Who Knew?

27 Things You Didn’t Know About Stonehill
Full Color  Seventeen students, who were living on campus this summer, wanted to do something positive, so they decided to participate in the Boston Color Me Rad 5k road race. During the race, the runners were regularly plastered with colored cornstarch paint. While they had a blast, the team—called Color Me Purple—also raised funds for the Simon Youth Foundation, which helps to prevent at-risk kids from dropping out of school.
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Politics and Values

WHEN THE START of an academic year coincides with a presidential election, it is a great moment to be teaching a political science course. This fall, I am teaching Religion, Politics and the Law, a constitutional law class that analyzes how issues involving religion are treated in the public square through the lens of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Whether it is a crèche placed in a town square; public monies funding sectarian schools; or government restrictions on the right to abortion established in Roe v. Wade, the issues we study reveal the Court's complex and subtle understanding of the role of religion in American public life. Add to that leadership, leaders of both parties themselves. At one time, the Democratic and Republican organizers of the presidential debates were Paul Kirk Jr. and Andrew Card, both of whom hale from Massachusetts and are former Stonehill trustees. Politics is alive and well here in the Commonwealth!

It is important for all of us to be engaged in the political process, understanding the issues facing us as a nation and educating ourselves as to the positions of the candidates seeking public office. Using the ballot box, we must voice our opinions. And for a few, the call to public service by running for office provides clear evidence that we believe in the values by which our nation has become great. As the College's mission statement explains, we educate the "whole person so that each Stonehill graduate thinks, acts and leads with courage toward creating a more just and compassionate world."

Please enjoy this issue of SAM, and I look forward to greeting you in the near future.

Yours in Holy Cross,

Rev. Mark T. Cregan, C.S.C. '78
Physics Finesse

I want to thank Chet Raymo for his piece in the Stonehill Alumni Magazine [“Remembering Two Great Men,” Winter/Spring 2012]. I knew Fr. Thomas Lockary in my time at Stonehill from 1961 to 1964.

Fr. Lockary was my physics teacher. The first test results I received from him were 100 percent. My classmates said, “Nobody gets a one hundred from Fr. Lockary in physics.” I told them that the secret to understanding Fr. Lockary’s physics class was to listen. This was a man whose oratories on physics were something of a stage production without the footlights and background music, although they, too, were there if you were willing to just listen.

Halfway through the class, I finished my assessment of Fr. Lockary’s physics finesse. I told my peers that he is not going to approach an exam head-on. Fr. Lockary is going to come from as many directions as the universe and, of course, academic practicality will allow. His exams were questions: “Have you looked at the phenomenon this way?” or “How many ways have you examined this problem?” If you didn’t connect with the whetstone bridge or the wave phenomenon, get intimate with them, and also look at them askance from a distance and close-up, you were not going to pass this teacher’s scrutiny.

Fr. Lockary was a wonderful man, and I can understand Chet Raymo being drawn to Stonehill at such a young age by him. I, too, was drawn in to an expansive understanding of the world around us by Tom Lockary.

Rosemary (Bacon) Lucchessi ’64 | Saint Joseph, Mo.

Clarity Upstairs

Although I didn’t graduate from Stonehill, I was lucky, as a chemistry major, to take several courses with Fr. Thomas Lockary in the early ’60s. His courses were challenging and thought-provoking. He taught with a sense of humor. I, too, am one of those who consider a clean desk the sign of a sick mind. We keep the clarity upstairs. The article [“Remembering Two Great Men,” Winter/Spring 2012] was a nice tribute.

James “Jay” Mulhern
Charlotte, N.C.

Flashback Photo

I really enjoy receiving the Stonehill Alumni Magazine. It’s great to see what’s happening at the College now, read the class notes and read about former classmates. The Winter/Spring 2012 issue had a great article by Chet Raymo about Fr. Thomas Lockary that I really enjoyed, as I knew “Lock” well from my time in O’Hara. I even saw myself on page 9 in the flashback picture, having also been one of the 66 ill students. Stonehill was (is) a great place.

Kevin Shea ’70
Lansing, Kan.

Holy Cross Work

Thank you for the article on the Holy Cross community at Stonehill in your last issue. It provided a perfect opportunity to share some of the great work that Holy Cross has done and hopes to continue to do at Stonehill with our younger community members and those who are considering joining Holy Cross. By posting it online and printing it, we repurposed the article across many of our own platforms.

Fr. James Gallagher, C.S.C.
Director, Office of Vocations
Congregation of Holy Cross
United States Province of Priests and Brothers
AROUND CAMPUS

Heard on the Hill
NINE NOTABLE STONEHILL TIDBITS

Doesn't Dread Mornings "I am not crazy about grading exams, but 90 percent of my job is great. And I love that I don’t dread getting up in the morning to go to work. Money isn’t everything," Geoffrey Lantos, professor of business administration, quoted in The Summit.

Alumni Numbers As of Commencement in May, there are now 23,772 alumni, and they are spread across 61 classes.

Hours of Service 95,000! That’s how many hours of service Stonehill students provided last year, both on campus and around the world.

Romantic Dream "This SURE project is a dream come true. It is a chance to spend a summer, my favorite season, reading my favorite authors. What more could I ask for?" Nicholas Howard ’13, on why he was pleased to study romantic poetry as part of the Stonehill Undergraduate Research Experience.

Who Done It? Stonehill business professor and mystery writer Robert Spencer. In The Brownstone Deception, he deals with a hot topic: the rising cost of college education and how a crooked group of administrators cook the books for personal gain.

Eggs into Art When it comes to handcrafting Easter eggs, the Rev. Albert Croce, C.S.C. is a master of detail and style. Now 93, Fr. Croce also cares about students and the cost of education, which is why he donated his egg collection as a way of creating a scholarship fund. More than 50 eggs have been sold, and 200 remain available. Prices vary from $7 to over $120. For info., call 508-565-1319.

Post Graduation "I will miss Campus Ministry because it is like a home to me," Deirdre Kleist ’12 in The Summit.

Top Teachers Stonehill professors Richard Capobianco (Philosophy) and Jared Green (English) are among the country’s best undergraduate teachers according to The Princeton Review. Named to the publication’s Best 300 Professors list, they were hailed for their ability to teach, challenge, engage and inspire their students.

SKYHAWK SNACK BAR
Okay, it is a cheeky photo [below]. Help us, however, to save the day with a fun, clever caption. Authors of the three best captions will win a Stonehill sweatshirt, ideal for warmth this winter. And your caption might be printed in the next edition of SAM! Email mmcgovern@stonehill.edu.

STONEHILL ALUMNI MAGAZINE
Grant's Thoughts: Invaluable Lessons

RICHARD GRANT, director of academic services, retired this past spring. After advising students for 43 years, he reflects on five invaluable life lessons he has learned about success.

There is no substitute for "time on task." But you need to understand what that means. Just when you think you cannot do something, that it is too hard, that you are losing interest, that you can't understand or that something is in your way, that is the time your work actually is beginning. Use this thought or feeling or blockage as the signal that you are beginning the real process of educating yourself. It is absolutely not the time to stop. If you need to take a quick break to refocus yourself, do it. Then come right back and work.

Nobody ever gets anything done alone. When we feel vulnerable, on the edge of failure, puzzled, not able to meet the challenges required, we separate ourselves from the very sources that could help us. I think this is rooted in our embarrassment about feeling unable to measure up to expectations. But this is not what is actually happening. The problem is that we think our talent should make things easy to do. The real truth is that a lot of things are not easy to do. We all need a team.

I met former Patriot and philanthropist Ron Burton at his youth camp in Western Massachusetts several years ago. He said something that I have never forgotten: "You cannot do three things at a time. You can only do two." His point, I believe, is that you need to limit your focus to a small number of things. We have developed so many options for using our time that it is difficult to stay focused on the few things that are important to our well-being. It is much harder to figure out what we really want to do than we think.

I have been blessed by having worked at Stonehill for all these years. Being here put me in touch every day with genuinely kind and considerate people who had as one of their central life goals to help young people grow. Max Ehrmann's inspirational poem "The Desiderata" has been one of my personal guideposts, and I think Stonehill people are also in touch with the message of that piece. This has been my primary good fortune.

Grant took drawing and sculpture classes with Professor Shane Savage-Rumbaugh. "It challenged me more than I thought it would, but my mastery of the art improved considerably under his guidance," Grant notes.
Arms Around Campus

I became a sponge, soaking up life; a confident woman.
Cathleen Creaser Marsh '79

Light and Hope.
The eternal guide of a Stonehill grad.
Robert Faria '62

You had me at “Hello, Welcome to Stonehill.”
Kevin Shea '70

I love Stonehill because of its loving community.
Ashley Marnell '15

Sandy Jastrzebski, parent of Kathleen Jastrzebski ’15

I love Stonehill because my mommy went to college there.
Ben, age 6, son of Julie Caledonia ’92

At sensational Stonehill, friends became family. What’s not to love?
Kaitlyn Rose '10

The community, campus, friendly faces and family you create.
Sarah Hall ’14

I met seven amazing women who remain in my life!
Rebecca (Coburn) Matrianno ’00

Beautiful campus. Friendly staff and students. Academic rigor.
Jill (Dudra) Peluzzo ’06

Where kneeling before Him gives strength to make a stand.
John Papiak ’99

History Locked in Landscape

He Lived on Campus
When there was no Stonehill or Ames family estate. He was the son of an Irish immigrant. His name was John Daily, a colonial settler whose life spanned a remarkable 80 years from his birth in 1712 until his death in 1792.

An officer in the local militia, Daily also served as Easton’s hog reeve, keeping track of the town’s hogs and mediating disputes between farmers over who owned which hogs.

With a wife and three children, he made his home deep in the woods that run along Rhododendron Drive, the College’s old main entrance on Route 138, which is now reserved for pedestrians and cyclists.

Daily’s house was a wooden structure built upon a 250 square foot stone foundation. In addition to the small house, Daily’s homestead had a well, animal pens and a midden, which is where colonists dumped broken tools, glass, hearth ashes and discarded organic materials.

What we know about the Daily homestead is based on archaeological research conducted over the years by Stonehill faculty, students and staff.

That research has unearthed many 18th century artifacts, such as a musket ball, fragments of a tobacco pipe, window glass, bits of pottery, mussel shells, animal bones and even a bronze coin with the image of King George II of England. Window glass and imported china suggest that Daily was relatively prosperous.

A new Martin Institute exhibit titled Memories in the Landscape, explores the Daily Homestead Collection and the history of archaeological excavations at Stonehill. It offers photographs of the excavation, documents and materials used by students conducting the dig and, of course, artifacts from the site.

For more information about the exhibit, which runs through early 2013, contact Archives at 508-565-1121.
Create, Don’t Imitate

FOR HER “Bring Your Black” fashion show last semester, Elizabeth Scopac ’12 not only did the sketches, but also the design, fabrication, organization, publicity and direction of 24 student models.

On a glorious spring day, using the path to the MacPhaidin Library as a runway, Scopac presented a bold fall-winter collection of women’s wear before an appreciative audience of students and faculty.

Unorthodox by Stonehill standards, the show combined sleek and edgy. It reflected what Scopac had learned while studying in Florence and interning in New York with Kenneth Cole and, of course, her own creative talents.

As she attended to hundreds of details in the run-up to the show, the former biology major turned fashion designer did not sleep for days. Scopac admits to having had a few challenges as she completed the show, which was the senior capstone project for her self-created interdisciplinary fashion design and marketing major.

What drove her on? “I wanted to prove to the student body that there are resources at this school that can be used in a creative way. No one needs to follow a course of imitation,” explains Scopac, who now works as technical design assistant for Calypso St. Barth, which produces an eclectic mix of elegant, comfortable and colorful women’s clothing.

One-Minute Profile

Name Diane Leary

Background Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, Family Nurse Practitioner, Director of Health Services at Stonehill since 2002

Complaint I hear most often “I have a sore throat.” Every year sore throats, tonsillitis and swollen lymph nodes are our most common complaints. We worry about strep throat, but most often it is viral, viral, viral. Residential living, community meals, intimate class sizes, study groups, socializing—all lead to the spread of common illnesses like sore throats.

Advice I tell my college-aged patients Wash your hands! Almost all infectious disease is spread through secretions. Wash your hands any time you share anything—a cell phone, doorknob, stair railing, a desk. Of course, wash your hands after you use the bathroom and before eating or drinking.

Best technique for giving a shot When I was a young nurse, my teacher told me to think of the shot like a dart. Stick it in fast and straight. Sounds cruel, but it is really the best technique. I try to distract students with chitchat, and it is usually in and out before they even know!

Worst day on the job When the dreaded norovirus is on campus. Despite all efforts, so many students (and staff) are stricken with the nausea, vomiting, diarrhea bug. It has a short life, but it spreads like wildfire.

Best day on the job When I am successful with helping students succeed. I do a lot of listening and many times find that hearing students out so that I can reassure them that they are going to be okay is just what they need.
AROUND CAMPUS

Syllabus

HCA191: AIDS & Emerging Infections
Tu-Th, 8:30-9:45, Duffy 204
Professor Thomas Gariepy, C.S.C. '70

Course Description: An examination of the biological, medical, social, cultural, political and historical issues surrounding HIV/AIDS and emerging infections.


Key Assignments: Each week, students are quizzed on material from the Kaiser Family Foundation's "Global Health Updates." They are asked to write a reflection upon an autobiography of, or a novel about, a person with AIDS or a caregiver.

The Professor Says: At some time or another, everyone has been sick, so students begin with some experience of the course's subject. To many, any illness appears as a random event in their lives. By the end of the course, students will realize that what is random to them can be analyzed in populations, where patterns are found and control becomes possible. Likewise, TB or AIDS in the United States is the same as TB or AIDS in South Africa, for example, but the experience of these diseases is mediated by the societies in which people live. The course aims to give students some critical insight into how infectious diseases are understood beyond the daily experience of "catching a bug."

Letter Sweater

WHEN EDWARD NORDBERG '52 came across his Stonehill letter sweater, he knew he had to give it to the College. Framed and mounted, the purple sweater with white SC letters is on display in the Alumni Office, which is now in the Merkert-Tracy Administrative Building (Old Science Center). Memorabilia like this sweater bring past traditions to life. We ask alumni to think twice before discarding old artifacts. If in doubt, call 508-565-1343, and the Alumni Office will try to find a way to preserve your items for new generations of alumni.

CURIOSITY CHALLENGE

"Curiosity is the key. So please do not just sit in class. Every class you take can be a place you have never been to. Bring your hungry mind to that place. All of us here need your curious energy. Today I challenge you to carry your curiosity everywhere on this campus. Don't leave your dorm without it."

—Biology Professor Magdalena James-Pederson, challenging the Class of 2016 in her Convocation keynote address
**True Inspiration:**
**Meet Matt Brown ’16**

**The First Thing You Notice** about Matthew Brown ’16 is his smile. The second is his wheelchair.

In another life, Brown [below, with his father] might have played hockey for the Skyhawks. Instead, he’ll be happy to watch from the sidelines—but the key word there is “happy.”

“Yeah, my accident stunk, but I’m only 18. I have a life to live. That’s what’s keeping me positive,” says Brown, who now uses a sip-and-puff wheelchair, left paralyzed from the chest down after a freak hockey accident in 2010.

“I’m excited, like any freshman would be. I’m excited to go to the basketball and football games, to live with a bunch of guys on campus,” says Brown, a grinning, blue-eyed 18-year-old with a contagious smile and fantastic sense of humor.

Brown entered Stonehill this fall as a member of the Class of 2016. He plans to major in business, and, with the help of personal care assistants (PCAs), he lives in Villa Theresa with his childhood friend and classmate Austen Glaser ’16.

In an accident during a varsity hockey game for Norwood High School on Jan. 23, 2010, he injured his C4 and C5 vertebrae. Doctors at Boston Children’s Hospital told the Browns their son would most likely never walk again.

He then spent 102 days at the Shepherd Center in Atlanta, Ga., a leading rehabilitation facility for spinal cord injuries. He returned to school and graduated on time in June, earning the “Golden Diploma” awarded to students who have “overcome adversity.”

Today, Brown undergoes intense physical therapy at Journey Forward, a physical therapy center for spinal cord injuries in Canton. While at Stonehill, he still has to make the trip to Canton three times a week.

“Getting around campus is pretty easy. The only problem I can see is the weather—I’ll have trouble getting to class in the snow in my chair,” Brown notes casually.

“And, of course, living away from Mom and Dad,” his father adds with a chuckle—although that might be harder for Mom and Dad than for Matt.

The Browns have done everything for Matt since the accident—they feed him, bathe him, brush his teeth and give him sips of water throughout the day. But now they have left him in the care of hired PCAs who are with the freshman almost 24-7, except when he’s sleeping.

Besides his roommate, Brown already knew two other members of his class: Brian Horne, also of Norwood, and his cousin Shannon, who will play basketball for their aunt, Head Women’s Basketball Coach Trisha Brown.

In a way, Brown has grown up at the school. He’s been attending women’s basketball games to cheer for his aunt’s team since he was 8 years old. “I fell in love with this school since I started coming here as a little kid. I’ve seen the changes in the campus over the years. It’s just a beautiful school with a great feel,” he says.

Michael Brown watches his son talk, then adds: “As a parent, you have two choices: You can wallow and be angry and miserable and dark, or you can…believe that today’s the day he might get out of that chair, and if not today, maybe tomorrow. Matt’s in charge. He had to make up his own mind on how to face this. And I thank God each day that he has faced this with amazing grace.”

In typical “Matty” fashion, he’s already excited for hockey season.

“I’ve talked to the hockey coach… I might end up a coach’s assistant. I’ll probably start out as a fan and work my way up,” he says.

“Once a rink rat, always a rink rat,” adds his dad. —Lauren Daley ’05
Philanthropy School?

**MOST COLLEGES** do not offer the theory and practice of fundraising to students, but Stonehill does through its Developing Fundraising Leaders Institute (DFLI).

A joint undertaking by the College's Center for Nonprofit Management and the Advancement Division, DFLI teaches students about philanthropy, the A to Z of how to help charities and nonprofits prosper. Within four years, DFLI has graduated 42 students, many of whom also interned with local nonprofits.

For example, Sara Ricker '14 [above], a healthcare administration major, interned at Old Colony Hospice in Randolph, playing a key role in helping the hospice raise $90,000 at its annual golf tournament. Ricker made a stellar impression, especially with her idea to ask tournament attendees to give a “Day of Comfort,” a new initiative that raised $6,000.

“I felt people would be more apt to donate if they knew it was for a specific cause,” Ricker says. “So I had the idea to ask for $100 donations that would go toward medications and room and board at a nursing facility that insurance may not cover.”

“Sara is bright, thoughtful and articulate. She gets it. She understands philanthropy,” says Linda Werman, director of development at Old Colony Hospice. “I’d steal her away and hire her right now if I could,” she admits.

Werman is a fan of DFLI, which she says, “takes students and introduces philanthropy to them...It formally trains them in management style, in the language of philanthropy and why it works, how it works, and the impact it can have in their communities.”

To read more of this story, visit SAM online. For details about DFLI, email infononprofit@stonehill.edu or call 508-565-1856.

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**after orange peeling**

*Ashley Robinson '14*

after orange peeling, my hand could hold hands with sunlight; I could stumble through waist-high waters and fall rolling on the sand, coated like soft serve in sprinkles melting messy-delicious then stand and spread my arms wide to let the wind snatch that scratchy skin away, afternoon laughing in play—until

I open my eyes and it’s dark. I lie on a field staring upward in wonder and after orange tasting, my mouth could drink light from the moon

*(Originally printed in Stonehill's student-run literary publication, The Cairn 2011-2012.)*
Coach Boen’s Winning Philosophy

**AS BASEBALL COACH** at his alma mater, Patrick Boen ’89 is steeped in the Stonehill tradition, so much so that he draws much of his winning philosophy from former women’s basketball coach Paula Sullivan, whose teams set a school record with 478 career wins.

On Wednesday, April 25, Boen earned his 400th career victory as the Skyhawks topped UMass-Lowell by a score of 4-1 before a home crowd, placing him second only to Sullivan in career coaching wins. Boen developed the type of program he envisioned by watching Sullivan and the relationship she had with her players.

Besides building a powerful winning tradition, Sullivan emphasized to her players the importance of family, friends and alumni.

“I saw the real family connection Paula had between her and the players,” Boen says. “The women’s basketball program was the type of program I wanted to emulate.”

Over the years, Boen has been a father figure to many of his players, and because of his influence quite a few of them have gone on to careers as coaches themselves.

William Sittig ’06, an All-American as a pitcher in 2005 while playing for Boen, is now sports and recreation director at the Roxbury YMCA, varsity baseball coach at Foxborough High School and assistant basketball coach at Catholic Memorial High School in West Roxbury.

Sittig has taken the lessons he learned from Boen and applied them to his own career as a coach.

“I try to make sure players know that I care about them on and off the field,” Sittig says. “I try to be part of their lives when they leave the baseball field. Coach Boen cared about whether we were successful when we left the field.”

Sittig believes Boen’s father-like dedication to his players and his strong relationships with their families are rooted in his life with wife, Shelley, and children, Lauren, Michael, Max and Matt.

“He has a terrific family, and that’s something we admire about him,” Sittig says.

Boen believes an important aspect to winning is to surround oneself with people of good character as well as athletic ability.

“You want people who care about representing Stonehill, their team and their families,” he says. “Those are the people we try to recruit, who buy into the same philosophy.”

Assistant Skyhawks baseball coach Coley Lyons ’06, who played outfield for Boen, says his former coach is able to get every player to adopt his ‘team first’ concept.

“His philosophy is that if you work hard, you can be successful,” Lyons says. “He teaches you to grow up a little bit.”

Baseball has taught Boen lessons that are applicable to everyday life, including leadership, unselfishness and how to overcome adversity.

“There are situations where you have to be a leader and rise up when things get tough,” Boen, a former Stonehill baseball and basketball player, says. “As a teammate you realize that it’s not all about you. You have to be selfless and put others first.”

—Michael Reardon

**Boen by the Numbers**

- Three-time Northeast-10 Conference Coach of the Year
- 2000 New England Division II Coach of the Year
- 20 or more wins in each of his 15 seasons as head coach
- 11 Northeast-10 Conference postseason tournament appearances
- Two NCAA Tournament appearances

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CONSIDERED THE PIONEER of the film studies program at Stonehill, Professor of English Robert Goulet retired from teaching after 44 years at the College this past spring. Known for his enthusiasm and rigor as well as for what one colleague named the Bob Goulet Lending Library (his collection of 3,400 films, which he shared with those on campus), Goulet has changed the way hundreds of students and many colleagues view movies and their place in American culture. Here, he shares the drama of overturning lecterns, the "hidden meanings" of a Folgers coffee commercial and other lessons learned during his 88 semesters at Stonehill.

WHAT I WILL MISS MOST ABOUT TEACHING AT STONEHILL IS: Having long conversations about books, plays, movies, television series, politics, pedagogy and ephemera with smart, sensitive, socially conscious and unpretentious students, colleagues and staff members. (Note: I do not regret having overturned lecterns onto classroom floors for years. The gesture made its point.)

IF MY LIFE WERE A FILM, IT WOULD BE: Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon, but only for its title. A movie of my life would be boring beyond human endurance, a feature-length MRL. There are films, however, that in one way or another reflect my early educational experiences—two with piquantly matching titles, Doubt and Heaven Help Us, and one whose autobiographical project is rendered as a medley of beautiful set pieces, Terence Davies’ The Long Day Closes. (Note: That last title might seem too easily applicable to this juncture in my life, hence I'll resist that temptation.)

MY STUDENTS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN MOST FASCINATED TO LEARN THAT: (1) the Declaration of Independence was not signed on July 4; (2) the Folgers Christmas commercial is an ideological construct; (3) I do not envision my professional role as that of a surrogate parent.

MY FAVORITE CLASS ASSIGNMENT WAS: Among others, in the Film and Story course, challenging students to prepare a scenario and a storyboard based on a scene from a short story.

NOW THAT I AM RETIRED, I WILL: Do what I’ve always done—read books, study movies and other visual arts, attend plays and operas, listen to old and new music, and try to write English sentences.

IF I HADN’T BECOME A PROFESSOR, I MIGHT HAVE BECOME: Like my late father, someone who liked to talk about movies, music and books when he was not engaged in matters related to family and work. (Note: He liked watching baseball games. I prefer soccer.)

I AM LEAVING BEHIND FOR MY SUCCESSOR IN CUSHING-MARTIN 129: A large container of York’s Peppermint Patties (much better than a welcome mat).

SOMETHING I LEARNED FROM A STUDENT: More lessons than I can count. How does one measure what has been learned in 88 semesters?

I HOPE MY TEACHING LEGACY IS: The possibility that former students are having long conversations about books, plays, movies, television series, politics, pedagogy and ephemera with others.
Caution: Watch What You Post

WE LEARN FROM A YOUNG AGE that poor behavior results in negative consequences. But in a world of posting, tweeting and friending, do we realize that this lesson still rings true?

Many of my class discussions have revolved around students’ use of social media sites, including Facebook and Twitter. These fascinating conversations, combined with my own use of social media, inspired me to embark on two research projects to explore students’ experiences with Facebook.

In one of these studies, I examine students’ experiences with problematic or damaging content in photos posted on Facebook—depictions of alcohol use, drug use and sexual promiscuity.

My study showed that nearly 90 percent of students have shared pictures on Facebook that involve partying, and over 60 percent report that their profile contains photos of alcohol consumption. As a result, it is perhaps no surprise that 90 percent of college students have untagged themselves from photos they deem embarrassing or potentially harmful to future employment opportunities.

While the popular press routinely covers high-profile stories about college students (and others) in trouble due to damaging behaviors shown in Facebook photos, my data suggest that these instances are fairly rare; that is, most college students have yet to experience any serious negative consequences such as issues with job or internship supervisors, expulsion, legal ramifications, etc. when it comes to their Facebook photos.

However, with 95 percent of college students indicating that they plan to use Facebook after graduation, it may be the case that problematic photos posted on their profile will come back to haunt them later, especially with regard to future employment opportunities.

Indeed, both employment research and popular press coverage provide ample evidence that employers are increasingly considering Facebook profiles as part of their hiring procedures.

Incriminating content on Facebook and other social media can have very real future consequences. Why take that chance? I often encourage students to avoid posting photos on their Facebook profile that could jeopardize their post-graduation professional opportunities.

Angela Paradise is an assistant professor of media studies in the Department of Communication. Her research on social networking was published in Cyberpsychology, Behavior, and Social Networking and in Misbehavior Online in Higher Education.

The Great Escape

"THIS PIECE OF FABRIC was actually one of my grandmother’s napkins. The title, "The Great Escape," refers to becoming a new mother and finding that a chore like mowing the grass could remove you from all of your immediate responsibilities. You can’t hear anything but the mower. Although you concentrate on the path in front of you, the act of mowing allows your mind to wander—anywhere."

— Cushing-Martin Gallery Director Candice Smith Corby on her semi-autobiographical gouache painting, courtesy of the Ellen Miller Gallery.
Who Knew?

SEARCHING THROUGH THE ARCHIVES, we came across a photo of actor John “Jack” Haley. To most, he was known as the Tin Man in *The Wizard of Oz*. At Stonehill, we knew him as a member of our Board of Advisors from 1968 to 1977 and a recipient of an honorary doctor of laws degree in 1957—a little-known nugget of our history.

In the College’s 64 years, there are hundreds of interesting facts, obscure trivia and even some amusing oddities—all just waiting to be shared. So here we take a few pages to wonder: Who Knew?

*By Martin McGovern*

**HOT PANTS**

Students, alumni and friends bought 624 pairs of open-bottom sweatpants in the Bookstore last year, making the comfy garment—which costs $29.95—its bestselling product.

**BEFORE FLIP-FLOPS, TEES AND PJS**

At the start of the ‘60s, students conformed to set standards in the matter of dress. And the Student Handbook explained exactly what those standards were:

FOR THE MEN STUDENTS: Suit coats, blazers or sport coats, collared shirts, ties and neat trousers are required for the attendance at class.

FOR THE WOMEN STUDENTS: They must be neatly and modestly dressed at all times. Sneakers of all types are prohibited. Bermudas and slacks are not to be worn on campus except for participation in athletic activities.

**BEDROCK**

The hill area on campus known as “the caves” rests on bedrock that is over 400 million years old!

**LOVE PURPLE**

Inspired by school spirit, the tennis courts were painted purple during a renovation in 2006.
RECALCULATING
If you punch 320 Washington Street, our official address, into your GPS, you won't arrive at the main Belmont Street/Route 123 entrance. Nor will you get to the Washington Street/Route 138 entrance. Instead, you will find yourself at Rhododendron Drive, a pedestrian only entrance, just north of Moreau Hall and south of Hilliards. Historically, Rhododendron Drive served as the gateway to the Ames Estate and remained a College entrance until it was closed in the early '80s.

GRADUATION HIGH & LOW
The College awarded the fewest degrees in 1954, when the graduating class numbered only 43 students. Our largest graduating class to date was in 1991, when 711 students received their degrees.

HARD ROCK
In 1973, just as Aerosmith was about to break into the big time with "Dream On," the group took Stonehill by storm with a rousing performance in a packed Merkert Gymnasium. More recently, lead singer Steven Tyler donated an autographed pair of his boots to the Brockton Shoe Museum Collection, which has its home at Stonehill since 2012.

TOP FIVE EMPLOYERS OF STONEHILL GRADS
State Street Bank (and subsidiaries) 198, Fidelity Investments (and subsidiaries) 145, W.B. Mason Company 117, Stonehill 98, City of Brockton 83.

TYPICAL STONEHILL STUDENT
The typical student...is kind, considerate, friendly and smart. At Stonehill, we hold the doors, sometimes for an awkwardly long time," The Best 377 Colleges guide quoting one student on what her peers are like at the College.

FARM DOG
If you visit The Farm at Stonehill, you are sure to meet Zuri, a Lab hound who is a loyal companion to farmer Bridget Meigs.

HONORARY KANGAROO
Ob Keeshan, star of the long-running children's television series Captain Kangaroo, received an honorary doctor of arts degree from Stonehill in 1991.
DIRT FOR SALE
Next time you drive on Route 24 in Massachusetts, think about this: campus soil was used in the construction of that highway. To raise funds in the 1950s, the cash-strapped College sold dirt to the Commonwealth. And, as the photo here shows, students were successfully “volunteered” to replace the sold soil by planting trees.

THE COLOR PURPLE
Since the very early days of the College, purple has been our official color, but why we chose it or what it symbolizes remains a mystery. If alumni from the early classes can shed light on this, we’d love to hear from you. Call Martin McGovern at 508-565-1070 or email him at mmcgovern@stonehill.edu.

COMMUNITY NIGHT
Monday night is a community occasion for the priests and brothers of the Congregation of Holy Cross (who work at Stonehill and in the Easton area) when they gather for an evening meal at The Barn.

COIN-FREE LAUNDRY
Since 2003, Stonehill students have not had to hunt for quarters at laundry time, as the washers and dryers are coin free.

FOUR-BUCK BREAKFAST!
It’s a deal that’s hard to beat, breakfast for under $4 at Stonebridge Café on Belmont Street. But if students are to meet what they call the Stonebridge Challenge, they have to stay up all night to take advantage of this early bird special.

ACE’S INNER SECRET
Ace the Skyhawk looks sharp in his new uniform, which took Canada’s Street Characters, the world’s top supplier of high-performance mascots, three months to produce. (Pat Patriot, who performs at Gillette Stadium, is also a client.) A smart uniform is one thing; however, what makes Ace come alive are the three work-study students who wear the 30 pound suit throughout the season.

02357
OUR OWN CODE
Stonehill has had its own zip code since 1984, when it switched from 02356 to 02357. The former still covers North Easton, while the latter just covers the College.
IT'S NOT ALL BULL

According to Ripley's Believe It or Not, Stonehill is home to the only bull cemetery in the world. The prize-winning animals belonged to the Ames family and were valued at $20,000. Some believe the cemetery is near The Barn, now a residence for Holy Cross priests. With campus development over the years, however, the exact location is not known.

STONEHILL SHORTHAND

Spend time on campus today and you will soon hear the words Campo and Spoco, shorthand for the Stonehill College Police Department, derived from its old name Campus Police, and the Sally Blair Ames Sports Complex.

TICK TOCK

Once a week, every week, a member of the Facilities Management staff hand-winds the clock that graces the Clock Farm building, which is across Route 138 from main campus. Installed in 1870, the four-faced clock was used to call farmhands to work on the Ames Estate. At Commencement these days, students begin to process once the clock chimes 10 a.m.!

CAMPUS CHAPELS

The Chapel of Mary, Mother of the Church is the center of Catholic worship at Stonehill, with daily Mass at noon, but there are others: Our Lady of Sorrows in Donahue Hall, St. Joseph's and a small private chapel in Holy Cross Center and St. Andre Chapel in New Hall. There is also Our Lady of Holy Cross in the Holy Cross Residence and a small, unnamed chapel in The Barn.

ALL IN A NAME

Our founders believed that a Catholic college must stand on a hill of faith, above materialism, the confusion and dissention of humankind, and the shifting sands of contemporary thought. Therefore, the College had to have a firm foundation, upon a hill of stone. Hence, the name Stonehill.

BOOK BORROWERS

In academic year 2011-2012, Stonehill students borrowed 18,760 books, reserve materials, compact discs and videos from the MacPhaidin Library.

RESTING MENS' WALLETS

During the '60s, the all-female Crosier Club ran an annual event called "W.E.R.M." or Weekend of Economic Recovery for Men. This let the men on campus give their wallets a rest while women treated them. The women used to ask the men to go out for dinner or roller-skating.
LIKE IT A LOT AT STONEHILL,“ says Alina Favazza ’14, who transferred to Stonehill as a sophomore last year. “People are very friendly and welcoming.” Dressed in jeans, an Aeropostale T-shirt and carrying a backpack, Alina certainly looks the part of your average Stonehill student. But talk to this remarkable young woman for a few minutes—a Spanish major who just started her junior year—and it’s clear she’s not.

First, though her English is excellent, she has an accent, which is hard to place. Then, there’s her full name, Alina-Ioana Rusu Favazza, which suggests a more complicated history than the typical undergraduate. The journey of Alina, oldest daughter of Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Joseph Favazza, to the Stonehill campus has been anything but typical.
Overseas Roots

“I was 10 years old when my parents adopted me,” says a matter-of-fact Alina, explaining both her name and her accent. But Alina’s story as a Favazza actually begins years before—in 1995, when Joe and his wife, Paddy Cronin Favazza, a special education professor at Rhode Island College, traveled to Romania to adopt a sibling set, Analise and Petr, then ages 3 and 2. “When we were at the American embassy for our exit interview, they were reviewing the translated court documents for the adoption,” recalls Paddy. “They told us that Analise and Petr had an older sister, Alina, who was 5.”

“My heart just sunk,” Paddy says. Analise and Petr were there with them, taken from the orphanage to be embraced into a loving family. “I felt like we were leaving Alina behind.” But because Romanian law forbade adoption of more than two children at a time, the Favazzas had no choice but to leave the country without making contact with Alina.

Back in the U.S., the couple immediately inquired about adopting Alina. As the bureaucratic wheels of international adoption slowly turned, the Favazzas settled into their new life as a family, which then expanded to include an unexpected arrival: biological daughter Isabella.

Eventually, after two years of stops, starts and dead-ends, the Favazzas learned, through their adoption agency, that Alina was living with her biological father. “We wanted to reunite Alina with her siblings, but our biggest concern was that she was part of a family,” says Joe. “When we heard she was with her father, we were at peace with that.”

The Favazzas then wrote a letter, updating the biological father on Analise and Petr. “We wanted to let him know that they were happy and healthy, and what a blessing they were in our lives,” says Paddy. The couple mailed the letter to him, thinking that was the end of the story.

As it turns out, that letter was just the end of a chapter. Some 18 months later, they heard back from him. The children’s father had moved and had just received the letter. He wanted to let the Favazzas know that Alina was not with him and asked, if at all possible, if they could adopt Alina and give her a home.

“It’s difficult for Americans to imagine, but the economic situation in some countries, like Romania, is so difficult that it’s hard enough for an individual to get by; it’s often impossible for families,” explains Joe. The Favazzas experienced those conditions firsthand in 1997, when both Paddy and Joe received Fulbright awards and spent a semester studying in Romania.

Family Reunion

After receiving that letter, the Favazzas set things in motion again, negotiating all the paperwork and processes needed for international adoption. They also consulted a variety of professionals to gain insight into adopting an older child and help prepare them for the issues they might face.

Then there was the matter of covering the hefty fees. “International adoption is costly,” says Joe. Thanks to an outpouring of financial support from family, friends, colleagues and acquaintances—who did everything from setting up lemonade stands and hosting pancake breakfasts to donating Christmas money and making personal contributions—the Favazzas were able to travel to Romania to pick up Alina, a reunion six years in the making.

The trip was captured on film by the Hallmark Channel for their series, Adoption: Real Families, Real Stories—and subsequently covered on the Oprah Winfrey Show. Called “Finding Alina,” the Hallmark documentary followed the Favazzas to an orphanage in Suceava, located in the Moldavian region of Romania, for that inaugural meeting. The camera revealed a tall, shy girl, meeting her new family. Alina remembers the day well. “It was a mix of emotions,” she says. “I was happy, but I was nervous because I didn’t know them.” Only 3 when she entered the orphanage, she had no memory of either Analise or Petr.

The Hallmark Channel returned a year later to check in with the Favazzas at home in the U.S. This time, the camera showed a happy and flourishing family, where luckily, the anticipated adjustment problems had never materialized.

“The surprise was just how smooth the transition was,” says Paddy. Alina was, and is, remarkably resilient. I’m in awe of her capacity to enter into something totally unknown.”

That first summer in America, Alina accomplished two major goals: she learned to swim and to speak English. The Favazzas enrolled Alina in an English as a Second Language (ESL) program. To their bemusement, “She came home every day that first week speaking Spanish,” Paddy recalls. “The predominant language of kids in the program was Spanish—they spoke it at lunch and at recess. So Alina picked it up.”

Because the addition of Spanish made learning English that much more complicated, Paddy decided to tutor Alina on her own at home, spending long hours at the dining room table. “Alina was dedicated—she wanted to spend four or five hours every day learning English. And it worked. When she started school in the fall, she didn’t qualify for ESL,” she says. Alina also completed two grade levels in that one year—another goal she had set for herself. She covered third grade by day at school and fourth grade by night with her mom.
Fast Forward

Today, Alina sees that early exposure to Spanish as serendipitous. "Since that summer, I've always been really interested in Spanish," she says. A high school service trip to Guatemala cemented her love for the language. And this year, she plans to spend spring semester in Spain, studying abroad with Stonehill's program in Granada. "I wouldn't be surprised if Alina ends up living abroad, maybe doing a year of service," says Joe. "She loves exploring other cultures through languages. With her language abilities, she'll find all kinds of opportunities."

Alina's language abilities certainly are expanding. She's kept up her Romanian: she made contact with relatives in her former homeland and occasionally talks with them via Skype. Last summer, after those relatives moved to Italy, Alina and Paddy traveled there to visit and Alina picked up some Italian as well.

Outside her studies, Alina works at a local farm in Sharon, where she's become a team leader. "She's one of two people they keep on year round, managing the bakery on Saturdays and Sundays," says Paddy. "She has a car, so she can get back and forth to work from campus. Sometimes I think we have to convince her that she doesn't have to work so hard."

But hard work seems to come to Alina naturally. School, for example, is particularly challenging. "Because English was not her first language, it can take Alina two to three times longer to read something in English," says Paddy. That's a heavy load, "considering how reading-intensive college is."

And while it's easy to idealize the Favazzas and their journey to becoming a family, Joe and Paddy stress that when it comes to day-to-day living, they're just like everyone else. As anyone with a house full of young adults can testify, "It's not easy, and we're not saints. We all make mistakes, and we have disagreements, just like other families," says Paddy.

Future Plans

Like most people her age, Alina is still trying to figure out what the future may hold. "I'm thinking of becoming a translator, maybe in a medical setting, with parents and children," she says. Her years in orphanages certainly make that a logical choice.

As much as she looks like any other student, Alina says that at times she feels different. "Sometimes I feel that I have a more mature perspective than other kids because of what I've experienced," she says. "When I lived in the orphanage, not only did I not have a family, but I also did not often have toys, enough food or clean clothes. We were not always allowed to go to school. So many things that most kids grow up with and take for granted, I grew up without."

All this has made Alina really appreciate the small things and embrace who she is. "I've learned it's okay to be different and to make your own decisions. I also have a good relationship with my parents and siblings," says Alina. "I've learned it's okay to be different and to make your own decisions. I also have a good relationship with my parents and siblings. I definitely don't take them for granted."

"Alina is certainly her own person," says Paddy. "Her early life experiences made her mature beyond her years. But yet, she's very light-hearted and playful, with an incredibly dry sense of humor. It was a long road for Alina to become part of a family. She appreciates that and always has."

At Stonehill, Joe feels Alina brings a global perspective to campus. "For the kids who have gotten to know her, it's been eye-opening for them—realizing that people get to this point in their lives from all sorts of different paths."

As for the road ahead, Joe concludes, "My hope for Alina is what I think every parent hopes for their child: That she finds something she loves, something she's passionate about, and that she has the freedom to pursue it."

For more on Alina's journey, visit SAM online.
Stonehill scholars reflect on why so many Bay State politicians succeed nationally • By Dave Denison
FOR POLITICS PROFESSOR PETER UBERTACCIO, it’s a familiar drama and one he rather enjoys: another presidential election year and—with Mitt Romney’s candidacy—another presidential hopeful from Massachusetts. The director of Stonehill’s Martin Institute for Law and Society, Ubertaccio has spent the past year blogging about the election and analyzing it for television and print media. He was also in Charlotte and Tampa covering the Democratic and Republican conventions.

One of the questions that intrigues Ubertaccio is why Massachusetts seems to play such a prominent role on the national political stage.

Former Governor Mitt Romney, following U.S. Senator John Kerry in 2004 and former Governor Michael Dukakis in 1988, is the fifth Massachusetts candidate since 1960 to win a major party nomination as president or vice president (the other two being John F. Kennedy and Henry Cabot Lodge Jr., who ran as Richard Nixon’s ticket mate in 1960).

The list of presidential aspirants is even longer if you include intraparty challengers such as Senators Edward Kennedy in 1980 and Paul Tsongas in 1992. And the roster of national power brokers gains heft when you add congressional leaders such as former Speaker of the House Tip O’Neill or the late Congressmen Joe Moakley (Democrat) or Silvo Conte (Republican).

Exceptional Massachusetts?
For Ubertaccio, who also chairs Stonehill’s political science department, there is a “casual acceptance” locally that top candidates in Massachusetts will have a national profile. “There may be something unique about the political culture of the state,” he says. Yet he knows of no in-depth study of which states tend to dominate or why. He speculates that a tabulation of the major party candidates in presidential races—especially in recent times—would show that Massachusetts ranks “very highly, if not the highest.”

As the 2012 political season heats up, we take Ubertaccio’s question to a few other Stonehill experts: Politics Professor William Ewell, History Professor Emeritus James Kenneally and former U.S. Senator for Massachusetts Paul Kirk Jr., who received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the College in 2002. But first we turn to the history books to see exactly how Massachusetts compares with other states.

A count of presidents, vice presidents and major party nominees, in fact, shows that it’s not all in our imagination—Massachusetts is near the top no matter how you slice it.

Of the 44 U.S. presidents, New York and Ohio have produced six each. Virginia can claim five, Massachusetts four.

But it’s been a long time since John Adams and John Quincy Adams resided in the White House. As one of the original 13 states, Massachusetts had a head start over western states. So what do the totals look like over a shorter time span? And what happens if we include not just elected presidents but major party candidates in the general election? Let’s take it from 1860, when the Republican Party established itself on the scene, and by which time there were 33 states (by 1900, there were 45).

Again, it’s New York at the lead, with a candidate on the general election ballot 30 times. Ohio ranks second, while Massachusetts ranks seventh, with a candidate in nine election cycles. If we take it from 1960, Texas emerges as the top producer, with a candidate for president or vice president on the ballot in ten cycles. California has had a candidate in six; Massachusetts and Minnesota in five; New York in three. Counting individuals, Texas and Massachusetts are tied with five each.

Congressional Power
But in considering influence in national politics, there’s more to it than presidential candidates. National influence can be “quite difficult to quantify,” says Professor Ewell, but “congressional leadership is a really good indicator.”

Professor Kenneally notes that Massachusetts has produced several speakers of the House, including “three who have been important.” In fact, Massachusetts leads the historical list of speakers, with eight, followed by Kentucky and Georgia, with four each.

Kenneally, the author of A Compassionate Conservative: A Political Biography of Joseph W. Martin, Jr., lists Speakers Martin, John McCormack and Tip O’Neill as three of the most important political figures in national politics in the
modern era. (Named after Republican Speaker Joseph Martin, Stonehill’s Martin Institute preserves his papers and legacy.)

Here again, though, Massachusetts has shared leadership with Texas. Since Texan Sam Rayburn was elected speaker in 1940, the speakership has been held by either a Texan or a Bay Stater for 42 out of 72 years.

It’s one of the great stories in American politics; Rayburn and Martin taking turns as speaker as party control alternated through the 1940s and 1950s; then John McCormack taking over in 1961 after Rayburn’s last term; then Tip O’Neill serving from 1977 through 1987, followed by Texan Jim Wright. Tallying it up, Massachusetts gets the longevity edge. Since 1940, there was a Massachusetts speaker in office for a total of 22 years and 329 days; there was a Texan in the chair over 19 years and 204 days.

And there are larger meanings to the story than what the statistics show, according to both Kenneally and Ewell. The working relationship between Democrat Rayburn and Republican Martin embodied the kind of bipartisan cooperation that now seems endangered. “Martin said he was never a fanatic on any issue,” notes Kenneally. “He reached across to both sides.”

That mindset is thought to be a hallmark of the New England moderate Republican tradition—which produced practical-minded politicians who, in Kenneally’s words, “not ideologues.” And, he adds, “Democrats responded in the same spirit, with flexible compromise.”

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To some, the career of Senator Edward Kennedy embodies the same approach: He was a staunch liberal who was one of the great bipartisan bargainers in congressional history. The Kennedy tradition, of course, is equated in the national mind with Massachusetts liberalism. And though there were times when the “Boston-Austin axis” tilted toward liberalism (Kennedy-Johnson, Dukakis-Bentsen), now Texas and Massachusetts have come to represent the opposite poles in American politics.

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The Kennedy Factor

Thinking about the influence of the Kennedy family leads to theories about what factors combine to make Massachusetts (the 13th largest state in terms of population, with about 6.5 million people, similar to Indiana) a national powerhouse. The politics put in motion by JFK, and carried forward by his brothers Robert and Ted—and the Kennedys’ status as “one of the nation’s royal families”—are “a pretty big element of why we’re a focal point,” explains Ubertaccio.

Ubertaccio also pinpoints the influence of the Commonwealth’s colleges and universities.

“Yes so many national leaders are educated here,” he notes. “Elites, for lack of a better word, all over the country have almost always found their way through Boston.”

As well, he suggests, Massachusetts has “a more professionalized politics,” with a full-time legislature and enough powerful institutions—big businesses, philanthropies, cultural and artistic institutions, and universities—to make the stakes high. All of these factors combine to generate political leaders who believe they are playing in the political major leagues; that if they can make it here—forget about New York—they can make it anywhere.

But what does it matter? Is Massachusetts simply a hothouse of political ambition, or might there be a traceable “Massachusetts effect” in national politics?

Ewell suggests that a comprehensive study of comparative influence among the states would need to include the “policy innovations” that states produce, and account not just for elected officials but also for other persons with strong national political influence. Massachusetts, he says, “has a long list of policy entrepreneurs.”

Health care reforms make a perfect example, he notes. When then-Governor Romney and the Massachusetts legislature teamed up in 2006 to enact the nation’s first system requiring the purchase of health insurance, there were dozens of experts who had spent their careers studying the health care system advising the governor and lawmakers.

Massachusetts also placed itself at the forefront of the campaign for same-sex marriage when the state’s Supreme Judicial Court ruled in 2003 that it violated the state constitution to deny a marriage license to homosexual
couples. Five states and the District of Columbia have since followed suit.

According to Ewell, there’s no denying that progressive thought leaders in the Bay State generated a pretty strong, if not national, wave.

**Commonwealth Spirit**

In a wider sense, the Massachusetts tradition has been, from the beginning, one in which the spirit of commonwealth has been stronger than the rugged individualist, “leave-us-alone” politics more common in the western states, contends Kirk, a trustee emeritus at Stonehill and former chair of the Democratic Party.

“This is where national engagement, political action and civic engagement really began,” Kirk says. He cites as examples: Massachusetts’ role in the Revolutionary War, John Adams’ draft of the Massachusetts Constitution serving as the model for the United States version and Daniel Webster’s significance in the U.S. Senate.

“Throughout the years the schoolchildren of our state could take pride and inspiration from historic role models who made politics and public service a worthy and laudable profession,” Kirk says. “President Kennedy,” he notes, “liked to say that politics was the ‘second most-noble calling after the clergy.’ Today, unhappily, we’re not able to make that proclamation.”

But that kind of idealism had powerful effects after Kennedy’s election in 1960. “Folks of my generation were very much moved by the president’s gutsy political challenge to get involved and make a difference where you can,” Kirk says. Recalling the way a young Bill Clinton, growing up in Arkansas, practically cast himself in the mold of JFK, Kirk notes: “The ripple effect didn’t stop at the Berkshires.”

It can be striking to realize how widespread and durable the Massachusetts effect was—and still is—and how essential to it the Kennedy family is.

It’s hard to think of similar examples of lasting political influence in current American politics. Certainly Ronald Reagan is still an inspirational figure for conservatives. But Reagan’s legacy is not strongly linked with California, his adopted state, or Illinois, his birthplace. Perhaps only Texas rivals Massachusetts in having both a distinctive political culture and an enduring mark on national politics.

Whether Governor Romney wins the presidential election on Nov. 6 is almost immaterial in terms of whether Massachusetts will continue to have outsized influence on national politics in America, says Ubertaccio.

“Just look at the Senate race between Republican incumbent Scott Brown and Democrat challenger Elizabeth Warren. It is a local race with huge national implications, one that is followed closely by the respective national parties and by the media,” he notes.

“Something similar happened in 1996, when Massachusetts Governor William Weld sought to unseat junior Senator John Kerry. Stonehill’s Martin Institute hosted one of the Weld-Kerry debates, and so we learned firsthand how national, and indeed international, the interest in that Massachusetts race was,” adds Ubertaccio.

Looking ahead, Ubertaccio points to Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick and congressional candidate Joseph Kennedy III as Democrats with potential for the national stage. He also cited Richard Tisei, who is campaigning to beat incumbent Democrat John Tierney in the 6th Congressional District, as a Republican with potential to succeed nationally.

“Bottom line, I don’t see the Commonwealth fading from the national scene any day soon,” says Ubertaccio.

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**BRIEF HISTORY: BAY STATE POLITICIANS**

**Massachusetts Leaders on the National Stage**

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Core Value

"It was as if it were yesterday that we were all thriving in this protected enclave called Stonehill. The fond memories and journeys that were openly shared at Reunion—ranging from raising families, surviving broken relationships, moving through successful careers and transitioning to retirement—were authentic and priceless. And, whether it was at the Reunion Celebration (with all the classes) or at breakfast in the New Dorm (which looks like the Ritz-Carlton), the atmosphere was communal. We have always felt this affirmation and affiliation to be core values of Stonehill.

—Mark Wong '67, who attended with his wife Cheryl (Mendosa) Wong '68

Class Anchor

"Diane (D'Angelo) LaSala, you have been the anchor of the Class of 1962. Had it not been for your leadership and dedicated service to our alma mater and your classmates, many of us would have drifted out to sea and never found our way home again. You held us together."

—Rita Smith '62, speaking at the induction of the Class of 1962 into the Pillar Society with Diane (D'Angelo) LaSala '62

Sharing Dreams

"Stonehill remains my home. It is where I grew in confidence, met great mentors, experienced community and shared my dreams and thoughts with classmates and friends."

—Juan Carlos Ramirez Tapia '07

In-Line Encounter

"At the salad bar, I met one of our first graduates, from the Class of 1952, and he wanted to know what I was doing in my life and career. He showed real interest and engaged me. I hope to be as open and interested like that when I meet younger alumni later in my life."

—Meredith Tumulty '07
Chandler House

“Chandler takes the cake in having all 12 housemates attend Reunion. Our time here was one of education as well as social and emotional growth. It is the bond that occurred while living in a house with 12 girls (and only two bathrooms!) that kept us in contact with each other over 30 years. Stonehill attracted people who care—as students and in their faculty.

—Mary (Tardiff) Orne ’82, third from the left in the back row

Whether Near or Far

“I’ve traveled from Indiana, New York and O’Hara Hall to attend each of my reunions. Many of my closest friendships are those formed at Stonehill. The reunions are opportunities to see these close friends as well as other classmates I may see only every five years. Having until recently lived and worked at Stonehill for 10 years, it was also great to see the alums from the 5th and 10th reunion classes. We look forward to our next reunion, even if it will be our 40th!”

—Rev. James Fenstermaker, C.S.C. ’77


“At the Memorial Mass, it struck me how much I miss Fr. Jack, who was the heart of Stonehill. He was everywhere—at games, in the dining commons, at baptisms, weddings and always available in his office—and with his trademark smile. He was such a presence for us.”


Renewing Vows

“Jared and I met at Stonehill, and it was our seventh anniversary at Reunion. Even on a rainy Saturday morning, renewing our vows in the Chapel of Mary was beautiful. And, our children Brendan, 3, and Kayleigh, 1, joined us when Rev. Robert Wiseman, C.S.C. blessed our family. Sharing such a significant place in our lives with our children was special.”

—Erin (Keya) Mann ’02, whose husband, Jared, is a former employee
Backpack Project Marks Decade of Giving

Since 2004, alumni have provided more than 1,000 local children in need with backpacks and school supplies.

SPONSORED BY the Alumni Council's Community Affairs Committee, the Back-to-School Backpack Project is driven by alumni volunteers who believe in giving back. They rally their families and friends to donate backpacks and supplies, and the undertaking culminates when they gather on campus to pack the backpacks. All eyes now are on celebrating the project's 10th anniversary next summer.

Jaye (Flanagan) Benson '94 took the helm of the Committee in 2012, and she is impressed by the volunteers. "We have alumni who help spread the word and serve as contacts with the schools receiving the donations. This is a true alumni team effort."

"This project showcases alumni in action," says Peter LaBreck '96, senior associate director of alumni affairs. "It offers graduates a chance to continue giving back to the local community, where so many alumni served during their student days."

Meeting this fall, the Committee is eager to make the 10th backpack drive the most successful ever. To get involved or to learn more, email alumni@stonehill.edu.

New Alumni Day

ON SATURDAY, Feb. 23, 2013, come and catch the excitement of a basketball doubleheader as our men's and women's teams take on Bentley at Stonehill's first Alumni Day. Mingle with classmates and friends at the reception or take them ice-skating with your family on the new May Pavilion Ice Rink.

And, for Pillar Society members—those who have celebrated 50 or more years since their graduation—there will be a special event as well.

The Alumni Office regularly assesses the success of each event it sponsors. This new Alumni Day replaces Alumni Weekend in the fall. The new single-day format is designed to entice more alumni and their families to return to campus.

The Feb. 23 date also allows us to take full advantage of the May Pavilion Ice Rink. The rink opened last year and proved to be a huge hit with students and alumni alike.

With the switch to a single-day format, Stonehill will continue to host some of the highlights from previous Alumni Weekends spread across the calendar.

Free Stonehill Banners

FOR YEARS, alumni have asked for banners—and now we can deliver. Let us know if you are planning an event with fellow alumni, and we will send you a 24x36 inch banner. Call 508-565-1343 or email alumni@stonehill.edu. [Above] In August, alumnae met at Easton's Greenspade Inn, where the innkeeper is Veronica Green Herlihy '68. [L to R]: Katherine (Flynn) Coyne '65, Phyllis "Pam" Marino '66, Carolyn (Webber) Devita '65, Judith (Curtin) Suchy '65, Mary Richard '66, Pamela (Hudson) Beggan '66, Bernadette (Crowley) Pare '65 and Claire (Leben) Sullivan '65.
WHAT DO YOU DO when you’re laid off? Look for another job, of course. One recent graduate, Robert “Bobby” Calobrisi ’10, found a way to make pretty sweet lemonade from those unemployment lemons: by indulging a childhood love and getting more involved with Stonehill’s Alumni Council.

It started when Calobrisi, former Summit editor and sports writer, ended up on the wrong side of ‘right sizing.’ “I worked as a copy editor for the Taunton Daily Gazette just out of school and then at a health care publication based in Rhode Island,” says the Westwood native. When that publication cut staff, Calobrisi found himself with time on his hands.

So he decided, while job hunting, to take a part-time gig as a Fenway Park tour guide. “There’s plenty of flexibility,” Calobrisi explains. “I get to meet people from around the world; I learn something new every day; and best of all, I get to talk about something I love.”

Around the same time, Calobrisi responded to an email from Stonehill's Alumni Council, inviting recent grads to get involved with the Graduates of the Last Decade (GOLD) Committee. “I interacted with a lot of different people on campus as Summit editor—it was a great experience,” he says. “I thought it would be good, as a recent graduate, to get involved and broaden my Stonehill network.” According to Calobrisi, GOLD has lived up to its name: he’s enjoyed meeting fellow young alumni as well as older alumni through his work with that committee and volunteering at events.

He also quickly found a way to contribute—by coming up with a fantastic idea for a new event: a Fenway Park tour for Stonehill alumni. “The committee was really supportive, and it was different from events they’d done in the past,” he says. On July 28, Calobrisi brought his two loves together when a group of 55 alumni toured the famed venue.

“Everyone had a fun time,” Calobrisi reports. “There were alumni from the classes of 1965 to 2011, plus their young children and grandchildren. We got really great feedback. This event was a great way for me—a recent grad with limited resources—to share my expertise with the Stonehill community.”
1953  John “Jack” Brebbia published two novels. APO 123 was based on his experiences as an Army prosecutor in the late 1950s, and In the War Zone is a love story about a street fighter raised by his mother on the edge of the ghetto in Las Vegas.

1963  Rev. Richard Gendreau retired after 43 years in the priesthood, most recently serving as pastor of St. Louis de France in Swansea.

1964  Theodore Suchecki Jr. was elected to a three-year term as a board director of the Village Country Club in Lompoc, Calif.


1966  George Milot was appointed principal for one year at Bishop Feehan High School in Attleboro. He previously served as Bishop Feehan’s principal from 1994-2001 and as diocesan superintendent of schools from 2001-2011.

1968  John Bailey, owner of Bailey’s Garage in Abington, has been the driving force behind the town’s St. Patrick’s Day parade since 1980. In March, the town renamed the area where Bailey’s Garage is located “St. Patrick’s Square” in his honor.

1969  Roy “Gary” Donaldson co-authored CTOs at Work, a series of interviews with leading chief technology officers from an array of companies, which was recently published by Apress/Springer.

1970  William Alberti Jr., a retired English teacher, has published Once Upon a Sunrise, a pocket-sized booklet of poetry. Edward Baranowski has joined Platinum Properties International in Coral Gables, Fla., as a real estate agent. Francis X. Dillon, vice president of advancement at Stonehill, was awarded the 2012 Suzanne Deslongchamps Community Service Award from the United Way of Greater Plymouth County. He has served more than 10 years on the UWGPC board of directors, including two years as chairman and two years as immediate past chair. Joseph Simmons retired after more than 29 years with Jewett City Savings Bank.

1971  Paul Finn, president and CEO of Commonwealth Mediation and Conciliation, Inc. in Brockton, Boston and Meriden, Conn., has been named a Worldwide Who’s Who Professional of the Year in Mediation and Arbitration.

1972  Patricia Ryan-Krause, an associate professor of nursing at Yale University School of Nursing in New Haven, Conn., was named Pediatric Nurse Practitioner of the Year by the Connecticut Chapter of the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners and Associates.

1973  Daniel Masters was appointed vice president of business development with Furniture Brands International in St. Louis, Mo.

1974  Christopher Civale was inducted into the Ameriprise Financial Advisor’s Hall of Fame. He is one of only 176 advisors who have ever achieved this honor. In addition, he was inducted into LaSalle Academy’s Athletic Hall of Fame.

1976  Nancy Monteiro-Riviere, one of the world’s leading nanotoxicologists, was appointed as a Regents Distinguished Research Scholar and University Distinguished Professor in the department of anatomy and physiology in the College of Veterinary Medicine at Kansas State University.

Law and Order

As an FBI agent, Paul Daly ’62 spent 32 years with a front seat to history. Over his career, he was involved with investigations into the Kent State shootings in Ohio, and negotiations between the House of Representatives and the FBI over documents detailing the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King, as well as the Watergate break-in.

“It was a fascinating experience, everything about it,” says Daly of his years as a G-man. But when the time came to retire in 1996, he did—and never looked back. “It’s challenging, invigorating, but it’s a young person’s game. You’re putting in 12- and 14-hour days every day—it wears you down.”

In “retirement,” Daly went on to serve as vice president of compliance for GTECH, the global gaming concern that operates 70 percent of the world’s lotteries. Today, he still consults for a number of gaming companies, a practice that draws heavily on his FBI experience. “The FBI enforces 80 percent of federal statutes,” he says. “I’m in a good position to ensure companies are in compliance with laws and regulations.”
1977 Ann (Lacombe) McCarthy is director of the River Vale (N.J.) Free Public Library. Her redesign of the library interior won an American Society of Interior Designers Library Renovation Award.

1978 Peter Charland was named vice president of managed services at HB Communications in North Haven, Conn. Margaret Growney celebrated her 10th year as owner of Windsor Cottage, an upscale home furnishings shop in Rochester, N.Y.

1979 Jamieson Burgoyne was named vice president of mortgage lending at Fidelity Bank in Shirley. Prior to joining Fidelity, Burgoyne was a senior mortgage loan officer at Guaranty Bank. Paula Lemay was named inventory manager of the Greater Boston Food Bank. Karen Quinn-Quintin joined the MITRE Corporation in Bedford as vice president and chief human resources officer. Quinn-Quintin previously served as senior vice president of human resources at Covidien.

1980 Thomas MacDonald Jr. won the Best First Novel award for his crime novel, The Charlestown Connection, at the 2012 Next Generation Indie Book Awards. He also was nominated for the 2012 International Thriller Awards, Best First Novel, and was a finalist for the American Librarians Association 2011 Book of the Year Award, thriller category. Mark Whalen, COO of Needham Bank, was named president of the bank as well. He was president and CEO of Dedham Cooperative Bank before it merged with Needham Bank in 2007.

1981 Jon Cavicchi was promoted from assistant professor to full professor at the University of New Hampshire School of Law. He recently co-authored “Patent Data Mining: A Tool for Accelerating HIV Vaccine Innovation” in Vaccine Magazine. Joseph Delaney Jr. was appointed managing director of Multi-Family Finance at M&T Realty Capital Corporation in Richmond, Va. John Petrin was named Burlington’s new town administrator. Petrin had been the Ashland town manager since 2005.

1983 Stephen O’Brien started his 26th year of service to the Boston Police Department and his 15th year as a detective. He is assigned to Dorchester and Mattapan. Commander William Martin has retired from the U.S. Navy, ending his 25-year career as a U.S. Navy JAG Trial Judge. During his distinguished career, Martin was awarded several medals, including three Navy Commendation medals and the Navy Achievement medal. He still serves as a civilian lawyer specializing in criminal defense, with his own law practice in Wenham. Francis Noone was appointed vice president of sales and marketing at Pro-Dex, Inc., a medical device company based in Irvine, Calif. Prior to joining Pro-Dex, Noone was vice president of instrument sales at Symmetry Medical, Inc. Susan Croke Wassmus was promoted to vice president of managed assets at Middlesex Savings Bank in Natick.

1986 Matthew Albuquerque was named to the Leadership Greater Manchester Steering Committee of the Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce in N.H., where he is a member of the board of directors. As a member of the steering committee, Albuquerque, who is president of Next Step Orthotics and Prosthetics, Inc., will help coordinate the program’s Health Day.

1988 Ralph Dangelmaier Jr. was appointed chief executive officer and
member of the board of directors at BlueSnap, Inc., an e-commerce and mobile solutions provider in Fremont, Calif. Dangelmaier previously served as president of global markets and services for ACI Worldwide. • Robert Pirri has been named the national fiduciary charitable manager for U.S. Trust Bank of America, North America, where he manages a team covering the United States.

1989 Amy Higgins was named vice president of human resources at Aquion Energy, Inc. in Pittsburgh, Pa. • Salvatore Lucido was promoted to associate director for policy at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities, headquartered in Druid Hills, Ga.

1990 Daniel Pinckney has published Journey to the Catskills: The Battle for Control, a novel about the collapse of American society.

1991 Rev. Billie Mae Gordon has officially retired, but continues to serve as a supply and interim priest for the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts.

1992 Gregory Cunningham Jr., an English teacher at Hull High School, was elected president of the National Catholic Forensic League and will serve a two-year term. He was also inducted into the Massachusetts Forensic Hall of Fame and serves as a coach at Catholic Memorial High School. • Ryan Feeney is vice president of business development at The RightThing, a recruitment process outsourcing provider in Findlay, Ohio. • Michael Finnegan, a board-certified gastroenterologist, joined St. Mary's network of health care providers at St. Mary's Hospital in Albany, N.Y.

1993 Suzanne (Patchett) Pentin is accounting supervisor at the Gilbane Building Company in San Jose, Calif.

1994 Brendan Dearborn was named principal of Boyden Elementary School in Walpole. He comes to Walpole from Stoughton, where he was principal at West Elementary School.

1995 Thomas McGauley has joined the law firm of Cipparone & Zaccaro, P.C. in New London, Conn., as a shareholder and will focus on elder law, trusts and estates, and consumer bankruptcy.

1996 Paul Eldredge was appointed acting chief financial officer at Galectin Therapeutics, Inc. in Newton. He has served as the company's director of finance and accounting since 2009.

1997 Paul Eldredge was appointed chief financial officer at Century Bank & Trust in Medford. • Suzanne (Patchett) Pentin is accounting supervisor at the Gilbane Building Company in San Jose, Calif.

1998 Erin Delaney is a client relationship manager at Shepherd & Goldstein LLP in Worcester. • Andrew Deslaurier, marketing manager at Vertex Pharmaceuticals in Cambridge, was elected to the Billerica Board of Selectman and unanimously elected chairman of the board. • Julie Yankauskas-Flynn was named assistant principal of the North Street Elementary School in Grafton. • Paul Hopkinson is the director of Experiential Learning Abroad Programs (ELAP) in Austin, Tex. • Joy (Errico) Seusing is vice...
president of external relations for Jumpstart, a national early education organization.

2002 Stephanie Connor earned a master's degree in business administration from the University of Connecticut. Bianca (Walther) Hegre, a visual arts teacher at Cambridge Rindge and Latin School, led her students in creating a mandala-based mural depicting the effects of melting glaciers in the Himalayas for the Rivers of Ice symposium/roundtable at MIT during the Cambridge Science Festival last spring. The mural is now being displayed at the base camp of Mt. Everest in Nepal. Melissa McCormick was promoted to sergeant on the Randolph police force. She is the first woman to hold this rank in Randolph and is also the department's grant writer.

2003 Anna Charbonneau earned a doctoral degree in clinical psychology from Seattle Pacific University. Jennifer Zolnierz earned a law degree from Hofstra University School of Law.

2004 Colleen Danielson earned a master of science in nursing from Simmons College in Boston. She works at Massachusetts General Hospital as an inpatient oncology nurse and a clinical instructor. Brendan Elgee passed the C.P.A. exam for the state of California. Elizabeth (Hanna) Hite is a state program specialist for the Corporation for National and Community Service in Concord, N.H. Kathryn Pelletier earned a master's degree in marketing from the University of Notre Dame and works at Eli Lilly, running a leadership development program in marketing. Brian Reynolds earned a master's degree in finance from Fairleigh Dickinson University in Madison, N.J., and is a financial analyst at Quest Diagnostics.

2005 Amanda Dalia is an account director at Feinstein Kean Healthcare in Boston. Andrew Jackson is head coach of the Masconomet Regional High School boy's hockey team in Topsfield. Laura (LeDuc) McGee is a math teacher at Brockton High School.

2006 Jordan (Inglis) Baker, a speech language pathologist at Lake Dallas ISD, earned a master's degree in speech language pathology from the University of North Texas in Denton, Tex. Jeffrey Bonci is director of corporate development at Insight Global, Inc. in Atlanta, Ga. Toni Earls is a citizenship outreach worker at the Irish International Immigrant Center in Boston. Kathleen Flynn, an AVP, global product specialist at Eaton Vance Management in Boston, is on the board of BULA, an organization designed to secure brighter futures for African youth. Patrick Murphy is a dentist at his family's dental practice in Milton along with his father, John Murphy '78. Glenn Russo, an orthopaedic surgery resident physician at Yale New Haven Hospital, graduated from the University of Connecticut School of Medicine and is pursuing post-graduate training in orthopaedic surgery at the Yale School of Medicine.

2007 Megan (Kendall) Khariton, a resident physician at Staten Island University Hospital, graduated from the Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine in New York, N.Y. James Kirlin is a special investigator at CACI, which is based in Chantilly, Va., and provides professional services and IT solutions for defense, intelligence, homeland security and government.

2008 Jocelyn (Vierra) Christian will serve as a Notre Dame Mission volunteer with her husband, Charles "Micah" Christian '06, in Peru for a year of missionary work. Andrew Flanagan was hired as Arlington's new deputy town manager. He previously worked as Newburyport's director of policy and administration.
Cranking the Hits

As a student, Michael Vinci '10 was the DJ at more campus parties than he can remember. That commitment to his passion for rocking the house helped lay the foundation for a career in radio. After getting a taste for the business while interning at Boston's Kiss 108 FM, Vinci started with DJ gigs in the courts at Stonehill. Industrious, he also worked the weekend shift at a New Bedford radio station.

After successful radio stints in Indianapolis, Ind., and Ithaca, N.Y., Vinci moved to Detroit this summer. There, as Mikey V, he hosts the evening show on station 98.7 AMP Radio, cranking out the hits.

In addition to his on-air talent, one of Vinci's other skills is hosting club promotions—sometimes doing between five and seven special events a week. His undergraduate experience of promoting events and working parties has proved handy as he expands his brand and creates a name for himself in the industry.

When on the business circuit, he’s very cautious because, he says, “It’s easy to get wrapped up in the night scene. So, I always understand that I’m there for work, and I’m careful how I represent myself and my studio.”

Vinci recommends that anyone looking to get into the radio industry needs “to collect as many extracurricular experiences as they can, such as interning, networking, working part time or even acting as a DJ at a party. The competition is intense, but you have to start somewhere.”

Julie Radziewicz is a chemist at Chemic Labs in Canton. David Wasserman earned a master's degree in special education from St. Joseph College in West Hartford, Conn.

Jennifer Chaves is the associate vice president at Bay State Sewage Disposal, Inc. in Lakeville. Tyler Guilmette is founder of Brewmaster Jack, a brewing company named after his great grandfather, who was a home brewer. Guilmette’s beers, including his first professional offering, Stray Dog Lager, can be found at over 16 locations in Massachusetts. Brewmaster Jack is one of only six brewing companies in New England to use locally malted grains. Andrew Scott graduated from the F.W. Olin Graduate School of Business at Babson College. Jolee (Messier) Vacchi earned a juris doctor degree from the Roger Williams University School of Law. Ellen (Tarry) Waller earned a master's degree in international relations and development studies at the University of East Anglia in Norwich, England. Ashleigh (Simpson) Walsh earned a master of studies in French literature from the University of Oxford. She works as an incoming study abroad assistant at the University of Leeds in the United Kingdom.

Megan Methven was named girls varsity basketball coach at Whitman-Hanson High School, where she teaches math. She served as assistant coach for the past two seasons and is also the girls varsity lacrosse coach at the school. Ashley Vaughn has joined the Branford Police Department in Conn., as an officer after graduating from the POST 334 Training Academy Class. Previously, Vaughn worked on Nantucket as a community service officer. Allison Wilhite completed one year of AmeriCorps VISTA service in Baltimore as a community organizer and will continue as a VISTA Leader for a cohort of 10 volunteers for her second year.

Michelle Jaques made her professional theater debut in the Woodland Theatre Company's production of Guys and Dolls in Medfield. She works at UMASS Medical Center in Worcester doing research. Jessica Silva is a web producer at Fox News and writes and controls content on myfoxboston.com, Twitter and Facebook, in addition to appearing on the show's "Hot on the Web" segment. Erica Stewart is serving as a full-time Dominican volunteer, teaching religion classes to impoverished girls at Cristo Rey High School in San Francisco, Calif. Thomas McKenney is participating in Stonehill's International Extension Program, volunteering for a year in Agartala, India. He teaches in a rural Catholic school and raises money for Boys' Town, an orphanage outside of Agartala for boys who have lost their parents to violence.

The nonprofit Echoing Green named Marquis Taylor '06 one of its 2012 Black Male Achievement Fellows in recognition of his innovative initiative Coaching for Change, which gives at-risk high school students the tools to be community leaders through coaching. The award provides funding to help the former Stonehill basketball star develop Coaching for Change.
Why Show Thanks?

By Rev. Hugh Cleary, C.S.C. ’69, Director of Campus Ministry

WHILE WE AMERICANS have been formed culturally and cherish personally the 19th century values of transcendental philosophy espousing self-reliance, we nonetheless acknowledge that we are interdependent creatures. We need others to survive and flourish—and they need us.

As Henry David Thoreau gloried in his ability to maintain life through the labor of his own hands, his friend Ralph Waldo Emerson balanced the concept: “Cultivate the habit of being grateful for every good thing that comes to you, and to give thanks continuously. And because all things have contributed to your advancement, you should include all things in your gratitude.”

Gratitude implies the realization that we are dependent upon others for our advancement. Although we may sometimes recoil at the notion of dependency—a suggestion of weakness—Gospel teachings propose gratitude as strength beyond measure. For when we acknowledge our dependency, we can then acknowledge gratitude for that which empowers our lives. God’s love for us, emanating through the self-giving of our neighbor, empowers our lives; it eschews self-reliant entitlement for self-reliant responsibility.

Self-reliance is born of God’s gift; to receive that gift allows for authentic giving of self—the best portion of one’s self—so that others may receive. That is why the great Christian prayer is the Eucharist, Greek for Thanksgiving.

Send Your Thanksgiving Prayer Intentions In the coming weeks, all alumni will receive an intention card in the mail from the Alumni Office, along with an invitation to the Alumni Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, Nov. 18 at 7 p.m. in the Chapel of Mary. Annually, more than 1,000 alumni make prayer requests in memory of a deceased loved one or for strength and good health for those dealing with personal challenges.

10 Upcoming Events

NOVEMBER

8 GOLD Trivia Night
16 Paint Bar Event, Newton
18 Alumni Mass of Thanksgiving
30 Gift Wrap Party

DECEMBER

1 Century Club Christmas Celebration
4 Washington, D.C. Christmas Reception
6 New York Council Christmas Reception
8 Children’s Christmas Concert
11 Rhode Island Christmas Reception
13 GOLD Christmas Party, Boston
Weddings
WEDDINGS PICTURED
1. Taylor Smith '09 and Shaun Sullivan, 12/03/11
2. Melissa Burns '05 and Cameron Roller, 11/5/11
3. Amanda Peregrin '07 and Stephen App '07, 10/1/11
4. Jennifer Delorme '02 and Tyke Crowley, 06/18/11
5. Lindsay Bogner '08 and Thomas Kelly '08, 06/09/12
6. Sean Donahue '08 and Christina Helgerson, 7/15/11

WEDDINGS
Erica Murphy '96 to Gary Lafond, 5/22/12
Suzanne Patchett '97 to Matthew Pentin, 2/12/12
Michael Ciccolo '98 to Cynthia Gifford, 6/11/11
Julie Lavoie '99 to Christopher Bowker Jr. '99, 4/28/12
Jennifer Janczunski '01 to Gary Flood, 7/6/12
Paula Malone '01 to Chadwick Larson, 5/12/12
Meghan Carr '01 to Mayowa Osundiji, 8/25/11
Lisa Gians '02 to Kevin Cyr, 7/29/11
Tammy O'Connor '02 to Joel McBride, 12/17/11
Erin Madden '02 to Matthew Morano, 5/16/11
Kerrin O'Boy '02 to Jason Willis, 7/9/11
Katherine Mihevc '03 to Brian Edwards, 6/18/11
Melissa Strong '03 to Joseph Graham '03, 7/23/11
Ryan McLane '03 to Christina Newcomb '04, 8/20/11
Arlene Lyons '05 to Scott Koellner '05, 6/25/11
Laura LeDuc '05 to Matthew McGee, 9/18/11
Amy Pelletier '05 to Matthew Rainone '05, 8/6/11
Jordan Inglis '06 to David Baker, 10/1/11
Jeffrey Bonci '06 to Holly Anzenberger, 5/27/12
Colleen Burbank '07 to Nicholas Amaral '07, 4/16/11
Kathryn Bongiovanni '07 to Matthew Angel, 9/16/11
Audrey Erickson '07 to Ryan Atwood, 5/2/11
Lauren Cincotta '07 to Patrick Buckley, 8/6/11
Ashley Sprague '07 to Corey Burke, 8/13/11
Adam Frank '07 to Patrick Duffy, 6/23/12
Kara Woods '07 to David Gancarz '07, 7/3/11
Megan Kendall '07 to Konstantin Khariton, 5/5/12
Erica DeFreitas '07 to Geoffrey Lennon '07, 6/23/12
Jennifer LeFebvre '07 to Mark Montemagni '07, 8/6/11
Siobhan Cosby '07 to Michael O'Connell, 6/25/11
Matthew Voci '07 to Elizabeth Ruginis '08, 7/24/11
Kathryn Zeigler '08 to Stephen Berdos, 4/28/12
Benjamin Downey '08 to Fiorella Tefel '08, 11/12/11
Allison Bleakney '08 to John Kitson '08, 8/20/2011
Alyssa Manzi '09 to Wesley Dauer '09, 8/13/11
Ellen Tarry '09 to Edward Waller, 4/7/12
Ashleigh Simpson '09 to Paul Walsh, 5/19/12
Gwen Cotter '09 to Craig Derewiany, 10/15/11
BABIES

Joseph '93 and Jean Stull, Bridgewater, son, Charles Michael, 4/10/11
Kevin White '93 and Gretchen Schwanfelder, Guilford, Conn., son, Finneas, 4/5/12
Barbara (Cady) '94 and Sean Daley, Tewksbury, daughter, Erin, 1/23/12
Jonathan '94 and Michele Murray, Hudson, N.H., son, Chase Alexander, 12/30/11
Jay '94 and Tricia Visconti, Falls Church, Va., daughter, Jillian Claire, 8/28/11
Christine (Hurley) '95 and Sean Hunt, Hanover, son, Gavin, 4/17/11
Sarah Bogdanski-Bourdon '97 and Christian Bourdon, Meriden, Conn., son, Josia Nicholas, 9/28/11
Jennifer (Connolly) '97 and Jeff McCarthy, Winchester, son, Michael, 12/2/11
Matthew '97 and Meaghan McGarry, Winchester, daughter, Paige Curran, 7/12/12
Corey Nickerson '97 and Jason Greenwald, Los Angeles, Calif., son, Benjamin Nicholas, 9/23/11
Mark '97 and Linda Tomczak, Wood-Ridge, N.J., son, Jason, 3/16/12
Roan '98 and Shirene Bennett, Gambrills, Md., son, Gavin Roan, 4/23/12
John Hanson '99 and Meredith Snyder, Robbinsville, N.J., daughter, Emilia Grace, 5/15/11
Ryan '99 and Lauren Killman, West Boylston, son, Flynn Matthew, 7/11/12
Mario '99 and Jennifer (Keaveney) '99 Trafficante, Chestnut Hill, son, Michael Joseph, 4/9/12
Kerrin (Eck) '99 and Glenn Wegryn, Holliston, daughter, Madelyn Eck, 5/9/12
Amanda (McLoughlin) '00 and Kevin McNamee, Croton on Hudson, N.Y., son, Peter T., 5/18/11
Tara (Lipiro) '00 and Michael Sumberac, Staten Island, N.Y., daughter, Layla, 5/19/11
Molly (Maloney) '00 and Michael '00 Walsh, Fairfield, Conn., son, John Terrance, 1/14/12
Daniel '00 and Christine Wolfert, Yorktown, Ind., daughter, Addison Anne, 5/18/12
Yuko (Yao) '01 and Satoru Kawasaki, Yokohama, Japan, daughter, Aoi, 6/21/11
Tracy (Duggan) '01 and Christopher Poliseno, Norton, son, Nicholas, 4/2/11
Genevieve (Soucy) '02 and H. Patrick '02 Bonner, Dracut, daughter, Finley Joanne, 6/30/11
Robert '02 and Sandra (Claxton) '02 Fisher, Whitman, daughter, Noah Robert, 12/23/11
Erin (Semons) '02 and Christopher Gallacher, Hopkinton, daughter, Maeve Elizabeth, 3/15/12
Brandon '02 and Nellie Hall, Easton, daughter, Charlotte Fitzgerald, 2/26/12
Krista (Williams) '02 and Michael Leoncavallo, Uxbridge, daughter, Claire C., 12/5/11
Lisa (Basso) '02 and Bryan Neckameyer, Lake Grove, N.Y., son, Bryan Joseph, 10/24/11
Elizabeth (Kubetin) '02 and Matthew Pereira, Medford, twins, Andrew and Joshua, 3/8/12
Brian '02 and Jennifer Schleicher, Foxboro, daughter, Layla Beth, 2/19/12
Michelle (Murphy) '03 and Michael French, Belmont, daughter, Clare Murphy, 3/9/12
Amy (Ruskowski) '03 and Michael '04 Maslauskas, Franklin, daughter, Kathryn, 10/6/11
Emily (Sullivan) '05 and Mark '06 Murphy, Weymouth, daughter, Charlotte Erin, 8/4/11
Amanda (Pucillo) '07 and Nicholas Emond, North Easton, son, Casey, 6/9/11
Molly McKitrick '11, Norwell, son, Elijah Devon, 2/24/12

BABIES PICTURED

1. Conor Charles, 3/25/12, Meaghan (McKenney) '02 and Joshua '01 Wile
2. Zoe Mary, 10/30/11, Jessica (Foley) '02 and Robert Jaeger
3. Easton Alexander, 01/19/12, Ashley (Schoenbeck) '05 and Ryan '05 Spence
4. Anastasia Renee, 5/19/12, Kara (Rebello) '00 and Daniel Grew
5. Liam Michael, 4/4/12, Kimberly (Foley) '06 and Daniel '06 Wheeler
6. Brandon Steven, 7/8/12, Katelan (Camara) '06 and Steven Antunes
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Gift Planning Consideration

In addition to an outright gift to the College, we invite you to consider a suitable planned gift through your estate plans. There are a variety of planned gift vehicles that could be used to accomplish this goal. We welcome the opportunity to review these options in detail with you.

For more information, call Sharon Doyle at 508-565-1344 or email sdoyle@stonehill.edu.

Monthly Mass

Alumni Chaplain Rev. Robert Wiseman, C.S.C. invites alumni and friends to celebrate the Monthly Mass for Alumni Intentions, which is held at 8 a.m. on the third Thursday of each month in Our Lady of Sorrows Chapel in Donahue Hall.

Stonehill Connect

Visit www.alumniconnections.com/stonehill to join the online community for alumni. On Stonehill Connect, alumni can register for events, search for classmates, upload and view photos, make a gift and much more!

For information about the site, contact the Alumni Affairs Office at alumni@stonehill.edu.
OBITUARIES

Rev. Bento Fraga '52 of New Bedford died April 8. He is survived by his four brothers, including Alfred '61 and Paul '63, and his two sisters, including Ethel '63, and several nieces and nephews.

Daniel Kulick '53 of Bridgewater died Sept. 1. He is survived by his wife, Deborah '80, two daughters, a son, Daniel '84, a sister, Diane '67, two grandchildren and two nieces.

James Bresnicky '55 of Oberlin, Ohio, died Nov. 21. He is survived by his wife, Joan, four children, five grandchildren and a brother.

James Murray '55 of Plainville died June 18. He is survived by his wife, Nancy, three children, one stepdaughter and six grandchildren.

Robert Reynolds '55 of Fall River died May 4. He is survived by his wife, Mary, a daughter, a grandson, a brother and several nieces and nephews.

Joseph Gartland III '58 of Princeton, N.J., died May 12. He is survived by a sister.

Bernard Ashley '61 of Medway died June 17. He is survived by his former spouse, Sandra, four children, eight grandchildren and a sister.

Mary Blake '62 of Vancouver, Canada, died Aug. 21, 2002.

Barry Martin '63 of Falmouth died Dec. 3, 2010. He is survived by his wife, Janet, five siblings and several nieces and nephews.

James Wilcox Jr. '63 of Fall River died April 4. He is survived by his wife, Elaine, four children, 10 grandchildren, a brother and several nieces and nephews.

Joseph Murphy '65 of Easton died June 24. He is survived by his wife, Linda, two sons, three grandchildren and four siblings.

Michael Taylor '69 of Fall River died April 21. He is survived by his wife, Patricia, three children, four siblings, four grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Raymond Conroy '76 of Dartmouth died Jan. 30. He is survived by his wife, Rita, four children, 11 grandchildren, a great-grandchild and a sister.

Phyllis Nelson '76 of Boca Raton, Fla., died April 30. She is survived by her four children, six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Gary Osborne '84 of Easton died June 22. He is survived by his wife, Gerry, two children, two siblings and many nieces and nephews.

Geraldine Wetherall '90 of Raynham died March 28. She is survived by her sister, two nieces and two great-nephews.

Marc Bussiere '05 of West Brookfield died Aug. 1. He is survived by his parents, two grandmothers, and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Jeffrey O'Brien '07 of Shrewsbury died March 18. He is survived by his parents, a sister, a niece and nephew, a grandmother and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Rev. Thomas Campbell, C.S.C. died in August. From 1951 until 1956, he served as an instructor in philosophy and theology. From 1953 to 1956, Fr. Campbell also served as Assistant Superior of St. Pius X Seminary at North Easton.
Confessions of a Spin Doctor

by Martin McGovern

MICK JAGGER’S EX-WIFE BIANCA virtually baptized me into the world of media controversy. It happened in 1983, when the College presented her with an honorary degree in recognition of her role in helping her native Nicaragua respond to natural disaster and poverty.

Given Ms. Jagger’s jet set profile, however, the award attracted instant attention, much of it negative. Calls poured in to the President’s Office, and graduation sparked a media frenzy, which was overwhelming on my first assignment as the College’s spokesperson.

On reflection, her visit taught me about timing, coordination, preparation and the art of sound bites. Thankfully, I got a swift but valuable grounding in crisis response. In the subsequent three decades, Stonehill has had a knack for hitting the headlines and for more serious reasons than the to-be-expected student pranks.

In recent years, for example, we have dealt with a threat to kill two staff members and blow up the College from a former student, the arming of the Stonehill Police Department after a post-Virginia Tech security review, a high-profile controversy over a student who distributed condoms on campus, an explosion in an Easton residence that injured four students and a sexual hazing case at a sports camp hosted on campus.

When thrust into the media spotlight, I strive to remain measured, focused and accessible. At the same time, I do drink ulcer-inducing amounts of coffee and draw freely from the Advil bottle in my drawer. Yet, these passing moments, and they do pass, do not represent my biggest professional frustration.

What frustrates me most is that over three decades I have collected numerous personal stories that go to the heart of who we are at the College but would never make headlines. You know, thoughtful or kind acts by someone at Stonehill that lifted my spirits or lightened my load. For example:

WELCOME: I arrived at Stonehill in August 1979 from Ireland and spent my first Thanksgiving in Yonkers with my roommate Michael Porcari ‘80 and his family. Mike barely knew me, but he did not hesitate to welcome me into his home, introducing me to the wonders of an Italian American food feast.

ASSIMILATION: When this year’s commencement speaker, Daniel Conley ‘80—who lived in Commonwealth Court in 1979, as I did—learned that I had never seen a baseball game, the future Suffolk County District Attorney took me to Fenway Park for an immersion in America’s pastime.

COMPAASSION: When I had cancer in 1995-96, I submitted treatment-related paperwork to former Employee Benefits Coordinator Marie Primo. She advised me that I was overlooking a reimbursement opportunity. While tempted, I declined, given the effort it took to put the package together.

Days later, back in Marie’s office, she pointed to some forms. They were for the reimbursement. Marie had prepared them; all I had to do was sign. Her compassion left me speechless.

WITNESS: When my wife, Helene (Donnelly) McGovern ‘79, lost her wedding ring, she was heartbroken, as our friend Rev. Richard Mazziotta, C.S.C. ’72 had officiated at our wedding several years before he died. After I told this to Rev. Robert Kruse, C.S.C ’55, he offered to bless the new ring and to renew our vows. When he visited our home, Fr. Kruse read the same prayer as Fr. Mazziotta had at our wedding, but he added his own graceful, spiritual touches.

SUPPORT: In 2004, my mother had a stroke, and my father shattered his back trying to help her. That presented a challenge for my brother and me: I was in Boston; he was in Brussels; my folks were in Dublin. I went to Ireland 15 times over 15 months for short visits. I could not have done that without the understanding of my boss, Vice President for Advancement Francis Dillon ’70, who trusted me to complete my work while giving me the space to tackle a family matter.

These experiences, where someone went the extra mile, speak volumes about the kind of community we are. This happens more often than we are aware. In life, we sometimes have to take one for the team, and I have had my share as the College’s point person during tense times. But when folks like Mike Porcari, Dan Conley, Marie Primo, Fr. Kruse and Fran Dillon, to name a few, have your back, you know you are on a real, strong team.

McGovern has served as the director of communications and media relations for almost 30 years.
Sporting Ink  When you think of tattoos, the College's motto of Lux et Spes (Light and Hope) does not automatically spring to mind. But for three Skyhawk runners, it did. As student-athletes, Timothy Johnson '13, Samuel Spencer '13 and Paul Cina '14 (L to R) wanted something to connect them always to the College and to the team spirit they enjoy with their fellow track and cross country runners. And now they all have the motto inked on them. As Johnson notes, "We knew the simplicity and directness of the Latin words Lux et Spes would stand the test of time."

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