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SBU community relations director, husband inoculate children in India

A small girl, perhaps only 2 years old, moved forward and opened her mouth to receive the inoculation that would protect her from polio. Her little mouth was filled with sores.

Mary Vahl, St. Bonaventure's director of community relations and a member of a Rotary Club service trip to inoculate Indian children, turned to the doctor beside her. "We have to get this little girl to a clinic."

"No," he said. "There is no medical care for these children. She'll either get better or she won't." The little girl melted into the crowd, and the inoculations continued.

"It was heartbreaking," Mary Vahl said. "I guess before this trip I didn't realize that there are places where there is no medical care available to people."



They either get better and live, or die."

And the doctor was not being heartless, she said; he gives up his time one day a week and has dedicated 16 percent of his salary in 2005 to ensure that children who cannot afford heart surgeries receive them. He simply knows the extent of the problem and the number of people involved, and must address what he can, one problem at a time.

"The problem is that there are so many people," said Mary's husband, Carl, an Olean attorney and also a Rotarian who accompanied her on the trip. "India has 1 billion people," of which one-third live as we do, while 700 million live on \$3 a day, or less, with no fresh drinking water, no toilet facilities, no medical care.

The Vahls gave a presentation on their trip Saturday at the Olean Rotary
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Trustees OK budget, tuition increase; approve start of DeLaRoche additions

The University's Board of Trustees has approved a tuition increase of \$1,960 for undergraduates, while moving ahead with plans for the first two phases of the expansion of DeLaRoche Hall, the University's science building.

Under the preliminary 2005-06 operating budget approved by the Trustees, the University's 2005-06 tuition will be \$20,610.

Part-time students will be charged \$650 per credit hour, an increase of \$40 per credit hour from last year's fee of \$610. Required University fees will stand at \$840, a \$5 increase for health services costs, with the entire cost for tuition, fees, room and board, on average, at \$28,785.

"Our first priority is to provide our students with an excellent academic experience in a Franciscan environment," said University president Sr. Margaret Carney, O.F.M., S.T.D. "In doing so, we must be fiscally responsible, investing in our programs and the faculty and staff who provide them, as well as in the physical facilities that house our students and offer them arts, recreation and other opportunities."

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University student receives scholarship to study abroad in Paris this summer

By Katie Fish

St. Bonaventure University junior philosophy and French major Aubrey Jones of Olean was recently honored as the recipient of the Joseph W. Yedlicka Award, which is given in recognition of superior achievement in the study of the French language and literature.

Jones, along with two other students, was selected out of two dozen applicants nationwide to receive a full scholarship to study in Paris this summer.

"I was very excited to learn I got

the scholarship! I was so pleased to learn that I was chosen from among many other students in the nation to have this opportunity to study in Paris," said Jones. "I hope that it will help develop my listening, speaking and writing skills, and prepare me for a future in teaching the French language. I have never traveled abroad but I can only imagine that it will make me a more cultured person in general."

In preparation for her time abroad, Jones is currently taking a French

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Fr. Joe Doino, O.F.M. Honors and Awards

4 p.m. today
Robert R. Jones
Board of Trustees Room

**All are welcome!
Reception to follow*

"Trustees" continued ...

"We recognize the commitment that parents make to provide higher education for their children. We honor that commitment and pledge to make the best use of every dollar, in order to provide an outstanding and worthwhile academic experience for every St. Bonaventure student," she said.

Graduate tuition will increase from \$630 to \$650 per credit hour.

In the first two stages of the expansion and renovation of DeLaRoche Hall, plans call for a pair of structures to be built, one at a time, parallel to the existing building and joined to it by a central corridor. The final stage of the project will be the renovation of the existing hall, constructed in 1900 and the oldest academic building on campus.

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Club's Centennial Celebration, at which Mary was named a Paul Harris Fellow, the Rotary's highest honor. Their trip was in support of a Rotary International effort, a joint program with the World Health Organization and UNICEF that was established in 1985 with the goal of eradicating polio worldwide by December 2005.

As part of a team of 75 Rotarians from the United States and Canada, the Vahls inoculated thousands of children in a slum outside India's capital, New Delhi, helping to further reduce the incidence of polio.

The picture isn't all grim: "Parts of India are booming," but it will take a sustained and massive effort to bring so many people up from poverty, Carl Vahl said.

And like the Indian doctor who worked with the Vahls, those who have been educated are willing to help. "Their social consciousness is just beginning to bubble up," Mary Vahl said, noting Rotary in India has been on the leading edge of such programs.

One picture has stayed with Carl: "We visited the Taj Mahal, perhaps the most fabulous building ever created," taking 20,000 people 20 years to build. "We walked out of the gate, and there's a camel pulling a cart within 50 yards of it."

That is a picture of India: Tremendous riches and tradition rubbing elbows with grinding poverty. It's a picture that Rotary, with the help of volunteers such as Mary and Carl Vahl, is helping to improve.

St. Bonaventure returns from Selma enlightened by historic march

By Jessica Manocchio '06

At one point we were standing with the Archbishop of Cape Town on one side of us, and the CBS reporter who covered the original march in 1965," said Dr. Mark Huddle, assistant professor of history.

University students, faculty and staff stood shoulder-to-shoulder with veterans of the civil rights movement during a re-enactment of the "Bloody Sunday" march over the Edmund Pettus Bridge March 7.

Originally, on March 7, 1965, the march took place when around 600 civil rights marchers headed east out of Selma, Ala., with hopes of reaching Montgomery, and more importantly, obtaining voting rights. They got as far as the Edmund Pettus Bridge when state and local lawmen attacked them with billy clubs and tear gas and drove them back into Selma, thus ending the march and coining the term, "Bloody Sunday."

A group of University students remembered the anniversary, as well as the passing of the Voting Rights Act, by taking a trip to Selma. Student participants included Matthew Cressler, Chris Chapman, Malik Potter, and Benjamin Gregg.

"The first night we heard the Rev. Joseph Lowery of the Southern Christian

Leadership Conference preach," said Huddle. "On Friday morning, we participated in the Children's Sojourn — hundreds of local schoolchildren who re-enacted the march across the Edmund Pettus Bridge."

Participants also took part in a civil rights strategy session, the annual Hip Hop Inter-Generational Summit featuring Chuck D, Diane Nash and Congresswoman Waters, a mock congressional hearing about the murder of Jimmy Lee Jackson in 1965 and a daylong street fest. Students also visited an exhibit of Spyder Martin's civil rights photography and attended Sunday services that featured Rep. John Lewis, the Archbishop of Cape Town, South Africa, Jesse Jackson, and members of Congress.

SBU students served as support to the National Voting Rights Museum and Institute (NVRM) staff, who planned the march, documenting oral histories of the participants in the 1965 Selma march, as well as the festivities.

Other trip participants included: Sarah Nies, director of The Warming House, SBU admissions counselor Nakeia Chambers and Fr. Mikael Thangwah.

"Jones" continued ...

literature course focusing on literature of the 19th century with Dr. Guy Imhoff, associate professor of modern languages.

"It is an extraordinary honor for one of our students to receive this national recognition," said Imhoff. "It shows the high caliber that Aubrey exhibits and I am proud to be her professor. I am sure that her stay in France will open her mind to the different facets of French life and culture."

Jones has also taken French culture with Dr. Paul Wood, professor of modern languages, and a survey of French literature with Imhoff.

Once in France Jones has the option of an immersion program living with a French family or staying in a dorm with other students. Although she has not made final arrangements yet for housing,

Jones says she would prefer to experience a family stay.

At the American University of Paris, Jones will study advanced French, focusing on language proficiency as well as culture. She also hopes to experience the tourism as well.

"Of course I would like to visit all the famous monuments and museums, like the Louvre and Versailles, as well as travel about the city to experience its flavor. Fortunately there is a group offered by the AUP that meets once a week to walk in Paris and sightsee. I imagine I will be doing a lot of studying though," said Jones.

In the future, Jones says that she would like to teach French, and possibly other languages such as Spanish or Latin, to high school students.

Campus *Events*

SBU seniors head to Philadelphia soup kitchen for spring break

By **Katie Fish**

A group of SBU seniors passed up traditional vacation hot spots and spent their spring break at the St. Francis Inn, a soup kitchen in North Philadelphia.

Kelly Zientek, Dan Horan, Melissa Weise and Renee Willey traveled to Philadelphia with Mt. Irenaeus community member Patrick McCarthy to serve guests, pick up food donations, visit a women's center and spend time with



Franciscan volunteers. The group members' experiences, from serving food to the homeless to forming a sense of community with other volunteers, left a huge impact on them.

"Seeing that it wasn't a job, but a way of life was the most important part of the trip," said Willey.

"One of the best things was taking time to sit down and talk to the guests and hear their stories," said Weise. "It really opened your eyes to something totally different."

Horan remembers seeing a man

sitting by himself at a table, so he sat down to speak with him. "I knew there were dishes to take care of," said Horan, "but as this guy was talking about trying to get his son into school and his daughter getting killed in a hit-and-run, I realized he was going to go back out on the street and no one was going to care."

Each day began with a Mass and ended with prayer in a chapel above the kitchen. Guests from the meals regularly joined staff and volunteers from the Inn at the services.

McCarthy, who visited the inn as an SBU student more than 10 years ago, said Mass previously involved only volunteers and friars. "Sharing Mass and the sign of peace the whole week with the guests from the inn was a rewarding time," he said.

The four volunteers worked at the soup kitchen as part of Franciscan Volunteer Ministries (FVM), which gives people the chance to serve as a volunteer for a year or more in Wilmington, Del., and Philadelphia. Willey and Weise have already applied to join the FVM this summer, so they valued learning how this year's volunteers lived.

Sorokes receives Woman of Promise Award

The University's Jandoli School of Journalism and Mass Communication has

named Megan Sorokes as the recipient of its 2005 Dr. Mary A. Hamilton Woman of Promise Award, presented to a senior who excels in and out of the classroom and sets a good example for her peers.



Sorokes, an Olean resident who graduated in December 2004, was presented the award March 16 with Jacquie Walker, anchor for WIVB-Channel 4 Buffalo, as keynote speaker.

"Megan represents everything we hold as our highest ideals," says dean Lee

Coppola. "She's hard-working, talented and dependable, and she has a deep sense of compassion for others."

Sorokes was on the dean's list for each of her seven semesters and she is a member of Phi Eta Sigma and Kappa Tau Alpha honor societies.

Outside of the classroom, one of Sorokes' biggest achievements came while working as a marketing assistant for Southern Tier Health Care Systems (STHCS) Inc., in Olean. There she created a File of Life public relations campaign, developed as part of her senior capstone project.

Sorokes interned at Dresser-Rand and The Times Herald, and also as a public relations assistant at Olean General Hospital.

Calendar

Fr. Joe Doino, O.F.M.

Honors and Awards

4 p.m. today

Robert R. Jones Board of Trustees Room

Second Organizational Meeting

of the '05/'06 Faculty Senate

2:30 -2:45 Friday, RC Room 211/213

**April Senate meeting to follow until 4:30 p.m.*

An Hour with the President

2:30 - 3:30 p.m. Monday

Doyle Dining Room

Associate VPAA Candidate

Interviews continue

4 - 5 p.m. April 4, April 11

Dresser Auditorium A & B

Gaudete Awards

April 9, Statler Towers, Buffalo

Info: call ext. 2334.

University to hold animation showcase

The University's Department of Computer Science will host a showcase on Friday of presentations created with Alice — an animation creation program designed to provide exposure to computer programming for students.

"Through our annual Girls' Day event and now the Alice Showcase, we hope to make the pursuit of a career in computer science more attractive to young girls," said Dr. Suzanne Watson.

During the Third Annual Girls' Day Workshop last fall, sophomore computer science major Angela Colomaio, with the help of Jessica King, a sophomore BIS major, introduced students to Alice, and showed them how to create their own world and populate it with characters of their choosing. In December, another workshop was held with nine teachers from six area schools.

The showcase, at 9:30 a.m. Friday in Dresser Auditorium, will allow the SBU students an opportunity to present the animations they have created in a public forum.

News makers

University trustee **Elena M.P. Bingham**, a retired DuPont Co. executive, has been named president of Ursuline Academy in Wilmington, Del., effective July 1. She will be charged with implementing a five-year plan now being finalized by the academy's board of directors. Bingham has been a member of St. Bonaventure's Board of Trustees since 1998.

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Dr. Adam Brown, assistant professor of education, will present at the upcoming national conference of the American Psychological Association in Los Angeles. The title of his presentation is "Spatial Memory in the Western Lowland Gorilla." This research comes out data collected at the Buffalo Zoological Gardens with a former research assistant and honors student, Tara Kelly.

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Dr. Ted Georgian, professor of biology and environmental science, had two papers published this past fall. One, "Field measurements of particle-capture efficiency and size selection by caddisfly nets and larvae" appeared in the *Journal of the North American Benthological Society*, a journal devoted primarily to stream ecology. The paper was based on the master's thesis of **Christopher Edler**, who obtained a M.S. degree in biology from St. Bonaventure in 1990. The second paper, "Estimating flow and flux of ground-water discharge using water temperature and velocity," was co-authored with Dr. Matthew Becker of the Department of Geology at the University at Buffalo and two of his students. It was published in the *Journal of Hydrology* and was based on research done by Georgian during his last sabbatical leave.

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Deborah Post, development associate, and **Mary Vahl**, director of community relations, have been accepted into the 2005 class for Leadership Cattaraugus, an area leadership development organization of which St. Bonaventure

is a co-sponsor. The nine-month schedule, which began with a retreat on March 18-19, includes daylong sessions on economic development, education and culture, recreation and tourism, news media, government services, health and medical services, human services and being a board member for a local organization, with graduation slated for December.

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Dr. Chris Stanley will serve as chair of a new "Paul and Scripture Seminar" that will meet annually for the next six years as part of the annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. The seminar brings together 20 leading scholars to explore a series of methodological questions pertaining to the study of the apostle Paul's use of Scripture. The seminar is designed to enable scholars to work together on a number of issues that have been broadly neglected by those who work in this area. The papers from the seminar will be published as an aid to others in the field.

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Dr. K. R. Sundararajan, professor of theology, will attend the 14th International Society for Chinese Philosophy to be held from July 13-19 in the University of South Wales, Sydney, Australia. Sundararajan will present a paper on "Learning and Teaching—A Comparative Study of the Confucian Analects and the Hindu Upanishads." This conference is being jointly sponsored by Australian Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy.

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St. Bonaventure and its employees received multiple recognitions at the United Way Annual Recognition Dinner on March 17. St. Bonaventure was named the Company of the Year, recognizing a successful in-house campaign that raised 2,000 percent more than the previous year, as well as its business students providing tax preparation help to low-income taxpayers, returning more than \$100,000 to needy individuals through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. **Mary Vahl**, director of community relations at SBU and a United Way board member, received the Volunteer of the Year Award for her leadership of the SBU campaign and other initiatives.

Career Center Events

Résumés due by April 4 for Walgreens.
*Full-time and internship positions in retail management are available to all majors.

SBU College Central Promo

Noon - 2 p.m.

Wednesday, April 6 & Friday, April 8

RC Lobby

*Receive assistance in opening an SBU online résumé/job searching account.

TRD Workshops

3 - 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 6

RC Room 216

* For accepted candidates only.

Friday Forum

"NCAA academic progress rates legislation and how it affects St. Bonaventure"

presented by David Potter

Noon to 1:30 p.m.

University Club

Lunch \$2.50 each

An Hour with the President

2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Monday, April 4

Doyle Dining Room

*All hourly employees are invited to share ideas and issues. Any questions, please e-mail jsolan@sbu.edu before the event.



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The next issue of *Inside Bona's* is slated for Thursday, April 7. To submit items, please e-mail to inside-bonas@sbu.edu by noon Tuesday, April 5. 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.