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## Franciscan Health Care Professions programs accept first students this fall

The first students begin classes this fall under dual-admissions agreements that have opened up exciting new opportunities for St. Bonaventure University students interested in the health professions.

The agreements with The George Washington University, Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine and its School of Pharmacy, and the University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine allow students to save time, money and,

in some cases, guarantees them medical school placement without taking the Medical College Admission Test.

"This joint BS/MD is the only admit from high school program outside of our own," said Diane P. McQuail, assistant dean of admissions for the School of Medicine and Health Sciences at The George Washington University. "This joint program is an opportunity for strong students with service, health care experience and leadership ability who

know they want to be doctors and have a strong interest in our program, to focus early on their goals. Not having to take the MCATs offers time for projects and less stress on the student."

The dual-admissions agreement with George Washington is one component of the Franciscan Health Care Professions Programs at St. Bonaventure, which emphasize the desire to serve others as an important prerequisite for applicants, and

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## HEOP staffer to read from his memoir today in Cuba

By Katie Fish

The Lyons Press publishing company has issued a paperback edition of "My Father's Cabin," a memoir written by Mark Phillips, author and academic skills specialist in the Higher Educational Opportunity Program (HEOP).

At 7 p.m. today, Phillips will give a reading at Cuba Memorial Library featuring selections from "My Father's Cabin" and his recently completed novel, "Ten Cents of God Help Us."



Phillips

Phillips' memoir describes his working-class childhood and volatile relationship with his father, a welder in a coal-fired power plant near Buffalo. It chronicles his father's early death from cancer and the construction of his dream cabin in Cattaraugus County, where Phillips lives today.

The first 5,000 hard-cover copies of "My Father's Cabin" sold out and a second printing was issued. Barnes and Noble stores selected it for their Discover Program, featuring it in all B&N stories nationwide in their "Discover Great New Writers" floor displays.

While it was still a work in progress, portions of Phillips' book appeared in the New York Times Magazine, Catholic Digest, North Dakota Quarterly, The Sun and Notre Dame Magazine. It received rave reviews from authors and critics.

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## Journey Project interns log 8,000 hours of service

By Dusten Rader, '07

Through St. Bonaventure's Journey Project Service Internship Program, more than 8,400 hours of community service were completed during the 2004-2005 academic year.

The Journey Project demonstrates SBU's effort to contribute to the community — which gives back in return. It also exposes the students to the community, creating a lasting partnership.

Through their work with the Journey Project, students also develop lifelong habits of service and reflection that will help them with their future vocation.

Mike Williams, director of the Journey Project, said, "Students not only meet the needs of the community, but they hear the stories of people who are doing good and

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include a "summer of service" internship as one aspect of the program.

"The Franciscan Health Care Professions Programs recognize that we are all called to serve others, and emphasize the importance of heeding that call for those in the caring professions," said St. Bonaventure University president Sr. Margaret Carney, O.S.F., S.T.D.

"Clearly, both schools have missions of care to those in need," McQuail said. "The undergraduate internship in a rural or urban health care facility was certainly a draw for us. Part of our mission is service to the community: in our neighborhood, the U.S. and beyond."

While the requirements are demanding, a student who fulfills them is guaranteed a seat in GW's School of Medicine and Health Sciences. "We generally have over 8,000 applications for 160 seats," though this year the school received more than 10,000 applications for the class entering in August 2005, McQuail said. "We generally offer 350 seats for the 160 matriculants."

With the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine agreements, pre-health students will find the St. Bonaventure affiliation smoothes the transition from undergraduate school to the professional degree programs. "The student will not face the stress of applying to medical college and traveling for interviews during the senior year at St. Bonaventure," according to LECOM director of student affairs Susan Lazzaro. Students interested in pursuing a career in osteopathic medicine apply to LECOM at the same time they apply to St. Bonaventure for undergraduate coursework.

However, there are very strict entrance requirements and the student must maintain a high GPA throughout the undergraduate program in order to be able to move on to the graduate medical or pharmacy programs.

"LECOM is seeking highly motivated students who clearly understand the career path they have chosen," Lazzaro explained. The

medical college and pharmacy school encourage graduates to become caring and compassionate professionals in the osteopathic tradition of whole-person health care and preventive medicine.

The LECOM School of Pharmacy agreement offers two fast-track programs. "The 2+3 affiliation with St. Bonaventure offers students the opportunity to complete the required pre-pharmacy credits and then apply to LECOM," said School of Pharmacy dean Donald Tuttle, Pharm.D. "Students who enter the 3+3 program will earn a St. Bonaventure bachelor of science degree after successfully completing the first year of the LECOM Doctor of Pharmacy program." LECOM School of Pharmacy students study year-round and earn their degrees in just three years after meeting pre-pharmacy requirements at an undergraduate college such as St. Bonaventure.

The first student accepted under the new agreement with LECOM begins classes at St. Bonaventure this fall; LECOM accepted only 214 students into its Erie campus class beginning Aug. 1. In September, the Pharmacy School will enroll only 120 students.

New York state residents accepted under the dual-admissions agreement with the University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine will save not only time, but also money.

"The agreement, which takes effect this fall for the 2005-2006 academic year, allows students to complete both degrees in just seven years instead of the traditional eight, saving both time and money," said Dr. Michael Domboski, assistant to the dean of Arts and Sciences for the Franciscan Health Care Professions Programs at St. Bonaventure. "In addition, New York state residents enjoy a significant cost savings by attending the University at Buffalo because it is part of the SUNY system."

"They also avoid the inconvenience and expense of application to dental school through the regular process," said Dr. Robert B. Joynt, dean of admissions for the school. "This is an advantage to those who are focused on specialty training in dentistry," such as orthodontics, oral surgery or endodontics, which in the case of oral maxillofacial surgery can take an additional six years.

This year, UB Dental School had more than 1,300 applicants, outside of those in guaranteed admissions programs, for 85 seats — which includes those guaranteed acceptance. But the school has found such programs, which it began in 1987, a source of excellent students.

"This has been a very academically strong group in their years at the School of Dental Medicine," Joynt said. "A higher percentage of these students have gone on to the specialty training and Ph.D. programs than students admitted through the regular admissions procedure. Many have also gone on to successful careers in research, academics and general practice.

"From our perspective, this program has been a source of academically strong, high-achieving students," he continued. "That makes our jobs easier!"

Generally, the programs require that students score either a 1200 or 1300 on the SAT, maintain a high school average of 90 percent or higher and be in the top 10 percent of their high school class and establish a record of community service, but each program has very specific and demanding entrance and maintenance standards. For more information, please contact Domboski at [mdombosk@sbu.edu](mailto:mdombosk@sbu.edu), or visit [www.sbu.edu](http://www.sbu.edu) and click on Academics, then Arts and Sciences, Preprofessional Programs, and then select Pre-Medicine and other Health Sciences.

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# Campus *News*

## University launches new singles program for freshman students

The University has implemented a new program for freshman students, allowing them to live in single rooms with added support from faculty academic mentors.

George F. Solan, vice president for Student Life, said that between 50-60 freshmen have taken advantage of the new program. "The parents and students that are participating are thrilled."

He explained that the University took advantage of the opportunity presented by a dip in enrollment to generally open up the residence halls. "We've been able to convert some triples into large doubles, and offer single rooms to both upperclass and freshman students. More importantly, this presents us with a great opportunity to do some things we've wanted to do academically."

All upperclassmen who had requested a single have been offered one, and freshmen who desired singles were assigned to either a female wing on the second floor of Robinson Hall or a male floor in Shay Hall.

"We have a faculty mentor living in Shay, and other faculty who are also serving as academic mentors," Solan said.

Throughout the campus, he noted, "We're raising our standards using a 'community respect' concept. We expect the students to respect themselves, respect each other and respect their environment."

Offering single rooms is not a new concept; as families have decreased in size, many students come in never having shared a room with a sibling and often have difficulty adjusting to sharing a room. One concern that presents is the potential for isolation of new freshmen. However, the vice president said both the faculty mentors and residence life staff are very much aware of that concern and will schedule appointments, programs and other opportunities to encourage new students to interact.

"The residence halls are in the best shape, in terms of student distribution, that they've been in 20 years. We're not saturated; we're comfortable," he said. "We're very excited about this new program."

### *New parking decal policy now in place for 2005-06 year*

With the renewal of parking decals effective July 1, all University employees will now receive one decal per employee.

Any employee who drives more than one vehicle may request a placard so that it can be placed on the rearview mirror in the vehicle they are using.

Those who require more than one decal may purchase a second decal for \$65 each.

Anyone with questions is asked to contact Security Services at ext. 2525.

## *Calendar*

### **New Faculty and Staff Orientation**

9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, Aug. 24  
Doyle Hall Dining Room

### **Academic Council**

10 a.m. to noon  
Thursday, Aug. 25  
Hayes Conference Room

### **Fall Faculty Updates**

1:15 to 3 p.m.  
Thursday, Aug. 25  
Doyle Hall Dining Room

### **Fall Semester Begins**

Monday, Aug. 29

### **Fall University Community Convocation**

4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 31  
Reilly Center

### **150th Anniversary of the Coming of the Friars to Western New York**

Academic Lecture, "The Coming of the Friars" by Fr. Dominic V. Monti, O.F.M., vicar provincial of Holy Name Province  
4:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15  
Quick Center for the Arts  
Reception to follow

4:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16  
First Sesquicentennial Mass  
University Chapel  
Picnic to follow  
Reilly Center Arena  
Historical display at Bonagany Street Festival during Family Weekend

### **Family Weekend**

Friday, Sept. 23, through Sunday, Sept. 25

### **Quick Center for the Arts Season Opens**

Friday, Sept. 23

Change is  
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Details forthcoming  
in the  
Aug. 25 issue!

# Inside Sports

## GoBonnies.com gets a make-over

The official Web site of St. Bonaventure's Athletics Department is being redesigned with a projected launch of early September.

"Our redesigned Web site will offer our fans a much more interactive, user-friendly experience than we were able to with the current site," said Steve Mest, associate athletics director. The new GoBonnies.com will offer a greater variety of content and features including a merchandise section in partnership with the campus bookstore, new content sections like "Athlete of the Week" and student-athlete profiles and "My GoBonnies.com," where users will be able to customize the site to the sport(s) of their preference.

Another highlight will be the audio/video content section, "Bonnies All-Access," which will allow subscribers to access live game broadcasts of all men's basketball games and the Anthony Solomon Coach's Show as well as available women's basketball, baseball and softball games. Finally, St. Bonaventure and College Sports Online are working on a video platform to offer fans the chance to watch games live.

Bonnies All-Access is \$6.95 for a one-month subscription or \$49.95 for the 2005-06 school year, with a \$2 monthly or \$10 annual discount to those who subscribe by Sept. 3. A percentage of each subscription will go to St. Bonaventure. SBU's online ticketing service for men's basketball will remain with Tickets.com and will still be available through the new site.

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meaningful work that are in need. These stories serve as examples, opening the students' imagination and helping them gather wisdom and find direction for their lives."

The program began in February 2003 with a dozen students. The program now consists of about 75 students per semester, with each student completing approximately 70 hours of service a semester.

All work is done for nonprofit agencies and each student is paid through the Journey Project, although some students have volunteered their time and refused pay, while others continue to volunteer after their paid internship has ended.

"Hearing from the community leaders who were mentoring student interns has been a highlight this past year," said Bob Donius, vice president for University Ministries. "We received nothing but positive gratitude for the students and their service."

"It is quite amazing that we can service the community and have them serve us in return," he continued. "It is a

wonderful partnership that we have created here through the Journey Project, and it shows in the number of hours the students have contributed and how much the community has accepted their service."

The Student Service program currently has 78 placements, including the American Red Cross, Salamanca Alternative Education, Hinsdale After School program, mental health facilities, hospitals, Canticle Farm and the Pfeiffer Nature Center.

Any student, regardless of major, may apply to the Journey Project. They may be placed in any of the organizations or find one that pertains to their particular area of study. Students, faculty and staff may also submit their own ideas for internships through the subgrant program, which offers up to \$50,000 for programs, events and internships.

The Journey Project also hosts many events, such as Franciscan Heritage days, where faculty and staff explore the heritage of SBU, and speaker series that bring in speakers from around the world to speak to students and faculty.

SBU's Journey Project was funded through a grant of nearly \$2 million from Lilly Endowment Inc.

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World-renowned novelist Joyce Carol Oates wrote, "I don't believe I have ever read so relentlessly honest, unsentimental and unsparring an account of working-class life. 'My Father's Cabin' is a courageous account of American life that rings painfully true yet is, in its way, strongly affirming."

Phillips, a native of Pendleton, N.Y., now lives in the town of Ischua. He studied education and English at the State University College at Buffalo and American literature and the English language from the University of North Dakota. He has also taken the Radcliffe Publishing Course.

Phillips has worked for SBU for a little more than two years, teaching a class in academic skills. He offers supplemental instruction classes for certain Clare College courses and tutors individually and in small groups in HEOP.

"All of the students in HEOP were better high school students than I was, and just by being here at SBU each of them has already overcome more obstacles than I ever overcame," said Phillips. "I failed ninth grade and barely graduated high school. My father was dying throughout my high school years and for 18 months or so of his life he couldn't work, which meant that my family had almost no income.

"Teachers who cared about me but did not pity me made sure that I graduated by encouraging, helping and scolding me. I was blessed with similar teachers in college, where I became a good student. I was not in an equal-opportunity program, but my low family income meant that I could attend a state college for \$50 a semester," he said. "So I understand some things about my students. Especially, I admire them. And this job allows me to give back," he said.



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The next issue of *Inside Bona's* is slated for Thursday, Aug. 25. To submit items, please e-mail to [inside-bonas@sbu.edu](mailto:inside-bonas@sbu.edu) by noon Tuesday, Aug. 23. Questions may be directed to Suzanne Wilcox English, director of media relations, 216 Francis