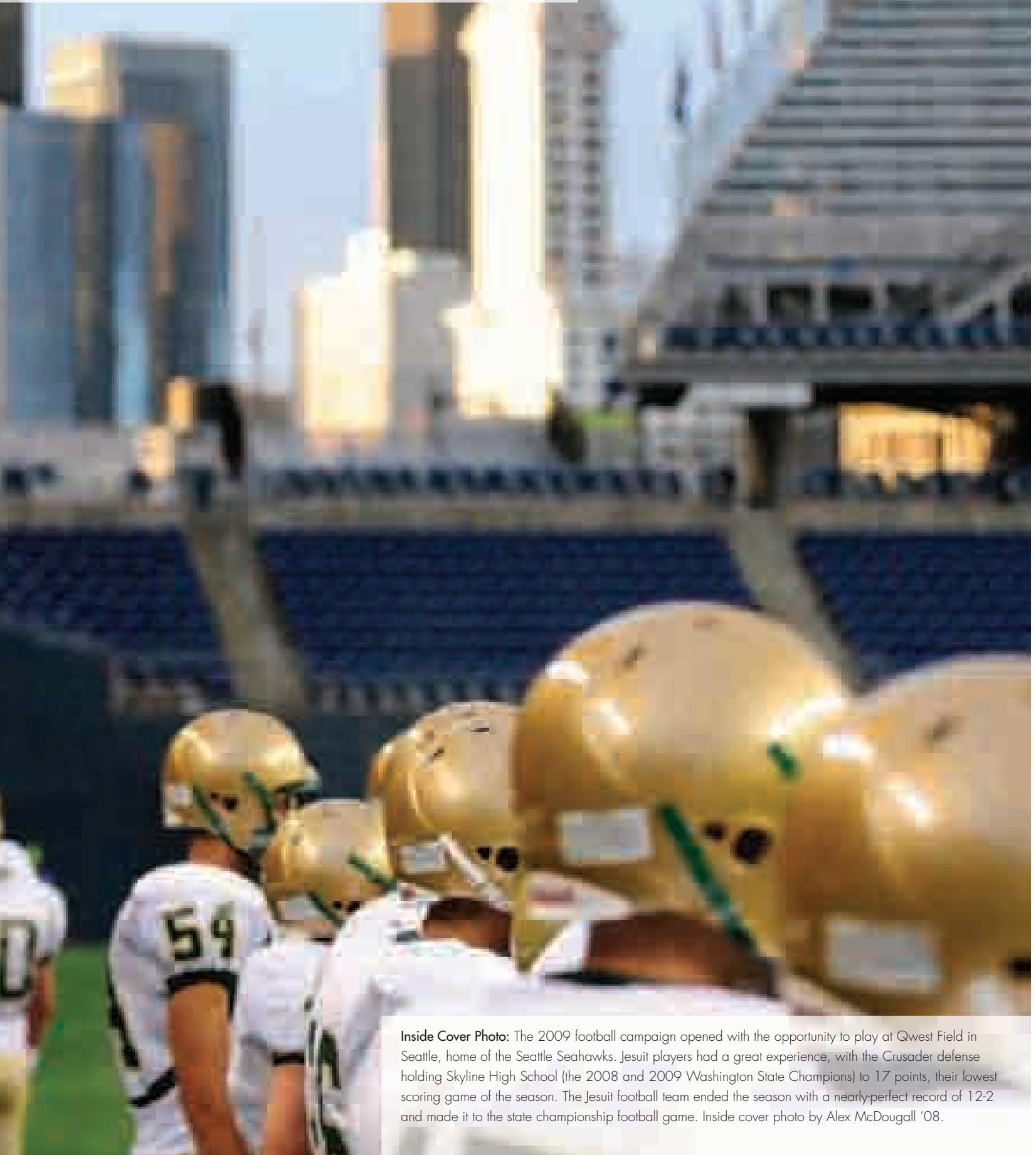


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Cover Photo: Nike selected Jesuit as one of only a handful of schools nationwide to participate in their "Five Days to Friday" event in October 2009. Special events were held all week, culminating in the Jesuit vs Southridge football game on Friday night. Jesuit won that game 37-7, clinching the Metro League title for the sixth year in a row. The horse and Crusader, arranged by Nike, led the team onto the field to start the game. Following the horse are Jacob Wark (#80), and Keanon Lowe (#2), who will both continue their football careers on full scholarships at Cal and Oregon, respectively. Cover photo by Larry Melzer.



Inside Cover Photo: The 2009 football campaign opened with the opportunity to play at Qwest Field in Seattle, home of the Seattle Seahawks. Jesuit players had a great experience, with the Crusader defense holding Skyline High School (the 2008 and 2009 Washington State Champions) to 17 points, their lowest scoring game of the season. The Jesuit football team ended the season with a nearly-perfect record of 12-2 and made it to the state championship football game. Inside cover photo by Alex McDougall '08.



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John Gladstone and JHS Hall of Fame Inductee Erik Spoelstra '88.

President's Message

Much has been said about the younger generation and how it views the world. This planet we call home has become a focal point as world leaders and water cooler experts try to determine the reality of and solutions to global warming implications, devise ways to end famine and feed the poor, study the impact on nations warring against each other, curtail pandemics before they spread beyond what we as peoples can contain and endure, rid our planet of pollution, and right the world economy.

Being a teenager today must be very difficult. It seemed easier when I was growing up. Yes, the awkwardness was still there—and the angst over asking that cute girl to the prom. In many ways I thought I “knew it all” and that my parents were clueless when it came to things I felt to be important. Maybe it's simply nostalgia talking now, but the world and its expectations and fears seemed simpler then.

Whom do young people today trust? What role models do they have in politics, the entertainment culture, sports, business, and the news media? How are they supposed to act in a

world that places so much emphasis on how one looks, what one wears, where one lives, the car one drives, keeping up with one's neighbors, etc.? Although we had many of those same concerns when I was growing up, it seemed different. My role models were my parents—and maybe a Yogi Berra or a Willie Mays. As today's parents and educators, grandparents and friends, what kind of example do we provide for our young people?

Staying within our safety zones, never rocking the boat or moving beyond the ordinary, and maintaining the sacred status quo all seem very attractive. It would be so undemanding for our young people to choose the easier path. Being comfortable in life can do that. Is that, however, the life they should choose?

As you read through this issue of *Age Quod Agis*, you will witness what it means for our young grads and current students to make a difference in others' lives. Megan McAninch '07 has already left sizeable footprints in bringing hope to the victims of Katrina and in living among and working with the poor, undernourished, and health-starved people of Africa. Why in her

“comfortable” life would a young person like Megan proactively choose to serve the poor on their terms and to be one with them? Read her story in this issue—and be prepared to look at your own life in a different light.

Also read about Blanchet House and the welcoming, non-judgmental manner in which hundreds of Portland's homeless, underfed, poor, and mentally challenged are served breakfast, lunch, and dinner each day—along with incredible helpings of hope, compassion, and acceptance. Our students serve many hours of Christian Service at Blanchet House; a group of alumni serves dinner one Tuesday night per month year-round; and the DeSmet office staff greets and serves breakfast to the guests of Blanchet the second Tuesday of each month. Blanchet House is run by Brian Ferschweiler '73. Many people with strong Jesuit ties also serve on the Blanchet House board.

In this issue you will have the chance to read about Libby Opsahl '05, who in the summer of 2008 dispensed loving care and provided medical assistance to hundreds of Tanzanian children. You will learn about Ross Kelley '06, a student at St. Louis University who has founded a program called SWAP (Students with a Purpose) that has a rather unique way to recycle and to provide funding for the poor.

Jesuit's annual Christmas food drives, one run by our students and the other by our alumni, provided food, toys, hope, and a promise for a better tomorrow to the largest number of recipients in the school's history this past Christmas. Over a two-week period, our students collected more than \$20,000 in cash donations (to buy perishable goods and toys)—in addition to more than 40,000 pounds of food—and were able to provide a brighter Christmas to more than 500 families in the Greater Portland area. Our alumni, under the direction of Bob Keerins, John Grout, and Brian Ferschweiler (all members of the class of 1973), raised more than \$75,000 and provided boxes of food for more than 1,200 families and countless

food supplies for the area's neediest shelters.

Last September, hundreds of alumni and their families gathered at their alma mater to share many fun events in our largest Reunion Weekend ever. The highlight of the weekend may have been the induction ceremony for Jesuit's newest Hall of Fame members, Erik Spoelstra '88 and members of the 1967 and 1968 football teams. Bill Carter '61, representing the football teams, and Erik Spoelstra, head coach of the NBA's Miami Heat, delivered stirring speeches to luncheon attendees and later to Jesuit's entire student population. It was an afternoon to remember, especially since both Bill Carter and Erik Spoelstra emphasized the role Jesuit's mission has played in their lives—and the lasting impact of that mission.

Our role as a Catholic and Jesuit school is to make certain that our students receive a great education founded in our mission—and that includes a commitment to develop their faith through intentional acts of justice and service. This commitment does not end at graduation. As much as our students accomplish in areas of service in their four years at Jesuit, we fully expect them to do even more in their adult years. My hope is that in this Age you will discover just a few examples of our graduates who, on an ongoing basis, are making the world a better place. There are many more stories yet to be told about our students and our alumni. Maybe you are one of those...

Perhaps, one day, in a world whose priorities are at times miserably skewed, nations will recognize the significance of people reaching out to others. Our students and our graduates already have a great head start—but, like graduation, this is only a commencement, a preparation for much greater things to come.

Sincerely,



John J. Gladstone
President

Senior Pilgrimage - Class 2010



Patrick Daniels '10 carries the Pilgrimage Cross for his classmates on last September's annual 12-mile walk. He was joined by over 240 of his classmates who walked the route. The school's wheelchair was busy again this year carrying an injured Jacob Wark '10 over the road assisted by many friends, including Connor Schwab '10.

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Jesuit Athletes Saddle Up

BY CARL COTA-ROBLES '10



Colleen Biemer '11 clears fences with her horse J'Adore, more commonly known as Daisy.

We all take time to cheer on the football team every Friday night, but not many of us have seen Jesuit students compete at various horse shows. On Sept. 12, **Olivia Morgan '10**, **Madison Cameron '12**, and **Colleen Biemer '11** participated in the MacLay Regionals in Monroe, WA. Biemer and her horse, Nightcap, placed second in their division, and will be attending nationals in Syracuse, NY during the last weekend of October. In addition, both Biemer and Cameron will be participating in the Harrisburg National Horse Show in New Cumberland, PA, from Oct. 8-11.

The MacLay Regionals are judged primarily in three different areas: hunters, jumpers, and equitation. The first area of judging, hunters, is based on the aesthetic appearance of the horse. The second area, jumpers, is judged primarily on the rider's ability to complete the course quickly and effectively. "It takes a lot of calculating because you have to get perfect distance before the jump to make it look nice and execute the jump [correctly]," said Morgan. The third area of judging, equitation, is based on how the rider looks and how he or she executes his or her moves. According to Morgan, one of the hardest parts of equitation is keeping still during the jumps.

However, not all riders participate in hunter jumper shows. **Nicole Smith '10** participates in Pinto Horses of America Horse Shows at both county and state levels with her horses, Freckles and Abraham. These horse shows, which are slightly different from the MacLay Regionals, focus on showing off a broader array of talents, including dressage, which Smith described as "ballet on horseback." "Everything is supposed to look as smooth and perfect as possible," said Smith. Another part of Pinto Horses of America, called English and Western Pleasure, focuses on

how obedient a horse is and how well the rider and horse work together.

Like in any other sport, riders practice at least three times a week and some riders attend lessons as well. In addition, many riders find inspiration by watching other top level riders. "If you need to work on something, you can watch others," said Morgan. Ultimately, horse riding, like all other sports at Jesuit, requires intense practice and discipline to succeed.

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Jesuit Students Strut Their Stuff for Cancer Charity

BY DYLAN SEITZ '11 AND ALYSSA HUDSON '11



Team Jesuit has raised over \$130,000 for CCA over the last 10 years.

At 8:00 a.m. on Oct. 4, Team Jesuit will be back and ready to walk in the annual Cancer Walk for the Children's Cancer Association (CCA). The walk is 10K, or 6.2 miles, and begins at the University of Portland and finishes downtown. In the past, the media has covered this event extensively. "Everybody commits to raising a certain amount of money for the walk," said Elaine Kloser, a longtime participant and coordinator of the walk. Students involved in the walk are asked to fundraise \$100 each; the goal for Team Jesuit this year is \$3,000. "The walk is basically to raise money; it's a fundraiser. It's just like kids helping other kids," said **Claire Turina '10**, who is a student co-organizer for the cancer walk, along with senior **Annie Wilcox**.

Each student sets up a personal Web page with a biography and his or her respective goals. Then, students' families and friends can donate to the cause and help the students reach their personal goals. The CCA serves 10,000 kids a year and was founded over a decade ago to help kids who need more than just medical treatment. The CCA assists with overall living expenses and other medical costs. The funds also go to the Music RX program which provides

music for children in the hospital. In addition, the CCA provides laptops, tutors, and friends for patients during their treatment. The CCA has a Caring Cabin at the Oregon coast that provides a place for kids to get away and relax.

Jesuit has been involved with the CCA for over 10 years and over time, Jesuit has earned over \$130,000 for the association. Students who were not involved last year are encouraged to join and become an active member of Team Jesuit. "I did the walk last year for the first time," said Turina. "It was really fun. We're hoping this year will be even better than last year." For some people, the walk is a reminder of friends and family who may have battled cancer. "I got even more involved because one of my former students, Lauren Alcantar, had cancer, so I walk in memory of her," said Ms. Kloser. Jesuit's "Crusade for Cancer" continues.

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Chordless Carries Perfect Tune

BY TOMMY MATSCHINER '10



Chordless delivers a stellar performance at a JHS choir concert in fall 2009. Photo by Taylor Scroggy '11

The a cappella singing group, Chordless, was formed in May by **John Helsa '10** and **David Gerhards '10**, and **Riley Vogel '11** and **Michael Hall '11**. This group continues a Jesuit tradition that began in 2006.

The musical group originated in the fall of 2006 when choir teacher Mrs. Carol Young sent Rob Williams '08, Kelvin Adams '08, Jake Davis '08, and Stephen Beard '09 to the Male Singers Workshop at Willamette University. They returned as a group, named themselves Chordless, and began performing at numerous events.

They continued performing into the 2007-2008 school year. When the three senior members graduated, Beard decided to take a different approach. He added eleven people from the class of 2009 and the group performed at several Jesuit events; however, because of its size, they had trouble finding time to rehearse.

When Gerhards, who was in charge of picking the current members, formed the group at the end of last school year, he took this into account. He decided to keep it small and strategically picked a fellow senior and two juniors. Vogel, a bass, and Hall, a tenor, will select two current sophomores to join them at the end of this school year, when Helsa, a tenor, and Gerhards, a baritone, graduate. This will create a cycle of two seniors and two juniors.

The group held rehearsals regularly over the summer, and on September 26 they attended the Male Singers Workshop at Willamette University, just like the original members.

They have performed at Coffeehouse, the Financial Aid Luncheon, Open House and a choir concert. Look for the group at nearly every school event in the future. Their long-term goal is to improve and have a large enough repertoire to perform outside of Jesuit.

Mrs. Young provides the quartet with music, but she does not lead rehearsals. They consult music with her and she helps them with any problems they come across.

"Mrs. Young is a great resource and her expertise helps us grow as a group," said Helsa.

Outside of music, the group enjoys doing a variety of things together. Although they are very different people, they get along quite well.

"We're all really, really different," said Hall. "I am pretty sure singing is the only interest all four of us have in common. It's a really interesting mix. Most of our rehearsals have been a little less efficient than they could have been because we talk about random stuff."

Toward the end of this year, Hall and Vogel will have to pick the two new members. No average Joe can join though. New members must be in chamber choir, take lessons, and be skilled singers.

With a great system in place, look for Chordless to hang around.

"The four of us and the first four members all agree it would be awesome if Chordless is still around 20 years from now, even if they don't remember us," said Hall.

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JHS Merit Scholars Recognized

BY CARL COTA-ROBLES '10

This September, nineteen Jesuit seniors were recognized as either Commended National Merit Scholars or National Merit Semifinalists for their outstanding performance on the PSAT.

From a pool of roughly 1.5 million participants on this test, only 16,000 students were recognized as semifinalists and only 34,000 were commended.

In Oregon, seniors must earn a score of at least 213 out of a possible 240 points on the PSAT to be recognized as

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a National Merit Semifinalist. Other seniors who scored between 201 and 213 are recognized as Commended National Merit Scholars.

This year, seniors **John (Gabe) Buckmaster, James Canepa, Caroline Garvey, Connor Matthews, Ashley Mooney, Calvin Multanen, Camille Parker, and William Reilly** were recognized as National Merit Semifinalists.

About 94 percent of semifinalists will advance to finalist standing in February. Of these 15,000 finalists, roughly 8,200 will receive scholarships.

"I am excited for the scholarship opportunities that being a semifinalist may offer," said Buckmaster.

Each senior who receives a scholarship is awarded \$2,500 through their first choice college, a corporate sponsor, or the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

This year, seniors **Allison Bednark, Colin Boehnlein, Emily Bolton, Joseph Carlos, Mackenzie Clark, Ben Demaree, Ryan Doumani, Ian Juch, Katherine Maack, Jennifer Xiong, and Tien-Ju Yu** were named Commended National Merit Scholars.

"I'm pretty happy that I got commended, but I'm a little bit disappointed that I didn't get the higher score," said Carlos.

Even though commended students are not eligible for National Merit Scholarships, these students are still eligible for aid in the form of special scholarships. These scholarships are awarded by corporations and businesses to 1,500 commended or semifinalist students who are not finalists.

Many of this year's seniors have achieved a well-earned high score on the PSAT, and the scholarship opportunities available for these students are truly invaluable.

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Students Rally to Protest SOA

BY MARY O'DONNELL '10

On Nov. 19, 11 Jesuit students and three faculty members will travel to Fort Benning in Columbus, Georgia where they will engage in the Ignatian Teach-In, otherwise known as the School of the Americas protest. This year's protest will mark the eighth year Jesuit High School has participated in the event.

Every year, Jesuit sends a group of students to participate in the protest and other facets of the Teach-In. The weekend encompasses a variety of events, ranging from a series of lectures given by SOA representatives to a Mass celebrating the people of Central America.

"The part of the protest that moves me most is the Mass," said Fr. Grubb, S.J. "Thousands of people are focused on praying together for people they've never met. For me, it is the most meaningful part of the weekend."

Although the Mass is a momentous part of the weekend,



Nikki Petroff '10, Claire Carlson '09, Kathleen Hooper '10 and Natalie Simmons '09 participate in a School of Americas protest.

the overall theme of the protest really hits home for some.

"Social justice is not always a popular topic," said Christian Service Director Kim Bastable. "It is so energizing to be around people who are all pushing against the mainstream."

The actual protest is a large contributor to the weekend. Thousands of students, priests, workers and others gather in front of the SOA to remember the lives lost in the civil wars in Central America. People push beyond the boundary of the fence bordering the school, and many are often arrested. Although many arrests are made, the awareness, revitalization and underlying messages taken away from the weekend create a passion within people far greater than any organization could ever quiet.

"The threat of our own isolation as a country is creating the oppression of other people's dignity and lives," said Mrs. Bastable. "I know that my life is connected to other people's, and I cannot stand by."

By participating in the Ignatian Teach-In, protestors make little steps to improving and creating awareness about the lives of the people they represent.

"Last year, so many people made the choice to 'show up,'" said **Kathleen Hooper '10**. "By making this decision, [we] really are taking steps toward a better world."

The injustices prevalent in other countries can affect the rest of the world. We are all interconnected and people must make a choice to stand up against injustice.

Martin Luther King said it best: "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

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Robotics Team Gives Their All

BY HAYLEY KRACH '11

Jesuit High School is known for its athletic success, but the robotics team is proving that Jesuit is more than just brawn.

Robotics is one of the most time-consuming programs the school has to offer. Students start meeting, preparing and familiarizing months before competition starts, making it an almost year-round commitment. During the competition season, they meet 20 hours each week.

Many people have common misconceptions about robotics because there is not enough publicity for it.

"Most people probably think it's weird," laughs junior **Ankith Harathi**, a member of the robotics team.

They do exactly what their job title says—build robots. In order to succeed, they must learn skills ranging from engineering to designing and programming. However, the team would like to emphasize that prior experience or knowledge in these areas is not necessary for joining the team.

"I'm sure people see us as wizards who magically give life to pieces of metal and start the Robot Revolution," said sophomore **Zuhair Parvez**.

A lot of people assume robotics is a bunch of smart people sitting around doing boring scientific stuff. But it is actually both fun and exciting.

"I've never experienced such a lively place before," said new member junior **Karen Katigbak**. "Things are whizzing, metal is clanking and your life is probably in danger."

There was much excitement at the homecoming football game when the t-shirt shooting robot actually turned against the team and started shooting at them.

When the season officially begins in January, there is much to be done. Robotics participants from around the northwest attend the season kickoff where they announce what the much anticipated "game" is for the year. The game determines the type of robot that all the teams must build and compete with. The kickoff is an exciting event for these brainy athletes.

Every day after school they travel to the large shed behind the tennis courts in order to cut metal, build motors, and put the robot together. Every teammate has a part to play in this process. Some figure out how to build it, while others build and test the robot.

The Jesuit robotics team has only been around for three years, yet they have already shown their raw talent by making it to both the finals and semi finals against schools with much more established programs. If Jesuit wins the conference they travel to Atlanta, Georgia for nationals.

In all their hard work, it is a wonder to some why a person would take so much free time to build robots.

"I get to hang out with cool people who actually get my

jokes," said senior **Ryan Atkinson**. "We get to build things that could help in the future."

The team is fun, but there are also academic benefits that make this sport completely worthwhile.

"It looks really good on college apps and major companies like Boeing recruit from robotics teams," said senior shop manager **Eric Walters**.

The robotics team is filled with people who enjoy what they do and work extremely hard for it. They live out "Age Quod Agis," Jesuit's unforgettable motto.

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Constantine Bratanata '12, Dolan Murvihill '11, Ryan Atkinson '13 and Aidan Jaspersen '12 are part of the JHS robotics team this year.

Tradition Driven by Helping the Needy

BY BECCA SPINAR '10

Every winter, after teachers and students return from Thanksgiving break, Jesuit kicks off one of its biggest and most well-known events of the year: the Christmas Food Drive. In just a short two weeks, the school comes together to collect an overwhelming amount of canned and non-perishable foods in hopes of giving families one less thing to worry about during the holiday season.

Each first period class adopts a family they will help, and it's up to those students to pledge how many boxes of food they will fill and how much money they will raise. Food boxes contain an assortment of non-perishables, while the money is used for purchasing perishable foods that a designated committee buys shortly before delivery of the boxes.

"Last year, we served about 305 families" said Christian service director Mr. Powers. "We always exceed our goal, and there are hunger agencies that rely on us to provide

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them with the extra food we've collected." Most of these are downtown agencies, including Blanchet House and St. Vincent de Paul.

Although Jesuit is very successful in collecting food for families in need, Oregon still battles hunger every day. According to the Oregon Food Bank, 792,000 emergency food boxes were distributed in 2007 to 2008, and the number increased 14 percent to 897,000 boxes in 2008 to 2009. With this number at an all time high, it is vital that Jesuit does its best to play a part in the fight against hunger.

"What I love most about the food drive is how many students get involved. There are many ways to contribute and everybody is able to find a way to help out," said **Kathleen Hooper '10**.

Last year, Jesuit saw a number of parents help as Portland was struck by the "Arctic Blast," making many roads dangerous and inaccessible for students, especially those with long commutes.

"We never know what to expect," said Mr. Powers. "We just have to roll with what happens, which in the end makes it fun."

Whether buried in snow or drenched with rain, families can count on Jesuit to pull through and exceed its goals and limits. Past food drives have proven this community is different in the fact that it recognizes the need and pushes itself to serve that need, while still having a good time doing so.

Student Spotlight

Freshman Nikita Gaurav Impresses at Annual Science Fair

BY TESS JENNINGS '12

Jesuit High School's own freshman, **Nikita Gaurav**, is creating ideas that will help the world become a greener and more environmentally friendly place.

During the hot summer months, the sun's scorching temperatures radiate throughout your home. You want to turn on the air conditioning and use valuable energy, but what if your house could be cooler without it? Well, Gaurav came up with a science fair idea that could lower a home's temperature by as much as ten degrees.

In 2008, as an eighth grader, Gaurav created a green experiment for Valley Catholic Middle School's annual science fair with the idea to paint roofs white. Her experiment simply consisted of painting roofs white to reflect the sun's rays rather than black, which absorbs rays and creates heat in homes. After much research, the experiment proved to

save energy by keeping homes cooler.

"Last year [in eighth grade] my science teacher showed me a competition called the Discovery Education 3M Young Scientist Challenge. I decided to enter by making a two-minute video about my project, and I was chosen as a finalist," said Gaurav.

There were four different categories to choose from for the competition, and she chose to design a method to demonstrate how heat was consumed in the home and how heat could be better distributed. As a finalist, Gaurav was sent to New York City on October 6, for three days to participate in four rounds of challenges based on science in everyday life.

"It was a really fun experience," said Gaurav, "and I got to meet a ton of inspiring scientists."

Gaurav tied for second and won a trip to Costa Rica where she will take part in an eight-day educational camp. The trip includes zip-lining, volcano observing and a reforestation project.

"I was tied for second with a boy from Maine, but ended up winning a trip to Costa Rica. It was a really close race for first, but a girl from Montana won the \$50,000 savings bond grand prize," said Gaurav.

The experience for Gaurav was life-changing, and it helped her discover what she wants to do in the future.

"I want to become an architect and create green buildings that are good for the environment," said Gaurav.

"Science is very important for the future because it's everywhere. Advances in sciences like medicine and technology will help make life easier in the world," said Gaurav. Ideas like hers are taking the world one small step closer to becoming a greener and healthier planet.

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Not only does she excel in science, but Nikita Gaurav '13 recently spent a week teaching art to underprivileged and destitute children in India. She also donated art supplies to the school. Photo courtesy of Gaurav family.

Educator Spotlight

Gregory Lum Joins Select Group to Bolster Literary Media Standards



Gregory Lum, JHS library director, was chosen from a pool of 425 applicants to serve on a select 12-member committee.

Gregory Lum, Jesuit High School's library director, has been chosen by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) to serve on a committee composed of a select group of educators nationwide to assure the National Board's Library Media Standards reflect the best practices and latest research in the field.

The 12-member committee, which includes six National Board Certified Teachers (NBCTs), was chosen from a pool of 425 applicants.

"This committee appointment is an honor and a challenge," said Lum. "In October, I met and began working with the other eleven, dedicated educators. Our goal is to develop strong library media standards that will be nationally recognized from here in Portland to the east coast. Our committee has a difficult project to accomplish in the next few months."

Today, there are more than 2,100 teachers nationwide who have achieved National Board Certification in Library Media who are working every day to provide excellent teaching to all students, lead within their schools, and mentor new and struggling peers.

"Gregory is a leader in education and brings a commitment of excellence to Jesuit and more importantly, to the students he serves," said Joan Auchter, chief program officer, NBPTS. "By overseeing the accomplished teaching standards, his work will serve as the foundation for the assessment in the National Board Certification process in Library Media."

As part of the National Board's ongoing mission to provide leading standards for what accomplished teachers should know and be able to do, NBPTS Standards Committees are periodically formed to review the standards. Practicing classroom teachers fill a majority of seats on standards committees with other members representing districts, states and higher education. Committees reflect the nation's regional and ethnic diversity as well as the range of teaching contexts and professional views that exist about what constitutes accomplished teaching.

"Our goal is to develop strong library media standards that will be nationally recognized from here in Portland to the east coast."

In a congressionally mandated report, the National Research Council (NRC) of the National Academies confirmed that National Board Certified Teachers advance student achievement and learning, stay in the classroom longer, support new and struggling teachers and assume other school-based leadership roles. The NRC acknowledged that students taught by National Board Certified Teachers make higher gains on achievement tests than students taught by non-board-certified teachers.

A voluntary assessment program designed to develop, recognize and retain accomplished teachers, National Board Certification is achieved through a performance-based assessment that typically takes one to three years to complete. While state licensing systems set basic requirements to teach in each state, NBCTs have successfully demonstrated advanced teaching knowledge, skills and practices.



Gregory Lum uses his excellent educational skills to assist Daniel Nachreiner '10 in Jesuit's library.

News of JHS Jesuits

Notes from the Superior



Front Row: Fr. Larry Robinson, S.J., Fr. Kevin Clarke, S.J., Fr. Ed McTighe, S.J. Back Row: Perry Petrich, n.S.J., Fr. Craig Boly, S.J., Fr. Bill Hayes, S.J., Fr. Pat Conroy, S.J., Fr. Paul Grubb '92, S.J., and Fr. J.K. Adams, S.J.

Our community is officially known as the Canisius Jesuit Community at Jesuit High School. It is, of course, named after the patron saint of the school, St. Peter Canisius, a sixteenth-century German Jesuit saint and Doctor of the church.

There are eight wonderful, committed and faithful men in our community. Six are directly related to the work at Jesuit High School. **Fr. Bill Hayes** is the retired president of the school. He now works in the development office and is a co-chairman for the capital campaign. **Fr. Larry Robinson** is retired from multiple decades of service in the history department and currently serves as the school's archivist. Fr. Robinson recently completed the herculean task of many years, compiling and narrating the history of Jesuit in his book, *Honoring the Tradition*. **Fr. Ed McTighe** is a retired teacher from the English department as well as from hospital chaplaincy where he served for many years at St. Vincent's hospital. Fr. Ed is a cheerful and prayerful presence in our community and in the school. He substitute teaches, is a member of the liturgy band, assists in school interviews, and fulfills many other important tasks.

Fr. Pat Conroy teaches three freshman theology classes at Jesuit, serves as the director of the formation program for the young Jesuits of the Oregon Province, and sits on the board of trustees. **Fr. Paul Grubb '92** joined us last year immediately following his ordination. His youthful energy and friendly spirit enliven the school and the community. I have served as superior of the community for the last year and a half. I teach four classes and serve on the board of trustees and various committees of the board as well.

We have two men who, while not in direct service to the school, are valuable ambassadors for the school in their missions. **Fr. Craig Boly '62** is the pastor of Saint Pius X. As an alum and member of the community, he has been

Year of the Priest

June 19th of last year—the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus—began what Pope Benedict XVI called, “The Year of the Priest.” This is a year set aside to pray for priests around the world and for the priesthood in general. The year was chosen in honor of the 150th anniversary of the death of the universal patron saint of priests, St. John Vianney. This celebration also comes at a time when it is particularly difficult to be a priest. It is an era where many look at us with suspicion and contempt.

It is a beautiful time to ask God to bless the Catholic priesthood and Catholic priests who have chosen a life of service. It is a time to pray that priests may be blessed with a lived holiness, with continuing fidelity to Jesus and His mission, and with a fiery love for God and His people. It is a great time to pray that all priests would passionately desire selfless service to all in need.

involved in much of the life of the school. He has preached, presided and concelebrated at many of the liturgies at the school. Finally, **Fr. Kevin Clarke** recently joined us. He taught at Jesuit many years ago and has a special place in his heart for the school. He is presently serving as a hospital chaplain at Providence Medical Center.

For several years running, Jesuit High School has been blessed with the presence of a second-year Jesuit novice. This year we are fortunate to welcome **Perry Petrich, n.S.J.** Before professing his first vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience next summer, Perry will have the opportunity to experience what active Jesuit life is like. This will help him and his superiors discern if this life is the one he is called to. Perry comes to us with a background in theatre and theology from Fordham University. Beyond that, he brings a youthful, prayerful and upbeat spirit to the whole JHS family. Perry will be with us through the middle of May.

Along with the assigned labors of our community, we are busy helping at multiple parishes around the archdiocese presiding at masses, hearing confessions, and performing many other duties. We feel blessed to be stationed here at Jesuit High School. We take seriously our responsibility to keep all constituencies of the school in our prayers daily and ask for your prayers for us.

AMDG,

Fr. J.K. Adams, S.J., Superior at Jesuit High School



Altar of St. Ignatius with a painting in front of the saint's statue, by Andrea Pozzo (Italian, 1642–1709). Church of the Gesù, Rome, Italy.

I was in Rome two weeks ago, and I took the opportunity to revisit familiar Jesuit sites.

Lest you get the wrong idea, my time in Rome was not entirely a pious pilgrimage. It was coupled with lovely dinners in Trastevere, a quaint, medieval section of Rome. And most evenings I wandered round the Pantheon or Piazza Navona with a gelato in hand—often my favorite, Malaga e limone, a mix of rum raisin and lemon.

Three religious themes about the Jesuits emerged from my pilgrimage:

• **The early Jesuits' tremendous vision:**

In the 16th-century Church of St. Ignatius, I gazed on an exuberant fresco on the ceiling by the Jesuit artist Andrea Pozzo entitled in Latin: "Ite inflammante omnia." Go and inflame the whole world.

Pozzo's vision bursts out of the normal boundaries of the ceiling and flows outward in all directions like a lava field of grace. It may be Pozzo's equivalent of Michelangelo's masterpiece in the Sistine Chapel. Just as Michelangelo depicts the story of creation, Pozzo depicts the story of preaching the Gospel to the whole world.

• **The early Jesuits welcomed high drama:** At the Church of the Gesù, the burial place of St. Ignatius, the founder of the Jesuits, the church has recently reinstated the 18th-century drama of music, story and revelation every day at 5:30 p.m. at the altar of St. Ignatius.

While polyphonic music plays in the background, a narrator relates the spiritual journey of Ignatius. The story and music reach a crescendo, and suddenly the painting above the altar slides downward, and strobe lights play on the dramatic, larger-than-life statue of Ignatius himself.

• **Those early Jesuits had great strategy:** In the cool early morning, I walked up to the Quirinale, the former papal palace and now the president of Italy's seat of governance.

Across from the entrance to the Quirinale Palace rests the little chapel of Sant'Andrea al Quirinale, the novitiate

of the Jesuits for almost 200 years. Every time the 17th-century popes peered out the papal windows, they saw eager, energetic young Jesuits running to and from the chapel. The popes and their advisers couldn't escape the Jesuits.

This careful attention to the location of their churches was typical of their thoughtful calculation of every dimension of their mission, including the need to secure papal or royal patronage in order to finance their schools and churches.

These three places embody characteristics of the early Jesuits' mission—tremendous vision, high drama and great strategy. They thought big. They believed the whole world was a stage for the drama of God laboring in the world. And they were spiritually savvy.

In a certain sense, all this is gone. Baroque art, also known as Jesuit art, with all its excesses is now behind us. The Italian government seized these churches in 1870. Thanks be to God! Can you imagine trying to maintain these monuments today? The apparent loss was a great gain.

Though the 17th century is gone, the Jesuit legacy continues. The vision, the drama, the strategy go onward. We, in our own day—Jesuits and lay colleagues in universities, high schools, far-flung missions—are called to embody the vision, to engage the drama of Christ in the world, and to be astute strategic planners.

But the engagement must be appropriate to the cultures, people and opportunities of our own day.

If any fault betrays the vision of Ignatius, it is that Jesuits at certain times in their history—especially in the royal courts of Portugal, Spain and France—began to feel and to enjoy being in places of power. They felt the rush of wielding power instead of love. They engaged in calculating personal gain. They bought into power, prestige and pride, rather than Gospel values of humility, poverty and service.

"Take up your cross daily and follow me." That's the Gospel message. That's the vision, drama and strategy of Jesus. And it's not so much that we Christians will do great things for God, but that God will do great things through us. It's God's initiative. It's God's drama in which we participate.

Fr. Patrick Howell, S.J. is the rector (religious superior) of the Jesuit Community at Seattle University and professor of pastoral theology. Fr. Howell was a teacher and administrator at Jesuit High School from 1966-69 and 1972-77. The above article originally ran in the Seattle Times on August 7, 2009, and can be found online at: http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/localnews/2009621237_howell08m.html



Diversity Update



Alumnus Chris Bowles '91 shares his insight into Jesuit High School's African-American Alumni Mentor Program, which is instrumental in supporting, inspiring, and providing cultural perspective to many African-American students. Chris works as Director of Community Development for the Portland Trail Blazers.

"As mentors, we are concerned equally with the academics, lives, and success of the students. Within the program, mentors and students share an experience unique to the larger JHS community. Our meetings allow the students to connect with each other and receive advice and information that address the specific needs of African-American students on campus. It has been a blessing to serve as a mentor."

Lisa Wanjala '99

Mentor Program Pays Back by Paying it Forward

BY AMIL CHRISTOPHER BOWLES '91, INTRODUCTION BY ELAINE FORDE, DIVERSITY DIRECTOR

One Tuesday morning each month, African-American students are invited to attend the African-American Alumni Mentor meetings. The program was started three years ago by alumnus Chris Bowles '91 to provide an opportunity for students to meet with some of the African-American graduates who have walked the Jesuit hallways.

Each month a different topic is discussed, including study habits, race relations, and money issues when attending college. Students are required to keep a notebook for reflection questions and to participate in the current discussions. Alumni Lisa Wanjala '99, George Weatheroy '75, Larry Jackson '86 and Antoine Stoudamire '89 are organizers and attend the monthly mentor meetings. Outings are incorporated into the program each year, and have included Trail Blazer games, local plays and guest speakers.

Alumnus Chris Bowles '91 cites W.E.B. DuBois, whom he studied at Fisk University, as he reflects on the ongoing urgency of Jesuit High School's African-American Alumni Mentor Program, which is now being introduced in Jesuit high schools across the nation.

"...One ever feels his twoness – an American, a Negro; two souls, two thoughts, two unreconciled strivings; two warring ideals in one dark body, whose dogged strength alone keeps it from being torn asunder."

W. E. B. DuBois (1868-1963)

In the nearly twenty years since I graduated from Jesuit, I have had numerous opportunities to reflect upon and value my high school education, the doors it has opened,



Xavier Berhanu '11, Zemen Fedke '11, Sir Giorgio Coleman '12, Amara Andre '13, Jordan Lewis '10 and Raul Cruz '12 meet with alumnus George Weatheroy '75 during a recent mentor meeting.

and the individuals who taught me. Among those extraordinary educators were my history teacher Father Lawrence Robinson, S.J.; Mr. Ken Potter, my guidance counselor; Ms. Rosie Lacey, legendary librarian; Mr. Rob Barteletti, my senior Religion teacher; and Mrs. Marsha Nakatani, my sophomore English teacher. In college, I gravitated toward history, stemming from Father Robinson's inspiration. I remain a student of history

to this day, embracing that which is good in all traditions.

My following comments are in no way intended to gainsay the benefits of Jesuit High School and its dedicated staff and faculty. They are rather intended to shed light

upon the additional struggles and challenges faced by underrepresented ethnic students, particularly African-Americans, whose matriculation is burdened by the additional weight of stereotype, pressure to assimilate, self-effacement, and cultural denial.

This article is intended to encourage those students of color who grapple to find a voice, a face, and a place within the Jesuit experience. Such fortification and affirmation is the purpose of the JHS African-American Alumni Mentoring Program. The mission of the program is to counsel, inspire and support the cultural awareness and cultural integrity of students of color.



“Knowing that mentors have gone through similar life experiences to those I’ve been through has been something that inspires me to better myself and my community.”

Evelyne Wanjala ‘10

The demographic reality of the Northwest has created an environment wherein our best and brightest black students are socially, politically and geographically disconnected from any critical mass of black people, as well as the fundamental institutions, traditions and communities that have contributed to the American fabric and have been paramount to forging our identity as African-Americans.

To illustrate the plight of underrepresented minority students at Jesuit, consider the normal developmental stage of all adolescents, who are compelled by the forces of popular media, peer pressure, and the desire to fit in. This conundrum forces students of color, who, like their peers, may lack a fundamental knowledge of self, to gravitate toward extreme misrepresentations or stereotypes.

This misrepresentation may often manifest itself in the more racially ambiguous students (i.e., students of mixed parentage) purposely disassociating themselves from parts of their heritage, if that part is seen as an impediment to fitting into the dominant group. At the other extreme, one may see the racially identifiable student who, in a misguided effort to gain popular approval, may begin to exhibit behaviors consistent with the recreational media’s debauched caricature of what it means to be black.

The African-American Alumni Mentoring Group encourages students of color, especially African-Americans, to understand and embrace the “twoness” described above by W.E.B. DuBois. It is common for students of color at a majority white high school to feel themselves to be citizens

of two worlds—the one at school, and the one in their neighborhood, church, and family. Without a strong and constantly affirmed cultural identity, such students will find themselves lost and struggling to keep their balance as they seek to walk with a foot in each of these two worlds.

“The mentors have been one of the greatest assets throughout my four years here at Jesuit. The wisdom and knowledge that they’ve brought to us is taken from their own past experiences, making it that much easier for us to apply to our everyday lives.”

Keanon Lowe ‘10



As veterans of such challenges, the African-American Alumni Mentors decided three years ago that it was imperative for those of us who have not only survived but thrived at Jesuit to assist today’s students of color in recognizing, valuing, and asserting the best of their heritage and identity as well as valuing the extraordinary educational and spiritual benefits that Jesuit offers all of its students.

Jesuit’s growing number of African-American students keep their balance as they develop their own courage and determination, relying on the steadying arms of their families and their African-American Mentors—a group of high achievers from the community who value their own Jesuit experiences enough to give back. In the process, the mentors pay back by “paying it forward” to the next generation of their brothers and sisters who will wear the green and gold.

Fortunate is the student of color who enters the distinguished halls of Jesuit’s college-preparatory education and finds the buttress of mentorship from those who have trod this poignant, challenging, and ultimately inspiring, path ahead of them. That is the mission of the African-American Mentor Group.

Upcoming Dates:

- **Mentor Meetings:** (Tuesdays at 8:15 a.m.) February 2 and 23, March 16, April 13, May 11, and June 2
- **February:** Black History Month Activities
- **African-American Alumni and Senior Recognition Luncheon:** May 18, 2010

Athletics

Jesuit Athletics: Perseverance

BY: MIKE HUGHES '79, JHS ATHLETIC DIRECTOR



Seniors on Jesuit's varsity soccer team celebrate with their parents after competing against Sunset High School (game ended in a tie of 0-0). Pictured are players Ryan Doumani '10, Bradley Richards '10, Garrett McBride '10, Andy Swope '10, Tyler Baarts '10, and Tyler Smalley '10. The parents pictured are Ruby and Alex Doumani, Mark and Julee Richards, Dave and Cheryl McBride, Sally Swope, Rob Baarts, Kathy Baarts, Carol and Bruce Smalley. Photo courtesy of Tomas Milowski.

After the semi-final football game this fall, a reporter asked me what gave our coaches the motivation to strive for excellence year after year. After all, Jesuit had reached the quarterfinals in football eight times this decade, and the state championship game four times. The reporter wanted to know if this success had become routine for our coaching staff. How do they push themselves to study film on weekends, coach basketball at 6:00 a.m., teach all day, and coach football that same afternoon?

To answer the reporter's question, I simply turned to a group of football players who were still on the field celebrating the win. "Have you ever

played in a state championship game?" I asked them. "No; we're so excited!" was their response. I turned to the reporter and he knew he had his answer.

The truth about Jesuit athletics is that we are often successful. However, the casual observer may not realize that each year it is usually a new set of athletes who are playing. Many Jesuit students get one year at varsity, one shot at the playoffs, one opportunity to hold that coveted trophy. Our coaches persevere in their effort year after year for one simple reason: love. They care and honor the students so much that they are willing to put in the long hours and heroic efforts.

They know it is **this** year's team's one shot.

Our athletes persevere too. Athletes at all levels have setbacks in any given season. Whether it is injuries, losses, or being benched, all athletes know the hardships that come with sport. One of the great life lessons that a good athlete embraces is steadfastness. Our football team showed that determination in the state championship game. There were probably a half dozen times during the game that our players could have quit. Sheldon was a terrific team, and our opponents had a three touchdown lead several times during the game. But our players persevered. They fought back against adversity time and time again. In the end, we ran out of time and lost the game. But as one coach said, "We lost with honor." These athletes made us proud by their never-quit attitude. While they lost the game, their perseverance proved that they are winners.

It is this same perseverance that drives our coaches to help their teams strive toward excellence time and time again.

Women's Soccer Named #1 in Nation

Congratulations to the Jesuit women's varsity soccer team who defeated Westview 2-0 on November 21, 2009, to win the state championship. The women's team was also named #1 in the nation by ESPN (FAB 50). Go Crusaders!

Fall 2009 Sports Scoreboard

Men's Cross Country 4-0
(Second in State; League Champions)

Women's Cross Country 4-0
(State Champions; League Champions)

Varsity Men's Soccer 10-3-5
(State Semifinalist; League Champions)

JV Men's Soccer 5-4-4

JV2 Men's Soccer 8-5-1

Varsity Women's Soccer 17-1
(State Champions; League Champions)

JV Women's Soccer 13-1

JV2 Women's Soccer 14-0

Varsity Volleyball 17-1
(Second in State; League Champions)

JV Volleyball 14-0

JV2 Volleyball 13-3

Varsity Football 12-2
(Second in State; League Champions)

JV Football 5-3

Freshman Football (A/B) 5-9-1

Visit the JHS athletics website at www.jesuitportland.org (click on "Athletics") for more information about all sports!

The Legacy Club

The Legacy Club is a group of individuals who have included Jesuit in their estate plans. Their gifts will live in perpetuity with interest from the gifts continually benefitting Jesuit students and Jesuit High School.

Legacy Club Activity & Growth

- We have 210 living Legacy Club members and 46 deceased Legacy Club members (as of December 14, 2009).
- We have three new Legacy Club members for fiscal year 2009-10 (as of December 14, 2009).
- We have twelve additional families who have agreed to become Legacy Club members and are in the process of completing necessary paperwork.



A double rainbow arches over Mary's Way in a spectacular winter display. Photo by Kathleen Myers.

The Legacy Club: The Future of Jesuit

FR. WILLIAM E. HAYES, S.J.

I am writing this just before Christmas and have been spending the Season of Advent reflecting and praying on the mystery of the Incarnation and Nativity of Jesus. No matter how much we pray over this mystery, I don't think we ever fully grasp the love of God for us that would make it possible for the second person of the Trinity—God the Son—to become human, to be born as we were except sinless in order to prove to us how much we mean to Him and how much we are loved by Him—even to the extent of His suffering and dying on the cross and rising from the dead in order to redeem us, to save us, to bring us to Himself.

When I try to understand the mystery of God's love for us, I think of

the love our students have for Jesuit, the love our parents, alumni and benefactors have for us, and of course the love you share with us by including Jesuit in your estate planning. Your gift of love as a Legacy Club Member will provide the ongoing fiscal stability for Jesuit to continue the mission of educating young men and women to be tomorrow's leaders.

As the Legacy Club grows so grows the endowment, a perpetual fund whose principal is not touched and only a percent of the earnings are used. The Legacy Club is the hope of the future for Jesuit.

All of us at Jesuit thank you for your love and care of Jesuit. We pray for you each day, thanking God for you and for your love of us.

Campaign Update: Planned Giving & Endowment

- Presently, the goal for the **endowment phase** of our capital campaign is eight million dollars. At this time, we have \$5,544,527 pledged or in cash for our endowment goal.
- The **planned giving** goal of our campaign is to increase new Legacy Club members to reach a goal of \$10 million. We are now over \$2.7 million in planned gifts for the campaign.



Join fellow alumni for retreat and reflection on the banks of Oregon's beautiful McKenzie River.

Alumni Retreat April 9-11, 2010 St. Benedict's Lodge

Join Fr. Paul Grubb, S.J. '91 and JHS Alumni Director Kathy Baarts for a weekend meditative retreat. Gather with other JHS alumni and spouses for an informal mix of fun evenings and quiet days. Enjoy good food and

great company while relaxing and praying in one of the most scenic forests in Oregon. All alumni and spouses are invited.

Visit www.jesuitportland.org (click "Alumni Events") for a complete retreat schedule. To reserve your spot, please contact Kathy Baarts at (503) 291-5414 or kbaarts@jesuitportland.org.

Development News

Campaign and Giving Updates



Elorriaga Center for Science and Mathematics

It has been a productive quarter at Jesuit High School in terms of raising funds for the Elorriaga Center for Science and Mathematics. As of December 31, 2009, we are within one million dollars of raising the necessary \$5.6 million for the project. Due to unprecedented economic outlook for commercial construction, our general contractor has assured us the price of the building will remain at \$5.6 million (\$400,000 below the initial price) through at least March 31, 2010.

Thanks to the leadership of John and Lois Elorriaga and the many donors who have stepped up to help finance this much-needed project, we are now within reach of making the Elorriaga Center a reality. Our goal is to break ground in June 2010 once 100% of the funds have been committed in cash and/or pledges.

Please contact Mike Schwab '86 in the Development Office to make your gift to the new Elorriaga

Center. Your contribution will help us take advantage of the significant drop in price and reach the 100% mark. For additional information you may also visit our website at www.jesuitportland.org.

Matching Gifts

Over the years, we have had a significant number of people take advantage of matching gift programs offered by their employers. On average, Jesuit High School receives \$100,000 annually in matching gift revenue. Here are our ten most active matching gift companies out of more than 50 companies who have given matching gifts on behalf of our donors:

- Bank of America
- Intel Corporation
- Mentor Graphics Foundation
- Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.
- Microsoft Corporation
- Nike, Inc.
- Portland General Electric (PGE)
- Regence Employee Giving
- Wachovia Foundation
- Wells Fargo

HELP US KEEP MOVING FORWARD!

Find out how you can make the Elorriaga Center for Science and Mathematics a reality for JHS students today and far into the future.

Call (503) 291-5402 to make your gift or for more information. Or go to www.jesuitportland.org (click "Giving," then "Capital").

If you haven't already done so, please take a moment to visit your human resource office to determine if your company offers a match and to gather the necessary information to take advantage of this opportunity. If you have questions, please contact our Matching Gift Coordinator, Christine Fox, at (503) 291-5407 or cfox@jesuitportland.org.

Alumni Giving

We are greatly appreciative of the support from our alumni year after year. **During the 2008-09 fiscal year, our top five classes, in terms of percentage of graduates contributing to Jesuit, were as follows:**

- Class of 1974 (26.1%)
- Class of 1973 (23.2%)
- Class of 1969 (22.9%)
- Class of 1970 (22.9%)
- Class of 1981 (22.0%)

It is not too late to make your gift for the 2009-10 fiscal year which ends on June 30, 2010. We will be announcing class giving percentages during Reunion Weekend in September 2010.

Financial Aid Luncheon Raises Nearly \$250,000



Over 400 people came together on October 14, 2009 to share in our important mission of transforming students, regardless of their financial background, into leaders who are “men and women for others.” **Due to the efforts and superb leadership of Mike and Laurie Kelley, the 2009 Financial Aid Luncheon Chairs, the 15 luncheon committee members and everyone who attended and donated, we have raised to date nearly \$250,000, which does not include corporate matching gifts.**

A special thank you is in order for Pat and Tricia Heffernan and Werner and Colleen Nistler, who together donated \$25,000 as a challenge gift. Any first-time donation to the Financial Aid Luncheon or an increased donation amount from last year was matched by the Heffernans and Nistlers. Doug and Mimi McCaslin took advantage of the challenge by making a gift of \$12,500 to cover the full cost of a year's education for one student.

After several years of holding the event off campus, a decision was made by our Financial Aid Luncheon Committee to bring the event back to the Knight Gym and increase student involvement. Students greeted our guests at the door to the Knight Physical Education Center, assisted the

catering staff, attended the luncheon, collected envelopes, participated in the choir and drama performances, and helped with clean up.

The luncheon began at noon with a moving introduction from President John Gladstone. Mr. Gladstone emphasized that almost one in four of our students is receiving financial aid and stated that if we removed our financial aid students from Jesuit, it would equate to removing the entire senior class.

We are grateful for the remarkable speakers who shared their stories: Stan Brock '76 conveyed his appreciation of his Catholic education, the Jesuits, his classmates and the work study program by describing how they set him on a path for success. Fr. Pat Conroy, S.J. read a letter from our student speaker's father, who expressed his gratitude for his daughter's opportunity to attend Jesuit High School. Garmai Gorlorwulu '11 displayed incredible poise and maturity as she recounted her journey from Liberia to Jesuit and showed immense appreciation to her parents and for the financial assistance from our donors. There was not a dry eye in the house after her touching and emotional speech.

Our emcee, Joe Donlon, news anchor at KGW Channel 8, related his own Jesuit educational experiences and set the tone for our dedicated event chair, Laurie Kelley, to challenge the audience to keep our school enriched with qualified students who otherwise would not be able to attend Jesuit High School.

If you participated in this most worthwhile annual event, we thank you and our students thank you. Your gift will make a difference in their lives. If you missed this year's event, please consider attending next year. You won't be disappointed!

Thank You to the Financial Aid Luncheon Committee

Chairs - Mike & Laurie Kelley
Bryan Bayless '95
Tabitha Becker
Julie Brands
Kay Brantley
Barbara Gram
Tricia Heffernan
Tracy Bagli Hooper
Kathy Kilroy
Katie Maag
Linda Maletis
Miki McGrain
Mary Monnat
Teresa Schneider



Werner Nistler, master of ceremonies Joe Donlon, student speaker Garmai Gorlorwulu '10, Colleen Nistler, and keynote speaker Stan Brock '76.



Fr. Pat Conroy, S.J. and Tricia Heffernan

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Visit www.jesuitportland.org
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to make your online donation.

Auction '10: An Evening in Paris

This year's auction theme is "An Evening in Paris." The monies raised will help JHS with operational costs in order to keep tuition affordable for all students. Please join us on Saturday, May 1, 2010, at our Live Auction Gala at Jesuit High School. For more information, including sponsorship and patron opportunities, visit our Auction site at www.jesuitportland.org (click "Events," then "Auction"). You can make a difference at JHS!



Auction graphic designed by AJ Locati '10.

Three Amazing Events, One Common Goal

ONLINE AUCTION: MARCH 2-8, 2010

LIVE AUCTION: SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2010, JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL'S KNIGHT CENTER

Online Auction

This is the second year we've held our Online Auction. The December Online proved to be another success with an increase of bidders, donors and items. This is a great way not only for our Jesuit parents to participate, but alumni, grandparents, and friends as well. If you have ideas or items that you would like to see in our next Online Auction, please contact the Auction Office. **Make sure to log on to our next Online Auction, March 2-8, 2010. Visit www.jesuitportland.org (click "Events," then "Auction").**

An Evening in Paris

The 42nd Annual Auction theme is "An Evening In Paris." **We are looking forward to celebrating our Joie de Vivre (joy of living) on Saturday, May 2, 2010.** Presented as an auction-in-the-round, this fabulous evening is our signature fundraising event of the year. Guests will bid on a number of selective items in the Knight Foyer and outdoor tent before being treated to the main event: a sit-down dinner in a transformed Knight Gymnasium.

Exciting bidding opportunities follow dinner on a number of highly enhanced Live Auction packages. Would you like to golf in Ireland, fish in Costa Rica, ski in Colorado, or soak up the rays in Hawaii? How about bidding on an authentic, delectable Indian dinner prepared by Jesuit parents from India? These are just a few of the packages that will be featured at the Live Auction Gala—all valued from the affordable to the outlandish. This is a night you can't afford to miss!

Fund-An-Item: Financial Aid

The Fund-An-Item at this year's Live Auction will be The Student Financial Aid Fund: Giving the Gift of Education. In our present economy, we again find an increase in financial aid requests. Our Fund-An-Item will support students who need our assistance right now. Your gift will ensure that any qualified student has the opportunity to attend Jesuit regardless of his or her financial situation.

Success = All of Us

Please consider asking your friends or fellow alumni to share a table at this year's Auction. You'll be treated to great entertainment, superb food and wine, and much more. Show your support and reserve your table now. Simply go online to www.jesuitportland.org and click on "Auction" under "Events" for more information and to purchase your Auction tickets online.

The time and talent of our volunteers is the heart and soul of the Auction and inherent to our success. Every gift of time and every donation is recognized and appreciated. Please e-mail the Auction Office today at auction@jesuitportland.org or call (503) 292-6969 to find out how much you are needed!

Contact us:

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Annie Buell and Sue Krieger,
Auction Co-Chairs
Jennifer Croll,
Auction Coordinator



National Alumni Board

Meet the Two Newest Members

INTERVIEWS OF ELIZABETH MEEHAN '00 AND CHARLES SAFLEY '04 BY KATHY BAARTS, ALUMNI DIRECTOR



Elizabeth Meehan '00

Q: What is your occupation?

A: I switched gears from lawyering to events. I now have a wedding and event planning business called Elizabeth Ann Events.

Q: Why do you want to be on NAB?

A: After attending an alumni gathering in Los Angeles, I was impressed with the things

Jesus was doing and jumped at the chance to be involved. I see Jesuit expanding tremendously into the arts and sciences, and I want to be a part of that growth.

Q: How are you living the Jesuit mission?

A: After Jesuit, I attended two other Jesuit schools (Fordham and Gonzaga). Jesuit laid the foundation of being a "Man or Woman for Others," which was often repeated during college and graduate school. Those words stayed with me, influencing my decision to travel to the Dominican Republic with Amigos de las Americas and to work with Nashville Cares, a Tennessee-based organization helping those affected by HIV/AIDS.

Q: How have you been involved with JHS?

A: Launching the first women's alumnae event was a big step this past year. It was a good showing for our first event, and I hope it will grow over the years. We have a vast contingency of women alumni, and I want them to be personally involved in the great things going on at Jesuit High School. I also attended the All Alumni Weekend, and my husband and I are attending the Alumni Retreat this year with Fr. Paul Grubb. I am also volunteering at the Alumni Career Day at JHS.

Q: What is your favorite JHS memory?

A: I was the nerd who would visit Mr. Hazel's homeroom early each morning with my writing assignments. He would only read up to three grammatical errors, and then hand the paper back to me. Difficult as it was, it instilled writing tools in me that I use every day.

Q: What are you passionate about?

A: My first passion is my husband, Paul, who is my

biggest cheerleader and confidant. I am passionate about working with brides and grooms in my business. I am also a strong supporter of women's health issues. I love hiking in Forest Park and a strong cup of coffee each morning.



Charles Safley '04

Q: What is your occupation?

A: I am a commercial real estate broker at CB Richard Ellis in Portland.

Q: Why do you want to be on NAB?

A: After I graduated from Jesuit and was well into my "collegiate career," I began to realize how great of a place Jesuit is.

My awareness of how much Jesuit can contribute to one's spiritual, emotional, and financial success came full circle and I wanted to find some way to get involved again. I feel that I have much to offer the Jesuit community and simply want to give back to the place that gave so much to me.

Q: How are you living the Jesuit mission?

A: I am living the Jesuit mission through my attempt to be a man for others. For years I was a man for myself, then a series of events struck that caused me to re-evaluate the mentality I was living with. I quickly decided to make a conscious change toward helping others, no matter what the situation may be, good or bad. I still consider this change in my lifestyle a work in progress and I thought Jesuit would provide a great channel for me to help through.

Q: What is your favorite JHS memory?

A: All of the memories that playing football gave me were amazing. Ironically enough, all of the times I got in trouble at JHS serve as the best memories. It may not have been much fun at the time, but I learned a lot about myself. After everything was finished, my relationships with all parties involved were strengthened tremendously.

Q: What are you passionate about?

A: My passions include working, helping others, working out, spending time with the people I care about, and now cooking (my mother no longer does this for me, so I figured I better get good at it!).

The Places We Call Home

Finding My Heart Halfway Around the World

BY MEGAN MCANINCH '07





Uganda

- Population: 26,907,000
- Capital: Kampala; 1,246,000
- Area: 241,139 square kilometers (93,104 square miles)
- Language: English, Ganda or Luganda, many local languages
- Religion: Roman Catholic, Protestant, indigenous beliefs, Muslim
- Currency: Ugandan shilling
- Life Expectancy: 44
- Literacy Percent: 70

The Beginning...

Where did this all start? While writing my junior paper in high school, I read a Tennessee Williams piece that included his theory that, “The monosyllable of the clock is loss, loss, loss, unless you devote your heart to its opposition.” I have been strongly opposed to the ticking of the clock since then and try to make as much of a difference in as little time as possible.

My work with Medical Teams International (MTI) began as part of my Christian Service commitment in high school when I took three trips to New Orleans to help clean up damage from Hurricane Katrina. I later discussed the possibility of working with MTI on their Knowledge, Attitude and Practice/Knowledge, Practice and Coverage (KAP/KPC) surveys in northern Uganda and assisting with the establishment of a new youth center in Ogur sub-county, where Joseph Kony and the Lord’s Resistance Army have been attacking the civilian population for the past 22 years.

While in Uganda I fell in love with the people and couldn’t forget the children’s smiles; I found my heart in their soil and my dreams in their rain. Last December I went on trip number six, again focusing more on the work in the south of Uganda.

To answer the all-too-often asked question: what do I want to do with this? I’m currently at the University of Southern California majoring in Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Studies through the Keck School of Medicine and International Relations. Next year I will apply to graduate schools to pursue a Masters in Public Health, and from there into the international health community to

help coordinate program placement in the areas that most need it. It’s my little way of fighting that “loss” so eternally ingrained in the clock. I hope that we all find something that makes us wish time could stand still so we could be in one place forever. Stay beautiful.

The following are excerpts from regular updates I sent home on two of my trips working in Uganda.

First Uganda Trip: Summer 2007

I went out to Barlonyo last week, one of the Internally Displaced Person (IDP) camps. This camp suffered a massacre some time ago at the hands of the Lord’s Resistance Army (LRA). I sat in with one of the clinical officers who usually works with children in the mobile medical unit.

The line of people extends far past the site before we even get there, and the tents are set up within eight minutes. Three people check each person in, create a form, and give them a number to track how many are seen. One of the clinical officers introduces the patients to the program and goes over the ground rules. Each camp has a different dialect of the local language, so all of the workers must speak all nine versions.

There were way too many small children needing IV drips that day. One three-year-old child we saw was suffering from malaria and severe malnutrition. We put her in the team ambulance to take her to the hospital in Lira where she would receive immediate and extended treatment. She died on the way, about five minutes in to the half hour drive. We saw three trauma wounds which absolutely broke my heart. We also met a 19-year-old man named Dennis who spoke great English and told us about the attack after



Megan poses with the Pader field team before leaving for the camps, December 2008.

having survived it himself.

I've also been working with mapping systems to chart the progress of the program and health standards here in Uganda. One program I've spent much time with is Epi Info. It's a great system and has been fun to play around with. I gridded out three maps—one of Uganda, one of Lira, and one of Ogur (a subcounty in which we're building the youth center)—and then transferred them onto the computer square by square.

The power here is nothing less than unpredictable. Some nights it stays on, some nights it shuts off at six, sometimes we lose power at ten in the morning and don't get it back until nine at night. It's really sporadic, but we manage to work around it. Thank goodness for laptops instead of desktops. As it is rainy season, the power company (I have yet to figure out if there's an actual power company or if it's the local government) will turn off power when the lightning starts or when it's raining too much. They figure that way people won't get electrocuted.

The next camp I went to with mobile medical was Alito. It's one of the busiest camps and did not disappoint. By the way, the idea of roads in northern Uganda is nothing short of hysterical. There are a few paved roads. From Kampala there is one that branches into two. The rest are essentially dirt paths. Cars manage to make a road out of being halfway on the dirt path and halfway on the shrubs and fields to the side. We drove to Alito following a huge rainstorm and there were potholes that turned into ponds. Our Land Rover was halfway submerged at a few points. It was a wild ride.

I went with one of the drivers to a community health center to pick up some vaccinations for children while the mobile medical started seeing patients. The clinic was right next to a primary school, and I caused quite the commotion. The children were on break and all ran across from the school yelling "muona, muona, muona!" which means white woman. I got some video and showed them being recorded, which they found hilarious. They also started singing for me. I met the teachers and taught the children how to play

with a Frisbee. I left the Frisbee with them and then decided I should probably meet the headmaster and apologize for causing such a ruckus. He said that there was no reason to apologize, thanked me for spending time with his children, and insisted that I join him for tea. All of the classes from Primary 1 (grade school level) on are taught in English. The children are really nervous to use it because they haven't really been able to practice and don't necessarily trust their own skills. As we were driving away they were all singing to us again. It was absolutely beautiful.

I'm making a habit of writing in my journal every night—usually in the dark and by flashlight. I wear my necklace everywhere and the bracelet that I've worn for the past two and a half years and that reminds me to love. My pilgrimage cross is either around my neck or in my pocket. I'm only using my video camera on occasion. It's hard to balance these experiences with capturing them. I've decided being a person is more important than being a camera, so we'll see what happens. I am sarcastically known around the office as a princess after teaching all of them how to wave properly and for "holding court" by filling the tea room talking with people on the mornings I am in the office for tea. One of the staff members and his wife just brought home a new baby girl who they named Megan. I have no idea what to do with that; I cried when I was told I now have a namesake in Lira. It's crazy.



Megan proudly holds her tiny Ugandan namesake, Megan, in July 2007. The baby's father, Moses, is in the background.

I've come to "adopt" a three-year-old, the son of Dick Denis who works here in the office. His name is Francis and he's teaching me how to dance. He's an absolute doll. While I've only casually adopted him, there are so many children here I actually want to adopt and bring home with me. I mean, how can these kids grow? Their choice of role models is between their brother who was fighting and probably killed, or the men who made them kill their own parents, or their 13-year-old sister who is raising them by selling herself to earn money for food. It absolutely tears me to pieces. How can you develop with those as your

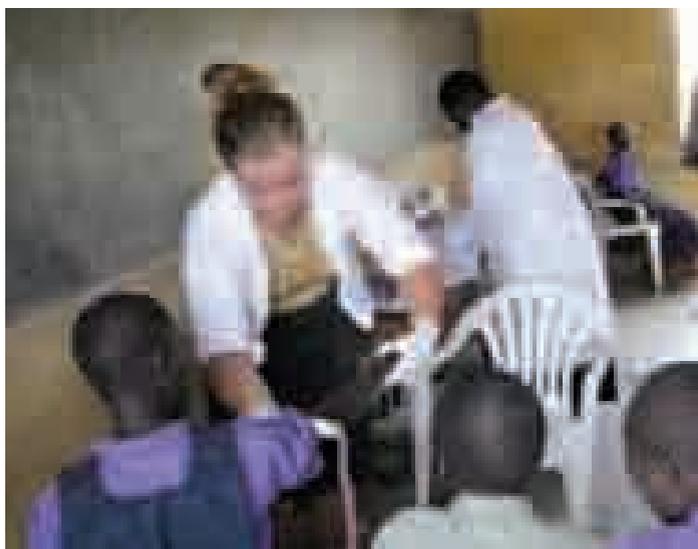
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I've cried so much this trip, and these kids are the primary reason. Every person here has been affected by the war—directly, not indirectly. And people still smile, and they still laugh, and they still go on living. I know the war is over and the situation is relatively settled and pretty stable, but I mean...wow. We saw a kid on our way to a camp further north this week walking to school with a gun. We've seen boys balancing machetes on their heads and girls with slingshots around their necks. It's exhausting to me and I cannot even begin to relate to everything these children have endured.

I have to tell you though...this is home. I love it here. I'm not ready to go back (fortunately I have a few weeks). I want everyone to come over here and have this experience with me. This is where I belong. This is where I need to be right here, right now. I'm giving away so much love and all of my heart but I don't feel like I'm losing any of it. I'm living for each moment. These people have smiles that could swallow the world. I am so blessed to be in their presence and carry each of you in my heart while I do this. Life is perfect.

Third Uganda Trip: Summer 2008

Last week I did outreach with the staff at the Ogur Youth Center. We went to a local primary school about 20 minutes away from the center to do voluntary counseling and testing (VCT) for HIV/AIDS. The session started off with the counselors talking to all the classes from Primary 3 to Primary 7. They discussed the stigma against HIV/AIDS as well as behavior change communication. They answered any questions the students had and explained to them the best ways to respond if tests came back positive or negative. I watched the nurses do three tests, thinking I was going to observe. Then they asked if I wanted to help them. At first I thought she was joking, but off I went taking blood samples. We saw over 225 people (at least 200 of which were students!) and there were three of us taking blood...so we all took about 75. I was really excited about the turnout.



Megan takes blood samples at a primary school during a youth center outreach, July 2008.

The youth center is doing so many wonderful things; it makes me really happy.

I sat in with one of the counselors to give students their results. All of the students have a confidential number card, which they will carry with them for any future tests or youth center visits. We saw students one by one and asked them about what they learned from the morning session, before the tests. Next we asked them what they would do if their results were positive and what they would do if they were negative. Then we asked them if they would pursue routine VCT or other programs at the youth center. Almost all of the students knew of the youth center and had been there before for either testing or other activities. When we got back to the center around 4:45, the place was bustling. There were a lot of kids out on the fields playing soccer (there were somehow three games going on at once) and a bunch more just hanging out at the site. The peer educators are wonderful and such an asset to the program. This coming week I'll be working with the peer educators and training them for a day or two.

I could rave about the youth center forever. It's really exciting to see it flourishing, especially after having its organization be a huge part of last summer. I have made my addition to the inside notice board. It's a super colorful "I Love Uganda" sign. It's been a big hit so far.



Students come to the Ogur Youth Centre for many reasons, including arts projects with the "muona" (Megan), June 2009.

Later, it was off to Pader, where 100% of the population is in camps. There is still no running water, or even a protected source of water, electricity is only through generators, and the town is perpetually patrolled by the Uganda People's Defence Force (UPDF.) I have definitely never been saluted so many times in my life. No one has developed a stable supply of electricity because they figure it's futile until the rebel situation has calmed down and a peace agreement has been signed. There are some NGOs working on water and sanitation, but no one seems to be fully engaged on problem-solving (made especially clear after this Hepatitis E outbreak).

Pader mobile medical opened up operations in some

new camps this week. One is about an hour away from the Pader field office, on the far East side of Kilak sub-district. There were plenty of darling children and turnout was quite exceptional for the first day at the camp—the Village Health Teams have obviously been hard at work. I worked primarily in the pharmacy, which gave me plenty of time to make faces at and friends with the kids. They're so wonderful.

Friday we went out about 35 km into the bush where MTI-Pader is building a health center. It looks great, and will be turned over to the government in the next two weeks. The nearest health center is more than 20 km away from the village in which they built this one. The village is deep in former rebel territory, and on the drive out there you can clearly tell. The roads are hardly cut and they are lined by grass that's about 7 feet high. You wouldn't be able to find anyone back there if you tried, definitely a good hiding spot for the LRA.



Megan and a group of children at Barlonyo, a camp that suffered a massacre at the hands of the LRA in 2004.

Then it was back to Lira...home, sweet home. I'm such a nerd, but I was definitely homesick for Lira while I was in Pader. Now we're back to the normalcy of my Lira routine; I'm really in Uganda. However, in Lira district there have been about four times as many cases of malaria reported as usual for this time, and I think seven reported cases of Hepatitis E in the last two days.

I cannot believe my trip is down to this. One week out in Ogur, a week and a half in Lira...and then I'm finished. I don't know how time goes so quickly over here. I keep wishing it would slow down, because the slow time works both ways. I'm so busy over here working away and before I know it it's time to go home. I've found I don't really have time to be homesick, which is definitely a relief.

Maybe it's in a way only Jesuit can teach, or in a way only Ugandans can be, or maybe it's just there, but it is so easy to see God in each person's face, especially the children who have been through so much and still find the strength to smile. When I was asked to speak at Church on

a recent Sunday, I quoted the one Bible passage that has been running through my head the entire time I've been here. I came across it on my junior Encounter. It's from 1 Peter 4:8 (I think) and it goes something along the lines of, "Above all, let your love for one another be intense, for love covers a multitude of sins." How beautiful is that—let your love be intense. You can't help but be overcome with the love surrounding you when you're in a place like this, and being reminded of the love to which I'm sure to return. Stay beautiful.

Over the past few years, Megan has served on 11 different trips with MTI: three to New Orleans, one to Moldova, one to Oaxaca, and six to Uganda. Megan spent July 2009 working in a small hospital in southern Chad with Adventist Health International, where she worked in public health, on TB and oral polio campaigns, and performed medical translations at the hospital. She returned to Uganda during Christmas break 2009 with her parents to work with MTI in the Nakivale refugee settlement in the southwestern part of the country.

Megan has received the President's Volunteer Service Award for the past three years, is a member of Women in International Security, and hopes to be on a volunteer team to Haiti in the next few months. She is currently applying for a five-week internship program in Geneva with the UN and is working with two professors to design an independent class called Conflict and Health.



Megan and Felix, a security guard at the Lira office, July 2008.



Megan gets down by dancing with local children at the Ogur Youth Center following a drama program, June 2009.

Alumnae Return as Adult Leaders on December 2009 Encounter



Christy Musser '02, Clare Robeck '07, Leslie Rombach '04 and Kayla Crandall '04 joined the 2009 December Coed Encounter as adult leaders. They were treated with great respect because of their age and wisdom and had a profound effect in their small groups. Photo and caption from Don Clarke.

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In Memoriam

The Jesuit High School community joins in prayerful remembrance of those who have died. May the family and friends of those who are no longer with us in body be held in our prayers and hearts, and may the departed rest in eternal peace with God.

Jesuit High School Alumni

Brian Gildner	'65	3/26/09
Mark Olson	'72	5/29/09
Dana J. Pohl	'72	9/30/09
Ray Plekan	'78	9/10/09
Garrett J. McLaughlin	'79	9/3/09
John L.B. Brooke	'84	12/21/09
Charles F. Roberg	'95	10/6/09
Conner P. Luby	'07	9/12/09

Conner Luby • 1988-2009

BY BRE CRUICKSHANK '10



This is the deceased list as we know it from July 1, 2009 through January 1, 2010. Relationships listed are Jesuit ties only within the deceased's immediate family. We apologize for any omission and ask that you please notify Kathy Baarts at (503) 291-5414 or kbaarts@jesuitportland.org.

Friends, Family, Faculty & Staff of JHS

Betty Cuddy Grandmother of Will '10	11/14/09
Howard Dietrich Father of James '69	10/24/09
Geraldine L. Fohl Mother of Mike '69; Grandmother of Daniel '08 and Mallory '10	8/1/09
Jane Kelty Ford Wife of Mike Ford '63	12/26/09
Doris Ganz Mother of Fr. Rick Ganz S.J. (former JHS faculty member)	11/15/09
Stephen Holland Father of Natalie '06 and Jimmy '10	11/24/09
Maybelle Clark Macdonald Generous supporter of Jesuit High School; Grandmother of Warner Munro '81	12/10/09
Brian Maguire Father of Chris '92	10/09
Cleo N. Maletis Mother of Rob Maletis, JHS Board Member and current parent; Grandmother of Laura '00, Catherine '03, John '05, Andrew '06, Robert '06, Peter '09 and Emily '11	11/9/09
John Manning Father of Tom '71 and John '66; Grandfather of Tom '01, Maggie '02, Patrick '05 and Brian Manning '08; and Mike '01, Alecia '04 and Jane Hass '05	8/10/09
Elnora E. McGinnis Grandmother of Ryan '10, Steven '10, Michael '01, Jason '96 and Robert '97 McGrain	11/09

On Sept. 12, Conner Luby '07 died in a car accident near exit 290 on north-bound I-5. The Luby family, including Conner's sister, Moira '10, has been devastated with the death of a beloved son and brother. Conner, just 20 years old, was in the midst of pursuing his dreams of traveling, joining the military and doing service work abroad.

Despite this tragedy, Conner's friends and family have banded together to support each other and offer each other the gift of lasting memories and stories of a boy who lived "recklessly, wonderfully, and beautifully in the present" in the words of Fr. Joseph Carver, S.J., a former Jesuit High School teacher.

As news of Conner's death spread, students flooded onto Facebook to offer their support by leaving comments of condolence on Moira's profile page. The touching words and millions of "I love you's" paint a picture of Conner's impact on the world.

Conner's memorial was held late Sunday night on Sept. 13 in Hayes

Plaza. Family and friends alike shared heart-wrenching stories of Conner's lively personality and unique outlook on life. Mr. Sprehe, who taught Conner when he was a sophomore and senior, remembers him as someone who was "fiercely loyal to his friends and concerned with their long-term well-being."

Despite the support of all who knew and loved Conner, the Luby family is still struggling. "I can't even begin to imagine what it's like to lose a child," said Chris Smart, vice principal of student life and a friend of the Luby family. Surely it will be difficult to cope in the weeks to come, but they won't be without Jesuit's care and condolences. "The Luby family will have the continued support they deserve," said Stephanie Rothstein '10. The community here at Jesuit has the great responsibility of caring for the Luby family in their time of need and helping them remember the joy that Conner brought wherever he went.

Conner's funeral was held in the Moyer Theater on Sept. 15. "I love that Conner was here," Fr. Pat Conroy, S.J. reflected during the sermon, a comment held in common with all of whom gathered at the ceremony that night. Fr. Conroy preached the lesson gained in Conner's passing, saying, "Be not foolish with your youth, be not wasteful of your life—use it to the fullest for many, many years."

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Joan Metz 12/26/09
Mother of Thomas '69, Michael '72,
Robert '74 (D), John '76, Steve '77,
and Peter '82

Robert F. Skidmore 8/18/09
Father of David '78 and John '85

Joann Wood 1/1/2010
Mother of Jeff Wood, JHS staff member;
Grandmother of Katie '11 and Nikki '13

In Memoriam

Maybelle Clark Macdonald 1916-2009

BY DIANE SALZMAN, JHS DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR



“To relieve the misfortune and promote the well-being of mankind”

This was the mission of our friend and benefactor, Maybelle Clark Macdonald. Jesuit High School and the entire Portland community lost a deeply caring and compassionate woman of great Catholic faith on December 10, 2009. For the past 30 years, Maybelle gave generously to Jesuit High School.

Maybelle Clark Macdonald's ties to Jesuit High School run deep. Her grandson, Warner Munro '81, is a board member of the Maybelle Clark Macdonald Fund from which Jesuit has received many gifts. Maybelle's nephew, R.M. "Mike" Clark, graduated in 1968 and has joined his family in their generous support of Jesuit High School. Brett Beber, Maybelle's great-nephew, graduated from Jesuit in 1993.

Maybelle and her brother, Maurie Clark, became major supporters of Jesuit's Campaign for Co-Education in the mid '80s. During that time, Jesuit was in dire need of funds to keep our doors open. The Clark Family Library stands today on our campus in honor of Maybelle, her husband, Fred Macdonald, Maurie Clark, his wife, Mary Clark, and the entire family's passion for Jesuit education. We are grateful to them for making that education accessible to all qualified students regardless of their financial situation.

Maybelle's focus on helping those less fortunate was exemplified, once again, by her fund's support of our St. Andrew's Nativity Student program. Since 2004, we have accepted students from St. Andrew's Nativity School in North Portland. These students come from families that cannot afford to pay for Jesuit's tuition, books or fees. Upon learning of our need to help these young people, Maybelle through her fund, gave generously to fully cover school expenses for a number of Nativity students.

Additionally, because Maybelle knew that many other Jesuit families needed help to pay a portion of tuition, she and her board awarded us a five-year tuition assistance grant. One Jesuit senior who receives tuition assistance from the Maybelle Clark Macdonald fund recently wrote, "The financial aid I have received is a true gift and I will never, ever forget the opportunity I have been given. You have inspired me to some day give back and help others succeed. You are my angel."

Jesuit High School's Annual Alumni Food Drive has also benefited from the Maybelle Clark Macdonald Fund. Every December for the past several years, the Fund has given generously to help purchase food for 1,200 families in desperate need. This contribution makes it possible for our alumni to accomplish their goal of feeding the needy on Christmas Day.

Maybelle was raised in a philanthropic family and learned early to help the poor and the disenfranchised. Her grandfather moved to Oregon and with her father, Wilson Clark, started the Clark and Wilson Lumber Co. The company later became part of Willamette Industries. She attended Ainsworth Elementary, Catlin Gabel High School, Mills College and the Cordon Bleu Culinary School in Paris. Her love of the arts is legendary.

Continuing her family's tradition of giving, Maybelle and her husband, Fred, founded the current day Meals-on-Wheels program, the Albertina Kerr guild and the Maybelle Clark Macdonald Center and Residence, serving the poorest in Portland by providing assisted living and medical care. The Maybelle Clark Macdonald Radiation and Oncology Center, part of Providence Cancer Center, was named in honor of her gifts.

In 1970, Maybelle and Fred created the Maybelle Clark Macdonald Fund which is now one of the largest foundations in Oregon with assets of more than \$109 million. Numerous schools, organizations serving abused women and children, alcohol and drug rehabilitation facilities, medical institutions, agencies dedicated to feeding and housing the homeless, youth mentoring groups, parks, and cultural arts are all recipients of the Maybelle Clark Macdonald Fund's generosity.

"Jesuit has been abundantly blessed by the kindness of Maybelle Clark and her board," said President John Gladstone. "One just has to look at our students and our school to see the impact she has made on this community. Maybelle has changed lives in her quiet, unassuming way. To live one's mission through acts of genuine kindness may well be one of her greatest legacies."

The Jesuit High School community and the lives of thousands are better because of Maybelle's love, compassion, and commitment. Thank you, Maybelle, for relieving the misfortune of many and promoting the well-being of those less fortunate. Your grace and wisdom will be dearly missed. May the angels greet you on the shores of paradise.

THE CHINA DIARIES

A Teacher's Perspective on a Trip to China

BY MARK FLAMOE, JHS ENGLISH/INTERNATIONAL STUDIES TEACHER



Mao and me at Tiananmen Square.



Some of my more energetic pupils.

Last summer I had the incredible opportunity to spend five weeks in Xiamen, China, teaching English to students attending the creatively named Public School #6. This opportunity was part of the evolving and growing relationship between JSEA (Jesuit Secondary Education Association) and a number of public schools in China—a relationship that involves student and teacher exchanges in hopes of expanding the global vision of students and making them more aware of the breadth of the human experience.

What follows are excerpts from a journal/blog I kept during my travels (the entire blog, in all of its heat and Mandarin-induced incoherency, can be found at www.blogabond.com/mflamoe). Though these excerpts certainly don't capture the entirety of my experience, they are a little window into Chinese culture—a culture that I found to be so different from and yet so remarkably similar to our own.

July 1, 2009

Hello from China. This is my first post despite my presence in China for almost a week as I had very limited access to the Internet. I arrived with two other Americans, and we were promptly deposited at a local hotel. We quickly determined we were being quarantined to ensure none of us had the dreaded H1N1 flu. Luckily, as appears to be the

case with many bureaucratic issues, quarantine didn't really mean quarantine. My hosts at Xiamen School #6 proceeded over the next few days to take me on tour after tour of the beautiful city of Xiamen...so if I had H1N1, I am sure that I passed it to everyone in Xiamen.

I started teaching "senior one" students (9th graders) at Xiamen on Monday. Luckily, they have gotten over their tendency to clap spontaneously and ask for my autograph whenever I am around them. Such unwarranted hero worship is quite unnerving. It seems their reaction comes from the rarity of their exposure to Americans. They have had some native English speakers in the past, but I am the first white American many of them have had as a teacher.

July 3

I must admit I am suffering from both "foreign language fatigue" and "hospitality overload" (both terms I have coined). Mandarin is distressingly difficult to pronounce. I think I have finally mastered my tongue position when saying "yes." Being here is the definition of being in a minority. I have gone five days without speaking to a native English speaker. It is a very strange experience to be surrounded by people but to still be isolated. This dynamic may sound strange except to those people of you who have had such an experience of solitary travel.



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July 5

Yesterday I found myself at 11:00 p.m. in the third story of a labyrinthine 150-year-old home on the island of Gulongyu (“Island of the Drumming Waves” as translated to me) washing down boiled pig stomach and “shark nuggets” (my own loose translation) with some very strong homemade rice wine.

I was given a tour of the island by three students attending Xiamen University. One of the things that strikes me so far in my contact with young people here is their earnestness and lack of guile. My language skills may limit my awareness of it, but almost all young people I have met are genuine and straightforward. There is a palpable lack of cynical/ironic humor which seems to plague our culture, and me, all too much. I’m sure they have their own issues, but the drenching irony of our culture seems lacking.

As far as my ongoing desiccation of the Chinese language, I am truly convinced now that I am genetically ill-equipped to produce some of the sounds in Mandarin. Today, I spent ten minutes attempting to repeat the Chinese word for tea. My hosts insist that my tongue is not quite appropriately placed. I want to yell out, “Just let me say ‘chah;’ it’s close enough!”, but in a language with so many words that sound similar, I am probably saying the word for “hairspray” or something. I assume that when I return, I will be able to at least impress my wife with my language skills, if no one else.

July 6

My afternoon was spent discussing with the English teachers at school the differences in cultural values between the United States and China. As a curious student of such cultural issues, I found the conversation intriguing. I outlined the familiar United States values of “freedom, self-reliance, hard-work, etc...,” and then sat and listened to my Chinese peers outline and explain what they saw as the dominant Chinese values of duty, modesty, respect, education, and harmony. The thing that struck me most as an educator was listening to them describe how a child’s education is for many the “nucleus of the family” (their quote), and that a child’s academic success is not a mere reflection of the student but rather the entire family. As a teacher, I also love the value of education, but I can’t quite imagine the amount of stress that some of these students are under to succeed academically. The cultural primacy of education certainly must be a double-edged sword.

July 8

Last night I was wined (considerably) and dined (deliciously) at one of the swankiest dining establishments in Xiamen by the principal of Xiamen Public Schools #6. It was my first experience with the extravagant intersection of Chinese hospitality and protocol. The event was attended by the previously mentioned principal, one of the vice-principals, several English teachers, and my host family. After being ushered into a private room upstairs in the restaurant, I was seated next to the principal, while my host father occupied the principal’s other side. I was served personally by the principal (he put the food on my plate, poured me wine...again and again, and pampered my every need). Given my language skills, I missed most of the conversation, but it centered on what appeared to be an endless series of toasts and counter-toasts.

Tomorrow I will teach my last class to the English teachers at Public School #6. I spent today attempting to explain our troubled system of public education and the various attempts at reform. The Chinese are moving in the opposite direction as America. Their students are inundated with standardized tests; therefore, their entire curriculum is driven by getting their students to pass these tests. For example, spoken English plays only a small role in their English classes since there is no oral component to the government-mandated tests. Several teachers have told me they wish there were more room in the curriculum to teach creative and critical thinking skills. They say that the government is now pushing for creativity and innovation to play a more significant role in the general curriculum. However, since there is still so much pressure for the



Xiamen Public School #6.

students to score well on the tests and no test for creativity and innovation, such instruction does not happen.

July 12

I had yet another wonderful weekend filled with fantastic Chinese hospitality. On Saturday, I accompanied a teacher at Xiamen Public School #6 to the Haicang District of Xiamen. The Haicang District is located on the mainland directly west of the island and is much different from the island part of the city. There are many manufacturing plants that have moved to the region and the population of the district has exploded following these jobs.

We also spent some time touring local temples. I am still trying to wrap my brain around China's traditional religion, but the temple was a mixture (though only probably a mixture in my own brain) of ancient Chinese religions and stories venerating ancestors of local families, common religious figures, and Buddhism. Many of you may have a better understanding on this syncretism, but it was quite confusing to me.

On a gastronomical note, my adventurous diet is continuing. I had something that was translated for me as sandworms. These look exactly as you probably imagine (but maybe a little stringier) and were served in a small tub of jelly...lip smackin'! This evening I was served tiny sea snails that we pulled out of their shells with toothpicks. Sometimes I wonder what I am doing putting such things in my body, but my compatriots approach such dishes like they are French fries, so I figure there must be nothing wrong with a little sandworm and snails.



My well-dressed senior one (9th grade) students at Xiamen Public School #6.

July 16

I am now almost done with my first week of teaching the children of the teachers at Xiamen Public School #6. I am teaching two classes: one of young kids (ages nine-approximately 13) and the other high school age kids. The young kids are just so excitable. While high school age kids (here and in the U.S.) tend to be more docile and laid back, the younger kids laugh, fidget, jump, scream and just plain get excited about the goofiest things. These kids have very

limited English skills. I spent the day today pointing to my nose, elbow, hair, etc. as they screamed out the words in English. I don't think they understand half of what I say in class. In fact, I think there are a few young ones who literally have no idea what is going on...but they still seem to have a good time. So I call that a success.

July 22

Just another day here in China, thousands of miles from my home surrounded by strange sights, sounds, and smells. I am finishing up my fourth week here (four weeks = long time) and I do feel like life has settled into some kind of normal rhythm. I mentioned a few posts back that I think that my culture shock has receded...quite true. I don't feel like I am dumbstruck with the exotic nature of everything any more.

The last few days have been quite "routine." I awake in my palatial condo (my host family is headed by a CEO of a concrete company). I take a very crowded and hot bus to school. I teach some spazzy youngsters about English for an hour and a half—which takes a lot of energy but is very fun (today we practiced English animal sounds). I then teach some teenagers for an additional 90 minutes—practicing vocabulary, pronunciation, and conversation. My afternoons are either filled with sightseeing around Xiamen (yesterday I toured the aquarium on Gulongyu) or hanging out in my neighborhood while preparing for class the next day. Pretty predictable stuff.

I still endure the occasional stares of folks who admire (?) my height, hair color, and remarkably pale/delicate skin, though usually I am able to forget my inherent otherness. There are still the occasional giggling teenage girls who want their picture taken with me. I'm not sure if I should be flattered or feel like some kind of hideous mutant; I think the latter is a safer bet.



A few folks out for a stroll at the Great Wall.

July 26

I am now in Beijing and have been here for only 48 hours; however, the list of amazing sites that I have seen is quite long. Yesterday, my 23 fellow random Chinese tourists and I woke up early and headed off to Tiananmen Square. We stood in line for 90 minutes for a ten second walk-by of a very embalmed and waxy looking Chairman Mao entombed in a vacuumed cubicle. That's right—Mao is not buried, but kept in a clear glass covering for all to see.

Today, my tourist amigos and I, cameras in hand, headed off in the early morning to The Great Wall. There are a few Great Wall locales that one can visit in the haunts of Beijing, but our group went to what is the most popular, the Great Wall at Badaling, located about 50 km northwest of Beijing proper. Despite our early start, we met a few folks there. I did not exactly have a solitary experience at the wall. In fact, there were times that I could barely move because of the teeming mass of humanity. I won't bore you with any historical facts, but the wall is just plain amazing and freakish. Looking at the stone snake-like line rise and fall over the beautiful mist shrouded green hills is stunning...truly a wonder.



A boy and I pose under a pagoda at the Nanputuo Temple in Xiamen.

July 28

I just arrived back in Xiamen from Beijing after a five day whirlwind tour of one of the most historically significant cities in the world. Several of my colleagues here in China told me that one truly needs two full weeks to see Beijing—quite true. I feel like I got just a taste of what it had to offer. In the last few days, my Chinese tour group and I visited The Temple of Heaven, the ruins of a palace at Yuanmingyuan (destroyed by the European Powers during the Opium Wars of the 1860s), and The Summer Palace.

I have only a few days left in China, and I must admit possessing a strong desire to be back home and see my family. There is something unsettling, but good for my character, in being at the mercy of others constantly—

especially with a significant language gap. Sitting around circular tables in Chinese restaurants surrounded by a dozen Chinese speaking a language which is still quite mysterious to me or just being immersed in a completely foreign group was quite...stretching. I had absolutely no control over any aspect of my life for five days in Beijing and usually only loosely understood what was going on or what was happening next. This is emotionally draining.

Such was the situation, to a lesser degree, during my time here in Xiamen. It does strange things to your psyche. While such an experience is disorienting, I think that it matures my approach to the world and to other people. It certainly makes me more aware that my approach to the world is idiosyncratic in the larger context. These are all things that I could probably articulate before my experience in China but now truly understand. I will fly out in two days with, as you can imagine, very mixed emotions. I hope to see and talk (at a normal pace and with unrestricted colloquialisms) with all of you soon.

Intriguing Facts About China

- China has the world's longest continuously used written language system.
- One out of every five persons on the planet lives in China.
- Mandarin is spoken by 800,000,000 people—more than double any other language in the world.
- China's economy has grown by an average of 10% per year for the last thirty years.
- China is now the world's largest emitter of greenhouse gases.
- The percentage of individuals living in poverty in China has gone from 64% in 1981 to 10% today.
- The government's one-child policy has led to a significant gender imbalance. Chinese census data estimates there are 119 boys for every 100 girls.

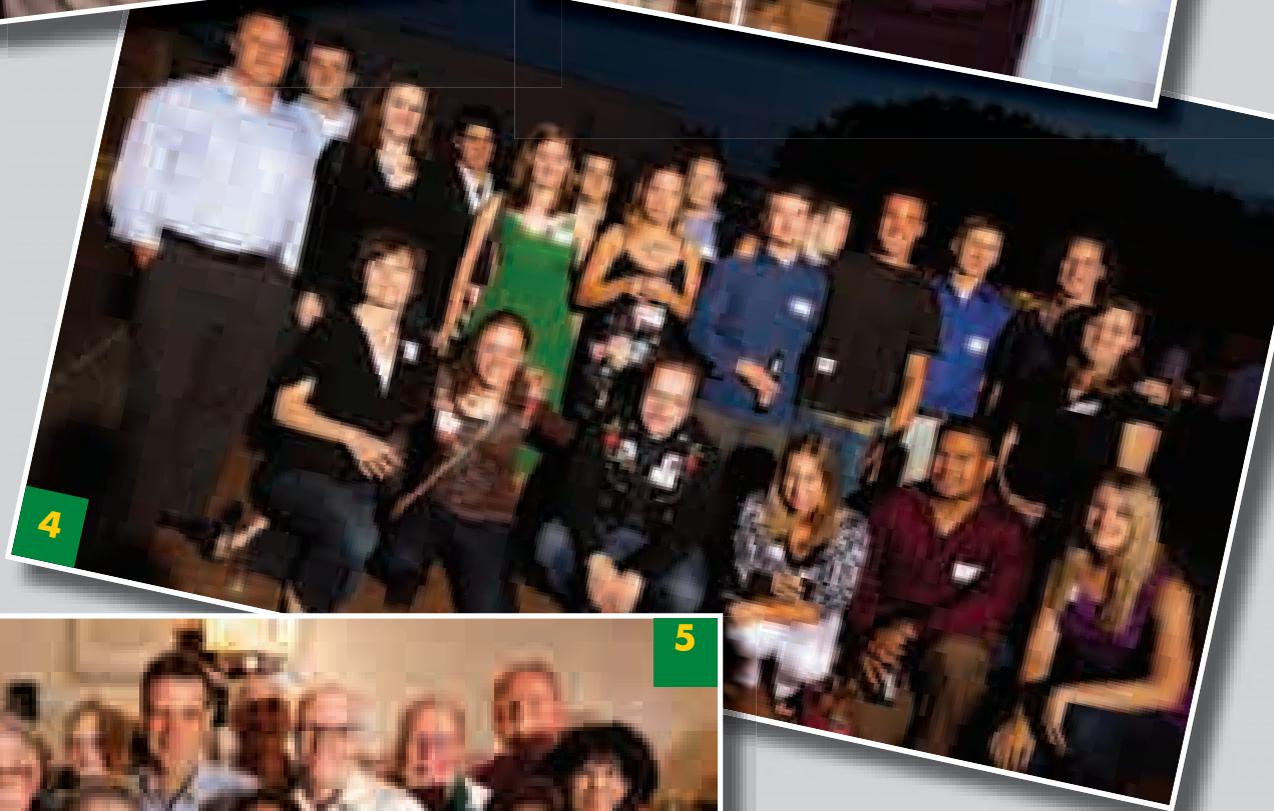


The Shishi Temple in the Haicang District.

JHS REUNION WEEKEND 2009

JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL'S SECOND ALL-ALUMNI REUNION WEEKEND WAS HELD ON SEPTEMBER 10-12. HERE ARE SOME OF THE PHOTOS FROM THE WEEKEND'S EVENTS.

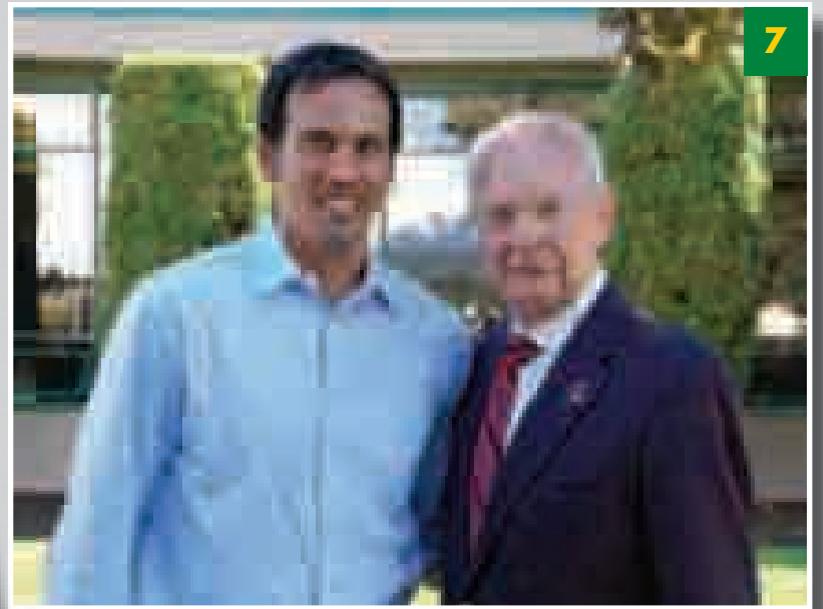




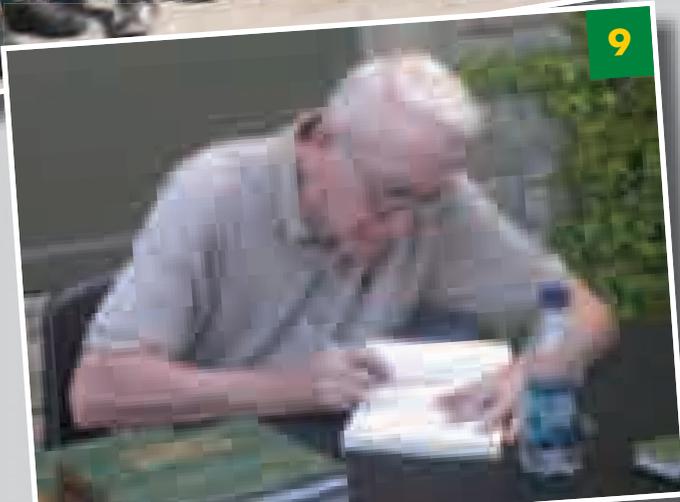
1. Chad Melvin, Nikki and Kyle Carter '02, and Megan Bioletto-Melvin '99 show their Crusader spirit at the tailgate party at Ernesto's. 2. Patries and Bart Ferguson '84 and Courtney Carter '00 enjoy the warm summer evening at the Toast of JHS. 3. Lindsay Hudnut Sandor '99 catches up with fellow classmates at the Toast of JHS. 4. Reunion Weekend 2009 highlighted the classes of 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, and 1999. The class of '99 gathers in Hayes Plaza for a group photo. 5. Classes from the 60s were small in attendance but not in spirit. They are represented by Michael Satterwhite '69, Gary Balo '64, John Clohessy '69, Marlene Clohessy, Steve Schommer '66, Titay Schommer, Fr. Jerry Cobb, S.J. '69, Fr. Ed McTighe, S.J., Francine Cach, Ed Gormley '66, and Candy Gormley.



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6. Matt Davison '91, Huston Ellis '91, Travis Smith '91, and Zach Jones '91 make their presence known at the Alumni Golf Classic. There was a full field playing on a beautiful day at the Reserve. 7. Bill Schonely added a special touch to the day as the emcee of the Hall of Fame Luncheon. He was thrilled to be here for the induction of Miami Head Coach Erik Spoelstra '88. 8. Larry Jackson '86, Steve Elorriaga '76, Brian Muesle '78, John Elorriaga, and Buzz Quinlain '74 strike a pose after a fun day on the golf course. 9. Fr. Larry Robinson S.J. was the center of attention at the golf tournament. Many alums waited in line to have their copy of Fr. Robinson's book, "Honoring the Tradition" signed. 10. The championship football teams of '67 and '68 were inducted into the Hall of Fame. Team captain Dan Christianson '69 spoke about what a smart team they had, and that the team captains had a combined GPA of 4.0. L-R: Asst. Coach Gordy Carrigan, Mike Casey '70, J. Roch Craford '70, Team Captain Joe McDonnell '69, and Bill Carter '69. 11. Jessica Link, wife of Kevin Link '89, enjoys a lively conversation at the Toast of JHS. 12. The 70s were represented by (from L-R) Rick O'Shea '74, Mike Pranger '74, Mike Hughes '79, Barry Smith '79, Brian Muesle '78, Dean Seabrook '79, Kevin Olson '79, and David Brands '73. 13. Tom Rask '86, JHS National Alumni Board Chair, welcomes alumni back for Reunion Weekend. 14. Fr. Paul Grubb S.J. '91 admires the future generation of Crusaders who cheered at the football game on Friday night. 15. Awaiting the halftime presentation at the football game, Bill Carter '69 and fellow classmates and hall of fame inductees enjoy the warm evening. 16. Six members of the senior class and Jesuit Commitment Program helped serve at the Hall of Fame Luncheon: Carly Wellington '10, Laura McKniff '10, Garrett Jensen '10, Ashley Mooney '10, Sarah Dibb '10, and Stephanie King '10.



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THE ROOTS OF THE BLANCHET HOUSE

Jesuit High School Ties Form the Non-Profit's Past and Future

BY KATHY BAARTS, JHS ALUMNI DIRECTOR



THOM FALLER, SR.

BLANCHET BOARD MEMBER

Son: Tom '89



BILL REILLY '75

BLANCHET BOARD MEMBER

Children: Alison '05,
Natalie '07, Matt '10



RICH ULRING

BLANCHET BOARD MEMBER,
BOARD PRESIDENT

Children: Anne Marie '08,
Joey '10



DAN PETRUSICH '73

BLANCHET BOARD MEMBER

Children: Joseph '07,
Paul '10



JOE PETRUSICH

ORIGINAL BOARD MEMBER (D)

Children: Dan '73 (Blanchet Board
Member), John '75, Jim '78;
Grandchildren: Joseph '07, Paul '10,
Megan '09, Mark '12



TOM MOORE

ORIGINAL BOARD MEMBER,
EMERITUS BOARD MEMBER

Son: Tom Moore '77;
Son-in-Law: Bill Reilly '75;
Grandchildren: Alison Reilly '05,
Natalie Reilly '07, Matt Reilly '10



PAT CARR

FOUNDER (D)

Sons: Mike '77 (D),
Tim '76



DAN HARRINGTON

ORIGINAL BOARD MEMBER

Son-in-Law: Rich Ulring (Blanchet
Board President); Grandchildren:
Anne Marie Ulring '08, Joey
Ulring '10



PAUL ANDREWS '04
BLANCHET YOUTH COMMITTEE CHAIR

Blanchet Youth Committee Members:
Peter Smith '03, Kelly Donovan '03,
Catherine Brands '04



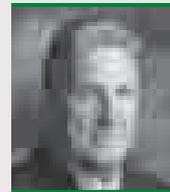
MARY CASEY
BLANCHET CAMPAIGN COORDINATOR

Husband: Mike Casey '70;
Children: Emily '03, Conor '07



JOHN MCGUIGAN
BLANCHET BOARD MEMBER,
BOARD VICE-PRESIDENT

Daughter: Lauren '05



BRIAN FERSCHWEILER '73
BLANCHET EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



JIM CHRISTIANSON '76
BLANCHET BOARD MEMBER



LAURIE KELLEY
BLANCHET BOARD MEMBER

Husband: Mike Kelley, Vice-Chair of JHS
Board of Trustees; Children: Ross '06, Erin
'08, Catherine '12

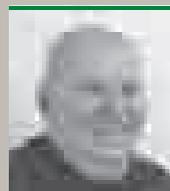


ED O'HANLON '77
BLANCHET BOARD MEMBER,
BOARD TREASURER



JIM O'HANLON, SR.
FOUNDER, EMIRITUS BOARD MEMBER,
PAST JHS BOARD MEMBER

Sons: Jim '70, Ed '77 (Blanchet
Board Member), John '79, Tim '80;
Grandchildren: Erin Dineen '00, Casey
Dineen '06



DANNY CHRISTIANSON
FOUNDER, FIRST BOARD PRESIDENT (D)

Sons: Jim '76 (Blanchet Board Member),
Matt '67, Dan '69, Francis '70, Paul
'72, Tom '78, Mark '80, Peter '80;
Grandchildren: John '99, Teresa '00,
Michael '02



A long line of people waiting for a hot meal winds around the Blanchet House.

Introduction

Growing up, I was always reminded to see the face of Christ in everyone I met. In today's life, so hurried and full of things to do, it is often easy to miss the simple, most beautiful things.

Looking back at my first experience with the Blanchet House, I was not sure what to expect. I had passed by the building many times, observing the long lines of people wrapped around the block waiting for their meal. As I walked in, I was greeted by Robert, the supervisor for the dinner shift. He asked if I would mind serving that evening and pointed me in the direction of the team member who would give instructions. Everything was so precise and organized. Every person had a task to carry out, whether it was serving, bussing, sliding plates, or preparing the plates to be served. It was a perfectly oiled machine, ready to efficiently serve as many people in an hour as possible.

I worked hard, trying to bring a meal to each person as he or she sat down. I asked people how they were doing or told them I hoped they enjoyed their meal. Some people responded with a smile or a thank you. It left me wondering what their story was. I was thinking about that as an older gentleman sat down. I asked him how he was. He looked at me with eyes that revealed a challenging journey. He was tired but he smiled and said, "Thank you for asking how I am. Not many people ask anymore." I looked at him and my eyes filled with tears. I saw the face of Christ in this man. I didn't know who he was, or what his story was, but he touched me with his simple gratitude. It was a startling realization of how much of an impact we can have on

others, sometimes without even knowing. Blanchet House touches many lives and is, in its simplest form, providing for those "faces of Christ" daily.

History of the Blanchet House

The ties between Jesuit High School and Blanchet are many in nature but the underlying theme in both is the incredible passion and dedication to do more for others. The Jesuit High School presence is seen in the Blanchet House's original and founding members, in its Emeritus Board, in its current Board of Directors, in its Capital Campaign, and in its many volunteers ranging from alumni, to Jesuit faculty and staff, and to students doing their Christian Service work or just showing up and serving on their own.

Dave Nemarnik '75, president of Pacific Coast Fruit, has been a constant source of produce for Blanchet. For over twenty-five years, Bob Keerins '73, Brian Ferschweiler '73, and John Grout '73 have spearheaded the annual Alumni Food Drive in its mission to serve over 1,000 families and forty agencies, including the Blanchet House. The story to be told is simple and the purpose genuine: "I assure you, as often as you did for one of my least brothers, you did it for Me."

The beginnings of the Blanchet House go back to the work of Dorothy Day. Day, along with Peter Maurin, established the Catholic Worker Movement, a peaceful movement combining direct aid for the poor and homeless. The fruit of this movement was seen in the Houses of Hospitality, organizations providing shelter and often food and clothing to those in need. Many times in the Catholic

Historical Timeline of Blanchet House

1938

A group of University of Portland students organized a social and service club named after the first Catholic Archbishop of the Oregon Territory, Archbishop Frances Norbert Blanchet. The club's first mission was the same mission that exists today, "To feed, clothe, and offer shelter and aid to those in need."

February 11, 1952

The Blanchet Club rented the first floor of a fifty-year-old three-story building on the corner of NW 4th and Glisan in downtown Portland. The Blanchet House was born when the first meal was served. The meal, which was served to 227 people, consisted of beans, bread, butter and coffee. Rent was \$35 a month.

Worker Movement, the homes were on country farms to get the men in need out of the city and back to a stable life before returning them to the city. Founded on the principles of Christian anarchism, these houses provided hospitality without charge and without requiring religious practice or attendance at services.

A historical timeline of the history of Blanchet is found at the bottom of these pages.

Pat Carr, Jim O'Hanlon, Danny Christianson and Gene Feltz founded Blanchet in 1938. They were all students at the University of Portland at the time and Fr. Kennard was their advisor. What started out as a social club became a story of vision, devoted service, and persistence that resulted in an establishment that has been serving those in need for 58 years.

Blanchet's Emeritus Board was formed in July 2002, celebrating 50 years of Blanchet. Today, it is comprised of Joe Van Gulick, Pete Van Hoomisen, Bob Wack, Gene Feltz, Tom Moore, Jim O'Hanlon, John Moore, Don Broderick, Jim Drum, and Joe Moore. All form part of the foundation of Blanchet. The Emeritus Board serves as an advisory board and many members are involved in different committees as well as the Capital Campaign.

The current Blanchet Board of Directors consists of many of the sons of the original board members. Board president Rich Uring has had a tremendous presence at both Jesuit—as a teacher, parent, and commentator for athletics—and at Blanchet—as a board member for the last seven years. “Blanchet is a great gift for everybody,” said Uring. “It’s a gift to the city of Portland, for the men who live there, for the hungry who eat there. For the volunteers, it’s hard to feel anything but good after being there. It’s wonderful that there is a Blanchet. Fr. Kennard’s challenge to do more became our greatest gift.”

Dan Petrusich '73 has been involved with the Blanchet Board for ten years and grew up with the Blanchet House (his father was one of the original members). “My dad died in 1965 at the age of 38,” said Petrusich. “Being involved with Blanchet is a connection to my dad. These guys were his buddies and they are my link to him.”

Bill Reilly '75 was also introduced to Blanchet at a young age and spoke of his Jesuit experience: “I knew about Blanchet from serving there as a young boy. Jesuit definitely reinforced the need to continue to serve.”

Jim Christianson, Jr. is another board member who has

grown up in the extended “Blanchet family.” He was on the board for periods of time for around 20 years. “Jesuit, as in all of the Catholic schools, has always promoted service to our community,” said Christianson. “It is our job to provide help to others.” Jim’s father, Danny Christianson, was one of Blanchet’s original founders and the first board president. He worked tirelessly for Blanchet despite his job as a stock broker and the work of raising 11 children with his wife, Sally (all of whom attended Catholic schools).

Laurie Kelley, the first woman on the Blanchet Board, is proud to be a part of Blanchet at such a critical point in its history. She feels that Blanchet, very much a grass roots organization, has stayed true to its mission throughout the years. “There is a lot of need, there is a lot of work to be done,” said Kelley. “It is challenging, but it allows me to continue to reach to make a difference. It is humbling to be part of such a wonderful organization.”

The Blanchet House Today

Three real properties make up Blanchet: the house, Riley House (serving as administrative offices), and the farm. All of the properties are owned outright. The founders’ intuitive and smart financial decisions made this gift possible.

Blanchet House

The Blanchet House consists of three stories. The basement provides food storage, the main floor serves as the dining hall, and the upper levels are the residents’ rooms.



Photo by Steven Scardina.

Blanchet’s current dining hall, where 650-900 meals are served daily.

The residential quarters of Blanchet, managed by Patrick Daley, house 29 men at once, all in recovery from alcohol or drug addiction. The typical stay is 90-150 days. The men



1959

Blanchet Club purchased the building for \$16,000 and the Blanchet Club became the Blanchet House of Hospitality. The second and third floors were cleaned up and turned into short-term housing for men who, in exchange, would work in the kitchen and eating area on the first floor.

1959

A second house was purchased on NW 18th Street for \$24,000. This house was designed to house men on a longer term basis so they might have a better opportunity to seek employment. The house later became the Riley House, named after the longtime manager of Blanchet, Al Riley. Al Riley became the manager of Blanchet in 1960 and served in that post for 38 years, until his passing in 1998.

work on the floor and help to prepare and serve meals for the first three months. After that, they look for work and can stay a couple months after they find work to get on their feet and become stable. The primary goal is that the men live a clean and sober lifestyle, try to find work and prepare to be on their own. There are currently six members of the house on staff.

Blanchet is the only agency that serves three meals a day, Monday through Saturday. In 2009, the organization served 290,426 meals (a 10% increase over the prior year). Although the number of meals served fluctuates depending on food stamp availability, on a daily basis 650 to 900 meals are served.

When Ullring first joined the board seven years ago, he recalls the budget for food was very high. He points to Brian Ferschweiler's leadership and strength in networking with the Portland community to help cut costs at Blanchet and instill a priority to use fresh food first and canned food when necessary.

Food donations and local partnerships have been a tremendous gift to Blanchet. Partnering with Urban Gleaners, a volunteer organization whose mission is to alleviate hunger by collecting food that would be thrown away and distributing it to agencies that feed the hungry, Blanchet is able to use their van 99% of the time for food pick up. Paying it forward, Blanchet House takes any excess food to other agencies like Sunshine Pantry.

Ferschweiler often wishes that Blanchet didn't have to exist; however, he knows the problem of homelessness and hunger is systemic. Ferschweiler feels hopeful when he sees those who are helped by Blanchet doing much better, like a former member of the house who got back on his feet and gave a donation in thanksgiving for the Blanchet House being there when he needed help.

Blanchet Farm

The 62-acre working farm is located in Carlton and provides a rural recovery program overseen by a farm manager. There are 25-30 men who live at the farm. The recovery program allows the men to be involved in the daily workings of the farm.

Before "green" was even trendy, Blanchet House was focusing on sustainability. All of the excess food from Blanchet House goes to feed pigs and chickens on the farm.

The farm raises pigs to be sold and the chickens (over 300) are used for their eggs. There is also a garden for produce to be grown, hay to be grown and harvested, and a woodworking shop where the men build furniture.

The Blanchet Farm is an active place that generates a good deal of pride, skills, and self-esteem in the men who reside there. Far away from the temptations of downtown, the men who come to the farm have a chance to get back on their feet and become farmers at work.

The Blanchet House of Tomorrow

The Blanchet House building is over 100 years old. Renovations needed to sustain the current structure are costly. There is not enough space for services needed and the dining area is only able to serve 40 guests at a time. As the city of Portland tackled the revitalization of Old Town and China Town, the question of what to do with the Blanchet House loomed. Blanchet leadership was tasked with the difficult question of where to re-locate a soup kitchen.

The vision of a new building began in 2000 and has resulted in an extensive process with the city in finding a new place for Blanchet. One year ago, the Portland Development Commission finalized the Development Agreement, marking the first time that government funding has been accepted for Blanchet.



There is much benefit to both Blanchet and the city in this agreement. The city has given a piece of property on the corner of NW 3rd and Glisan, four times as big as the current Blanchet property, along with two million dollars to help fund the project, in exchange for the building and land that is currently occupied. The benefits are great in

Historical Timeline of Blanchet House

1962

A 40-acre prune farm in Yamhill County was purchased by Blanchet. The farm was developed into a working farm to help men in recovery from alcohol and, later, drug addiction.

1972

Adjacent land was purchased and the farm increased in size to sixty acres. Blanchet increased the number of meals it served and the breadth of services it provided. In the process, it became an important institution in the social fabric of Portland.

1994

Father Kennard, who proposed the original idea of Blanchet House, passed away.

getting the lines of people off the street and minimizing the indignities suffered from standing in a meal line. The desire is to improve the neighborhood and to support Blanchet's mission. One of the many beauties of the deal is that Blanchet operations will continue until the new building is ready to be occupied, bringing no disruption in service.

The new building will be the north gateway to the Old Town/China Town neighborhood. Currently, there will be three floors, with an optional floor in the plan for longer term transitional housing. The first floor will consist of a dining area (with seating for at least 80 guests at a time) as well as a waiting area for guests not yet seated. On the second and third floors, there will be residences for 40 men as compared to 29 currently.

Mary Casey, Capital Campaign Coordinator, helped define the ties between Jesuit and Blanchet. "Blanchet House is an amazing institution," said Casey. "The reason it is successful is in its simplicity. They are there to feed, clothe, and house. The mission is never complicated. The workings of Blanchet are very methodical and the men in the program run the house like clockwork."

Dave Gunderson, a Blanchet board member, has been a driving force in the recruitment of the current board and the leader of the capital campaign. Bill Reilly and Dan Petrusich have been instrumental in the construction of the new building. It has been a complicated process but the campaign is now in full force. Foundation grants are in the works. The Green Investment Fund of Portland awarded \$500,000 to green projects in 2009. The Blanchet House was awarded \$206,000 to further the building's LEED Platinum level. This will be a highly visible building and will be consistent with the character of the community and the sustainable culture that the city of Portland has continued to create.

Blanchet leadership is working hard to raise much-needed funds so that groundbreaking will happen by the end of this year.

Youth Campaign Committee

Blanchet's Youth Campaign Committee began three years ago with the efforts of a seven-year-old named Julia. After Julia saw hungry people standing outside Blanchet waiting for a meal, she began selling cookies and raised over \$1,000 in three years. This year, Safeway presented a check

to Blanchet House, on behalf of Julia's efforts, for \$2,500. Julia's story is both inspiring and reflects Blanchet's mission among youth who want to help.

"What can one person do?" is the premise of the youth campaign. Although the Blanchet tradition was established by its earliest founders, it is the next generations who will continue the soul of Blanchet and retain the purity of intention in providing shelter, clothing, and food for those in need. When Dave Gunderson approached Paul Andrews '04 and asked him to head up Blanchet's Youth Campaign Committee, Andrews was up for the challenge.

Andrews' passion to do more began at Jesuit and continued at Santa Clara. When Andrews returned to Portland after college, he started volunteering at Blanchet. "Doing something for someone else, with pure intention, provides purpose...it's soul food," said Andrews. "My sixty-five hours of community service at JHS is what started my passion for doing more for others."

Along with our Jesuit alumni and parents, there are about 10-15 Jesuit students who do their Christian Service at Blanchet House.

I mentor a group of seniors for the Jesuit Commitment Program. These enthusiastic students asked to do a "family project" in the summer of 2009. Katie Zweber '10 has been a regular on the team. "Serving at Blanchet allows me not only to contribute to the dining experience of others, but also to remember God's call to offer empathy and understanding," said Zweber. "Blanchet challenges me to recognize my blessings and to use them for good." Jonny Barnard '10, also a regular volunteer at Blanchet, says, "No matter how ragged and unkept one might appear or how little one might have, they always deserve respect because they are still human and have the same wants, needs and desires as everyone else."

Final Thoughts

It only takes one time volunteering to be hooked on serving at Blanchet. In the craziness of my days, the happiest days are those when I am serving. From the moment that I walk in the doors of Blanchet, I leave all the challenges of the day behind me and focus on realizing the blessings I have been given in my life and providing a smile or a kind word to all those I meet while serving their meal.

To donate to The Blanchet House, please visit www.blanchethouse.org.

1998

Al Riley, volunteer executive director of Blanchet House for 38 years, passed away.

2000

Bill Muir became the manager of Blanchet House.

2004

Brian Ferschweiler '73 was named Executive Director of Blanchet. Ferschweiler still serves in this role today.



Libby Opsahl '05 found purpose providing medical care and necessities to the people of rural Tanzania.

Alumni Profiles

Libby Opsahl '05 and Ross Kelley '06 Find Their Passion by Helping Others

BY KATHY BAARTS, JHS ALUMNI DIRECTOR

Libby Opsahl '05

I met with Libby Opsahl '05 in the fall of this year to hear about her trip to Tanzania. I noticed the glimmer in her eyes when she talked about the people she met and the unique opportunity she had to help those in need. Although the pictures of her experience were amazing, what struck me most was Libby's passion to serve so willingly.

Libby is a recent graduate of the University of Oregon, majoring in human physiology. In the summer of 2008, she spent a month in Tanzania as a student medical volunteer providing public health in rural villages. This program is sponsored by International Service Learning (ISL), an educational agency that offers medical and educational teams of volunteers the opportunity to provide essential services for the grossly underserved populations of Central and South

America, the Caribbean, Mexico, and Africa. Their health programs offer students the opportunity to travel abroad and serve the impoverished and underserved while gaining hands-on experience working with patients and Tanzanian physicians. There were fifteen people in Libby's group. Most of the students were pre-med or pre nursing.

Libby spent most of her time in Tanzania with the Maasai people, an indigenous African ethnic group of semi-nomadic people located in Kenya and northern Tanzania. They are well known for their distinctive dress, often in red and blue, and for the piercing and stretching of their ear lobes. The language spoken in the villages was Swahili. The kids were very curious to see fair skinned people in their village. Some were easily approached, as they wanted to play, while others ran away from the strangers. There was a school near the village for the mentally and

physically disabled.

While in Tanzania, Libby and other students in the program spent time learning about the school and played with the children who lived there as boarding students. In the Maasai Land, age is never known. Libby said she met a man who told her he was one hundred years old, with nine wives, forty-three children and over one hundred grandchildren.

Even with numerous tribes in the Maasai country, many of the Maasai people are Catholic. Wealth within the tribes is measured by the number of animals owned, but it was thought to be bad luck to tell anyone.

Libby's group stayed in a Catholic convent, about 45 minutes from a small town named Moshi. While in the Maasai land, her team spent much time setting up triage to take vitals, assess symptoms, and prescribe medicines that were donated to the project. Many of the Maasai people were treated for treatable diseases such as allergies, respiratory infections, head fungus, and malaria. However, because the people are so poor, the \$10 per year to insure a family of five is often more than they can afford.

Libby took away a lot from her time in Tanzania and looks forward to returning one day. She believes that the experiences gained during her trip are memorable and is thankful for the unique opportunity she had to help others.



Libby enjoyed interacting with children while she provided much-needed medical care.



Ross Kelley '06 and a small group of students started their own non-profit, Sharing with a Purpose (S.W.A.P.), focused on reusing students' unwanted goods.

Ross Kelley '06

There is something special about the alumni of Jesuit. I think it's their incredible ability to carry out the Jesuit mission, *Age Quod Agis*, "Do Well Whatever You Do," in many different ways around the world.

Ross Kelley '06 is a senior at Washington University at St. Louis, majoring in marketing, finance, and entrepreneurship. Ross is also the captain of the men's basketball team, currently defending their NCAA national title won in 2009.

A program at Washington University St. Louis enables students to begin their own entrepreneurial program. Ross and five other students, with entrepreneurial aspirations, went through the application process but came up unsuccessful. It was then they decided to start their own business, achieving a 501(c)(3) status as a non-profit. Ross and his team started the project the summer of their sophomore year and began implementing the business their junior year.

The program is called Sharing with a Purpose (or S.W.A.P.) and the focus is on recycling students' used goods. Each dorm has an area where students

can take items they no longer need or want. They can donate appliances, electronics, or furniture. Once all of the items are collected, they are stored for the summer. Before the students move back into the dorms, Ross and his group clean up the items and get them ready to be sold to students moving into the dorms.

All profits of S.W.A.P. are given to Lydia's House, a local organization that provides transitional housing for domestic violence survivors.

S.W.A.P.'s first sale occurred in fall of 2009 and was supposed to go for four days. Surprisingly, every item was sold during the first hours of the first day and S.W.A.P. made \$7,000. The convenience of having dorm necessities available for sale was underestimated and the team felt great about their first attempt.

Ross also spoke of the challenges S.W.A.P. faced. Two of the six founding members studied abroad this fall which left them shorthanded for setup. It was a tough balance between finals and getting the collections all coordinated, not to mention that with this being a startup company, there was no money. However, with every genuine initiative to do something to

help others, challenges are somehow worked out. All deadlines were met and the expenses were offset by sponsors who believed in the program.

S.W.A.P. was begun as a student business and will continue to be one. Ross and his team are currently interviewing students interested in heading up the program next year and carrying out its mission.

Jesuit played a huge part in Ross' life. He enjoyed working at the Blazers Boys and Girls club for his Christian Service and wanted to continue to serve in college. He tries to do the best he can in all of his endeavors and to reach out and help those who need a hand.

When asked about a favorite Jesuit memory, Ross recalls, "My favorite memory is when the basketball team traveled to Eugene for the playoffs my senior year. It was a great group of guys to share such a memorable experience with."

Ross will finish up at Washington University at St. Louis in spring 2010. He hopes to get a marketing position, possibly in sports. He would like to eventually be back in Portland, but is not opposed to seeing where the job takes him.

Class Notes

1975

Peter Frix's third son, Matthew, was elected executive vice president for Seattle University student body. A member of the Army ROTC program, Matt graduated from U.S. Army Airborne School in August. Peter's fourth son, Garrett, announced his engagement to his Cedar Park Christian High School sweetheart. Their wedding is set for June 2011. In Peter's business, it was recently learned that the number of electronic documents managed by the Bellevue and Bothell offices of Frix Technologies has crested 500 million documents.

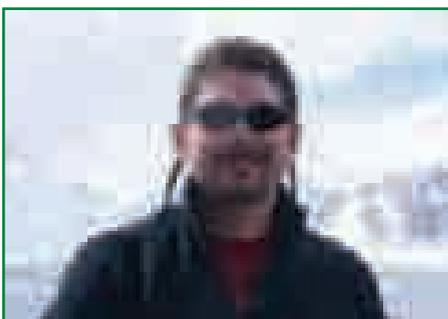
1984

John Gorman and wife, Kristin, recently welcomed Elizabeth Gorman into the world on September 9, 2009, around 9:30 a.m. She weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce, and was 21 inches long.



Joe Healy and wife, Deanna, welcomed Gabriella Fitzpatrick Healy on May 27, 2009. Gabriella weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces, and was 21 inches long.

1985



Brian Wilson is chairing the

Multnomah County Home Rule Charter Committee, charged with submitting proposed changes to the charter to the electorate in the November general election. Sheriff and corrections, library funding, and elections issues were considered. He is also chairing the new Portland Housing Bureau's budget committee and was recently appointed to a three-year term on the Citizens Campaign Commission for the City of Portland. Brian also frequently joins expeditions to the polar regions: Antarctica in the austral summer and the high arctic in the boreal summer. He is planning a semi-circumnavigation of Kalaallit Nunaat (Greenland) this coming summer.

Steve Cannon was diagnosed with squamous cell cancer in his mouth in October 2009. A portion of his tongue was subsequently removed and the operation proved successful. Subsequent CT and PET scans have shown that he does not currently have any cancerous cells showing up anywhere else in his body. He will do another CT scan on his lungs every couple months for the first year. Steve is grateful God has delivered him the best possible news given the circumstances and has given him and his wife the willpower to stop smoking cold turkey.

1992



Jason Cammann and wife, Marci, welcomed a baby boy, Robert Daniel Cammann, on July 15, 2009, at 4:09 a.m. Robert weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces, and was 20.5 inches long.

1994



On October 17, 2009, **Alex Fischer** married Kelly Bales of Las Cruces, New Mexico, in Las Cruces.



Kyle Hudnut and wife, Amy, welcomed their third son, Owen Kyle Hudnut, to their family on October 5, 2009. Owen joins big brothers Andrew and Ethan, who are excited to have another brother.



Brian Miller and wife, Kimberly, welcomed Bennett Phelan Miller to their family on July 27, 2009. Bennett joins big sister Kathleen.

1995

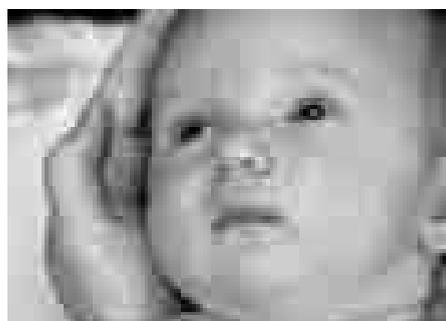
After eight years with Ankrom Moisan Architects in Portland, Oregon, **Sara Vreed** decided a change of pace was due. She recently accepted a position as an architect with the Department of Homeland

Security Immigration and Customs Enforcement in Washington D.C. Sara is also looking forward to assisting the Jesuit High School Alumni Office with alumni events in the D.C. area and encourages any alumni in the area to attend those events.

1996

Aaron Brown and wife, Katie, welcomed Aaron Joseph Brown (A.J.) into the world on July 3, 2009. The baby weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces and was 21 inches long. A.J. joins big sisters Vanessa Mary (age 5) and Samantha Christine (age 3). The Brown family lives in Beaverton, Oregon.

pounds, 13 ounces, and was 17 inches long.

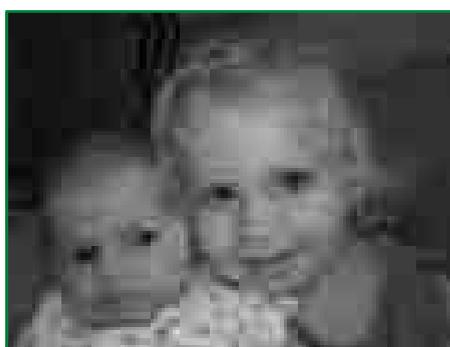


Paul Hansen married the love of his life, Shannon Price, on September 12, 2009, on the Lower Deschutes River. It was a beautiful wedding and a great time was had by all.



Michelle (Fretta) Lontai married Joe Lontai on July 18, 2009, at St. Pius X Church in Portland, Oregon, with a reception at the Multnomah Athletic Club following the service. They share a love of cycling and swing dancing and hope to continue both of those activities for many years to come.

Jessica Morgan has two children, McKenna Ann (age 18 months) and William Jeffrey (age 1 month).



Jessica (Stocks) Canessa and husband, Alex, announce the arrival of daughter Hadley Adelle, born on June 29, 2009. Hadley joins big sister Harper (age 2 1/2).



Amy (McConnell) Finholm and husband, Scott, welcomed daughter Laurretta Jo on June 24, 2009, in Seattle, Washington.

Adam Mulqueoney welcomed daughter, Ivory Kathleen Mulqueoney, on June 22, 2009. Ivory weighed 3

1997



Caroline (Sullivan) Barlow and Dorian Barlow were married on October 10, 2009, in Portland, Oregon. They currently reside in Lynnwood, Washington, where Caroline is a civil engineer with Murray, Smith & Associates, Inc., and Dorian is the manager of a local appliance warehouse.

Rebecca (Tune) Brink's husband of seven years, **Jack Brink '97**, recently safely returned from his second tour in Iraq as an OH58D Kiowa Warrior Pilot. He returned home in October to their two daughters, Elizabeth (age 4) and Paige (age 1). Rebecca and Jack are stationed at Fort Drum in northern New York. Jack is expected to take his third war tour in late 2010.

Jack Gaube and Melinda Findler were married in Portland, Oregon, in April 2009. **Steve Gaube '99** was the best man. Jack and Melinda live in Portland and currently work at Nike.

Class Notes



Timothy Spence and wife, Sarah, welcomed their first child, Tyler Neil, on July 17, 2009. Tyler weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces, and was 19 inches long.

1998



Sarah Brock and husband **Aristotle Thompson '96** welcomed a son, Brock Stone Thompson, on

August 27, 2009. Brock weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces, and was 22 inches.

Marc Miller recently accepted a position with Waddell and Reed, a financial advising firm in Bend, Oregon. Marc began work in October 2009, and his family moved to Bend in August to start their new life.

Ryan Peterson and wife, Annie, have been married five years. They survived medical school in Memphis, Tennessee, and have started their intern year at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia. They both matched into a radiology residency at Emory and will be there for the next 5-7 years for training. Annie will be pursuing interventional radiology and Ryan will be doing pediatric radiology in the future. If anyone is ever in town, Ryan and Annie will show you what southern hospitality is all about.

Nora Totonchy married Tyler Sheils on May 2, 2009. Father John Amsberry officiated the Catholic Mass and Father George Al-Banna officiated the Arabic traditions included in the ceremony to honor Nora's Iraq-born parents. The couple surprised their

guests with a Gospel choir singing "O Happy Day" from the back of the church as the ceremony ended and guests exited. Nora wore gowns from her mother's Lake Oswego bridal shop, Anna's Bridal Boutique. The flowers were lush peonies, orchids, and roses in raspberry and cranberry tones with chocolate and champagne accents. The reception at The Governor Hotel featured two ballrooms, a custom designed monogram, a photo booth, video booth, plated dinner, stunning centerpieces, raspberry up-lighting, a lounge, an ice bar, belly dancers, fire dancers, a full band, a DJ, and milkshakes for late night dancers. Several Jesuit alums attended, including **George Totonchy '96**, **Laura Harold '98**, **John Withers '98**, **Sam Howard '98**, **Ian Machan '98**, **Paula Link Miller '97**, **Sarah Johnson '97**, and **Josh Chaney '95**.

Nora runs and owns local wedding and event planning company, Bridal Bliss, and Tyler is a commercial real estate broker.

All in the Reding Family: Paul '01, Amy '03, Peter '05, and Amber '07

The four children of **Paul Reding '75** and April Reding of Beaverton have something in common besides their sibling relationship: all are serving in the U.S. Army.

Paul Reding '01 is currently serving as a medical records technician at the Venezia Army Hospital in northern Italy. He and his wife, Laura, have two children.

Amy (Reding) Evans '03 is an EMT (emergency medical technician), serving in Anwar Province, Iraq. Her husband, Michael, and son, Michael, wait at Fort Lewis, Washington, for her return.

Peter Reding '05 is completing his fifth year in the Army ROTC majoring in computer science. He will be commissioned and will graduate from Emory-Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott, Arizona, in May 2010.

Amber Reding '07 is in her third year in the Army ROTC, and majoring in international relations at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.



Paul Reding '01, Amy (Reding) Evans '03, Peter Reding '05 and Amber Reding '07 are the latest generation in their family to serve our country.

Collectively, the Reding siblings continue a long tradition of military and naval service to our nation and of the Jesuit tradition in education. Their uncles, Peter J and Perry, and their father, Paul '75, served in the Marines, Army Dental Corps, and Marines, respectively, after attending Jesuit high schools and Marquette University. Their grandfather, Peter M. Reding, and their grand-uncles collectively served more than 65 years in the service of our country in the Navy, Air Force and Army.



1999



Gwenn Seemel is a visual artist and lives in Portland, Oregon, with her partner. Gwenn's work was featured on Oregon Public Broadcasting's Oregon Art Beat on January 14, 2010.

2000

Captain **Benjamin Maher** is on his second deployment to Operation Iraqi Freedom. He is the senior fire support officer for 1/64 Armor in Mosul, Iraq.

Anna Sahlstrom starred in a late-night staged reading of a play she wrote called "The Go-Girls" that premiered as part of Fertile Ground, the Portland city-wide festival of new works, in January 2010. Her play was part of a series called Pulp Diction, produced by The Pulp Stage. It played at the Brody Theatre on January 28, 2010. For more information about the reading series and other events at Fertile Ground, please visit <http://thepulpstage.weebly.com>. In 2009, Anna originated the role of Betta

in the musical "Rejected No More," produced by Trueheart Productions. Anna plans to move to Los Angeles in February to act and write. She has a blog called Anna Onstage, <http://annasahlstrom.wordpress.com>.

2001



Sean Currie joined Portland commercial law firm Greene & Markley, P.C. as an associate in December 2009. Sean's practice will focus on commercial litigation, business law, creditors' rights and bankruptcy. He is admitted to practice in Oregon and Washington. Sean earned his bachelor's degree from Marquette University. While studying law at Gonzaga University, Currie clerked for two years at the Spokane, Washington law firm of Winston & Cashatt. He also externed with Spokane County Superior Court Judge Jerome Leveque.

2002



Elizabeth Brands married Matthew Vereecke on July 25, 2009, at a Nuptial Mass at All Saints Catholic Church. A reception followed at

Waverley Country Club. Elizabeth graduated from Gonzaga University in 2006 with a degree in English and went on to get her master's in education from the University of Notre Dame in 2008. She is currently teaching middle school English at St. Peter and Paul in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and is the Director of Development for the diocese of Tulsa. Matt graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 2002 with a degree in English and theology and obtained his master's in education in 2004. He is currently the principal at St. Pius X grade school in Tulsa, Oklahoma.



Kyle Carter and wife Nikki are expecting their first child, Elise Kae Carter (Ellie Kae) the first week of April 2010.



Lindsey (Boscoe) Dryden married Matthew Scott Dryden of Clackamas, Oregon, on October 4, 2008, at St. John Fisher Catholic Church in Portland, Oregon. The couple's family and friends helped them celebrate their special day at the Tiffany Center in downtown Portland after their ceremony. The couple recently bought a house and reside in Happy Valley, Oregon.

Class Notes

2005

Sean Abplanalp married his high school sweetheart and they have settled nicely into their new house. The garden is coming along slowly but surely!



From Santa Clara University, photo by Charles Barry.

Erik Hesla received the Peter-Hans Kolvenbach, S.J. Award upon his graduation from Santa Clara University in June 2009. The Kolvenbach Award is awarded by the president of the university on rare occasions to graduating seniors who exemplify the ideals of Jesuit education, especially being a “whole person of solidarity in the real world” and having the courage and faith to build a more just and humane world.”



From Santa Clara University, photo by Charles Barry.

Nicholas Obradovich was awarded the Nobili Medal upon his graduation from Santa Clara University in June 2009. The Nobili Medal is presented to the male graduate judged outstanding in academic performance, personal character, school activities, and constructive contribution to the university. Nicholas is now working as an economics researcher at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University. He works as the main research assistant for Edward Lazear, who was head of

the White House Council of Economic Advisors for George W. Bush.

2006



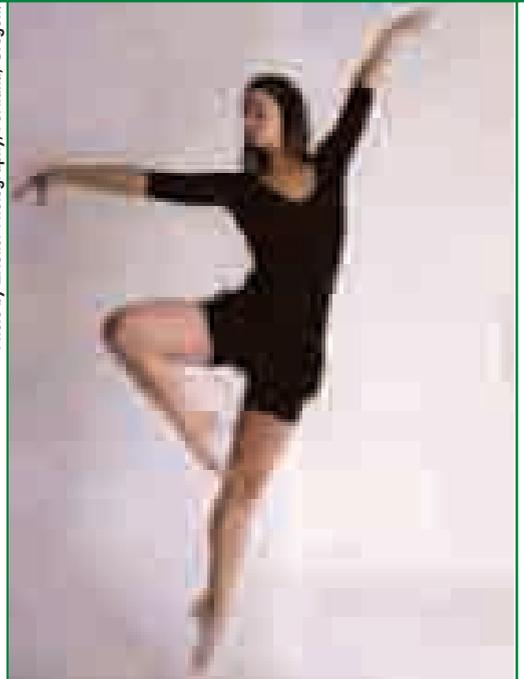
Andrew Abell is engaged to Laura Twombly.

2007



Olivia Kingsley, a junior at Wellesley College, was named a fellow of the Madeleine Korbelt Albright Institute for Global Affairs, which prepares women for positions of global leadership. Olivia's participation in the institute began with an intensive course this January, when she took lessons from various international relations and public policy experts, including Albright herself, former U.S. secretary of state, who served as the institute's first distinguished visiting professor. Next summer, Olivia will participate in a Wellesley-funded internship in the United States or abroad, applying what she has learned in a real-life setting.

Photo by ZHutter Photography, Portland, Oregon.



Adrienne Riter '02 Dances Her Way Through College

Adrienne Riter '02 started dancing when she was three years old and never stopped. She currently dances at Marymount Manhattan College, where she is earning a bachelor's of fine arts in dance (with a ballet concentration), and a minor in business.

Adrienne takes between 2-6 dance classes a day and has other rehearsals on top of those. She hopes to dance professionally after graduating in 2011 for a company around the United States or potentially in Europe.

“Majoring in dance is different than majoring in an academic subject, said Adrienne. “It requires an incredible amount of physical and mental energy every day, but I love it. Sometimes I forget I am even going to school because of how much fun I am having dancing.” She also has performance opportunities during the year that include choreography from students, teachers, and guest choreographers that are performed in the school's dance studios and auditorium. Adrienne has the chance to be in two shows each semester.

Kelsey Hall '09 Earns Multiple Theatre Scholarships, Enjoys Life at St. Olaf's College

Kelsey Hall '09 was the 2009 recipient of the Melba Day Henning Scholarship, in the amount of \$4,500, and the Future Theatre Educator Scholarship, in the amount of \$2,500. Both are awarded by the International Thespian Society (ITS), the student honorary of the Educational Theatre Association (EdTA). The scholarships were presented on June 27 at the 2009 International Thespian Festival, on the campus of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Kelsey was also awarded the Melba Day Sparks-Henning Award from the State of Oregon and an Oregon Thespians scholarship.



Kelsey Hall '09 accepts her scholarships from EdTA Board President Jerry D. Smith, Jr. and Thespian Scholarship Committee Chair Donnie Bryan.

Kelsey's father, Jesuit High School's Drama Director Jeff Hall, was given the adult Melba Day Sparks-Henning award in 2007 after being inducted into the Oregon Theatre Educators'

Hall of Fame.

Kelsey now attends St. Olaf's College in Northfield, Minnesota.

Corrections

In the **Class Notes** section of the **Summer 2009 Age Quod Agis (page 45)**, **Patrick Barry '02** was incorrectly identified as being married to Christina Rombach '99. Although Christina Rombach is married to Pat Barry, he is not Patrick Barry from Jesuit High School's class of 2002.

The death of **Thomas O'Brien '70** was inadvertently omitted from the **Winter 2009 Age Quod Agis (In Memoriam Section)**. Tom O'Brien '70 passed away on November 17, 2008 and is survived by his wife, Linda, and grown children. His brother, Richard, graduated in Jesuit High School's class of 1972.

In Fr. Robinson's book, "**Honoring the Tradition**" (page **136**), **Kelli McCartan '95** was Jesuit's first female valedictorian. Melissa Miksch '96 was a valedictorian in 1996.

In "**Honoring the Tradition**" (page **177**), **Ted Strader '73** was Alumnus of the Year in 1996, not Tim Strader '74.

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Sophomores Lizzy Boshears, Emily Echevarria and Sarah Breuner cheered on their teammates in the annual Powder Puff football game in the fall. This fall's Powder Puff game was the largest, with over 381 students participating. Photo by Isabelle Klee '10.