Alumni share transformative learning experiences.
Sights and Sounds

WHETHER IT IS DANCE, MUSIC OR SONG, campus offerings continue to blossom.

In a Nakamichi Fine Arts Concert, acclaimed classical guitarist Petar Jankovich [right] performs in the Chapel of Mary.

Members of Minister Melvin Murphy and the Gospel Workshop of America [below] share Gospel sounds in another Nakamichi concert.

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Make Yourself at Home

IN THIS ISSUE of the Stonehill Alumni Magazine, we invite you to Make Yourself at Home [p. 18] and spend a day on campus. This feature showcases a campus map, and for those who haven’t returned to Stonehill this decade, you will note our “layout” has changed considerably.

In 2003, the Trustees authorized a master plan to guide the development of the physical infrastructure of the campus over the next 30 years. The plan covers the placement of new buildings, roadways, parking and the flow of vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

Our vision is to create a “walking campus” where students, faculty and staff can connect to one another as they move around campus (as opposed to passing one another in vehicles). Now, we are on our way to creating three “spines” that highlight different aspects of the Stonehill experience:

• The academic, or center, spine is bound by Duffy Academic Center and the Shields Science Center.
• The athletic spine is bound by the Sally Blair Ames Sports Complex, W.B. Mason Stadium and Gorman Field.

While we still have a ways to go, the work completed hints at a campus that, when fully developed, will continue to provide a sense of beauty and purpose as future generations of students find an academic home at Stonehill.

But, as beautiful a campus as Stonehill remains, the stories in this issue remind us that it is the students, faculty, alumni, parents and friends who make Stonehill special. In Bad Grades, Gone Good [p. 14], alumni share unique learning experiences from their student days that have impacted their lives. In Craig’s List [p. 21], discover how Dean Craig Almeida is challenging students to be more professional communicators.

I invite you to reflect on how your own Stonehill experience has shaped and animated your life. More than any physical space, the relationships developed and nurtured here have been the foundation for the success of many alumni. And, this tradition continues with our present students.

In commending this issue to you, I ask you to remember in your prayers the Rev. Francis Hurley, C.S.C. [see tribute p. 10] who passed to his eternal reward in January.

Please come and renew your acquaintance with the campus; we’d love to have you back for a visit!

Yours in Holy Cross,

Mark Cregan, C.S.C. '78
President
Letters

Prayer Handout

I really enjoyed the last issue of the Stonehill Alumni Magazine and especially liked the "Why Pray?" article [Summer/Fall 2009, p. 21]. With your permission, I'd like to reproduce it for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults class at my parish.

I tell the catechumens every year that their search for God strengthens my faith weekly. This would be a great handout for the prayers session.

Mary (Lepre) Johnson '72
Boulder, Colorado

Religious Themes

In the last issue of the Stonehill Alumni Magazine, I particularly enjoyed reading the articles that had a religious dimension—the coverage of the Family Rosary Festival on campus, the "Why Pray?" article by [Associate Professor Emeritus] Celia Wolf Devine, the item on Fr. Genaro Aguilar's service as alumni chaplain, and the focus on Campus Ministry's H.O.P.E. program. Congratulations on a nice job of integrating those themes into the magazine.

[Rev.] Jim Fenstermaker, C.S.C. '77
South Easton, Massachusetts

Writer's Thoughts

I read Lauren Daley's article "First-Year Jitters: Alum Revisits Orientation" in the Stonehill Alumni Magazine [Summer/Fall 2009, p. 4] and was delighted at the memories it brought back for me. I'm a Stonehill alumnus and a writer. Daley's thoughts brought me back to earlier days in my career and to my years at Stonehill.

Stephanie (White) Thurrott '89
Dedham, Massachusetts

College Welcomes 18 New Scholars

Applied Economist Mulholland Among New Hires

ONE OF 18 NEW FACULTY MEMBERS hired this academic year, Associate Professor Sean Mulholland brings to the Economics Department expertise in both environmental and labor economics, as well as in economic growth. His teaching interests include international trade, law and economics, and the economics of race.

Mulholland holds his doctorate in applied economics from Clemson University. His work has appeared in the Journal of Economic Growth, the Eastern Economic Journal and the Villanova Law Review.

Mulholland is among an impressive group of new faculty with specialties and research interests ranging from British romanticism to American political institutions to sports fan consumption behavior.

To learn more about all of our new faculty members and their areas of expertise, visit www.stonehill.edu/2009newfaculty.xml.

Send us your letters. Submit letters, which may be edited for length, to Editor Kim Lawrence at klawrence@stonehill.edu or to Stonehill Alumni Magazine, Stonehill College, Easton, MA 02357.
Art Decade

VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS is celebrating 10 years of painting, drawing, sculpting, designing and performing. Take a look at a decade of fine art highlights and accomplishments.

STUDENT-CURATORS install artwork by professional artists in the Cushing-Martin Gallery, and the Senior Studio Show features work created by advanced students.

In 1992, Professor of Art History CAROLE CALO joined Stonehill as the first full-time faculty member in Fine Arts.

Over the past ten years, PROGRAMS IN GRAPHIC DESIGN, MUSIC AND DANCE were created. Theatre Arts also joined the department. To represent these disciplines, Fine Arts was renamed the Department of Visual and Performing Arts in 2008.

Arts are thriving with more than 100 STUDENTS majoring or minoring in the program.

The renovated CUSHING-MARTIN BUILDING boasts art and student studios, photography darkrooms, an art history classroom, a digital piano lab, a refurbished Mac lab for graphic design, and an art gallery. A music classroom and practice area, a dance studio, and the Hemingway Theatre in Duffy are also on campus.
The Stonehill Dance Company performs regularly at TOP BOSTON VENUES.

Innovative in offering courses which incorporate professional curating experience, TRAVEL ABROAD and service learning.

The department hosts distinguished musicians as part of the Nakamichi Concert Series. And, its own orchestra, concert band and several chamber ensembles present musical performances throughout the year.

InHouse Design is a professional, student-operated GRAPHIC DESIGN STUDIO that produces design work for the Stonehill community.

Twelve courses were initially offered. Now, students choose from MORE THAN 100 COURSES in art history, studio, graphic design, music, dance and theatre.

Fine arts alumni work for institutions such as the MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS, BOSTON; the DeCordova Museum; Williams College Museum of Art; and Bob Villa Associates. Theatre program alumni have formed acting companies. Several former dance students have opened their own studios.
A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS. This cliché is taken seriously by students exploring the link between sociological concepts and photographic images in the Learning Community Society Through the Lens.

Taking what they learn in Professor Kenneth Branco’s Crisis, Conflict and Control sociology course and applying it to the photographic techniques they hone in Instructor Adam Lampton’s Photography Workshop, students let their photography do the talking.

In Branco’s sociology course, students get a firsthand look at the social issues discussed in class—from poverty and racism, to crime and consumerism—by completing community service work. These real world experiences teach them how to identify, understand and analyze the root causes of the issues.

Students then examine some of these issues through the lens of a camera as they complete a mapping project, an essential part of the course. By taking photographs, students give their own visual tour of an area while exploring a sociological concept. “The idea behind the assignment is for students to explain what the area they chose to map tells us about American society,” says Lampton.

Chelsea Santos ’12 mapped her hometown of Marion on Buzzards Bay. “We were studying forms of conspicuous consumption and how it can be an indicator of social status,” says Santos, who photographed expensive sailboats found throughout the harbor to demonstrate that concept.

At the opposite end of the social scale, Santos photographed graffiti in New Bedford and Boston for an assignment that encouraged students to capture anything they felt addressed an important social issue [above].

“While I was photographing in New Bedford, a recurring phrase on houses and street corners caught my eye—R.I.P.—which reflects the crime, death and danger throughout the city,” notes Santos.

“The Learning Community taught me that you can look at anything—in this case, society—from innumerable perspectives and the more perspectives you have, the more information you have to draw conclusions,” explains Santos, who is now considering becoming a fine arts and psychology double major. “I’d like to reach out and help people through my art someday.”

LC Syllabus in Brief
- SO232 Crisis, Conflict and Control (Kenneth Branco, Professor of Sociology)
- FA210 Photography Workshop (Adam Lampton, Adjunct Instructor of Studio Arts)
- LC245 Integrative Seminar (Branco and Lampton)

Learning Community Theme:
Students develop an understanding of the connections between sociological concepts and photographic images of different aspects of society.

Students learn the art and technique of photography and how to use these skills to capture images that make people take notice of social issues such as racism, sexism, consumption and poverty in America.

Assignments and Readings:
Course work consists of group presentations; a community service journal, paper and presentation; photo essays; film viewings and panel discussions.

Films include Zana Briski and Ross Kauffman’s Born into Brothels and the PBS documentary Is Wal-Mart Good for America? Readings include Richard Dyer’s The Matter of Whiteness and Peggy McIntosh’s White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack.
Remembering Senator Kennedy

**The Late Senator Edward Kennedy** enjoyed a close relationship with Stonehill. In 1964, he received an honorary doctor of laws degree, and he visited campus to speak to students on many occasions. Senator Kennedy worked with the College to forge ties with a Russian university, and he was a strong advocate for student financial aid.

Senator Kennedy helped Stonehill to win funding for the Center for Nonprofit Management. In 2006, he hailed the College for being a leader in public policy issues by creating the Center, which promotes nonprofit partnerships and outreach in southern Massachusetts and northern Rhode Island.

With Senator Kennedy's passing, former Stonehill trustee and honorary degree recipient Paul Kirk was appointed as the Senator's interim successor before Senator Scott Brown was sworn in.

**DROP KICK**

The creator of “Dropkick,” Andrea Ales ‘10 is a fine arts major. Her sketch first appeared in the fall issue of *Rolling Stonehill*.

Speakers Corner

**At the Annual Chet Raymo Literary Series**, Sarah Vowell read from her bestselling book *The Wordy Shipmates*. The author and humorist had the audience roaring with laughter with her witty insights on the Puritans and their journey to New England, along with other wry observations about American history.

The founder of Black Fives Inc., *Claude Johnson* brought to life the history of African-American basketball teams that played in the segregated era before the NBA started to integrate in 1950. Called Black Fives, the teams and their pioneering players excelled despite discrimination and limited resources.

The life of a t-shirt tells us a lot about the mechanics of globalization, according to economist *Pietra Rivoli*, who spoke on campus last fall. Rivoli explained how she traced the life of a t-shirt from the cotton fields of West Texas to Chinese manufacturing plants to American consumers to used-clothes markets in Africa.

When filmmaker *Astra Taylor* and her artist sister Sunaura visited campus in October, they explored Astra's documentary *Examined Life* with students. Afterwards, Brenden Howarth '13 said the event made him “realize that philosophy is not just something that comes out of boring textbooks and from people who died many years ago. It is something that can still exist in the modern world.”
Shaw Sets World Swimming Records

YOU MAY HAVE Heard rumors about Professor of Religious Studies Greg Shaw breaking world swimming records. And, yes, they are true.

This past December, Shaw broke his own world record at the New England Masters Championships in the 50-meter butterfly in the 55 to 59-year-old age group by three-hundredths of a second, finishing in 26.93 seconds.

Now 58, Shaw has set 15 world records along with ten national records since retaking up swimming in 2001 after a 30-year hiatus. Four of his 15 world records still stand.

"I used to run, but my feet or knees would hurt. So I went to the YMCA in Easton and swam for 400 yards," recalls Shaw. "A guy at the Y said, 'Have you thought of competing in Masters?' I had never even heard of it."

Shaw got to know it, fast. Today, Shaw swims faster than he did in high school.

"I discovered I was good at it," he says. "I was 49, and it appealed to me to do something really well in a completely different context than the academic world. So I set some goals and tried to reach them."

Shaw is the focus of a chapter in Second Wind: The Rise of the Ageless Athlete by Lee Bergquist (2009). Bergquist, an award-winning newspaper reporter, profiles older athletes who have "turned back the clock" with sports and training.

To read more about Shaw's swim career, visit www.stonehill.edu/agelessathlete.xml.

Public Service Earns Outstanding Senior Award

IN RECOGNITION OF HER COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC SERVICE, Kathleen Stephan '10 has been named as the Martin Institute’s 2010 Outstanding Senior.

In 2008, Stephan, an international studies major, traveled to Nigeria to explore ways Stonehill students could assist development efforts in the remote village of Aku and surrounding areas. Following that trip, she conducted research on sustainable development through the College’s S.U.R.E. program in summer 2009.

Stephan created her own interdisciplinary minor in peace and conflict studies. As part of a semester studying peace and conflict at American University in Washington, D.C., she spent three weeks researching those issues in the Balkans. She has also interned at a refugee resettlement agency in Albany, N.Y.

Now in her final semester, she is a teaching assistant for the Learning Community Democratic Institutions and Cultural Differences in the United States and the World. Previously, she was a teaching assistant for the LC Music, Culture, and Politics and the U.S.-Latin American Relationship.

"To say that Kathleen is committed to her education is a serious understatement," notes Peter Ubertaccio, director of the Martin Institute. "Kathleen is passionate about issues of justice and working toward a shared sense of community. She demonstrates that passion in every aspect of her life."

A Martin Institute Civic Ambassador, Stephan is exploring postgraduate year of service programs.

The annual Martin Institute award pays tribute to the legacy of former Speaker of the United States House of Representatives Joseph Martin Jr., who had a close relationship with Stonehill.
Honors History

**THE COLLEGE'S FIRST** Distinguished Professorship has been named in honor of Professor Emeritus of History James Kenneally (above, right) and will be held by Associate Professor of History Kevin Spicer, C.S.C. '87, (above, left) who today chairs the History Department.

The Distinguished Professorship recognizes Kenneally's and Spicer's achievements as historians and their commitment to Catholic-Jewish dialogue.

Depression Era Memories of Donahue Hall

**FOR LOCAL BROCKTON CHILDREN** during the Great Depression, the Lothrop Ames Georgian-style red brick mansion, now Donahue Hall, was an awesome sight. Here is a remembrance of it from James Wyman, one of those children and now author of *Bittersweet Beginnings: A Sketchbook of a Great Depression Boyhood*.

"We always found it staggeringly difficult to imagine ourselves living in that 50-room house, with a glass-roofed tennis court, marble swimming pool, squash court and private airstrip. At the time, most of our parents were struggling to survive the Great Depression, to keep their modest homes and feed and clothe their families. We never could reconcile ourselves to lives lived out in that sprawling mansion on the hill."

Longtime Admissions Dean Retires

**FOR MORE THAN FOUR DECADES AT STONEHILL**, Brian Murphy '68 signed close to 21,000 acceptance letters for incoming students.

A highly-respected ambassador for Stonehill, the dean of admissions and enrollment led the College's recruitment and enrollment initiatives since 1970. Murphy developed a strong relationship with the high school guidance community, alerting counselors to Stonehill's academic reputation.

In recognition of his service to Stonehill, Murphy received the Gaudete Award in 1988. During the College's 50th Anniversary celebration, he was presented with one of 50 Moreau Medallions awarded for distinguished contributions made to Stonehill's first half-century.

Although Murphy retired from his position in December, he continues to serve the College as an admissions consultant.
Remembering a Biology Legend

THE FATHER OF BIOLOGY AT STONEHILL, the Rev. Francis Hurley, C.S.C. died in January after 50 years of service to the College.

Arriving in 1960, he helped students master the complexities of biology, advised them on career paths, and assisted them in securing professional positions or acceptance into top graduate programs.

For 32 years, he chaired the Biology Department with skill and vision, hiring outstanding faculty members, setting rigorous academic standards and creating a spirit of collegiality.

Significantly, he was ahead of his time in encouraging women in the sciences and also in tracking the advanced degrees of our science alumni. Among colleagues and alumni, Fr. Hurley was held in the highest regard for his role in giving students the strong science foundation that they needed for graduate work, research or professional positions.

At the Shields Science Center dedication last year, President Mark Cregan, C.S.C. '78 paid tribute to Fr. Hurley for his long-standing insistence that the College build a modern science center.

In 2003, Fr. Hurley received the Stonehill President's Medal for Excellence in recognition of how, as a priest-professor, he exemplified excellence in everything he did.

The Rev. Francis J. Hurley, C.S.C. Scholarship Fund at Stonehill, established in 2003, assists academically-qualified students, majoring in biology, with financial need in their junior or senior year. So far, six students have benefited from the scholarship in his name.

To read more about Fr. Hurley's contributions to Stonehill, visit www.stonehill.edu/Hurley.xml.

Fourth Time’s the Charm

COMMUNICATION MAJOR JOSEPH D'AGOSTINO '10 took home the coveted Mr. Stonehill crown in December as the 11th winner of the annual student-run contest. Before a packed Sports Complex, D'Agostino outperformed 13 contestants—wooing the judges with his magic act—in his fourth attempt at winning the contest. D'Agostino, who is also president of the Student Government Association, will begin working for TechTarget, a global technology company based in Newton, in June. To view more photos of the Mr. Stonehill event, visit www.stonehill.edu/MrStonehillSnapshot.xml.
Bonded By Basketball

Father-Daughter Tandem Carry On Stonehill Tradition

FATHER-SON SPORT STARS are a familiar tale. Take Ken Griffey Sr. and Ken Griffey Jr., Archie Manning and Peyton and Eli Manning, Dale Earnhardt and Dale Earnhardt Jr. Successful father-daughter athletic tandems are harder to come by, but there is one right here at Stonehill in Charles '77 and Kelsey '10 Simonds.

Following in her father's footsteps on the basketball court, Kelsey has become one of the College's top athletes of all-time. In just two and a half seasons, she joined her father, Charlie, in the 1,000-point club. And, she seems destined to accompany him in the Hall of Fame someday as well.

"The running joke I have with [Assistant Vice President for Intercollegiate Athletics and Recreational Sports] Paula Sullivan is that they put me in the Hall of Fame because they were recruiting my daughter," laughs Charlie, who has only missed attending two games in his daughter's five-year career at Stonehill. "Even when I redshirted my sophomore year because of an injury, he went to the games," says Kelsey. "It means the world to me."

A two-time Honorable Mention All-American and two-time First Team All-Northeast-10 selection, Kelsey is the program's all-time leader in blocks and ranks in the top ten of six other career categories. The Skyhawks have advanced to the NCAA Tournament for four straight years and are looking to extend that streak to five in the coming weeks.

Kelsey enjoys giving her father a hard time about the fact that she scored 1,000 points quicker than he did, but he always fires back that there was no three-point line when he played. "I was a rebounder, so I got a lot of garbage points. Truth is, I never took a shot outside the lane, so it didn't really matter that there was no three-point line," explains Charlie.

He says seeing his daughter play for his alma mater has been "a once in a lifetime experience," but he also stresses that it was her own decision to attend Stonehill.

"I never even thought of Stonehill as a school to go to," notes Kelsey, who grew up practicing for her AAU team on campus as a kid and had several offers to go to Division I schools. "But when it came down to it, Stonehill turned out to be everything I wanted in a college."

While it hasn't been an easy road for her, Kelsey says she wouldn't trade her time at Stonehill for anything. "My many injuries have been difficult and something I didn't expect, but the adversity I've faced has made me a better player," notes Kelsey, who is debating going to graduate school next year or beginning a career in graphic design.

"I'm so proud of her and what she's done in her career," says Charlie. "It's been tremendous for me to go to the games and watch her improve and play through injuries, which a lot of players wouldn't be able to overcome. And I'm not just saying that because she is my daughter."
Popular Insight
Award-Winning Prof. Shares Fun and Fact

THE BEST AND BRIGHTEST students flock to her classes, and she has been called “inspired and inspiring.” So, it is no surprise that Associate Professor of Religious Studies Mary Joan Leith was this year’s recipient of the Louise F. Hegarty Excellence in Teaching Award.

Here, Leith recalls the day a student came to class dressed as Moses, sheds light on a popular misconception about the Virgin Mary, and admits to the Lego figures she has in her office when she chats with SAM.

MOST MEMORABLE TEACHING MOMENT: A couple of students in an Old Testament course surprised the class and me by arriving one day dressed like Moses and Aaron—including long fake beards—and carrying a model of the Ark of the Covenant that they’d made from cardboard and gold spray paint.

MOST POPULAR COURSE THAT I TEACH: Technically this would be my first-year seminar, “God Doesn’t Do Religion....” I feel about my courses like I do about my children; I can’t choose one over the other.

AN IDEA OR THOUGHT THAT I WANT MY STUDENTS TO LEARN FROM ME: Never assume! Find evidence.

AN IDEA OR THOUGHT THAT I HAVE LEARNED FROM A STUDENT: One example has to do with Rites of Passage (turning point rituals like baptism, confirmation, marriage). I use getting a driver’s license as a secular example and had for years said, “Of course, there’s no name change with getting a license.” One of my students, however, said, “Oh yes there is. What about the license number? That is a form of a ‘new name.’” And he was right. I tell that story to my class whenever I cover the topic.

IF I HADN’T BECOME A PROFESSOR, I MAY HAVE BECOME: I wanted to teach from the time I was in college. But I might have become a doctor—another profession where I can express my natural “bossiness” in a good cause.

A BOOK THAT I CAN READ REPEATEDLY: George Eliot’s Middlemarch is a perfect novel and full of wise advice and observations.

FAVORITE PLACE ON CAMPUS: The MacPhaidin Library.

SOMETHING ABOUT THE VIRGIN MARY THAT MOST PEOPLE DON’T REALIZE: That the Immaculate Conception is NOT about Jesus. It’s the conception of Mary. Jesus’ birth is the Virgin Birth.

MOST INTERESTING ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXPLORATION: Doing an archaeological survey of the Orontes Valley in northern Syria and discovering dozens of ancient sites, from the Stone Age through the Ottoman period, just scattered across the plains.

Why Heidegger?

**MARTIN HEIDEGGER** is widely hailed as the greatest philosopher of the 20th century for, among other things, re-think the history of Western philosophy and for identifying a major gap in that tradition. Heidegger argued that the great think Platon Aristotle Aquinas Descartes and Kant focused too much on understanding the permanent thereby missing the significance of the temporal and historical.

The originality of Heidegger's thinking revolutionized contemporary philosophy, influencing such fields as psychology, history, art and architectural studies, theology and literary criticism. For an appreciation of Heidegger's work, we turn to Professor of Philosophy Richard Capobianco, author of the acclaimed Engaging Heidegger, due out in April.

**SAM:** What is authentic existence for Heidegger?  
**RC:** In his early masterwork Being and Time, he gives a rigorous analysis of how we are as being-in-the-world. In brief, to live authentically is to take up with 'resoluteness' our radically finite existence, which includes what he calls our 'thrownness' and our 'being-unto-death.' That is, it takes courage for us to live well and live strongly even though we have no control over how we arrived in this world or how we depart it. In his later work, Heidegger also spoke about thinking as thanksgiving—humly celebrating that we exist at all upon the earth beneath the sky in the company of other beings.

**SAM:** What's the implication of his understanding that being itself is not permanent or fixed?  
**RC:** There are many important implications, and that is why his thinking has been so influential across the disciplines. Above all, we learn to accept the dynamic character of our existence, to embrace the flow and flux of ourselves and of all things. We come to understand that we are not simply in time, but that we are temporal and historical through and through; even our stillness is a moving stillness. As in some non-Western traditions of thinking such as Zen Buddhism, Heidegger understands the 'self' as a temporal phenomenon rather than as a time-less, unchanging 'substance,' which was a central tenet in traditional Western metaphysics.

**SAM:** Explain Heidegger's insight on the limits of science in interpreting reality.  
**RC:** On the one hand, Heidegger gives us the philosophical resources to affirm that science discloses something decisively important about things. On the other hand, he was deeply concerned that the scientific interpretation of reality has become so dominant in our contemporary world that we are increasingly losing sight of the 'truth' of the poetic and humane interpretations of what is. In other words, not just the sciences speak to us about what is 'true'—the humanities do as well. The 'truth' of a tree, for example, is made manifest as much by the poetic language of Robert Frost as by the language of 'cells' and 'photosynthesis.' Heidegger's lesson for us is that we must learn to live with a multiplicity of unfolding truths about reality.

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Nuclear Discovery Leads to Scholarly Interest

**IN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL,** Shane Maddock discovered a map of North Dakota, which revealed that his home state hosted one of the largest nuclear arsenals in the world. If the Cold War had ever become hot, the Soviet Union would have directed its nuclear missiles at North Dakota. That map, and its fearful implications, spurred Maddock's lifelong interest in nuclear issues. Teaching at Stonehill since 1999, Maddock, a professor of history, has just published his first book—**Nuclear Apartheid: The Quest for American Atomic Supremacy from World War II to the Present.**

The book traces the history of U.S. nuclear policy, which sought to establish America as the sole nuclear power in the world, followed by its NATO allies and Israel. Post-colonial countries, however, dubbed this exclusion from the nuclear club as "nuclear apartheid." To learn more, visit www.stonehill.edu/NuclearApartheid.xml.
BAD GRADES

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GONE GOOD

Poor Grades Teach Invaluable Life Lessons

BY MAURA KING SCULLY ♦ It’s one of life’s great ironies that we learn more from failure than success. After all, logic seems to dictate that by doing well, we discover precisely what we need in order to replicate that positive outcome. And yet, the reality is that more often, the sting of defeat holds the greater prize, the more lasting instruction.

In this issue of SAM, alumni share their stories of falling short of the mark from a grade perspective, but of gaining valuable life lessons along the way.
Opening Doors

Megan Killilea '04

AS A FRESHMAN, I took Honors Introduction to Philosophy with Professor Fred Petti '63. Well, I had never taken a philosophy course before and felt confused, but Professor Petti made it easy to follow along with him in class and participate.

Our first assignment was on English philosopher Francis Bacon, and I struggled. I did what I could, wrote the paper and hoped for the best. A few days later, he returned the papers with a general announcement: “If your grade is lower than a B-, you need to see me in my office.” I got my paper back. D.

I had never gotten a D in my life and was mortified. A few days later, I made the trek to meet him, feeling embarrassed. “Mayyygen,” he said (he always said my name that way), “I don’t understand. In class you seem pretty smart. You talk, so I know you understand. But this paper is terrible!”

“I know,” I said, “I just didn’t get this assignment at all.”

Professor Petti put his hand to his chin in the way he always does while thinking. “I got it!” he exclaimed. “I think, maybe you just can’t digest Bacon!”

He let out a huge laugh, and I immediately felt relieved. I went to see him for extra help on every assignment for the rest of the semester and ended the class with a B+.

For me, the bigger lesson learned was that if you approached faculty, they would help you. That set the tone for the rest of my Stonehill experience. Anytime I had questions, my first response was to see the professor for help. Learning how to advocate for yourself is a valuable lesson not only in the classroom, but also in life.

Killilea is Assistant Director of Development at Stonehill

Upping the Ante

Dennis Carman '82

I CAME TO STONEHILL after finishing my high school career at a Catholic school in Connecticut run by the Holy Cross brothers. I had worked hard and thought that I would do fine in college.

I took freshman English with Professor Harry Eichorn, C.S.C.; since I was an A-student in high school English, I expected to ace the course. Well, the first paper was on The Japanese Quince. I jotted something off I thought was good and passed it in. I got a B- and was crestfallen. I went to talk to Fr. Eichorn, and he held his ground. Patiently, he went through the paper with me to show where I needed to improve. When I left, he said to me, “Do a better job,” with a bit of a challenge in it. It was a wake-up call for me that I had to move to another level to succeed.

Fast-forward two years: I was a much-improved writer and a junior, taking Social Psychology with Professor Ben Mariante. On one of my papers, I didn’t do well. He had made a note in the margin that it was “verbal fluffage.” Incensed, I challenged him. “I’m offended by this,” I told him. “I’m not so sure this was a reasonable grade.”

Well, he listened to my point of view. And though the grade stood, that too was a valuable learning experience—that I had every right to challenge even a professor if I didn’t agree. That taught me that you have to be active in your own learning.

Carman is President and CEO of United Way of Greater Plymouth County

Serendipi-D

Maura (Geenes) Tyrrell '64

MY FRESHMAN YEAR, I opted to major in chemistry, which also required German and math. German was fine—my family had lived in Germany for three years. Math was another story: during high school, we moved to Laos, and I had missed some crucial math by the time we returned. So I did not do well in Col. Irving Roth's freshman math class: in fact, I earned a D.

By this time, I was enjoying being a science major but now was concerned about my future in chemistry, since that would require more math. I had a classmate who talked a lot about her biology teacher, a young priest hired to teach the introductory class. She urged me to sign up for General Zoology the next semester with the new instructor, Rev. Francis Hurley, C.S.C., and so I did...and fell in love with biology. Fr. Hurley added so many asides and anecdotes that you wanted to catch every word; but most of all, he made it an unfinished story, not a collection of facts from a book. [Read Fr. Hurley’s tribute on page 10.]

If I hadn’t gotten that D in math, I might have stayed with chemistry. As it was, I switched my major to biology, which at the time, didn’t require any math. The irony is, of course, that I ended up focusing on marine ecology in graduate school, where mathematical modeling is now essential, so over the years I had to learn all of the math I missed—and a lot more!

Tyrrell is Professor of Biology at Stonehill
**ACCENTUATE THE POSITIVE**

How is it that a bad grade can teach a good lesson? Easily, according to Richard Grant, associate dean of academic achievement.

“A bad grade may mean a student is in the wrong major or course,” says Grant. “Or, it might mean that they need to change their work habits by studying more or seeking faculty for extra help.”

“Getting a bad grade is a learning opportunity. Students learn that they don’t get to pick all of their challenges—some come at them through other choices they’ve made. By overcoming an obstacle, students learn the value of problem-solving and perseverance.”

After all, a bad grade doesn’t mean that things end badly. Grant got a D in college chemistry. “I was a pre-med major. I wanted to be a doctor because I wanted to help people, not to be a scientist,” he recalls. Once he identified those misplaced motivations, he switched to philosophy and theology, where he did well. “I’m proof you can have a D on your record and move on to have a successful life.”

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**Breaking the Mold**

Rev. Peter Walsh, C.S.C. ’84

**MY SOPHOMORE YEAR,** I took *The Universe* with Professor of Physics Chet Raymo. For each class, he would pose an interesting topic relating the science we were learning in class to the human experience. We then had to write an essay on the topic. The first one was on mapping the stars.

I was an English major and thought I wrote well. So I went to the dictionary, looked up the definition of “map” and wrote a five-paragraph essay around that. The grading scale was 1-4, with 4 being excellent. I got a 1 on my paper and was shocked. After all, I did everything according to the formula for writing a good paper. I went to talk to Chet and he told me, “I’m looking for more of an investment of yourself in the material.”

The second paper topic was a quote from Ralph Waldo Emerson about the stars. So I threw out the formula and told the story of my grandmother growing up in the west of Ireland and how she used to sit by the fire at night and look at the brilliant display of stars. And how when we were growing up, she would complain that you could never see the stars in Boston because of all the light. I began with that story and then went on to reflect about taking things for granted. I got a 4 on that one.

Later, as I became a priest, I adopted that style as part of my preaching. A story is often a good entry point into the Scriptures. It helps to break the ice, particularly with difficult Gospels.

Fr. Walsh is Assistant Chaplain at Saint Thomas More, the Catholic Chapel and Center at Yale University.

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**Inch by Inch**

Johannes Tesfai ’10

**AS A SENIOR,** I thought public speaking would help me inside and outside the classroom—in interviewing for jobs and doing presentations. After my first speech, I got a note card from each classmate with constructive feedback, a peer review. I got knocked for no eye contact, delivery that was too fast, not bringing emotion into the speech and not enunciating clearly. I needed to improve, but it was tough taking it from my peers. When I got my grade, the professor had given me a C.

I decided after that experience that with every speech, I’d work on one thing. So for the next speech, I concentrated on slowing down; the next one, making eye contact. And I got a little better every time. The final assignment was a Christmas sermon. I decided to get help from someone who had experience with sermons: Rev. Stephen Wilbricht, C.S.C. in Campus Ministry.

I talked to him about how he puts a sermon together. I practiced in the Chapel in front of him and asked for feedback.

When the time came to give the speech, I was more relaxed because I had practiced. I spoke without looking down, without reading my notes, and I felt I was connecting with the audience. When I finished, everyone clapped. I got an A-on that one and, ultimately, earned an A- in the class. But you know what meant more to me than the grade? That I faced a challenge and progressively improved—that I set a goal and accomplished it.

Tesfai is a Criminology Major.

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Make Yourself at
SPEND THE DAY AT STONEHILL

Looking for an inexpensive day trip? Haven’t been back to your alma mater since graduation? If you’re hankering to take a walk down memory lane or searching for something different to do on this year’s “staycation,” we suggest a trip to campus.

Pick a sunny day to visit Stonehill: pack a picnic blanket, a Frisbee, a good book and a lunch (on second thought, hold off on those last two until you read on) and enjoy strolling around campus. Here, we offer a sample itinerary for your trip—particularly helpful since the campus has changed dramatically over the past few years.

1 GATEHOUSE

Enter the campus from Belmont Street (Route 123) and your first stop is the red brick gatehouse, gift of the Class of 1957. When it was dedicated at Reunion 2007, Rev. Robert Kruse, C.S.C. ’55, recalled Blessed André Bessette, a French-Canadian Holy Cross brother who spent much of his life as a doorkeeper, welcoming guests to Notre Dame College, the Congregation’s school in Montreal.

The hope is, Fr. Kruse explained, “that all visitors—alumni and friends alike—meet with Brother André’s spirit of welcome when they come to campus.”

2 THOMAS AND MARY SHIELDS SCIENCE CENTER

The Thomas and Mary Shields Science Center is a great place to begin your tour and acquaint yourself with today’s Stonehill.

Follow the road around to park your car by the Sally Blair Ames Sports Complex. Walk down the path and footbridge across from the parking lot to enter the Shields Center through the Peggy and Ray Pettit Atrium. Here, you can grab a cup of Joe at Dunkin’ Donuts. Morning beverage in hand, relax on one of the couches or chairs in the Atrium.

“It’s become the new hub on campus,” notes Romelle Berry, an administrative assistant in the sciences. “You’ll see students from all different majors coming in to get a cup of coffee, stopping to catch up with each other. You’ll see faculty and students meeting at tables and faculty sitting and talking with other faculty. It’s a hopping place.”

Home
3 NEW PATHWAYS FOR WALKING

Leaving the Shields Center, you'll notice many new pathways for walking. Retrace your steps across the footbridge to admire W.B. Mason Stadium, the home of the Skyhawk football, field hockey, track and field, and women's lacrosse teams. Traverse the Blessed Basil Moreau walkway, named for the founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross. Then, take a walk behind the Chapel of Mary and pause to listen to the trickling sounds of the fountain in the pond.

4 CUSHING-MARTIN GALLERY

Next, visit the renovated Cushing-Martin Hall, home to Stonehill's own Cushing-Martin Gallery. Located on the first floor of the College's former library, it's a small space—289 square feet—that packs a big visual arts punch.

Already this semester, exhibits have included a public art collaboration among Stonehill students, Latino artist Pépon Osorio, who merges conceptual art with community dynamics, and members of the local Cape Verdean community. There will also be senior portfolio shows by graphic design and visual arts majors.

"Depending on when they come, visitors will see a little of everything—sculpture, photography, painting and drawing, mixed media and artists' books," says Candice Smith Corby, gallery director.

5 MACPHÁIDIN LIBRARY

After your gallery tour, take a break in Ace's Place, the first-floor lounge at the MacPháidin Library.

Beyond Ace's Place, "there are lots of great spots in the Library," explains Louise (Simmons) Zamiara '79, an Easton resident and teacher who spent a good deal of time at MacPháidin as she earned two master's degrees (from Fitchburg and Salem State colleges, respectively). "If I was working alone, I liked the carrels along the windows where you can plug in your laptop. The big tables were great for spreading out to do a research project or for group work."

Be sure to peruse the collection of faculty authors in the entryway bookcases. If you find something that strikes your fancy and you want to keep reading, stop by the circulation desk to get an alumni library card. That way, you can come back anytime to use the College's 400,000-volume collection and extensive electronic databases for either research or pleasure.

Check out the stained glass window on the Library's second floor, which depicts the Annunciation to Mary.

Next, visit Stonehill's limited edition replica of the Book of Kells. Created by Celtic monks in 800 A.D., this treasure of Western Civilization depicts the four Gospels of the New Testament, replete with humans, animals and plants dancing their way through mazes of calligraphy.

6 PRAYER AND REFLECTION

Whether you are inspired by the Book of Kells or grateful for your Stonehill memories, now's the perfect time to visit the Grotto. There, the stone wall, benches and kneelers offer options to pause and reflect. Light a candle, remember a loved one or say a prayer.

7 DONAHUE HALL

No trip to campus would be complete without visiting Stonehill's signature building, Donahue Hall. The beautifully preserved Georgian-style mansion, which once housed the Ames family (of the shovel fame), now houses administrative offices. The view from the first-floor Herlihy Lounge—where you can see nearly the whole expanse of campus—makes the climb well worth it.

8 BOOKSTORE

As you head down the hill from Donahue toward Roche Dining Commons, duck into the Bookstore in Boland Hall and get your alumni discount. There, you can stock up on Stonehill paraphernalia—a hooded sweatshirt or windbreaker, if the day is breezy, or maybe a fetching purple baseball cap.

9 ROCHE DINING COMMONS

Now that you've done all that walking, you're good and hungry—and you are in luck. Roche Dining Commons has a dozen stations, guaranteed to please all palates.

The grill, deli and panini stations are popular options, as are the salad bar, wood-fired pizza and spitfire rotisserie. Depending on the day, you might find a special offering, like sushi, make-your-own tacos or "pastability," where you can concoct your own sauce and toppings to create a personal pasta dish.

Of course, no outing to Roche Dining Commons would be complete without a trip to the dessert station. There, you'll view the handiwork of baker Tom Dam, who turns out incredible cakes, brownies and breads.

10 RELAX ON THE QUAD

This is where the picnic blanket comes in handy. Spread your blanket on the grass, lie back and soak up the sunshine. After your snooze, you can enjoy a game of Frisbee or that book you borrowed from MacPháidin Library. You can even check your email or snap a picture and send it to your old roommate from your laptop: that's right—there's now wireless access on the quad.

However you end the day, it's sure to be a "staycation" to remember!

For the nitty-gritty details on parking, hours and access to these and more campus locations, visit www.stonehill.edu/staycation.xml.
ADCTD2TXTING. No, that isn’t a typo. In text messaging shorthand, it translates to “addicted to texting,” and the statement holds true for a growing number of people.

In this technology-driven world, it is easy to get caught up in the casual text messaging-style of communication where shortcuts are the norm. Dean of Academic Achievement Craig Almeida noticed this firsthand when one student emailed him: “Do u need to be a med student,” in response to a pre-medical service opportunities email he had sent out. “That’s all the student wrote,” says Almeida, astonished.

“Email etiquette has been frequently discussed on an advisors’ listserv I am on,” says Almeida, who along with several Stonehill colleagues, created a list of email correspondence tips aimed to help students become more professional communicators.

Seventeen in total, the tips range from simple yet important age-old standards like beginning a message with a salutation to more tactical guidelines such as including the original message in a reply.

Almeida added the second tip on the list—which advises students to avoid immature email handles—after hearing a colleague’s story. “His institution allowed students to create their own email addresses, and one of his medical students chose ‘prettykitty.’ This student was going to be applying for neurology residencies with that as his email address. What impression does that leave potential employers?”

The etiquette tips were emailed to the entire College community last semester, and Almeida says he is seeing progress. “Some students are taking the initiative and creating their own professional standards, like writing their class year and major at the end of an email. It adds a nice touch and shows students’ self-awareness,” notes Almeida.

“Email etiquette is an important issue for students as they are on the path to becoming professionals. Observing these conventions when sending professional messages can go a long way in making a good impression.”

A FEW OF DEAN ALMEIDA’S TIPS
Use informative and accurate subject lines.

Include a closing remark (e.g., All the best, Cheers, Sincerely, Take care, etc.).

Use upper and lower case characters appropriately.

Think about if what you write in an email is consistent with what you might say in person.

Pay attention to the tone of the message.

Avoid using abbreviations (e.g., u/you, ur/your, etc.) and acronyms (e.g., lol).

To view the entire list of professional email tips, visit www.stonehill.edu/craigslist.xml.
The Science of Love

THERE WAS CHEMISTRY BETWEEN THEM, and there was calculation in the way they met.
Now there's a biology lab dedicated to the love that sparked between Dr. Gerald '56 and Dolores (Maynard) '58 Carrier at Stonehill over 50 years ago.

Gerry and Del were biology majors who met at Stonehill in 1954, and were married in 1959 by Assistant Professor of Theology Rev. William Gartland, C.S.C.

They celebrated their 50th anniversary by donating a biology "clab"—a combination classroom and lab—to the new Science Center in honor of their Stonehill courtship and their fond memories of the close-knit nature of the College in its early days.

"We met outside of math class. What happened was, Gerry had his eye on me. I had a little royal blue corduroy coat with a white collar that he liked," recalls Del.

"We were in math class together, and the whole class was flunking because Lecturer Jane Scanlon was scoring on a curve, and Gerry kept getting 100. So I went over to him one day after class and said, 'Aren't you the boy who keeps getting 100 and making the rest of us flunk?''

Without missing a beat, Gerry asked the girl in the royal blue corduroy coat: "Do you want a tutor?"

Gerry had transferred from Providence College after his sophomore year, deciding that Stonehill had the better biology program. He was a junior in a class of freshmen because, as he explains, "in those days, they only taught specific science courses every other year. So you had to take it when they offered it."

So Gerry and Del took biology, botany, genetics, organic chemistry, physics and math together in the old Science Building. By the next school year, the chemistry between the bio majors had grown into an inseparable courtship.

"We were never apart," Gerry says. "If I was in class alone, the professor would ask, 'Where's Del?'"

In fact, the couple was the subject of genetics experiments.

"Dr. John Reedy taught everything; he was pretty much the entire ballgame when we were there," explains Del. "Dr. Reedy did genetic studies on Gerry and me. He said if we married, we'd have a blue-eyed, curly blond-headed boy, who would go bald early on in life. Well, our son was born blue-eyed with curly blond hair. He's only 39, but he's already bald. So Dr. Reedy knew his genetics pretty well."

Gerry recalls another favorite Reedy moment.

"Back in those days, Stonehill was a commuters' school. We were day-hoppers. You either lived off-campus in a private home in Easton, like Del did, or you commuted from your parents' home, like I did. I drove in from New Bedford," Gerry says. "So I used to pick up Del before school."

"It was the day of our organic chemistry final," Del explains. "Gerry was supposed to pick me up for our final."

Gerry was sitting in class, ready to take the test, when Dr. Reedy asked him, "Where's Del?"

"All of a sudden it dawned on me: I was supposed to pick her up," Gerry says. "I'm sitting there and said, 'Oh, God, she must be walking here.' Dr. Reedy told me, 'Get your butt up and go get her!' I drove a mile down the road and saw her walking," Gerry recalls.

Del adds, "In those days, it was a road filled with rhododendrons, but I was not admiring the flowers. I was steaming mad."

The Carriers recall other favorite professors:

"Rev. Thomas Lockary, C.S.C., assistant professor of mathematics and physics, wore suspenders and his beagle was always somewhere in the classroom," Gerry says.

"All of us were hypnotized by Associate Professor of Philosophy Rev. Richard Sullivan, C.S.C., who was soon to become president. His bright blue eyes...when he looked at you, you were stunned by them," Del remembers.

After graduation, Gerry attended Tufts University School of Dental Medicine and graduated in 1960. Frs. Gartland, Sullivan,
and Lockary said the funeral Mass for both of Gerry's parents. Fr. Gartland also baptized four of their five children, and Holy Cross priests officiated at three of their children's weddings.

Gerry became a dentist in New Bedford, where he and Del lived and raised their family. Del kept the books and took care of the children.

A practicing dentist for 49 years, Gerry served as the president of the Massachusetts Dental Society and chaired the Council on Dental Practice for the American Dental Association. He was also elected as an American College of Dentists fellow and an International College of Dentists fellow.

Today, the Carriers are retired and divide their time between Florida and New Hampshire.

Two Carrier children attended Stonehill: Michelle (Carrier) Trial '82 and Monique (Carrier) Christiansen '86. Gerry's brother, Dr. Paul Carrier '70, also graduated from the College.

So why did Gerry and Del give back to Stonehill?

"It's obvious. We met there. Fell in love there. Our whole life is surrounded by our college relationship," Gerry says. "It's not the first time we've donated, but when they were going to build the new Science Center, we realized we needed to leave some legacy."

Del adds, "We wanted to give back to Stonehill what it gave to us. For all it did for us, we can give a little bit back. The College has been part of our family, part of our life. Stonehill wasn't just a school—it is a long-term relationship."

—Lauren Daley '05

GOT A STONEHILL LOVE STORY?
If so, please share it with us. You might be featured in a future SAM story. Email your story to the editor at klawrence@stonehill.edu.

Rodfest Rocks On

"ONLY 364 MORE DAYS UNTIL THE NEXT RODFEST!"

That is what Gregory "Rodney" Moynahan '03 would say the day after his birthday each year. The fun-loving Moynahan liked bringing people together, whether it was creating the "Fun Club" at Stonehill or throwing himself a birthday concert called Rodfest.

"Greg had an enormous heart. His most incredible characteristic was his ability to make everyone feel like he was their best friend," says classmate and cousin Michael McDermott '03.

When Moynahan died after a tragic car accident in 2004, the question for his family and friends wasn't should they continue on with Rodfest, but rather where should they have it. "We all knew Rodfest was the best way to let Greg's spirit live on," says classmate Peter Galdi '03, who helps organize the event each year with McDermott and many others.

For the last six years, friends, family and Stonehill alumni have come together at Rodfest to celebrate his life and to help raise funds for the Gregory "Rodney" Moynahan Memorial Scholarship. A sellout each year, the concert showcases some of Boston's top local bands and is now held at Boston's popular Paradise Rock Club.

Last year, the first Stonehill scholarship recipient was named after more than $50,000 was raised through concert proceeds and alumni gifts. A second recipient was announced this year. Both were selected for their academic achievements and for their personalities, which reflect Moynahan's spirit.

"Greg was fun, creative and athletic. He had a great sense of humor," says Kier Byrnes, Moynahan's cousin and the driving force behind Rodfest. "Greg would love what Rodfest has become;" notes Galdi. "Getting everyone together was what he wanted."

Attaining the Summit www.attainingthesummit.org

With more than $51 million raised, we are fast approaching our Attaining the Summit campaign goal of $55 million.

Every gift, no matter the size, pushes us closer to the goal, which we need to reach by June 30, 2010.

To make your gift or for more campaign news, visit www.attainingthesummit.org.

CAMPAIGN GOAL = $55,000,000
TOTAL RAISED TO DATE = $51,076,096

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No Buyer’s Remorse

Donor Shares Reasons for Making Largest Gift in College’s History

**EVERY YEAR**, Thomas and Mary Shields meet with student recipients of the Shields Scholarship at Stonehill. Usually in Donahue Hall, the event is a highlight for the couple as they sit and talk with students, hearing how the recipients are making the most of their education and are nurtured by their professors.

"On the way home in the car, Mary and I have the best conversations as we discuss what the students have told us over dinner. The buzz is great, and we are always invigorated by their stories and by what they are achieving. It is a joyful occasion because the students are wonderful ambassadors for the quality of a Stonehill education," explains Tom Shields, the founder, chairman and chief
executive officer of Shields Health Care Group. Impressed by the level of education at the College, Tom and Mary wanted to do something special for Stonehill. So, they presented the College with the largest gift in its 62-year history—$7 million.

“We wanted to encourage Stonehill to move even further ahead with its academic mission and to do something very good for the new Science Center,” says Shields in explaining the gift from him and his wife, who is also his trusted business partner.

In turn, the College showed its appreciation in September at the dedication of the 89,630-square-foot Science Center when President Mark Cregan, C.S.C. ’78 announced that the building will be known as the Thomas and Mary Shields Science Center [below, left].

“We are touched that the College has recognized us like this because we feel part of the Stonehill community. Our friendships here are long-standing and every time we come to campus, we are excited by the students, faculty and staff, and by what’s happening at the College,” Shields explains.

“I thought I’d get a very good bang for my investment,” Shields remarks of his gift which supports the College’s current Attaining the Summit campaign.

Headquartered in Quincy, Shields’ network of imaging centers extends throughout New England. He and Mary began the family-owned business in 1972, when they opened the Madalawn Nursing Home in Brockton.

In 1986, Shields established the first independent community MRI center in Brockton. The company now operates 28 medical imagining facilities in New England.

Shields has a long association with Stonehill. He is a former chairman of the Board of Trustees, now a trustee emeritus, and with his wife created a scholarship program that benefits 10 students each year. Two of the Shields’ seven children—William ’84 and Thomas ’92—graduated from Stonehill; and their daughter, Carmel, is a trustee.

Shields was also chairman of the College’s first capital campaign, Securing the Vision, which raised $23 million between 1992 and 1997.

The Attaining the Summit campaign has a goal of $55 million, targeted for the Science Center, scholarships, academic initiatives and athletics. The Shields’ gift of $7 million brought the total to $49 million, more than double what was raised in the first campaign. [See campaign chart on page 23.]

“Tom and Mary are true and loyal friends,” says Fr. Cregan. “We wanted to thank them in a significant way for their generosity. By dedicating the Science Center in their honor, we have ensured that the Shields legacy at Stonehill is recognized at a high-profile location on campus, one that is a hub of activity for students and faculty.”

The Shields Science Center is the largest building on campus, housing the biology, chemistry, physics and psychology departments. It features innovative laboratory space that integrates cutting-edge research and teaching. Combined classroom/labs allow students to swiftly translate theory into practice while faculty offices are designed to promote interdisciplinary conversation and collaboration.

Given all that, the $7 million donation was a natural, Shields notes.

“You don’t do these things without having a deep understanding of the people at the College. I enjoy it and my wife enjoys it. We feel good about it. No buyer’s remorse,” he says.
The Dynamic Duo
Alumni Office Veterans Celebrate 20 Years

WHEN ANNE (POLLICK) SANT ’88 [above, left] and Arlene Giannaros [above, right] joined the Alumni Office in 1989, George H.W. Bush was president of the United States, Steve Grogan was the New England Patriots quarterback and Stonehill had just 10,886 alumni.

Two decades later, as the women celebrate their 20th anniversaries, they anchor an office that reaches out to more than 22,000 alumni, with Anne as director of alumni affairs and Arlene as administrative assistant.

The "dynamic duo" keep alumni linked to Stonehill while demonstrating superior organization, calmness under pressure, a willingness to work long hours, and especially, good humor.

“They are both wonderful people,” says Cheryl (Noonan) Noblin ’71, who serves on several alumni committees. “They listen to you and welcome you, and if you ever need anything, they are there for you.”

“Anne and Arlene are energetic, dedicated, always available,” adds Rev. James Chichetto, C.S.C. ’64, associate professor of communication who resides on campus and is an active alumnus. “I’m ‘living over the store,’ so I’m always in touch with them.”

Whether it’s planning Alumni Council meetings, organizing Alumni Weekend and Reunion, helping prepare for the Alumni Auction or bringing alumni concerns to the administration, Anne and Arlene are involved.

They have managed to maintain the personal touch during a time of enormous growth. Each spring the College adds about 600 new graduates to its alumni rolls, notes Fr. Chichetto. But the office has adapted to the challenges.

“The first class was 1952 and the next class will be 2010, and there are a variety of needs,” explains Fr. Chichetto. “There’s a big difference in information technology. There are different ways of keeping in touch. And we’re also national and even international, with alumni all over the United States and abroad. All that makes it far more complex than it was 20 years ago.” [See a map of where alumni live on page 29.]

Arlene attributes her long career at Stonehill to the wonderful people she has worked with. “I have worked in a highly professional environment surrounded by intelligent, talented and considerate people,” Arlene says. “A good part of my work is engaging with the many alumni volunteers in various capacities, which has been the highlight of my years here. Some have become dear friends.”

Anne says she remains awed by the level of support that Stonehill’s alumni offer the College. A highlight for her was the creation of the 50th reunion program. “Having the opportunity to work with alumni from our first graduating class to accomplish this was an experience that I will always cherish,” says Anne. “The love that they have for Stonehill inspires me every day, as I continue to identify new opportunities for alumni to be involved with the College and each other.”

Francis X. Dillon ’70, vice president for advancement, says Anne “succeeds because she knows everyone by name. She knows how to make alumni feel welcome and feel that their service is valued and appreciated.”

He adds, “Arlene does a stellar job at bringing people together, especially organizing alumni involvement. Anne and Arlene both continually cultivate relationships.”
Packing for a Good Cause

NOTEBOOKS, RULERS, GLUE STICKS, pencil cases and other school supplies flooded into the Alumni Office this past fall to fill backpacks for local school children in need.

As chairperson of the Alumni Council Community Affairs Committee, Christine (Sarivole) St. Pierre '97 [left] rallied alumni to support the sixth annual Back to School Backpack Project.

St. Pierre heads up the Council's community service initiatives, the largest of which is the Backpack Project. Beginning in 2004 with 25 backpacks collected, the project has grown to a record 320.

“The Backpack Project has resonated with alumni, as evidenced by their generosity,” cites St. Pierre.

Along with encouraging alumni to drop off backpacks and school supplies at Stonehill, St. Pierre and her committee also invited alumni and their families to join them in assembling the donations one August evening.

St. Pierre then coordinated with schools and non-profits to deliver the stuffed backpacks.

“The principals and staff who work with the children were overwhelmed by the donations,” notes St. Pierre. “It is gratifying to be able to work with other Stonehill alumni to help make a difference in the lives of so many children.”

Legacy Graduate Receives Service Award

KATHLEEN (O’DONOVAN) SCHWARTZ ’86 received the Alumni Service Award—which recognizes graduates who have volunteered their time and energy to help advance Stonehill and its Alumni Association—at the annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner in November.

The 36th recipient and the first legacy graduate to be honored, Schwartz has maintained a deep connection with the College. Shortly after working as an alumni volunteer with the Alumni Council, Schwartz was elected treasurer, then vice president, followed by serving as president from 2005-2008. Under Schwartz's leadership, alumni participation in and engagement with the life of the College grew.

In accepting the award, Schwartz remarked, “It was not easy for me to step out of a busy, happy career and become a full-time, stay-at-home mother. Working with the Alumni Council has given me just what I needed to keep busy in the grown-up world working with a definite purpose for something in which I deeply believe.”

Schwartz was joined at the dinner by friends and family members including her husband, Marc, also Class of '86 whom she met while attending the College, and her mother, Lorrie (Riley) O'Donovan, a member of the Class of '59.
Journeying Together

THE THIRD INSTALLMENT of the Alumni Travel Program, Literary Tour of London and Paris, featured Academic Vice President and Provost Katie Conboy as the faculty host, leading alumni and friends to historic and literary sites in and around both cities.

Travelers visited the Charles Dickens House Museum, Windsor Castle, Jane Austen's home in the town of Bath, Canterbury, the Louvre, the Eiffel Tower and Versailles.

Plans are underway for the next Alumni Travel destination—Greece. Travelers will depart in October and will be treated to our first trip by cruise, with stops on many of the islands and extended time in Athens. For more information on the Alumni Travel Program, please contact the Office of Alumni Affairs at 508-565-1343.

At Shakespeare's Globe Theatre in London, Jennifer (Dempsey) Goodale '01 gets into costume as Ophelia from Hamlet.

Auction Action

THE ANNUAL ALUMNI AUCTION reached a new benchmark last November when it raised $57,000 to push its 16-year total to $775,000.

Hosted by the Auction Committee, the event was led by Chair William McAndrew '70 and Acquisitions Chair Jeanne (Duverger) Hurley '68. Funds from the Auction benefit student scholarships.

At the Pillar Society Mass and Luncheon in Donahue Hall, was among the hundreds of alumni who attended Alumni Weekend in October.

The weekend featured events such as the annual Young Alumni Reception, an Open House at the Shields Science Center, a Wine Tasting for evening division alumni, and the annual Admissions Legacy Session, which advised alumni and their high school-aged children about the admissions process.
Life After Stonehill

STONEHILL HAS GRADUATED 22,056 alumni and the Office of Alumni Affairs remains in touch with over 20,000. While a majority (65%) reside in Massachusetts alone and 80% within New England, the College continues its outreach to alumni living throughout the country. In fact, Stonehill alumni live in every state and in 41 foreign countries.

In 2010, alumni events are planned for North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Florida, Washington, D.C., New York and Rhode Island. To find out about these events, contact Alumni Affairs at 508-565-1343.

★ CALIFORNIA was host to two events in October. Twenty-five alumni attended a reception in San Francisco and more than 50 guests attended a reception at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley.

In the fall, more than 25 attended a reception and then watched the Red Sox take on the Baltimore Orioles at Camden Yards. And the annual ★ WASHINGTON, D.C. Christmas Reception had more than 40 in attendance.

The ★ NEW YORK CITY area featured a variety of events including a Campaign Reception on Long Island in March with nearly 50 attendees, a Young Alumni Networking Reception in September, a home reception hosted by Patty (O'Neill) Toth '86 in Greenwich, Conn. in November, and the annual New York City Christmas Reception which drew more than 80 attendees.

In ★ RHODE ISLAND, 40 alumni and friends gathered to watch the Pawtucket Red Sox last spring. Even more attended a Wine Tasting Reception sponsored by the Alumni Council Young Alumni Committee in Newport over the summer.
1953 As a Holy Cross priest for 25 years, Burton Smith spent 15 years with the first Holy Cross group to be sent to work in Uganda. A retired psychiatric social worker, Smith volunteers at St. John The Baptist parish in Castleton, VT. and with groups that assist parolees, people in shut-in situations and with adoption issues. Last year, he gave a stress management conference for an inner-city parish in Utica, N.Y. and before that he presented at a University of Notre Dame conference that celebrated Holy Cross missionary service in Uganda and East Africa.

1958 Robert Wooster, a retired teacher at Oliver Ames High School and a member of both the high school's and Stonehill’s Athletic Hall of Fame, will have the main baseball field at Easton’s Frothingham Park named in his honor. He is being recognized for his 37 years of service as the park’s executive director.

1960 Judith (Leonard) Maloney is a federal grants administrator for the Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) and serves at disaster field offices for New England floods as a natural hazards specialist.

1963 Charles McEachern is a substitute teacher at Contoocook Valley Regional High School and also at the South Meadow School, the middle school in Peterborough, N.H.

1964 The Irish Voice newspaper recognized Professor of Political Science Richard Finnegan as a member of its annual “Education 100.”

1966 Patsy-Ann (Vallett) O’Boy was presented with Bishop Feehan High School's Honorary Alumni Award in appreciation for her loyalty, leadership and service to the Attleboro Catholic high school where she has been a guidance counselor for 17 years, yearbook moderator and faculty coach for the Mock Trial team.

1968 William DeNuccio received the 21st Century Rhode Island Hall of Fame Award from Soccer Rhode Island. A retired high school teacher/administrator, he has coached high school soccer and Cranston League for Cranston’s Future (CLCF) youth soccer for over 30 years. The City of Cranston also dedicated the William M. DeNuccio Soccer Field in his honor. + Kathleen (Mancuso) Regan, nurse manager at the Cambridge Health Alliance, received the 2009 annual award for innovation and clinical leadership from the American Psychiatric Nurses Association.

Aqua Adventure

Some people start their day with coffee and the newspaper. Lindsay Hemphill '06 has her coffee while “digging through a pile of fish; definitely a combination that takes getting used to!”

Hemphill is living out a childhood dream as a dolphin trainer responsible for the behavioral training and daily care of three Atlantic bottlenose dolphins at Dolphin Cove Research & Education Center in Key Largo, Fla. Hemphill feeds her dolphins from the fish she picks out in the morning and regularly cleans the area that the dolphins occupy.

In addition to these duties, Hemphill—who was a biology major—teaches visitors about environmental conservation, specifically how to protect the animals she loves. “One of my main goals as a trainer and educator at Dolphin Cove is to teach the general public about dolphin protection, including avoiding feeding or swimming with wild dolphins.”

Although she enjoys teaching, the best part of Hemphill’s job has been “developing friendships with the dolphins,” as seen in the above photo of her in the water with a friend.

1971 James Piscatori, deputy director of the Centre for Arab and Islamic Studies at the Australian National University in Canberra, Australia and a leading interpreter of fundamentalist Islam, was elected to The Johns Hopkins University Society of Scholars.

1973 Christopher Connelly is serving in his 20th year as the voice of Marblehead High School sports for all home games including football, boys’ basketball, girls’ basketball and baseball. + Mary (Downes) Falwell retired as vice president of marketing from The Travelers Companies, Inc. after a 34-year career in the insurance industry with Travelers and previously with Aetna Life & Casualty. + Jo Ann Johnson is the new science director for the City of Waltham School Department. + John Kuzmiski is the new town accountant for Bridgewater.

1975 Brian Kelly, a marine biologist with the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries in Pocasset, is also a professional musician as a solo guitarist/vocalist and as a member of Seabreeze, a quintet based on Cape Cod.

1976 Brian Dudley is vice president of institutional advancement and alumni affairs at Cheverus High School in Portland, Maine. + Margaret (Devlin) Haskell is the director of development at Trinity Christian Academy in Barnstable.
1978 The Irish Voice newspaper recognized President Mark Cregan, C.S.C. as a member of its second annual "Irish Legal 100" and of its annual "Education 100."

1979 Marie (Coleman) Leonard is the corporate gift channel officer with the Dancing Deer Baking Company, Inc. in Hyde Park.

30th REUNION JUNE 4-6

1980 Mark Whalen has been promoted to executive vice president at Needham Bank. He is also a board member of the Dedham Historical Society and the Southwest Affordable Housing Partnership.

Christine Ambrose-Belton teaches second grade at St. Francis Xavier Elementary School in Weymouth. • Thomas Golota, a professional photographer who operates Photography by Golota based in Norton, was re-elected to the Norton School Committee for another three-year term and also was re-appointed as chair of the school committee for the 2009-2010 year.

1982 Mary (Tardiff) Orne, a 27-year Marblehead-Swampscott YMCA employee and the director of the Early Learning Education and Family programs, was named associate executive director of the new Lynch/van Otterloo YMCA in Marblehead. • Susan Sherman, operations officer at Boston Financial Data Services, Inc. in Quincy, received her doctor of education degree in educational leadership/curriculum and instruction from the University of Phoenix.

1983 Dale Geldart was promoted from chief operating officer to chief executive officer at eXludus Technologies, the leading developer of multi-core system resource management solutions, headquartered in Montreal, Quebec. John Paganelli Jr. was appointed director of career services at Bridgewater State College.

1987 Sharon Lamond is an adjunct instructor for The Health Training Center Medical Assistant Program in Attleboro. She also is the founder/facilitator of the Fibromyalgia Support Group of Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts. • M. Martin O'Shea Jr., principal of Minnechaug Regional High School for the past four years, was appointed school superintendent for the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District.

1988 Gregory Strzegowski was promoted to senior vice president, corporate development at Wright Express Corporation, a leading global provider of payment processing and information management services, headquartered in South Portland, Maine.

1989 John Judge was appointed chief development officer for the City of Springfield. • Salvatore Lucido is the Deputy Director for Policy at the Center for Disease Control's (CDC) National Center for Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities in Atlanta, Ga.

20th REUNION JUNE 4-6

1990 Henri Chouinard is the chief firearms instructor at the American Firearms School in North Attleboro. • Brian Foley and Kevin Webb have opened a new business venture, FW Financial Partners, in Braintree. • Timothy Oakes was appointed chief financial officer and remains chief accounting officer at Edgewater Technology, Inc., an innovative technology management consulting firm located in Wakefield.

1991 Claudia (Vidal) Gallagher is a school adjustment counselor at Brockton High School.

Eating Champ

“Some people golf and some people eat,” says Peter Davekos '99 of his competitive eating hobby. “They play on different courses, and I eat different courses!”

“PrettyBoy,” as he is known on the professional eating circuit, is ranked 16th in the world and is the top competitive eater in New England. Some of his consumption feats include eating seven and a half pounds of spinach in five minutes, 29 hotdogs (and buns) in ten minutes, and five pounds of Ramen Noodles in eight minutes.

Davekos has traveled all over to compete, but his favorite eating destination was Guantanamo Bay, Cuba where he entertained the troops stationed in the area. “Getting to know the men and women who sacrifice so much for us to live the life we do was one of the most gratifying experiences I’ve had,” he explains.

In addition to his eating hobby, Davekos—a biology major while at Stonehill—is a full-time sales manager and father of two young children, which does not allow for much downtime. Though his hobby may be “a tad odder than the norm,” he says competing is his way of releasing stress. Why not choose another way to unwind? “Though I love it,” Davekos replies, “I’m just not that good at golf!”

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Real Estate Challenges

Housing market got you down? James McHugh '89, a consultant for RE/MAX Unlimited in Brookline with over 20 years of real estate experience, sees "good times ahead."

"The market is bouncing back, but there is still turbulence," notes McHugh. The recent economic uncertainty has lead to challenges for real estate professionals and buyers alike. One challenge for McHugh has been the public's perception of the housing market across the United States.

The boom of the early 2000s lasted for so long that unusually high conditions became the norm, McHugh explains. The current, more reasonable, climate is perceived to be a continued "down market."

The challenge for buyers lies in the tighter regulations placed on banks and more conservative lending policies. Homebuyers were accustomed to being able to borrow more than they could really afford. McHugh's advice for potential buyers is: "Buy what you need and what you can afford; don't always try to keep up with the Joneses."

McHugh remains optimistic and because of his experience is prepared to handle any conditions. "The challenge of something different every day and every quarter," he explains, "is a big part of why I am in this business."

1992 Kimberly (Kittredge) Taylor is the principal at the Charlotte A. Dunning Elementary School in Framingham.

1993 Stephen Kimball is managing director of Tuscan Advisors, a business consulting firm based in Henrico County, Va., and a principal with the Chasm Group, a nationally recognized Silicon Valley firm providing Go-To-Market strategy services to high technology companies. • Marlene (Palmer) Limoli was promoted to tax director at Fidelity Investments in Boston. • David Turano has joined Next Level, Inc., a sales management consulting firm and authorized licensee of Sandler Training based in Franklin, as managing director, corporate development.

1994 Christopher Winn is a managing principal and co-founder of MainStay Consulting Group LLC and AdvisorAssist in Portsmouth, N.H.

1995 Gerard Boyle serves as director of operations at Cornwall Capital Inc. in New York, N.Y. • Nicole (Ciodella) Caprioli was made a partner in the Worcester law firm of Christopher, Hays, Wojick & Mavricos, LLP. • Beth-Ann (Caswell) McCrae was promoted to director of operations for the community at EPOCH Senior Living on the East Side in Providence, R.I. where she is responsible for the senior living community's sales strategies, development of educational programs and promotional outreach planning. • Jeffrey Pettine, vice president and senior finance manager for Citizens Financial Group, was featured in the Providence Business News special section, "40 Under Forty."

1996 BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee, headquartered in Chattanooga, selected Michelle (Fournier) Link to serve as its vice president of human resources. She oversees talent acquisition, training, organizational development, compensation and benefits for employees across all company lines of business.

1997 Erica (Hart) Bryson, philanthropy officer for special events at Women & Infants Hospital in Providence, R.I., was awarded the professional credential of CFRE as a certified fund raising executive. • Edmund Cabellon was promoted to director of the Rondileau Campus Center at Bridgewater State College. • Suzanne Patchett, a 2006 member of the Stonehill Athletic Hall of Fame, was inducted into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame at a ceremony at Mohegan Sun in Uncasville, Conn.

1998 Joan (Schlosser) Evans received her master of science degree in labor relations and human resources from the University of Rhode Island and then passed her Senior Professional of Human Resources examination. She was promoted to director of human resources for Kopin Corporation at its corporate headquarters in Taunton where she has been employed for over 20 years. • Jamie Mortellite is a nurse practitioner at the Hallmark Health Cancer Center, located in Stoneham. • Jonathan O'Gorman was promoted to major in the United States Marine Corps. • Russell Stamm, founder and principal of the Dedham-based tax and accounting firm of R.C. Stamm & Company, was named to the board of directors of the Dedham Square Circle, a nonprofit organization committed to invigorating the Dedham Square area.

1999 Derek Collamati was named director of development at the Pawtucket (R.I.) Armory Center for the Arts where he is responsible for all fundraising activities. • Danielle Gerrior is
the religious education director for the North Parish of North Andover Unitarian Universalist Church. * John Popiak * is a major in U.S. Army Military Intelligence at the National Security Agency at Fort Meade, Md.

**10th Reunion June 4-6**

2000 Nathan Charette, a mathematics teacher at East Bridgewater High School, serves as the head varsity baseball coach at Bishop Stang High School in North Dartmouth. * Elizabeth (Gilbert) Kish * is a member of the advertising department at Seacoast Media Group in Portsmouth, N.H. * Mark Langone * was promoted to senior analyst at Nielsen BASES, a division of the Nielsen Company, in Milan, Italy. * Peter Veneto Jr. * is the new principal at the Dennett Elementary School in Plympton. * Daniel Wolfert * was appointed general manager of the Bradenton Marauders, the high Class A team of the Pittsburgh Pirates in the 12-team Florida State League.

2001 Jennifer (Lasher) Berry is the co-owner with her husband and the director of the Joyful Learning/Southbrook Academy complex in Bridgewater. Joyful Learning is a pre-school facility while Southbrook Academy enrolls students in kindergarten through grade six. * Jeanne (Williams) Falchek * returned from a deployment in Iraq with the 56th Stryker Brigade Combat Team in the National Guard or Reserve Components. * Laura (Hambleton) Ferrigno * is an event coordinator with the Harvard Law School. * Diana (Cancellieri) Gascon, a reading specialist for the Granby (Conn.) Public Schools, earned the sixth-year advanced professional certificate from Central Connecticut State University for reading and language consultant administrative certification.

2002 John Caron Jr. joined Turner Investment Partners, an employee-owned investment firm headquartered in Berwyn, Pa., as an external wholesaler. He is responsible for cultivating new and existing relationships with brokers, investment advisors and financial planners and for gaining sales in the region of North Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Arkansas. * Robert Mezzanotte * was promoted from assistant principal to principal at North Smithfield (R.I.) High School. * Mary Porter-Goff * was awarded a doctoral degree in biomedical sciences from the University of Massachusetts Medical School Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and is a postdoctoral fellow in the laboratory of Dr. Jeffrey Hansen at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colo. * Amanda (Collier) Scipione * is a partner and director of client research at Boston-based Siharum Advisors, LLC, an independent, open architecture investment advisor firm providing investment advice and service for high net worth individuals and foundations.

2003 Kelly (Valois) Bitinas was appointed the assistant principal at East Bridgewater High School. * Derek Forrest Jr., a sports reporter/sports anchor at WYMT-TV in Hazard, Ky., received a 2009 Kentucky Press Award for Best Sports Videography and a 2009 Honorable Mention Associated Press Award for Best Sports Prep Show. * Mark Henry, a certified public accountant, was named a senior associate at KAF Financial Group, at the firm’s Braintree headquarters.

2004 Sarah (Palermo) T Bochenek is a project manager for radiology clinical trials at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. * Cristina (Scanton) Colanti * is a physician assistant at St. Elizabeth’s Medical Center in Boston.

**Voice Volunteer**

His voice extends from a mellow lower register to a rich, flexible contrast in the upper ranges. When he sings, Charles "Micah" Christian ’06 brings a deep, generous musical experience to his listeners, as anyone who heard him sing with the Chapel Choir during his student days knows.

Now pursuing a master’s degree at Boston University School of Theology, Christian has, through his singing, connected with the New York Says Thank You Foundation, which helps rebuild communities after natural or man-made disasters.

The foundation is using his a cappella version of Peter Gabriel's Solsbury Hill as background for its documentary trailer. Last summer, it invited him to sing at a service at the Little Sioux Scout Ranch in Iowa where four Boy Scouts died in a 2008 tornado. In addition to singing, Christian joined other volunteers in building a chapel on the site where the boys died.

Founded by a New Yorker who lost friends in 9/11, the group includes many first responders and helps others as a thank you for the generosity extended to the city after the attack.

In May, Christian hopes to sing with the Boston Pops as part of a program segment dedicated to the work of the New York Says Thank You Foundation and the National 9/11 Flag.
Later this year, Richard Yanikoski ’68 will retire after completing his five-year term as president and CEO of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities (ACCU), the collective voice of Catholic higher education in the nation. Here, he shares his thoughts about the strength of Catholic colleges in the U.S. today and, more specifically, about Stonehill’s growth and desire to excel.

**SAM:** How would you characterize the state of Catholic higher education in the U.S.?

**RY:** Catholic higher education is strong and getting stronger, both as an academic enterprise and as a manifestation of the Catholic faith. Enrollment is larger than it was a decade ago. There is a renewed interest in enriching the Catholic identity of campuses while simultaneously welcoming and serving all.

**SAM:** What strengths do Catholic colleges and universities possess?

**RY:** Institutional diversity—in areas including enrollment, programs offered, and founding religious communities—ensures that no single institution or type of institution exerts leadership in a manner that dominates. Each campus bears witness in special ways to Catholic intellectual tradition, the Church’s commitment to social justice, and the value of linking reason and faith in the classroom and in life.

**SAM:** What are some challenges that Catholic colleges and universities face?

**RY:** Five-sixths of all Catholic undergraduates attend institutions other than Catholic colleges. Also, top scholars seek employment at our campuses, but decreasing proportions of them are fervently Catholic which makes it difficult to match enrollment growth on Catholic campuses with additional faculty and staff who will invest themselves in sustaining the distinctively Catholic mission of our institutions. National and intergenerational “drift” in the importance of the faith among Catholics will not be easily turned around.

**SAM:** How does Stonehill compare to other Catholic colleges and universities?

**RY:** Stonehill has advanced more rapidly than most colleges of its age and type with respect to size, facilities, amenities, academic standards, breadth of programs and reputation. The Congregation of Holy Cross provided the College with an educational legacy that focuses on undergraduate education and the liberal arts, a firm commitment to the Catholic faith, and a tenacious desire to excel.
Miracle Cure

Given the reality of the court and prison systems where he works and ministers, John "Jack" Sullivan '61—who is the chief magistrate at Plymouth District Court and also serves as a deacon—hardly seems like someone who believes in miracles. Yet Sullivan not only believes he received a miraculous cure, the Catholic Church has confirmed it.

Sullivan’s sudden healing from a debilitating back condition has been declared a miracle by Vatican officials and will make possible the beatification of Cardinal John Henry Newman, a 19th-century theologian and Anglican priest who converted to Catholicism.

Now pain-free, Sullivan will travel to England in the fall to serve as deacon for the beatification ceremonies that will be conducted by Pope Benedict XVI. The Pope has proclaimed that Sullivan’s healing was the miracle needed to beatify Newman, the final major step toward canonization.

While today his faith grounds him, as a youth, Sullivan viewed Catholic teachings as myths. Then during his junior year at Stonehill, his faith was renewed when he experienced a tremendous sense of wellbeing, of peace and love of God.

Decades later, his faith played a key role in addressing a health crisis. In 2000, he experienced intense leg pain. Doctors diagnosed disc and vertebrae abnormalities and recommended surgery to avoid eventual paralysis.

Distraught, he turned on a religious television program for consolation. The program focused on Newman’s candidacy for sainthood. Sullivan prayed to Newman, asking him to intercede with God to relieve his pain.

The next morning, he woke up pain-free, and remained that way for eight months until the pain returned severely. Surgery was performed in 2001; and days later, the pain was excruciating.

Sullivan prayed again to Newman, and felt again that sense of peace and wellbeing. Then, he stood and walked out of the hospital room and continues to walk pain-free today.

Doctors could not explain his sudden healing and had expected his recovery to take up to 12 months. Sullivan wrote to Newman’s community, the Birmingham Oratory in England, who forwarded his case to Rome. After an eight-year investigation, the Vatican concluded that Sullivan’s healing is miraculous.

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Classes of 1960, '65, '70, '75, '80, '85, '90, '95, '00, '05 and the Pillar Society Save the Dates: June 4-6, 2010.

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The Legacy Society unites parents, alumni, trustees and friends in our planned giving outreach. By including Stonehill in their estate plans, Legacy supporters ensure that we have the financial wherewithal to continue providing outstanding educational experiences for our students.

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1. Michael Colanti '04 and Cristina Scranton '04, 7/18/09
2. Brooke Reitano '04 and Channing Johnson, 4/24/09
3. Holly Mitton '05 and Michael lrgens '05, 6/6/09
4. Heidi O'Wril '98 and James Laplante '97, 7/26/08
5. Lisa Bova '03 and John Minihan, 6/27/09
6. Courtney O'Keefe '05 and Scott Mulcahy '05, 7/11/08

WEDDINGS
Paul Dumais '67 to Mary Sinclair, 10/11/09
Marita Roddy '76 to Paul O'Brien '76, 7/28/09
Michelle Connolly '80 to Fouad Baghdadi, 8/30/09
Anthony O'Brien '81 to Staci Donlan, 5/18/09
Lori Miska '89 to Robert Amos, 1/7/09
Jean Paulhus '94 to Eric Foster, 8/22/09
Ludmila Caprice '95 to Peter Gill, 10/5/09
Julie Farino '95 to Peter Ostrowski, 11/1/08
Brian Foley '95 to Molly Goggin, 2/22/08
Gerard Boyle '95 to Siobhan Hennessy, 8/8/09
Colleen Fennell '96 to Steve Stasheff, 6/20/08
Jennifer Meaney '96 to Marco Tieri, 9/26/09
Tammy Tobin '96 to Will Darling, 5/10/08
Peter Caryll '96 to Elizabeth O'Brien, 7/18/08
Beth Archibald '97 to Kevin O'Brien, 8/2/09
Kathleen Higgins '97 to Hans Olson, 11/28/09
James Laplante '97 to Heidi O'Wril '98, 7/26/08
Meredith Martin '99 to Michael Roseo, 5/23/09
Leah Volk '99 to Jay Shapiro, 7/24/09
Kevin Trained '99 to Laura Samoluk, 6/25/08
Elizabeth Gilbert '00 to David Kish, 9/5/09
Daniel Wolfert '00 to Christine Metcalf, 10/25/09
Laura Desiletis '01 to Shane Vahey, 1/2/09
Laura Hambleton '01 to Michael Ferrigno, 4/26/09
Leigh Anne Shields '01 to Michael Church, 9/26/09
Lynn Stanger '01 to Christopher Benjamin, 6/6/09
Danielle Desrochers '02 to Clay Holdsworth, 7/25/09
Kimberly Dorrance '02 to H. David Noble, 6/13/09
Erin Leone '02 to Varsh Thakakkalapalli, 5/16/09
Daniel Barczak '02 to Stephanie Sinititsk '04, 7/25/09
E. Christopher Allen '02 to Michelle Andrews, 6/14/09
John Barron '02 to Julie Cameron '02, 7/12/08
Lisa Bova '03 to John Minihan, 6/27/09
Sandra DaSilva '03 to Iain Hawes, 9/11/09
Gretchen Glenn '03 to George Read, 8/29/09
Heather Hunt '03 to Jonathan Meehan, 10/31/09
Catherine McNamee '03 to Francis Trainor, 8/7/09
Nina Paulen '03 to John Hastings, 10/10/09
Jessica Labrencis '03 to Jonathan Fisch, 7/26/09
Marcie Ault '04 to Jason Coury, 5/29/09
Ashley Blain '04 to Christopher McKee, 8/8/09
Jacquelyn Burbank '04 to Gregory D'Andrea '04, 10/12/08
Ashley Daluz '04 to Andrew Lay, 7/26/08
Jennifer Martel '04 to James Murphy '04, 6/30/09
Colleen McCann '04 to Christopher Rommel, 6/20/09
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Cristina Scranton '04 to Michael Colanti '04, 7/18/09
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Katrina Wilkin '05 to Jason Christensen '05, 10/18/08
Meredith York '05 to Robert Sweet, 8/1/09
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Heather Lee '06 to Alexander O'Leary '06, 8/28/09
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Jessica Workman '06 to Michael Magill, 6/14/08
Nathan St. Yves '06 to Kathryn Nigra, 10/11/08
BIRTHS

Michelle (DeSisto) '88 and Steven Glowny, Natick, daughter, Gwendolyn Mia, 7/18/09
Amy (Jacques) '92 and Michael Muller, Boulder, Colo., son, Matthew Loveless, 7/3/09
Linda (Sullivan) '93 and David '93 Allard, Exeter, N.H., son, Ryan Cornelius, 6/4/09
Edward '94 and Carolyn Pires, Cranston, R.I., son, Dylan Edward, 12/8/08
Jeffrey '95 and Suzanne Pettine, Providence, R.I., daughter, Corina, 8/24/09
Rebecca (Ricci) '95 and Louis Simon, Coventry, R.I., son, Matthew Raymond, 10/20/08
Edward '94 and Carolyn Pires, Cranston, R.I., son, Dylan Edward, 12/8/08
Jeffrey '95 and Suzanne Pettine, Providence, R.I., daughter, Corina, 8/24/09
Rebecca (Ricci) '95 and Louis Simon, Coventry, R.I., son, Matthew Raymond, 10/20/08
Tammy (Tobin) '96 and William Darling, Westford, daughter, Addison Tobin, 7/8/09
Patrick '96 and Jennifer Sullivan, Windham, N.H., daughter, Katherine McLean, 10/10/09
Sarah Bogdanski-Bourdon '97 and Christian Bourdon, Meriden, Conn., daughter, Gabriella Simone, 4/2/09
Daniel '97 and Patricia Gentile, Bridgewater, son, Joseph Daniel, 6/10/09
Dennis '98 and Danielle (Hudson) '99 Burton, North Reading, daughter, Anne, 10/12/09
Kerry (Morast) '98 and David Lamlein, West Bridgewater, daughter, Jennifer Morast, 10/28/08
Rachael (Morin) '98 and Dennis McCann, Norristown, Pa., daughter, Emily Elizabeth, 7/26/09
Brian '99 and Katherine (Antin) '00 Connelly, Mattapoisett, son, Charlie, 5/29/09
Craig Lennon '99 and Olена Kuvтun, Lincoln, Neb., son, Evan Alexander, 7/28/09
Sean '99 and Laura (Autuori) '99 Pontani, Arlington, daughter, Sara Rose, 1/11/08
Jennifer (Rossi) '00 and Ryan '00 Dowson, South Yarmouth, daughter, Marina Lillian, 1/23/09
Giuseppe '00 and Kate Femia, Whitman, son, Aidan, 12/7/08
Patrick Kelly '00 and Megan (Litwin) '00 McDonald, Westborough, son, Connor Joseph, 4/19/09
Colleen (O'Brien) '00 and Patrick McGeown, Beverly, son, Connor Brien, 7/27/08
Lauren (Jacobs)'00 and Kevin '00 McNamara, Massapequa, N.Y., daughter, Jillian Elizabeth, 11/19/09
Joy (Errico) '00 and Christopher '01 Seusing, Arlington, son, Grant Christopher, 9/24/09
Jennifer (Desrosiers)'00 and Stephen Smith, Swansea, son, Kyle William, 7/15/09
Tara (Lipiro) '00 and Michael Sumberac, Staten Island, N.Y., son, Luka Michael, 10/31/09
Erin (Vrysen) '00 and Bryant '00 Walls, Milford, daughter, Makenna Alyssa, 4/29/09
Julie '00 and Chatham Yankaukas-Flynn, Ashland, daughter, Caelin Morra, 3/21/09
Laura (McKeon) '01 and Andrew '02 Barry, Chelmsford, daughter, Maya Carmody, 7/18/09
Elizabeth (Farrell) '02 and Michael Mazzilli II, Carver, son, Francis Manning, 4/12/09
Amanda (Collier) '02 and Joseph '03 Scipione, Franklin, daughter, Isabella Pamela, 4/21/09
Kevin '03 and Kathryn Cooper, Seminole, Fla., daughter, Grace Elizabeth, 8/23/08
Jeanne (Kearney)'03 and Christian Xantus, Chestnut Hill, daughter, Abigail Katherine, 2/27/09
Jennifer (Potvin) '05 and Martin D'Amico, Cumberland, R.I., son, Jack, 11/19/08
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WINTER/Spring 2010
OBITUARIES

Robert Crook '52 of Litchfield, Conn. died Nov. 23. He is survived by his wife, Veronica, four children and three granddaughters.

John Fitzgerald '53 of Taunton died Jan. 19. He is survived by his wife, Dolores, his daughter and his grandson.

David Welch '53 of Easton died Nov. 15. He is survived by his wife, Doris, five children, including David '78, and nine grandchildren.

James Healey '55 of Bethesda Md. died July 20. He is survived by his wife, Bea, three children, two grandchildren and two sisters.

Priscilla (Kircher) Perron '59 of Easton died Dec. 14. She is survived by five children, including Gregory '86, one sister and ten grandchildren.

Charles Collins '60 of Milton died Jan. 11. He is survived by his wife, Charlotte '60, his children, Amy '94 and Michael '91, and a sister.

James Woodworth '60 of Bridgewater died May 16. He is survived by three children, a sister and four grandchildren.

Ellen (Hankins) Maddocks '61 of Framingham died Aug. 4. She is survived by her son, Joseph, two grandchildren and two siblings.

Kathleen (Grant) Whitesides '61 of North Conway, N.H. died Dec. 18. She is survived by her husband, John, a son, and four siblings, including Associate Dean of Academic Achievement Richard Grant.

Robert Kennedy '63 of Halifax died Oct. 11. He is survived by his wife, Sarah, three children, one sister and two grandchildren.

Peter Shannon '68 of Duxbury died Dec. 21. He is survived by his wife, Marcia, and two children.

Robert Keith '69 of Plymouth died Nov. 13. He is survived by his wife, Angela, three children, three granddaughters and two sisters.

Robert Hinton '71 of Peabody died Dec. 14. He is survived by his wife, Karen, his parents and three sons.

Marie Ann (Rosano) Naples '71 of Garden City, N.Y. died Aug. 4. She is survived by her husband, Thomas '69, her mother and two children.

Peter Marchetti '76 of East Dennis died Nov. 9. He is survived by his wife, Mary, two daughters, two grandsons and three sisters.

Ralph Janaro '77 of Potsdam, N.Y. died Aug. 21. He is survived by his wife, Helen, three children, four grandchildren and his parents.

Edward Leonard '77 of Palm Springs, Calif. died July 20. He is survived by a brother, a sister and several nieces and nephews.

Elizabeth (Egan) Gould '79 of Sandwich died Oct. 24. She is survived by her husband, William '79, two children and a sister.

Kenneth Fraser '80 of Sandwich died Aug. 23. He is survived by his wife, Patrice, three children, a sister and his mother.

Peter Smith '83 of Abington died July 18. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen, two children and six siblings.

Eileen Fagan '92 of Smithfield, R.I. died Aug. 18. She is survived by her father, Matthew, and three siblings.

Michael Dhooge '94 of Pembroke died Feb. 7, 2009. He is survived by his parents, Eugene '66 and Barbara, and three siblings, including Kristin '94.

Todd LaCourse '95 of Dracut died Dec. 14. He is survived by many siblings and several other relatives.

Joseph Calo '95 of Waltham died Sept. 13. He is survived by his parents, Joseph and Diane, and a brother.

Cheryl (Meacham) Pisani '05 of Easton died Feb. 9. She is survived by her mother, Eleanor, two sons and two siblings.

COLLEGE OBITUARIES

Neal Price, director of the counseling and testing center, died in December. Price joined the College in 1993 and spent 16 years serving Stonehill students with sensitivity, compassion and understanding.
Notes on a Passing
Letter Prompts Bittersweet Reflection

By Susan Pawlak-Seaman ’74

IT’S A COURTESY I’VE COME TO APPRECIATE, YET DREAD.

Every so often, a small envelope arrives bearing the return address of the Office of Alumni Affairs at Stonehill, my alma mater. The first time I received one, its contents were unexpected and startling. But that was a long time ago. Now when I find it in my mail, I instantly know what lies within.

Not that it makes it any easier. Not when it holds solemn notice that one of my classmates has died.

For the first few years after my 1974 graduation, the envelopes were delivered rarely. That was a good thing given we were all so young. Still, once in a while, Stonehill would pass along word that one of our ranks was gone before he or she saw 30.

Unfortunately, as we have gotten older—though I’d hazard a guess not one among us considers ourselves “old”—the frequency of the letters has increased. More often than not, the letter serves as a brief obituary, bringing us up-to-date on a life lived since we left campus, eager to get on with our futures....

My graduating class wasn’t that big, around 380, and I almost always remember the names, if not the faces. With a recent notice, I clearly recalled both.

Constance “Connie” Racicot—her married name was Colvin—died in June after a long illness, the letter said. She was only 56, the same age I am.

I felt badly because I knew Connie was from New Bedford, and I realized I’d somehow missed her obituary in the newspaper. So I went back to find it.

While we weren’t close friends, Connie and I certainly knew each other, sharing a number of courses our freshman year. Although we took different tracks as upperclassmen—she studied business, I believe, and I majored in English—I have a lasting memory of a smart, serious and a genuinely nice person.

Years later, when I was covering education as a journalist, I happened to interview Susanne Racicot, a city school employee. The name clicked so I asked her if she was any relation to Connie. As it turned out, she was Connie’s mother, her very proud mother.

She told me that after Stonehill, Connie had earned her MBA and at that time, was working for Texas Instruments. She also shared that Connie was happily married and living in Medfield.

I told Susanne she’d raised a terrific daughter and asked her to give Connie my best.

That conversation came back as I read through Connie’s obituary and studied her picture.

While I never saw Connie again after Stonehill, I definitely recognized the face of the girl I knew in the lovely and accomplished woman she’d obviously become.

And, while mourning her loss, I am grateful that our paths once crossed in that brief moment in time called College.

This article by Susan Pawlak-Seaman ’74 [above] was originally printed in The Standard-Times of New Bedford on August 7, 2009.
All in the Family

"STONEHILL IS LIKE THE SOIL AROUND OUR FAMILY TREE," explains Trustee Michael Herlihy '83.

Mike and his sister Cathleen (Herlihy) Rafferty '80 knew Stonehill well before they became students thanks to their parents William '52 and Mary, proud members of the College's first generation of intensely loyal benefactors and supporters.

Mike, Cathy, and their sister Maureen grew up visiting campus and meeting the pioneering figures of the early days—people like Rev. William Gartland, C.S.C. and Rev. James Lowery, C.S.C.

Captain of Stonehill's basketball team, Bill was the first alumnus to attend the U.S. Navy's Officer Candidate School in Newport, R.I. After serving his country in the Korean War, he had a successful executive career with UPS.

When Bill died in 1984, his family rallied to ensure that his legacy would live on by establishing a scholarship in his name. Over three decades, the Herlihy Scholarship has helped 60 students at Stonehill. And family ties to their alma mater have grown even stronger.

Mary is now married to Gene Connolly '54. In addition, Mike and Cathy's cousin, Kevin Holland, graduated in 1998. Mike's stepson, Stephen Sullivan, graduated in 2005.

Today, Mike serves on the Board of Trustees while Cathy and Mary frequently open their homes to host special events for Stonehill alumni and friends. All three are major donors to the College's Attaining the Summit comprehensive campaign. As a member of the Legacy Society, Mary has also remembered Stonehill in a special way through her estate plans.

"Stonehill was always like a fourth child to my parents and continues to be like a sibling to all of us to this day," says Mike. "The College is part of our family. We have seen it grow and want it to continue prospering."

From left, back row: William Herlihy '52, Maureen (Herlihy) Coppola, and Mary (Herlihy) Connolly.

From left, front row: Cathleen (Herlihy) Rafferty '80 and Michael Herlihy '83. Photo circa 1965.