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HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH • TEXAS ETHICS MATCH
COMMUNITY MENTOR PROGRAM • THE CAMPAIGN FOR ST. EDWARD’S UNIVERSITY
The university community gathered at the grotto in January for a candlelight prayer service to remember the victims of December’s devastating tsunami.
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SEPTEMBER

Inauguration of E. William Beauchamp
Portland, Ore.
President Martin attended the inauguration of Father E. William Beauchamp, CSC, as 19th president of the University of Portland. Martin also met with Beauchamp and presidents of other Holy Cross colleges and universities in the United States.

<President’s Meeting
Ragsdale Center
More than 300 members of the university community celebrated the university’s record-setting fall enrollment and retention, new academic programs, and rise in the annual U.S. News rankings at the fall meeting hosted by President Martin — and marked the first five years of his leadership.

OCTOBER

Powerful Partnerships Published
Indianapolis, Ind.
President Martin’s essay “St. Edward’s University: Migrant Students” on the university’s College Assistance Migrant Program was published in volume 5 of Powerful Partnerships: Independent Colleges Share High-impact Strategies for Low-income Students’ Success. The journal, produced by the Lumina Foundation and the Council of Independent Colleges, features presidents of 15 independent universities.

McCarthy Lecture Series
Ragsdale Center

Presidents’ Leadership Colloquium
Carmel, Calif.
The colloquium brought together more than 100 university presidents for a discussion on issues including public funding for higher education and the media’s portrayal of colleges and universities. Campus Compact, a national coalition of presidents committed to civic engagement among college students, sponsored the sixth annual event.

NOVEMBER

Faculty Recruitment
Argentina
President Martin met with former Mexican Ambassador to Argentina Rosario Green (right), who became the first visiting professor and faculty chair of the Kozmetsky Center of Excellence in Global Finance in January (see story, page 10). Martin also visited several institutions of higher education to create bilateral agreements for student and faculty exchange programs.

McCarty Lecture Series
Ragsdale Center

DECEMBER

Graduation
Recreation and Convocation Center
President Martin presided over ceremonies honoring 378 graduates on Dec. 11. Degrees were conferred on 180 traditional undergraduates, 109 adult undergraduates in New College, and 89 students from the university’s six master’s programs.

26th Annual Festival of Lights
Main Building Lawn

FOUNDATIONS OF EXCELLENCE UPDATE

In December, more than 75 faculty and staff attended a teleconference with representatives from the 11 other Council of Independent Colleges founding institutions that are participating in the Foundations of Excellence in the First College Year project. The three-hour teleconference shared the initial results of the project — both applauding the universities’ efforts in reaching out to first-year students and offering suggestions for increasing student retention and graduation rates.

Programs at St. Edward’s that were recognized by the group for their effectiveness included a 25-year evolving Freshman Studies course with a common learning experience — a spring “Cluster” course that integrates three core curriculum courses focusing on multiculturalism — and a strong residential campus community of more than 1,000 students. In fact, 84 percent of the previous year’s freshmen returned to campus in Fall 2004 for their sophomore year. Such a high retention rate is due in large part to the support programs the university offers freshmen.

“The teleconference was an excellent summary of the work St. Edward’s University has contributed to this study,” said Lisa Kirkpatrick, dean of students. “This event marks the end of an intensive review of how we serve our traditional first-year students and symbolizes the positive effects of a campuswide dialogue. We are committed to continuing that dialogue and involving everyone who contributes to the first-year experience,” said Kirkpatrick.

STUDENTS PLACE IN ETHICS DEBATE

Phillip Jones, ’06, a Philosophy major, and Roy Pequeño, ’05, an International Business major, placed fourth at the 2004 Ethics in Business Match on Nov. 20 in Fort Worth. Eighteen colleges and universities participated in the match, which was hosted by the Texas Independent College Fund.

Jones and Pequeño prepared for the match through training exercises with Phillip M. Thompson, director of the university’s Center for Ethics and Leadership. During the competition, each team competed in three rounds of hour-long debates on controversial business ethics issues centered around the theme consilium virtusque (reason with honor).

The 2004 match marked the first time students from St. Edward’s participated.
THREE TRUSTEES JOIN BOARD

Mike Aviles, John Mooney and Pat Munday, ’97, joined the university’s Board of Trustees this academic year. Each will serve a first term of three years on the board.

Aviles, who began his term in September 2004, is former chair, president and CEO of enterprise software company Activant Solutions. Aviles also has been president and CEO of eyewear distributor Foster Grant Group and vice president of athletic retailer FootAction USA. He is a member of the Austin chapter of the Young Presidents’ Organization and serves on the management board for Stanford University’s Graduate School of Business. He supports several local nonprofits, including Austin Idea Network, Children’s Hospital of Austin, United Way, and Mobile Loaves and Fishes.

Mooney, who also began his term last September, is chairman and CEO of SACHEM Inc., a manufacturer of specialty chemicals for electronic and organic applications. He worked at Mooney Chemical Inc. of Cleveland, Ohio, before joining SACHEM in 1983. Mooney has served on the boards of St. Michael’s Academy, Seton Forum and the Daughters of Charity Health Care Services of Austin. He also serves on the presidential advisory committee of UT–Austin’s Center for Nano and Molecular Science and Technology.

Munday, who began her term in February, studied Psychology at St. Edward’s and has been a volunteer with the Women’s Symphony League and The Settlement Home in Austin. In October 2003, she and her husband, Bill, created the Bill and Pat Munday Endowed Scholarship. Last December, 10 undergraduates were awarded the first set of scholarships and were honored at a reception (see story, page 28).

NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMS LAUNCHED

St. Edward’s University introduced new undergraduate and graduate programs for the 2004–2005 year.

The School of Behavioral and Social Sciences added the Environmental Science and Policy major, and Peter Beck directs the new major. “The program is unique because it incorporates both the natural science and policy components necessary to understand and address environmental issues,” he said. “Austin’s vibrant environmental community should provide demand for the program, as well as ample opportunities for student involvement in research, internships and employment.”

In addition, New College added a Criminology major and minor and an Interdisciplinary Studies major. New graduate programs include a Marriage and Family Therapy track for Master of Arts in Counseling students and a certificate in Corporate Finance for MBA students. Also, the Communication major in the School of Humanities reorganized into four areas: Communication and Culture; Media Arts, Public Relations and Advertising; Organizational Communication; and Rhetorical Studies.

SEU ATHLETES IN PARALYMPICS

In August, Adjunct Instructor Gary van der Wege and Mario Rodriguez, ’88, represented the United States in wheelchair fencing at the 2004 Paralympic Games in Athens, Greece. Van der Wege placed 15th in individual foil and 17th in individual epee, and Rodriguez placed 10th in individual saber. Both men competed in the team foil event, helping the United States earn a seventh-place finish. In addition, van der Wege competed in the epee team event, and Rodriguez competed in the saber team event.

Van der Wege is a three-time (2002–2004) U.S. champion in individual epee and was the 2002 bronze medalist at the World Cup in Seville, Spain. Athens was his first Paralympic appearance. Rodriguez was the bronze medalist in the 2003 World Cup in Austin and is a three-time member of the U.S. Paralympic wheelchair fencing team, appearing in 1996 in Atlanta, Ga., and 2000 in Sydney, Australia.

“The multicultural experience will stay with me forever,” said van der Wege. “I competed against an Iraqi, and you could see in his face how great it was for him to be in the environment of peaceful competition.”

“The Paralympics is the ultimate cultural experience in the sporting world,” agreed Rodriguez. “It’s amazing what disabled athletes are able to achieve.”

Besides teaching fencing at St. Edward’s, van der Wege works as a professional theatrical set designer and will defend his national championship in individual epee in July. Rodriguez, who has worked as a Russian translator for the U.S. Army, now volunteers with nonprofit organizations teaching wheelchair sports and physical fitness for the disabled community. Both men are looking forward to the 2008 Paralympic Games in Beijing, China.
St. Edward's University Ballet Folklórico troupe, musical group Mariachi de San Eduardo, and 400 students, faculty and staff kicked off Hispanic Heritage Month with a Diez y Seis de Septiembre celebration in honor of Mexico’s Independence Day.

Later that week, students and faculty enjoyed traditional Latin American food at La Feria, a fair celebrating the independence days of Chile, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Mexico. The following Sunday, a Spanish Mass was held in Our Lady Queen of Peace Chapel. On Oct. 7, the university sponsored a tianguis, or open-air market, for cultural and commercial exchange that featured Austin vendors.

The university also screened the Emmy Award–winning PBS documentary Mendez v. Westminster: Para Todos Los Niños and hosted a panel discussion with the filmmaker, Sandra Robbie, at the annual Hispanic Leadership Symposium. The film depicts the little-known struggle of the Mendez family as it fought to change segregation policies in California. The case was a precursor to the landmark Brown v. Topeka Board of Education decision that made segregation in U.S. schools illegal.

SEU REDEDICATES LIBRARY

St. Edward’s University rededicated the Scarborough-Phillips Library on Sept. 29. During the ceremony, President George E. Martin unveiled a plaque honoring Loyce Phillips and Inez Scarborough Phillips, for whom the library is named. Among the guests were friends and family members: former university Presidents Patricia Hayes and Brother Stephen Walsh, CSC, ’62; Tom Leonhardt, director of the library; and Father Rick Wilkinson, CSC, director of Campus Ministry.

Education was important to Loyce and Inez, Martin said at the ceremony, and they worked hard to ensure their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren benefited from higher education. Their daughter, Lavon Philips, ’74, attended St. Edward’s and served as one of the first women on the Board of Trustees from 1975 to 1981. Their granddaughter Susan Philips, MBA ’73, and great-granddaughter Ashley Mizer, ’99, also graduated from St. Edward’s.

In 1981, Lavon Philips and her husband, Verne, contributed a lead gift of $1 million in honor of Loyce and Inez for library expansion and remodeling. The building was originally dedicated on Feb. 14, 1982.

Above: Lavon Philips, ’74, and President George E. Martin were on hand to rededicate the Scarborough-Phillips Library in September.
Elizabeth Katz  
**Associate Professor of Counseling**  
**Director, Master of Arts in Counseling Program**

**When did you begin teaching at St. Edward’s, and what has changed most since you started?**

I started in 1999 at the same time as President George E. Martin. Among the many changes I have seen are the number of students in the Master of Arts in Counseling program: There were 44 when I began, and now there are over 200. From my office in Holy Cross Hall, I can also see all the work going into the beautification of the campus, so I am seeing the vision of the university happening in reality every day.

**If you could have a conversation with anyone in history, who would it be?**

I have to agree with my husband on this one. I would love to have a conversation with Mark Twain, not only because of his wit and wisdom, but because I need someone to help me “lighten up” and laugh, even about the most serious subjects.

**Who were your childhood heroes?**

I was absolutely infatuated with John F. Kennedy, as were many of us at my age then. He seemed to be the personification of all heroes in one person, even if history may have proven otherwise. I also adored Superman comic books and was fortunate to see the true personification of Superman in Christopher Reeve, not as a movie star, but as a man who surpassed all heroes in his courage and ability to inspire others.

**Who is your favorite artist?**

I am tempted to say Georgia O’Keeffe, but I have to say that I am thoroughly drawn in by the artistry of Bev Doolittle. Her depictions of Native Americans, animals and “hidden images” of the past bring many thoughts and regrets as to the manner in which we have treated her subjects.

**What amazes you?**

The fact that regardless of the burdens, illnesses and sorrows that we must all bear, the human spirit continues to endure, to hope and to be resilient even as obstacles seem insurmountable.

Katz holds a BA in English Literature from Newcomb College, an MS in Clinical Psychology from Trinity University and a PhD in Counseling Psychology from UT–Austin.
John Loucks, associate professor of Management, authored two workbooks to accompany textbooks on business statistics, operations management, quantitative methods for business and management science. The workbooks, ranging from 400 to 500 pages long, were published by Thomson South-Western in May and July 2004. Loucks earned an MBA and a PhD in Operations Management from Indiana University.

Joseph Pluta, professor of Economics, co-authored The Elusive Quest for Efficiency in an Inefficient World with James F. Willis. The book was released in September 2004 by CAT Publishing Company. Pluta also recently published The Story of Economics (Copley Publishing Group, January 2004) and Consumers, Competition, and Corporations (CAT Publishing Company, February 2004). He earned an MA in Economics from the University of Notre Dame and a PhD in Economics from UT–Austin.

Catherine Rainwater, professor of English, co-edited Figuring Animals: Essays on Animal Images in Art, Literature, Philosophy, and Popular Culture with Mary S. Pollock of Stetson University. The book was released by Palgrave Macmillan in January. In 2004, Rainwater won the Penelope Niven Creative Nonfiction Literary Award given by the Center for Women Writers at Salem College in North Carolina. She earned an MA in Literature and Literary Theory from the University of California at Irvine and a PhD in American Literature from UT–Austin.

Angela Rodgers, assistant professor of Graphic Design, designed When Writing Becomes Gesture, which was published by Wofford Pine Press in October 2004. The book, written by UT–Austin Associate Professor of Theatre and Dance Ann Daly, explores the relationship between movement and words through the work of seven artists. Rodgers earned an MFA from UT–Austin.

First McCarthy Lecture Held

In November, the Center for Ethics and Leadership at St. Edward’s University hosted the first lecture in The Most Reverend Bishop John McCarthy Lecture Series on the Catholic Church in the 21st Century. Reverend William Byron, SJ, president emeritus of Catholic University in Washington, D.C., presented the lecture “The American Church in the Year 2050: Moving Toward Our Promised Future.”

Reverend Byron, a Jesuit priest, addressed topics including how to improve relationships between clergy and the laity and the need for the Catholic Church to reach out to younger generations. About 100 alumni, staff members and friends of the university attended the lecture and later talked with Reverend Byron during an informal reception.

St. Edward’s created the lecture series to honor Bishop McCarthy, who led the Diocese of Austin from 1985 to 2001, and to underscore the university’s commitment to its Catholic roots and Holy Cross heritage.

“I have enjoyed a close working relationship with St. Edward’s for the past 40 years, and I am always happy to assist in furthering the university’s mission,” said Bishop McCarthy. “This lecture series can help create a better understanding of the extremely complex issues facing our country and the church.”

Reverend J. Bryan Hehir, former president and CEO of Catholic Charities USA, will present “The Debate on the War in Iraq: A Catholic Perspective” at the next lecture in the series on March 31. For more information, contact the Center for Ethics and Leadership at 512-464-8871.
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Thousands of pennies circled the university seal in Holy Cross Plaza and black-silhouetted cutouts covered Moody Lawn in October as part of on-campus activities sponsored by the Counseling and Consultation Center in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Members of the St. Edward’s community began placing pennies and other coins around the university seal on Oct. 18. Each coin represented a wish to stop domestic abuse. By month’s end, the coins totaled almost $200, which was donated to SafePlace, an Austin nonprofit that works to end domestic and sexual violence. Students placed 186 silhouettes on Moody Lawn to represent the Texans who died as a result of domestic violence in 2003. Students also held a candlelight vigil and shared information and personal stories about domestic abuse.

Community awareness and support are important steps toward healing and prevention, says Staff Psychologist Marla C. Craig. “Silence is an abuser’s best friend. We have to end the silence and change our attitudes toward domestic and relationship crime,” said Craig, who holds a PhD in Counseling Psychology from Texas A&M. “The first step is to become informed, aware and educated.”

ETHICS JOURNAL PUBLISHED

The university’s Center for Ethics and Leadership published Making Our Vocation and Avocation One: Religion and Education at St. Edward’s University in January. The 11 essays in the inaugural issue of the journal expound on religion and education discussions sponsored on campus by the center since its inception in 1999.

Essay contributors were:
- Pauline Albert, assistant dean of the School of Management and Business
- Michael G. Guerra, ’83, adjunct instructor
- Paul Hagey, ’02, MLA ’04
- Helen D. Just, associate professor of Psychology
- Frank Krafka, MBA ’78, professor of Business Administration
- Paula Marks, ’78, professor of American Studies
- Terry Newton, professor of History
- Brother John Paige, CSC, former dean of the School of Education
- Ed Shirley, professor of Philosophy and Religious Studies
- Phillip M. Thompson, director of the Center for Ethics and Leadership
- William Zanardi, professor of Philosophy

In addition, President George E. Martin wrote the foreword, and Paul Louis, associate professor of Criminal Justice, co-wrote the introduction with Thompson.

“The contributors represent as diverse a segment of the faculty as possible in terms of disciplines, schools, religious perspectives and subject matters,” said Thompson. “We created the journal to capture the spirit of faculty discussions and to express the vibrant religious life reflective of our Catholic tradition.”

SAA, which plans and hosts the event, started the December graduation party last year in response to an increasing number of fall graduates. The celebration is one of many ways the university strives to promote a strong alumni community. For information on other alumni events, turn to page 41.

For information on upcoming chapter events and other association news, go to www.stedwards.edu and click “Alumni.”

Fred McNair, hs ’63, ’67, alumni chair of A Special Destiny: The Campaign for St. Edward’s University, celebrates with his daughter, Amy, who graduated in December. Read more about McNair on page 24.

Silhouettes on Moody Lawn represent Texas victims of domestic violence as part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.
Dear Brothers,

I want to take this opportunity to thank each of you for everything you give to St. Edward’s University. Morals, education and faith are major parts of my life, and because of your contributions to this university, I have been able to enhance these qualities in myself.

Thank you,
Mark Barker, ’07

I hope you know how dear you are to us in your lives and examples. We treasure you, and all you represent. You have carried God’s presence with you to this hill, and it is indeed a sacred place.

Blessing,
Professor Paula Marks, ’78

SEU CELEBRATES FOUNDER’S WEEK

The university’s annual Founder’s Week celebration included activities that recognized contributions made by the Congregation of Holy Cross and honored the university’s Catholic and Holy Cross heritage. On Friday, Oct. 8, nearly 20 students, faculty and staff participated in a service project at Onion Creek. The group collected seeds from native trees and shrubs to be replanted along the creek to restore greenery and reduce erosion in the area. The project honored Professor Emeritus of Biology Brother Daniel Lynch, CSC, who died in 1997.

On Oct. 12, about 100 members of the university community attended the annual reception to honor the Congregation of Holy Cross. The SEU Madrigal Singers performed, and attendees submitted thank-you notes to members of the congregation (right and below). On Friday, Oct. 15, the SEU Chorale performed a private concert for members of the congregation. In addition to these activities, the Scarborough-Phillips Library created a monthlong display of books and other materials by or about the congregation.
The Upsetting Underdogs
The women’s soccer team won the Heartland Conference championship for the first time in 15 years in November. The Hilltoppers traveled to San Antonio to take on the toughest teams in the Heartland Conference and entered the tournament as the number-three seed. Sarah Gallagher, ’05, scored the lone goal late in the first game to help the team defeat rival and number-two seed University of the Incarnate Word. Led by Cynthia Benick, ’07, and Cassandra Chapa, ’06, the Hilltoppers pulled off a 2-0 upset against number-one seed St. Mary’s University to win the championship.

In addition, midfielder Kristen Gascoyne, ’08, was named Heartland Conference Freshman of the Year, and Jon Clement was selected as Heartland Conference Coach of the Year. Gallagher and Gascoyne joined senior Jessica Browning, ’05, and sophomore Heather Koudelka, ’07, on the All-Conference Team.

Champions Again
The volleyball team won its second straight Heartland Conference Championship and made its third consecutive NCAA tournament appearance in November. After beating the University of the Incarnate Word and nationally ranked Rockhurst and Drury universities, the Hilltoppers took home the conference title. In the national tournament, the number-six seed Hilltoppers won their first-round match against number-three seed Abilene Christian University but fell just short of defeating second-seed Fort Hays. Erika Figueiredo, ’05, led the team during the season in kills (530), digs (568) and aces (64). She has been Conference Player of the Year three of the past four years and an All-American the past three years. The team finished with an overall record of 24-15.

Slaughtering the Competition
Blake Slaughter, ’07, became a nationally ranked golfer in the middle of the fall season when Golfstat named him 14th in NCAA Division II play. This season, Slaughter already has an individual first-place finish and is ranked second in the South Central Region with a scoring average of 71.45. Last season, Slaughter led the golf team to a second-place finish in both the Heartland Conference Championship and the Southwest Regional Championship.

A Dynamic Duo
Men’s doubles team Mario Quintero, ’05, and Kendall Smashey, ’06, won the Wilson/Intercollegiate Tennis Association’s Central Regional Championship in September, qualifying for the national tournament in Fort Myers, Fla. At the national tournament, they lost in the quarterfinals to number-one seed Southwest Baptist University but defeated the University of California-San Diego in the consolation draw before falling to the University of Southern Indiana. Quintero and Smashey finished their fall season ranked sixth in the nation, the highest ranking held by a St. Edward’s doubles team since 1986.

By the Numbers

- 530 Kills by volleyball player Erica Figueiredo, ’05, last fall.
- 9 Shutouts posted by the women’s soccer team last season.
- 7 Number of top-25 nationally ranked teams the men’s soccer team faced last season.
- 4 Number of top-five finishes (out of four tournaments) for the women’s golf team in the fall.
- 0 Losses by the women’s soccer team at home in Fall 2004.
Seeing Green:
Ambassador Rosario Green’s Vision for the Kozmetsky Center of Excellence in Global Finance

By Stephanie Elsea
“On the surface, global finance can appear to be a rather cold business,” says Rosario Green. “But when explored in terms of its effect on people, cultures and social justice, it takes on a more productive and healing tone.”

Green brings this comprehensive definition of global finance to her position as the first visiting professor and faculty chair of the Kozmetsky Center of Excellence in Global Finance. A noted authority on Mexican and Latin American foreign debt, international politics and the world economy, she also brings more than 30 years of experience as a diplomat and educator to the job.

Most recently, Green served as Mexican Ambassador to Argentina from 2001 to 2004 and is the only woman to have served as Mexico’s secretary of state. She has been a senator in the Mexican Congress, Mexico’s ambassador to Germany, the executive secretary of the National Commission of Human Rights, a consultant to the International Red Cross and a cabinet member of former U.N. Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali. In addition, at the World Bank, she served as advisor to the executive director for Mexico, Central America, Panama and Venezuela.

Students also will benefit from Green’s experiences as a professor. She has taught at El Colegio de México; Universidad Iberoamericana; and Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, where she also earned a BA in International Relations. She holds an MA in Economics from both El Colegio de México and Columbia University.

“Because I have been blessed with so many opportunities in my life and career, I am especially pleased to give back by bringing my holistic view of global finance to a new generation of business and community leaders,” Green said. “My values are closely aligned with the vision and mission of St. Edward’s, and I look forward to showing students how they can make a difference in the world.”

As faculty chair, Green will lead the center’s efforts to create ethical, equitable relationships among countries of varying degrees of socioeconomic development, with particular emphasis on Mexico and Latin America. She will spearhead collaboration with fellow faculty members to develop relevant academic programs, projects and special events.

And students will actively participate in these programs. They will have opportunities to work with government and business leaders on projects to create long-term, broad-based and sustainable financial growth that meets both basic socioeconomic needs and human rights in developing countries.

Giving students opportunities for real-world, hands-on experience in global finance is exactly why Austin philanthropists Ronya Kozmetsky and her late husband George made a $3 million gift to the university in December 2002. “My parents believe in St. Edward’s and the role this university can play in improving the lives of so many,” said Greg Kozmetsky, ’70, who serves on the Board of Trustees and is an honorary chair of A Special Destiny: The Campaign for St. Edward’s University (see story, page 24). “Along with Ambassador Green’s global experiences, she brings a network of government and business leaders who can offer our students educational opportunities that extend beyond the classroom. Students will have unprecedented access to leaders focusing on trade and investment in the Americas, and they will gain experience in bilingual and bicultural business activities.”

“I believe life is a circle and you eventually return to where you began,” said Green. “Education was my initial vocation. While in many respects I have never stopped teaching, this is the ideal environment for me to combine my love of education and passion for public service. Together with other faculty and students, we will build a true center of excellence to explore global issues.”

Above, from left: Ambassador Rosario Green welcomes Argentine President Fernando de la Rua to Mexico in November 2000. Green addresses delegates at the U.N. Conference on Trade and Development in February 2000. Green and former U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright sign an agreement in June 2000 as Presidents Ernesto Zedillo (back, left) and Bill Clinton look on.
Dear PawPaw,

With graduation arriving more quickly than I expected and your 91st birthday happening this month, I want to make sure you know a few things. The first is that I am grateful to you for calmly accepting the many years it has taken me to find my place. One day, while I was trying to convince Grandma to cook with less butter, she seemed to whisper “St. Edward’s.” I listened, perhaps because you were not the one who had suggested it that time. I didn’t want to go to school where you went. I wanted to be me.

But I enrolled at St. Edward’s and eventually found a home where I continue to grow up. I thought college would be easy. Fortunately, it was not. In Freshman Studies, Professor Catherine Rainwater tore my first paper apart. I got a D. Beside that grade was a scratched-out D–. I couldn’t believe I was anything but a great writer. I asked Catherine for help, and I even went to the Writing Center. Slowly, I improved.

Then, last year you had a stroke. I had already lost Daddy and Grandma. I was afraid to get close to you; I thought you’d go, too. But I made a decision sitting in Seton’s ICU waiting room, drinking burnt coffee for the second time in a week. I was going to be your friend, or at least the granddaughter you deserved. I wanted you to know that you could count on me.

The doctors suggested I stay overnight in case they needed to do surgery. I stared at the white papers that needed my signature. When you gave me medical power of attorney, we didn’t talk much about what that entailed. I read the document. I read it again. I stared. I cried. I signed.

Slowly, you improved. Once you were home, my mind wandered to the classes I had been in that semester. I played with the writing I had started that semester and nagged you about everything the doctor had told you to do. What is important is that I didn’t back down. I supported you like you have always supported me.

Now, our relationship has gone beyond my most secret hopes. We talk about graduation. You share your stories of St. Edward’s. I keep you updated about mine. We brag about each other. Every teacher I had last fall while you were in the hospital has asked how you’re doing. I swell up with pride and usually say, “He’s doing great! It’s like it never happened. He’s 90. And still driving!”

I am thankful for you, PawPaw, thankful for your patience and guidance. At St. Edward’s, I have discovered the same home you found nearly 70 years ago. I have grown up. I have found my place.

I’m so happy to say that. I love you, PawPaw. Happy birthday!

Your granddaughter and friend,
Heather

Heather Kolodzey, ’05, is a senior majoring in English Writing and Rhetoric. Her grandfather and friend, Charles Kolodzey, majored in Engineering and graduated in 1936.
You won’t find white rats or monkeys in cages in the Holy Cross Hall basement. But you will find a state-of-the-art laboratory. You won’t find an examiner in a white lab coat standing over test subjects. But you will find students investigating how biofeedback can help first-year students cope with college stress and how adults use infants’ and toddlers’ facial features to judge gender. Hidden in the heart of campus is the St. Edward’s University Psychology Lab.

The lab houses four separate research rooms that allow students and faculty to work on 10 to 15 projects at any given time. It opened in 2002 and was funded by a five-year $2 million U.S. Department of Education grant that also supports projects in the Career Opportunity and Internship Office, Academic Planning and Support Services, and the School of Natural Sciences.

“The place is a hive of activity, and that’s how we like it,” said Professor of Psychology Alan Swinkels (above). “Our students take several required methodology courses, all of which involve substantial work on independent projects. That, coupled with our own professional research, keeps the lab lively.”

And research conducted in the lab consistently gains recognition. Almost all of the projects are presented at local, regional or national conferences or appear in refereed professional journals. For the past 10 years, at least one student from St. Edward’s has won an Outstanding Undergraduate Research Award from Psi Chi — the national honor society in psychology — at the annual Southwestern Psychological Association meeting.

There’s a good reason for that, says Russ Frohardt, assistant professor of Psychology. “The philosophy of the Psychology program is that students should leave St. Edward’s knowing how to do their own research,” he said. “The lab creates a professional environment that encourages students to collaborate on research with faculty members and work on independent projects, all in one dedicated space.”

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**More Fab Labs**

**Advanced Computer Lab**
Inside the Woodward Office Building sits the Advanced Computer Lab, which opened last August. The lab allows Computer Science students to work with open-source software, which means they have the benefit of looking at and learning from other programmers’ source code as they work on their own programs. The lab was funded by a $180,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Defense in Fall 2003.

**Graphic Design Lab**
Used by students across disciplines, the Graphic Design Lab in the Fine Arts Center offers 20 dual-processor Mac G4s with 20-inch monitors, film and flatbed scanners, CD and DVD burners, and inkjet and laser printers. It also is equipped with the latest software for film and video editing.

**Photography Lab**
Located in the Fine Arts Center, the Photography Lab has seven individual darkrooms for color printing and processing, a darkroom for black-and-white processing, a toning room with an archival print washer, and a darkroom for advanced students. There’s also a 1,000-square-foot studio for portraits and commercial photography.
On a spring day in 1872 three men stood upon a hill south of the Colorado River in Travis County, Texas, and surveyed the pleasant scene around them. On the north bank of the river barely three miles distant lay the little town of Austin, the capital of the state. To the west beyond the Balcones Fault was the cedared hill country, not long since in the range of the Apache and Comanche Indians. To the east and south gently rolling plains stretched away to the Gulf of Mexico and to the Mexican border. In the immediate vicinity handsome groves of live oaks and bright patches of bluebonnets delighted the eye. Presiding over the whole display was a great live oak which had spread its shade for hundreds of springs while the flowers blossomed and faded. Altogether this hilltop seemed prepared by God and nature for some special destiny.

— St. Edward’s University: A Centennial History by Brother William Dunn, CSC
Taking Religion Seriously

John and Catherine Dunn bought a dairy farm in Fitchburg, Wis., in the 1920s. The couple, along with their four sons, Vincent, William, Gerald and Vernon, and two daughters, Mary and Irene, spent long hours feeding their 20 cows, preparing the milk for shipment to nearby Madison, and tending the chickens and garden. But John and Catherine always made time for church.

In fact, the Dunn family traveled five miles to Blessed Sacrament Church in Madison almost every Sunday. The trip — by horse and buggy — took nearly an hour each way. John and Catherine’s selfless example was not lost on their children, especially William.

“When I think of the trouble of driving an hour to go to church, tying the horse some distance away, walking to Sunday school, and then spending another hour returning home, I’m left with the matter of taking religion, its hopes and promises, seriously,” William said in a 1992 interview.

Inspired by his parents’ commitment to their faith, William entered the novitiate of the Congregation of Holy Cross in 1942, after graduating the year before with a BA in English from the University of Wisconsin. He took his final vows in 1946 and earned an MA in English and Philosophy from the University of Notre Dame in 1951.

Two years later, Brother William came to St. Edward’s University as an instructor of English. In 1958, he joined the history faculty.

The One He Didn’t Marry

Eight years after Brother William’s arrival, Richard Hughes joined the faculty. Brother William was his first boss at St. Edward’s. “There are two people whom I liked the first day I met them and have liked them more and more each day I have known them,” recalled Hughes. “Brother William Dunn is the one I didn’t marry.”

When Hughes arrived on campus, Brother William headed up the history and economics faculty — an “anarchical social science lot,” remembered Hughes — quietly yet masterfully. “Neither his desk nor his lines of communication were orderly,” wrote Hughes. “But he could evoke a consensus among individualists whom he managed with such a long and gently-held leash that we never knew it was there.”

Hughes, lively and convivial himself by all accounts, also admired Brother William’s wit and humor. “To share a beer and a joke with him at a party is to find him an excellent companion,” Hughes said at Brother William’s April 1992 retirement ceremony. “To see him open a dinner with a lengthy prayer in German, only to follow the amens with a confession that it wasn’t a prayer at all, but a frivolous ditty, is to enjoy his Irish sense of humor.”

The two men also shared a joy of teaching — of spending time with students — and Hughes admired Brother William’s honest appraisal of his own skills. “To hear [Brother William] say matter of factly that he has none of the classroom charisma of Brother Edmund Hunt or Brother Simon Scribner and, therefore, must compensate by many one-on-one conferences with students, is to see a man who has come to terms with himself,” said Hughes. Hughes also thought Brother William “kind, shy, abstemious, judicious, understated [and] intelligent,” in addition to being a “careful scholar and linguist.” Thus, when Hughes pitched the idea of a centennial history of St. Edward’s to university leaders in 1966, everyone agreed Brother William should be the author. He not only was a historian but also was familiar with the university, the Congregation of Holy Cross and the Catholic Church. All three institutions were critical to a comprehensive history of the university.

Crafting a History

When he began the centennial history project in the late 1960s, Brother William was chair of the Social Sciences program and director of the English as a Second Language program. Before completing the 349-page book in time for the centennial celebration in 1986, he — “with little attention to self-preservation,” noted Hughes — also had served on numerous faculty committees, advised both international and freshman students, sat on the Publication and Disciplinary boards, and served on the Academic and Administrative councils. He had researched, written and published a history of the Knights of Columbus in Texas, a 40-year history of the parish of San Jose and several essays for The Handbook of Texas.
he had won two Teaching Excellence awards, one of the highest teaching honors given by the university.

Brother William said the nearly 20-year project had taken so long because he was “pokey”; others, like Hughes, recognized the superior research skill required. As a historian of a university, Brother William had approached the project much like a carpenter, recalled Hughes, constructing “a framework by writing the story of administrators, by describing construction projects and by interpreting revealing statistics” and then gluing those facts together with “a more ineffable thing, the collective personality that lives within.”

Brother William sought out this “personality” by reviewing his own diaries and those of other faculty members, by scouring student publications from as far back as 1888, and by conducting his own interviews. True to the university’s mission of providing a hands-on education for students, he involved his students in typing and proofreading the manuscript, preparing the layout, and providing photographs.

Brother William’s dedication to the project and to his students added fuel to an idea Hughes had already been considering: a series of oral histories capturing the lives and accomplishments of members of the St. Edward’s community.

“The premise of the project was this: that in any small community, there are many interesting people worth studying and many interesting stories worth telling,” wrote Hughes. “The dreams of the conference rooms are idle dreams unless they take on meaning in the ongoing carriers of the school’s identity — its teachers and its students.”

The Imprint of Individuals

Hughes filled more than 15 audio cassettes with interviews in 1986 and 1987. The next year, he published St. Edward’s Portraits, a 100-page book of profiles — including one he had written about Brother William. The result, Hughes felt, was far from complete.

“I am impressed by my interviewees, but I know three dozen other subjects equally impressive, and I am fully convinced there are scores I don’t know about,” he wrote in the book’s introduction. “There is much that is extraordinary about ordinary people. There is drama in commonplace existence for those with eyes to see.”

And in his profile of Brother William, Hughes recognized something more in his mentor’s “commonplace existence.” He saw an empathetic and energetic soul: “Recently, I watched Brother William moving with athletic intensity from Main to St. Joe’s for lunch, his body slight, his head shining like a dome, his shoulders bent. … I wondered, was this thoughtful man pondering nuclear disarmament? Or how to help a troubled freshman? Or how to finish the day one-up on [his friend and roommate] Brother Daniel Lynch in their campaign of spirited banter?”

But perhaps the most important lesson that Brother William taught Hughes was that universities have souls. “Each possesses a spirit not found on other campuses, a life that passes from generation to generation, values which touch all who teach and study there,” wrote Hughes. Just as St. Edward’s University: A Centennial History details the “structure” of the university, “it also describes the soul.”

And preserving that soul, embodied in Brother William, was of utmost importance to Hughes. “There is something we can do that will be an adequate thank you to this very special man. We can start now with the world as it is,” Hughes said at Brother William’s retirement. “We can then beat the academic bushes in search of teachers of keen intellect, high character and a religious vision. We can bring them here and keep them here. I can think of no better way to say thank you.”

Beating the Academic Bushes

When Hughes proposed beating the academic bushes in search of faculty members as dedicated as Brother William, he needn’t have looked far for inspiration. His own legacy as a teacher and historian had been taking shape since his arrival on campus in 1961.

Known for his dynamic lectures and genuine curiosity, Hughes understood that his students had as much to teach him as he did them. In an essay for American Way magazine, Hughes recalled one of his history classes: “I was having a tough time explaining the Berlin airlift to my college class in U.S. history. A hand went up. ‘I flew it,’ said a voice from the back of the room. ‘Take over, colonel,’ I replied. He did, and it was the best lecture I did not give all year.” The “colonel” — retired Chief Master Sgt. George Nichols — was the university’s valedictorian in 1985.

Hughes also respected his students’ diverse backgrounds. In St. Edward’s Portraits, he profiled Salomón Torres, ’87, a migrant worker from La Feria who came to St. Edward’s as part of the College Assistance Migrant Program and was named St. Edward’s University Man of the Year in 1987. “In my U.S. history survey … Salomón knew the answers from the first, and at the end of the semester, he had moved, as many of his classmates had not, from information to social analysis,” wrote Hughes of Torres. “He pursues self-improvement like a New England Puritan; he seeks success like a hero in one of Horatio Alger’s novels; he works as if brought up on the Calvinist work ethic.” Torres is now district director in his home region, the Rio Grande Valley, for U.S. Rep. Ruben Hinojosa.

“My proudest day was when my parents saw me graduate from college — the first ever in my immediate or extended family,” said Torres. “I gained a first-rate education from St. Edward’s and developed personal maturity through an academic program grounded in ethics, community service and social purpose.”
Above: Brother William Dunn, CSC, lectures in Main Building’s Maloney Room.

Top right: William (back, second from right) and his family sit for a portrait in 1941.

Bottom right: Brother William returns to his family’s dairy farm for a visit and poses with his father and brothers.
Aimee Brown, ’06 (above), who has conducted research for the Texas State Cemetery, received a scholarship in memory of Richard Hughes (left) in 2004.
I found friends for life among students, faculty and administrators, too.”

Randall Kemper, ’88, also gained a lifelong friend in Hughes. A History major, Kemper first met Hughes in a freshman history course in 1982. As part of the class, Kemper interviewed World War II veterans who fought at Omaha Beach on D-Day.

“The class project perfectly illustrated Richard’s insight that ordinary people play an extraordinary role in the overall fabric of history. Through Richard’s guidance, history came alive — these were real men with real feelings and tears,” said Kemper. “The spark that every great teacher hopes to generate in students was ignited in me. From that point forward, I was hooked on history, and I developed an endearing friendship with Richard.”

Kemper and the Hughes family endowed a memorial scholarship to honor Hughes in 1994, the year after he passed away. To date, 13 students majoring in History have received almost $40,000 in financial assistance from the scholarship fund.

And Aimee Brown, ’06, received the memorial scholarship last year.

A Common Mark

A junior focusing her history curriculum in women’s studies, Brown began helping Professor Terry Newton with his oral history project of the Holy Cross Brothers after taking his class on the subject the fall of her sophomore year.

The project — which grew out of the oral histories Hughes conducted for his St. Edward’s Portraits — includes 16 recorded interviews. Brown herself has coordinated interviews with Brother Victor Monette, CSC, associate director of Student Financial Services, and Brother Louis Coe, CSC, retired assistant professor of Mathematics. She also has helped Newton digitize the interviews and develop an electronic tracking and filing system.

“This project is what you hope to do as a historian — get people’s lives documented,” said Brown. “It’s the fact that I’m able to help — not that I’ve accomplished something professionally — that means most to me.”

Thanks in part to the scholarship in memory of Hughes, Brown is able to explore her passion for historical research. In addition to helping with the Holy Cross oral history project, Brown interned at the Texas State Cemetery last spring and compiled biographies of Confederate widows buried there as part of its Confederate Research Project.

“Women’s history doesn’t often make it into the history books,” said Brown, who is now working at the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum. “The widows I researched at the Texas State Cemetery were typically recorded as mothers and wives to Civil War veterans, but these women had lives in their own right. And there’s very little documenting it.

“In a way, the Confederate widows are like the Holy Cross Brothers because we run the risk of losing the brothers’ stories, too, unless we actively and persistently pursue opportunities to document them,” she said. “The brothers are extraordinary men. I am awe-struck at each interview we do because they do not think they are important enough to be participating in the project. Their humility is inspiring. They built this school.”

Five generations separate Brown from John and Catherine Dunn, whose influence on their son William created a mentor for Hughes, who sparked a fire in Kemper, who created a scholarship for Brown, but those connections across time are the essence of the special destiny Brother William ascribed to St. Edward’s University in his centennial history.

As Hughes himself said, “If my thesis … is correct — that universities have souls, that they have a unique and continuing identity — then all of us who have taught and studied here can expect St. Edward’s to have left some common mark upon most of us.”

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THE SPARK THAT EVERY GREAT TEACHER HOPES TO GENERATE IN STUDENTS WAS IGNITED IN ME
In higher education, a fundraising campaign is never just about money. It’s about people — the students who benefit from an educational experience, the faculty that inspires and mentors those students, the staff that provides operational support, and the alumni who embody the university’s educational mission in communities around the world.

It’s about the programs, facilities and technologies that enable learning. It’s about matching a donor’s interests with a university priority to provide support for people, programs, facilities or technologies. And it’s why the goals for A Special Destiny: The Campaign for St. Edward’s University go far beyond raising $65 million.

**A Quiet Beginning**

In 2001, St. Edward’s launched its comprehensive campaign in support of two ambitious goals: to give more students the opportunity for a St. Edward’s education and to achieve national recognition as one of America’s best small universities.

A “quiet phase” of the campaign followed. During this time, President George E. Martin, university administrators, and members of the University Advancement staff and Board of Trustees finalized the campaign objectives. Each is tied to achieving the university’s seven strategic priorities, which were outlined in 1999 — enrollment growth, recruitment and retention of high-quality faculty and staff, innovative curricular and co-curricular program development, facility and technology development, sound financial management, endowment growth, and integrated marketing.

In particular, the campaign focuses on constructing a two-phase natural sciences center and a new campus chapel; creating a larger endowment for scholarships and academic programs; and increasing gifts to The St. Edward’s Fund, which provides operational support for the university’s top priorities (see sidebars at right and on pages 22 and 23).

During the quiet phase, President Martin, University Advancement staff and trustees also met with key university donors — as well as individuals, corporations and foundations that had expressed interest in supporting St. Edward’s — to explain the campaign elements. Many of these meetings resulted in commitments to help achieve the campaign goals. One such commitment, a $3 million gift from Ronya Kozmetsky and her late husband, George, created the Kozmetsky Center of Excellence in Global Finance, which examines ethical socioeconomic development, especially in Latin America (see story, page 10).

The biggest commitment came from Trustee John Bauer, ’62, who directed a $10.5 million gift from the estate of Houston businessman John Brooks Williams toward the university’s two-phase natural sciences center. The gift came in two phases, as well. In December 2003, Bauer committed $7.5 million — the largest single gift in the university’s history — to name the first phase of the facility the John Brooks Williams Natural Sciences Center. Then Bauer committed an additional $3 million from the Williams estate toward construction of the second phase, which

**A healthy endowment provides financial stability**

The endowment is a tool used to ensure that the St. Edward’s experience remains accessible to all students. Endowment earnings help keep tuition costs affordable by covering a portion of tuition for every student. Earnings also provide scholarships to qualified students, helping to sustain the socioeconomic and cultural mix of students that makes St. Edward’s a vibrant community of learners. Funds from the endowment also support the university’s distinctive academic programs and fund faculty research and development, academic chairs, and new centers of excellence.
Mary Doyle stood on the hilltop that now includes Main Building and turned to her husband. “James Doyle, I must say, this hilltop has been placed here by the hands of God,” she said. “He’s got something special planned. I can feel it.”

These lines open *The SEU Experience: A Special Destiny*, a play by Aaron Clay, ’04 (above, center), that was first performed last October at the gala celebrating the launch of *A Special Destiny: The Campaign for St. Edward’s University*. And while these may not be the exact words Mary Doyle spoke to her husband, Clay worked hard to capture the spirit and emotion of the university’s history.

He started with his own knowledge of institutional history and then turned to *St. Edward’s University: A Centennial History* by Brother William Dunn, CSC (see story, page 14).

“I really wanted to get inside the characters’ minds and think about what they would have done,” said Clay. “I wanted to create characters with personalities.” The emotions of the Mary Doyle character, for example, changed 30 times as Clay reworked the lines that would best deliver his interpretation of the university’s founding mother, who donated her 498-acre farm to the Catholic Church to establish St. Edward’s.

Once Clay developed the characters, he focused on directing the play. Even though he had directed previous productions, including *Once Upon A Christmas Eve*, which was performed at the university’s annual Festival of Lights in 2003, this performance brought new challenges because the stage was in a large tent. Clay had to figure out how tent fabric bounced sound and refracted light. He contacted Theater Arts graduate Jeff Kyrish, ’03, who works with Cirque du Soleil in Las Vegas, Nev., to learn how the group accommodates sound and light behavior in its tent shows. When it came time to write the lines, Clay read them aloud and then digitally echoed them, making sure all the lines were audible.

In the process of writing the play, Clay also discovered endless stories of people who have helped shape today’s university. “This university is something special, something that is more than words. It’s something you feel when you walk on campus,” he said. “I wanted the script to show that St. Edward’s, from the beginning, has consistently moved forward as a community for excellence in education.”

By Lauren Montz, ’05
will be initiated following the completion of phase one and eventually will house the Computer Science, Mathematics and Physics programs.

By October 2004, when St. Edward’s was ready to publicly announce the campaign, the university had already raised $48 million.

**Going Public**

The public launch of the campaign began with an informal party for university faculty, staff and students that focused on the campaign centerpiece — new science facilities. On Oct. 15, about 600 people celebrated the near completion of fundraising for the first phase of the science facility. The party included interactive demonstrations by science students and a virtual tour of the John Brooks Williams Natural Sciences Center (to view the virtual tour, click “Giving” at www.stedwards.edu).

**Patricia Hayes, ’04 (above right),** president of the student organization Women in Science, was one of the event’s featured speakers. “I’m excited about the endless opportunities this science building will offer students,” she said.

“One of the most impressive points to me is how it will more than quadruple the amount of classroom space available to science students. And you know what that means — more lab space for students to conduct advanced research projects, which prepares us not only for graduate school, but also for careers in the health sciences, such as medicine or dentistry, or other careers in the fields of natural science. Lab space is so important because it is where you truly get to view science in action, the chance to really apply what you have learned in lecture.”

The next evening, **Roy Pequeño, ’05,** president of the Student Government Association, echoed Hayes’ sentiments at a gala celebration for more than 300 campaign donors and friends of the university.

“When I came to St. Edward’s in 2001, its recognition as one of the best small universities in the country was already well underway,” Pequeño said. “It has been exciting to watch the student population grow, to enjoy the new buildings and landscaping, and to celebrate the university’s growing national prestige.

“I can tell you that the Student Government Association, as well as the entire student body, shares in the bold vision for the university’s future. Students don’t want St. Edward’s to be just average. We want to see it excel in every way. And we want this not only for ourselves in the time that we spend here, but also for the students of the future.”

**Meeting a Challenge**

Potential for the future is exactly what inspired the Mabee Foundation of Tulsa, Okla., to help fund the $20 million John Brooks Williams Natural Sciences Center.

Longtime donors’ support for the facility also factored into the foundation’s decision. In September 2003, **Margaret “Peggy” Lewis** pledged $1 million to fund the center’s biochemistry laboratory. Lewis is the mother
of former St. Edward’s University Board of Trustees Chair Carolyn Lewis Gallagher and a longtime supporter of St. Edward’s. Along with her late husband, R.B. Lewis, she had previously created student scholarships and helped fund construction of Trustee Hall.

For the Mabee Foundation, Lewis’ commitment and the lead gift from the Williams estate — combined with gifts totaling more than $3 million from Tom and Jeannie Carter and the estates of Joseph Murray, ’56, and Robert Ragsdale — signaled that the university could benefit from a challenge grant.

The foundation promised to provide the last $2 million for the sciences center if St. Edward’s was able to raise the $18 million needed to complete funding by Jan. 14, 2005. And supporters of St. Edward’s University responded to the challenge.

First off were Ross and Laurie Garber, who made a gift of $500,000. University Federal Credit Union, the Meadows and King foundations, and Texas Gas Service each contributed $100,000 toward the challenge. And a range of trustees, alumni, parents and friends — more than 170 individuals overall — also made gifts for the challenge.

The final gift came from Pat, ’97, and Bill Munday. While hosting a dinner on Dec. 2 in honor of the first 10 recipients of an endowed scholarship they created in 2003 (see story, page 28), the couple told President Martin they would make a gift of $385,000 to complete the challenge.

After the Mabee Challenge was met — more than a month early — the university made final plans to break ground for the John Brooks Williams Natural Sciences Center, which will eventually provide 65,000 square feet for classrooms, laboratories and faculty offices for biology, chemistry and general science education.

**What’s Next?**

By late January, work was underway on the John Brooks Williams Natural Sciences Center, and A Special Destiny: The Campaign for St. Edward’s University had already raised more than $50 million. The emphasis now is on fundraising for the new chapel and the second phase of the science facility, augmenting the university’s endowment for scholarships and academic programs, and increasing gifts to The St. Edward’s Fund. And the campaign remains focused on nurturing the exceptional educational community at St. Edward’s.

“...the impact of this fundraising campaign is already evident for students on campus today,” remarked Pequeño at the gala in October. “But the potential for the future is even greater — to bring St. Edward’s to new heights of excellence and to ensure that even more students can experience the power of a St. Edward’s education.”

To learn more about A Special Destiny: The Campaign for St. Edward’s University, click “Giving” at www.stedwards.edu.
The noblest service comes from nameless hands, and the best servant does his work unseen, wrote Oliver Wendell Holmes. • But we couldn’t resist putting faces with 11 pairs of nameless hands that have worked tirelessly on behalf of the university. You’ve seen many of the fruits of their labors in St. Edward’s University Magazine: award-winning Trustee Hall, the Center for Ethics and Leadership, the Robert and Pearle Ragsdale Center, and the Holy Cross Oral History Project, to name a few. • But we’ve never introduced you to these leaders. And now, they’re continuing their commitment to St. Edward’s by chairing A Special Destiny: The Campaign for St. Edward’s University. We think it’s time you met.

Greg, ’70, and Cindy, ’95, Kozmetsky Honorary Chairs

When Greg Kozmetsky completed his enlistment as a helicopter pilot in the U.S. Army in 1969, he enrolled as a Business major at St. Edward’s University. More than 25 years later, his wife, Cindy, enrolled as a Management major in the university’s New College program after raising three children. As adult students, both Greg and Cindy juggled classes, work, family and community commitments — and provided many a home-cooked meal and comfy holiday hangout for fellow students.

And long after their last exams on the hilltop, the Kozmetskys have continued their tradition of serving students. Greg joined the Board of Trustees in 1981, serving as chair in 1984 and 1994. Greg and Cindy endowed the university’s Center for Ethics and Leadership, the Patricia A. Hayes Endowed Professorship in Applied Ethics, and the Gregory A. Kozmetsky Endowed Professorship in Finance. In 2001, they contributed $100,000 to Trustee Hall, the first building completed in the university’s campus master plan. And Greg’s parents, Ronya and the late George Kozmetsky, contributed $3 million to establish the Kozmetsky Center of Excellence in Global Finance (see story, page 10).

They’ve stayed involved, says Cindy, because they believe in the kind of education St. Edward’s provides. Their son, Daniel Kozmetsky, earned a BA in Kinesiology in 2002. “Today’s students still experience the personal, values-based education we experienced,” she said. “We are honored to be a part of helping the university realize its special destiny.”

Brother Stephen Walsh, CSC, ’62 Honorary Chair

The culinary possibilities of squash are endless and exciting, says Brother Stephen Walsh. In a casserole. Sautéed. As an accompaniment to pot roast. “I enjoy simple food well prepared and sharing a meal with friends,” he said. And Brother Stephen has employed the same skills he uses as a self-taught chef in his tenure as both a student and administrator at St. Edward’s, always seeking out the never-ending possibilities in front of him.

He earned a BS in History from St. Edward’s and was valedictorian of his class. In 1972, he became the university’s youngest president after earning a PhD in Curriculum and Instruction from UT–Austin, joining the St. Edward’s faculty in 1966, and serving as academic dean in 1970. Now, Brother Stephen is honorary co-chair of A Special Destiny: The Campaign for St. Edward’s University and was recently named executive director of the Holy Cross Institute.

And just as masterful chef Julia Child has long provided inspiration for Brother Stephen’s
culinary endeavors, the faculty at St. Edward's has always expertly provided spiritual and professional guidance.

“St. Edward's is all about relationships — primarily between faculty and students. To connect students to the world of ideas you have to have a connected faculty,” he said. “Because of my teachers and the individual attention they gave me, I succeeded beyond my wildest imagination.”

**John Bauer, '62, Chair**

John Bauer has worked with Nintendo of America since the company established itself in North America in the early 1980s. He became executive vice president in 1994. During Bauer’s tenure, Nintendo introduced popular gaming character Pokémon, franchise characters like Mario and Donkey Kong turned 20, and Game Boy became one of the world’s leading video-game hardware systems. Nintendo interests also acquired the Seattle Mariners baseball team.

Bauer has applied the same work ethic and creativity to his alma mater. As a member of the Board of Trustees, he secured the largest gift in university history — $10.5 million — from the estate of his longtime friend John Brooks Williams. The gift provides $7.5 million for the John Brooks Williams Natural Sciences Center, which will house the Biology and Chemistry programs, and $3 million for a second science facility, which will support the Math, Physics and Computer Science programs.

Bauer’s campaign leadership is helping St. Edward’s develop state-of-the-art facilities for the future — but it is the university’s history and people that motivate him most.

“The university’s competitive edge is really the Congregation of Holy Cross ‘delivery system.’ This university has been blessed with over 100 years of service from many brothers and priests who have marked the lives of thousands of students,” he said. “The Holy Cross experience connects education with a change in the whole person — which creates a better-prepared person in a spiritual and humanitarian way.”

**Carolyn Lewis Gallagher, Chair**


These are just a few of the courses taught in the three state-of-the-art computer classrooms in Trustee Hall. The wired classrooms, plus a 24-hour computer lab, are housed in the Carolyn Lewis Gallagher Computer Tower, named for the former Board of Trustees chair. Gallagher; her husband, Tom; and her parents Margaret “Peggy” and the late R.B. Lewis funded the tower with a $1 million gift. Peggy also has committed $1 million to the new natural sciences facility.

As chair of the Board of Trustees during the construction of Trustee Hall, Gallagher spearheaded fundraising efforts among trustees to ensure the building was completed on time and on budget. The business acumen that she brings to the board and the campaign leadership team also has garnered her recognition in Texas. In 1995, she was named Austin’s “Emerging Entrepreneur of the Year” by Inc. magazine and Ernst & Young. In 1997, the Austin Business Journal selected her for a Profile in Power Award. And in 2002, President Bush appointed her to the President’s Commission on the U.S. Postal Service.

What is Gallagher’s definition of effective leadership? Exactly what she practices: “Show the commitment. Don’t just say you want to be involved or join things just to join them, but actually commit time and energy,” she told the Austin American-Statesman in 1995. “That’s what makes the difference.”

**Fred McNair, hs ‘63, ’67 Alumni Chair**

When the Biology program needed a refrigerator in the early 1980s, Fred McNair made sure they got one. When Athletics needed a washing machine, McNair donated one. Ditto for appliance needs in Mang House, St. Joseph Hall and the Brother Vincent Pieau Residence. And when the university constructed on-campus apartments for students, McNair provided appliances at cost.

The campaign leadership team has supported projects and programs including Trustee Hall and the Holy Cross Oral History Project (left); the College Assistance Migrant Program and the John Brooks Williams Natural Sciences Center (page 26); and Athletics and Fondren Hall (page 27).
His knowledge of the industry comes from 35 years as owner and CEO of McNair’s Appliances, which his grandfather founded in 1939. McNair sold the company in 1999 and donated part of the proceeds to St. Edward’s. He has supported construction of the Robert and Pearle Ragsdale Center and a scholarship fund for students in the College Assistance Migrant Program. He also contributed to a scholarship fund honoring the Brothers of Holy Cross and has encouraged fellow alumni of St. Edward’s High School to contribute to it. A 1978 Distinguished Alumnus Award recipient, McNair completed a second term on the Alumni Association Board of Directors in February. He and his wife, Evelyn, have pledged more than $1 million from their estate for the university endowment.

But his involvement with the university extends even further than his own experience as an alumnus and supporter. His son, Adam, attended St. Edward’s, and his daughter, Amy, graduated with a BA in Photocommunications last December. As a surprise to her, McNair delivered the commencement address.

Betty Reichel, ’88, New College Chair

Reichel knew she wanted to pursue a career outside the real estate and building industries where she had spent nine years. What career was, she didn’t know. But she knew where to start: with Brother James Kell, CSC.

Reichel attended a career planning workshop led by Brother James, who also counseled her individually to help her identify her skills and interests. As a result of his assistance, Reichel earned a BBA in Finance and went on to a 15-year career as a financial examiner for the Texas Credit Union Department.

When Reichel retired in 2003, she thanked Brother James and New College by endowing the $50,000 Bernard Kormann Reichel Sr. Memorial Endowed Scholarship for New College students. Reichel named the scholarship after her father, who instilled in her a love for education and set an example through his own lifelong learning. Reichel also is serving on the planning committee for New College’s 30th anniversary celebration (see story, page 42).

“God blessed me when he led me to St. Edward’s University and Brother James. I want to give the same opportunity to others,” she said. “I want to ensure that students are able to explore all the opportunities that St. Edward’s offers. They will find the rewards great.”

Thomas L. Carter, Parents Chair

For Tom Carter, supporting education is a priority.

When his son, Fowler Carter, ’03, attended St. Edward’s, Carter and his wife, Jeanie, hosted a reception for other parents in their Houston home. They also provided funding to cover production expenses for an oral history video project on the Holy Cross Brothers completed by students in one of Professor Terry Newton’s history courses. Fowler, who earned a degree in History, participated in the video project and suggested the gift to his parents.

Since Fowler’s graduation, the couple has continued to support St. Edward’s. Indeed, they make gifts and volunteer their time to the high schools and colleges they and their children attended. Their goal: inspiring their children to support philanthropic causes.

Most recently, this commitment led the couple to donate $100,000 toward the John Brooks Williams Natural Sciences Center and inspired Tom to serve as parents chair for A Special Destiny: The Campaign for St. Edward’s University.

Outside of his family and educational philanthropy, Carter’s main passion is his business. He serves as president of Black Stone Interests, LLC, and is general partner of Black Stone Minerals Co. LP, one of the largest mineral rights owners in the United States.

Duncan K. Underwood, ’95
Foundations Chair

Duncan Underwood says state-of-the-art facilities can provide a significant boost to an educational institution’s academic program and reputation. He’s seen their effects at Houston’s Episcopal High School, where he attended when the school was brand new and now
serves as a trustee. And he feels sure the same will be true for St. Edward's.

His first project was to link the university with his family's foundation, The Fondren Foundation of Houston, to transform the old student union into Fondren Hall, which now houses the St. Edward's University Bookstore. More recently, he helped secure a $300,000 grant from the foundation to support construction of Trustee Hall, a new academic building with high-tech classrooms that opened in 2002.

“I like the building's technology focus,” he said. “New facilities like Trustee Hall will support programs at St. Edward's and help the university attain recognition around Texas and the nation.” Similar potential for the new science facilities at the heart of A Special Destiny: The Campaign for St. Edward's University convinced him to offer his support as foundations co-chair.

Currently, Underwood divides his time between managing his private investments in real estate, oil and gas and running his family’s commercial cattle operation in Sealy. But returning to St. Edward's to earn an MBA isn’t out of the question for Underwood. “What I wouldn’t give to be back at St. Edward's as a student again, with all the resources available now,” he said.

Jim Lydon, SBC, Corporate Chair

Telecommunications company SBC measures corporate values against more than the bottom line. Company employees provide millions of volunteer hours in communities throughout the United States. And SBC is keenly interested in applying its corporate giving to promote excellence and innovation in education.

The partnership between SBC and St. Edward's began two decades ago when SBC joined the university’s Business Development Council and began supporting the College Assistance Migrant Program. In 1997, SBC donated $100,000 for a multimedia room in Moody Hall. Over the last two years, the company has given $100,000 to support BT3 — Building Teams and Tools for Teaching — which helps student teachers, K–12 classroom teachers and university faculty learn to effectively incorporate technology into the curriculum.

Now, Jim Lydon, SBC's area vice president of external affairs, is continuing the partnership with St. Edward's by serving as corporate chair of A Special Destiny: The Campaign for St. Edward's University. “From your very first step on campus, you realize what a special place St. Edward’s is,” he said. “To play a small part in the relationship between SBC and the university has been professionally and personally rewarding. I’m so proud to see St. Edward's take its place as one of the nation's premier small universities.”

Paul A. Seals, hs '68, '72
The St. Edward's Fund Chair

The law is Paul Seals’ profession, but basketball is his love — from his days on the court at St. Edward's to coaching his daughters’ youth league teams. And at St. Edward's he found a place where academic prowess was just as important as athleticism.

After attending St. Edward’s High School, he enrolled at St. Edward’s University and earned a degree in Economics. He then graduated from UT—School of Law and spent 15 years with state and federal environmental agencies, which included service as assistant general counsel for the Texas Department of Water Resources and as regional counsel for the Environmental Protection Agency’s Dallas office. He is now a partner in the energy, land use and environment practice group of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP in Austin.

The university’s focus on Holy Cross ideals inspires Seals to stay involved. “I was given the marvelous example and spirit of the members of the Congregation of Holy Cross, who showed me the importance of service and that there are no insignificant tasks,” he said.

And in addition to his lifelong love of basketball, he has become a fan of volleyball. “It combines superb technical skill, focused discipline and unselfish teamwork,” he explained. “Plus, my daughters switched sports on me and are now both college volleyball players.”

JASON JONES
THE STORY OF A GIFT

It’s a vision.
It’s generosity.
It’s opportunity.
It’s a need.
It’s a welcome surprise.
It’s a gift.

It’s a $500,000 endowment for scholarships created by Pat, ’97, and Bill Munday.

HERE’S THE STORY OF THEIR GIFT.

Pat Munday became involved with St. Edward’s when she enrolled as a student in 1984. Although she was an adult student with a few years of college already completed elsewhere, she decided to take classes in the traditional undergraduate program. “When I dropped out of the University of Tennessee, there was a part of me that felt like something was not finished. I wanted to go back to school and have the traditional education the same way I had when I first got out of high school,” explained Pat. “And I chose to go to St. Edward’s because I knew I would get more personal attention.”

As a student, Pat shared her experiences with her husband, Bill, an entrepreneur with 11 auto dealerships in Texas and Louisiana as well as a health care business and a finance company.

“He’s heard me talk glowingly about St. Edward’s for years,” said Pat. “There is just something that envelops you when you enter St. Edward’s because the emphasis is on the mind and heart.”

The couple first became interested in giving to St. Edward’s while attending a commencement ceremony for one of Bill’s employees. “I remember looking at that big graduating class and their families and being impressed by the diversity I saw,” said Bill. “Clearly, not all the families were wealthy, yet they made it a top priority to put their children through college — and St. Edward’s had provided a welcoming environment for them.

“I didn’t get a college education, and over the years, I’ve learned firsthand how much harder and complicated it is to succeed in life without a college education. I have this philosophy that if you’re lucky enough to accomplish something, you have a responsibility to send that elevator back down to help someone else,” said Bill, who gives $1,500 annually to each of his employees with children enrolled in college.

During the Fall 2001 Phonathon, Pat was called by a St. Edward’s student to make a donation. And she did, in the amount of $5,000. Mollie Butler, executive director of Development, contacted the Mundays to thank them for the gift and welcome them to the St. Edward’s Associates, a group of supporters who give $1,000 or more to the university each year.

Then, in February 2003, Pat and Bill attended an event honoring the Edwardians — the university’s most generous supporters, whose lifetime giving, documented planned gifts and pledges total $100,000 or more — to watch their close friends Vernon and Virginia Wattinger be inducted into the giving society.

“Pat was moved by the event and expressed an interest in becoming an Edwardian,” said Butler, who later met with Pat and Bill to discuss their future plans for giving to the university. After their first meeting, Pat and Bill decided to create an endowed scholarship for students in need of financial assistance. The couple made a lump sum gift of stock valued at $500,000 in October 2003; by the next fall, Student Financial Services had selected the first 10 Munday Scholars.

“The fact that the entire sum was given to the university at once allowed for an immediate impact,” explained Butler. “Unlike most endowments that accumulate interest over a long period of time before the money is awarded to students, the Mundays’ endowment was put to use the year following their generous gift.”
It was just what the Mundays wanted. “Bill likes to see something happen,” explained Pat. “We did not want to wait for the scholarships to go to work.”

The gift also reflected a commitment to education and to St. Edward’s. “Going to St. Edward’s has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life,” said Pat, who is continuing her involvement with the university as a new member of the Board of Trustees. “To be around the Holy Cross Brothers, everything the university stands for and the Holy Cross mission really touched my life.”

“Our top priority was to help students in need,” Bill explained. “St. Edward’s knows how to put the scholarships to good work, so we didn’t have a lot of strings attached.”

Munday Scholars are selected based on need without regard to academic standing or background. Each receives $2,500 annually. Jorge Loredo, ’06, is one of the first 10 Munday Scholars. A Computer Science major and Mathematics minor originally from San Luis Posisi, Mexico, Loredo came to the United States to study as a junior in high school. He then enrolled at St. Edward’s with support from a College Assistance Migrant Program scholarship.

“I first heard about the Munday scholarship from my advisor, and the opportunity caught my attention,” said Loredo. “When I got the confirmation letter saying that I had received the scholarship, I was shocked. It was a great surprise and a big financial help.”

On Dec. 2, Loredo and the other Munday Scholars met Pat and Bill for the first time at a reception and dinner hosted by the Mundays. At the event, Bill and Pat made another generous gift to St. Edward’s — this time, with a gift of just under $400,000, they’ve helped the university complete the Mabee Challenge, which provided the final $2 million needed for construction of the new John Brooks Williams Natural Sciences Center (see story, page 20).

“Bill and Pat have given me more than a scholarship. They’ve given me the opportunity to continue working toward my dreams,” said Loredo, who plans to pursue graduate study in Computer Science and Mathematics. “I eventually want to go back to Mexico and teach.”

Next year, 10 more students will be chosen as Munday Scholars.

For more information about creating an endowed scholarship, contact Mollie Butler at mollieb@admin.stedwards.edu or 512-416-5888.
1. a series of organized, planned actions for a particular purpose

2. how the alumni, students, faculty and staff featured here serve the causes they hold dear

serving children

When case workers for the Center for Child Protection interviewed an abused child, she told them she was scared to face her abuser in court. So Bikers Against Child Abuse recruited several of its members to be the child’s bodyguards during the hearing. The show of support gave her the confidence to testify.

Amy Carr, MSOLE ’05, makes sure partnerships like this are shared with the Austin community. As marketing manager for the center, Carr strives to raise public awareness about the needs of abused children. “The center works with people whose stories might remain invisible,” she said. “I work to make those needs visible for the community.”

Carr also helps businesses and individuals get involved with opportunities such as Child Abuse Awareness Month, toy donations and annual raffles. “Service is part of giving back to the community, and service is important to who I am,” she said. “Children deserve respect and dignity, and we must care for those children who can’t help themselves.” — L.M.

a date with destiny

If you haven’t yet heard why (and how) St. Edward’s is raising $65 million, turn to page 20. Then, once your appetite is whetted, read more online: Click “Giving” at www.stedwards.edu.

local groove goes GLOBAL

Erik Schaeffer, ’03 (left), senior library assistant, likes independent music so much that in January 2004, he and a business partner launched CDfuse.com, a web site to promote independent artists.

“There is a tremendous amount of talent in the independent music scene,” said Schaeffer. “But without the money, power and push of a major record label, these talented artists are only getting exposure in their local communities.”

Schaeffer experienced the limited exposure of independent artists while playing and touring Central Texas with his own band, New Automatic. This experience spurred his campaign to establish a better way for independent artists to market their music. Thus, CDfuse.com was born.

“There is a real need for uniqueness in the music industry, and I think larger record labels will begin searching for independent artists to fill the void,” he said. “CDfuse.com gives independent artists an outlet to promote and sell their music on a global scale.” — H.C.
Lucy (Pinto) Bland, '72, and Antowan Jones, '07 (above), have 25 years of military service in the U.S. Army Reserves between them. And both were recently activated to serve in the military campaign in Iraq. Bland served four months in western Iraq in 2003 as part of a 20-member U.S. Army Forward Surgical Team, and Jones, an accounting specialist with the Texas National Guard, shipped out in January.

Bland is no stranger to active duty — this is her third activation since joining the U.S. Army Reserves in 1983 as a pediatric nurse. She went on to become a nurse anesthetist and served seven months in 1991 in support of Operation Desert Storm. In 1996, she supported Operation Joint Endeavor, the initiative for peace in Bosnia. During her latest activation, Bland helped care for soldiers and Iraqi civilians too badly injured to make it to the Army hospital.

“My career has been an incredible experience for me. More than 30 years have passed since I graduated from St. Edward’s,” she said. “It may look like a bit of a leap from Austin to Al Asad, but it feels like a natural evolution to me.”

Jones, who served in the Junior ROTC, joined the Texas National Guard in 2002. That fall, he started his freshman year at St. Edward’s as an Accounting and Computer Information Science major. His finance unit — trained in both accounting and combat techniques — headed to Kuwait in January to join the 18th Airborne Soldier Support Group.

“Through the National Guard, I am able to combine my JROTC experience with my study of accounting and earn my degree,” said Jones. “I’ve also experienced many new challenges. Whenever I feel I’ve reached my limit, I remember my family and friends, and that helps me complete any task.” — H.C.

Pratikshya Rijal, ’04, helps mobility-, vision- and hearing-impaired people experience web sites.

In October, she and four members of the St. Edward’s community took second place in their division at Austin’s one-day Accessibility Internet Rally, a competition that pairs up teams of web designers with local nonprofits to design custom web sites that are accessible to all users.

“Building an accessible web site is important,” said Rijal, a Computer Information Science major and Business Administration minor. “There are so many people in the United States who cannot view web sites because they aren’t designed with accessibility in mind.”

In addition to Rijal, the team included Computing Coordinator Cesar Diaz, ’03; former Web Site Assistant Rhodes Gibson; Faculty Resource Center Manager Eric Trimble, ’98; Sherry Scott, ’97, MLA ’02; and a representative from Go9Media.com, an Austin-based design firm specializing in web site development, design, hosting and maintenance. The group designed an accessible site for the Developmental Counseling Center, a local nonprofit that offers free and low-cost drug and alcohol counseling services.

A team from St. Edward’s has participated in the Internet rally — and won an award — for three consecutive years. — H.C.
Entrepreneur n. One who organizes, operates and assumes the risk in a business venture in expectation of gaining the profit.

This may be Webster’s definition, but two alumni entrepreneurs aren’t so easily defined. Clayton Christopher, ’95, founder and CEO of Sweet Leaf Tea, and Lisa Moses, ’96, MBA ’04, founder and managing principal of Piccadilly Communications, believe that running a successful business means more than making a profit.

Christopher, inspired by the sweet tea famous in the southeastern United States, founded Sweet Leaf Tea in Beaumont in 1998. Using crawfish pots and garden hoses, he perfected his recipe and began bottling and distributing the brew to local supermarkets and restaurants. Now headquartered in Austin, Sweet Leaf Tea features eight flavors and is found in 20 states. The company’s revenue has increased 300 percent in the last year. What’s the secret to this sweet success?

“I have a passion for my company and the industry, as do my employees,” said Christopher. “We work hard, play hard and have fun here. At the end of the day, enjoying our jobs is just as important to me as the bottom line.”

Moses’ inspiration for Piccadilly Communications began in an entrepreneurial MBA class at St. Edward’s. She worked on a team project to develop a business plan and presented it to a group of local entrepreneurs. Now, Piccadilly Communication is more than a plan. Since its launch in 2002, it has provided full-service Internet solutions — from site design and production to search engine marketing — for Texas companies of all sizes.

“For Piccadilly, success is more than profit,” said Moses. “We want to maintain an environment where both team members and clients are treated with respect, honesty and fairness. It’s about doing great work and loving what we do.” — L.M.

Richard Troxell, ’97, wants to bridge the gap between minimum wage and affordable housing. Troxell is national chairman of Universal Living Wage, an Austin-based organization seeking to change federal law so that minimum wage is proportional to cost of living. Such a change would ensure that any person working 40 hours a week or more is able to afford basic housing.

“Almost all local and federal dollars invested in Austin social services are wasted if, in the end, people are placed in jobs yet still cannot afford to keep their housing,” he said. “And Austin is a mere reflection of all the cities in the country.”

Associate Professor of Counseling Vicki Totten took up the Universal Living Wage banner last summer when she presented the issue to the board of the National Organization for Human Services, on which she serves as vice president for regional development. The organization’s members approved a proposal on the subject at last October’s conference, making it the first advocacy matter the organization has backed. Totten also helped Troxell secure a spot as a keynote speaker at the conference and co-coordinated a brainstorming session for members to discuss how they might work with the issue. — R.A.
Father Basil Anthony Moreau, who founded the Congregation of Holy Cross in 1837, was declared venerable by Pope John Paul II in April 2003. The declaration of “Venerable” is the first of three steps required for reaching sainthood and is part of Holy Cross priests’ and brothers’ efforts to see Father Moreau canonized by the pope.

According to Brother Stephen Walsh, CSC, ’62, the next step is for Father Moreau to be named “Blessed” by the pope. The most significant criterion for this step is evidence that a miracle has occurred through the intercession of Father Moreau.

Brother Stephen believes Moreau’s qualification for sainthood lies in his philosophy for education and ministry. “We have learned that Moreau was an educational innovator in his day, and he still makes sense today,” he said. “There is a new critical mass, a group of believers who venerate him and believe with Moreau that teaching and learning is ‘the work of resurrection.’” — H.C.

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Prayer for the Beatification of the Venerable Father Basil Moreau

Lord Jesus, Source of all that is good, you inspired Basil Moreau to found the religious family of Holy Cross to continue your mission among the People of God.

May he be for us a model of the apostolic life, an example of fidelity and an inspiration as we strive to be followers of Jesus. May the Church be moved to proclaim his sainthood for the good of all people. May I learn to imitate his holiness and service and look to him confidently in times of need.

Amen.
Computers and cables and keyboards — oh, my! Don’t fear out-of-date computer parts; recycle them, says the Environmental Club. Last year, the club scheduled a collection day for members of the university community to unload their broken or old computer parts. The high-tech trash, which was cleared of all personal information before disposal, totaled 60 monitors, 30 desktop computers, two notebook computers, 10 printers, 40 keyboards, and a slew of mice, cables, notebook batteries and component cards. And the group is continuing its anti-waste campaign this year with recycling drives for plastic bottles and cell phones. — L.M.

After four years of learning, growing and having fun, the Class of 2004 said thank you to St. Edward’s by raising $2,181 for a memorial plaque. The plaque — to be placed in the grotto — is inscribed “In memory of the friends we have lost from the St. Edward’s Community.”

“The memorial plaque is a reminder of the year we graduated — both the tragedies we suffered and how we worked together to heal,” said Elena Carney, ’04, who coordinated the project. “The plaque is also a permanent reminder of how lucky we are to have the St. Edward’s community as a support. It honors all the lives that have been — and will be — part of this community.”

As its project, the Class of 2005 is raising money for a fountain to be placed near Fondren Hall. Seniors on the gift committee are encouraging their peers to give $20.05 toward the fountain. Their goal: $2,005. — L.M.

St. Edward’s University never forgets the four-legged community. Friends of the Campus Cats, started by former Copy Center Manager Barbara Stratton, MAHS ’99, spays, neuters, vaccinates and feeds stray and feral cats found on or near campus. To date, the group has helped 112 animals, including finding homes for 54 kittens and 33 adult cats. Currently headed by Copy Center Manager Pamela McGrew, the organization relies on dedicated volunteers and donated money to aid campus felines like Marmalade (right).

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Giving & Graduating

Paws-ing for pets

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Q: What do you get if you put together St. Edward's University and Uganda?
A: SE-Uganda, a project — now in its third year — benefiting the Holy Cross mission in the poverty-stricken community of Kirinda, Uganda.

The Holy Cross Sisters teach hand- and machine-sewing to women in Kirinda and then sell their goods at a craft shop in nearby Fort Portal. All profits go to the craft makers. Starting in 2002, St. Edward's also began receiving a shipment of the handmade goods — baskets, bowls, purses and wallets, to name a few — and students from St. Edward's plan and market an on-campus sale each fall. Last fall's sale, coordinated by five students in Assistant Professor of Theater Arts Sara Medina Pape's Special Topics in Business Administration class, sent more than $3,000 back to Kirinda. — R.A.

“Red state/blue state” was voted the top phrase of 2004 by the Linguistic Society of America. The phrase, used by media broadcasters and political pundits to predict which states would go Republican and which Democrat in the general election, signals just how important the election was, with voter turnout at the highest rate since 1968.

And in Associate Professor Jim Payne's Current Political Controversies class, a section of Freshman Studies, students moved beyond political jargon and 60-second political commercials to unearth the economic, social and political dynamics of major election issues. In addition to debating issues in class, students gathered to assess the candidates’ debating skills and to watch election returns come in. — R.A.

HOLIDAY HELPERS

The children were nestled all snug in their beds, While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads ... 

The Dallas and Austin alumni chapters made sure children's Christmas visions were fulfilled last December as alumni continued their holiday tradition of community service. About 30 alumni in Dallas, like Frank Moore, hs '63 (above), volunteered with The Salvation Army, sorting gifts and supplies for the organization's Angel Tree project to benefit local families in need. In the same spirit of service, eight volunteers from the Austin chapter collected 100 pounds of food — pasta, tuna, soup, veggies and more — and delivered enough food for 80 meals to Capital Area Food Bank. — L.M.

When Alma (De Leon) Santos, ’96 (opposite, right), was a freshman at St. Edward’s University, she had a difficult time adjusting to college life. Santos also lacked direction when it came to her career goals. But when she entered the university’s Community Mentor Program that same year, she saw the difference she could make by mentoring elementary school children. “I encountered children from many different backgrounds,” she said. “I decided to be the best mentor possible so I could have a greater impact.”

Santos began working hard at her own studies, in addition to guiding and teaching students at Houston Elementary School. She helped the young students in class with English comprehension, mathematics and reading. Outside the classroom, she organized an after-school tutoring program in the library and began a Girl Scout troop to teach girls how to become effective leaders.

After three years in CMP as a teacher, role model and friend, Santos realized her choice of a major was wrong for her, so she decided to major in Spanish and become a teacher — a decision she fulfills every day as a second-grade teacher at Clear Fork Elementary in Lockhart. And she continually uses skills she learned as a mentor. “CMP taught me to be responsible and have compassion for everyone,” she said.

But the story doesn’t end here.

In 1995, an eight-year-old girl experienced Santos’ compassion.

To Alondra Amaya, ’07 (opposite, left), Santos was “Ms. De Leon” and her mentor. Amaya had a limited English vocabulary and would often use homemade flashcards to increase her language ability. When Santos began mentoring in Amaya’s class, she helped Amaya with her English by reading to her and translating parts of the textbook into Spanish. During their year together, Amaya “blossomed tremendously, academically and socially,” said Santos. “Alondra had a willingness and perseverance to overcome obstacles.”

When Amaya started high school, she faced another obstacle — what to do when she graduated. Part of her was tired of school and found the idea of college unappealing, but she thought back to elementary school and how Santos had shown her that there were opportunities outside the neighborhood she lived in. As she reflected on her past and future, Amaya remembered wanting “to be just like Ms. De Leon when I grow up.” She committed herself to college and enrolled at St. Edward’s University.

She completed her first semester at St. Edward’s last December. She also finished her first semester as a CMP mentor at Houston Elementary School — the same school where she first met Santos. Even with a full-time job and a full class schedule, Amaya finds time to mentor 12 hours a week. “I love working with the kids,” she said. “Alma had a big impact in my life, and I hope I can do the same with my kids.”

This semester, Amaya is mentoring a seven-year-old boy struggling to learn English. When the teacher works with other students, Amaya and the boy go to the library to work on his reading and writing. Just as she once made flashcards for herself, she now uses flashcards to teach her student the alphabet. “He’s learned seven letters since I started working with him,” she said.

And the story continues.

To learn more about CMP, visit www.stedwards.edu/cpell/cmp.
Alma (De Leon) Santos, ’96, mentored Alondra Amaya, ’07, as part of the university’s Community Mentor Program in 1995 (above). Now, Amaya is a freshman at St. Edward’s and is a CMP mentor herself.
From the Archives
Are these your spirit fingers?
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Happy New Year, everyone! Sure, it’s now February, but 2005 brings so many new opportunities within Alumni Programs that we still have plenty to celebrate. First, on behalf of the entire Alumni Association, I’d like to extend heartfelt appreciation to Fred McNair, hs ’63, ’67; Ken Tedesco, ’71; Dario Gutierrez Jr., ’74; Chris Ryan, ’81; Father Ray John Marek, OMI, ’83; Bruce Mills, ’90; Annette Chavez, ’92; and Dawn Lotti-Martinez, ’92, for their terms of service on the Alumni Board. With their help, the board has become a strong and proactive group of leaders. We wish them the very best!

At the February board meeting, we welcomed eight new board members (see page 41). Also worthy of celebration this year are the tremendous accomplishments of alumni volunteers — recruiting all over the country, speaking with current students, organizing chapter events and more. This year’s Homecoming celebration features volunteer-driven reunions for the high school and university classes of ’55, ’65, ’70, ’80, ’94, ’95, ’96 and ’00! Through the work of alumni volunteers, we also welcomed three new alumni chapters this year: Washington, D.C., Chicago and our first-ever international chapter, in the Middle East. Read about what’s going on in these chapters on page 41.

With the help of Alumni Programs, the board has been working on new alumni services and opportunities. The Alumni Association web site is now more comprehensive and will soon undergo a redesign to make it even more accessible, interactive and appealing. Also, the Student Alumni Association enjoyed reinvigorated membership and hosted an unbelievable Fall Graduation Party (see story, page 7).

With all of these accomplishments, and so much more to come, I encourage every one of you to contact Alumni Programs and see how you can plug in, participate, volunteer and benefit from our association. Next year, we want to celebrate even more — and we want to have you as an integral part of the St. Edward’s University Alumni Association.

Eliseo Elizondo, ’87, MBA ’98
Chair, Alumni Association Board of Directors

Mike Prendergast, ’62, of Austin, met Deke Prendergast, ’63, of San Diego, Calif., and Tom Ryan, ’63, of Houston, in Ruidoso, N.M., in September for the Golden Aspen Motorcycle Rally.

Robert L. Zapalac, ’62, of Austin, retired in December 2002 after 30 years in practice as a psychiatrist for the Austin Diagnostic Clinic and continues to teach in the residency program at Seton Shoal Creek Hospital. He and his wife, Mary, are looking forward to traveling.

Brother Charles P. McBride, CSC, ’65, of Notre Dame, Ind., was honored with the President’s Medallion at the Catholic Academy for Communication Arts Professionals General Assembly in October 2004. The award recognizes lifetime achievement and service to Catholic communications. He retired last June after 23 years as communications director for the Archdiocese of Anchorage, Alaska, and now lives at Columba Hall where he is working on special projects in the Development Office of the Midwest Province of the Brothers of Holy Cross.

Edward C. Gleason, ’69, of Austin, retired last April from a 21-year career supervising a 10-member squad of court investigators and street supervision officers. Gleason served as the division firearms instructor, witness protection coordinator, and liaison to the metro gang task force and the Central Texas counterterrorism working group. He was honored for his service last March by the U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Probation Office for the Western District of Texas.

Bill Jackson, ’69, of Raleigh, N.C., is transitioning to Phoenix, Ariz., and is a project manager in hospital construction for Innova, a health care facilities consulting firm in Tucson and Austin.

Eliseo Elizondo, ’87, MBA ’98
Chair, Alumni Association Board of Directors

ALUMNI EVENTS

WASHINGTON, D.C.
March 17
President’s Reception
May
Community Service Project

DALLAS
March
Networking Happy Hour
April
Spring Community Service Project

AUSTIN
March 10
Networking Happy Hour
April
Community Service Project

For more information, click “Alumni” at www.stedwards.edu, or contact Director of Alumni and Parent Programs Kippi Griffith, MBA ’01, at kippig@admin.stedwards.edu.
JOEL ROMO, ’94

When the Alumni Association officially endorsed the Austin Alumni Chapter in October 2003, Joel Romo’s first thought was, “How can I help?” Now, as a chapter leader, Romo helps alumni get involved with the university and stay connected with each other.

A big part of his work is “promotion, promotion, promotion,” said Romo, who graduated with a BA in Political Science in 1994. He promotes the alumni network by planning events like monthly chapter meetings and the annual holiday service project (see story, page 35), which provide opportunities for alumni to reconnect with the university — and give back to the community.

Romo volunteers his time to the Austin chapter because he has seen firsthand the benefits of making connections. While working at the Texas Capitol, he made contacts with legislators and campaigns, and his network of friends and colleagues from St. Edward’s has continued to grow. “One door after another continued to open, never without a St. Edward’s connection,” said Romo, who is now chief of staff for Texas District 33 Rep. Vilma Luna.

Romo also got involved with the Austin chapter because of the many friendships he formed as a student at St. Edward’s. “I met some of my best friends on campus,” he said. “I have also kept in touch with many of the faculty and staff, and I feel like St. Edward’s is part of my family.”

And Romo’s family continues to grow. “With more than 7,000 alumni in the Austin area, it is time to tap into the resources this community has and the tools the Alumni Programs Office provides,” he said. “Working together, we can bring folks back on campus, get them involved, help recruit and promote what a powerful institution of higher education St. Edward’s is.”

Regardless of their class years or career paths, alumni share a St. Edward’s heritage, says Romo. “Renewing old friendships, making new ones and seeing the events we have turn into memorable functions speak volumes for what we as a chapter and a university can do by working together.”

— Lauren Montz, ’05

For information on Alumni Association events in your area, click “Alumni Association Chapters” at www.stedwards.edu/alumni or call 800-555-0164 or 512-448-8415.
UPDATE

Office News
Alumni Programs hosted several events last fall, including a “mini-reunion” for the classes of the 1970s, a luncheon at the fifth annual Natural Law Conference and the university’s 28th annual Festival of Lights ceremony.

Chapter News
Austin: The chapter hosted two networking happy hours with record attendance last fall. The chapter also sponsored a food drive and a volunteer day at the Capital Area Food Bank in December (see story, page 35). Spring activities include a continuing education event and on-campus volunteer opportunities.

Chicago: The chapter is hosting a community service project and outing in the spring.

Dallas: Dallas alumni (right) gathered for the chapter’s annual community service project for The Salvation Army in December (see story, page 35). Social events are in the works for spring.

Houston: Local volunteers are planning an alumni event to coincide with the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo in mid-March.

MBA: In October, the chapter co-hosted an event featuring Peggy Klaus, who spoke about self-promotion to more than 150 attendees. Spring events include a speaker series, monthly networking happy hours, an alumni panel and a wine-tasting social.

Rio Grande Valley: Alumni Programs and local volunteers are planning a spring reception for alumni and parents.

San Antonio: The chapter is hosting a guest speaker in the spring, as well as other networking opportunities.

Student Alumni Association: SAA hosted the second annual Fall Graduation Party (see story, page 7). Spring events include new member recruitment, continuing education programs and the Spring Graduation Party.

Washington, D.C.: The chapter was formally recognized as the first out-of-state alumni chapter in October at the Alumni Association Board of Directors meeting. Local volunteers are planning spring events including a visit from President George E. Martin and a community service project.

Other Alumni Events: Alumni gathered in Oceanside, N.Y., at Point Set Racquet Club, owned by Dan Dwyer, ’63, for an afternoon of tennis, lunch and fellowship in October.

Alumni also met in Evansville, Ind., in November to learn how to assist with out-of-state recruitment and other admission projects.

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FROM THE EDITOR

U.S. Navy Reserves with four more years in his commitment, and Carol works for Apple Computer. They chronicled the move on their web site at homepage.mac.com/ilaz/.

Cissy (Hernandez) Gamboa, ’94, and Marcel Gamboa Jr, ’95, are living in Buda, where she works for Austin Energy and he serves in the Austin Police Department. They can be reached at Gamboa35@juno.com.

Paul Leonardo, ’94, of Chicago, Ill., is a vice president with FMR Co., the parent company of Fidelity Investments, and is responsible for oversight of Fidelity’s mutual-fund production in the Midwest.

Rashad Saeed, ’95, of Pikesville, Md., recently completed his family medicine residency at UT-Houston. He and his family have moved to the Baltimore area, and he is pursuing a master’s degree in Public Health and completing a residency in occupational and environmental medicine at Johns Hopkins University.

Gregory P. Victor, ’95, of New York, N.Y., is working on Billy Joel’s Broadway show Movin’ Out as the dramaturge. The show is now casting for both the Broadway and touring productions and will be in Austin at the Bass Concert Hall in September.

J. Michael Bluhm, ’96, of San Antonio, opened Footprints Podiatric Medicine and Surgery in the San Antonio Medical Center in January.

C. Lausanne Renfro-Fernandez, ’96, of Johnson City, Tenn., is assistant professor of Psychology at East Tennessee State University.

Sheryl Lynn Roberts, ’96, of Hurst, completed an MBA in Management from the University of Texas at Arlington last May.

Nelda Talamantes, ’96, of Dallas, has been a plaintiff’s litigation attorney for asbestos and pharmaceutical litigation at Waters & Kraus LLP since August 2001.

Michelle Tran, ’96, of Cypress, is director of college relations at Cy-Fair College in Cypress.

Kenneth M. Free, ’97, of Round Rock, is a chemist for AnalySys Inc.
Take Me out to the … Golf Course

Alumni Programs and Athletics hosted the second annual Athletic Baseball Alumni Golf Tournament in October. In the morning, teams of four competed at South Austin’s Circle C Golf Course — Clint Plant, father of pitcher Casey Plant, ’07, and friends Scott Wiley, David Jones and Walter Garnett (right) took home the trophy with a score of 58 — and in the evening, participants gathered for a fajita buffet. The night before, coaches, players, alumni and parents honored senior players at a reception.

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■ Catch up with friends and faculty members
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A Northern Exposure

Dario Gutierrez Jr., ’74 (right), and former St. Edward’s chaplain Father Leroy Clementich, CSC — Father Clem to most — marked their 33rd year of traveling together last summer with a trip to Alaska’s Kobuk River, which is located above the Arctic Circle. Past adventures have taken the pair to Wyoming and Colorado, Italy, France, Switzerland, and Mexico. Next year’s itinerary? Two weeks of fly-fishing in Yakutat, Alaska.

counseling services to help students overcome educational barriers.

Saraswathi Bhaskar, MAHs ’99, of Tamil, India, has a private practice as a corporate coach and counselor in Chennai, India.

Angel (Nettleton) McGowan, ’00, of Weatherford, is a contracts negotiator at Lockheed Martin.

Joann J.J. Jefferson, ’01, of Austin, completed a master’s degree in Health Care Administration at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor last July. She hopes to one day teach Health Care Administration courses at St. Edward’s.

Kate Morris, ’01, of Spring, completed an MA in Clinical Psychology from Sam Houston State University in Huntsville in August.

Yuki (Prefume) Whitmire, ’01, is attending UCLA Law School and would like to hear from friends. She can be reached at ywhitmire@hotmail.com.

Ryan Zintgraff, MBA ’01, of Austin, was named vice president of sales and marketing for Symbiot last November. He has more than 11 years of marketing and sales management experience.

Susan Akin, ’02, MLA ’04, of Austin, spent three weeks in London last fall studying with the library director at Westminster Abbey. She was working on her Master of Liberal Arts thesis, Edward the Confessor, which chronicles the life of St. Edward, for whom the university is named.

Adam Conley, ’02, of Houston, began medical school at the UT–Health Science Center in August. Previously, he conducted stem cell research at Tulane University. His work was published by the Journal of Biochemistry and recognized by the International Society of Cellular Therapy.

Richard Gabaree, ’02, of Austin, was promoted to assistant vice president of private banking at Treaty Oak Bank in Austin in November.

Yamile Ortiz, ’02, of Austin, has started a business with her sister to distribute Chinese bamboo flooring in the United States. Visit her on the web at www.buybassi.com.

Joan R. Trimble, ’02, of Austin, is training manager in Instructional Technology at St. Edward’s. She began work on her MBA at St. Edward’s last spring.

Matt Abbott, ’03, of Bootham, York, United Kingdom, began work last September on a master’s degree in Public Policy at the University of York.

Brandon Benavides, ’03, of Tyler, graduated with an MA in Journalism from American University in Washington, D.C., in August. Last summer, he interned at Dateline NBC in Washington, D.C., and is now producing the 5 p.m. news broadcast for KETK 56.

Nathaniel “Nate” Biggs, ’03, of Austin, started a job in June as production manager with SpeedPro Imaging.

Matthew Bunce, ’03, of Houghton, Mich., won the National Council of Teachers of English ACE Award for his paper Literacy Practices of Learning Different Students in June at the Computers and Writing Conference in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Stephenie Corn, ’03, of Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, began work on her MFA in Graphic Design at the Academy of Art University in San Francisco, Calif., last fall via online courses.

Rachel Howell, ’03, of Round Rock, is in Germany for one year through a Fulbright Teaching Assistantship.

Emily Krepel, ’03, is earning her master’s degree in English Language Learning at the American Academy of English in Czestochowa, Poland. Once she completes the degree, she will be able to teach ELL worldwide.

Jon Molnoskey, ’03, and his wife, June, moved from Austin to Dallas in May. He is currently pursuing an MS in Real Estate from UT–Arlington and plans to graduate this spring.
ELIZABETH GALECKE, ’92

Elizabeth Galecke, ’92, has always loved taking photographs. Although she originally planned to study child psychology, she’s now celebrating nine years as a successful photographer in Raleigh, N.C. She began her business working seven days a week and doing everything by herself. Now, she has two full-time employees and one part-timer. “In nine years I have been able to really figure out what works and what doesn’t and make the business exactly what I want it to be,” she said.

Galecke recently received the Triangle Business Journal 40 Under 40 Leadership Award, which honors recipients’ accomplishments in business and contributions to the community. For the past eight years, Galecke has served on the planning committee for Picture This, an exhibit and auction of works by local artists that raises funds for Prevent Child Abuse North Carolina. She also donates her images of children for use in the nonprofit’s invitations, newsletters and annual reports.

In 2003, Galecke founded Chix in Business, now with 166 members, to “help women grow strong businesses, build friendships among peers in the business network and give back to the community through charity events.” And last year, Galecke teamed up with Luxe, a Raleigh boutique, to raise funds for Reflections, a bereavement program sponsored by the Hospice of Wake County that uses photography and writing to help children cope with grief. Luxe’s custom-made lip glosses honor local businesswomen committed to their communities — and all proceeds from Galecke’s lip gloss support Reflections.

The time she spent at St. Edward’s has been invaluable to her success, Galecke says. “The support and education I received from my professors helped me have the confidence to go out and do what I dreamed of doing,” she said. “And my friends who came from different parts of the world raised my cultural awareness and opened my mind in a way I had never experienced.”

— Rebecca Abbott, ’04

See more of Galecke’s photographs online at www.elizabethgalecke.com.

Live from Athens …

Working at the Olympic Games is a bit like being in a three-week-long scavenger hunt—Monopoly game. In Athens, as an additional challenge, one skill I acquired was being able to decipher street signs that were, well … Greek. And forget about keeping any semblance of a regular schedule. Work days stretch late into the night, with precious little sleep in between. You eat what you can, when you can, while guzzling copious amounts of coffee or Coke throughout the day just to stay sharp and focused.

One morning, I was awakened at 2 a.m. “How’s your French?” asked a colleague. “My French is fine. What’s up?” I replied. A group of attorneys for the U.S. Olympic Committee was frantically working on a case involving a grievance at an equestrian event. Their case had to be presented in French, and they wanted clarification on some of the finer points. At stake were potential medals for the U.S. equestrian team. I was glad to help, and although I went to sleep even later than usual that night, I did so with a certain feeling of satisfaction for having made a small and unexpected contribution.

Next day, I awoke to a doubly pleasant surprise. The grievance had been successfully argued — resulting in a team bronze and an individual silver medal for the United States. The “gold lining” to the story: The French team regained the top of the podium, which they had previously been denied, thus doubly validating my efforts. One never knows when one will need to use one’s French!

— Excerpted from a previously published essay by U.S. Olympic Press Officer Olivier J. Bourgoin, ’76, who has worked at six Olympic Games

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Regina Reese, ’03, of Austin, is working as an escrow associate at Stewart Title Austin Inc.

Bianca Aguilar, ’04, of Brockton, Mass., is participating in Holy Cross Associates, a yearlong post-graduate service program sponsored by the Congregation of Holy Cross. She coordinates volunteers and donations at MainSpring Coalition for the Homeless.

Corrie Alvarado, ’04, of Houston, is attending law school at the University of Houston.

Monica (Enriquez) Clem, ’04, of Houston, is assistant director of alumni relations and annual giving at the University of St. Thomas.
A fun vacation, volunteering, a job change — whatever your news, share it with friends and classmates via St. Edward’s University Magazine. Submit your news by March 15 to be considered for the next issue. If your address or other information has changed, please let us know.

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IN MEMORIAM

Eric L. Dahlstrom, hs ’45, ’50, of Manchaca, on Dec. 2.
Harold Kamrath, hs ’52, of Springhill, La., on March 29.
Kenneth McLaughlin Jr., hs ’67, of Houston, on Sept. 20.
John E. McKelvey, ’36, of Austin, on Dec. 2.
Wooten L. Young, ’45, of Austin, on April 7.
Irwin E. “Jim” Daily, ’51, of Houston, on Oct. 29.
Jerome F. Reese, ’65, of Jasper, on Oct. 22.
Alfred E. Selter, ’65, of Austin, on July 19.
Frank Zuik, ’65, of Cleveland, Ohio, on Sept. 23.
Carlos Otero, ’66, of San Antonio, on July 24.
Donald Borden, ’72, of San Antonio, on March 22.
Mary E. Zalesak, ’78, of Springfield, Va., on June 25.
Rachel D. Sornoff, ’84, of Austin, on Nov. 28.
Troy Eddie Mathis, ’93, of Segoville, on July 16.
Emily J. Zukowski, ’02, of New Orleans, La., on Dec. 22.
Jeffrey Ryan Williams, MAC ’04, of Lakeway, on May 2.

AND THE SNEAKERS BELONG TO …

David Noblet, ’69, of Dallas, who sent us this letter:
The basketball shoes in the middle-right section of the picture on page 37 [of the Fall 2004 issue of St. Edward’s University Magazine] belong to me. I played on the freshman basketball team during the 1965–1966 school year. The picture was taken by either Raymond Spinhirne, ’69, or Daryl Vargyas, ’69, who were also in my class and were staying in Andre Hall with me. The shoes near mine belonged to Russell “Jeff” Burns, ’67, and Tom Berry, ’69. Joe Beck, ’58, was our coach.

I graduated from St. Edward’s in 1969 with a BS in Mathematics and Texas Teacher Certification. However, I ended up being employed by Southwestern Bell Telephone (now SBC) for 32 years and retired in 2001. I do some consulting, some house painting and some work for St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Dallas, and my wife, Jane, has her own CPA personnel business. Our daughters, Nancy and Karen, are grown and married.

I owe so much to St. Edward’s and, specifically, the Brothers of Holy Cross, who have given their life to God and the education of young men and women. Their reward in heaven will be great, I know.
Can’t wait for a peek inside the new
John Brooks Williams
Natural Sciences Center?

Then you won’t want to miss the virtual
tour of the building. To view it online,
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Here’s what you’ll see:
■ Spacious classrooms and labs
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