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St. Bonaventure University



The Case family gathers for a photo. From left: Christopher, Carl, Julie and Marsha.

SBU professor and wife named Parents of the Year in Cattaraugus County

By Katie Fish

hen SBU management sciences professor Dr. Carl Case and his wife, Marsha, gave birth to their third child in 1984, a doctor told them that Christopher, now 20, would never be a normal child. He would never learn to ride a bike; he would never learn to do anything. Chris was born with Down syndrome. Not wanting to accept this prognosis,

the Allegany couple went to the library to learn more about Down syndrome, its treatments and, they hoped, to gain insight as to what the future would hold for their son. The books available in the library were no better than the doctor's discouraging predictions. They said the same thing: Children with Down syndrome would not be able to learn the same things

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University makes mid-year budget adjustment

B ecause of lower-than-expected revenues in some areas, the University is making adjustments to its 2004-05 budget, including spending reductions in each vice president's area and implementing a salary increase, but at a reduced level.

University president Sr. Margaret Carney, O.S.F., S.T.D., provost and vice president for academic affairs Dr. Frank E. "Skip" Saal and vice president for business and finance Brenda McGee Snow will be available to answer community members' questions from 4 to 5 p.m. today in Dresser Auditorium of The John J. Murphy Professional Building.

A memorandum sent on Thursday, March 3, indicated that a budget shortfall of approximately \$770,000 is expected, attributed to a shortfall in revenue from graduate enrollment, residence halls and the Annual Fund — which is, however, on target to end the year with an increase of 6

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SBU College Bowl team takes second in regional competition By Beth Starkey '05

uestion: What do the following New York state colleges and universities have in common: Alfred State, Syracuse University, SUNY-Geneseo, Marist, Rochester Institute of Technology, SUNY- Binghamton, St. John Fisher, Elmira, Niagara and Canisius?

Answer: All of these schools were defeated by St. Bonaventure University in the regional College Bowl tournament, held Feb. 20-22 at SUNY- Brockport.

St. Bonaventure's College Bowl team, comprised of Sam Orlando (captain), Jake Buehler, Brian Ponte, Tim Randel and Jason Schultz, turned in one of the finest regional tournament performances in St. Bonaventure College Bowl history by winning nine of 12 matches during the Saturday round-robin competitions.

By virtue of that strong Saturday showing, the team advanced to the Final Four on Sunday, where a doubleelimination format was employed. The No. 3-seeded Bonnies decisively defeated No. 2 seed Syracuse in their first match of the day. In their next match, they fell to the No. 1 seed, the University of Rochester, before coming back to defeat Syracuse a second time. They advanced to the championship finals, where Rochester prevailed in a close, hard-fought match.

The St. Bonaventure team thus placed second overall in the two-day tournament of the 13 teams that competed. Tim Randel and Jason Schultz both finished among the top seven individual scorers out of approximately 60 players.

College Bowl is a fast-paced, quick answer quiz game that requires its

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as normal children. They would not progress. The best option was to institutionalize them.

If the Cases had given up at that point, Chris might not have learned how to ride the bike doctors said he'd never ride. He might not be a healthy, happy 20-year-old who enjoys music, traveling and participating in bowling for the New York State Special Olympics, an organization he has been involved in since middle school.

The Cases did not give up or back down; they fought for their son and his rights. For their years of dedication, the Cases were recently honored by the New York State Special Olympics and selected as Cattaraugus County Parents of the Year at an awards dinner in February. Their devotion and commitment, ever since Chris was a baby, has paid off in countless ways.

"We started early intervention when Chris was 3 months old. By the time he was 2 years old, he was attending The ReHabilitation Center and later went on to the Children's Learning Center," said Marsha. "The idea is that the earlier you start working with an individual with a disability, the more you are able to help them."

Luckily, at the time Chris was born, things were slowly beginning to change in regards to people's understanding of Down syndrome, as well as the treatment options. The Cases took advantage of this progress and, with four other families, founded a Down syndrome parent support group. The group received state funding and used it to educate themselves and others about Down syndrome.

The Cases and their support group persistently advocated inclusion, which means that a student with a physical or mental handicap can learn in a normal classroom setting and participate in class activities, but will have different goals depending on their learning abilities. Chris was one of the first students to participate in an inclusion program in this area after it was implemented.

"Schools always seem to take the path of least resistance," said Marsha. "Money is a huge issue. We really had to be aggressive, know what our child needed and then go for it and make sure the schools followed through."

The Case family continued to work to give Chris the same opportunities as every other person. The New York State Special Olympics has been a pivotal force in this regard.

Chris participated in volleyball skills and hockey skills for one year and bowling — his

favorite sport — for three years.

Chris isn't the only member of the Case family involved in the New York State Special Olympics. Carl began coaching in 2001 and now coaches the bowling club; Marsha is pursuing her own coaching certificate.

The Cases agree that the New York State Special Olympics has helped Chris and their family tremendously.

"It really gives kids a chance to do things and go places they wouldn't otherwise be able to. They are able to travel; they're well-fed; it's a protective environment; they have an opening ceremonies parade, an awards ceremony and a victory dance; it really makes them feel special," said Carl.

Chris's older sister, Julie, is a senior here at Bonaventure. She and her brother have always been great friends. "Julie and Chris are best buds," said Carl.

"Chris really is no different than anyone else in the family. He has different strengths and weaknesses just like the rest of us — and he has a great attitude. He recently won the Best Attitude Award at the awards dinner in February. I wish I had an attitude like him. He doesn't get frustrated — he is always so positive."

The Cases both say that it would be hard to find many people in life as happy as Chris."He gets up in the morning with a smile and goes to bed at night with a smile," said Carl.

Currently, Chris works at Subcon Industries two days a week from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Chris works and earns a wage, in the workshop, where he assembles items for companies — which he finds very enjoyable. He also attends a Day-Habilitation program through The ReHabilitation Center three days each week, where he does community service and learns life skills.

"We're very fortunate to have Chris," said Carl. "We wouldn't trade him for the world. He's a very talented boy. You wouldn't want to play him in a video game, or shoot foul shots with him or bowl against him!"

Chris not only enjoys video games and shooting hoops, but he is a big Bonnies basketball fan. "He is never disappointed when they lose," said Carl, "He still cheers no matter what."

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competitors to recall knowledge and information about a wide array of topics, including literature, sports, history, science, mathematics, art, geography, current events and many more. St. Bonaventure's College Bowl team is coached by Dr. Lauren De La Vars, associate professor of English, and Dr. David Matz, professor of classical languages; both also served as game officials at the regional tournament. College Bowl at St. Bonaventure receives its financial support from the School of Arts and Sciences.

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percent over last year's proceeds. Also contributing to the budget shortfall are higher-than-expected costs for utilities and legal services.

How to approach the shortfall was addressed in consultation between the Cabinet and the academic deans, On-Campus Planning Committee, Faculty Senate chair, Faculty Senate Compensation and Finance Committees, director of athletics and members of the Board of Trustees.

The consensus was to put into effect spending reductions in each vice presidential area and to reduce a budgeted 3.5 percent salary increase for full-time faculty and staff who merit it to 2 percent.

"We hope you will agree that fiscal prudence is essential as the Western New York region endures another stretch of challenging economic times, replete with reports of business downturns, zero raises, and lay-offs with cutbacks in both the public and private sectors," the memo notes. "We believe the actions we are taking will hold us in very good stead as we work with you to ensure that SBU moves forward on a sound financial base."

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Campus Events

Major Americana collector and lender to Quick Center visits local area schools

he American memory has been well served by those individuals with the collector's instinct, those for whom collection-building is a basic impulse.

One such collector is Claude S. Harkins, one of the private lenders to the exhibition "Glorious Lessons: The Idea of America," now on view in its final days at the Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts at St. Bonaventure University. Harkins will give a free gallery talk about his passion for collecting at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Quick Center's Rigas Family Theater.

Next week, Harkins will visit 15 regional schools, including several in Olean, but also travel as far away as Bolivar and Randolph in New York, and Kersey and Kane in Pennsylvania. He will share stories about the Revolutionary War, George Washington and his passion for collecting historic artifacts with more than 1,300 students.

An autographed letter from

Benjamin Franklin predicting the Revolution 10 years before it started is just one of the items Harkins lent to the exhibition. Harkins has also lent personal artifacts that belonged to George and Martha Washington; paintings which are period copies of important works; original 13-star flags and documents pertaining to the Declaration of Independence.

Harkins' generosity stems from his sense of responsibility as steward for this important collection of Washingtonia that is the largest still in private hands. He considers it both a pleasure and an honor to collect items affiliated with George Washington.

The exhibition examines American colonial life, the struggle for independence from England, the Declaration of Independence, the American Revolution, George Washington as our first national hero and many other individuals - both renowned and obscure, who participated in the first steps of this great experiment called the United States. This exhibition closes on March 20 after a very successful run.

Tickets for Spring Weekend Reel Big Fish concert now on sale in the RC

By Anna Button '05

he public is invited to attend as ska-rock musicians Reel Big Fish perform at St. Bonaventure University at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 28, in the Reilly Center Arena to kick off the traditional Spring Weekend.

Tickets are now on sale at the Reilly Center Ticket Office at a cost of \$20 for the public and \$15 for students and other members of the St. Bonaventure community. Tickets for the concert are also available at all Tops Friendly Markets, by phone at (888) 223-6000, or online at tickets.com.

Based in Orange County, Calif., Reel Big Fish is a ska-rock band known for its hyperkinetic stage shows, juvenile

humor, ironic covers of new wave pop songs and metallic sounds of ska.

The band recorded its debut album, "Everything Sucks," in 1995, and released it themselves. "Everything Sucks" became a word-of-mouth underground hit in ska-punk and college circles.

The band's music became mainstream in the summer of 1997, when the single "Sellout" became a modern rock radio and MTV favorite.

The band's newest album, "We're Not Happy 'Til You're Not Happy," slated for release on April 5 by Jive Records, features a number of self-explanatory - and often selfdeprecating — numbers including "Don't Start a Band," "One Hit Wonderful" and "Last Show."



Budget Meeting 4 - 5 p.m. today Dresser Aud, Murphy

Cultural Diversity Weekend 7:30 p.m. Friday and 7 p.m. Saturday JCC Campus, Cutco Theater

First Organizational Meeting of the 2005-2006 Faculty Senate 2:30 -2:45 p.m. Friday Reilly Center Room 211/213 * Regular March meeting will follow from 2:45 - 4:30 p.m.

Challenge-24 Mathematics Contest Nine area schools to compete Saturday, on campus

> Loretta Lynn in concert 7 p.m. Sunday Reilly Center Arena

"Franciscan Life and Values" presented by Sr. Mary Gurley, O.S.F. Ed.D. 5:15-7:15 p.m. Tuesday, March 15 University Club

Woman of Promise Award Ceremony

with keynote Jacquie Walker 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 16 Dresser Auditorium, Murphy Building

> **SBU Army ROTC** 63rd Annual Military Ball 5:30 p.m. March 19 Premier Banquet Center

"Teaching Franciscan Values in the Classroom"

5:15 - 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, March 22 University Club

Richard Benedetto

Lenna Visiting Professor Friday Forum "Political Polling in Presidential Campaigns: Are Voters Influenced?" Noon - 1:30 p.m. Friday, March 18 University Club "Presidential Campaign Reporting: The Inside Story" 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 22 Rigas Theater, The Quick Center

Piano classics and sweet Sundays in the Quick Center

wo Sunday afternoon coffee, cake and piano classic recitals will be held at 1 p.m. in the Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts at St. Bonaventure University.

Seymour Lipkin will perform Sunday and Rita Bouboulidi will perform Sunday, March 20. Free coffee and cake receptions will be held from noon to 1 p.m., and museum tours will be available following both recitals.

Lipkin developed his immaculate virtuosity as a prize pupil of Rudolf Serkin and Mieczyslaw Horszowski at the Curtis Institute and began his career auspiciously by winning the Rachmaninoff competition.

He went on to appear with the New York Philharmonic, the Boston Symphony, the Philadelphia, Cleveland and Chicago Symphony Orchestras and other major ensembles.

For many years, Lipkin concentrated on conducting. Beginning as the New York Philharmonic's Assistant conductor, he subsequently served as music director of both the Long Island Symphony and the Joffrey Ballet. He has now returned to extensive concertizing as a pianist, earning particular acclaim for his Beethoven cycles.

Bouboulidi made headlines by performing the complete cycle of all 32 Beethoven sonatas in seven consecutive recitals in New York and Washington, a feat that she repeated on 10 other occasions in the United States and Europe.

She has played soloist with worldrenowned orchestras including the Boston, Pittsburgh and Baltimore Symphony Orchestras, London, Munich and Oslo Philharmonics, and with the American Symphony Orchestra at Carnegie Hall.

She has performed on live television and on radio broadcasts in Europe, Latin America and the United States.

Performance prices are \$18 for employees, \$15 for subscribers and \$8 for senior citizens and SBU and JCC students with valid ID.

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Newsmakers

Dr. Joel Horowitz, professor of history, published a review essay on recent writing about law and corruption in Latin America titled "Corruption, Crime and Punishment: Recent Scholarship on Latin America," which appeared in *Latin American Research Review*, volume 40, issue one in February.

Darwin L. King, professor of accounting, has had an article accepted by The Monthly Digest of Tax Articles. This journal publishes condensed versions of a number of articles treating various income, estate, and gift tax questions. King's article, "Timber Profits: Ordinary Income or Capital Gains?" was originally published in Volume 53, No. 2 of the Oil, Gas & Energy Quarterly and the Monthly Digest requested permission to include this article in a future issue.

Darwin L. King, professor of accounting, and **Dr. Carl J. Case**, associate professor of management science, presented their paper "A Review of Student Internet Purchase Behavior" at the American Society of Business and Behavioral Sciences 12th Annual Conference held in Las Vegas, Nev., February 24-27. The paper was published in the ASBBS 2005 Proceedings.

Dr. K. R. Sundararajan, professor of theology, will have his article "Ultimate Reality in Ramanuja" published in the July issue of "The Voice of Sankara", a halfyearly journal published from Madras, India. Sundararajan presented this paper in a conference in 2001 at Toronto, Canada.

Dr. Kimberly Young, associate professor of management sciences, was an invited speaker Feb. 23 at Beacon Light Behavioral Healthcare Systems. Her lecture, "Parents, Children, and the Internet" provided strategies for parents to keep their children safe from online predators in cyberspace.

She was also interviewed on Feb. 24 by CNBC for a television documentary on eBay hosted by David Faber, who appears daily on CNBC's morning show, "Squawk Box." Young spoke on the addictive potential of eBay and the piece is expected to air in June.

Career Center Events

Interviews today for Audit Intern position at KPMG

CareerFest 2005

Noon - 2:30 p.m. Monday Doyle Dining Hall and Trustee's Room * Stop in anytime during the event

Résumés due today Full-time JPMorgan Chase position in retail financial services *Business majors preferred

Business Dining Etiquette 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 21 Quick Center for the Arts * Payment required with advance sign-up



"What Makes Students Happy?"

presented by Chuck Walker

Noon to 1:30 p.m. University Club Lunch \$2.50 each

See this week's insert for Faculty Recognition nomination guidelines





The next issue of *Inside Bona's* is slated for Thursday, March 17. To submit items, please email to inside-bonas@sbu.edu by noon Tuesday, March 15. Questions may be directed to Christie Mendola, editor, at inside-bonas@sbu.edu or to Suzanne Wilcox English, director of media relations, 216 Francis Hall, at ext. 2376 or senglish@sbu.edu.