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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

A new year is a time for reflection; a time to look back on our many achievements and ahead to future challenges.

2005 has been somewhat different, however. We assessed where we are at Cabrini, but we also took time to pray for the victims of the tsunami disaster. We prayed that those who lost loved ones would find strength and hope during this unprecedented time of destruction and loss. And, along with other plans for the upcoming semester, we began formulating relief efforts, now underway on campus. We ask that you, too, remember the tsunami victims, as they continue to rebuild their lives.



A commitment to service and preparing our students for responsible citizenry and civic engagement is the hallmark of who we are at Cabrini. Our students perform community service as part of their educations, however, many go far beyond what is required. In this issue, we highlight some of our remarkable

students whose service is exemplary and inspirational. These individuals embody what it means to be truly Cabrinian, truly human. I am sure you will be inspired by their stories.

Also in this issue, we highlight some of the events being held on campus that give our students insight into critical world issues. We have welcomed speakers from the Middle East and have debated both sides of the political platforms that marked this past year's historic presidential election. By bringing these critical issues to the forefront of our students' education, we prepare them to make informed, intelligent choices, now and in the future.

On another note, all Cabrini alumni and friends recently received a calendar of events for this semester. The College prides itself on offering a variety of events designed to meet all interests: lectures, workshops, liturgical services, performing arts, fine arts and athletic competitions. I often see alumni, friends, parents and Board members at these events. Those alumni—particularly those who live in the area—who have not recently returned to campus are missing a great deal. The College has grown and changed dramatically, yet we have preserved the familial sense of community you remember.

The new Center for Science, Education and Technology (SET) is nearing completion and is a beautiful addition to our campus. The Bruckmann Chapel of Saint Joseph has been refurbished, and there are now scoreboards adorning our athletic fields. Cabrini is retooling for the technological future that lies ahead. We are proud of what we have accomplished and welcome the opportunity to share it with you.

The Cabrini College community thrives when everyone stays involved. With your participation, we are complete. We hope you will remain connected and retain a vital part of your past. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Antoinette Iadarola". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Antoinette Iadarola
President

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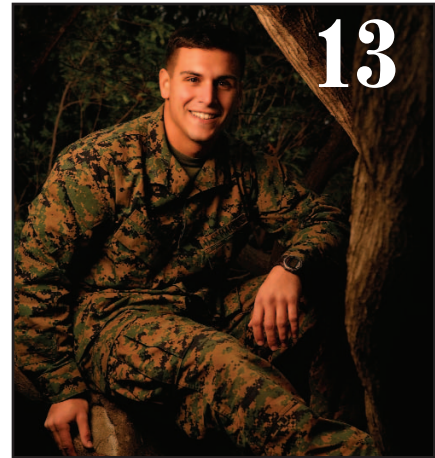
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Cabrini LETTERS to the Editor

To The Editor,

I was hoping you might help clear something up for me. I read with horror in the most recent edition of *Cabrini, The Magazine* that Cabrini had sponsored a viewing of “Fahrenheit 9/11” as part of the College’s efforts to “get out the vote.” I noted that at the top of the page it said “nonpartisan events” were being sponsored. However, when it comes to “F9/11,” nowhere was it mentioned that Cabrini made any effort to balance this particular film with another that was based on an opposing point of view—one that might help “get out” a vote that, horror, might be Republican!

If the College did balance the sides, I will be greatly relieved and thrilled. If you are in a position to let me know, can you tell me what happened with all of this? For example, did Rock the Vote or someone with the College have people on the panel to present the opposing side? Was the other side represented? Were the many factual inaccuracies in this particular film pointed out?

Thanks so much.

Christy Cox, Class of 1980

Dear Christy,

Thank you for your e-mail and for being a careful reader of our magazine! During this election year, we were very pleased to recognize, as student organizations, a group of College Republicans and a Student Democrats Association. Both were very positive and active in bringing programs and speakers to campus that supported the positions of their respective parties. We were also pleased with the level of respect and civility our students demonstrated in allowing all sides of the various issues to be heard. While the magazine article that you’re referencing was published in advance of the program, we did work with the College Republicans to assist them in bringing the film, “Stolen Honor” to campus and in bringing representatives from the group, Vietnam Veterans for Truth.

The speakers and the film—shown Friday evening, October 22—attracted a considerable number of students and members of the surrounding community. It is important to note that we held the program, despite some public theaters canceling their scheduled showings after a person in the film threatened litigation and, after we had received several phone calls from people who did not think the film should be shown here. As with “Fahrenheit 9/11,” our position was that as an educational institution, we are committed to learning, which requires us to provide opportunities for our students to examine all sides of any given issue or debate.

I hope this assures you that the College was, indeed, non partisan in its approach to facilitating the programs and activities of the College Republicans and the Student Democrats, this past semester. We were delighted at the level of interest our students displayed in the election and were happy to support their efforts, regardless of their political affiliation. Thank you again for your concern and interest.

Sincerely,

Dr. Christine Lysionek

Vice President for Student Development

Dear Dr. Lysionek,

That is MUSIC to my ears. Thank you so much for addressing my concerns so quickly and respectfully. I am delighted by Cabrini’s obvious efforts to allow students a full range of discussion and voice, during a critical election cycle. I am very proud of my College.

Thank you for alleviating my concerns.

Sincerely,

Christy Cox

Cabrini NEWS

A Plan for Peace

Communication between the United States and the Middle East is the key to eliminating terrorism and ending the Iraqi war. That was the message of two guest speakers who lectured at Cabrini this past fall. Michael Berg, West Chester, Pa., resident and the father of Nicholas Berg—an American engineer who was kidnapped and killed in Iraq—said that the only good thing about his son's death was that the news coverage he got gave him an opportunity to communicate.

Berg gave several examples of how personal conversations with Middle Easterners that he, and others he knows, have had, helped foster mutual understanding and appreciation of the two respective cultures. "When Nick died, we got thousands of condo-

lences," he said. "Many were from Arabs and Muslims, who asked that we not judge their entire culture by the acts of terrorists. ...I never thought the war in Iraq would affect me personally, but it did. If you have a message in your heart, I urge you to communicate it now."

Dr. Jalel ben Rhaïem, a professor of American studies at the University of Sfax in Tunisia, told the gathering that, indeed, dialogue between the two cultures can only improve relations, however, it needs to be based on respect for differences. Rhaïem said there is a commonly held belief that Islam and democracy cannot be compatible. He disagrees and gave examples of how the two governments might co-exist. Rhaïem's visit was part of the Fulbright Visiting Scholar program,



(left) Dr. Jalel ben Rhaïem and Michael Berg discuss peace in the Middle East. Berg's son, Nick, was kidnapped and killed in Iraq last year.

"Direct Access to the Muslim World." Cabrini was one of 33 colleges and universities in the nation selected to host a Fulbright Visiting Specialist from a Muslim country. ☺

Examining Post-Saddam Iraq

Two Iraqi activists, who have experienced Saddam Hussein's government and the post-war rebuilding process, spoke at Cabrini, this past semester.



Ahhood Al-Fadhil is a women's rights advocate and the first female elected to Al-Tahsinniyya, a

new district government in the city of Basra, where she lives. Besides her civic duties, Al-Fadhil is helping advance the position of women by writing a women's newsletter on pub-

lic affairs and serving as communications director of a women's society. She also co-founded a society that helps educate women in rural areas.

Al-Fadhil recalled how she was denied the right to work under Saddam's regime, even though she holds an advanced degree in journalism. She spoke of how her family suffered under Saddam: Two of her brothers were killed, and she, her husband and their two children were imprisoned, when Saddam learned her mother-in-law was of Iranian decent. The activist said she has accomplished more for

women since Iraq's liberation, than she had in the past 20 years.

Dr. Fouad Baban

runs the emergency ward at Sulaymaniyah Hospital in Iraq's northern region of Kurdistan. He is a leading expert on the chemical weapons used against the Kurds. He told chilling stories of the health effects of the biochemical attacks there and of the work he does with rape victims from the Saddam era. ☺



A Newsworthy Newspaper Book

In a perfect world, college students would have time to read all the classics, not only to fulfill assignments, but simply for pleasure. Reading poets and authors like Dickinson, Thoreau and Whitman, teachers say, helps students think critically, solve problems and become more proficient writers.

But today's students are usually on "information overload." They are required to learn an unprecedented amount of information from an ever-growing body of knowledge. When they do get snippets of free time, they are much more apt to pick up a newspaper than a book by Chaucer or Shakespeare.

That's one reason three Cabrini professors joined forces to create *The Newspaper Reader: Reading, Writing and Thinking about Today's Events*. Dr. Charlie McCormick, dean for academic affairs; Dr. Seth Frechie and Dr. Hal Halbert, associate and assistant professor, English/Communication, respectively, wrote a textbook for first-year English composition teachers looking for ways to improve their reading and writing skills. "Newspapers are current, they're engaging and they're relevant to students' lives," says Frechie. "And papers are a wonderful introduction to getting students to be regular readers and more literate members of society."

The book examines three types of newspaper writing: the news article, the editorial and the feature article. This cross section of genres enables students to critique the media perspective that any one article reflects. "Students shouldn't accept at face value one perspective," adds Frechie. "They need to think critically about what they have read."



Newly published authors of the Newspaper Reader (from left) Dr. Charlie McCormick, Dr. Hal Halbert and Dr. Seth Frechie review regional newspapers. The three collaborated on the book, which looks at daily newspaper reading as a way of improving writing, critical thinking and reading skills. McCormick is assistant professor of English and dean for academic affairs, Halbert and Frechie are assistant and associate professor, English/communication (respectively).

"The book teaches students how to be good critical readers of the newspaper," says Halbert. "They will hear this information anyway, but by reading different types of articles, students get a sense of how the articles work together to provide a total impression. That empowers students, and they begin to understand how they might be manipulated by what slant is being brought to a story. It also crushes the myth of neutrality, of unbiased writing in newspapers, and makes students more critical evaluators of the world around them."

Frechie says the book is an extension of what is already being taught in writing competency courses at Cabrini. The authors' hope is that students won't stop at newspapers, but go on to develop more committed reading habits. Scheduled for release this year, the book has been enthusiastically accepted for publication by Pearson Prentice-Hall of New York, one of the

country's leading textbook publishers. It is being marketed nationally, and in some areas will be packaged with daily editions of *The New York Times*.

The process, from concept to publication, went smoothly, the authors say, except for choosing a cover photo. It is now an engaging, colorful collage of actual newspaper headlines, but started out as a photo of a person drinking coffee and reading a paper. "We went several rounds before we came to an agreement on that," says Halbert.

As for a second book, the three say they enjoyed working together and believe it was a great experience for Cabrini student-researchers, Laura Dawidziuk '07, Ashlee Lensmeyer '05 and William Tobin '03. Right now, they are still reeling, but say they may consider collaborating on another project in the future. They plan to update this book every several years. ☺

A Gift of Love

The new holy water font, recently donated to Cabrini, was truly a gift from the heart. It was given by Linda Cennamo '70, an active alumna and class agent, who says she feels a very deep connection with Cabrini College.

While attending a leadership conference at the College, Cennamo went into the Bruckmann Chapel of Saint Joseph to see the renovations. It was then she learned of the

need for the font. "Cabrini holds a special place in my heart," she says. "I remember going to Mass in the College chapel with my friends, and I received my first Holy Communion at the altar that is now in the Bruckmann Chapel." (The altar had been in Mother Cabrini High School in New York, which Cennamo attended, before Mother Ursula had it moved to Radnor.)

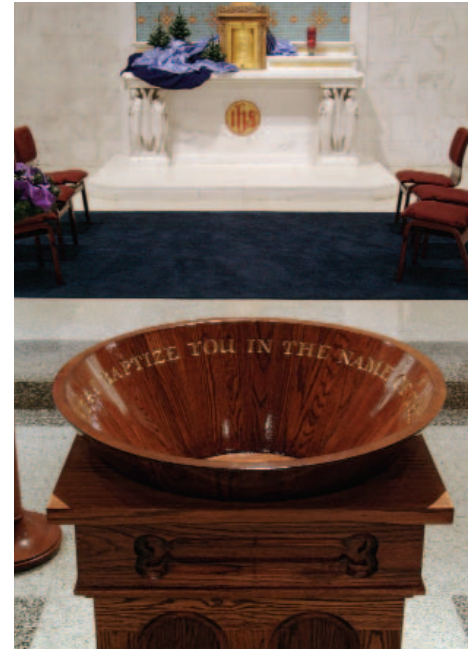
"The chapel looks so beautiful, and the holy water font was the last of the furnishings that were needed, so I decided that would be a fitting gift."

Now, as a teacher, Cennamo says she realizes how valuable her Cabrini education has been. "It was the very least I could do to give back to such a wonderful institution," she says. "The chapel looks so beautiful, and the holy water font was the last of the furnishings that

were needed, so I decided that would be a fitting gift." The font was designed by area artist Tom Hazard and built by renowned craftsman Frank Infanti, husband of Cabrini alumna

Barbara Levay Infanti '85 and owner of Frank's Cabinets in Havertown, Pa. Infanti also built the altar and ambo that are now in the chapel.

Father Michael Bielecki, O.S.A., Cabrini's chaplain, explains that blessing oneself with holy water upon entering a chapel or church is a reminder of Christian baptism. "The sacraments are very significant in the church," Bielecki says,



"and baptism is the first one; the one that prepares us to participate in all of the others."

Cennamo says she may eventually ask that the font be dedicated to her parents. "After all," she says, "they were the ones who had the foresight to suggest I go to such a wonderful College." ☩

Reaching Out to Neighbors



A sign identifying the location of Cabrini College in Norristown is hung by David Chiles, coordinator of service learning resources (rear), Michaela McGowan '05 and Philip Nicolo '07. The new center is an outgrowth of the many educational partnerships the College has established with organizations in nearby Norristown. In addition to other emerging projects, Cabrini students volunteer with the city's Habitat for Humanity, Big Brothers and Big Sisters and the Police Athletic League. They also tutor in the school district, volunteer with the homeless at the Hospitality Center and tutor elementary students in English as a Second Language at ACLAMO: an after-school program.

The new center will enable the College to enhance existing Norristown partnerships and establish new ones. Cabrini is also looking at designing research projects that will give students practical experience, while gathering data to help enhance the growth and fund-raising capabilities of community partners. ☩

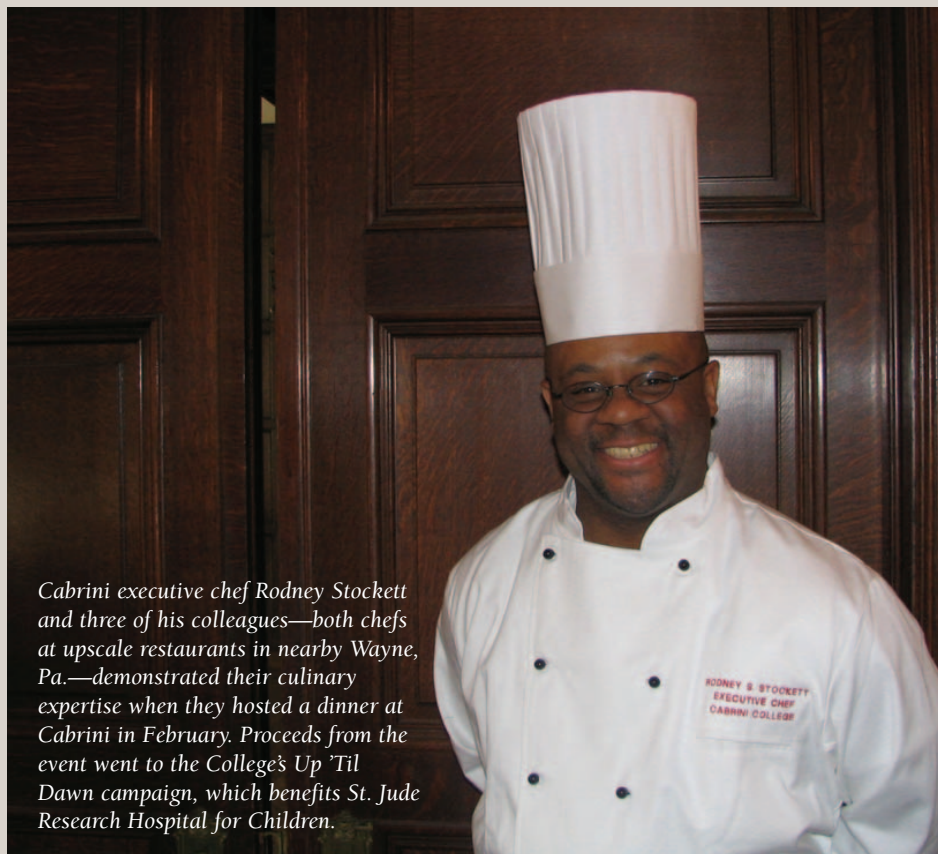
A Second Helping

There's no doubt about it; Rodney Stockett loves being in the kitchen. Cabrini's executive chef says he never tires of, say, baking a sky-high soufflé or whisking together a perfect beurre blanc sauce. And he loves dishing up a second plateful.

Except for his family, Stockett's first love is cooking. There is one other thing, however, that the Philadelphia resident is passionate about; he won't rest until everybody—and he means absolutely everybody—has food to eat when they are hungry. So when not at the stove, Stockett travels far and wide to lecture on world hunger. In fact, he recently returned from Aruba. "It's part of the responsibility that comes with working in the culinary industry," he says. "I usually talk about food and the impact it has on people's lives, particularly in the country I'm in, and I relay stories of the poverty and hunger I've seen."

And he has seen more than his share. The son of an Air Force colonel, Stockett was born in Japan and lived all over the globe. He saw the *favelas** in South America, the ghettos in Europe and the impoverished areas of Mexico. But it wasn't until his family moved to New Jersey that he first saw poverty take on a human face.

As a young teen there, Stockett played football with a group for friends. One Saturday, when he and a teammate met to throw the ball around, Stockett saw the tiny shack his friend called home. "We always lived on an Air Force base in really nice housing," he says, "so I had never



Cabrini executive chef Rodney Stockett and three of his colleagues—both chefs at upscale restaurants in nearby Wayne, Pa.—demonstrated their culinary expertise when they hosted a dinner at Cabrini in February. Proceeds from the event went to the College's Up 'Til Dawn campaign, which benefits St. Jude Research Hospital for Children.

known anyone who had to live like that. I was shocked. Right then and there, I promised myself I would give to those who had less than I did, as soon as I had the means to do so."

Stockett never forgot his promise. He attended James Madison University, in Virginia, on an athletic scholarship, and went on to the Restaurant School in Philadelphia. He wrote a book, is pursuing publishing it, and worked in several prestigious, downtown Philadelphia restaurants, including the Ritz-Carlton. It was there he met a pastry chef named Christina, who eventually became his wife.

Early in their careers, both donated their time to charitable causes, and about three years ago, when the Stockett's first daughter, Sara, was born, the couple began giving 10 percent of their income to charity. They also give regularly to the scholar-athlete program at James Madison. "At Madison, it's not all about athletics, it's more about education and building the whole person," he says. "I had a wonderful experience there, so I want to help others do the same. If I help someone, and that person helps someone, and so on, we can do a lot of good in this world."

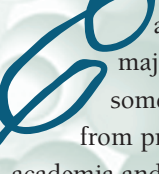
These days, when Stockett goes on the road, he adds another component to his

lectures: He talks about his new cooking show, “Soul Cuisine on Tour,” featuring “The Color of Food,” which will soon be airing nationwide on cable television. Stockett’s show will be one segment of an existing program, “The Clio Exchange,” which features extraordinary African-Americans in everyday life. The title of his show, Stockett says, is a play on words. “In my experience, there are very few African-American chefs,” he says. “And I also wanted to make the point that there really is no one color of food. It’s every color, just like the people of the world. And food, and the love of it, is something we all share. Instead of focusing on our differences, this show will focus on the food that brings people together.” He says he’ll cook up some everyday foods along with things that many people don’t know much about, like escargot. He also is thinking of doing scallops for the audience. “Most people tend to overcook them,” he says, “so I want to set them straight.”

Ten percent of the profits from the show will go to children’s hospitals around the country, and in February, Stockett and two of his chef-friends, from the area, hosted a dinner at Cabrini’s Mansion to benefit the College’s Up ’Til Dawn campaign, which benefits Saint Jude Children’s Research Hospital in Tennessee.

“I am so blessed,” he says. “I have a wonderful wife, two beautiful daughters—Josephina was born six months ago—and a career that I love. And that career gives me power. Not the Donald Trump kind of power, but national exposure that enables me to raise money for those less fortunate. I don’t know the numbers; I’m no expert. But I do know we need to do all we can to help others.”

Seniors Take a Look into the Future



Cabrini College senior science majors are learning about some of today’s latest research, from professionals working in academia and the pharmaceutical industry.

The lectures—offered for the first time at the College—are part of Science Department Chair and associate professor Dr. Sherry Fuller-Espie’s senior seminar class. The program was sponsored by Cabrini’s Science Department and supported by a \$2.7 million grant from the SouthEastern Pennsylvania Consortium for Higher Education (SEPCHE). The grant, which was shared with the other seven SEPCHE schools, is also funding Cabrini’s DNA workshops for area teachers, and instrumentation and math software for the College’s new Center for Science, Education and Technology (SET).

The Senior Seminar Lecture Series began with six lectures designed to enhance students’ classroom and laboratory learning. A wide range of topics was covered, including HIV vaccine research, DNA, and the stem cell research debate. Scientists and scholars from Villanova University, Johnson & Johnson and Merck led the discussions.

“Our senior science majors are currently working on their senior theses,” says Dr. Sherry Fuller-Espie. “They are expected to read scientific literature, accurately summarize the findings then report them to their peers. The speakers reinforce the importance of having the good oral communication skills needed in scientific seminars, as well as the

need for proficient skills in science writing.”

Biology and pre-med major Heather St. Amour ’05, says she now understands how most of the concepts students learn in immunology and microbiology can later be applied in graduate or medical school. “I am enjoying all of the lectures, but my favorite was one given by a scientist from Johnson & Johnson,” St. Amour says. “She spoke on how drugs get from the laboratory to the druggist’s shelf, and she explained why many of them never make it. She even explained how chili peppers are being used to develop new pain-easing drugs.”

Students taking lower-level science courses are invited to attend, as is the general public. “The material is somewhat intense for first-, second- and third-year students, but I believe the earlier students begin understanding scientific data, the easier it will be for them to complete their senior theses,” says Fuller-Espie. “And, the lectures help stimulate interest and ideas.”

The program is continuing this semester, with guest lecturers Dr. James Kane of GlaxoSmithKline, who will talk on science in a pharmaceutical company; Greg Kulnis ’02, who works at Merck and discussed the rotavirus; and Dr. Naren Chrimule of Merck, who will speak on the process of designing a vaccine.

For more information, contact Dr. Sherry Fuller-Espie at: sfuller-espie@cabrini.edu.

Up 'Til Dawn

Megan Beauduy '05 is rarely seen around campus without her button declaring, "I ♥ St. Jude Kids." Since signing on as the executive director of Cabrini's Up 'Til Dawn campaign, to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, St. Jude kids have become a priority in Beauduy's life.

Last winter, Cabrini's Office of Student Activities asked Beauduy to organize an Up 'Til Dawn campaign on campus. She knew the task was big, but she also knew the pay off would be even bigger. Beauduy recruited Sarah Boyle '05, and Elizabeth Ritter '05 as her assistant directors, and along with their Executive Board, they took the campus by storm.

Up 'Til Dawn is a student-led year-round fund-raising event that culminates in a 12-hour finale, on March 18, 2005, which will be a celebration for the 130 students that participated in the event. A patient from St. Jude's will

attend the party, serving as a reminder of whom the students worked hard for, all year long.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Tennessee is the largest childhood cancer research center in the world, with the most number of patients enrolled and successfully treated. St. Jude has approximately 4,500 patients currently on active status and daily operation costs that top \$1 million a day. If a family cannot afford health care, the child is not turned away; all costs not covered by health insurance are picked up by the hospital.

August's Move-in weekend kicked off the fund-raising frenzy, with a "kiss your kids goodbye" campaign that sold Hershey Kisses to parents for their sons or daughters. Car washes, collection jars, dances and a dodgeball tourna-

ment rounded out campus fund raisers this semester. Cabrini chef, Rodney Stockett and two of his colleagues volunteered their culinary expertise for an Up 'Til Dawn benefit dinner in February.

The centerpiece of the campaign, however, is letter-writing parties. Members of five-student teams meet and write letters to 50 family members and/or friends, asking for donations for St. Jude.



Since its inception in 1998, Up 'Til Dawn has raised more than \$3 million on more than 100 college campuses. This first year, Beauduy and her Executive Board did not set a monetary goal, but they are setting the bar for future years. The total amount raised will be announced at the March finale. Beauduy promises everyone will be surprised at what the College has been able to accomplish.

Up 'Til Dawn will be accepting donations until March 18. Checks can be written to Cabrini Up 'Til Dawn and may either be dropped off at the Office of Student Activities, Widener Center, or mailed to Cabrini College. ☎



Up 'Til Dawn Executive Board members Megan Beauduy '05, Elizabeth Ritter '05, and Sarah Boyer '05 with a St. Jude patient at the Up 'Til Dawn finale at Villanova University last spring

Democrats and Republicans Clubs Begin Anew on Campus

Last fall, Cabrini's campus was blanketed with Bush '04, and Kerry '04 signs. Politics was the hot topic on campus; everyone was caught up in the presidential election. Every day there was some political event: voter registration drives, student debates or viewings of the anti-Bush movie, "Fahrenheit 9/11" and the anti-Kerry movie, "Stolen Honor." Political interest was the highest the College had seen in a long time.

Feeling there was a lot of interest in politics, but not an instrument to voice their concerns, two students, Julia Knudsen '07 and Ryan Cox '06 set out to form student Republican and Democratic clubs. There had been similar clubs at the College in the past, but none that had much staying power. They were formed during past presidential elections, but quickly dissipated after the election, as students' interest in politics began to wane.

Knudsen, working with a field representative from the national College Republicans organization, recruited more than 100 students. She and two other Cabrini College Republicans also received internships at the local Bush/Cheney campaign headquarters in Radnor, through the College Republicans. Since the election, the College Republicans number 13 active members, and has plans for many activities in the works, including fund-raisers for the tsunami victims and several lectures. Some members went to Washington, D.C. for President Bush's inauguration.

Cox, who always had an interest in politics, decided to start the Student Democrat Association. Weekly meetings are held, and Cox emphasizes that the club is not only about campaigning during a presidential



(from left) Governor Edward G. Rendell, singer/songwriter Carole King, "West Wing" actress Melissa Fitzgerald, and Democratic Congressional candidate, Paul Scoles make a pre-election stop at Cabrini.

election; politics matter every year and every day. Cox and the 17-member club believe that when it comes to politics, you need to get out and talk to people in order to get things done. The Student Democrats have plans to tutor at elementary schools and to visit area nursing homes throughout the year.

Four days before the election, the Student Democrat Association welcomed Governor Edward G. Rendell to campus. His stop at Cabrini was part of the PA Victory '04 campaign for John Kerry. President Iadarola invited both President Bush and Senator Kerry to campus, however, only Kerry's camp responded by sending the governor to speak.

To start the morning off, Cox introduced Paul Scoles, the Democrat candidate for Pennsylvania's Seventh Congressional District. Scoles' speech set the stage for the main attraction: Governor Rendell. Joined

by singer/songwriter Carole King and "West Wing" actress Melissa Fitzgerald, Rendell got the crowd pumped up, emphasizing the importance of their vote. The morning ended with King leading the audience in a rendition of "You've Got a Friend."

While all the excitement continued inside Grace Hall, members of the College Republicans were outside with Bush/Cheney signs. Ever the sign of a bipartisan effort, members of the Student Democrat Association went outside and invited the College Republicans to hear what Governor Rendell had to say. Some College Republicans joined the crowd inside.

Although they represent different political parties, Knudsen and Cox share a common goal: to maintain the political interest at Cabrini well past the presidential election. They believe politics matter every day, not just every four years. ☺

Annual Cabrini College Golf Classic



You're in the midst of a dreary winter, and you are probably also looking for a chance to get out on the links pretty soon. If you enjoy good rounds of golf, with good friends and for a good cause, why not attend the 16th Annual Cabrini College Golf Classic? This year's classic will be held on Wednesday, May 4, 2005, at Sunnybrook Golf Club in Plymouth Meeting, Pa.

The Classic, generously sponsored by The Haverford Trust Company, has become the College's single most successful fund-raising event. By joining us, you will be supporting the Cabrini Annual Fund, which provides services for our most important resource—our students. With your help, we will continue the success we have experienced from this vital fund-raising event.

Sunnybrook Golf Club has been acknowledged as one of the most challenging courses in the area and this classic Donald Ross design continues to earn its reputation as one of the best private clubs in the region. Over the years, Sunnybrook has hosted the USGA Senior Men's Amateur Championship and the USGA Ladies Amateur Championship and this year will host the Pennsylvania Open Championship.

Interested? Go to www.cabrini.edu, and click on the **16th Annual Cabrini College Golf Classic icon**. You'll find all the information you need to sponsor or attend this dynamic event. We hope to see you on the links! ☺

Cabrini Names New Vice President

Mark T. Osborn has been named vice president for enrollment management at Cabrini College, after serving as interim vice president since September.

Prior to Cabrini, Osborn was the vice president for operations at Miller/Cook Associates, Inc., a consulting firm specializing in admissions and enrollment management for higher education. During his six years at Miller/Cook, Osborn served as an on-site manager and consultant for enrollment management at more than 35 colleges and universities, most recently at Immaculata University, University of New England and Chestnut Hill College.

No stranger to Cabrini, Osborn served as interim vice president for enrollment management for two years, starting in 2000. During that time, Osborn exceeded enrollment goals for each of the three incoming classes for which he was responsible and posted record enrollment

numbers for the College.

Before entering higher education, Osborn enjoyed a successful military

career, which included teaching and training future military leaders, mostly in Latin America.

Osborn earned his bachelor's degree in criminology and Spanish from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, and a master's degree in business administration, and master's degree in information systems from LaSalle University.

A Philadelphia area native, Osborn returned to Delaware County in 1986 where he and his wife, Michele, raised their five sons. Two sons are currently serving as military officers, one of whom is about to return from a 15-month tour of combat duty in Iraq. ☺



Katie Couric, of the "Today" show, takes a moment to pose with three Cabrini resident assistants (RAs) on the Plaza outside the NBC studios in New York City. (from left) Claudia Sciandra '06, Kristen Getka '05 and Kristen Catalanotto '06 got Couric's attention by holding up a Cabrini College sign and telling Couric they are college RAs. The "Today" show host was also an RA at her alma mater, the University of Virginia.

A Gift for the Future

The first thing Rebecca Bradbeer '94 noticed when she came to Cabrini was the architecture. Like others visiting the campus for the first time, she marveled at the style and beauty of the buildings. But what really caught her eye was the ramp that connects Founder's Hall and the Widener Center. As soon as she saw it, she got the feeling that Cabrini might be the perfect school for her. It turned out she was right.

Bradbeer has been in a wheelchair all of her life, as a result of cerebral palsy. Never one to let that stop her, she enrolled at an area college. But her experience there was, as she describes it, "far less than pleasant." Even though that first college had recruited her in high school, the staff did not care to meet her special needs and asked her not to return after her freshman year. She visited Cabrini in 1989, and in 1994, graduated with a bachelor's degree in social work.

A bit gun shy after her previous college experience, Bradbeer found Cabrini's outstanding professors, its high academic standards and its willingness to accommodate her needs a wonderful change. To show her deep gratitude, the Berwyn, Pa., resident recently endowed the Rebecca H. Bradbeer Social Work Scholarship, to be given annually to a third- or fourth-year social work major in good academic standing.

The idea for endowing a scholarship came from Martha Dale, alumni coordinator for Cabrini's 50th anniversary and

former director of alumni affairs at the College. Bradbeer became friends with Dale as a Cabrini student, and when Dale suggested endowing a scholarship, Bradbeer immediately agreed. "Giving to others is very much a part of my nature, but giving to a college and on this scale was something I simply never thought of," says Bradbeer. "But I'm overjoyed to be able to do it. Cabrini is a very special place."

The alumna says she doesn't work at a 9-to-5 job, but rather, "works at living." She is on the board of trustees at the HMS School in Philadelphia, a school for children with cerebral palsy, and she is a volunteer at Peter's Place, in Berwyn, a center for grieving children and their families. Bradbeer also keeps busy doing physical exercise and water therapy, and she goes horseback riding once a week.

This past November, Bradbeer presented the \$25,000 scholarship endowment gift to the College. "This gift has

taken me from the sidelines and made me an active participant in the work being done here at Cabrini," she says. "Giving this gift has opened a whole new world for me. It was the solidifying

factor. I am extremely fortunate to live in the manner that I do, so this type of giving may just be my calling." ☺

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When One Door Closes, Another One Opens

Even when the mercury dips into the single digits, Viktoriya Kalesnikava does not feel the cold. The Belarus native is used to bone-chilling temperatures and gray winter skies. In fact, by Belarus standards, Pennsylvania is very warm—in more ways than one.

Kalesnikava says the reception she received at Cabrini is unlike any she has ever experienced. She writes, “Sometimes I feel like the happiest person in the whole world, because I do really realize that it is magic that happened to me! I was very warmly met by all the people at Cabrini.”

Last fall, Kalesnikava knew nothing of Cabrini when she first stepped foot on campus. She came to America at the beginning of the summer to work at the New Jersey shore for a few months. Her plan was to return to Belarus to begin her fourth year of studies at European Humanities University (EHU) in Minsk. She was enjoying her last few weeks in America, until one day, a friend of Kalesnikava read on the Internet that her university was shut down.

At first she didn't believe her friend; she thought it was a joke. But unfortunately it was true. Kalesnikava was among 1,000 students from the former Soviet republic of Belarus who became academic refugees when their government abruptly closed the country's only private university in a bitter dispute over academic freedom.

EHU was founded in 1993 as a school known for providing a liberal education and academic freedom to students in the newly established Belarus, located between Poland and Russia, that emerged from the Soviet Union collapse in 1991. In 1994, Alexander Lukashenko took office as president and is now considered



Viktoriya Kalesnikava and President Antoinette Iadarola take a walk on campus on a sunny winter day.

Europe's last dictator. In his 10 years in office, Lukashenko has increased his power beyond politics, controlling news media, businesses and schools. In August, he terminated EHU's lease, forcing the university to shut its doors, leaving its students scrambling to get their educations elsewhere.

The U.S. Department of State criticized Lukashenko's actions, and immediately set out to help the stranded students. Kalesnikava was one of about 50 EHU students who were working in the U.S. over the summer. The Council of Independent Colleges solicited help from colleges and universities across the country. Antoinette Iadarola responded to the call, knowing Cabrini needed to help.

Iadarola has a place in her heart for Belarus. In 2001, she participated in the Belarus Women's Leadership Program, funded by the U.S. Department of State. During her time in Belarus, Iadarola worked with Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) to develop strategic plans for each of their organizations. She assisted the NGOs in mastering the

principles of negotiation and encouraged them to act as strong advocates and lobbyists for their organizations. She felt she gained so much in her time in Belarus, she wanted to give back.

Iadarola has formed a close friendship with Kalesnikava. When she first arrived on campus, Iadarola immediately insisted that Kalesnikava use the telephone in her office to call her parents in Belarus, knowing that she had not spoken to them in three months. Iadarola and Kalesnikava have dined together, sharing their experiences in Belarus. Iadarola explains, “Life in Belarus is not easy; it's very difficult for women to reach the heights they do here. Viktoriya is a very bright, compassionate young woman with a very promising future ahead of her. We feel very lucky to have her.”

Numerous foundations and organizations have pitched in to help with additional costs the EHU students have been facing. Cabrini's food service company, Sodexo, offered to pay for Kalesnikava's meal plan. Also, Follett, the company that manages

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Living the Mission

by Merry Sue Baum

In today's world, it's crime, death and destruction that grab most of the headlines. Rarely, if ever, do you read or hear much about all the good being done. Yet, there are kind, caring people everywhere, including Cabrini students, who are helping others in myriad ways. So, we decided to share some of their stories with you.

There are many, many people at Cabrini—students, alumni and employees, alike—who quietly go about helping others. The following are not necessarily the “best” stories, since even the smallest deed of kindness can touch a life. Rather, these are examples of what Cabrini students learn that cannot be found in any book.

Michael Mozzone '07

When Michael Mozzone got his marching orders, he took them with maturity and professionalism.

The 25-year-old Marine reservist was halfway through his second year at Cabrini when he was sent to Iraq for six months. His unit was among the first wave of troops to be deployed, so he didn't know what to expect. He recalls being excited and very apprehensive, but never hesitant. “I'm in the Marine Corps,” he says. “That's my job.”

His unit arrived in March 2003—a few weeks before the fall of Saddam Hussein's regime—and was stationed in Nasiriya, a city south of Baghdad on the Euphrates River. A machine gunner, Mozzone helped secure bridges along the main supply route to Baghdad, making way for American tanks. The route is known among the troops as “sniper alley,” because it's a favorite of

Saddam loyalists. They hide along the route then later take pot shots at the troops. “Everyone shuts down their busi-

nesses and stays inside during the day, because of the heat,” Mozzone explains. “They come out at night, when it's cooler and harder to see. That's when most of the fighting takes place.”

Mozzone, did two-hour stints on guard duty, sometimes in 138-degree weather. “You just sit there, in the sun, in a black jacket and a helmet,” he says. “It's dry heat, but it's hot. I just tried not to think about it.” Almost worse, he recalls, were the living conditions. Nasiriya had been bombed out, so the Marines made camp in the shells of the buildings. There was no running water, so no one had a shower for the entire 36 days the unit was there.



“Basically, we lived in the dirt,” he says. “We just survived on what we were trained to do.” They ate “meals ready to eat,” otherwise known as MREs, which the Cabrini Marine says are not all that bad. “When you’re hungry, it’s amazing what you’ll eat,” he adds. The men slept for four-hour stretches, mostly during the day, but Mozzone says, he, and most others, never slept soundly.

That changed when the unit moved about six miles north to the town of El Shatra, where one of Saddam’s army training compounds had been located. The Marines again set up camp in the ruins, but this time, they were able to put together a makeshift shower. They took a large drum and attached a hose and a switch, which they bought from the locals.

When Mozzone’s unit first arrived in Iraq, it did a number of patrols, confiscated weapons and made numerous arrests. When it moved north, however, its mission was more humanitarian. Mostly, it made sure the children went to school. “We wanted the kids to know how important it is to go to school,” he says. “We got them there safely, and we gave them food as a kind of reward for going. The kids all really liked us, but we couldn’t trust anyone else. Even the teenagers would talk to us during the day and shoot at us at night.”

Also while in the north, the Wayne, Pa., resident went on a mission to an archaeological site, where Iraqis stole artifacts and sold them on the black market. The Marines recovered cuneiformed pottery, some of it 6,000 years old. The relics first went to an Iraqi, studying at the University of Michigan, who then turned them over to the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C. While on that mission, Mozzone saw the birthplace of Abraham, the father of several religions. “If it were not so war torn, Iraq would be a great tourist spot,” he says. “The weather is good, except in summer, and there are so many things to see. It’s the birthplace of civilization. It’s absolutely amazing.”

Awed by its age-old history, Mozzone was nevertheless struck by the poverty that surrounded him. Only those who are extremely well off have plumbing, he says, and even the richest Iraqis are not nearly as wealthy as many Americans. Going on vacations, even for a few days to a nearby destination, is unheard of there. And even though there are televisions, and a few other modern conveniences, people still use donkeys to pull their carts. “I’d say they’re about 300 years behind us,” the Marine says. “When you see how they live, it makes you appreciate home even more.”



By the time his six-month stint was coming to an end, Mozzone could hardly wait to get home. He wanted to have something really good to eat—he missed ice cream the most—and have a beer or two with his friends. His homecoming was in August 2003, but he waited one semester before returning to Cabrini. The transition back into the

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classroom was fairly easy, although he generally does not share his experiences when the topic of the war comes up in classroom discussions. “Everyone has an opinion, but unless you are actually there, you really don’t know the situation,” says the history major. “We really are doing a lot of good things. We are helping to change the lives of the Iraqi people, and most of them are grateful.” To those who are against the war, Mozzone explains that he did not fight because the government told him to. “I went for those who fought before I did and for those who will fight in the future,” he says. “It’s what’s honorable. It’s what’s right.”

Mozzone completed his tour of duty totally unscathed. Unlike a number of his comrades, he never even got sick. No one in his unit was killed, however, he did lose several friends in the war. He is religious in his own way, he says, although he’s not one to attend regular church services. He does believe that a higher power was watching out for him. And considering he came home without even a scratch... it’s hard to argue.

Laura Bedrossian had a plan. After graduating from college, she knew exactly where she was going and what she wanted out of life. But things did not pan out the way she thought they would. Not even a little.

“We make plans for life, but often He has different ideas for us,” she says, pointing upward. “I love what I do, but would I have planned this? Never.”

The 48-year-old Master of Science in Organization Leadership (MSOL) student at Cabrini is an advocate at The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP), where she promotes family-centered care to the staff and supports the parents of chronically ill children. Prior to that, she was a pharmaceutical sales rep, and right out of college she worked as recruiter for a business college.

So what happened to change her plan? In a word: Teddy. That’s right, Teddy, Bedrossian’s oldest son. Born in 1989, he has a disorder known as an unbalanced chromosome translocation of 10 and 12. He is the only reported case in the world with this particular translocation.

Basically what happened to Teddy is that two sets of chromosomes somehow switched places, but the exchange was uneven. Teddy’s entire body has been affected: He is nonverbal and mentally handicapped; he walks very little, and usually holds on to something to support himself; he has a seizure disorder; he can only take food through a feeding tube; and he has only five percent function of his kidneys.

Doctors knew immediately when Teddy was born that something was wrong, but were not sure what. They checked him thoroughly, planned to do further

testing and sent him home. Two weeks later, Bedrossian rushed him to the emergency room, where she was told the blood work that had just been performed was incompatible with life.

Nevertheless, Teddy survived. But he has faced illness after illness and an endless string of hospital stays. Bedrossian quit her job and spent most of her days—and nights—at Teddy’s bedside at CHOP. “Several doctors told me he would never see 3 years old, then they said, he’ll never make 5, then 8 and so on,” she says. “But he continues to baffle the doctors.” Teddy will be 16 in May.

Two years after Teddy was born, Bedrossian had a second son, Danny, now 13, who is completely healthy. Doctors told her if the baby had the same disorder, she would probably miscarry. If the baby was born, however, there was a 50 percent chance that he would have some of Teddy’s disabilities. “I had no idea exactly what that meant, but I knew we’d love the baby no matter what.” Today, Danny is an incredible help with Teddy and “absolutely adores him,” often writing and doing presentations about his brother in school.



Laura Bedrossian with sons, Danny (left) and Teddy

During one of Teddy’s hospitalizations, around the age of 7, Bedrossian noticed an ad in a CHOP flier asking if any parents of chronically ill children were interested in applying to be volunteers on the Family Faculty. If selected, these parents would meet regularly with medical staff in an interactive forum. She immediately signed up. Six months later, she was offered the job of a family consultant who advocates for families’ needs. She is one of only four in the state of Pennsylvania. “I wanted to help others who were going through what I had behind me,” she says. “I wanted to give back some of the

care and compassion I had been shown. This wasn't my plan, but I knew it was God's."

Not only did she give the job her all, Bedrossian went far beyond what anyone expected or imagined. One of the first things she did was arrange coffee hours for parents of hospitalized children. "I just wanted to establish a time and place for parents to take a break, have coffee and, perhaps, talk," she says. "Nothing structured, just family-to-family support." She solicited donations of coffee and bagels from Wawa and set up coffee hours, three times a week, in the lounge. Next, she took the coffee hour on the road, so to speak. Once a week, she hosted it in the pediatric intensive care family lounge, the cardiac care unit lounge and the OR waiting room. "I spent so much time outside the OR waiting for Teddy and his doctors, we decided that was an area of the hospital where we should bring refreshments."

Her next venture was to help establish a beeper program. Parents of seriously ill children usually won't leave their child's bedside, even for a few minutes. Parents with children getting lengthy procedures are offered a beeper, so they can take a short walk outside, or maybe go to the cafeteria, and still be reached. Bedrossian has gone to Harrisburg, Pa. and Washington, D.C. to speak to legislators about the special needs of parents with chronically ill children and to help raise money, and she is also a supporter of Teddy's school, Elwyn, in Media, Pa.

As if all of that were not enough, the Media resident decided, a few years ago, to get her master's degree. She wanted to be professionally educated in leadership, so she could develop more in her role at CHOP. "At first, I was totally overwhelmed. I thought, 'I'll never be able to do this,'" she says. "But I was so motivated by the people at Cabrini, and I received so much support, that I'm almost done." She will earn her diploma in May.

One of Bedrossian's responsibilities at CHOP is to speak to new employees at an orientation. She stresses the importance of being kind and compassionate to the patients and their families. "I explain that moms and dads know every hair on their child's head, so we all must listen to these parents," she says. "And, I tell them that the compassion they show may touch others' lives in ways they'll never know." Bedrossian has backed up her strong belief by establishing

the Teddy Bedrossian Compassionate Care Award. She has endowed an award that is given annually to a second-year resident who demonstrates exceptional dedication and compassion toward children who have extended stays at CHOP. "You never know how strongly even the smallest act of kindness will affect someone's life," she says. "I believe we're here to help others, and we all cross paths for a reason."

Bedrossian, herself, has been recognized several times for her efforts, including receiving an award from The Association of Maternal and Child and Health Programs for her commitment to improving health for women and children, in 2001. Most recently, Dr. Dennis Dougherty, director of Cabrini's MSOL program, nominated Bedrossian as Cabrini's candidate for the Outstanding Graduate Student award, given every year by the Pennsylvania Association of Graduate Schools. She has also been chosen to receive the Saint Catherine Medal, which is given by Cabrini College to the graduate student who exhibits the highest level of scholarship, leadership and service. Dougherty describes Bedrossian an exceptional student who never used Teddy's illness as an excuse for missing class or not getting assignments done. She consistently

turns in excellent work, done on time, he says, while demonstrating a wonderful sense of humor.

Although always a gracious recipient, Bedrossian believes doing what she does is reward in itself. "I'm on a whole different journey than I

planned," she says. "I need to help others as much as possible with what I've been given and not feel sorry for myself. I have to take the situation, learn from it and try to enrich others' lives. The best reward I get is making a difference in someone else's life."

And she believes Teddy is a gift from God, who has touched many people's lives in ways they could never imagine.

"Teddy is like a wise old man inside," she says. "He teaches people about love, and he has a sense of humor. He inspires people and transforms their attitudes. And, he's taught a lot of doctors that they may not know what's going to happen; they are not always able to predict medical outcomes."

As for the future, Bedrossian says she has no idea what's in store, since a power on high controls her life. "He probably has another surprise for me," she says, "and whatever it is, it's probably so much better than anything I could have come up with."

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Thanks to a \$50,000 grant from the Leo W. Pierce Family Foundation,



(from left) Daughters of Leo Pierce, Connie Buckley and Molly Pierce, visited Cabrini's campus in the fall.

Cabrini students have an extraordinary opportunity to design their own service projects. The grant is being distributed over a five-year period, with five students, or Pierce Scholars, being awarded \$1,000 tuition credit and money to fund their projects, each year. All have to be sophomores or juniors in good academic standing, and they must design a project to help children at risk. Two of Leo Pierce's daughters met the first group of scholars, this fall. They were amazed and thrilled at what the students are doing.

"When my sister, Connie, and I met the students, we were impressed most by their passion," says Molly Pierce. "It was interesting and fun to listen to the project ideas and find out how the students came up with them. They were so excited about what they were planning to do. We knew after meeting them that we'd made the right decision to give Cabrini the grant."

Claudia Sciandra '06

Cabrini's roller hockey team is teaching residents of the Don Guanella School to play roller hockey. (Don Guanella is a home for mentally disabled men in Springfield, Pa.) The College's Philosophy Club did face painting at the Special Olympics for juvenile diabetes, late last year, and the Religion and the Honors clubs helped run the games at the Special Olympics for physically and mentally disabled, last month. Cabrini's cheerleaders and resident assistants (RAs) are helping single moms at the Women's Resource Center in Wayne, Pa. The Math Club, Student Government and the Ski Club all walked to D'Feet ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease), and the College Republicans, *Latinos Unidos* and the Ethnic Student Alliance participated in the AIDS Walk.

The list goes on and on. Of the 33 registered clubs and teams on campus, 27 are paired with, and actively helping, nearby organizations that benefit children at risk. And if Claudia Sciandra has her way, all 33 will be participating by the end of this academic year.

A junior accounting/finance major, Sciandra is expanding the Christmas All Year program, which was started during the 2003-04 academic year. She took over running the program when the former student coordinator graduated.



Sciandra later applied to become a Pierce Scholar when Mary Laver, director of programs for Applied Catholic Teaching, pointed out that the project fit the Pierce criteria perfectly.

"I love being the link between the College and the community," Sciandra says. "It's sometimes overwhelming to keep track of all the information and paperwork, but I like busi-

ness, so making sure everything runs smoothly is good practice for me." But most of all, the Smithtown, N.Y., resident says she's involved because she likes to help others. "I want to link all the clubs with community partners and hope that they stay together for a long time," she says. "I want to start a tradition." If anyone knows about tradition, Sciandra does. Her mother, Kathleen Daniels Sciandra graduated from the College in 1972 and Claudia's 14-year-old brother, John Mark, is planning on coming to Cabrini.

Even though she's the Student Government Association treasurer, a student ambassador and president of the Accounting Club, Sciandra has maintained a nearly perfect grade-point average. "It's a lot to handle, but we've accomplished so much," she says. "I know at the end of the year, I'll look back and feel really good about everything that the clubs did. I just regret that I don't have time to go to more of the events."

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Andrew Randolph '07

Historically, males on most college campuses participate in fewer service projects than females. Cabrini is no exception, however, Andrew Randolph is working to change that.

The only male Pierce Scholar, Randolph decided to get more Cabrini men out of the dorm and into the community to help mentor children at risk. So far, he has gotten an impressive number of recruits.

The business administration major began by e-mailing all the College's sports teams and asking for volunteers. The entire soccer team signed on. Together, four cars—a total of 22 players in all—visited the new Police Athletic League center in Norristown, Pa., to get acquainted and begin setting up a program to tutor children after school and teach them to play soccer. He is getting the program underway, now that the new semester has started.

He is hoping the team's interactions with the children in Norristown will prompt a few of them to adopt a little

brother, through Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Delaware County. "Often guys think being a Big Brother is a nurturing type of role," Randolph says. "They don't see it as macho at all. And they usually have other

things they're focused on, like sports." He, himself, adopted a little brother, Chase, through Cabrini, last year, and loved the experience. Since Randolph is the second of four boys in his family, he was a natural mentor. He helped Chase with his math homework and they spent time together on the basketball court. "He's a competitive little guy. He was a character," Randolph says. "He was so much fun. He reminded me of what it was like when I was in fifth grade."

Besides being a Pierce Scholar, Randolph is a member of the Student Government Association, the International Club and works part time. A resident of Valley Forge, Pa., he also joins other clubs that are participating in service projects and fund raisers, whenever he can. How does he manage to do it all? "You make sure you get up when the alarm goes off," he says.

Randolph did track and field and wrestled in high school, but is tak-

ing a different road in college. He loves volunteering, he says, which has given him new insight into people and helped him interact more easily. "I couldn't do sports forever,

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The project that Jessica Boettger designed started out as something she “had” to do. Now, she loves it.

Students taking the Spanish for teachers course are required to tutor children in Norristown, Pa., in English as a Second Language (ESL) one hour a week for 10 weeks. The nearby city is predominantly Spanish speaking, so Dr. Nick Uliano, assistant professor, Romance Languages and Literatures, sees it as a language laboratory and service program all in one.

Once Boettger got to know some of the children there, she was hooked. “I love working with them,” says the early childhood/elementary education major. “It’s a bit difficult, because their parents speak Spanish at home, but the children are eager to learn, and most pick things up quickly. It’s a milestone for all of us when one of them reads a complete sentence or actually solves a problem in English.” She has recruited a number of other Cabrini students to tutor the children at four Norristown elementary schools and help them do homework, at an after-school program known as ACLAMO!

More than the reward of imparting knowledge, Boettger has found the experience quite touching. Interacting with those who have less than she does has given her a new perspective. “I have my own bed and good food to eat, every day,” she says. “Some of the kids I work with live in tiny apartments with their brothers and sisters, parents and grandparents and several other members of their extended families. They share whatever they have, but often there just isn’t enough to go around.”

Boettger is proud of the fact that she and her recruits are helping immigrants like the College’s namesake, Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini. By learning English, she says, these children will be able to go on job interviews when they are old enough and get a college education. Then the cycle will continue, when they make sure their own children learn English. “Even though we’re only helping a handful of children, what we’re doing now should have a lasting impact,” she says.

At Christmastime, the ESL children came to a party at Cabrini, hosted by the students enrolled in the Spanish for teachers course and Boettger, who took a leadership role. The children were picked up in Cabrini vans, received lots of gifts and even chatted with Santa. But there was more to the festivities than met the eye. “Maybe because the children visited a college, they’ll remember what it’s like,” says the Pierce Scholar. “It may give them incentive to stay in school. That’s what we’re hoping.”

Besides enjoying the project itself, Boettger, who lives in Middletown, N.J., has found a great deal of pleasure in getting to know the other scholars. She finds it impressive that each of the five scholars found a unique way to help others. “That, in itself, says a great deal about Cabrini College,” she says. And, she has gleaned several ideas from the other scholars, for example, holding a clothing drive. Last fall, she collected 65 bags of clothes that contained everything from men’s overcoats and trousers to baby clothes. “When I took the clothes to Norristown, the people there were thrilled,” she recalls. “I didn’t just drop everything off, I stayed and watched them go through the bags. The look on their faces... seeing those faces was absolutely great.”

Class NOTES

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1961

Anna Marie Fontana Marino writes that her son, Gregory, and his wife, Linda, are proud parents of a beautiful baby boy, Colby Jonathan, born September 1, 2004. His brother, Jared Thomas, is 4.

1962

Rosemarie Menniti Pachence retired from teaching at the State Correctional Institution at Frackville (Pa.) after 18 years of service. She is happy to announce the marriage of her daughter, Dina, to Robert Sean Duffy.

1963

Helen Byrne Dooley reports the birth of a grandson, Robert Patrick, on August 15, 2004.

Kay Crowley Gagnano has retired from Coldwell Banker where she worked in real estate sales.

1964

Angela DiBerardino retired from Stanford University Graduate School of Business in January 2003. She is in Italy four months a year doing genealogy research.

1968

Patricia Romano Husak and her husband have returned home to Chicago after frequent moves and have celebrated 35 wonderful years of marriage. She retired from teaching special education in 2001. Their sons, who live in the Seattle area and their daughter, who is near Chicago, have given them four grandchildren.

1971

Linda Muhlenhaupt Mitchell has four grandchildren.

Grace Mendres Zanni is director of reading for grades K-4 at the Peck School in Morristown, N.J. She became a grandmother in June when her son, Lenny, and his wife, Jeanne, had their first child, Grace Catherine, in Aspen, Colo.

1975

Gail Hanley Pratt was featured in a November 21, 2004 article in *The Philadelphia Inquirer* that focused on the Saddlebrook Ridge Equestrian Center, which she owns in Burlington County, N.J. She opened the Center in 1999 and has operated the facility since her retirement as principal of the Haines School in Medford, N.J. At Saddlebrook, Gail boards 30 horses and in addition, offers riding lessons and training for horses in dressage and other activities.

1976

Candis Schuster Cook has recently retired from her position with Synectics, Inc.

Mary Jo Caranfa Scott has been an adjunct faculty member in Cabrini's Biology Department for 23 years. She and her husband, Gil, celebrated their 50th birthdays with a trip to Hawaii.

1977

Ray Crew wrote and directed an adaptation of the classic Frank Capra film, "It's a Wonderful Life," for the Carrollwood Players in Tampa, Fla. He had the approval of Karolyn Grimes, who played the little girl, Zuzu, in the 1946 film. The play opened in November for a month's run.

1981

Jack Duffy is vice chairman of Delaware CrimeStoppers and a member of E.O.P. Lodge #5. Recently divorced, he is very involved in the life of his daughter, Jillian, who is 12.

1984

Lynn Trasferini Savela is a stay-at-home mom to her four-year-old son, Matthew, who was adopted in 2000, and to Stephanie, 2, who was adopted in 2003. Both children came from South Korea. She reports that she has been married to her wonderful husband, Ken, for eight years.

1986

Denis Bourgeau is teaching English and reading to eighth graders at South Amboy Middle School in New Jersey. He earned his master's degree in English education from New York University in 2002.

1987

Gia DiGiminiani appears in the movie, "Flannel Pajamas," which was partially shot in Chester Springs, Pa. Gia plays the sister of the female lead, played by Julianne Williams of "Ally McBeal." During November, Gia also appeared in a production of "Sweeney Todd" at the Historic Yellow Springs (Pa.) Cultural Center. She is also a student at Cabrini again, working on her master's degree in education.

1988

Tammy Pasqualini Eason has been involved with building a house for Habitat for Humanity.

1989

Patty Moore DiGiorgio lives in West Chester with her husband, David, and their three daughters. She is working part time for A. Duie Pyle Company, and would love to hear from her Cabrini friends.

Pat Zipfel is an advance scout for the Portland Trailblazers NBA team.

1991

Lisa Young Murray is the proud mother of a son, Grant, who is seven, and is stepmother to 20- and 23-year-old daughters. She is a part-time adult education teacher for the state of Pennsylvania.

1992

Bill Schellinger has donated 11 "santos," or statues of saints, to the College Religious Folk, Popular and Liturgical Art collection which is curated by Dr. Leonard Primiano, associate professor, Religious Studies. The statues were produced in Spain over the last decade and include likenesses of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini as well as Saint Ursula, a piece that Bill commissioned to honor Cabrini's founding president, Sister Ursula Infante, MSC.

1993

Catherine DeHart is an associate with Federico and Cummings, a small consulting firm in West Chester, Pa., that offers campaign consulting for churches and small schools. She lives in Wayne, Pa.

1994

Anne Marie Mauro is an account executive for Siemens Medical Solutions in Malvern, Pa. Her fiancé, Brian, holds the same position at the same company in New York.

Mark Mellor is business manager for Subaru of America and lives in Haddonfield, N.J. He has a son, Nicholas.

1995

Caroline Baker is a program review specialist for the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency. She earned a master's degree in criminal justice from West Chester University in 2003.

Melissa Siegfried G has received her real estate license and is an agent with Stout Associates in Muhlenberg Township, Pa.



At an informal Christmas gathering are alumni from the class of 1993 and their families, (from left) Lou Monaco '90; Mike Finn; Carol Bristow '93; Sydney Cox and Ethan Cox, children of Tara Kegel Cox '93; Christine Cambria Monaco '93, holding her daughter, Nicole; Tricia Loughran Eakins '93, holding Lou Monaco IV; Alex Savarino Noone, holding her daughter, Julia, with daughter ?? holding on. Behind Alex is Brendan Noone '94, and seated on the floor is Jeannie Dougherty Finn '93, with her son, Thomas Patrick.

ClassNOTES

1996

Jilian Appleby Donnelly is now an academic advisor at Neumann College.

Michelle Tabit recently completed the doctoral program in history at Washington State University and is a visiting professor at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Wash.

Heather Teti is a fifth grade teacher in the Tredyffrin/Easttown (Pa.) School District and just completed her master's degree in educational leadership at Immaculata University. Her fiancé, Patrick O'Connor, is a stockbroker for Smith Barney.

1997

Amy Carmichael is teaching second grade in New Jersey.

Andrea Kelliher has been working hard on a project with the Miracle League of Mercer County (N.J.) to build a baseball field for children who are physically and mentally challenged. The *Trenton Times* chose them as its holiday appeal and it hoped to add to the \$53,000 it has already raised toward its goal of \$100,000.

Thomas Leonard ADP is athletic director and head coach for the seventh and eighth grade Catholic Youth Ministry program for St. Helena Parish in Wilmington, Del.

Jennifer Scheetz is program director for school-age programs at the Ambler (Pa.) YMCA.

1999

Dina Tartaglia DeAngelis is marketing manager and vice president of consumer portfolio strategy at Chase Card Services. Her son, Dante, is one year old.

Joe Ferenchick earned his MBA from Penn State University in health care administration and is now a manager with Aetna Inc.

He and his wife, Laurel, live in West Chester, Pa. She is an admissions counselor for the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia.

2000

First Lieutenant Tim Anderlonis, U.S.M.C., is in Washington, D.C., as liaison officer for the Armed Forces Inaugural Committee.

Kevin Ryan is now a student in the MBA program at the Tepper School of Business at Carnegie Mellon University. He was previously a CPA with Deloitte & Touche in Philadelphia.

2001

Marie Aragona earned her law degree from Widener University in May 2004, and presently serves as an assistant district attorney for Delaware County in Media, Pa.

2002

Toby Baker Catrambone G is a teacher at the North Brandywine Middle School (Pa.). Her new husband, Vincent, owns two companies, one in telecommunications and the other in real estate. The newlyweds are living in Devon, Pa.

Corey Salazar is back at Cabrini as interlibrary loan associate at Holy Spirit Library.

2003

Jill Newcomer Madsen is a first-grade teacher in the Boyertown (Pa.) School District. Her new husband, Brian, is a civil engineer with Momence Associates.

Stefanie Rittenhouse is working for the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. She is doing permitting for the sewage department.

Ron Taylor G is principal of Allentown (Pa.) Central Catholic High School.

2004

Vincent Prestileo is a sales associate with Russo Real Estate in Springfield, Pa.

Engagements

Kim Marshall '93 will marry David Savage in summer 2005.

Anne Marie Mauro '94 will marry Brian Kincade in March 2005.

Caroline Baker '95 is engaged to marry Mark Siravo on September 17, 2005.



Dawnielle Klopp '96 is engaged to marry John Michael Phil on July 16, 2005.

Heather Teti '96 is engaged to marry Patrick O'Connor in August 2005.

Danielle Nesbitt '00 is engaged to marry Nate Wolfson on October 29, 2005. **Ami Petite Hays '99** will be a bridesmaid.

Kevin Ryan '00 will marry Amanda Atterbury in August 2005.

Marriages

Kathleen Haughey '67 married Bill Harris on September 18, 2004.

Her classmate, **Harriet Thalf Sistrunk '67**, sang at the wedding.

Julie Cicotello '74 was married to Joseph Quinn on September 18, 2004, in the Mansion at Cabrini.

Dave Thompson '93 was married to Tara Wozniak on September 17, 2004.

Joann Carbone '94 married Allen Bell on September 18, 2004.

Sharolyn Cannon Kaune '94 was one of the bridal attendants.

Colleen Adair '98 and **Jordan Mariano '00** were married on November 30, 2002.

Michele Durso '98 was married to Dan Martyn on October 2, 2004. In the wedding party were **Kerrie Cosella '00, Lori Pfaff '98, Jennifer Mariano Volpe '98, Cara Santelli '98** and **Estelle Mirarchi '05**.

Christopher J. Schmid '98 and Natalie Stratton were married on May 8, 2004. **Paul Monte Jr. '98** was a groomsman in the wedding.

Joe Ferenchick '99 married Laurel Krajewski on November 27, 2004.

Lisa M. Kalisperis '00 married Josh Perrin on July 12, 2003.

Toby Baker G '02 married Vincent Catrambone on October 1, 2004.

Marianne McKim '02 married Patrick Rumbaugh on July 3, 2004.

Jill Newcomer G '03 married Brian Madsen on July 17, 2004.

New Arrivals

To Jeannette and **Tony Bowden '87** a son, Nicholas Vincent, born in the Ukraine on February 14, 2003. He came home with the Bowdens on June 2, 2004.

To Don and **Kathleen Gamble Federline '87**, a daughter, Keira, on August 13, 2004.

To Matt and **Alice Mahoney Arezina '90**, their first child, Lindsay Marie, on December 10, 2004.

To Kristin and **Rob Bell '90**, their fourth child, Sean Daniel, on October 4, 2004.

To John and **Dede Beckett Huscher '90**, Faith Katherine, on September 15, 2004. She joins big brother, Jack.

To Michael and **Georgina Demas O'Hara '91**, their first child, Brett Michael, on May 8, 2004.

To Bruce and **Christina Rudden Crawford '93**, a son, Brayden, on January 15, 2004. He joins his three-year-old brother, Connor.



To **Stephen and Tricia Loughran Eakins '93**, their first child, **Kathleen**, to be known as "Katie," on January 27, 2005

To Michael and **Tracy Esposto Wilson '93**, their third child, Olivia Michele, on August 24, 2004. She joins Alec, 4, and Adrienne, 2.



To **Scott and Rebecca Grabie Donia '99**, **Isabella Rose**, on February 10, 2004



To **Andy Dreger '99 and Jan Campbell Dreger '99**, their first child, **Owen Andrew**, on August 16, 2004

In Memorium

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of the following alumni and friends who have recently passed away and to alumni who recently lost loved ones.

Cabrini College Trustee **A. Michael Colameco** of Philadelphia died November 2, 2004. He is survived by his wife, Dolores G. Delasandro; two sons, Dr. Stephen Colameco of Haddonfield, N.J., and Michael Colameco of West Cape May, N.J.; and six grandchildren. Memorial donations may be

made to the Colameco Social Science Lab, c/o Cabrini College, 610 King of Prussia Road, Radnor, Pa., 19087-3698.

Sister Eleanor Garibaldi, MSC, passed away at the Saint Cabrini Nursing Home in Dobbs Ferry, N.Y. on December 22, 2004. Sister Eleanor played an important role in the life of the College when it was new, from 1957 to 1967. She served in a number of positions, including assistant registrar, business math and accounting teacher, treasurer of the Board of Trustees, member of the English faculty and finally as bursar.

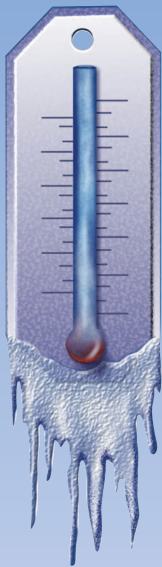
Barbara Hasson, CE '98 passed away from ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) on September 24, 2004. Hasson worked in both Athletics and Academic Affairs at Cabrini.

Carol Mitchell Murphy '73, G '95 of King of Prussia, Pa., a teacher in the Upper Merion School District for 31 years, died of a brain aneurysm on November 10, 2004. Murphy taught language arts to fifth graders in Upper Merion Middle School (Pa.) for the last 22 years and previously taught in the district's Belmont and Gulph Schools. She was vice president of the Upper Merion Education Association and served on several school committees. She kept in touch with former students, her son Brad said. Parents and teachers called her the "heart and soul" of the school district, he said. She taught Sunday school at First Baptist Church of Norristown, Pa., and enjoyed antiquing for folk art and Americana, playing the piano, and traveling. In addition to her son, she is survived by her husband of 29 years, David; parents Robert and Mildred Mitchell; a brother and a sister. Memorial donations may be made to the Carol M. Murphy Scholarship Fund, 172 Lowell Terrace, King of Prussia, Pa., 19406.

The names of all deceased Cabrini alumni are inscribed on the memorial plaque in the Bruckmann Chapel of Saint Joseph. The plaque was a gift of the Class of 1962.

Alumni NEWS

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ALUMNI GATHER AT TRUSTEE'S HOME



Enjoying the hospitality of Trustee John Chappell, at a recent gathering held at his home, are (from left) Stephen A. Saville '88, Barbara Picciotti Saville '87, Frank R. Emmerich '92, and Angela M. Corbo '90, who is presently an adjunct in the English/Communication Department.

Congratulations to the Savilles, on the birth of their second child, Sarah Grace, a few days after this event!

SPRING CAMPUS LECTURES

Tuesday, March 15, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. in the Mansion Dining Room, Leadership Lecture Series welcomes Merrill Reese, the radio voice of the Philadelphia Eagles, who will speak on "Communicating Effectively."

Thursday, March 17, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. in the Mansion Dining Room, State Senator Connie Williams will receive this year's Ivy Young Willis Award and will speak. The award is dedicated in memory of Ivy Young Willis and her strong belief that women have a unique talent for improving public affairs. The Ivy Young Willis Memorial Award focuses on the interest and participation of women in public affairs at the national and local levels.

Friday, April 15, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. in the Mansion Dining Room Leadership Lecture Series welcomes Dr. Ronald Smorada, partner, Nonwoven Development partners, LLP, who will speak on "Entrepreneurship."

SAVE THE DATE!!!!

The Philadelphia Alumni Career Network (PACNet) is holding its annual workshop for alumni of its 16 member colleges and universities on **Saturday, April 16, 2005**, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Saint Joseph's University. This year's topic is "The Reality of Today's Workplace." The event features a continental breakfast, a keynote speaker and four workshop options.

Don't miss this informative and enjoyable event, made possible by Cabrini College's Cooperative Education and Career Services and Alumni Affairs departments.

For more information, e-mail nancy.hutchison@cabrini.edu, or call 610-902-8305.



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The **St. Frances X. Cabrini Society**, Cabrini's new giving society, recognizes our donors who make gifts of \$1,000 to \$25,000. Those who give at this level will receive the benefits of special news, events, and more, as the levels of support are increased. The Cabrini Society recognizes and celebrates those whose generosity makes great things possible at Cabrini College.

The **Mother Ursula Infante Society** thanks those donors who give between \$100 and \$999 annually to the College. Depending on the level, donors receive benefits including special invitations, recognition on Cabrini College's Web site and discounts in the College Bookstore. Those who give to the Ursula Society help support all who teach and learn at Cabrini College.

Why is **Suzanne Horn Ganse '71** a St. Frances X. Cabrini Society member? "I give to Cabrini in a fullness of gratitude for educating me with affection and discipline during my formative years as a young woman. By continuing to support Cabrini, I am exercising faith in the mission of this institution, hope for the future of our world served by Cabrini alumni, and love of the people and the place that are eternally part of who I am."

The **Michelle Perna '75 English and Communication Scholarship** was established through the generosity of Michelle and her husband, Dr. James Devine. This endowed scholarship will recognize undergraduate students who exhibit academic excellence in the English/Communication Department, and is established in honor of Michelle's

mother, Marie G. Perna, her mentor, Elizabeth M. Grimmie Wisniewski '66, and her Cabrini English professor, Dr. Jerome R. Zurek Jr., chair of the Department.

Cabrini College was awarded a \$25,000 grant from the **Ethel Sergeant Clark Smith Memorial Fund** in support of the new Center for Science, Education and Technology. The Ethel Sergeant Clark Smith Memorial Fund seeks to enhance the quality of life for residents of Delaware County (Pa.) through support of culture, education and community services. This is the fourth grant made to Cabrini College since the Fund's inception in 1977.

Seventy-six alumni, parents, friends, faculty and staff have made contributions toward the Founders Club. That means only 24 slots are left for those who love Cabrini athletics to **support the founding of the Cabrini College Hall of Fame!** The first class will be inducted this fall when the Hall of Fame is unveiled. To become a member of the Founders Club, make your \$100 gift online or via mail. Or, you can call 610-902-8226 to make your gift or ask questions.

Chair of both the Board of Trustees and 10,000 Hearts Campaign Margaret Hamilton Duprey '73 was so excited to hear that the Class of 2005 was bringing back the tradition of the **Senior Class Gift**, she immediately issued a challenge—if the class can raise \$5,000, she will match its gift. The Class of 2005 gladly took up the challenge, and Class leaders met with Margaret to hear about her Cabrini experience—and make her an honorary member of the Class! Seniors will hold fund-raising events, encourage parents to get involved and support the effort with their own personal gifts, throughout the spring, to reach their goal.

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So far this fiscal year*, the following donors have supported the College with a gift of \$250 or greater. One of the benefits of this level of giving is recognition on the Cabrini College Web site. Since this section of our Web site is not yet live, we wanted to take a moment to recognize these generous donors in print.

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Jen Brown '06 and Deidre Beadle '06

The maxim, “There but for the grace of God go I,” could be a motto for sociology major Deidre Beadle and psychology major Jen Brown. As they mentor adolescent girls at the Delaware County Juvenile Detention Center, they say it could just as easily be them sitting in prison. “I didn’t always make good decisions when I was growing up,” says Brown, who lives in Newtown Square, Pa. “But I was lucky. I had the right people around me to help me get back on track.”

Beadle, who came to Philadelphia from Jamaica when she was 10, says she would hear about classmates who had broken the law, and the next thing she knew, they would disappear. “I didn’t realize they had gone to jail,” she says. “I grew up with many of them, on the same streets, but I didn’t have the negative influences that they did. It’s just the luck of the draw.”

Beadle says she often regrets not offering some type of support to those who eventually returned to school. That’s why she wants to reach out now. She and Brown are setting up a program to teach life skills to adolescent girls in the Detention Center—a temporary holding facility. “It’s not too late for them,” Beadle says. “They’re not 18 yet, so maybe we can help them turn their lives around.”

The two started out by visiting the 13- to 17-year-olds and asking what kind of programs they would like to participate in. Most of the answers they got were impractical or not at all feasible. “They asked to do things like Girl Scouts and a Bible study,” Brown says. “We would be happy to do those things, but we weren’t sure if they really wanted those programs, or if it was just a way to get out of their units.” She and Beadle explain that the “unit” is a small, locked area where the girls spend most of their time when not in classes. They do occasionally go to an art room and a recreation room, but not often.

After several visits, the girls invited Beadle and Brown to join them in a game of Spades, a popular card game. It was only then, Brown says, that the “barriers came down.” They talked about their family



lives, the crimes they had committed and their future plans. “They didn’t tell us anything super personal, we just talked and played,” Brown says. “It was as if they finally trusted us.”

Meanwhile, the two scholars recruited others on the Cabrini campus to help with the program. So far, 12 students, including three males, have signed up. Each will be interviewed by the Center’s program director, Dave Rogers, and he will select the students he feels will make the best volunteers. Using materials from a program known as Arise, the volunteers will then teach the teenage girls how to manage money—from opening checking and savings accounts, to paying bills. The teens will also learn how to fill out job applications, how to dress for an interview and how to answer interview questions. “We’ll talk

about whatever they want, as long as it’s something that will help them in the future,” says Beadle. “A completely structured program won’t work every time, since the population always changes.”

The two now feel comfortable going into the Detention Center, but one of their early visits was unnerving. One of the teens was screaming and banging her fists so loudly that it was impossible even to talk. “It’s an exaggeration to say I’m even five-foot, two,” says Brown, “so I was very apprehensive. Later, I realized that I had been a little overconfident. That experience showed me that I needed to have my guard up, some. But after that, going there became much easier.”

So much so, that the Cabrini students both say they are now disappointed if, for whatever reason, a planned visit is cancelled. And they are not alone. “We’ve been told that when we don’t go for a while, the girls start asking for us,” says Beadle. “We were thrilled to hear that.”

While playing cards with the teens, Brown noticed that on the score sheet, one of the girls had written “them” and “us.” “That population is so misunderstood,” Brown says. “They are simply kids who took a wrong turn. We want to help open doors that they think are closed. We want to help close the gap they think exists between ‘them’ and ‘us.’”



Cabrini Looks To Continue Spring Success

by Bob Macartney '95

The success of recent spring athletic teams at Cabrini has been widely documented. Three of the College's spring programs will be looking to be repeat Pennsylvania Athletic Conference (PAC) champions, once again this season, and the other teams that compete in the warmer weather will be looking to join their title-winning counterparts, when play gets underway.

Very few institutions, if any, have had a string of successes in the PAC comparable to the run of titles garnered by the Cavaliers and Lady Cavaliers in recent spring sports. The Lady Cavaliers' lacrosse team has led the way, capturing seven consecutive PAC crowns, while winning 73 of its past 75 Conference games. Despite the loss of all-time leading scorer Kelli Romano and 2004 PAC Championship Game MVP Maureen McQuade, who both graduated last year, head coach Jackie Neary returns a team with enough talent to make a run at eight straight. Four of the team's top five leading scorers from last season, return to the lineup for the Lady Cavs, whose schedule began in early March.

While head coach Steve Colfer's men's lacrosse team cannot boast of seven consecutive Championships, the Cavaliers do have one number on their female counterparts—zero. That's zero, as in zero losses in Conference play during the past four seasons, each of which has ended in a PAC Championship. Over that four-year stretch, Cabrini is 29-0 against the rest of the PAC. The 2005 edition will try to keep that winning streak in tact, and the

outlook is bright. Five All-Conference performers from last season return to the lineup for Cabrini, and all six of the team's leading scorers should be back in 2005. The defensive unit should once again be strong, and if Cabrini can find a replacement for last year's Player of the Year, goaltender Antonio Masone '04, the Cavs could be headed for five in a row.

This may seem a little redundant, but the softball team will also be looking to replace last year's Conference Player of the Year to keep its string of championships alive. After capturing its fifth consecutive PAC Championship a year ago, Cabrini's softball team enters this season with a new coach, Martine Susko, but the same goal—repeat as champs.

Despite the loss of Brooke Peterdozzi '04, the aforementioned Player of the Year and a first-team All-American, the Lady Cavs return four All-Conference players from last season, including first-team All-PAC pitcher Angela Templin, a senior. Three other College teams participate in the spring, the men's tennis and golf teams, which compete in the PAC, and the outdoor track team.

The tennis team, which was under the direction of first-year head coach Rich Aldrete last season, just missed bringing home the PAC Championship, finishing 10-6 overall and in second place in the PAC. The team returns all of its players from last season, including second-team All-PAC performers sophomores Matt Ingram, Mike Dignen and junior Bill Mariano. With another season's experi-



Angela Templin '05

ence under their belts, the Cavaliers will look for their first PAC Championship since 2001.

Dr. Tony Verde's golf program has continued to improve in PAC play. The Cavaliers finished fifth in the league championships last season, with three players finishing in the top 14. None of the three were seniors, so the team should have a strong core of players at the top of its lineup.

After running a full season of indoor track, both the Cavaliers and Lady Cavaliers will be itching to get outside to run this spring. The College's women's team is quickly becoming a force in Division III and could make some noise at the ECAC Championships.

Chances are they will, after all they compete in the spring for Cabrini. ☺

Tennis Team Captures PAC Title

Team Helps Cabrini to Second in PAC President's Cup Standings After the Fall Season

For the past two fall seasons, a Cabrini team has come from out of nowhere to capture a Pennsylvania Athletic Conference (PAC) Championship. In fall 2003, it was the Lady Cavaliers' soccer team, and this past year, the women's tennis team fought its way to its first-ever PAC Championship. The team was rewarded with honors in the process.

The title also gave Cabrini a boost in the PAC President's Cup race. At the end of the fall season, Cabrini was in third place in the overall standings, and in second place in women's competition. Along with the winning tennis season, the Lady Cavs volleyball team advanced to the PAC Semifinals—a first since the mid 90s—and the women's soccer and field hockey teams each made the playoffs. The President's Cup is based on a percentage of the points a team can earn throughout the year. Given Cabrini's history of success in the fall and winter, both programs are in a good position to win the Cup.

The tennis team was positioned to win the PAC Championship after dropping an early-season match to Gwynedd-Mercy College, which left them 1-2. The Lady Cavs reeled off 10 consecutive wins heading into their season finale, a match with 10-time PAC champ Marywood University. Cabrini defeated Marywood, 8-1, winning the Championship. The title came during head coach John Magee's first season at the helm of the team.

The Lady Cavaliers had to win at least seven of the nine matches against Marywood to have a shot at the title, and



Front Row: Tracey Stabler '07, Jenna Kane '07, Caitlin Scott '07, Jackie Creighton '07, Amy Leonard '07. Back Row: Victoria Nicodemus '07, Jennifer Keller '05, Carolyn Wilson '08, Rachel Shore '06, Amy Sarbaugh '08, and Head Coach John Magee

they went in knowing an 8-1 win would guarantee their first Conference crown. After Cabrini swept all three doubles matches to gain an early advantage, sophomore Tracey Stabler earned the win at #6 singles to extend Cabrini's lead to 4-0. Fellow sophomore Victoria Nicodemus dropped a tough three-set match at #3 singles, so the Lady Cavs needed to sweep the remaining matches. Senior Jennifer Keller completed a three-set win at #1 singles, 6-3, 2-6, 6-3. Sophomore Caitlin Scott picked up a three-set win at #2 singles moments later, winning 7-6, 2-6, 6-2 to extend Cabrini's lead to 6-1 in the match. Freshman Carolyn Wilson took her match at #5 singles in straight sets, 6-2, 6-0, and junior Rachel Shore won the needed points with a 6-3, 6-1 victory at #4 singles.

The following weekend, the Lady Cavs dominated the individual PAC

Championships. Seven Cabrini players were crowned PAC Champions. Scott and Wilson captured singles titles at the Westend Racquet Club in Allentown, Pa., while the doubles teams of Keller and Wilson, Scott and Nicodemus and sophomores Jenna Kane and Rachel Shore all brought home PAC titles. Keller, Kane and Stabler all advanced to the finals in their flights to earn Second-Team All-PAC honors. The weekend capped off the best week in the history of the women's tennis team. On Friday, Keller (Player of the Year), Wilson (Rookie of the Year) and Magee (Coach of the Year) swept the Conference honors.

The Lady Cavaliers left little doubt as to which team was the best in the PAC this year, winning 22 of their 26 matches at the Championships. 🎾

Behind the Scenes of Cabrini Athletics

For most fans of Cabrini athletics, a game is what happens between the lines, from the opening whistle to the final buzzer. For some Cabrini employees and students, a home game on the calendar means a full day's work lies ahead. From Athletic Director Leslie Danehy to the student-workers, there is constant motion most of the day.

We went behind the scenes at a recent basketball doubleheader to give you an idea of what takes place in The Dixon Center on game day. Most preparations for basketball games, like the January doubleheader between Cabrini and Penn State University-Berks, begin about four

hours before the opening tip. That is when Paul Archambault '05 and Chris Luongo '08 begin setting up the Nerney Field House. Archambault's crew pulls out the stands on the near sideline and behind the basket and sets up the scorer's table and the team benches on the far sideline.

Archambault is one of a dozen or so student-workers present on game day, all under the supervision of Assistant Athletic Director Jeff Falardeau. Without these students, games could not take place. "Our students have a lot of responsibility on game day, and they do a great job," Falardeau says. "They go above and beyond the call of duty."

After the setup team is through, the next group of student-workers shows up about an hour before tip off to handle duties at the ticket table. The



ushers, who sit between the sections of stands and answer most fan inquiries, arrive approximately a half-hour before the game. So do the table personnel, usually Shaun Smith '05 on the shot clock and Nick Mariotti '08 on the scoreboard.

While Falardeau handles event management—from making sure the personnel are in place to contacting the officials—Karen Pelkey, administrative assistant, Athletics, is a jack-of-all-trades on game day. She is generally in the gym two hours before the game starts, double-checking the setup, preparing any alternative meeting rooms for coaching staffs and testing the scoreboard, shot clocks and other electronic equipment.

A handful of other College employees are also responsible for making sure the games go off without a hitch. Cabrini Food Service usually sets up a concession stand in one corner of the gym about a half hour before the game, Public Safety officers patrol the building to ensure the safety of everyone there, and the Sports Information Office sets up shop to track statistics.

In trainer Jennifer Langley's office, there is no telling what time her day will start or end. Langley is in her first year at Cabrini

Dzik to Leave Cabrini College at End of Season

and sees plenty of athletes looking for last-minute tape jobs before hitting the court. Aside from tending to potential injuries, Langley also makes sure players have water and towels during the game.

Immediately before the opening whistle, things start to fall into place. After the officials talk to the captains and check with the official scorers (Melissa Landrin '05 and Francine Kelly '05), the announcer gets the proceedings underway. One of two students, Pegah Hanifer '08 and Megan Eller '08, sing the national anthem, the starters are announced and the game begins. Joe Houser of JJH Photos, the official photographer of Cabrini athletics, wanders the sidelines looking for photo opportunities, while Pelkey handles the music during breaks in the action. The College's cheerleaders perform during the games, and the Dance Team struts its stuff at halftime.

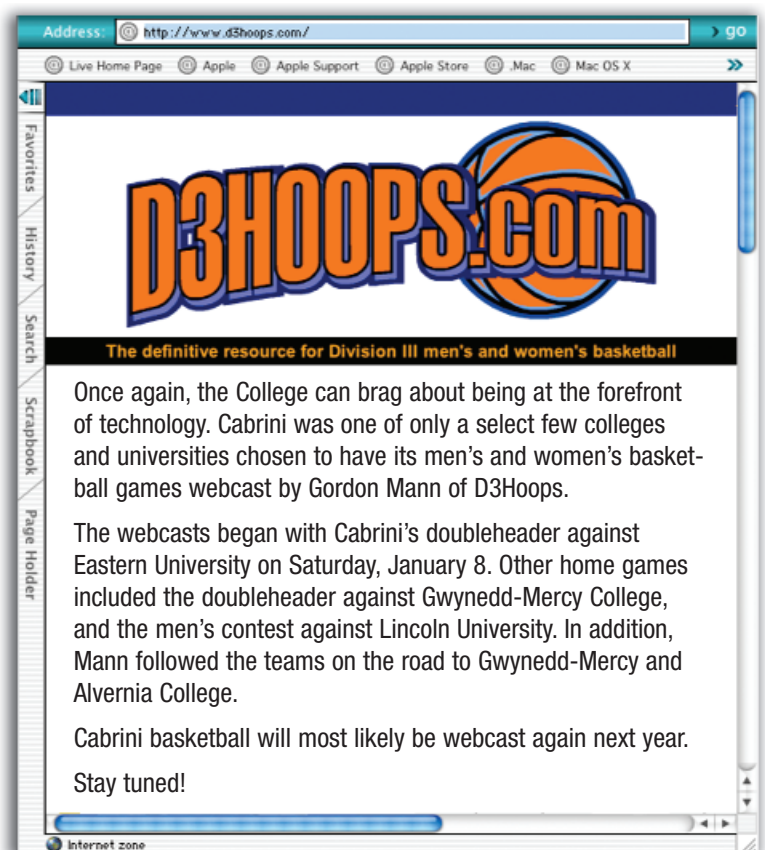
According to Danehy, who plays a major role if there is a serious injury, an issue with fans or any altercations, a large portion of the game is spent building relationships with alumni and members of the community. "Cabrini puts its best foot forward to ensure a pleasant atmosphere and friendly environment for the visiting team and the fans," Danehy says. "We expect people to be treated with respect, from the time they walk into the building until the time they leave. When they leave our campus after a game, we want them to have had a good experience." ☺

Long-time Men's Basketball Coach, John Dzik, will leave Cabrini at the completion of the 2004-05 season, the College announced. During the past 25 years, Dzik has served as a mentor and friend to students and student-athletes alike, and under his direction, men's basketball has earned numerous conference and district titles including 11 post-season tournament bids.

"John was instrumental in building Cabrini College's men's basketball into one of the more successful NCAA Division III programs," says Leslie Danehy, Cabrini athletic director. "His record over the past two and a half decades speaks for itself."

"We thank John for all he has done for the College and we wish him continued success in the future," says Dr. Antoinette Iadarola, president of Cabrini College.

Cabrini College Director of Athletics, Leslie Danehy, launched a search in February for a new head men's basketball coach for the 2005-06 season. ☺



A Campaign That is

10,000 Hearts Strong



Cabrini College is much more than a college. It's more than classrooms and residence halls. It's more than students preparing for the future, athletes working hard to get ready to compete or burgeoning artists performing or painting original works.

Cabrini College is a dedicated community; a community that teaches its students the value of living lives of dignity and purpose. Our alumni understand that they have a responsibility to help others in need, and they do exactly that, in locations around the globe. In short, Cabrini helps make the world a better place.

The College's mission is unique and its impact unprecedented. Funding it, however, is a huge challenge. To succeed, we will need every one of its 10,000 hearts—every single member of the Cabrini community—to get involved.

Being a part of that giving community, whether as a student, parent, alumni or friend, means many things, including understanding the fiscal management of the College. Cabrini receives its income from tuition, its investments, known as endowments, and private gifts and government grants. It relies on those three sources—and those three alone—to fund everything: from building new buildings and hiring top

faculty, to buying postage stamps and paper clips. Tuition is a steady source of income and may be raised to meet increased expenses, however, it must remain competitive with other institutions of Cabrini's size.

The endowment generally increases with time, as well, although economic trends affect its net yield, no matter how sound the investments. While all sources of revenue have increased over time, private gifts from alumni have not grown nearly as much as tuition. Consequently, the heaviest financial burden has been placed squarely on the shoulders of students and their parents.

for the coming budget year, other proposed changes are expected to decrease federal and state financial aid programs.

To help the College meet the challenges of the future, Cabrini recently began its first-ever comprehensive campaign, the 10,000 Hearts Campaign. More than a traditional building campaign, 10,000 Hearts is addressing the full range of current and future needs of the College and its students. The campaign will strengthen every area of the College and enable it to continue its mission well into the future.

To succeed, however, everyone's help is needed. Each gift is important. Only you, alone, can ensure that you participate, and your participation is vital. You have the power of one. It takes only one gift to significantly increase the percentage of participation. We can move Cabrini forward, one heart at a time.

There are several facets of the campaign, so everyone can choose how he or she wants to participate. Capital improvement is one area, with

the new Center for Science, Education and Technology (SET) as the centerpiece. This state-of-the-art facility will be a hub of teaching and research activity. Every student at Cabrini will use SET: Education majors will fulfill their science requirements there, while learning how to teach science to elementary-level children; science majors and faculty

A Change of Heart



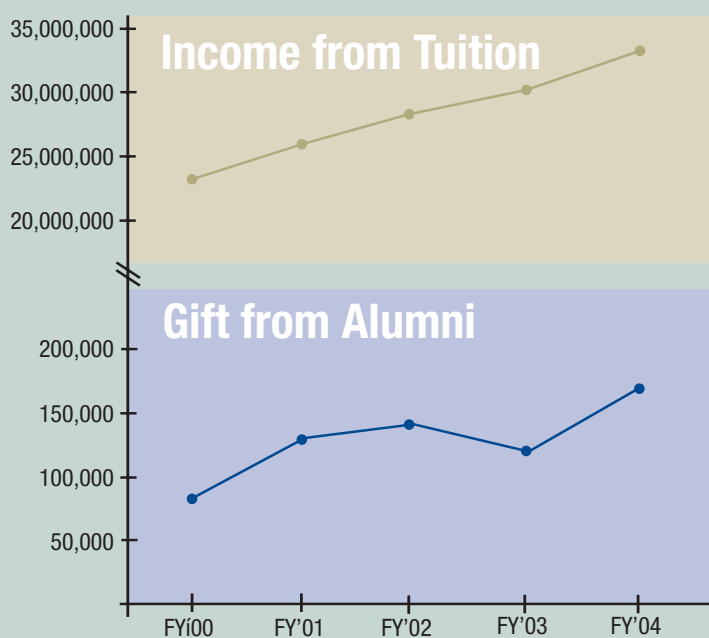
Elementary education major **Jenne Castellini '05** never liked science. That's why she hesitated, last year, when science professors invited her to be one of 16 students to pilot Cabrini's new 10-credit science education course. After a lot of thought, she agreed and is glad she did.

"I learned so much by taking the course; most importantly that science isn't something to be afraid of, and it can be fun," she says. "I want to teach special education in middle school. To do that, you must be certified in a specific subject. I'm going to get my certification in science. I can't wait to start teaching it to my own students."

While giving a tour of the new Center for Science, Education and Technology at the 10,000 Hearts Campaign kick-off, this past fall, Castellini was asked if she was disappointed that the building would not be ready until after she graduated. "I told the person who asked, that I wish it had been completed while I was here, but I'm so glad that future students will have it," she says. "Besides being state-of-the-art, the building is absolutely beautiful. Simply knowing it's here makes me proud. And, I am proud of the fact that Cabrini is a school looking to the future of science education."

After graduation in May, Castellini plans to teach fifth and sixth graders in special education classes.

Funding for College Operations



Students and their parents are facing a dwindling supply of federal and state aid dollars. Recent changes in Pell Grant eligibility calculations are projected to exclude about 90,000 students nationally from this program that serves low-income students. Although an increase in the individual Pell Grant award has been proposed

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10,000 Hearts

will conduct new research and collaborate with many of the pharmaceutical companies in the area; liberal arts majors will fulfill several of their core course requirements in the building; and students from every discipline will use the computer labs.

The community, too, will benefit from SET. A fully-automated lecture hall will be the site of seminars and conferences, area science teachers will be invited to attend workshops and children can attend summer science camps at SET. The activities that will go on in this new building truly exemplify the Cabrinian mission of helping others, who in turn help others, and so on. Gifts designated for specific campus improvements, for example, Holy Spirit Library or the Bruckmann Chapel of Saint Joseph will also help us meet our campaign goal.

Increasing the endowment is an equally important facet of the campaign. A gift to the endowment is one that continues forever. That's because the College puts the gifts in sound investments, and only the interest is used to defray costs; the gift, or principle, remains untouched.

Funding an endowed scholarship for \$25,000 is a gift to perpetuity, which will generate enough interest to award an annual scholarship, in your name or in honor or memory of a loved one, forever. By building on our existing

endowment, Cabrini will have a larger financial base invested, and will be able to offer more financial aid and attract top students. The same is true for faculty support, supported by new endowments.

The third area of the campaign is the Cabrini Annual Fund. The Cabrini Fund is a critical part of the operating budget each year, and is funneled to every corner of the College. It supports the College's day-to-day expenses including faculty salaries, student activities, sports programs, new library books, maintaining and upgrading technology and maintaining the beauty of the campus.

In short, the Cabrini Fund helps fill the ever-increasing financial gap between tuition and expenses. An unrestricted gift to the annual fund is used to pay expenses of highest priority.


Besides increasing giving to the Cabrini Fund, the College wants to increase alumni participation by an unprecedented five percent. To do that, every alum who has given in the past year must donate again this year, and 400 new alumni donors are needed. Cabrini has historically lagged behind

other colleges its size in alumni giving and percentage of alumni participation. That's why the time to support Cabrini and its unique mission is now.

Each and every Cabrini alum already has much to be proud of. Increasing the College's financial foundation will enable it to attract even more top students and faculty and rank among the best Catholic, residential colleges of liberal arts and professional studies in the region and beyond. An investment now is a multiplier; it will have a huge impact today and produce graduates who will continue to make an impact in the future.

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The campaign is about community, a community of today's students, as well as those who have already attended Cabrini and those who are yet to come. A community 10,000 hearts strong, beating together, can touch the lives of others who will continue to change the world.

To learn more about the campaign or to give online go to www.cabrini.community/ag or call Robin Moll at 610-902-8226. 

Cell Phones Clutter our Personal Space: *The paradox of our pocket phones*

The following article was written by Dr. Stephen Gambescia, dean for graduate and professional studies. It appeared as a Commentary in News of Delaware County.

The list of inventions and innovations that have “improved” how we live, labor and enjoy life has become lengthy, since the rise of consumerism in the mid 20th century. When historians write about turn-of-the-century innovations that had a significant impact for our present century, I imagine the cellular phone will be high on the list.

The litmus test for what qualifies as “a great invention” for everyday living is when we exclaim with a sigh, “I don’t know how I ever got along without this!” The cellular phone has to be the leading invention getting such acclaim today. However, while it has impressive and endearing benefits for most of us, there are paradoxical liabilities.

Let’s first examine those who ostensibly bought a cellular phone “in case of an emergency.” Most cell phone users can recount, in great detail, how it saved their lives. Paradoxically, the cell phone has become the greatest risk to life and limb on our highways, since Ralph Nader’s exposé of the auto industry. While common sense tells us that a cell phone is distracting to the senses needed for safe driving, early data collected from highway safety agencies also shows that the cell phone is the cause



Dr. Stephen Gambescia

of far too many accidents. This new-found accessory is unsafe at any speed, when used by a driver whose primary focus of eyes, ears and mind should be on the road.

The cellular phone has replaced the fax machine as the darling of the office. We are impressed by our ability to produce for our employers anywhere and at any-time. Short of asking Scotty to beam us to the office, today’s cell phone can facilitate a number of work functions. We are pleased, because we claim that this connectedness to the office gives us a head start on work, gives just-in-time service to our clients or constituents, gives us another chance at what we may have forgotten to do at the office and generally saves us time so we can do more non-work related activities. So we think. We have become modern day Ebenezer Scrooges—on balance much more work than play—with our ball and chain a svelte, shiny kit in our

pockets that can haunt us, at will, 24/7. Does the cell phone really save us time that will be used doing non-work related activities?

The most enjoyable advantage of the cellular phone is the ability to reach out and touch someone special, anywhere, anytime. The cellular phone has made the impromptu call so easy that phone companies no longer entice us with emotional ads telling us to drop what we are doing and spend some time talking to someone dear to us. It seems we need to develop the art of going about our business while on the phone, rather than taking time out of our busy day to call to a friend. Here are some paradoxical questions on the growing need to be incessantly in touch with those important people who are, unfortunately, at a distance from us.

First question: Is the person you must call someone important?

Answer: Yes, of course.

Second question: Then, if the person on the other end is so important why are you not with that person?

Answer: Because what I am doing here, or whom I am with now, makes it important enough to be here, not with the person I am calling.

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Third question: Then if that is the case, why are you not attentive to the person in your presence?

Answer: Because the person I am calling is important.

Fourth question: Review second question above.

Answer: ?

Similarly, this empowering communication tool allows us to increase our reach and frequency of communicating with others. Or does it? Think about how many times you are engaged with people, the cell phone rings—yours or theirs—and, consequently, communication comes to an abrupt, truth be told, annoying halt. The party at a distance becomes an interloper demanding undivided attention. Yes, with the cell phone we have connected with someone who we otherwise would not have communicated with, but in doing so, we shut down communication with those we are with at that moment. Paradoxically, this sounds like a zero sum game. Have we really increased the number of communication encounters?

The personal cell phone, soon to be on par with other dress accessories—like the wallet, handbag, or watch—increases our ability to have private conversations. Paradoxically, we know this is not so. Many cell phone users show no compunction when carrying on private conversations, with intimate details, in the most public of places. It's difficult to discreetly take a call while on public transportation, in shopping malls and supermarkets, and most places where we conduct business or seek some sort of recreation. Holding a private conversation on a cell phone, short of being in your own home or workplace, is an illusion. The party at a distance may not have the best connection, but we have little trouble hearing those who use a cell phone in our presence. And when we try desperately to



step away, those wandering callers invariably follow, or we travel into some else's air space. Can we escape the incessant chatter?

Some futurists believe that we are at the cusp of what modern civilization means and what "a new age" will bring. While we generally benefit from the advances of the technological revolution, upon closer examination there seems to be less time for us to take in the stimulus that overloads us and have any meaningful time for reflection—intellectual, spiritual or otherwise.

Paradoxically, the mind has never been so stimulated and our interpersonal communications never so robust. On the other hand, the barrage of mumbo jumbo—our own or the ambient chatter—emanating from the personal cellular phone is robbing us of quality time to reflect. While humans are social beings, who need to reach out and touch someone, on balance there is a primal need to be still and reflect. The cellular phone—our own or another's—pierces or pokes through our reflective space.

Should we not guard against such encroachment? For all the benefits of the cell phone, let's be mindful of the words of Socrates, who believed that the unexamined life is not worth living. Soon, we could experience death by what seems on the surface to be our modern day lifesaver. ☯

When One Door Closes

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Cabrini's bookstore, has paid for her textbooks.

While the majority of the 50 EHU students who had been in the U.S. returned to Belarus, 19 chose to stay and continue their studies. There was a lot of work to be done in the two short weeks before the fall semester began. Since they were only supposed to be in the U.S. for three months, they all had to go to Toronto, Canada to obtain new visas.

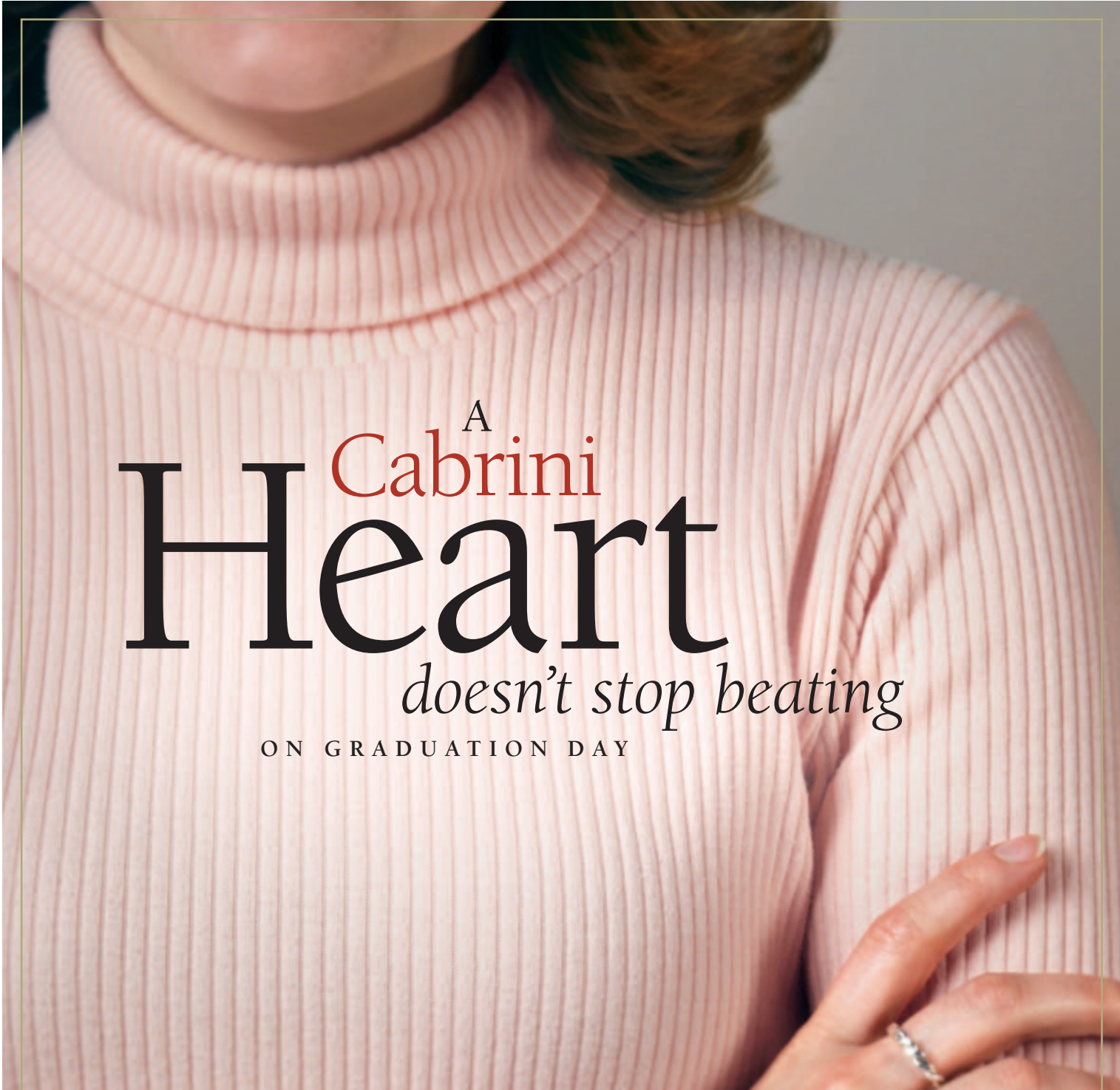
Initially, Cabrini was slated to get two EHU students, but the second woman suffered health problems and decided to return home. Therefore, Kalesnikava arrived on campus alone. She was scared and confused, she knew no one, and knew nothing of what was ahead of her. After some adjustment, the days of fear and loneliness are well behind her. Cabrini is her new home, and she is flourishing here. She loves the friendly people, not to mention Cabrini's standard of education.

In her free time—the little she has, while taking five courses here, in addition to two online courses she takes through EHU—she enjoys reading, spending time with friends, and going to yoga class. In addition, she is the president of the International Club.

Kalesnikava aims to earn her degree in philosophy in May 2006, and become a proud Cabrini alumna. When asked what the future has in store for her after graduation, Kalesnikava is uncertain. She hasn't seen her family in almost a year, but if she returns now to Belarus even for a visit, it is most likely she will not be able to come back to the U.S.

Although she misses her parents and her brother terribly, she knows she can lead a better life here. In Belarus, \$200 a month is a good salary. After graduation next May, she hopes she can receive political asylum to stay in the U.S., work here and send some money to her parents.

Kalesnikava believes she can achieve anything here. Although one door may have closed for her in Belarus, many more have opened for her at Cabrini. ☯

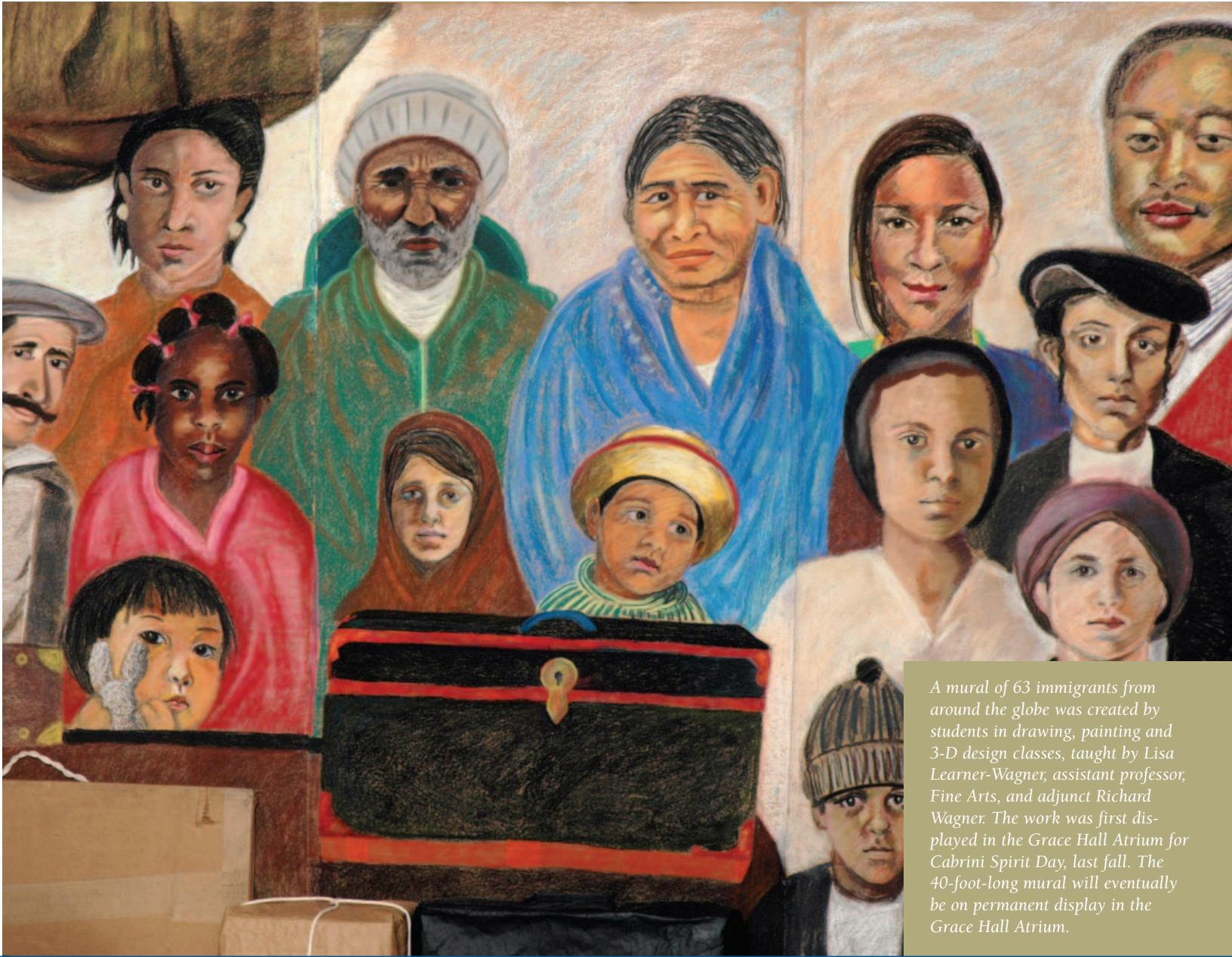


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A mural of 63 immigrants from around the globe was created by students in drawing, painting and 3-D design classes, taught by Lisa Learner-Wagner, assistant professor, Fine Arts, and adjunct Richard Wagner. The work was first displayed in the Grace Hall Atrium for Cabrini Spirit Day, last fall. The 40-foot-long mural will eventually be on permanent display in the Grace Hall Atrium.

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