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## Pair of lectures to highlight Feast of St. Bonaventure

The community is invited to join in as the University celebrates the Feast of St. Bonaventure beginning Friday, including a pair of lectures by internationally renowned Franciscan scholars Fr. David Flood, O.F.M., and Dr. David Burr, each to be a recipient of the Franciscan Institute Medal.

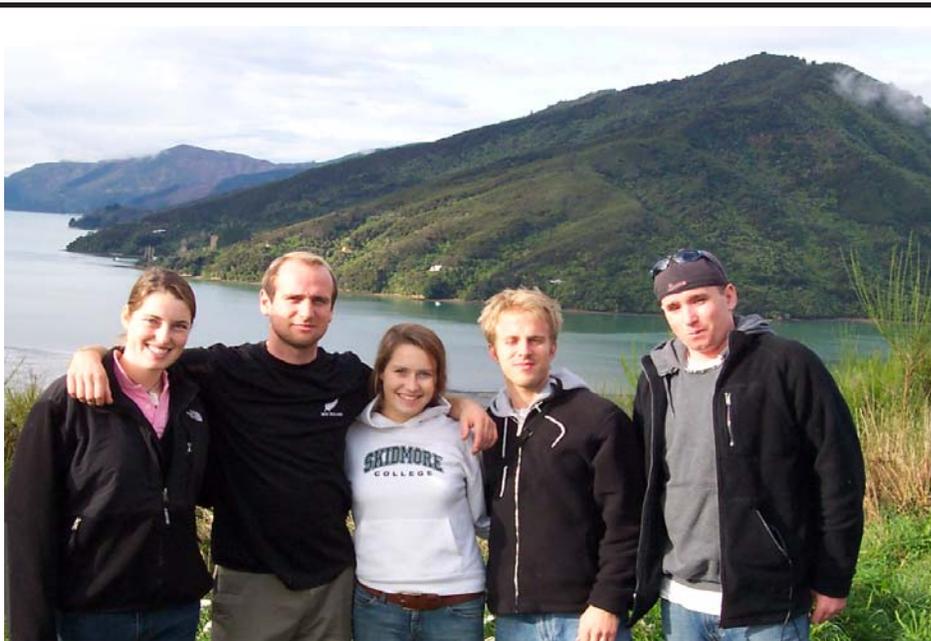
The Eucharistic Liturgy for the Feast of St. Bonaventure will be celebrated at 5 p.m. Friday in the University Chapel, Doyle Hall. Fr. John F. O'Connor, O.F.M., the new Provincial Minister of the Province of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, will serve as celebrant. Fr. Wayne Hellman, O.F.M., Conv., dean of the Graduate School of Theology at St. Louis University who is currently teaching hagiography for the School of Franciscan Studies, will be the homilist.

The celebration will continue on Saturday, beginning with Vespers at 7 p.m. in the University Chapel, Doyle Hall.

Then, University president Sr. Margaret Carney, O.S.F., and Fr. Michael Cusato, O.F.M., director of The Franciscan Institute and dean of the School of Franciscan Studies, will present the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> medals during an Academic Convocation beginning at 7:45 p.m. in The Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts.

Burr, professor emeritus of history at Virginia Polytechnic University, will give the academic presentation, "Why Do We Do History?" A dessert reception will follow in the Dresser-Rand Atrium.

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SBU MBA student Justin Brtko, second from right, and undergrad Jon Dahlgren, right, relax in the mountains with guide Travis Dixon and Skidmore students Christina Hanley and Kate Sherman.

## Students travel to Fiji, New Zealand through new program

By Katie Fish

University students took part in a study abroad program in New Zealand and Fiji that allowed for a unique opportunity to experience and learn about international business as well as participate in backcountry and wildlife interactions.

They had the opportunity to go whale watching, swim with dolphins and visit fur seal sanctuaries.

The programs were held on Fiji and the south island of New Zealand. The base of the program was located in Christchurch,

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## Trustees re-elect officers, adopt plan

The University's Board of Trustees re-elected its leadership, adopted a campus Master Plan and approved the fall kick-off of a public fund-raising campaign during its meeting June 17-18 on campus.

John R. "Jack" McGinley Jr., a 1965 alumnus and a well-known Pittsburgh

attorney, was re-elected chair of the Board; John J. McCormack, retired group president of TIAA-CREF Enterprises and a 1966 alumnus of St. Bonaventure, was re-elected vice chair; and Fr. Joseph M. Hertel, O.F.M., a 1957 graduate of St. Bonaventure who

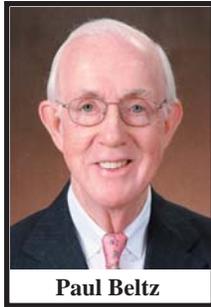
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# Alum donates \$250,00 for pre-law scholarship

By Katie Fish

St. Bonaventure alumnus of the class of 1950 Paul W. Beltz and his wife, Catherine, have established The Paul and Catherine Beltz Family Scholarship with a gift of \$250,000 to the University.

The scholarship will be granted to an incoming freshman student or students enrolled in SBU's pre-law program and will be based on academic merit. It will be renewable annually for up to four years as long as the recipient remains in the pre-law program and is satisfying certain academic criteria.



Paul Beltz

"This scholarship will enable students to have the same sound education from St. Bonaventure that enabled me to attend the Cornell University Law School," said Beltz, who has been a distinguished member of the legal profession for more than 50 years. "We intend that these opportunities will encourage other students to give their very best efforts at St. Bonaventure University so that they may be accepted at a prestigious law school as well."

St. Bonaventure is working to strengthen the University's pre-law program; the program will be structured to recruit more career-minded and socially aware students who will have a positive impact on the Allegany/Olean community during the academic year, and who will also make significant contributions to their home communities over the semester and summer breaks, as paid or volunteer interns at law practices, agencies and other organizations.

"This is a significant donation," said Dr. Stephen Stahl, dean of the School of Arts and Sciences and professor of environmental science at SBU. "It will help us to attract students interested in law and who are looking for the Franciscan context of social justice and community service as the foundation for their career."

"This scholarship is very welcome at a time when the University is strengthening an already successful pre-law program," said Dr. Steven Nuttall, director of SBU's philosophy pre-law program and associate professor of

philosophy.

"Paul's support of pre-legal education at St. Bonaventure extends far beyond this financial contribution. He has given generously of his time, organizing discussion panels on careers in law and providing exceptional internship opportunities for our students. With support like this from our alumni, we will realize our goal of becoming the school of choice for talented undergraduate students who wish to combine a legal education with a commitment to public service in the Franciscan tradition," said Nuttall.

Beltz, who was recently honored with the University's 2005 Gaudete Medal recognizing joyful service in the tradition of St. Francis of Assisi, has a record of both personal philanthropy, particularly supporting higher education, and corporate philanthropy in support of the community.

"I have always asked people who attend St. Bonaventure if they appreciated and enjoyed their experience," said Beltz. "I can honestly say, without exception, that the answer is always 'yes.' This certainly has motivated my wife and me to do what we can to help St. Bonaventure University accomplish its purpose."

In 1993, Beltz made a \$500,000 gift to St. Bonaventure's Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts to name the Paul W. Beltz Gallery. He has also endowed a scholarship at Cornell University's Law School, which gives preference to Bonaventure graduates.

Beltz's law firm, Paul William Beltz, P.C., is located in Buffalo and has been a leader in personal injury law in both the Western New York region and throughout New York state. He was recognized as the Bar Association of Erie County's Lawyer of the Year for 2001, is listed in "The Best Lawyers in America" and has been rated by his peers as a top plaintiff personal injury attorney.

For more information, please contact Janet Glogouski, director of scholarships and endowments, at ext. 4084 or [jglogous@sbu.edu](mailto:jglogous@sbu.edu).

## "Board" continued ...

serves as director of development for the Franciscans of Holy Name Province and director of St. Anthony's Guild, was re-elected secretary.

The Board heard a presentation by Cannon Design, an international design firm that has worked with the University since December 2003 on updating the Campus Master Plan. The process involved work by subcommittees on academics, residence life, campus life, athletics and infrastructure. The trustees received a copy of the final product, which was adopted.

The trustees also approved a launch date for the public phase of the University's comprehensive fund-raising campaign, which is expected to wrap up at the close of the University's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration during the 2008-09 academic year.

In other action, the Board:

- Approved the requested balanced 2005-06 budget of \$48,110,942;
- Re-elected for three-year terms University trustees Lana D. Benatovich, Fr. Daniel P. Dwyer, O.F.M., J. Oliver McGonigle and Robert W. Williams; and
- Heard reports from the development, enrollment and marketing, finance, buildings and grounds, academic affairs and athletics committees.

## Important Student Life Web Sites

- Student Handbook & Associated University Policies & Procedures
- Safety Tips Brochure
- Fire Safety Brochure
- Campus Security Act/Crime Reporting Calendar
- SBU Drug & Alcohol Policy
- Traffic Regulations Booklet

# Campus News

## Media briefing adds new twist to China studies trip

A group of St. Bonaventure University business and marketing students heard from journalists who have covered events in China for as long as two decades during their recent visit.

Twenty-seven students traveled to China to study for two weeks under the direction of Donald Swanz, an associate professor of business law and a member of the National Committee on United States-China Relations.

A unique aspect of this trip, the 11th sojourn to China under Swanz' direction, was the media briefing the students received. SBU's Pulitzer-winning journalism professor John Hanchette put Swanz in touch with Dave Lynch, a reporter for USA Today in China.

Lynch said he hadn't been in China long enough to give the students perspective, but he pulled together an impressive panel including the bureau chief of CNN, The New York Times reporter for Beijing and the bureau chief of The Economist, who had reported from Tiananmen Square in 1989 for the BBC.

"One of the most interesting presentations was by Jamie Floracruz, of CNN, a native of the Philippines, who had led a student demonstration against Marcos there in the 1970s and relocated to China in 1975 after he was deported," offering the students 30 years of experience in China, said Swanz. "He

remembers when everyone wore the Mao jackets and there was total compliance; now it's very individualistic. He was able to emphasize the dramatic changes that have occurred politically and socially as well as in the infrastructure."

All speakers emphasized that China is changing dramatically and that more freedoms exist for its people than even five years ago.

The students also attended lectures by professors from the Beijing Institute of Technology and briefings by China-based representatives from Procter & Gamble, PriceWaterhouse Coopers, Rich Products, Moog Control Systems, the commercial attaché at the U.S. Embassy and the operators of the Singapore Industrial Park. The students earned three credits for their studies at the Beijing Institute of Technology, considered one of the top MBA programs in China.

But the trip wasn't all work. The agenda included cultural visits to the new Pudong area in Shanghai and to historic sites in Beijing including Tiananmen Square, The Great Hall of the People, The Forbidden City, The Summer Palace, The Temple of Heaven, The Great Wall and the Lama Temple, as well as an overnight in Xi'an to see the Terra Cotta Warriors.

During his eight years of supervising the student visits to China, Swanz himself has seen tremendous change. "Xi'an is a totally different place," with modern infrastructure including a new runway at its airport, allowing 747s to land. "They are building a city the size of Houston every month."

### "Study Abroad" continued ...

where classroom sessions were held at Christchurch Polytechnic Institute of Technology. Trips to the field were made to international organizations in cities such as Queenstown, Wellington and others.

Other destinations in New Zealand included Paparoa National Park, Fox Glacier, Fiordland National Park, Kaikoura, Blenheim, Moteueka and Abel

Tasman National Park; destinations in Fiji included Nadi, Suva and Yasawa Islands.

"It was an awesome combination of adventure and learning," said Lindsay Saternow, a junior marketing major from Oswego.

The study abroad program is designed to allow students to develop a working knowledge of business and management in

## Calendar

### Feast of St. Bonaventure

Eucharistic Liturgy

5 p.m. Friday

University Chapel, Doyle Hall

Vespers

7 p.m. Saturday

University Chapel

Academic Convocation

and Reception

7:45 p.m. Saturday

Quick Center for the Arts

### Fall Semester Begins

Monday, Aug. 29

### Celebrate 25 years of HEOP at SBU!

6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10

Premier Banquet Center

*Save the date!*

New Zealand and/or Fiji through field experiences, seminars and presentations. Through the program, students gain an appreciation for the importance of cultural differences when conducting business.

Additionally, students benefited from learning how to behave and interact with others while living in a foreign country. They also had a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to witness the breathtaking beauty of New Zealand and Fiji.

Kate Collett, a junior marketing major from Leland, Mich., said, "It was the best trip of my life. I learned more than I ever could in class."

The first two days of the program were spent in Christchurch and the surrounding community. Seminars and presentations were given on the campus of CPIT. The following eight days were an extended field study of the South Island and Wellington. Students met with field staff at each location for presentations on business management, recreation and tourism management, and more.

Those interested in the program may contact Dr. Suzanne Watson at [swatson@sbu.edu](mailto:swatson@sbu.edu) or visit its Web site at [http://web.sbu.edu/studyabroad/nz\\_fiji/](http://web.sbu.edu/studyabroad/nz_fiji/).

## Finance prof's blog among 10 best in the nation

**F**inanceProfessor.com, a Web log designed and maintained by SBU finance professor Dr. James Mahar Jr., has been named one of the top 10 finance blogs in the country by Yahoo Finance.

In its recently released ranking of "Ten Money Blogs Everyone Should Read," Yahoo Finance ranked FinanceProfessor.com sixth.

The FinanceProfessor.com blog is a part of the FinanceProfessor.com Web site, both of which are created and edited by Mahar, an assistant professor of finance. Mahar said he spends an average of two hours per day on the blog, "but there are many days when it is more like 8-plus."

The rankings: "Ten Money Blogs Everyone Should Read"

1. MyMoneyBlog
2. PFblog
3. Neville's Financial Blog
4. Savvy Saver
5. The Budgeting Babe
6. FinanceProfessor.com
7. Consumerism Commentary
8. Maxed Out Generation
9. It's Your Money
10. Frugal For Life

See <http://biz.yahoo.com/special/blog05.html> for the full list.

### "Feast" continued ...

Fr. David, a member of the research faculty at the Franciscan Institute, will present his paper, "So What Is a Franciscan?" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, in the University Chapel, during the final week of the Franciscan Institute's summer session, which draws students of the Franciscan tradition from all over the world.

This year's recipients will be the first to receive the newly redesigned medal, which includes the image of St. Clare of Assisi flanked with those of St. Francis and St. Bonaventure.

For more information, contact Debbie Woodward, secretary of The Franciscan Institute, at ext. 2595.

## News makers

**Dr. Rick Knott**, assistant professor of physical education, had an essay titled "St. Bonaventure: A Brief Football History" appear in the Spring 2005 issue of *The College Football Historical Society Quarterly*.

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**Sarah McCue**, a dual accounting and economics major who put her skills to work maintaining spreadsheets for relief efforts and safety classes as an American Red Cross intern during the past year, was featured in the summer 2005 issue of the Greater Buffalo Chapter newsletter, *Red Events*. The article notes that McCue, in addition to serving with Students in Free Enterprise, the Accounting Club, Student Ambassadors and Bona Buddies, has been named a McGowan Scholar for the coming year. Bill Herald, Olean site coordinator, told the newsletter: "Her work for the American Red Cross has been outstanding, and she never misses a day."

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**Steve Mest**, '91, has been promoted from assistant to associate athletics director for communication at SBU. He served as sports information director at Allegheny College, Meadville, Pa., for six years prior to returning to St. Bonaventure in 1998. Mest completed a master's degree in professional leadership last December.

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**St. Bonaventure** received two mentions in the recently released Spring 2005 issue of *The Independent Sector*, a publication of the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities. In a segment on Pulitzer Prize winners, one of Bona's five alum winners, **Dan Barry**, '80, was selected to be highlighted. In addition, Bonaventure's approaching 150th anniversary and core

values of discovery, community and individual worth were highlighted in a piece outlining institutions founded on the basis of faith.

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**Paul Wieland**, lecturer in the School of Journalism/Mass Communication at St. Bonaventure University, has been named a 2005 Educator in the Newsroom Fellow by the Radio and Television News Directors Foundation. Now in their sixth year, EIN Fellowships place broadcast journalism professors in radio or television newsrooms for a month-long work experience each summer. Wieland will serve at host station WIVB-TV in Buffalo. The benefits of the program, funded by the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, are that educators get hands-on experience and training in current practices, new technologies and issues confronting today's journalists. News managers benefit from fresh perspectives on daily newsroom practices and an extra set of knowledgeable eyes, ears and hands during the summer and students benefit as well when their professors return to the classroom with a firsthand view of what skills news directors will demand for that first job.

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**Dr. Kimberly S. Young**, associate professor of management sciences, gave an invited workshop for the Pennsylvania Psychological Association on June 15 in Harrisburg, Pa. Her workshop, "Media Training for Psychologists," reviewed strategies on how to work with various journalists in radio, print and television. She also gave the plenary address on Internet addiction for the "Addictions: All Shapes, Sizes, and Disguises" conference held May 19 in Baltimore, Md.



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The next issue of *Inside Bona's* is slated for Thursday, July 21. To submit items, please e-mail to [inside-bonas@sbu.edu](mailto:inside-bonas@sbu.edu) by noon Tuesday, July 19. Questions may be directed to Suzanne Wilcox English, director of media relations, 216 Francis Hall, at ext. 2376 or [senglish@sbu.edu](mailto:senglish@sbu.edu).

St. Bonaventure University is distributing its annual Security Report electronically. Access for the years 2002, 2003 and 2004 is available through the University Web site at: <http://www.sbu.go/student-services/health-and-safety/security-services/crime-reporting/index.htm>