the only Duhawk to have a record-setting season. Setter Jenny Dzibula ('10) (Bartlett, Ill.), a transfer student from Northern Illinois, received first team all-conference honors. Dzibula dished out 1,466 assists, the second most ever in a single season. She set a Loras single match record for assists by dishing out 83 in the win over Buena Vista and was selected to four different all-tournament teams during the season.

Brock Hall ('08) (Davis Junction, Ill.) led the Duhawks with 116 tackles and earned first team honors. Offensive lineman Wes Veach ('09) (Zwingle, Iowa) earned a second team nod, as did running back Brennan McCarron ('09) (Dubuque, Iowa).

McCarron, a Wahlert High School graduate, led the conference with 14 rushing touchdowns and had five performances of 100 yards or more, including a season high 180 in the season finale, a 44-23 win over Luther.

The Duhawks started 3-0 in the conference after wins over Dubuque, Coe and Cornell. The win at Coe came when the Kohawks were ranked 14th in the country and was on Coe’s Homecoming. Loras overcame a 23-14 halftime deficit to win 32-30. Defensive lineman Justin Sparrgrove ('08) (Boscobel, Wis.) and punter Tyler Bruening ('08) (Decorah, Iowa) were named to the d3football.com Team of the Week following the win.

Sixteen seniors walked away from Loras football after winning the season finale against Luther at the Rock Bowl. In the game, Loras gained 528 yards of offense, including 378 on the ground while intercepting the Norse four times. During their time at Loras, the senior class defeated every Iowa Conference team at least once.

Men’s Cross Country

Ben Grant ('08) (Peosta, Iowa) helped lead a young team to a fourth place finish at the conference meet by winning the conference title. Only one senior, Andrew Hoeltzel (St. Louis, Mo.), ran among the top seven for the Duhawks at the conference meet. Kevin Oberfoell ('08) (Dubuque, Iowa) was the second highest finisher for Loras, touring the course in Iowa City in a time of 26:19.
Women’s Cross Country

The women’s cross country team improved in the conference standings, placing third. The Duhawks also finished 13th at the regional meet. The 2006 season saw the emergence of two impact newcomers on the squad. Erica Stevens (‘10) (Central City, Iowa) and transfer Mary Bridget Corken (‘10) (Dubuque, Iowa) both earned all-region honors after their performances at the regional meet. Stevens was the top runner for the Duhawks, finishing 25th overall with a time of 23:36. Corken came in 48th place, just 19 seconds behind Stevens. Stevens and Corken were also top finishers at the conference meet, where Stevens placed 6th and Corken 11th. Amy Hall (‘08) (Orland Hills, Ill.) finished 20th. Loras had no seniors in the top seven and will have a strong group returning for 2007.

Women’s Tennis

The women’s tennis team finished sixth in the Iowa Conference, with a 5-5 overall record, 3-4 in conference play. Loras placed fifth at the conference tournament.

The Duhawks had two players named to the IIAC All-Conference team. Standout newcomer Alisha Espey (‘10) (Camanche, Iowa) and Jen Phelan (‘08) (Roscoe, Ill.) both put together strong efforts to lead the Duhawks this season and were rewarded with all-conference selections. Espey finished with a combined record of 11-7.

Women’s Golf

For the third straight year the Loras women’s golf team improved in the Iowa Conference standing. The team finished third in the conference, behind Wartburg and Simpson, marking a one slot improvement from 2005. Amy Kemp (‘08) (Dubuque, Iowa) earned all-conference honors for the second straight season after finishing third at the conference meet. Brooke Davis (‘08) (Delmar, Iowa) earned her first all-conference selection for the Duhawks by placing seventh in the meet. The entire starting lineup will return next season, as the Duhawks push for the conference title.
Distinguished Alumni Awards

Loras College awarded its annual Distinguished Alumni Awards during the Homecoming dinner on Saturday, Oct. 7.
Recipients of Loras’ 2006 Distinguished Alumni Awards included the following individuals:

Patrick M. Flanagan (’63)
Service Provided to Loras College as a Faculty, Staff or Administration Member

Flanagan graduated from Loras College in 1963, with a bachelor of arts in physical education and again in 1971 with a master of arts in secondary school counseling. He joined the Loras faculty in 1966, teaching graduate, undergraduate and skill courses in physical education. Flanagan served in many facets at Loras College, including registration counselor, department advisor, tennis coach, wrestling coach and director of the intramural sports program – which he grew into a program that today boasts over one hundred sports and an eighty percent student participation rate.

In 1995, Flanagan was named the Iowa Conference Tennis Coach of the Year, in 1996 he was inducted into the Loras Varsity Athletics Hall of Fame and in 2001 he was recognized with the Fr. John Naumann Award for demonstrated support of and involvement with students.

Paul A. Logli (’71)
Contributions Made as a Public Servant

After graduating from Loras in 1971 with a bachelor of arts degree in English, Logli continued his education at the University of Illinois College of Law in Champaign-Urbana. He was admitted to the Bar in 1974, and settled Rockford, Ill., where he served seven years as an attorney and five years as an associate judge. In 1986, the Winnebago County Board appointed Logli to fill his predecessor’s un-expired term as State’s Attorney. Since then, he has been elected to the State’s Attorney office five times for an unprecedented 20 years of continuous service.

Logli has demonstrated a sincere commitment to his work in arenas outside of the courtroom as well. He has served on various professional and community associations including but not limited to the Winnebago County Bar Association, the Winnebago County Children’s Advocacy, the Boy Scouts of America and the Rosecrance Health Network. Most notably, he recently completed his term as president of the National District Attorneys Association.
Eldon Herrig (‘49)

Professional Achievements and Contributions Made to Loras College

After serving in the United States Navy, Herrig graduated in 1949 with a bachelor of arts degree in economics. Since that time he has demonstrated a sincere passion to Loras by donating generously of his time, talents and treasure. In October 2002, Herrig joined the Loras College board of regents where he spearheaded several fundraising efforts including the recent For the Glory campaign, to which he and his wife, Marge, have pledged one million dollars in addition to their other gifts to the college.

Herrig has also generously served on various community boards and organizations including the Dubuque Community School Board, the Dubuque County Board of Supervisors, the United Way and Operation New View, among others. He currently is active with the Archdiocese of Dubuque, Catholic Charities, Hillcrest Family Services and the Conventions and Visitors Bureau.

Thomas P. Jehl (alumnus)

Contributions Made in Christian Service and Volunteer Work

Jehl attended Loras for two and a half years, playing football before enlisting in the Air Force. While in the Air Force he earned a degree in Russian from Syracuse University.

His love for his community inspired him to open the Lifetime Sports Academy in 1998. For seven weeks in June and July, the academy invites all children in Fort Wayne, Ind., between eight and 18 years of age to learn the lifetime sports of golf, tennis and swimming – absolutely free. After passing skill tests and demonstrating understanding of the rules and etiquette of the game, each child is presented with his/her own sports equipment. In addition to these generous gifts, Jehl established an endowment to provide Lifetime Sports Academy graduates with free golf after the program. Jehl passed away in September 2006, however, his legacy continues in the Lifetime Sports Academy.

Meet Your Alumni Relations Staff

Bobbi Earles is the executive director of alumni relations and communications. In this role she oversees all alumni programming and communication efforts. Earles graduated from Loras College in 1988 with a bachelor of arts in broadcast media and joined the Loras staff in 2003 after working in the broadcast media field for 14 years.

Angie FitzPatrick joined Loras in January 2006 as the director of development, alumni and media communications. In this position she assists the alumni relations office as managing editor of the alumni magazine, creates the e-newsletter, NewsBytes, and helps to create invitations to alumni events. FitzPatrick has a bachelor of arts in communication from Clarke College and will earn a master of arts in communication from the University of Dubuque in May 2007.

Stephanie (Burgmeier) Ludovissy, assistant director of alumni relations, joined the college in October 2006. In her position she coordinates and promotes alumni relations programs, events and activities. She graduated from Loras College in 2005 with a bachelor of arts in sports science.

Denise Kluesner joined the Alumni office in January 2007 as the administrative assistant. She will support the alumni relations team with day-to-day operations, programming, communication and event planning. Kluesner graduated from Northeast Iowa Community College with an administrative assistant, AAS degree.
While the football players got their hands taped and warmed up with squats and drills in anticipation of the big game, another group of Loras enthusiasts did some warm-ups of their own: vocal, that is.

Homecoming Weekend 2006 marked the first-ever Loras Alumni Choir Concert, bringing together over 40 alumni from across the United States, all products of Loras’ renowned vocal program, with the common goal of making beautiful music. Two rehearsals for Sunday’s demanding repertoire quickly whipped the group into shape with singers from graduating classes dating back to 1959.

Dr. John Broman, who led the vocal music program at Loras from 1977-1992, pitched the idea to a group of local Loras choir alumni who then engaged current choir conductor Bruce Kotowich and the Loras Club of Dubuque to help make it all happen. Roy Carroll, concert choir director from 1993-2000 and current music professor, and Kristen Eby, concert choir director from 2000-2004, were also called to take lead baton for the event.

“We did our best to reach out to all Loras concert choir singers,” said committee member Tori (Goodman) Richter (’83). “We had the alumni office go through old yearbooks to try to establish a database to contact as many alumni as we could. We’re hoping that this is the start of a semi-annual tradition, and those who weren’t able to be here, or who we didn’t find, pick up on the momentum of what was described as a ‘truly fun’ weekend.”

The Loras Alumni Choir started the performance with three numbers followed by Kotowich’s current students, who make up the following groups: Bella Voce, Loras College Chamber Singers and the Loras College Concert Choir. The Loras College Alumni Choir rounded out the concert with another three numbers, the last of which met with a standing ovation from current Loras students. The crescendo to the event combined students and alumni alike encircling Christ The King Chapel to sing Dubois’ Adoramus te, Christe, a tradition started by Broman, which carries on as the conclusion to all major concerts to this day.

One bass, Marc Frost, M.D., (’81) of Indianapolis, Ind., drove in just for the rehearsals because he had a family commitment that conflicted with Sunday’s concert.

As Broman offered, “You cannot teach loyalty and dedication — you either have it or you don’t. We, as choral directors, can only strive to bring out the very best in our singers in the hope that each will come to experience the joy and love in making music. The alumni that you saw in our reunion choir during the 2006 Loras Homecoming Weekend are sterling examples of loyalty and dedication, and it was an honor and a privilege to
work with them. I can only hope that this was the first of many collaborative efforts of this sort. Just let me know WHEN and WHERE and I'll be back. It was a pleasure, to be sure.”

Comments and suggestions for a bigger and better alumni choir event already have the planning committee thinking toward the future. The planning committee encourages other Loras choir alumni who may have inadvertently been missed for this year’s concert to come forth by e-mailing the alumni office at alumni@loras.edu. Kotowich looks toward imminent alumni events, “I have received many compliments from guests and other colleagues. Our students appreciated the opportunity to meet you and hear that there is life after Loras. Please stay in touch, and I look forward to our next Alumni gathering in the near future.”

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Reflections

“When it (alumni choir reunion) was first mentioned, I’m sure many of us thought it was a great idea, but most-likely wouldn’t happen due to logistical complications. Kudos to the Loras Club of Dubuque, Jack Bromen, Tony (Goodman) Richter, Jack and Dianna Luke, Bruce Kotowich and anyone else who had the foresight to get the ball rolling and make the reunion a reality. We are better people, musicians and Loras alumni because of their efforts. I have no doubt that enthusiasm for repeating this event will be high and that involvement will increase. There is a saying: ‘The voice is the only musical instrument made by God.’ Thank you for helping us to use those instruments to sing God’s praises and reconnect with friends from our Loras years.”

Katy (Schroeder) Timmerman ('81)

“I really felt about 15 years younger, as if I was back in school.”

Elizabeth Schmieder ('92).

“I can’t believe that Gerald (Horst ’86) and I almost passed up an opportunity for another wonderful Loras experience. We continue to be reminded again and again how much Loras College meant and means to us.”

Marcy (Jessen) Horst ('86)

“Of the many highlights of the reunion Homecoming concert, the top was having Jack Bromen tear up during the rehearsal as he tried to describe the emotional experience of once having directed 300 singers singing before 2000 or so worshippers. It was a poignant reminder that the main purpose of our singing is to produce the transcendent experience of worship for conductor, musicians, singers and other worshippers. That feeling was evoked for me as we began our singing.”

The Rev. Richard L. Schaefer ('64 and former faculty member)

“It was great seeing so many friends, and I, too, look forward to future concerts.”

Stephanie (Ament) Schutt ('85)

“What a wonderful way to spend a fall weekend, renewing old friendships, making new friends and being part of filling Christ The King Chapel with music once again.”

Rod Benedix (Alumnus)

“I had a great time at Homecoming and would surely be part of other alumni choir events.”

Mike Kennedy ('81)
Loras Club of Cedar Rapids/Iowa City Golf Outing

Loras Club of Chicago Golf Outing

Loras Club of Cedar Rapids/Iowa City — The Loras Club of Cedar Rapids/Iowa City golf outing was held June 12, 2006, at Hunters Ridge Golf Course. A dinner at the Knights of Columbus followed. (Pictured l to r) Jim Kennedy, Jr. (97), Matt Horsfield (97), Tom Kettmann (97) and Paul Willenbring.

Loras Club of Chicago — The Loras Club of Chicago golf outing was held Sept. 21, 2006, at Tamarack Golf Club in Naperville, Ill. (Pictured l to r) Bill Graham (57), Jack Graham (59), Matt Perry (62) and Don Freymann (61).

Loras Club of Chicago — Participants enjoyed golf, a social hour and dinner. (Pictured l to r) Troy Cicero (84), Katie Callaghan (05), Bill Callaghan (74) and Carl Adducci (63).

Class of 1956

Class of 1961
Loras Club of Dubuque

Loras Club of Dubuque Golf Outing and Dinner, Matt Horsfield and Mike Conlon each purchased a dinner with President Collins for $7,500. The dinner was part of an auction, with funds going toward the Loras Club of Dubuque Scholarship. (Pictured l to r) Matt Horsfield ('97), President Jim Collins ('84) and Mike Conlon ('58).

Loras Club of Dubuque Scholarship Luncheon

Loras Club of Dubuque — The Loras Club of Des Moines joined forces with the Des Moines “Parrot Head” Club to refurbish a home as part of the Des Moines Rebuilding Together program. Scott Peterson ('76) served as the crew leader for the project.

Loras Club of Dubuque — The Loras Club of Dubuque held its scholarship reception on April 27, 2006, to honor their 15 scholarship recipients. Pictured above are the recipients. (Front row l to r) Stacy Richard ('08) (Dubuque, Iowa), Justin Vorwald ('07) (Edgewood, Iowa) and Katrina Berning ('09) (Cuba City, Wis.). (Back row l to r) Steven Nestebly ('08) (Dubuque, Iowa), Jenna Unsen ('07) (Dubuque, Iowa), Michael Mullis ('07) (Dyersville, Iowa), Ann Becker ('07) (Dubuque, Iowa), Kellie Monaghan ('08) (Manchester, Iowa), Lisa Meisenburg ('08) (Dubuque, Iowa), Laura Lehmann ('08) (Durango, Iowa) and Valerie Flynn ('07) (Dubuque, Iowa).

Loras Club of Des Moines — The Loras Club of Des Moines joined forces with the Des Moines “Parrot Head” Club to refurbish a home as part of the Des Moines Rebuilding Together program. Scott Peterson ('76) served as the crew leader for the project.

Loras Club of Dubuque — At the Loras Club of Dubuque Golf Outing and Dinner, Matt Horsfield and Mike Conlon each purchased a dinner with President Collins for $7,500. The dinner was part of an auction, with funds going toward the Loras Club of Dubuque Scholarship. (Pictured l to r) Matt Horsfield ('97), President Jim Collins ('84) and Mike Conlon ('58).

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Loras Club of Waterloo/Cedar Falls Golf Outing

LORAS CLUB OF WATERLOO/CEDAR FALLS — THE LORAS CLUB OF WATERLOO/CEDAR FALLS GOLF OUTING WAS HELD AUG. 8, 2006, AT IRV WARREN MEMORIAL GOLF COURSE. (PICTURED L TO R) ED GALLAGHER ('48), MIKE BEECHER, BERNARD BEECHER ('41) AND JOHN BEECHER ('67).

Duhawk Dens & Tailgates

DUHAWK DEN — (L TO R) JERINE AND BOB BIERIE ('65) CELEBRATED WITH GENE POTTS ('58) AND LADDIE BULA ('67) AT THE LORAS CLUB OF DUBUQUE SPONSORED DUHAWK DEN BEFORE THE BIERIE FIELD DEDICATION ON SEPT. 28, 2006.

Duhawk Den — Duhawk Dens were hosted by the Loras Club of Dubuque before the Loras home games against St. Ambrose, University of Dubuque and Cornell. (Pictured L TO R) Abigail Potts, Barb (Koeller) Potts ('82), Roger Klosterman ('75), Amy (DeLuney) Breitfelder ('92) and Bobbi Earles ('88).

LORAS CLUB OF WATERLOO/CEDAR FALLS — (PICTURED L TO R) KATHY CALEY (PARENT OF MIKE CALEY ’05), BOBBI EARLES ’88 AND JANE (NOONAN) DEMMER ’76 ENJOY THE SOCIAL HOUR AFTER THE GOLF OUTING.

TAILGATING — ON SATURDAY, SEPT. 9, PAUL AND ALISON KNAPP, OF ST. PAUL, MINN., HOSTED A TAILGATE FOR LORAS ALUMNI WHO WERE IN TOWN FOR THE LORAS VS. ST. THOMAS FOOTBALL GAME.

DUHAWK DENS WERE HOSTED BY THE LORAS CLUB OF DUBUQUE BEFORE THE LORAS HOME GAMES AGAINST ST. AMBROSE, UNIVERSITY OF DUBUQUE AND CORNELL. (PICTURED L TO R) ABIGAIL POTTS, BARB (KOELLER) POTTS ’82, ROGER KLOSTERMAN ’75, AMY (DELUHERY) BREITFELDER ’92 AND BOBBI EARLES ’88.

2006 LORAS HOMECOMING

Class of 1971

Class of 1976
Homecoming Scholarship Brunch

2006 Homecoming Alumni Hockey Game

Friends Gather in Chicago

2006 Homecoming Scholarship Brunch — This year’s Scholarship Luncheon was held on Sunday, Oct. 8, 2006. The Luncheon is held annually on the Sunday of Homecoming and joins Scholarship Donors with their respective student recipients. Megan Stralow ('09) (Dubuque, Iowa) and Stephanie Beer ('08) (Cedar Rapids, Iowa) shared thoughts on how the financial generosity of donors has helped make a Loras Education possible for them. The Luncheon is a great opportunity for the donors and students to interact. (Standing l to r) Janelle Veseling ('08) (St. Charles, Ill.), Rusty Montgomery ('07) (Lincoln, Neb.) and Charles Weepie ('53). (Seated l to r) Don Freymann ('61), Britteny Schwickerath ('08) (Waverly, Iowa), Tina Weepie and Stephanie Beer ('08) (Cedar Rapids, Iowa).

2006 Alumni Hockey Game — On Sunday, Oct. 8, 2006, current Loras students joined alumni in the annual hockey game at Five Flags Center in Dubuque, Iowa. (Kneeling, l to r) Amber Oberfoell, Tim Althaus ('93), Jeremy Avenarius (Honorary Alumnus), Rick Callahan ('05), Ben Thompson ('09) (Oak Park, Ill.), Troy Arins (Honorary Alumnus), Brian Steuer (Honorary Alumnus). (Standing, l to r) Kyle Calvert ('08) (Pekin, Ill.), Aaron Seehusen ('07) (Plymouth, Minn.), Whitney Calvert ('07) (Pekin, Ill.), Jeff Miller ('10) (Mokena, Ill.), Bryan Doherty ('09) (Chicago, Ill.), Ryan Small ('08) (Dubuque, Iowa), Joe O’Connell (Honorary Alumnus), Al Stoltz ('80), John Haberkorn ('89), Drew Arensdorf (Honorary Alumnus), Kyle Harris ('09) (Davenport, Iowa), Lucas Robak and Kim Cafaro ('00). (Not pictured) Chris Molsen ('91).

Loras Greats from the classes of 1950 and 1951 gathered for an informal luncheon on Nov. 12, 2006, in Chicago to tell old stories in a new way. (Pictured l to r) Jim McCabe ('51), Charlie Reynolds ('51), Francis Glynn ('51), Jack Carlin ('50), Charlie Ward ('51) and Dave Hewson (Alumnus).
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2006 Loras Homecoming

Class of 1991

Class of 1996

Class of 2001

Alumni Plaza

A place to gather

The Alumni Plaza, located behind the press box, has been developed to welcome alumni and friends, serve as an outdoor study space for students and to enhance the beauty of the Loras campus.

An opportunity to honor

In addition to being an aesthetic space, the Alumni Plaza provides an opportunity to honor significant persons with a distinctive plaque through sponsorship of a tree, bench, lamp post, garden or sitting area along the plaza. This area of campus is devoted to honoring the faculty, staff, alumni, friends and families of Loras College.

Sponsorship Opportunities:

• Sitting Area $10,000
• Garden $7,500
• Lamp Post $5,000
• Bench $2,500
• Tree $2,500

If you have questions or would like further information about this opportunity, please contact:
Loras College Development Office
1450 Alta Vista St.
Dubuque, IA 52001
800.245.6727, ext. 7191

Loras College
Duhawk  Mark ('74) and Mary Knabel's youngest son Michael was presented the Eagle Scout Award by his older brothers Peter and Daniel, both Eagle Scouts, on Saturday, June 24, 2006. Mark has been active in Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts for 16 years as committee chairman and advancement chairman. He has assisted 17 boys attain the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest honor in boy scouting. The Knabel's live in Kohler, Wis., and are active in Kohler Boy Scout Troop 831. Pictured are Daniel, Michael, Mark and Peter Knabel.

Future Duhawks  Thomas ('99) and Kelli (Klapatauskas) ('01) McGreevey welcomed a daughter, Angela Susanna, into the world on May 7, 2006. Big brother Patrick holds her lovingly with pride.

Duhawk Wedding  Sara Wieland ('03) married Andrew Lang ('03) on May 28, 2005. Celebrating their day were:

Front row (l to r): Andy Lang ('03), Sara (Wieland) Lang ('03), Mary Tedore ('04), Katrina Wieland ('00), Erin Nelson ('01), Meghan McKenna ('01), Sarah Ledger ('03), Beth Mihm ('03) and Laura Becker ('03).

Second row (l to r): Paul Wieland ('76), Kami (Henke) Lang ('99), Julie Schmidt ('00), Stacia (Edwards) McDermott ('03), Katie Sullivan ('03), Mary Sullivan ('01), Jeannie Hill ('03) and Amanda Cart ('01).

Third row (l to r): Bob Freund ('44), Michelle (Donlea) Olsen ('77), Kathleen (Donlea) Corley ('86), Greg Greazel ('03), Ellen (Manderson) Zacharias ('00), Paul Carroll ('03), Jennifer (Strabbing) Schmidt ('05), Kevin Schmidt ('03), Abby Ellingson ('02), Sara (Hackbarth) Breitbach ('02) and Josh Breitbach ('02).

Fourth row (l to r): Alan Freund ('73), Bob Freund ('71), Richard Freund ('72), Jana (Donlea) Stevens ('95), Lisa Donlea ('94), Renee (Rosauer) Masbruch ('01), Kris Lyons ('01), Melissa Looney ('00), Brian Schaefer ('02), Luke Bohnsack ('03), David McDermott ('01), Luke Hammell ('02) and the Rev. David O'Connor ('82).

Back row (l to r): Kevin Stevens ('95), Vince Amoroso ('00), Tim Schlein ('03), Steve Masbruch ('00), Curtis Kuhn ('00), Alex Greazel ('00), Kevin McGlynn ('03), Wes Parkin ('03) and the Rev. Mark Ressler ('72).

Not Pictured: Tom Donlea ('89) and Teresa (Donlea) Francois ('90).

If you have snapshots, we would love to see them.

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1450 Alta Vista Street, Dubuque, IA, 52001, or e-mail your information to alumni@loras.edu
Alumni Notes

Dick Locher (’51) was presented with the prestigious Silver T-Square Award by the National Cartoonists Society this fall.

Tom Sullivan (’51) received an honorary degree from the University of Notre Dame’s commencement ceremonies alongside the president of Ireland and To Kill a Mockingbird author, Harper Lee.

Eugene W. Van Reeth (’51) was inducted into Chicago’s Mount Carmel High School Hall of Fame.

The Rev. John F. Cain (’52) celebrated 50 years in the priesthood earlier this year. He presently serves as the administrator of St. Joseph Parish in Sioux Rapids, Iowa.

Dr. Gerald Schupanitz (’53) retired earlier this year after four decades of dentistry work in Anamosa, Iowa.

The Rev. Msgr. Roger Augustine (’56) was presented with the Monsignor James K. Lafferty Award this fall at the 10th annual Bishop’s Dinner for Catholic Education. He has been serving the Diocese of Sioux City for nearly 47 years.

The Honorable John Kiener (’62) celebrated his retirement from 26 years of service as General Sessions Court Judge.

Thomas Green (’63) was awarded the “Leading with Faith Award” at the Catholic Spirit Business Leaders Award Luncheon for his outstanding Catholic leadership.

Dr. John Buri (’72) published the book How to Love Your Wife, which was released this fall.

Anthony Reardon (’72) won a Gold Award, a prestigious industry leadership award, in the Leading Business Change category at the annual Learning In Practice Awards competition sponsored by Chief Learning Officer magazine.

Barbara (Miller) James (’73) was appointed to the Early Childhood Intervention Advisory Committee of the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services in Texas.

Joe Dolan (’75) was named Teacher of the Year by the Dubuque Community School District and the Dubuque Education Association. Dolan is a science teacher at Roosevelt Middle School in Dubuque, Iowa.

The Rev. Brian C. Hughes (’77) celebrated 25 years in the priesthood this past spring.

Msgr. Kevin McCoy (’77) recently celebrated 25 years of service in the priesthood. He is presently serving in Washington, D.C.

Greg Leytem (’83) has been appointed principal of a new middle school planned in the Cedar Rapids, Iowa, middle school district in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The new middle school is scheduled to be completed in fall 2009.

Steven Kramer (’84) was named head basketball coach at Eastside Catholic High School in Bellevue, Wash. He is also the co-founder of KG Investment Management.

Dr. Eric Yonke (’84) has been named the new director of international programs at the University of Wisconsin- Stevens Point. He is a professor of history and coordinator of peace studies.

James Burroughs (’86) has accepted the position of executive director central region at Onaro, Inc.

Colette Montelione (’86) earned her masters of education in school counseling in June 2006.

Roger Cummings (’89) was appointed to the position of senior vice president of sales and business development of Archivas, the leading provider of fixed content archiving solutions.

Mary (Homb) Forbes (’90) accepted the director of communications position at the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque.

Joseph Mestan (’90) is now an independent registered investment/variable annuities representative in Bridgeview, Ill.

Peggy (Greenwood) Meehan (’90) joined McGraw-Hill Companies as an account coordinator.

Don Noel, Jr. (’90) was honored with the 2006 Best Customer Service Award in the “Champions Through Excellence” program of the Amerisure Insurance Company Claims Department. He is a field claims specialist based in St. Louis, Mo.

Lori Slattery (’90) was promoted to inside sales representative at McGraw-Hill Companies.

Douglas Wagemeter (’90) has been promoted to director of athletics at Kirkwood Community College.

Weightman and Olsen Wedding: Michelle Weightman (’03) married Nick Olsen on June 24, 2006, in Rockford, Ill. Celebrating their day were: Top row (L to R): Patrick Bradshaw (Alumnus), Brenton Teeling (’04), Ryan Roum (’03), Kevin Schmidt (’03), Jenny Arenz (’03) and Twyla (McCabe) Marlow (’03). Bottom row (L to R): Jenn (Strabbing) Schmidt (’05), Meghan Healy (’03), Michelle (Weightman) Olsen (’03), Katie O’Neill (’03) and Randy Olson (’03). Sitting on the ground: Kim (Murray) Warren (’03).
Sharon Manternach ('91) joined Dubuque Data Services as a quality assurance representative.

Julie (Cummins) Nelson ('91) has assumed the position of president of the Illinois Association for College Admission Counseling.

Michael Mosciano ('93) accepted the position of head athletic trainer at Salem High School in Virginia Beach, Va.

Kory (McCormack) Eernisse ('94) recently joined the Burkart Heisendorf Insurance Agency as corporate controller.

Michael Graham ('95) and the firm he began with his father, John Graham & Associates, Inc., were highlighted in an article in InterBusiness Issues magazine.

Thomas Ksobiech ('97) joined the Birmingham, Ala., firm of Glenda Cochran & Associates as an associate attorney.

Audra (Gaiazunas) Marotta ('97) has been hired as the controller of an architectural engineering firm in Durham, N.C.

Diana (Leisen) Moroney ('97), manager of human resource consulting services at Honkamp Krueger & Com., PC, earned certification as a senior professional in human resources.

Jeremy Salucka ('97) recently ended service in Belgrade, Serbia, as senior development outreach and communication specialist for the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

Jennifer (Juergens) Hanniford ('99) joined Dupaco Community Credit Union as assistant vice president of marketing and public relations.

Peter Schluter ('99) earned his Ph.D. from the University of Michigan department of molecular, cellular and developmental biology after successfully completing his dissertation entitled “The in Vivo Functions of Insulin-Like Growth Factor Signaling During Zebrafish Development.”

Dave Thielen ('99) director of TAG Aquatics and Fitness Center, received certification as a park and recreation professional from the National Recreation and Park Association.

Jason White ('99) joined Midwest Partnership Corporation, an economic development organization in West-Central Iowa.

Kristen Anderson ('01) was honored as Sectional Coach of the Year for women’s water polo at Lincoln-Way Central High School in New Lenox, Ill.

Matthew Ladd ('01) has accepted the position of business solutions manager at TechAssist, LLC in Washington, D.C.

Stephen Sieck ('01) has accepted the position of assistant professor of chemistry at Grinnell College.

Brad Vanden Boogard ('01) became the coach of Presentation College’s men’s basketball team in Aberdeen, S.D.

Erin White ('01) has been promoted to anchor of the weekend show, “U.S. Farm Report,” and continues her work as a national reporter.

Andrew Kluesner ('02) is now doctor of podiatric medicine and surgery resident at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. He graduated from Des Moines University in May 2006.

Jay Oberbroeckling ('02) was promoted to development editor II at McGraw-Hill Companies.

Andrew Slaght ('03) joined Prudential Financial as a customer service associate.

Deborah Martinez ('03) has accepted the position of health initiatives coordinator with the Iowa Sports Foundation.

Julia Walsh ('03) has become an associate with the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration. The associate stage is the first formal step toward becoming a vowed member of the congregation.

Thomas Kropf ('04) was hired as the new coordinator of strength and conditioning/equipment operations for the Maritime College Privateer athletic department.

Joseph McKenna ('04) was awarded US Bank’s Annual Pinnacle Award for his work as branch manager of US Bank’s Dodge Hy-Vee branch in Dubuque, Iowa.
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Joanna Smith ('04) accepted the position of ORDP analyst at Genentech in South San Francisco.

Ben McDougal ('04) helped to coordinate a 3 vs. 3 soccer tournament for the Ankeny Park and Recreation Department.

Sandra Gonzales ('05) joined the Greater Dubuque Development Corp. as a retail service coordinator.

Abbey Rodham ('05) joined Honkamp Krueger Financial Services, Inc., as a front desk receptionist/administrative assistant.

Jude Wilbers ('05) was hired as morning sports anchor/assistant producer for KRCG-TV in New Bloomfield, Mo. This new title is in addition to his position as assistant producer for KRCG "News at Sunrise."

Charles Freund ('06) joined Eide Bailly LP as an audit associate.

Bridget Gorman ('06) was hired as a customer service associate for Prudential Financial.

Jen Kacere ('06) has accepted the position of hall director at Missouri Western State University. She is also the advisor for Residence Council and NRHH.

Benjamin Long ('06) was admitted to the 2006 first year class at the University of Iowa College of Law.

Melissa (Zamora) McLaughlin ('06) was hired as a political consultant for Groundswell Communications in Virginia.

Terri (Urbain) Schiesl (Alumnus) joined McGraw-Hill Companies as a vendor relations director.

Keith Wolff (Alumnus) joined Ruhl & Ruhl Realtors as a realtor.

Alumni Weddings

William Boostrom ('71) to Sofia on Aug. 12, 2006.

Karen Prescia ('81) to Joseph Bradley on Sept. 9, 2006.

Michael FitzPatrick ('92) to Angela Klein on April 29, 2006.

Doug O'Brien ('92) to Alisa Morris on Aug. 5, 2005.

Candace Fuerst ('94) to David Raymond on Sept. 24, 2005.

Nathan Troy ('94) to Sara Stromseth on April 29, 2006.


Beth Nischik ('96) to Chad Mund on Sept. 23, 2006.

Matthew Fuhrman ('97) to Jen Abbatacola on May 6, 2006.

Gregory Ingraffia ('97) to Mary McDermott on Nov. 26, 2005.

James Kennedy Jr. ('97) to Carrie Smith on Aug. 12, 2006.

Teresa Bargmann ('98) to Brian Bothell ('00) on July 24, 2006.

Mark Catrambone ('98) to Laura Hassman on Oct. 1, 2005.

Kelly Kopp ('98) to Ryan Daily on June 3, 2006.

Ryan Lovins ('98) to Beth Schacherbauer on Aug. 20, 2005.

Andrew Ryan ('98) to Jennifer Peter on Aug. 12, 2006.

Laurie Humpal ('99) to Martin Ahndt ('03) on Sept. 2, 2006.

Nichol Hill ('99) to Joshua Hooker on Oct. 15, 2005.

Hunter Schurtz ('00) to Casey Callanan on Sept. 9, 2006.

Ryan Brown ('01) to Jennie Feltes on May 28, 2006.

Kelly Egan ('01) to Michael Rogers ('01) on Oct. 8, 2005.

Clemen and Goetz Wedding Dana Clemen ('02) married Greg Goetz on Nov. 12, 2005 in Holy Cross, Iowa. Loras alumni joining the celebration were: Dave Berberick ('00), Megan (Guentzel) Berberick ('02), Jill Domeyer ('02), Dana (Clemen) Goetz ('02), Michelle (Hoeger) Geistkemper ('02), Kelly Speigel ('02), Mary Babel ('02) and Tony Kruse ('02).

Melissa Friedmann ('01) to Mike Douglas on Nov. 5, 2005.

Kristine Hain ('01) to Marty Casey on April 22, 2006.

Marcy Kendall ('01) to Scott Lenox ('01) on July 9, 2005.

Abby McAllister ('01) to David Jones on Dec. 3, 2005.

Kerry Rigel ('01) to Gustavo Garcia ('02) on Sept. 9, 2006.

TO SARAH (FOLEY) ('97) AND SCOTT MARCOTTE, A DAUGHTER, STEPHANIE CLAIRE, ON JULY 23, 2006.

Juliette Adamek ('02) to Philip Charlson on June 18, 2004.

Katie Cerniglia ('02) to Dale Pauly on June 10, 2006.

Stephanie Kowalski ('02) to Jayme Wilhelm ('03) on Dec. 30, 2005.

Michael Rohner ('02) to Ann Marie Noel ('05) on June 10, 2006.

James Davis ('03) to Laura Graessle on Aug. 12, 2006.

Jolynn Feller ('03) to Laura Greassle on Aug. 12, 2006.

Greg Greazel ('03) to Kristen Johnson ('05) on Sept. 16, 2006.

Patrick Rice ('03) to Katherine O'Haire ('04) on April 22, 2006.

Kim Sturm ('03) to Tyson Nielsen on Oct. 8, 2005.

Scott and King Wedding Melissa Scott ('02) and Travis King ('03) were married on Aug. 12, 2006, in Dubuque, Iowa. Loras alumni in attendance included: FRONT ROW (L TO R): Nick Gavin ('02), Janelle (Hinners) Kitt ('02), Travis King ('03), Melissa (Scott) King ('02), Christin (Bahr) Scolnik ('02), Mary Babel ('02) and Robert Cross ('02). BACK ROW (L TO R): Don Hertges ('00), Diane Feldman ('98), Laurie (Humpal) Ahndt ('99), Martin Ahndt ('03), Colin Allison ('02), Gabe Ward ('02), Suzanne (Kalb) Ward ('01), Jason Gerlach ('02), Bobbi Martin (Loras Staff), Becky (Eckhoff) Tiffany ('02), Melissa Link ('02), Amy (Mours) Larsen ('02), James Larsen ('01), Kati (Hirsch) Benzer ('99), Gregory Stejskal ('06), Angelina Ashby ('08), Greg Willard ('94), Fr. Greg Bahl and Tricia Dolan ('02).

Separate list of alumni names:...
Michelle Weightman ('03) to Nick Olsen on June 24, 2006.

Ryan Beyer ('04) to Katherine Dennis on Aug. 12, 2006.

Jodie Lange ('04) to Brad Wittenburg on Sept. 10, 2005.

Jesse Droelema ('05) to Abbey Fassbinder on Nov. 19, 2005.

Kimberly Muenster ('06) to Eric Schroeder on July 8, 2006.

Alumni Births

To Susan (Wagner) ('83) and Kevin ('85) Rouse, a son, Daniel Joseph, on April 5, 2006.

To Michael ('84) and Rima Murphy, a daughter, Lauren Elizabeth, on Oct. 10, 2006.

To Roxane (Halvorson) ('88) and Kenneth Brown, a daughter on Sept. 20, 2006.

To Laura (Schuler) ('89) and James Docherty, a son, Michael Thomas, on July 14, 2006.

To Jan (Schaaf) ('89) and Mark Mailloux, a daughter on Aug. 24, 2006.

To John ('90) and Jennifer Anglin, a son, Carson Michael, on March 25, 2006.

To Tasha Splinter ('04) married Kyle Lippold ('04) on April 22, 2006. They continue their story at Loras as she is the admissions marketing manager and he is the head men's tennis coach and assistant women's soccer coach at the college.

To Ronald ('90) and Carla Brosius, a daughter on Feb. 20, 2006.

To Diane (McNulty) ('91) and Michael Brennwald, a son and a daughter, Connor Michael and Caitlin Mary, on May 22, 2006.

To Michael ('91) and Jennifer Helle, a son, Zachary, on Aug. 24, 2006.

To Michael ('91) and Beth (Vormezeele) ('91) Kircher, a daughter, Theresa Margaret, on Oct. 12, 2006.

To Ann (Giamalva) ('91) and Michael Sreckov, a daughter, Kennedy Kathleen, on Feb. 10, 2006.

To Joan (Finnegan) ('92) and Blair Guyer, a daughter, Grace Patricia, on Oct. 16, 2006.

To Emily Meixner ('92) and Mark Krasovic, a son, Efram Edward, on May 15, 2006.

To Joseph ('92) and Stephanie Welp, a daughter on Sept. 16, 2006.

To Amy (Schafer) ('93) and Kenneth Akers, a son, Henry Joseph, on May 15, 2006.

To Greg ('93) and Elizabeth (Neumann) ('96) Bower, a daughter, Grace Katherine, on May 9, 2005.

To Carol (Redfern) ('93) and Jerry ('00) Carber, a daughter, Delany Catherine, on March 21, 2006.

To Lisa (Staebell) ('93) and Joel Dalrymple, a daughter, Grace Elizabeth, on May 18, 2006.

To Barbara (Hank) ('93) and Gary Rambousek, a son, Carter Joseph, on March 8, 2006.

To Jeffrey ('93) and Carrie (Brecht) ('98) Timmerman, a daughter, Rayna Marie, on Sept. 15, 2006.

To James Barron ('94) and Gretchen Ferreira, a daughter.

To Elizabeth (Kennedy) ('94) and Scott Busch, a daughter on April 30, 2006.

To Mark Heitkamp ('94), a daughter on Sept. 30, 2006.

To Cathy (Judkins) ('94) and Donald ('94) Marxen, a daughter, Molly, on Sept. 14, 2005.

To Karen (Schissler) ('94) and Mark Van Assen, a son, Cole Jacob, on Jan. 1, 2006.

To Timothy ('95) and Stacie Burds, a son on March 6, 2006.

To Patrick ('95) and Colleen Green, a son, Sean Patrick, on Aug. 28, 2006.

To Amy (Wagner) ('95) and Gregory ('97) Hermiston, a daughter, Ellie Rae, on Nov. 10, 2005.

To Tammy ('95) and Chad ('98) Huntingdon, a daughter on March 8, 2006.

To Christopher McGill ('95) and Beth Ascher, twins.

To Mandy (Ramos) ('95) and Joshua ('97) Olson, a daughter, Micah Elizabeth, on April 14, 2006.

To James ('96) and Sarah (Lenz) ('97) DePooter, a son, Maxwell Stephen, on July 30, 2006.

To Elizabeth (Elwood) ('96) and Daniel Faidley, a daughter, Mary Carolyn, on Oct. 4, 2005.

To Melissa (Schmit) ('96) and Ross Jensen, a daughter, Hailey Elizabeth, on Dec. 6, 2005.

To Chad ('96) and Rebecca (Smith) ('96) Kruse, a daughter, Claire, on March 28, 2006.

To Anthony ('96) and Patricia (Fawcett) ('98) Lipski, a son, Aidan G., on July 17, 2006.

To Tracey (Recker) ('96) and Troy Louwagie, a daughter, Elizabeth "Betsy", on July 19, 2006.

To Bradley ('96) and Felicia Pecinovsky, a daughter, Paige Ellen, on May 10, 2006.

To Megan (Hayes) ('00) and Nathan ('00) Copeland, a son, Mackinnan "Mac" St. James, on Sept. 25, 2006.

To Carla (Kotz) ('96) and Shane Riley, a daughter, Meredith Anne, on Jan. 1, 2006.

To Lisa (Gerlach) ('97) and Jason Bank, a son, Jonathan Jason, on Feb. 18, 2006.

To Angela (Dardis) ('97) and Rufus Bennett, a daughter on Sept. 8, 2006.

To Heidi (Fluhr) ('97) and Troy ('98) Burton, a daughter, Sunni, on May 23, 2006.

To Lynn Portz Cases ('97) and Ricardo Cases, a daughter, Iris Helen, on Feb. 7, 2006.

To Nicholas ('97) and Michelle Greazel, a son, Adam Michael, on Jan. 25, 2006.

To Megan (Little) ('97) and Scott Hamman, a daughter, Ava Margaret, on May 31, 2006.
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To Michael ('97) and Amy (Schwarz) ('97) Mahoney, a son, Thomas James, on Sept. 9, 2006.
To Erin (Kelly) ('97) and Neil Murrin, a son, Nial Edward, on March 7, 2006.
To Matthias ('97) and Jennifer (Prenger) ('98) Onderak, a daughter, Elizabeth Catherine, on Sept. 13, 2005.
To Trela (Hansen) ('97) and Eric ('00) Rottinghaus, a daughter, Cavanaugh Anne, on April 25, 2006.
To Christian ('97) and Kris Strohmeyer, a son on Oct. 11, 2006.
To Creed ('97) and Lynn (Kiefer) ('02) Waeschli, a son on Sept. 25, 2006.
To Kevin ('98) and Theresa (Kelly) ('01) Coy, a son, Marc William, on April 18, 2006.
To Peggy (Recker) ('98) and Ryan O'Connell, a daughter on Sept. 1, 2006.
To Kevin ('98) and Elizabeth (Erner) ('99) Schilling, a son on April 24, 2006.
To Scott ('98) and Michelle (MacVey) ('99) Weyant, a son, Hunter Thomas, on March 22, 2006.
To Jill (Knutson) ('99) and Mark Bertolasi, a son, David Anthony, on March 7, 2006.
To Brian ('99) and Amy Machesky, a daughter, Abby Renee, on July 2, 2006.
To Thomas ('99) and Kelli (Klapatauskas) ('01) McGreevey, a daughter, Angela Susanna, on May 7, 2006.
To Jodi (Williams) ('99) and Mark ('01) Ruden, a son, Jackson, on Aug. 2, 2006.
To Melinda (Hausser) ('00) and Russell ('02) Ivanov, a daughter and a son, Emma Grace and Ethan Russe, on April 9, 2006.
To Scott ('00) and Mary Jo (Scordato) ('00) LeGrand, a daughter, Maria Carol, on Jan. 23, 2006.
To Tiffanie (Regan) ('00) and Andrew Peters, a son, Edward Hoyt, on Sept. 2, 2005.
To James ('01) and Molly Anderson, a daughter on Sept. 25, 2006.
To Jan (Frazier) ('01) and Brad Glendening, a daughter, Ivy, on Feb. 6, 2006.
To Jane (Feltes) ('01) and Doug Hammer, a son, Carson Victor, on May 25, 2006.
To Ann (Czarnecki) ('01) and Scott Pusateri, a daughter, Isabelle, on July 30, 2006.
To TARA (Hinderman) ('02) and Nicholas Baker, a son, Brody Nicholas, on Nov. 18, 2005.
To Natalie ('02) and John Nemmers, a daughter on Aug. 28, 2006.
To Mary Leah (Carlson) ('02) and Jeffrey Rosen, a daughter, Emily Rose, on July 28, 2006.
To Amber (Guentzel) ('03) and John Michaels, a son, Gabriel Kenneth, on Nov. 3, 2005.
To Stephanie (Hirsch) ('03) and Troy Otterbeck, a daughter, Angelina, on Dec. 20, 2005.
To Katie (Fagan) ('04) and Rob Schmitt, a son on Oct. 11, 2006.
To Jodi (Morris) ('05) and Todd Stevens, a daughter, Abigail Rose, on July 9, 2006.

Alumni Deaths

Willard J. Grace (A ’26) on July 12, 2006, in Dubuque.
The Rev. Francis J. Garvey, M.M. (A ’33) on March 1, 2006, in Ossining, N.Y.
Thomas C. Geary (’33). 
Paul Frantzen (’35, A ’31) on April 9, 2006, in Dubuque, Iowa.
Harold J. Hermes (A ’39) on Sept. 23, 2006, in Dubuque, Iowa.
David Neyens (A ’39) on April 1, 2006, in Dubuque, Iowa.
Al Schramm (’39) on July 21, 2006, in Dubuque, Iowa.
Wilbur Vogel (A ’39) on April 20, 2006.


Alfred Faber, M.D. (’41) on Aug. 28, 2006, in Sun City West, Ariz.

George A. Freund (’41, A ’37) on May 29, 2006, in Dubuque, Iowa.

William L. McCarthy (’41).


William L. Clark (’49, A ’45) on July 14, 2005, in Shakopee, Minn.


The Rev. Aloysius A. Wozniak (’49) on April 26, 2006, in Whitehall, Wis.

Bernard L. Dougherty (’50).

TO JENNIFER (GREEN) (’95) AND TIMOTHY DOUGHERTY, A DAUGHTER, KATHERINE GRACE, ON MARCH 7, 2006.

Rickardsville, Iowa.


August J. Their (’46) on May 4, 2006, in Dyersville, Iowa.


Richard Reavell (A ’47) on April 27, 2006.

Leo M. Baldwin (’48) on Feb. 19, 2006, in Hoover, Ala.


John R. D’Orazio (’51).


Marcus (Mark) F. Roach (’51) on Feb. 9, 2006, in Urbandale, Iowa.

Joseph Leo Smith (’51) on Oct. 14, 2005, in Shakopee, Minn.


James B. Westmark (A ’51) on May 10, 2006, in Dubuque, Iowa.

Sr. Mary Ruth A. Ahlers, OSF (’52) on March 27, 2006, in Dubuque, Iowa.


Thomas J. Hoess (’52) on Dec. 15, 2005.

Thomas P. Jehl (’52) on Sept. 12, 2006, in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Bart McGonigle (’52).


Edward K. Walsh (’52) on July 1, 2006, in Highland Park, Ill.

Maurice J. Blake (’53)

Mark J. Gaul (’53) on May 22, 2006, in S.D.


William O’ Friedl (’55).


Wesley Lucas (’56).

Harold Metz (A ’56) on May 14, 2006, in Dubuque, Iowa.

James Richtsmeier (’56).


Roger L. Budden (A ’57) on Feb. 26, 2006, in Cuba City, Wis.

Eugene T. Conway (’57) on June 29, 2006, in Algona, Iowa.


Paul R. Hesselmann (’57) on July 4, 2006, in Tolono, Ill.

James M. Junge (’57).

Edward A. Swift (A ’57) on July 4, 2006, in Dubuque, Iowa.

TO MATTHEW (’97) AND AVA (LAUBENTHAL) (’98) ALLEN, A SON, CALEB JOSEPH, ON OCT. 8, 2006.
Richard Vanderah (A ’57) on Feb. 28, 2006, in East Dubuque, Ill.


Donald S. Crowley (A ’58) on Dec. 31, 2005.

Dennis S. Murphy (A ’58) on June 1, 2006, in Dubuque, Iowa.

Joseph G. Burns (’59).


William J. Francione (’60).

Robert L. Glovik (’60) on Aug. 18, 2006, in Independence, Iowa.


John J. Schwind (’60) on May 22, 2006, in Dubuque, Iowa.

Richard Davis (A ’61) on Oct. 13, 2006, in Dubuque, Iowa.

Thomas V. Loftus (’61) on July 1, 2005.

George C. Biggers (’63) in January 2006.

Sister Alice Marie Crilly, PBVM (’64) on Oct. 13, 2006, in Ames, Iowa.


Matthew R. Novak (’64).

Dr. Michael P. Ryan (’66) on July 5, 2006.

Richard A. Nassif (’67) on April 1, 2006, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Marvin L. Wurth (’67) on July 15, 2006, in Platteville, Wis.

Sister Teresene Hageman (’68).

James C. Paddock (’68) on Oct. 18, 2005, in Barrington, Ill.

Dan Schellble (’68) on Nov. 29, 2005.

Philip Testa (’68) on May 1, 2006, in Chandler, Ariz.

The Rev. Bruce Le Febvre (’69) on Dec. 16, 2005, in Sioux City, Iowa.

Stephen J. Tierschel (’69) on July 26, 2006, in Minneapolis, Minn.

Bruce H. Ginter (’70) on March 16, 2006, in East Dubuque, Ill.

William A. Wells (’70) on June 1, 2006.

Edward J. Oeth (’72) on March 5, 2006, in Ridgeland, Miss.


Michael L. McEnroe (’73) on March 1, 2006, in West Des Moines, Iowa.


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TO ELIZABETH (PEEFI) (’96) AND NATHAN KELLER, A DAUGHTER, NATALIE MARIE, ON APRIL 28, 2006.
Looking back on the past three and a half years I have attended Loras College, I cannot remember a time when I was bored or wanted to go back home to be with my parents. I have been involved with numerous activities while at Loras and I cannot imagine life in college without the opportunities I have been given. Loras College has grown a lot in the past 35 years since becoming coeducational; there are more opportunities available to not only women, but all students. I have never thought about my gender as I applied for a position on a committee.

Not only has the campus in Dubuque grown but so have Loras’ programs, which now reach to Chicago and around the world! Most recently I was given the opportunity to move to Chicago, have an internship, take classes and live in the Loop. Five other Loras students and I set off to the Windy City in January 2006. Three days a week I worked with the Chicago Rush Arena Football Team as a corporate sales intern. I took classes one day a week and also went to Paul Revere Elementary, a school on the south side of Chicago, to mentor third-graders once a week. I was fortunate enough to work with a school social worker, helping her plan the school’s third Annual Health and Wellness Fair. Not only did I learn a lot about the students who attended Paul Revere, but I realized how blessed I have been to grow up in an environment that cares about my future. There is no doubt in my mind that if I would not have been given the opportunity to actually live in Chicago for a semester, the possibility of exploring new places would be almost none. I learned so much about myself, and finally realized I could build a life outside of Iowa after college.

I owe a lot of my experiences and growth on campus to the student life office. After attending orientation the summer before my first year, I wanted to get involved with something, but I wasn’t exactly sure what that was. I knew I had the energy and personality to be an orientation assistant, so I was determined to hold that position the following summer. I was hired as an orientation assistant going into my sophomore year, which led me to applying for the co-coordinator for the First Year Experience position the following year. I held the co-coordinator position for the summers before my junior and senior year. While I am extremely busy, I can honestly say it was a job I looked forward to every day.

LEAD 4 Loras is a program open to all students and I am involved with all the tiers. Each tier focuses on a different perspective of leadership: (1) learning, (2) exploring, (3) applying and (4) dedicating. LEAD 4 Loras is based upon the social change model of leadership and is focused on enhancing consciousness of self, congruence, commitment, collaboration, common purpose, controversy with civility and citizenship.

The tiers that I have enjoyed the most are two and three. In tier two, 28 members of the group and I were each paired with about 15 first year students. We were to act as their mentors for their first semester of college. I ended up forming many friendships through this program.

I enjoyed tier three because I was able to get involved with Dance Marathon, Loras’ largest student philanthropic event. We work to raise money for children and their families who benefit from the Children’s Miracle Network. Dance Marathon is a 12-hour event with a lot of dancing, games, food and stories from families who have been helped by Children’s Miracle Network. More than 6,500 families in the Tri-State area alone have been aided just in the past year by Children’s Miracle Network. This event made me realize how much college students can do financially to support a family in need.

Through many opportunities such as serving on the Loras Student Senate, cheerleading and being a student ambassador, Loras has helped me grow. As I look back on my time at Loras, I am extremely grateful for all of the opportunities I have had. I can honestly tell not only every woman, but every student coming to Loras, that they will be presented opportunities while they are here. It is each person’s decision whether or not they want to get involved, but for me, being an active and involved student on campus is something I do not take for granted.
“Hi Little Duhawk”
“Hey, Loras townie, don’t be late for class.”

There were few things as pleasurable in September 1969 as sitting on the rock wall of the Academy of the Visitation watching the Loras freshmen walk by in their beanies. If you were a sophomore “Viz girl,” that is. Little did they know that our taunts showed our affection for those college boys that we hoped noticed us. Most of them crossed over to the Nativity side of the street to avoid the gaggle of girls in their grey pleated skirts and blazers waving and giggling, watching the parade of Duhawks go by.

“Where ya goin’, Beanie Boy?” we would call out.
“Somewhere that I’ll never have to deal with you,” came back a response from one of the braver young men in the ridiculous Catholic yarmulke.

Just two years later, in fall 1971, the traditional freshman beanie was gone, and that man, and 1,600 of his classmates that had chosen to go to an all-male college, had women in their midst.

Chris Steiner, Gail Zumhoff, Debbie Love, Cathy Ganz, Sieglinda Digman, Sheila McCarthy and Martha Schmidt were among the first Viz girls in fall 1971, when 30 women joined the class of ‘75, followed by my Viz classmates Mari Polfer, Chris Wells, Pam Ingram, Lynette Dietz, Jeanne Hillary and 75 other women in the first class fully recruited. They joined the other 16 transfer students who had come to campus when the doors were opened to a place not quite ready for women. We came to Loras because our brothers and fathers and grandfathers had come to Loras, or we were first generation college women and Loras was close to home. By the end of the second year, women comprised less than 10% of the student body, but we were definitely noticed.

Pat “Flash” Flanagan noticed. Physical education was required, as was a uniform that was sold in the Keane Hall basement bookstore. The T-shirts were not a problem, but the men’s navy cotton shorts with the Loras logo were sold by waist size, and most of the shorts stretched tight across our hips, or if we bought them to fit our hips, fell way below our waists. We ran in P.E. with the guys in the old lower campus gym. Pat let us use his office to “freshen up” and change, as there were no locker rooms for women. There were not any female athletic teams until our junior year and we had to fight against the monikers DuChicks and Lady Duhawks. Flash agreed with the women to whom it made a difference and Loras female teams became Duhawks, the same as the men.

A professor noticed us in his Shakespeare class and demanded that we wear skirts to class, along with heels and hose.

“If women must be in our midst, then they must act and look like women and only cross their legs at their ankles in the manner of Jackie Kennedy.”

After he whacked my knee with his cane one fall afternoon, I dropped his class. My sin was a skirt too skimpy. My departure left the class on the top floor of Old St. Joe’s without any women remaining. The skirts were short that fall, so short that some came with matching fabric underwear—sizzlers, I think they were called. We all had our hair long, straight, parted down the middle and we all wore mini-skirts or low on our hips bell-bottomed jeans. The men were wearing hideous bold striped or plaid pants, with their hair parted in the middle and over their collars too, but that professor was much more concerned with the appearance of females, especially in his classes.

Fr. Charles Lang noticed us and, as dean of students, he had the rooms of Smyth Hall where the women were housed the first years painted baby blue and Pepto Bismol pink. It was the thought that counted. He hired me as his student worker and he made it clear that he was firmly on the side of women. As I worked in Keane Hall, it became apparent that most of the administration felt the same way. Registrar Gerard “Bud” Noonan was a champion of women.
“Just come and talk with me if they are not treating you right,” Bud would say.

“You always get a fair shake with honest Jake.” Doc (Richard) Clark noticed us too, but ended up on the other side of the aisle. As my major advisor, he was less than supportive of women wanting to go to law school. Despite that, my Viz friends, Martha Schmidt, Gail Zumhof and I all earned our J.D. degrees by 1979 and many other Loras women followed us to law school. Dink Dorweiler and Doc Clark eventually came around and years later they became among my favorite faculty with which to drop in and spend a few moments, chatting about politics and the law.

Then there was Donna Bauerly, one of only two female professors I ever had in seven years of higher education and the only woman professor I knew at Loras. She was the cheerleader for all the women on campus. Until Joan Skurnowicz joined the history faculty in 1974, I don’t even remember seeing other female faculty. It was Bauerly who became aware that there was no restroom for women on the higher floors of St. Joe’s, so one day she taped a sign “and women” to the faculty restroom.

The Speech Communication department faculty gave women a big notice. Don Stribling rejoiced because he no longer had to go to Clarke to find women to star in the Loras Players productions. Vaughn Gayman and Rex Reynolds quickly added women to the forensics team. Bob Cronin told us that the speech department would be the first department to be gender balanced and it was, and still is today. I ended up with a second major only because I wanted to take classes where there were a few women. The department became my home away from home and still is today, as I sit at Msgr. Friedl’s walnut desk in Rex Reynolds’ former St. Joe’s office, now Hoffmann Hall.

Of course, there were 1,600 men that noticed us. Because of our few numbers, we had very active social lives, but more importantly, we became their teammates, their partners, their friends as the women’s movement was sweeping the country. Many of us raised the banner of feminism and our fellow Duhawks were there with us. In a time before equality was a given, most of the Loras men accepted us as their equals. Many of those Loras men continue to be my friends 35 years later. One has been my husband of 26 years.

Women changed Loras. It is not the same institution as it was in 1970. It is better for the Board of Regents having made that decision. It is better because of Barbara Sullivan Woodward (’72) walking across the stage in the Rock Bowl 35 years ago, going on to earn a Ph.D. in clinical psychology and coming back to Loras as a regent. It is better because Chris (Steffen) Korte (’76) earned her M.B.A. and lent her managerial skills to the National Alumni Board for the last several years. It is better because Karen (Schroeder) Streit (’76) earned a Fulbright to Germany and later began a career at the Mayo Clinic in research when few women were even applying for Fulbrights. It is better because Marlene Ann (Schlemme) Gernes (’76) was the first Loras female to graduate from medical school, that Gail (Zumhof) Cirone (’74) earned her law degree, that Jane (Noonan) Demmer (’76) and Denise (Simons) Mueller (’76) went into engineering, that Deb Eckerman Pitton (’77) earned her Ph.D. and became a college professor and scholar, that Marcia (Manning) Kruse (’76) continued as an artist while partnering with her husband in beginning an organic farming business and serving as a high school principal, and that Christine Steiner Apel (’75) greets me each morning from Don Stribling’s office across the hallway, and I wave to Donna Bauerly on our way to class as we begin our days teaching the next generation of Loras men and women.

To the John Danners, Chip Murrays, Tom Taukes, Jim Lampes, Tom Giovingsos, Chuck Kortes, Alan Boyles, Laddie Sulas, Bill Paulys, Doug Kroupas, Ralph Potters, Ed Wollers, Rich Scalisers, Joe Sullivans, Dick Johnsons, Joe Schaefers, James Jarrards of the 70s, thank you for taking notice…(and sorry if it was you whom we made fun of because of your beanies and you’re welcome if you didn’t have to wear them because of us).
On my first day of college at Loras, I chose to sit at the first desk in the first row on the fourth floor of Hoffmann Hall in my first class. (No breath, no punctuation. Whew!) I thought to myself there is no need to try to blend. Make a statement. I’m here. Thank you for inviting me. I’m here. Thank you for accepting me. I’m here, and I’m going to make a difference. So much was to change in my life, and so much of life at Loras College would change that very same day.

Vaughn Gayman’s public speaking class was my first class that August 1971. I was the only woman in the class. Professor Gayman looked at me and said, “Welcome to Loras College, Ms. Steiner.” I remain grateful to this day. Thank you, Vaughn. My last class that day would be Western Civilization. The professor looked at me and asked, “...and, Miss Steiner, what do you think of the Pope’s position on birth control?” I remain grateful to this day. Thank you, Father. Both of these “greetings” would help me know that I was where I wanted to be. The environment was friendly, challenging, intellectually stimulating and filled with an excitement and energy that would help me find how to get to where I wanted to go! I knew there would be problems along the way. I also knew that I was being given a wonderful opportunity to be part of the solutions to those problems. I was one of the 75 women enrolled as a full-time student at Loras College that autumn day. Our very presence on campus would pose problems for some. Life as they knew it had changed that day. I looked to my left, to my right, behind me and in front of me, and I saw mostly men and, every now and then, another woman. But we were here. Women were here. How the students, staff, faculty and administration acted and reacted to our presence would be important to the success of the decision to change the Loras identity. That day was the beginning of an ongoing effort to adapt to change!

Restrooms for women, women on the speech team, intramurals for women, women on the Lorian staff, athletics for women, women on student senate, sororities for women, women (Loras students) on the stage, yes, women would have a tremendous impact on how the college would change. Women were here and were here to stay! The changes in the classrooms would be strictly up to the individual professor. However, as far as I was concerned, no changes needed to be made in the classroom. I wanted the same discussion, debate, respect, dialogue, lectures, demonstrations, case studies, problems and academic pedagogy that had always been a part of the student/teacher relationship in and out of the classroom. I did not want that to change. I came to Loras College for a degree from an institution of higher education that would provide me with the tools I needed to be what I wanted to be. A teacher was my goal, and that goal would not change.

Loras provided me then, as one of few women on this campus, with what Loras still strives to provide the Loras student today. Thirty-five years later, the percentage of men and women is almost evenly distributed. The mission of the college has not changed, though the official mission statement is on any major Loras College publication. Gender has not changed that mission, nor should it. Gender is not a consideration for an active learner, reflective thinker, ethical decision maker and responsible contributor in our diverse roles. Thank you to all those women and men of Loras College who 35 years ago made the best decision Loras has made. Thank you to those men and women who were here to make this decision a success. Thank you for sending us your children, nieces, nephews, neighbors and grandchildren. We’re here.

Now I am the person who is in the front of the room. (There are days I want to be in the first desk in my first class.) I look to my left, to my right, in front of me and behind me, and the change is the number of women on this campus. Yes, that has changed, and I’m still here. There is still no need to blend, and I am still trying to make a statement and a difference. I’m here. Thank you.