Alumni Sportscasters POKE FUN at Team Rivalry
The Eyes Have It: Finding a Cure for Glaucoma

M. ELIZABETH (O’CONNOR) FINI ’76 is a path-breaking eye researcher who co-discovered the first molecular mechanism behind glaucoma and holds two patents. This spring, she was twice honored by Stonehill: first as Commencement speaker and honorary degree recipient, and second with the 2008 Outstanding Alumnus Award.

Why the eye is fascinating
“The eye is an organ that’s like a universe in and of itself. It has everything a scientist could possibly want to study. First, there’s the cornea — the clear window-like substance that covers the eyeball — that’s a terrific model for wound healing. The lens is a wonderful model for developmental biologists to study how tissues organize. Engineers interested in hydraulics can study glaucoma — which involves pressure changes in the eyeball. There’s so much to learn from it.”

Claim to fame
Co-discoverer of the first-ever molecular mechanism behind glaucoma, the world’s leading cause of irreversible blindness. This fundamentally new insight, which captured the 2002 New York Academy of Science Lewis Rudin Glaucoma Prize, opens new potential for advancements in diagnosis, treatment and, ultimately, a cure for glaucoma.

Home base
Vice dean for research, professor of cell and neurobiology, and a member of the Doheny Eye Institute at the University of Southern California (USC) Keck School of Medicine.

Pedigree
Bachelor’s degree in biology from Stonehill; master’s degree in chemistry from Boston College; doctoral degree from Dartmouth College; completed post-doctoral training at Dartmouth Medical School and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; and served on the faculty of Harvard Medical School. Prior to USC, she held research posts at the Tufts Center for Vision Research at Tufts University School of Medicine and the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine.

Campus Memory
“I made it through organic chemistry with Mary Alice Moore — that was the flunk-out course for science majors. I remember classes with Fr. Hurley, of course, along with Maura Tyrrell and Sandy McAllister. As a student who had an easy time in high school, Stonehill proved to be the place where I developed the self-discipline and maturity to buckle down and work.”

For a more in-depth article on Fini and her work, visit www.stonehill.edu/outstandingalum08.xml.
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Cover: Butch Stearns ’82 and Duke Castiglione ’96. Photo by Nicki Pardo.
Connections

OF ALL THE STONEHILL EVENTS that I have had the privilege of attending, there is one thing that never ceases to amaze me: how our alumni, parents and friends “connect” with one another. When we gather together, there is a deep, abiding sense of hospitality. People feel welcomed into one another’s presence.

I’ve watched as recent graduates swapped stories with our graduates from the 1950s and compared notes as to life at “the Hill” across the generations. Even when there is an abundance of good-natured ribbing among alumni, the bond that we share—our alma mater—is a powerful source that allows us to connect in meaningful ways with one another.

As we recognize and integrate into our lives new modes of social networking (p.14), we do so to continue making “connections” that bring blessings and wholeness to our lives.

We recognize the difference between the sheer quantity of information (which is ever-increasing) and a communication rooted in the Gospel values of love and mutual respect. Professor Emeritus Celia Wolf Devine touches on these kinds of spiritual connections and relationships in her essay on prayer (p.21).

As always, I commend this edition of SAM to you and hope you can visit the campus during this, our 62nd, academic year.

Yours in Holy Cross,

Mark Cregan, C.S.C. ‘78
President

Rev. Mark T. Cregan, C.S.C. ‘78
President
Letters

Classy Remembrance

I am not a Stonehill alumnus, but I was a friend of Paul Flynn ’57 who was my troop leader in the Boy Scouts. Whether at Stonehill or beyond, Paul had a knack for helping people. Thanks for the classy remembrance of him in the last issue of the magazine (Winter/Spring 2009, Inside Front Cover).

Mark Tirrell
Buzzards Bay, Massachusetts

Japan Calling

When I saw pictures of Japan in the last issue (Winter/Spring 2009, Global Learners, p. 18), I was glad to read about students showing international interest, a big change from when I attended the College.

I am a freelance interpreter now using the knowledge and skills I got at Stonehill. Someday, I hope to work for the United Nations. If Stonehill students are visiting Japan, I am willing to help.

Mamiko Nakamaru ’96
Yamato, Japan

Faculty Help Celebrate Parish Anniversary

On behalf of Incarnation Church in Melrose, let us express our appreciation for the delightful presentations that three Stonehill professors gave during our parish’s 50th anniversary celebrations.

We will long remember Fr. George Piggford’s reflections on Flannery O’Connor. Professor Peter Beisheim could not have made Vatican II any clearer. And, the subtle and not so subtle tones of Martin Scorsese were visually presented to us by Professor Ron Leone.

These three distinguished scholars brought to Incarnation parish a sense of the pervasive influence of Christianity. In doing so, they reminded us of the quality of scholarship at Stonehill College.

Kerry ’61 and Helen Overlan
Incarnation Church
Melrose, Massachusetts

Scholarship Impact

I would like to congratulate SAM on highlighting the impact that scholarship assistance has on individual students (Winter/Spring 2009, Scholarship Profiles, p. 21).

As Chair of the Alumni Council Scholarship Selection Committee, I am privileged to review applications and meet finalists to hear their stories first-hand. I have seen the financial needs and challenges students face on a daily basis that impact and sometimes end their academic careers. Scholarship assistance is often the catalyst that enables Stonehill students to become alumni.

As the College faces tough choices in the current recession, I hope that our commitment to scholarships remains strong. So many students and their families rely on the College’s generosity, and it makes me proud to hear their success stories.

James Breen ’81
Norwood, Massachusetts

Welcome, Farewell

With this issue, we welcome Kimberly Lawrence (left) as the new editor of SAM and extend a fond farewell to our outgoing editor, Sandra Howe (right), who held the position for 13 years.

Under Howe’s astute direction, SAM grew from 30 to 40 pages, underwent a major redesign and switched to full color. In improving the quality of writing, photography and story selection, Howe created a stronger publication that helps our readers stay better informed about Stonehill.

Succeeding Howe is Lawrence, a longtime SAM contributor and the College’s former associate director of communications and media relations. Lawrence recently completed a master’s degree in communications management at Simmons College. She brings to the editor position not only an appreciation for our educational mission, but also a wealth of professional experience that will help SAM continue telling the Stonehill story with passion, flair and insight.

Martin McGovern, Managing Editor
First-Year Jitters: Alum Revisits Orientation

I DROVE BACK to Stonehill this past summer to observe First-Year Orientation for an assignment. As I interviewed and watched the members of the Class of 2013, I found myself reflecting upon my own Stonehill experience. I graduated only four years ago, but it was a lifetime ago that I studied there. That life now seems so distant, so far away.

There were the obvious, physical changes — new buildings, new roadways, a football stadium — but it wasn’t so much the campus that had changed. It was me.

I sat in on a couple of “classroom experiences” with the first-year students; they looked to me more like children than adults. When professors asked questions, most sat silent and unsure of themselves, picking at sweatshirt sleeves. A few of the brave ones raised hands, but quickly turned blood-red when called upon.

Was that once me?
I watched them play a get-to-know-you game, where everyone had to share something small about themselves. I watched them blush and stutter awkwardly while sharing their favorite color. I watched them giggle nervously, bite fingernails, flip hair.

Was that once me?
I am barely the girl who sat in an orientation just like this in 2001. She seemed so far away now, her world so distant.

I think Stonehill would be proud of that.
I know people who went to other colleges, partied hard, never changed. I know people my age who still go to frat parties and have never applied for a job.

Don’t get me wrong — I loved Stonehill while I was there. The friends I made there will be friends for life; the classes I took there changed me. I keep my Stonehill memories safe and close to me, always.

But I think Stonehill would be proud to know I’ve moved on, grown up, adjusted to the “real world.”

When I attended Orientation eight years ago, I had one life goal. It was the same goal I’d had since I was 5 years old: to be a writer.

I think Stonehill would be proud to know that they helped a kid realize a dream. They taught a kid to reach, and she kept on reaching; they taught a kid to write, and she kept on writing; they taught a girl to grow, and she kept on growing.

I think Stonehill would be proud to know that these students who are now petrified to answer a professor’s question — they, too, will keep growing. And eight years from now, one may visit Stonehill and think:

Was that once me?

Lauren Daley ’05 is a freelance writer and book columnist.

A Stonehill ball of questions used as an orientation icebreaker.

Top 10 Orientation Questions
SAM asked the members of the Class of 2013 what was on their minds at Orientation. Here’s what the young Skyhawks wonder…

• How’s the food?
• What do you do on the weekends?
• What’s the best dorm to live in?
• What’s the best class to take at Stonehill?
• How do you get to study abroad?
• How do you get to be a Peer Mentor?
• How long do you spend studying?
• How much homework do you get?
• Which professors are best?
• How do athletes manage to balance sports and school work?
GO FIGURE ... Campus Landscaping

384 Acres of land
104 Hours per week to mow grass, during peak time
2,000 Bulbs planted annually
71+ Tree species on campus
25+ Shrub varieties on campus
14th Most Beautiful Campus ranking by The Princeton Review

Andrew McCoy '10 (left) and Victoria Weavill '11 (right).

ROTC Cadets Fly to Training

DURING SPRING WEEKEND, Stonehill ROTC cadets boarded Black Hawk helicopters that shuttled them to a weekend of field training at Fort Devens in central Massachusetts. There, along with cadets from other local colleges, they underwent leadership and tactical training.

"We are college students training to defend our country, and we make sacrifices every day. Spring Weekend is just another one of those little sacrifices," said Andrew McCoy '10 (above left), who attended the U.S. Army Basic Airborne Course in 2008 and is a certified paratrooper.

Wordy Shipmate Ahoy

BEST-SELLING AUTHOR, humorist and contributor to public radio's This American Life Sarah Vowell will give the ninth annual Chet Raymo Literary Series address on Tuesday, Oct. 27 in the Martin Institute.

Vowell's most recent book, The Wordy Shipmates, a history of the American Puritans, comes out in paperback in October. She will be signing copies of it and her four other books after the presentation.

Some readers will know Vowell as the voice of teen superstar Violet Parr from the Pixar movie, The Incredibles. All are welcome.
Commencement 2009: Graduates Reflect

When I started at Stonehill, I thought... But now that I have graduated, I know...

"WHEN I STARTED AT STONEHILL, I thought I would not make it to graduation because of the obstacles that were in my path – coming from a diverse inner-city background to a more homogeneous community. But now that I have graduated, I know that those obstacles were only blessings in disguise."

— Student Commencement Speaker Hector Rodriguez plans to work in law enforcement or as an attorney, but for now he is focusing on securing a paralegal position.

"WHEN I STARTED AT STONEHILL, I thought that I had no idea what I wanted to do with my life. But now that I have graduated, I know that my passion is in early childhood education, especially with children who have special needs. My Stonehill professors helped me discover the majors — English and early childhood education — that best fit my strengths and would lead to a career that I will excel at and enjoy."

— Tara Longeran plans to work as an early childhood teacher.

"WHEN I STARTED AT STONEHILL, I never thought I would study abroad for an entire year. But now that I have graduated, I have learned so much about myself – how much I love trying new things and meeting new people. I've grown up a lot during the past four years and am more independent and confident in myself in an unfamiliar environment or place."

— Rose Vonella will either go to graduate school to pursue a master's degree in Italian or return to Italy to teach English.

"WHEN I STARTED AT STONEHILL, I thought that being a commuter student would be a disadvantage. But now that I have graduated, I know that commuting brought me closer to campus. Stonehill provided me not only with a superb education, but also with an array of involvement opportunities, specifically with the Commuter Council. During my four years at Stonehill, my interactions with administration, faculty, staff and my fellow students got me out of my shell."

— Michael Murteira is a network security specialist at Bristol County Savings Bank in Taunton.

"WHEN I STARTED AT STONEHILL, I thought I would be spending four years at a small college in small-town New England. But now that I have graduated, I know that the College offers a number of opportunities to travel beyond the 'Stonehill bubble.' I love saying that I lived, studied and traveled extensively in France and England. I also got the chance to visit three eastern European countries as part of my Learning Community on Judaism and the Holocaust, resulting in the most eye-opening of my academic experiences at Stonehill."

— Ashleigh Simpson has begun a graduate program in French literature at the University of Oxford.

"WHEN I STARTED AT STONEHILL, I had not thought about what I would be when I grew up. But now that I have graduated, I know I will pursue a career in the healthcare field. I discovered my interest with the help of professors who were interested in me as a student and committed to my success as a graduate."

— Wes Evans is participating in a postgraduate internship at the School of Nuclear Medicine Technology, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center.
Beyond Sand-Covered Toes
Learning Community Explores Natural History of Cape Cod

WHILE CAMPING, hiking, biking, canoeing and whale watching all seem like typical Cape Cod vacation activities, they took on new meaning when they became assignments for a Learning Community that explores the well-known Massachusetts peninsula.

“Cape Cod is a place familiar to many of our students, but in this context the Cape becomes more than a ‘home town’ or summer vacation spot,” explains Todd Gernes, associate professor of history and American studies. “It becomes an engaging laboratory for the arts and sciences, a perfect setting in which to discuss sustainable design, biodiversity or regional literature.”

In early summer, 26 students trekked to the Cape for an authentic learning experience outside of the classroom. Meeting up with various Stonehill professors, these students explored tidal pools, salt ponds and trout hatcheries; drew nature sketches; studied coastal ecology; attended a regional theater; biked to Wellfleet; and visited historical sites. They wrapped up their long days at the Brewster Sea Camps with campfire discussions, stargazing, night walks and journal writing (see syllabus, right).

In her video journal, posted on the course Web site, mediated communication major Jennifer Davis ’11, reflects upon an afternoon tracking biodiversity on a small section of beach. “Of the thousands of times that I have been to the beach, never did I imagine that there were so many different species living just beyond my own sand-covered toes,” she notes.

Her field exploration led Davis to wonder if she could Google how many species exist on Earth. “It’s funny how in this age we tend to turn to technology for answers. You can search online, but the best way to see this world is to actually go out and explore.”

LC Syllabus In Brief

- EV200 Principles of Environmental Science (Susan Mooney ’82, Associate Professor, Biology; Director, Environmental Studies Program)
- EN220 Introductory Topics in Literature: Literature and Environment (Todd Gernes, Associate Professor, History and American Studies; Director, General Education and the First-Year Experience)
- LC275 Integrative Seminar (Mooney and Gernes)

Learning Community Theme:

This travel LC combines literary study and scientific inquiry to offer an in-depth, bioregional perspective on the Cape as a site of intense human-natural interaction.

A central theme of the course is the unique cultural and environmental history of the Cape and the current status of the environment with respect to development, pollution and conservation.

Assignments and Readings:

- Course work consists of interpretive essays, exams, individual study, a group presentation and a sustainability project.
- Readings include: Henry Beston, The Outermost House: A Year of Life on the Great Beach of Cape Cod; Robert Finch, The Primal Place; Beth Schwarzman, The Nature of Cape Cod. Selections from Finch’s A Place Apart: A Cape Cod Reader.

Of drawing this weathered stick during the LC’s sketching workshop, Hillary Tellier ’11 remarked, “It was a good metaphor for the wear and tear of the Cape.”
Hot on the Cold Case Trail

New Police Chief Determined to Solve Wenham Crime

THESE ARE THE FACTS as police know them:
Sometime around Feb. 10, 1992, a bullet was fired into the doorframe of Joseph Astuccio's Rubbly Road home in Wenham. Astuccio reported the crime the next day.

On April 1, he took off in his blue 1987 Cadillac Roadster for Ipswich. A self-employed property owner, Astuccio went to collect rent from two people, police said.

The next day, Astuccio's wife Sheila reported him missing. He still has not been found. No trace, no trail, no body. Today, it's another cold case.

But Stonehill Police Chief Peter Carnes is still obsessed with the case that got away. Carnes was the Wenham police chief when Astuccio disappeared.

"When you're the chief of police, you take responsibility and ownership for a crime reported to you," Carnes says. "I was responsible for the investigation. I don't want to leave unfinished business."

Carnes, 55, began his career in law enforcement as a patrolman with the Wenham Police Department in 1973. When he was appointed police chief in 1984 at age 30, he became one of the youngest police chiefs in Massachusetts.

In 1995, he left Wenham to become chief of police in Yarmouth, where he stayed for 13 years. Last year, he became chief of police at Stonehill.

For the past year, Carnes has led the College's reassessment of what campus security should be in the post-Virginia Tech era.

A strong believer in proactive security at American colleges, Carnes has overseen the arming of the Stonehill Police Department. He has directed the training of officers, met with campus groups on the issue, and upgraded departmental policies and procedures. He has also worked to increase campus safety through initiatives like enhanced card access to student residences, improved lighting and the use of security cameras.

Even with all he does for Stonehill, Carnes manages to put in time each week on the Astuccio case.

"When I'm not at Stonehill, I'm working on the case," explains Carnes, who lives with his wife in Yarmouthport. "I can tell you as I sit here that I think this case can be solved. And I'd be very surprised if he's still alive."

Astuccio's hat, coat and an appointment book were the only clues found by police after an employee at the former Middleton landfill found Astuccio's Cadillac, the windows
smashed and ignition damaged, a few weeks after Astuccio was reported missing.

No fingerprints were found in the car. A K-9 unit found no body at the landfill. Then there are the random leads:

A possible sighting of Astuccio at Logan Airport boarding a flight to Florida, and evidence he may have worked at a bakery in Peabody.

So was Astuccio murdered? Did he owe the wrong people money? Did the wrong people owe him money? Or did Astuccio fake his own death and disappear without a trace?

That's what Carnes has been trying to figure out for the last 17 years.

Last summer, Carnes met with the Wenham police department and shared with the current force everything he knows about the case.

"He's been instrumental in helping us with this. When I became chief in '05, one of the items on my wish list was to solve this case. I've been talking to Peter Carnes about this case on a regular basis," says Wenham Police Chief Ken Walsh.

Carnes, a past president of the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association, the Essex County Chiefs of Police Association and Cape Cod Chiefs Council, also teaches criminal justice at Cape Cod Community College and is a guest lecturer at Roger Williams University.

Stonehill alumnus and Easton Police Chief Allen Krajcik '83 is familiar with Carnes' dedication to his work.

"Peter Carnes is one of the best-known police chiefs in Massachusetts. Everywhere you go, people know who he is. Very popular. Very well-known. Outstanding reputation," Krajcik says.

"He's done very well working closely with the Easton Police. He's always planning ahead, always looking to the future, making plans in the event of emergency circumstances. Stonehill is fortunate to have someone of his caliber," he says.

"I guess you could say I'm into my career," Carnes observes. "I don't fish; I'm a terrible golfer. I occupy my free time with police stuff."

— Lauren Daley '05
Around Campus

National Survey Hails 85% Graduation Rate

WITH AN 85 PERCENT graduation rate, Stonehill ranks well above the national average for college completion rates, reports the American Enterprise Institute. Nationally, four-year colleges graduate an average of 53 percent of entering students within six years, which means that the College has a graduation rate 32 percent higher than the national average. In Massachusetts, Stonehill is one of only 17 colleges out of 58 with graduation rates of 80 percent or higher.

"Our secret is simple: we challenge our students, but we help them to meet the challenge," explains Katie Conboy, provost and vice president for academic affairs.

Don't Worry, Be Happy

THE PRINCETON REVIEW'S 2010 edition of the "Best 371 Colleges" revealed that students are very happy at Stonehill as the College ranked seventh on its list of "Happiest Students."

Stonehill students noted the College's small and interactive classrooms, its "amazing" and helpful professors and its central location to Boston and Providence. Others surveyed also acknowledged the courtesy of their fellow students.

"Stonehill has the quintessential New England collegiate setting; a welcoming community located just outside of Boston full of intelligent students and caring professors who make an effort to get to know you and to help you succeed," noted Susan Lipinski '09, a survey respondent.

A Family That Prays Together

IN JUNE, close to 1,000 Catholics from many different cultural and linguistic backgrounds gathered at W.B. Mason Stadium for a Family Rosary Festival, which was organized by Rev. John Phelan, C.S.C. '70, president of Holy Cross Family Ministries.
The Elite Eight

Eight Student-Athletes To Watch In 2009-10

**MEN'S SOCCER/BASEBALL**

**MICHAEL WHITE '12**

A two-sport athlete, White appeared in 16 of 17 games for the men's soccer team and finished as the third leading scorer. On the diamond, he emerged as the season progressed, driving in nine runs while playing both first base and left field. On the mound, he registered nine strikeouts in nearly 20 innings of work.

**WOMEN'S SOCCER/ WOMEN'S TENNIS**

**SARAH HICKEY '12**

Another two-sport star, Hickey started nine games in goal for the women's soccer team, posting a 1.92 goals against average. On the tennis court, she helped the Skyhawks to a school-record 21 wins — earning first-team all-conference honors at No. 5 singles and No. 3 doubles along the way. She was a perfect 19-0 in singles play and never dropped a set.

**FOOTBALL/TRACK & FIELD**

**STEPHAN NEVILLE '12**

One of the nation's most dangerous kick returners, Neville finished eighth in the country with 29.7 yards per return, an average buoyed by an 85-yard return for a touchdown in his second career game. He earned second-team all-conference and all-rookie team honors as a return specialist but also made an immediate impact in the defensive backfield. He intercepted a pass in his first game and finished with five picks overall, good for fourth in the league. Neville earned second-team all-conference recognition as a member of the track & field team, helping the 4 x 100 relay team at the Northeast-10 Outdoor Track & Field Championships.

**CROSS COUNTRY/ TRACK & FIELD**

**JILLIAN ALVES '12**

Alves was named the Northeast-10 Cross Country Female Freshman of the Year after putting together quite the resume in her first year of collegiate action. She was the top freshman to finish in both the Northeast-10 Championship as well as the NCAA East Region Championship. At the Northeast-10 Championship, Alves finished fourth overall with a time of 18:42.

**SOFTBALL**

**KAITLIN ANDREWS '12**

After a slow start, Andrews came on strong in the circle finishing with a team-best seven wins and all four of the Skyhawks' shutouts. She made eight consecutive appearances without allowing an earned run and won six straight decisions in the heart of the Northeast-10 schedule. She also led the team in complete games (8), innings pitched (93.0), and had an exceptional 4.5-to-1 strikeout-to-walk ratio.

**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

**RANDALL STALLWORTH '10**

A fixture in the starting lineup since his freshman season, Stallworth had his best season in 2008-09 (10.1 points, 4.1 assists) as the Skyhawks won 21 games and advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2005-06. In his first three years, he has appeared in all 89 games, making 82 starts and has a chance to become the College's all-time assist leader.

**MEN'S TENNIS**

**TIMOTHY FAYED '11**

The 2009 Northeast-10 Player of the Year, Fayed has also been named the East region player to watch for next season and was ranked the tenth best singles player in the region by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA). The ITA had plenty of reason to do so after Fayed went unbeaten in Northeast-10 action without dropping a set and established a school-record for wins (21) at the No. 1 singles position. He was named Northeast-10 player of the week six times in 2009 and has a career record of 24-1 at No. 1 singles.

**WOMEN'S LACROSSE**

**JACLYN CRAIG '10**

One of the most decorated student-athletes at Stonehill, Craig is a three-time first-team All-American and has helped the Skyhawks extend their reign over Northeast-10 women's lacrosse to 11 straight regular season titles. In 2009, she was named first-team all-conference in addition to being named Defensive Player of the Year. She excels in the classroom as well, having been named to the Northeast-10 All-Academic squad for two years.
Father Figures

Psychology Professor's Research Sheds Light on Father-Daughter Relationships

GETTING YOUR WORK published in the flagship journal of one of the world’s largest professional organizations doesn’t happen overnight, as Professor of Psychology Rose Perkins can attest.

Last October, Perkins’ eight-year study on father-daughter relationships appeared in the official publication of the largest association for counselors, The American Counseling Association’s Measurement and Evaluation in Counseling and Development (MECD).

FATHER TYPES
Her work initially began with a pilot study, in which she identified different types of fathers based on a series of questions 96 women answered about their fathers. They included: doting fathers, distant fathers, demanding/supportive fathers, domineering fathers, seductive fathers and absent fathers.

Perkins says her interest in researching women’s relationships with their fathers was sparked when adult women in a summer course she was teaching opened up about their fathers one day in class.

“I realized these women couldn’t talk about their fathers without some emotion — even the women without any issues with their fathers,” says Perkins, who was originally looking at mother-daughter relationships.

Curious to see what had already been researched on father-daughter relationships, Perkins quickly discovered there wasn’t much out there. “It suddenly struck me that the major personality theorists never deal with the relationship a woman has with her father,” adds Perkins, instead the focus is most often on the mother.

MOTIVATIONAL TOOL
After the pilot study was published in the College Student Journal in 2001, Perkins was convinced she could take her research to the next level. Tom Clarke ’57, professor of history and religious studies at Stonehill, suggested she develop the questionnaire into an inventory that could be used as a motivational tool for counselors.

Answering questions on how they felt about their fathers during childhood may help women realize their need to deal with issues they have with their fathers. In many cases, they may have pushed off these issues into the background,

"The major personality theorists never deal with the relationship a woman has with her father," Psychology Professor Rose Perkins discovered in her research.

explains Perkins, who worked as a counselor and therapist for many years. “It will motivate women to seek counseling or speak to their fathers directly, which is what family therapists very much encourage.”

To complete her inventory, Perkins traveled across the country to over 20 sites where women of all ages and backgrounds responded to the questionnaire along with a personality test.

Conducting the research was the best part of the experience says Perkins, who spent a year working to get the inventory study published in the MECD, which has an 85 percent rejection rate.

She now plans to research some of the findings her questionnaire has uncovered, particularly the impact a father has on his daughter’s adult development.

Two of Perkins’ colleagues at Stonehill — Antonio Barbagallo and Jose Martinez, both foreign languages professors — have translated the inventory into Italian and Spanish as well.

— Kristen Magda
MANY PEOPLE imagine Zen — a strand of Buddhism — as a loose collection of poets, hermits and eccentrics, playfully free from conventional morality.

While these representations may hold sway in the popular imagination, history presents a different picture. Zen leaders, for example, displayed zealous nationalism in Japan during World War II, and in his recent book, Imperial Way Zen, Professor of Religious Studies Christopher Ives (above) explores the ethical issues around this historical record.

Today, Zen has become a popular notion — even a buzzword — in the Western world to describe cleaning products, spa packages and home accessories. SAM asked Ives to clarify some of the common, more mainstream conceptions of Zen.

SAM: Why has the idea of Zen become increasingly popular to Westerners?

IVES: In the 1960s, many people who had been brought up in Christian and Jewish traditions found themselves disenchanted with those religions and turned to Zen and other Asian religions as an alternative. They were looking for a religious path that emphasized meditation, mystical experience, closeness to nature and egalitarian forms of community.

Ironically, though some Zen temples that have been founded since the 1960s do indeed emphasize these things, traditional Zen has featured the kind of formality, ritualism, authoritarianism and institutional conservatism that those seekers ascribed to Christianity and Judaism.

SAM: What is the connection between Zen and the natural world?

IVES: In addition to the prominence of natural images and symbolism in its poetry and painting, Zen revolves around a set of doctrines and practices that subvert human estrangement from nature and the domination of nature.

For example, Zen calls into question the dualism between self and nature and offers meditative disciplines that foster a realization of how thoroughly embedded we are in nature. Zen teaches that we are one form of nature, living and dying in interrelationship with other things and dependent on many of them for our healthy existence.

SAM: Zen is a concept that is used in product marketing as well as an adjective to describe elements of design and landscaping. Would Zen principles support this type of consumerism, aesthetic or common use?

IVES: In some cases, the term “Zen” has been used as an adjective in novel ways that at least seem partly congruent with the religion’s doctrines or aesthetic. For example, when people use the term to describe natural or minimalist decor.

In other cases, people use “Zen” in ways that stretch its meaning beyond anything related to the religion, turning it into a hip signifier that has little specific meaning beyond its exotic cachet. With Zen’s traditional value system emphasizing simplicity, non-attachment and relinquishment of selfish desire, it is ironic how Zen has been used to market goods that satisfy certain artificial, consumerist “wants” as opposed to basic human needs.

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Quantum Physics Reborn

A NEW BOOK on the rebirth of quantum physics highlights the research of Professor of Physics Mike Horne.

With other leading physicists, Horne is a pioneer of the study of matter and light on the atomic and subatomic levels. He has conducted groundbreaking research on two and three-particle entanglement and on one and two-particle interferometry.

In her book The Age of Entanglement: When Quantum Physics was Reborn, Louisa Gilder examines the ferment that has surrounded entangled states in nature at the quantum level — something Horne has devoted his career to understanding.

Reading like a detective novel, the book shows how scientists, such as Horne, collaborate to understand the mysteries of quantum-physics.

Gilder sketched images of all the great scientists, including the one above of Horne.
MARY (HARRINGTON) HART '94 HAS 360 FRIENDS.
Seriously. They may not all get Christmas cards, but they are linked with her continuously, electronically, through Facebook. So when it came time to help organize her class’ 15th reunion, Hart offered to set up a Class of '94 fan page on the social networking site.

She created the group in February and spread the word by email. Eighty-four classmates became members. “People did a lot of catching up online,” Hart reports. “I definitely think it inspired more people to come to reunion. In fact, I checked and 80 percent of those on the registration list were part of the Facebook group.”
Clearly, social networking isn’t just for 20-somethings anymore. “The concept of social networking has caught on and is here to stay,” notes Associate Professor Patricia Leavy, sociologist and oft-quoted pop-culture observer. The fastest growing demographic on social networking sites like Facebook, in fact, is 35- to 45-year-olds and is gradually creeping higher.

Sites like Facebook and LinkedIn are “social interactions you can control,” Leavy says, explaining their appeal. “You can pause as long as you like, think about what you want to say, and you can stop anytime you want. And because you can get free Internet access almost anywhere now, it’s a phenomena that transcends age, race and social class.”

Recognizing its growing popularity, Stonehill has begun using social networking more frequently in connecting with its publics both on and off-campus.

**OF FANS AND FOLLOWERS**

Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, YouTube, Flickr: search any of these sites and you’ll find Stonehill. “We have over 600 followers on Twitter and 1,500 fans on Facebook,” says Shannon McDonough ’96, College Web editor. “These are all tools we can use to work smarter and faster.”

Case in point: when Associate Director of Media Relations Kristen Magda posts a release to the news and events page of stonehill.edu, she also adds the link to Stonehill’s Twitter and Facebook accounts. “It’s an easy way for people to get news updates,” says Magda. “People are seeing a lot more stories than they would have previously because they’re on these sites.”

For example, when the women’s rugby team won the regional title, “we got a lot of ‘likes’ on Facebook,” notes Magda, explaining a Facebook feature where readers can register approval. And when the team played in the national finals, Magda posted links to a Web site where fans could track the score in real time. “People appreciated getting the information,” she says.

Facebook has also been a boon to incoming students. Last spring, McDonough created a page for the incoming Class of 2013. “Within a few weeks, the page had nearly 425 members — roughly 67 percent of the class — who were able to connect with our admissions counselors and faculty, as well as with each other. That’s been one of the quiet successes: Through Facebook, we already have two-thirds of the class engaged, talking to each other — things that don’t usually happen until Orientation,” she says.

Leavy isn’t surprised by either McDonough’s success with the Class of 2013 or Hart’s with the Class of 1994. “The expectation today is that an institution will be part of these social media,” she says. “The fact that Stonehill is present communicates that the College is contemporary-minded, innovative and engaged with these new technologies.”

**VIRTUAL ALUMNI RELATIONS**

If you want to get in touch with Jennifer Conboy ’04, don’t use an envelope and stamp. “I rarely look at my mail, but I’m on Facebook all the time,” she says. “I’m much more likely to respond to something if I get it there.”

Conboy, who joined the Alumni Council last September, serves on the young alumni and career services committees. One of the first things she did as a member was advocate for a presence on Facebook. “I remember saying, we’re the ‘young’ alumni committee — we should be on Facebook,” she recalls. Along with Robert Conceison ’07, assistant director of alumni affairs, she set up a fan page for alumni who’ve graduated within the past 10 years. Then Conboy emailed a few friends to let them know. “I invited my friends, and they invited their friends, and all of a sudden, we had 585 in the group,” she says.

The site has proven invaluable for promoting events and generating alumni conversation. “When we advertised a career event on campus, Brittany Topper ’08 wrote, ‘I went to an event like this that Stonehill did in D.C., and it was fantastic. Go to this if you can!’” recalls Conceison who adds, “When plugging events, such unsolicited endorsements speak volumes. It’s much better when other alumni spread the good news.”

Because of its ubiquitousness, Facebook has also served as a vital link with Stonehill Connect, the College’s online alumni community. On Stonehill Connect, graduates can post profiles, communicate with other graduates, learn about benefits and services, and register for events. (For more on Stonehill Connect, see p. 39.)

“The online registration piece is huge,” Conceison adds. “It’s made it much easier for alumni to register for events. They can also see who else has registered, which I think encourages them to attend. Right before the reunion deadline, for example, we posted a reminder on Facebook. We got more than 100 registrations in 24 hours.”

In fact, Associate Director of Alumni Affairs Peter
LaBreck ’96 reports that 70 percent of all reunion registrations came through Stonehill Connect. Launched in 2006, the online community was redesigned this year and now boasts nearly 6,000 members.

“The beauty of Stonehill Connect is that only alumni can log in,” LaBreck explains. “They can populate their profiles with as much or as little information as they like.” Right now, the Alumni Affairs Office is investigating more formal ways alumni can link their Stonehill Connect profiles to Facebook. In the meantime, our staff is using all of the network’s features: the searchable directory, as well as ample space to post class notes and photos.

“Because there are only two issues of the Stonehill Alumni Magazine a year, we’re limited as to how many baby, wedding pictures or class notes we can run,” says LaBreck. “On Stonehill Connect, we can post as many as we receive.”

ENTERING THE BLOGOSPHERE

Blogs are another popular vehicle Stonehill uses to communicate. LaBreck, for example, posted blogs for alumni trips to Ireland in 2007 and Italy in 2008. “I made daily posts of what we did, what we saw and included photos,” he explains. “Travelers gave the address to family and friends, so they could follow our trip. Once we were back, I heard from travelers that they went back to look at the blog and enjoyed the trip all over again.”

On the academic side, blogs are extending learning outside the classroom. According to Stacey Grooters, director of the Center for Teaching and Learning, “faculty use blogs in different ways to give updates, share thoughts about readings and engage in conversations outside class.” Some faculty find blogs to be a useful outlet for those who are hesitant to speak up in class to contribute to the conversation, while others use the space to post class-specific recordings or videos.

Former Vice President for Mission Rev. Thomas Looney, C.S.C. ’82, evangelized electronically, creating blog-like Lenten and Advent reflections. “In Catholic circles, it’s common to have books with daily reflections for the Church’s two great seasons,” explains Looney. “I wanted to provide a way for the Stonehill community to engage their faith and share that faith with others, and thought the best way to do that would be through the Web.” Looney recruited 46 alumni, student, faculty and staff writers for Lent and an additional 38 for Advent. “During Advent, it was one of the most popular pages on the Stonehill Web site,” he says.

WORK IN PROGRESS

For all of Stonehill’s innovation today, there’s no telling how the College will use social networking six months from now. With virtual communication expanding rapidly, “we’ve really just begun leveraging social networking and integrating it into our communications work,” McDonough observes.

“We’re on par with the majority of institutions who are using these tools and ahead of many of them in terms of integrating sharing tools on our new Web site. But we’re in the early stages of figuring out the best use of these technologies,” she adds. “We’re developing a strategy to make sure we’re using social networking appropriately and to our advantage.”

On the alumni side, McDonough, LaBreck and others encourage graduates of all ages to explore virtually connecting with Stonehill. “My message to alumni is to embrace social networking,” McDonough counsels. “It’s less about the technology and more about keeping in touch with Stonehill. It’s a way to find out what’s going on, yes, but it’s also a way to interact with each other.”

Shadow Day Grows 625%, Thanks to Web

THIS YEAR, an online networking innovation earned the Stonehill Student Alumni Association (SAA) top honors from the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE).

An event that pairs students with alumni in fields of interest, Shadow Day moved to an all-online recruiting and matching format, boosting participation by 625 percent. For this, SAA captured the award for outstanding program in CASE District 1, encompassing New England, Quebec and Canada’s maritime provinces.

“The SAA has run Shadow Day for the past 15 years,” explains Associate Director of Alumni Affairs Peter LaBreck ’96. “It’s a great opportunity to bring alumni and students together on a one-to-one basis. It provides a valuable service to students by assisting with their post-college plans while also engaging alumni.”

Although successful in the past, Shadow Day was relatively small, drawing 10 to 12 students annually. The SAA decided to ramp up and take the program online. SAA members promoted the program via email, posted the application form on the Web, and searched out alumni matches through Stonehill Connect, the online alumni community.

This online presence raised the program’s visibility exponentially. “In 2008-09, we matched 75 students with alumni to explore possible careers,” LaBreck notes. “Shadow Day is an important program, central to our mission, that we’ve been able to adapt to meet student interest and needs.”
BOSTON vs. NEW YORK

A Tale of Two SPORTSCASTERS

BY TRACEY PALMER

All in Good Fun: Local FOX sports anchors Butch Stearns '82 (left) and Duke Castiglione '96 play up the rivalry between their city's teams.
YANKEES OR RED SOX? Knicks or Celtics? Giants or Patriots?
If you’re like most sports fans, you come down squarely
on one side or the other — New York or Boston. There’s no
in-between. When these two square off, the competition is
always intense; in part, because these cities have been home
to some of the best athletes of their time.

For Beantown, there was Cy Young, Ted Williams, Bobby
Orr, Larry Bird, Doug Flutie and Bill Russell. The Big Apple had
Mickey Mantle, Mark Messier, Lou Gehrig, Patrick Ewing, Joe
DiMaggio and Joe Namath. And don’t forget Babe Ruth, who
famously or infamously, depending on where you live, played
for both. But no story about the Boston/New York rivalry
would be complete without these two hot shots — Butch
Stearns and Duke Castiglione.

Who, you ask? Don’t recognize their names? Well, you
should. Both are Stonehill alumni and, it just so happens,
both are sports anchors at FOX television stations — Stearns
in Boston, Castiglione in New York.

PLAY BALL

Butch and Duke aren’t their real names. Each was named
after his father. Butch is Arthur; Duke is Joseph. Neither
liked being called junior, so they opted for more jock-
like nicknames that stuck. Also, both guys grew up in
Massachusetts and attended Stonehill but that’s where their
paths diverge. After all, one roots for the Red Sox, the other
for the Yankees.

“There’s no love lost between Duke and me,” says
Stearns, barely containing his laughter. “When he joined me
at the FOX family, I turned my back on him. I don’t care
who his father is.”

Castiglione’s father is legendary Red Sox radio play-by-
play man Joe Castiglione, who is in his 27th year in the booth.
Stearns’ good-natured ribbing is meant to provoke his esteemed
counterpart in the Empire City. But Castiglione isn’t biting.

“We’re definitely not rivals, like the Red Sox and
Yankees,” says Castiglione. “New York fans don’t hate
Bostonians as much as Boston fans hate New Yorkers.”

Stearns doesn’t buy it.

“I think the fans do hate each other, if that’s the right
word,” Stearns says, “but it’s based on a mutual respect.
Like brothers, our dislike for each other comes from our
similarities.”

Their difference of opinion on the longstanding feud might
be a generational thing. Stearns, who graduated in 1982,
is a good 14 years older than Castiglione, Class of 1996.

“I grew up in a generation when we were clearly inferior
to the New York fans,” Stearns says. Then he can’t resist
another jab, “New Yorkers have nothing on us right now,
except the Giants...maybe.”

A self-proclaimed “diehard Boston sports fan,” Stearns
began his obsession when he was a kid growing up in Braintree.

“I had to have the Boston Globe sports page every day,”
he recalls. “I wanted to find a job where I could read the
sports every day. I wanted Bob Lobel’s job (WBZ-TV’s star
sports anchor spot).”

By the time he earned his business/marketing degree
from Stonehill, Stearns was ready to pursue his dream. But
his plans took a tragic detour in 1987, when a drunk driver
killed his father. For the next five years, the junior Stearns
put his own aspirations on hold to run his family’s masonry
business. Also during this time, he founded the Arthur F.
Stearns Memorial Fund, an organization that raises funds for
disabled children on the South Shore.

It wasn’t until 1994 that Stearns got his first real break
and landed a full-time sports reporting job at KAAL-TV in
Rochester, Minn. From there, he went on to build his resume
in sports radio and TV in Minneapolis, Detroit and Boston.
Stearns joined FOX 25 News in Boston as a sports reporter
and weekend anchor in 1999. He moved up to sports anchor
in 2001. Since then, it’s been a dream come true. High
points for Stearns include reporting on the Patriots’ three
Super Bowl victories, the Red Sox history-making comeback
against the Yankees in the 2004 ALCS Championship,

“The Boston/New York rivalry is as genuine as it gets,”
says Stearns. “It’s the greatest rivalry in sports hands-down.”
And Boston sports fans are spoiled right now, he admits.

“There are 9-year-olds in New York who don’t know
what it’s like to win a World Series,” says Stearns, looking
for trouble. “Our 9-year-olds have had six parades in
seven years.”

GRUDGE MATCH

Castiglione, not quite as boisterous as Stearns, is more
conciliatory about the recent past.

“It used to be a one-sided rivalry, you know, like the
hammer and the nail. I think that’s changed. The Red Sox are
on par with the Yankees now.”

Castiglione is quick to note, however, that if you look at
the all-time, head-to-head record, the Yankees come out on
top. Maybe that’s why fans of the pinstripes aren’t phased by
the taunt, “Yankees Suck,” from the Fenway faithful?

“Fenway is so small, it seems like the fans are louder,
more vocal,” Castiglione says, dismissively.

And speaking of ballparks, what about that new $1.5
billion Yankee Stadium? You can almost hear Stearns asking
with a smirk.

“It’s not really the home field advantage it used to be,”
Castiglione admits. At $2,500 a ticket, the seats near the
field often remain empty. “So there is no noise,” he explains.

“The old Yankee Stadium was loud, intimidating to opposing
teams and even umpires.”

Although he lives in Yankee Nation today, Castiglione
was born in Cleveland and grew up in Marshfield a Red Sox
fan. With a father who worked for the home team, how
could he avoid it? One of his most vivid childhood sports
memories is of attending the 1986 World Series between the
Mets and the Red Sox in New York City when he was 13.

"We were so scared - being Red Sox fans in Shea Stadium," he recalls. At age 10, Castiglione worked in the visiting locker room at Fenway Park, where he met sports icons Ted Williams, Bob Feller, Billy Martin, Tom Seaver, George Bell and Lou Gorman. In fact it was "Uncle Lou," as Castiglione calls him, then-Red Sox general manager, and 1953 Stonehill graduate, who later convinced Castiglione to attend the College.

But even with his father's influential connections and a degree in communication, the younger Castiglione didn't get a free pass to the anchor desk. His road to the FOX Network included a stint as an anchor and reporter for WHDH-TV in Boston and work at New York's WCBS-TV, NY1, CBS Sports and ESPN Baseball. He joined FOX 5 in New York as sports anchor in 2007. He also hosts "Sports Extra" on Sundays.

"I love my job," Castiglione says. "I don't tell my bosses I'd do it for free, but I would."

Career highlights for Castiglione include covering the New York Giants' run to and subsequent win (over the Patriots) in Super Bowl XXII and the team's New York City victory parade in 2008. He's touted by his network as the first reporter to interview Johnny Damon after the former Red Sox star joined the Yankees.

Does this son of a Red Sox broadcasting legend have any regrets about working in the "Evil Empire"? Not a one.

There's a fact most people don't know about his father, Castiglione says. You see, the senior Castiglione grew up in Connecticut and didn't always love the Red Sox.

"My dad actually grew up a Yankees fan," Castiglione says, unapologetically. "I always wanted to work in New York."

But in the final analysis, for Castiglione, it's the game that matters most, not the home team. "Sports come first," he says, "then love of job - no matter the team."

GAME ON
So, who will take the World Series this year? That's a question best left to more objective journalists. Given their clashing home team preferences, there's little Stearns and Castiglione see eye-to-eye.

But what the heck! Here are their predictions, and they might surprise you.

Neither will name the champion, but one team they both pick for the final match-up is... drum roll, please... the Red Sox. Castiglione says they'll face the Philadelphia Phillies. Stearns would love to see them up against the Los Angeles Dodgers. In fact, Stearns is already writing the headline: "Manny vs. Sox; Torre vs. Francona, again; Boston vs. L.A.; East vs. West; Good vs. Evil - okay, that goes a little far," he says, but then adds, "but it's not too far-fetched."

For these two sports junkies, perhaps it's not really about who has the better teams, Boston or New York, but about telling the best story. And that, they can both agree on.  

STONEHILL SPORTS PLAYED
CASTIGLIONE: Baseball
STEARN: Football

FAVORITE PRO GAME COVERED
"I don't know if I'll ever cover another game like that."

"To be on the field when history is made in your own hometown — I had to pinch myself and remind myself that I had a job to do. I got real emotional."

FAVORITE INTERVIEW
CASTIGLIONE: New York Yankees pitcher Roger Clemens after his 300th game.
"My dad interviewed him after his first game. He was a guy I grew up idolizing."

STEARN: The 23-year-old rookie New England Patriots linebacker Tedy Bruschi after the Pats won the 1996 AFC Championship.
"We were running all over the field, players and media alike, and I happened to bump into him and asked him the simple question: 'How does it feel, going to the Super Bowl in your rookie year?' Tedy starting talking and getting more and more enthusiastic. I don't think he even knew what was coming out of his mouth... When I look back on it on tape, it just cracks me up because it was a moment of unbridled, unscripted genuine enthusiasm."

IF YOU COULD INTERVIEW YOUR RIVAL...
CASTIGLIONE'S QUESTION FOR STEARN: Did you ever party too hard at Brother Mike's?

STEARN'S QUESTION FOR CASTIGLIONE: How do you keep your hair so perfect?
Most people think of prayer as asking God for things for themselves or others, and regard it as what you do when things are really desperate. So far this is not wrong. But prayer can be much more. The Christian tradition has always seen regular private prayer as an essential part of Christian life, through which God can heal and strengthen and guide us.

We often think only special people — saints or mystics — can experience God. But this is not true. One recent survey found that 75 percent of people who identified themselves as Christians said they had at some time experienced the presence of God. People's personal walk with God is very intimate, however, and not something they blab about to everyone.

If you are one of the many people who say “I really should try to pray regularly, but I'm just too busy and stressed out to add one more thing to my life,” you need to look at prayer differently. Don't think of it as another thing you have to do. Even a short period of prayer provides an opportunity to disengage yourself from the rat race, to be freed from the pressure of time, and experience something of the leisureliness and eternity of God.

Prayer focusing on receptivity, surrender and praise provides rest and healing for our minds and hearts — like finding an oasis in the desert.

It enables us to see ourselves and our lives more from God's perspective and less from our own or that of the world, and it may turn out that a lot of the things we thought we absolutely had to do are of no value at all. And there can be times in our lives when what God wants most from us is prayer. Prayer is more something God does in us than something we do. It changes us. And God can use our prayers to help others.

Admitting we need help can be hard. Our culture emphasizes self-reliance (especially for men), and people can often be cruel if they sense weakness. So you may feel you should be strong and handle things yourself without bothering God. But coming to God in prayer does not “bother” God. That is the wrong way to think about it.

There are gifts God wants to give us that we can only receive when we open ourselves to Him — gifts we don’t have to earn. We don’t have to be strong and good for God to love us; it is God's love that enables us to become good and strong.

So why pray? Because no matter what we attain in a worldly way, there is still a kind of emptiness and restless dissatisfaction in us. God re-orders our desires when we pray so that the compass needle of our souls points to Him — the True North.

As Augustine said, “Thou hast made us for thyself and our hearts are restless until they rest in thee.”

Wolf Devine is an Associate Professor Emeritus of Philosophy at Stonehill and the author of The Heart Transformed: The Prayer of Desire, which has as its cover the above Sacred Heart painting by artist Claire Brown.
It's a Roche Family Affair

TWENTY-TWO students and alumni, all recipients of the Patty Roche Memorial Scholarship, stand with Bud and Eileen Roche (center) in Donahue Hall before a donor-recipient dinner. Within two years of graduating in 1984, their daughter Patty died from a brain tumor. In Patty's name, Bud and Eileen established a scholarship that is awarded to students who have worked or whose families have worked for Roche Brothers Supermarkets. Since 1993, the Roche Scholarship has assisted 43 Stonehill students.

Attaining the Summit

Through more than 33,000 gifts and pledges from close to 12,000 donors, the College has raised $42.5 million toward our Attaining the Summit campaign goal of $55 million. Thanks to the generosity of our alumni and friends, we have secured more than 77 percent of our goal.

To make a gift or for campaign news, visit www.attainingthesummit.org.
Attaining the Summit: A Gift Story

Sullivan Family Unites for Science

WHO GAVE IT? The Sullivan Family — Paula Sullivan, assistant vice president for athletics, and her sisters Martha Sullivan, Mary Ellen (Sullivan) Alchorn '74, and brother Neil and sister-in-law Maribeth Sullivan. Their daughter Katherine is a sophomore at Stonehill, who aspires to be a physician like her parents, grandfather and great-grandfather.

HOW MUCH? $10,000

HOW WILL GIFT BE USED? It funds a cold room in the Science Center. Named after Arthur and Rosemary Sullivan, the cold room stores solutions and living specimens and supports evolutionary/environmental biology teaching laboratories.

REASON FOR GIVING? “Our parents gave us an appreciation for education that has enriched our lives. They are gone now, but we wanted to create a lasting tribute to them. They loved Stonehill, so this just felt right for us as a family, especially given the importance of science to the medical world,” explains Paula Sullivan.

WHY NOT ATHLETICS? “Between medicine and teaching, our family has always valued academics. And, I have spent my career at Stonehill ensuring that our student-athletes compete not just on the playing field, but also in the classroom. That the College has an outstanding academic program works very well for those of us in Athletics,” notes Sullivan.

NEXT GENERATION? “My niece Kate chose Stonehill. She is involved in volleyball and basketball, has already studied in Spain and is interested in neuroscience. Indeed, the fact that the College was building a new Science Center was a big factor in her decision to attend,” says Sullivan.
The A to Z of Attaining the Summit

This glossary touches on characteristics that define our current comprehensive fundraising campaign.

**A**
**LUMNI** Led by an energetic Alumni Council, we have more than 20,000 alumni who represent our strongest pillar of support and loyalty.

**B**
**BEAUTIFUL CAMPUS** Built on the former Ames Estate, and with 384 acres of fields, trees and trails, our campus provides a tranquil setting for academic, athletic and spiritual growth.

**C**
**CLASS AGENTS** Each year close to 100 class agents contact their alumni classmates, rallying support for scholarships, academic initiatives, new facilities and athletics.

**D**
**DONAHUE HALL** Beautifully maintained, the former Ames mansion represents the historic core of campus (below).

**E**
**ENDOWED CHAIR** The Salameno Chair in History is Stonehill’s first endowed chair. Held by Professor John Rodrigue, it was funded by Trustees Lawrence and Theresa Salameno.

**F**
**FACULTY** 87% of our 143 full-time faculty members hold terminal degrees. Teaching remains the top priority for faculty, who also maintain vigorous research agendas.

**G**
**OLD FUND** The Graduates of the Last Decade is a volunteer group of young alumni who network and fundraise with the College’s newest alumni.

**H**
**OLY CROSS FATHERS** The Congregation of Holy Cross is the Catholic order of priests and brothers who established Stonehill in 1948 and continues to sponsor and support the College.

**I**
**IMPROVEMENTS** Among the most recent — the new Science Center, introduction of Learning Communities to the curriculum, the Center for Nonprofit Management, expansion of our pedestrian walkways and being ranked nationally by U.S. News and World Report.

**J**
**JEWISH STUDIES** Funded over four years by the Nehemias Gorin Foundation, this initiative supports the work of the College’s Catholic-Jewish Dialogue Committee.

**K**
**KRUSE CENTER** Located in the former Cushing-Martin Library and named for Rev. Robert Kruse, C.S.C. ’55, the Kruse Center offers students guidance on careers, study abroad and internships.

**L**
**LEADERSHIP** Leading by example, Trustee Chair Thomas May ’69, along with his wife Donna (Jermyn) ’70, made a $1 million leadership gift to the campaign, the first such alumni gift in our history. Soon after, James “Lou” Gorman ’53 and Daniel Somers ’69 made their own million-dollar gifts.

**M**
**MARTIN INSTITUTE** Established in 1990, the Martin Institute prepares students for active, engaged citizenship and is developing coursework and programming on the theme of globalization.
National Science Foundation In recent years, the NSF has made grants of almost $2 million in support of science at Stonehill.

Outstanding Alumni Since 1978, we have honored 31 individuals whose lives and careers have brought honor to Stonehill. The inside front cover has a story on the 2008 award-winner Elizabeth Fini '76.

Programs With 31 major and 37 minor programs, along with study abroad, internship, and research opportunities, students choose from a rich array of academic programs.

Quantum Physics An area of expertise for Professor Mike Horne who has taught physics at Stonehill since 1970. For more on Prof. Horne, see p. 13.

Residence Halls Almost 90 percent of students live on campus today and, with demand growing, the College has recently begun work on a new residence.

Scholarships We need more scholarships to help talented, deserving students and their families with tuition. In addressing this need, we have friends like Tom and Mary Shields and Bud and Eileen Roche whose combined Shields and Roche scholarships help 50 students annually.

Teamwork A hallmark of our athletic programs, teamwork is perhaps best demonstrated by women's lacrosse which won its ninth consecutive Northeast-10 Conference Championship last year.

Undergraduate Research In the Stonehill Undergraduate Research Experience, students perform publishable research under the guidance of a faculty member. This summer, 45 SURE students collaborated with 24 faculty members.

Volunteers Whether serving with Into the Streets, an alternative spring break H.O.P.E. trip, or with other service programs, some 1,500 Stonehill students volunteer for community service each year.

W.B. Mason Company Thanks to the generosity of our neighbors at this Brockton-based company, we have the W. B. Mason Stadium. More than 80 alumni work for the company, including its President and CEO Leo Meehan '75, who is also a trustee.

Yukey Foundation Annually, the Foundation contributes $200,000 to scholarships for Stonehill students, for a total of $1 million to-date.

Zeroing In Whether small or large, every gift matters. And with 33,000 gifts and pledges from alumni and friends, we have $42.5 million of our $55 million goal. As we zero in on the final phase, however, we still need your support to help us Attain the Summit.

For more information on the comprehensive campaign, visit www.attainingthesummit.org.
Recent Grads Lend Support, Create Memories

WHEN BRANDON HALL '02 attended Stonehill, the Chieftains played on the athletic fields and Boland was an all-female residence hall. By the time Jessica Dillaire '08 came to campus, W.B. Mason Stadium had become the home of the Skyhawks and Boland had gone co-ed.

Despite different Stonehill experiences and having never met, Hall and Dillaire are members of a growing network of young alumni — the GOLD Fund, or Graduates Of the Last Decade. Along with 90 other alumni from the Classes of 2000 through 2009, they are maintaining old friendships and creating new partnerships while helping to support the College.

A social studies teacher in the Pembroke Public Schools, Hall was one of the first to volunteer for the GOLD Fund when it started in 2005. Dillaire, assistant director for class giving at Clark University in Worcester, is among the most recent volunteers.

"My favorite thing about Stonehill was the connection to the campus," Hall says. "It was easy to become involved with the GOLD Fund, which helps continue that connection, especially with other young alumni."

Like Hall and the other volunteers, Dillaire makes a personal gift to the College and encourages five friends to do the same. In return, they get invited to special events on campus and at prestige venues, such as Fenway Park.

"As young alumni, we generally don't have a lot of extra money lying around," notes Hall, "but I loved my time at Stonehill... so why not find a way to help?"

"I encourage all recent graduates to remember their time at the College and celebrate those times by supporting Stonehill," says Dillaire. Together, these young alumni are not only honoring their Stonehill memories, but also working together to create new ones.

For more on the GOLD Fund, contact Assistant Director of Development Megan Killilea '04 at mkillilea@stonehill.edu.
Attending to Alumni Spiritual Needs

**Fr. Aguilar nurtured flourishing alumni ministry**

**SINCE 2005,** Fr. Genaro Aguilar, C.S.C. has led the Alumni Ministry program, which was founded by the late Fr. Jack McCarthy, C.S.C. in 1991. He has also served Stonehill’s Athletic, Campus Ministry, Counseling and Residence Life departments since 1997. Recently Fr. Aguilar accepted a position in the counseling office at King’s College in Pennsylvania.

During his time as Alumni Chaplain, Fr. Aguilar offered Mass for deceased alumni; officiated at weddings, baptisms and funerals; and counseled alumni. He also grew Alumni Ministry beyond Mass and prayer. Working with the Alumni Council Community Affairs Committee, he hosted the 5th annual Lenten Retreat for alumni, which explored the importance of simplifying our lives and finding time for ourselves.

At a Theology on Tap program held at a Quincy pub, Fr. Aguilar led a lively, open dialogue about Catholicism and faith. “Everything was on the table from Catholic doctrine to social issues,” says Committee Chairperson Christine (Sarivole) St. Pierre '97. “It is wonderful for Stonehill alumni to have this resource, and we were thrilled to partner with Fr. Genaro to host these programs.”

Fr. Aguilar enjoyed adding new initiatives to the Alumni Ministry program while continuing traditions started by Fr. McCarthy. “[Fr.] Jack officiated at a marriage vows renewal program during Reunion, and this program has been a highlight for me. To have celebrated with these couples and provided a venue for them to renew their commitment has been a joy,” he says.

More than 1,200 alumni sent intention cards for last year’s Alumni Mass of Thanksgiving, another of Fr. Aguilar’s favorites. “It is touching to read the intentions and see how alumni turn to Stonehill to share their celebrations and difficult times.”

“Stonehill is a special place, and I will treasure my time here,” he says. “The College and its alumni will remain in my prayers as I move on to serve the community at King’s.”

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**Career Connection Tips**

**PROFESSIONAL RECRUITER** Brian Hoffman ’77 stressed to alumni the importance of making connections at every opportunity at the Alumni Networking Reception hosted by the Alumni Council Career Services Committee in April.

Hoffman offered four tips for expanding your network:

- Share your plans with family and friends and ask them to spread the word.
- You have something in common with everyone you meet — it’s up to you to discover it.
- Stonehill’s Career Services Office is available to help graduates (see right).
- Keep nourishing your network so when you need it, it’s already there for you.

Plans are underway for future similar events, but Hoffman notes, “You don’t need to be at a networking event to make connections. Every alumni event is a chance to network!”

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**Career Works**

Stonehill’s Career Services counselors can assist alumni with reassessing their skills and interests along with basic job searches.

Online resources include:
- Career Connection allows alumni to both submit and search job postings online or connect with alumni willing to serve as mentors for fellow graduates and current students.
- The FOCUS online assessment helps individuals in career transition develop an accurate picture of their strengths, needs and preferences.

In-person resources include:
- Resume critiques
- Assistance with job search correspondence
- Career advising
- Mock interviews
- Career resource library

For more information, visit www.stonehill.edu or call Career Services at 508-565-1325.
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From Near and Far, Alumni Gather for Largest Reunion

CLOSE TO 750 reunion alumni, along with more than 400 family and friends, celebrated the largest reunion in Stonehill history.

The graduates from 17 classes — 1952–2004 — traveled from 22 states and the District of Columbia to attend the festivities during a weekend in May.

Attendees explored campus, showed their children around, renewed marriage vows, caught up with friends, toured the new Science Center and prayed for deceased classmates.

The visiting alumni shared with SAM their impressions of the weekend.

1 Rosemary (Chadwick) ’74 and Thomas ’74 Clarke, Connecticut — "We've been to all of our five-year Reunions — we wouldn’t miss it! Friday night at The Hill was a good format for visiting with folks and having quality time to catch up."

2 Cynthia Cortijo-Rodriguez ’04, New York (with husband Raul) — "I will definitely be at my 10th Reunion. I would tell classmates who did not attend that they missed out on a great time — although many realize this after seeing the videos I posted on Facebook!"

3 Edward Nordberg ’52, Maryland (left, with James Kehoe ’52) — "Upon our annual return to campus each year, the first to welcome us are the student volunteers. They are helpful, dedicated and concerned for our needs. I am impressed with their intelligence, maturity and poise and recognize that they provide a great service to the College. They represent Stonehill very well."

4 Lorrie (Riley) O’Donovan ’59, Vermont (right, with Denise (Murphy) King ’59) — "Friday evening’s Induction into the Pillar Society was great. It is so much a part of Stonehill to have a ceremony to make alums of 50 years feel special and to celebrate their Stonehill experience."

5 Jennifer (Mitchell) ’99 and Thomas ’00 Higgins, Massachusetts (with daughters Lillian and Kathleen) — "The marriage renewal was a definite highlight. We were married at the Chapel in 2003 and to renew our love for each other while holding our kids was truly wonderful!"

6 Patrick Burke ’84, Pennsylvania (second from left, with classmates at the ’84 reception) — "On Saturday, some classmates and I walked around campus and it looks great, with improvements almost everywhere we looked. We were all impressed with the resources the new Science Center would offer students, and faculty noted how it would be a draw for potential students in the future."

7 Leanna Trombino ’04, California (center, with Lauren Clifford ’04, left, and Megan Monahan ’04, right) — "Lauren (Clifford ’04) and I joined six friends shortly after graduation on a zigzag trip across country to settle in sunny San Diego. There is no way we would have missed Reunion. Since we are 3,000 miles away, it is impossible to see friends as often as we'd like and Reunion was a perfect opportunity to spend time with everyone."

8 Megan Monahan ’04, California — "Reunion exceeded my expectations! I plan to attend the 10th Reunion, although I think it will be a different experience based on the number of children with the Class of ’99 at the BBQ this year!"

9 On the occasion of his 50th Reunion, former president Rev. Bartley MacPhaidin, C.S.C. ’59, Massachusetts, congratulated Mary (Benson) ’58 and Jack ’58 Gorman (also in photo) on celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. "It was a pleasure to see so many old friends at Reunion," said Fr. MacPhaidin.
1952 **Joseph Goggin**, a board-certified internist with Medical Associates of Cambridge, retired after more than 40 years of practicing medicine in the Cambridge, Ohio area.

1953 **Burton Smith** retired from the State of New York after a career of working with people who have alcohol and drug problems.

1955 **Rev. Donald Haycock**, C.S.C. celebrated his 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood at St. Lawrence Parish in Rochester, N.Y. where he has served as a parochial vicar for more than 40 years.

1963 **J. Michael Lennon**, vice president emeritus for academic affairs and professor emeritus of English at Wilkes University in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., will serve as the official biographer of the late author Norman Mailer under an agreement with publisher Simon & Schuster. The president of the Norman Mailer Society, he has written and edited several books about Mailer and has served as his archivist.

1964 **Nancy (Nethercott) Ericson** was inducted into the Catskill Mountain Quilters Hall of Fame.

1966 **Former Stonehill Trustee Joseph Spiak** was honored by the Congregation of Holy Cross, Eastern Province with its Jueta Crucem Award in recognition of his support of the Eastern Province’s mission. He serves as president of AMS Capital Advisors, Inc. in Jacksonville, Fl.

1967 **Robert Brown**, a teacher of English in Leicester, England and a prolific scholarly writer and book reviewer, is the author of *To Seek a Newer World*. Set in a mythical West African country, the novel explores the redemptive power of love between a married couple. *Alphonse Montagna*, president of Montagna Enterprises in Plymouth, was elected to the Niagara University Athletics Hall of Fame where he started Niagara’s soccer program in 1968 and coached from 1968 through 1970.

1970 **Terence Murphy** is the head baseball coach at Holyoke Community College.


1972 **Bonnie (Curran) Butera**, the principal of North Mianus School since 2005, retired after a 35-year career in education in the Greenwich (Conn.) Public Schools.

1973 **James Perry** retired after a 33-year career at Mansfield High School, 17 years as science chair for grades 6-12 and two years as science director for grades K-12.

1974 **Joseph Basile**, a partner in the corporate department of the Boston office of Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, an international law firm, was honored by the College's St. Thomas More Law Society in recognition of his legal expertise, professional achievements and philanthropic efforts. *Frank Hemeon* was appointed senior vice president of finance at the Parkland Health & Hospital System in Dallas, Texas to lead the financing of a new 862-bed hospital, outpatient center and office center at Parkland’s new hospital campus. *Lucy Ann Smith* retired after 35 years of teaching in the West Bridgewater Public Schools.

1976 **Gale (Kiraly) Curcio** is the sales and marketing manager for the Collingwood Library and Museum on Americanism in Alexandria, Va. *Marianne Holland* was appointed manager of the Hyannis office of the U.S. Social Security Administration. *John Shields* was elected chairman of the board of selectmen in Milton.

1977 **Dennis Polselli** was honored by the Framingham Board of Selectmen.

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**Nana’s Alpacas**

It's not every day that you see an alpaca, unless you are Ellen (Dwyer) Floyd ’69.

Co-owner of the four-acre Nana’s 'Pacas alpaca ranch in Flower Mound, Texas with her husband Thomas, Floyd owns and raises 23 alpacas. These relatives of camels and llamas are peaceful, but they require a lot of attention especially during the shearing process.

Floyd uses some of the fiber from her sheared alpacas to make yarn. She then knits, crochets and weaves scarves, shawls and blankets to sell on the ranch.

Along with selling these handcrafted goods and the multi-colored alpaca fiber, Nana’s ‘Pacas ranch entertains frequent visitors, from scout troops to the casual passerby. Guests to the ranch enjoy an education about alpacas as well as a chance to feed the animals.

“We first met alpacas in 2004 and immediately fell in love with them,” explains Floyd, who was a mathematics major at Stonehill. “We have been researching the alpaca lifestyle ever since.”

Floyd and her husband enjoy owning alpacas and using their farm to educate the public. “It is hard to not be happy with alpacas in the backyard,” she notes.
for his service to Framingham as a member of the town’s Disability Commission. The Framingham State College Disabilities Coordinator, he retired from the college after 25 years of service and has moved back to his hometown of Fall River.

1978 Burke McCarthy is the director of Marketing and New System Sales at Retrotech, Inc., a leading global automated material handling service provider in Victor, N.Y.

1979 Paula Lemay launched Someone’s in the Kitchen LLC, a personal chef business in Milton.

1980 Joyce (Ball) Charbonneau was re-elected Town Clerk/Tax Collector for Stratham, N.H.

1981 Jon Cavicchi, professor and intellectual property librarian at the Franklin Pierce Law Center in Concord, N.H., published an article on “Legal Dynamics of Copyright Implications in Distance Education: Analysing the Teach Act in the U.S.” in the Company Law Journal in India.

1982 Stonehill Vice President for Mission, Rev. Thomas Looney, C.S.C. was elected provincial superior for the Congregation of Holy Cross, Eastern Province of Priests and Brothers.

1983 Patrick Kennedy is a residential counselor for Vinfen, a private nonprofit human services organization providing a comprehensive array of services to adults and children with mental illness, mental retardation and behavioral health disabilities in Cambridge. • A member of the Easton Police Department since 1982 and deputy chief since 1998, Allen Krajcik was appointed police chief for the Town of Easton. • William Marble was appointed acting police chief for the Town of Holbrook.

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**Real Fundraiser**

Shelley (Christie) Terry ’97 has always had a passion for helping others, but never thought it would land her on a hit TV show. Since establishing a fundraising and event-planning consulting business, Terry teamed up with the People Reaching Out Foundation to fundraise for lesser-known charities. In one case, the cause was juvenile arthritis and the event chair was Jill Zarin of Bravo’s *The Real Housewives of New York City.*

The planning meetings were filmed and aired throughout season two of the popular reality series. The event itself was featured during the finale – the show’s highest-rated episode, attracting more than two million viewers. With Terry, this well-connected group of housewives raised over $100,000 for juvenile arthritis.

Terry enjoyed combining her passion for fundraising with celebrity flair. “They (the housewives) used their celebrity status to help raise money for a good cause, and for that I am proud to have worked with them,” she says.

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**Where in the World is Lesotho?**

Robert Prime ’07 had to adapt quickly when he became a Peace Corps volunteer in Lesotho, which is far different from the United States. “I had to learn to speak Sesotho. Most families, including myself, live in single room huts with no running water and no plumbing, and most people travel around on horses and donkeys,” he explains.

Despite these differences, Prime, who was inspired by his H.O.P.E. alternative spring break trips while at Stonehill, is enjoying his time with the Peace Corps in Lesotho, a country of about 1.8 million people, located in South Africa.

Prime has spent most of two years working with the Ministry of Gender and Youth teaching young people small business skills and HIV/AIDS education and prevention, among other things.

While it has been a challenge at times working in a country that has the third highest HIV/AIDS prevalence in the world, Prime says that the friendly people and the beautiful landscape make Peace Corps in Lesotho, “the toughest job I’ll ever love.”
1986 Robert Rafferty, an attorney in the law firm of Rafferty & Redlisky in Rye Brook, N.Y., was selected as president of the Columbian Lawyers Association of Westchester County, Inc.

1987 Lisa (Saliba) Dombrowski was appointed as legislative aide for State Rep. Dennis Rosa (D-Leominster) of the 4th Worcester District. Anne Foley was promoted to deputy chief of operations and training of the Victim Witness Services Bureau at the Middlesex County District Attorney's Office in Woburn. Robert McGrath is a senior underwriter in the Boston office of First Mercury Financial Corporation, which markets and underwrites specialty commercial insurance products under its CoverX(R) brand. Walter "Scott" Palladino was named chief underwriting officer for SJA Agency (Sompo Japan) at their U.S. headquarters in Charlotte, N.C.

1988 Lt. Col. Michael McCaffery retired from the U.S. Army and now works as a procurement supervisor at the Pentagon. Walter McDonough was appointed a managing director in the Boston office of Soleil Securities Corporation, a provider of value-added, independent equity research, sales, trading and execution services. James Pomer became training and quality coordinator for Unitil Service Corp. in Concord, N.H. Carver Elementary Associate Principal Mary Beth (Miller) Rodman was named the new principal at the Wellfleet Elementary School.

1989 John Butler was appointed to HarborOne Credit Union's residential mortgage team where he is responsible for the origination of loans for purchase, refinance and construction of homes. Anthony Cashman, president and chief executive officer of Cashman and Katz Integrated Communications in Glastonbury, Conn., was one of only 20 business leaders to be named an MS Corporate Achiever by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Connecticut Chapter. A tribute is being planned to honor the late Richard Susi on campus the weekend of Oct. 10, including a ceremony to retire his football jersey during halftime of the Stonehill game on the 10th.

1990 Kevin Webb, Daniel Smith and Jeffrey Reilly, tri-captains of the 1989 football team, are assisting with plans for a 20th anniversary celebration on Oct. 10 to commemorate Stonehill's first varsity football league championship.

1991 Andrew Morency, head football coach at Hamilton-Wenham Regional High School, became the third member of his family to be enshrined in the Beverly High School Sports Hall of Fame.

From Stonehill to Singapore

Charles "Chip" Salyards '88 has lived and worked in Singapore – the bustling island city-state of Southeast Asia – for the better part of four years. As vice president of sales and services for the Asia Pacific region at BMC Software Inc., Salyards spends most of his time traveling to countries throughout the region cultivating sales and relationships.

"There is a significant demand for new business opportunities in Asia," Salyards comments, "particularly in India and China."

While Salyards looks forward to new business connections, he looks back fondly on his writing class with Fr. James Chichetto C.S.C. '64 and playing football against rival Bentley. He continues to credit his Stonehill experience for helping him succeed in the international business world.

"The most important aspect of international business is to seek understanding through tolerance. Having a Stonehill liberal arts education has certainly laid the foundation for a world of possibilities," he says.

1992 David Simas became a policy advisor in President Barack Obama's administration. He works in the West Wing of the White House on developing and implementing federal policy initiatives and reports to senior presidential advisor David Axelrod.

1993 Robert Gallery is the owner of the Atlantic Insurance Group Agency, Inc. in Milton as well as Excel Martial Arts & Fitness in Canton.

1994 Camille (Ferguson) Ciarmetaro was appointed director of social services for Seacoast Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, a 142-bed health care facility located on the campus of Addison Gilbert Hospital in Gloucester. Stewart Cowles was inducted into the Beverly High School Sports Hall of Fame. Mary (Harrington) Hart was promoted to product marketing manager for Ziff Davis Enterprise. Janina (Marcinkowski) Murphy was promoted to vice president of sales engineering for NaviSite, a technology company focusing on enterprise hosting and application services.

1995 After two years at the NFL Network, David Carabello has returned to ESPN in Bristol, Conn. as newsroom manager in the Stats & Analysis Group.

1996 Mamiko Nakamaru of Yamato, Japan works as a freelance interpreter at international conferences related to United States-Japan new regulations about agriculture.
information technology industries and ISO regulations of manufacturers. • EPOCH Senior Healthcare of Harwich Administrator Karen Wadlow was recognized as EPOCH Senior Living's administrator of the year based on her outstanding leadership and community outreach efforts. She is also the co-chair of the Yarmouth Rotary and the Meals on Wheels Program for Harwich Seniors as well as an active member of the Orleans and Harwich Chambers of Commerce.

1997 Amy (Manning) Dusseault was appointed vice president of account services for Burke Communications, Inc., a full-service advertising agency experienced in branding and Internet marketing, based in Charlotte, N.C.

1999 Chrystianne DeAlmeida received her doctoral degree in clinical psychology from the New School for Social Research in New York City and serves as a clinical psychologist at the Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital of New York-Presbyterian in New York City. • Sean Sullivan is a construction project manager for Strategic Building Solutions in Old Saybrook, Conn.

2000 Andrew Deslaurier, an associate product manager for Genzyme Corp., was elected to the Board of Selectman for the Town of Billerica and now serves as the board's vice chairman. • Melinda (Ciampa) Ferreira is the author of a book entitled Rays of Grace, A Story of Strength and Spirit, a memoir which chronicles the life, death and influence of her mother. • Meredith (Allen) Our, a police officer for the Mashpee Police Department, started a portable toilet rental business, Our Outhouses, Inc., with her husband in Centerville.

2002 Daniel Pennessi, an attorney in the real estate practice in the White Plains, N.Y. office of Greenburg Taurig, LLP, serves as the executive treasurer of the Urban Land Institute's Westchester/Fairfield District Council and has assumed the chairperson position for a two-year tenure. • Krista Williams is a learning and development specialist at TJX Companies in Framingham.

2003 Kelly (Valois) Bitinas, a teacher at Plymouth South High School in Plymouth, earned her certificate of advanced graduate study in educational leadership from American International College. • Bryan Grigas was promoted to first lieutenant in the United States Air Force and is an air weapons officer who works on the E-3 Sentry (AWACS) at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma. • Thomas Kennedy was sworn in as the new State Senator for the 2nd Plymouth and Bristol Senate District where he represents the city of Brockton and the towns of Easton, East Bridgewater, Halifax,

Rolling Storms

Sand is everywhere – even in the smallest spaces. Amy Cordova '04, 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team member, emailed that observation to her family and friends at home from her station in Iraq.

"Now I know you all have experienced this – pulling off the highway because it was downpouring or trying to slam the front door as the snow blows in. But all those things come from the sky downward, so they have some predictability. Not sandstorms," Cordova continued in her message to her loved ones.

With the tone of a storyteller, Cordova explained how she can walk out into a beautiful day and ten minutes later, she can't see in front of her because a sandstorm has rolled in (top, right). When time allows amid her military duties, Cordova sends out one of these slice-of-life anecdotes, providing an update to all those back in the States.

"Humor is what gets us all through. Without it, whether you are in a foxhole or an office, this place is not home," she says.

Cordova attended law school at California Western School of Law in San Diego and entered active duty in the Army as a member of the Judge Advocate General's Corps (JAG).

Currently, Cordova is the legal assistant and fiscal law attorney for the Brigade.

Bottom, right: Cordova with Bonzer, a member of the Wolfhounds 2-27 Infantry Battalion, 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team.
Got news?

If you have changed jobs, earned a degree, married or celebrated the birth of a child, complete this form and mail it to us along with your news so we can share it with your fellow alumni.

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When corresponding by email, include your phone number so that we can confirm your information.

Hanover and Whitman. • Kristen McDonnell was named the head varsity girls basketball coach at Braintree High School.

2004 Thomas Brennan of Harpers Ferry, W.Va. is a professional horse trainer.
• Christine (Dutra) Martin is a certified public accountant and financial analyst at MediaTek Wireless in Woburn. • Deanna (Filosa) Stevens is employed by New England Peptide in Gardner.

2005 Elizabeth Brennan was promoted to jewelry buyer at RueLaLa and Smart Bargains, e-commerce companies of Retail Convergence, Inc., based in Boston. • Jessie (Julian) Dean is a criminal investigator in the Office of the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
• Elizabeth Dewey operates both the Barrington Ballet Studio and the Barrington Pilates Studio in Barrington, R.I. • Melissa Gray received her master’s degree and certificate of advanced graduate study in applied educational psychology from Northeastern University and is the school psychologist at Carver Middle & High School in Carver.
• Jennifer Karp is a certified public accountant in the Boston office of PricewaterhouseCoopers.
• Robert O’Brien, a seaman in the U.S. Navy, completed a seven-month deployment to the Persian Gulf onboard the U.S.S. Theodore Roosevelt.
• Sara Payton serves as a constituent services coordinator for State Senator Kenneth Donnelly (D-Arlington) for the 4th Middlesex Senate District.
• Jason Zysk, a doctoral student in English, was honored by the Graduate School at Brown University with the Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching, an annual prize with an honorarium that recognizes outstanding pedagogical achievement by a Brown University graduate student.

2006 Brendan Caputo, the assistant dean for university advisement at Hofstra University in Hempstead, N.Y., received a master’s degree in college student development counseling from Hofstra University. • Charles “Micah” Christian, a second-year master of divinity student at the Boston University School of Theology, was recognized as a young leader who demonstrates exceptional gifts for ministry by The Fund for Theological Education (FTE).
• Laura (O’Neill) Levesque is employed as a freelance journalist for GateHouse Media Inc. • Lauren Stone is the assistant coach for the women’s lacrosse team at Seton Hill University in Greensburg, Pa.
• Justin Vartanian received his juris doctor degree from the Northeastern University School of Law and has joined Devine, Millimet & Branch, Professional Association, based in New Hampshire and Massachusetts, as a lawyer. • Kaitlin (Buckley) Wilson teaches mathematics for the Newport (R.I.) School Department.

2007 Sarah Gagnon received a master of arts degree in industrial/organizational psychology with a concentration in organizational development and consultation from the University of New Haven in West Haven, Conn.
• Ashley McKenna received a master’s degree in Arabic and Hebraic Cultures, past and present, from the University of Granada (Spain).

2008 Angel Nieves is an insurance agent with Aflac. • Joseph Ryan is a volunteer member with the AmeriCorps National Civilian Corps based in Sacramento, Calif.
• Gina Vivona is an administrative analyst in the Office of Project Services at the United Nations in New York City.
Class Notes

Accreditation Comments
In October, Stonehill will be evaluated by the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. Accredited since 1959, Stonehill was last reviewed in 1999 and is now engaged in an institution-wide self-study. The evaluation team will gather evidence that the self-study is thorough and accurate.

Public comments are welcome and must address substantive matters related to the quality of the College. By Oct. 21, send written, signed comments, along with your address and phone number to:

Public Comment on Stonehill Commission on Institutions of Higher Education
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E-mail: cihe@neasc.org

For more information, visit www.stonehill.edu/neasc09.xml

Alumni Weekend 2009
Save the dates: Oct. 23–25
Watch your mail for further information.

Reunion 2010
Classes of 1960, ’65, ’70, ’75, ’80, ’85, ’90, ’95, ’00, ’05 and the Pillar Society
Save the Dates: June 4, 5 & 6, 2010
To join the Reunion Planning Committee for your class, contact the Alumni Office at alumni@stonehill.edu or 508-565-1343.

Alumni Auction
Nov. 7, 2009
Proceeds to benefit student scholarships
Aruba Raffle:
Win an all-inclusive $4,200+ trip for two to Aruba, tickets $15 each.
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Monday Morning Update
For all the latest Stonehill news, read the Monday Morning Update newsletter.
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Gift Planning
The Legacy Society unites parents, alumni, trustees and friends in our planned giving outreach. By including Stonehill in their estate plans, our 80 Legacy supporters ensure that we have the financial wherewithal to continue providing outstanding educational experiences to students.

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Weddings

1. A group photo of a wedding party.
2. A close-up of the bride and groom.
3. Another group photo of wedding guests.
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5. Amy Curdie ’06 and Daniel Shafrir, 8/8/08
6. Kelli O’Brien ’04 and Bill Toulopoulos, 11/1/08

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Michele Walsh ’89 to Dennis Preite, 11/12/08
Kathryn O’Brien ’91 to William Durgin, 9/22/07
Heidi Birtscher ’93 to James Ingram, 9/8/07
Mark Noone ’95 to Jamie Segel, 12/12/08
Melissa Caianelli ’96 to Patrick Hynes, 9/13/08
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Bryan Carr ’98 to Marya Pattaropong, 9/27/08
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Jennifer Lane ’04 to Robert Costa, 9/6/08
Brooke Reitano ’04 to Channing Johnson, 4/24/09
Christine Dutra ’04 to Robert Martin, 9/14/08
Deanna Filosa ’04 to Benjamin Stevens, 10/25/08
Elizabeth Naples ’04 to Andrew Walsh, 6/28/08
Andrew Campbell ’05 to Laura Russell, 8/9/08
Joanna Erroho ’05 to Matthew Carroll ’05, 8/31/08
Jessie Julian ’05 to Brian Dean, 11/1/08
Laura O’Neill ’06 to Troy Levesque, 7/12/08
Class Notes

BIRTHS

Robert '88 and Julie Pirri, Bristol, R.I., daughter, Angela, 12/14/08
• Donna (MacLean) '89 and Kevin Flynn, Weymouth, son, Brendan, 7/19/08 • Susan (Regan) '90 and Adam Kastin, Hoboken, N.J., daughter, Natalie Regan, 12/20/07 • Boyce '91 and Charlene Morin, Hollis, N.H., son, Alex, 6/2/07 • Thomas '92 and Nivea Colwell, Shanghai, China, son, Patrick, 4/7/08 • Joseph '92 and Jean Marie O'Toole, Rockaway Township, N.J., daughter, Kayla Luella, 1/16/09 • Peter Boyle '93 and Janine Finck-Boyle '93, Washington, D.C., daughter, Kate Hale, 2/17/09 • William '93 and Michele Brennan, Somerset, N.J., daughter, Avery, 10/13/08 • Heidi Burtles '93 and James Ingram, Snowmass, Colo., son, Rupert Peter, 6/12/08 • Michele (Bonaventure) '93 and Stephen Caniglia, Cranston, R.I., daughter, Emily, 6/5/07 • Derrik '93 and Jennifer Jerman, Austin, Texas, daughter, Savannah Rae, 8/26/08 • Marlene (Palmer) '93 and Steven Limoli, Brentwood, N.H., son, Nicholas Steven, 1/20/08 • Kristen (Johnson) '94 and Daniel Bishop, Cromwell, Conn., son, Nolan, 1/5/08 • Kerri (Mendoza) '94 and Raymond Hebert, Cumberland, R.I., daughter, Elena Michelle, 11/28/08 • Kevin '94 and Kathleen (McDonald) '94 Morrissey, Apex, N.C., son, Connor Joseph, 1/2/09 • Jonathan '94 and Michele Murray, Hudson, N.H., son, Brayden Michael, 2/19/09 • Grace (Faria) '94 and Jaime Payan, West Warwick, R.I., daughter, Sarah Grace, 9/23/07 • Edward '94 and Carolyn Pires, Cranston, R.I., son, Dylan Edward, 12/8/08 • Robert '94 and Anamarie (Mulligan) '94 Raleigh, Pembroke, daughter, Alexandra, 8/15/07 • Carrie (Driscoll) '94 and Peter Richardson, Middleton, son, Ryan, 10/9/07 • Jeffrey '95 and Suzanne Pettine, Providence, R.I., daughter, Isabella Suzanne, 3/11/08 • Nancy (Gaff) '96 and Bruce Martel, Revere, son, Jackson, 8/21/08 • Daniel '96 and Jennifer (Ziegler) '96 Schmidlin, Hopkinton, twins Cole Lawrence and Emery Lynn, 12/1/2008 • Jason '96 and Tobey (Boudreau) '96 Viveiros, Pawtucket, R.I., son, Jaxon Patrick, 2/1/09 • Kristina (Brown) '97 and Evan Davis, Framingham, daughter, Emma Katharine, 5/22/08 • Lynn Stevens-Gouveia '97 and Noah Gouveia, Stonington, Conn., daughter, Sophia Maria, 2/22/07 • Lynn Stevens-Gouveia '97 and Noah Gouveia, Stonington, Conn., son, Jack Joseph, 12/11/08 • Shannon (Mitton) '97 and Karl Laingen, Holliston, twins Amelia Rose and Abigail Mae, 5/3/08 • Bridget (Connolly) '97 and Brendan McCarty, Arlington, daughter, Maeve Therese, 9/07 • Kelly (Ryan) '97 and Scott McGee, Bethesda, Md., son, Sean Patrick, 2/16/09 • Keri-Ann (Roberge) '97 and Chris Reeves, Durham, N.C., son, Cameron Joseph, 8/22/08 • Timothy '97 and Amy (Balfour) '97 Reilly, Dedham, daughter, Erin Kathleen, 8/26/08 • Ryan '98 and Kimberly (Kelly) '98 Asselta, Norwood, son, Michael Ryan, 4/4/08 • Kenneth '98 and Heather (Corona) '98 Bowen, Merrimack, N.H., son, Nathan Thomas, 12/3/08 • Andrea (Szczepkowski) '98 and Stephen Connolly, Groveland, daughter, Brianna Lauren, 7/16/08 • Heather (Emanuelson) '98 and Daniel Levine, Marblehead, daughter, Emily, 10/9/08 • Louis '98 and Bethany Porrazzo, Marblehead, daughter, Emily Susan, 8/25/08 • Jennifer (Fiore) '98 and Joseph Rocha, Seekonk, son, Jack Joseph, 8/25/08 • Amy (Cournoyer) '98 and Ricardo Simoes, Southbridge, daughter, Ella Jane, 6/08 • Yumi (Tashiro) '98 and Yasuo Tanabe, Saitama, Japan, son, Takumi, 8/25/08 • Shelley (Christie) '98 and Matthew Terry, Stamford, Conn., son, Ryan, 2/6/09
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ALUMNI CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

19 Stonehill Night at "Jersey Boys," Shubert Theatre
20 Stonehill Day at Camden Yards, Baltimore, Md.
26 Fall Alumni Council Meeting
30 "Navigating the School System with a Special Needs Child," sponsored by the Alumni Council Academic Committee

OCTOBER

2 San Francisco, Calif.
3 Southern California Alumni Reception, Simi Valley
8 "Examined Life" Presentation
10–18 Literary Tour of London & Paris
23–25 Alumni Weekend
24 Admissions Legacy Session

NOVEMBER

7 Alumni Auction 2009
27 Alumni Mass of Thanksgiving and Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

DECEMBER

3 New York Holiday Reception, New York, N.Y.
4 Gift Wrap Party, sponsored by the Alumni Council Young Alumni Committee
5 Century Club Celebration
9 D.C. Holiday Party

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OBITUARIES

Armand Bonneau '52 of Arlington, Va. died June 26. He is survived by his nephew and two nieces.


Cormack Dolan '53 of Pisgah Forest, N.C. died May 22. He is survived by his two children, Christine and Michael, two siblings and four grandchildren.

Everett McDonald '53 of Bedford, N.Y. died July 15. He is survived by his wife, Catherine, five children and eight grandchildren.

Terence Byrne '54 of Denville, N.J. died April 20. He is survived by his wife, Billie, three sons and several other family members.

Clare (Hanrahan) Bowman '55 of Sun City Center, Fla. died Jan. 18. She is survived by four children and a sister.

Richard Archer '56 of Monroe, N.J. died Nov. 6, 2008. He is survived by his wife, Jean, three children, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Alyce (Hennessy) Sullivan '57 of Canton died Jan. 17. She is survived by her husband, Edward, three daughters including Karin '84, and three grandchildren.

James Boyle '59 of East Bridgewater died Feb. 13. He is survived by four children, two grandchildren and a brother.

James Lacey '59 of Manchester, Conn. died July 17. He is survived by his wife, Irene, two siblings, four children and nine grandchildren.

Sylvia McDonough '62 of Westport Point died July 27. She is survived by her husband, John, four children, three grandchildren and two siblings.

John Reilly '62 of Abington died June 10. He is survived by his wife, Ann, five children, six grandchildren, a sister and several other family members, including nephew Thomas '92.

Thomas Pendergast '64 of Hobe Sound, Fla. died April 12. He is survived by five children, two brothers and four grandchildren.

John Sennott '64 of Duxbury died Feb. 19. He is survived by his daughter and two grandchildren.

Thaddeus "Ted" Strojny '64 of Taunton died March 30. He is survived by his wife, Carol, three sons, four grandchildren and two brothers, including William '78.

Peter Stubbs '65 of North Little Rock, Ark. died Nov. 20, 2007. He is survived by his wife Judy, three children and seven grandchildren.

William Giolosa '70 of Brockton died March 5. He is survived by his mother, two sisters and several nieces and nephews.

Paul Hayes '70 of Westerville, Ohio died April 20. He is survived by two children, a grandchild, his mother, and four siblings.

Diane (Rochefort) McMullen '72 of West Bridgewater died Feb. 24. She is survived by her husband, Thomas, two daughters, a grandson and a brother.

Constance (Racicot) Colvin '74 of Medfield died June 28. She is survived by her husband, Lawrence, her mother, a daughter and three siblings.

Thomas Dahill '76 of Provincetown died June 30. He is survived by his wife, Peggy, a son and several family members.

Rosemary (Mahan) Mandill '76 of East Bridgewater died March 1. She is survived by two children, two grandchildren and three siblings.

Peter Quintin '79 of Dedham died May 26. He is survived by his wife, Karen '79, son, Tyler, and four siblings.

Robert Semar '78 of Hackettstown, N.J. died Feb. 5. He is survived by two children and four siblings.

Allen Andrade '80 of New Bedford died Oct. 2, 2003. He is survived by his wife, Barbara, four children, four sisters and two grandsons.

Ronald Fusco '80 of Hanson died July 25. He is survived by his wife, Gail, three children, five grandchildren and two brothers.

John Burke '81 of Brockton died June 18. He is survived by five siblings, including his brother William '80, and four nieces and nephews.

Richard Copp '81 of Raynham died March 10. He is survived by his wife, Patricia, his father, four children, two grandchildren and three siblings.

Mark Peterson '82 of South Easton died April 2. He is survived by his wife, Isabel, his mother, three children and five siblings.

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

Walter Palladino '85 of Newton died Feb. 26. He is survived by his wife, Deborah, three children, a sister and five grandchildren.

Lawrence Gaffney '06 of Middleboro died Feb. 22. He is survived by his wife, Gail, two children and two siblings.

COLLEGE OBITUARIES

Sr. Grace Donovan, S.U.S.C., who served Stonehill from 1979 to 1997, teaching history and writing, working in Campus Ministry, advising students, organizing concerts and preparing institutional reports, died in April.

Alice Dunphy, longtime Career Services employee, died in July.

Joseph Moran, a former Admissions representative in Florida for the College, died in May.
Our Girl from Ames

By Katie Conboy

It was an unusual beginning. At the Opening College Assembly in 1992, my sixth year at Stonehill, the College’s president began his address to the community by describing the “silent phase” of a capital campaign and mentioning a unique fundraising technique. “This is the time,” said Fr. Bartley MacPháidín, C.S.C. ’59 with a twinkle in his eye, “when we’re kissing old widows . . . .” My head swung involuntarily, and my eyes locked with those of a new faculty member. We had never met but were both choking back laughter. And while it’s almost impossible to remember a time when I did not know Jane Nash, I do distinctly remember thinking: “Now that is someone I could be friends with.”

Nearly two decades down the road, I’m reading (along with the rest of America, it seems) Jeffrey Zaslow’s best-selling book The Girls from Ames, which tells the story of Jane’s enduring friendships from that time before I knew her — friendships with ten girls from her hometown of Ames, Iowa. I know the names. I’ve listened to the stories about their annual reunions, about new homes, the death of one friend in the group, right and wrong marriages, battles with breast cancer, the loss of a child. I’ve never met any of these women, yet they clearly shaped my closest friend. Reading the book, I’m learning something new about where and how Jane learned to be a great friend — through those decades that preceded our own initial encounter.

A professor of psychology, Jane reminds me regularly that friendship is not her area of expertise — that she didn’t write the book, she’s just a character in it. But any reader will recognize that among all the voices of the girls from Ames, Jane’s is the voice of wisdom. And one of her powerful insights is about how an individual’s needs in (and for) friendship change over time.

She acknowledges that she no longer requires an “intense junior-high friendship” to make her whole. She enjoys observing how the equilibrium of individual friendships within her girlhood group has shifted and how those friendships have rebalanced themselves in new ways. She loves those old friends, but she has room for new ones.

We’ve talked many times about the fact that women seem to need — and therefore build — close and loving relationships with other women. Yet Jane and I agree on some of the reasons our own long friendship has endured: we are not needy or demanding of each other. Our ages — and thus our professional and personal lives — are slightly staggered: I had earned tenure and delivered three daughters before Jane began her career at Stonehill or started her family. And these circumstances were oddly enabling for our friendship as she had the time to join my young family for weekend hikes or backyard cookouts, and I was in a position to model (for better and for worse) engagement in academic life and mothering daughters. And then there are the simple facts of our common interests, our similar personalities, perhaps even our Midwestern roots.

The Girls from Ames explores a vibrant network of friends whose present lives are bound up with a specific place and time in the past. The city of Ames nurtured these friendships. Yet these women continue to flourish in new settings. In Jane’s case, there’s a particularly sweet re-rooting at Stonehill, built on the site of an original Ames family estate: small wonder that she so quickly felt at home here! I feel lucky that all these years after first seeing eye-to-eye, we count each other the closest of friends.

Provost Katie Conboy (left) says that her good friend Professor Jane Nash is "the voice of wisdom" in the best-selling book The Girls from Ames.

Conboy is provost and vice president for academic affairs at Stonehill.
Ryan Thorley '04 encouraged Nicole Landry '09 to grow in her desire to help others.

“When I first decided to go on a H.O.P.E. trip, Ryan shared his experiences from his alternative spring break trips to Tennessee,” says Landry, who also knew Thorley as a supportive supervisor when she volunteered at My Brother's Keeper (MBK) in Easton.

“Ryan helped me recognize that a commitment to service will bring you a purposeful, rewarding life,” adds Landry, who is embarking on a master’s program in school counseling at Boston College.

Sponsored in large part by philanthropic support from Stonehill alumni, parents and friends, the H.O.P.E. (Honoring our neighbor, Organizing for justice, Practicing peace, Encountering God) program sends over 100 students annually to places like Honduras, Tennessee and Peru for weeklong service-immersion experiences.

“These trips change lives,” explains Thorley. “I am proud of Nicole's work through H.O.P.E. and at MBK. Through service and reflection, she bears witness to the challenges faced by people in need, and she is willing to help them.”

Ryan Thorley '04 mentored Nicole Landry '09 in her commitment to service.