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Foundation Board Welcomes Back Cleavenger

The Xavier Foundation is pleased to announce that John Cleavenger has been elected to the board of directors. Cleavenger is a senior attorney with AEGON USA. He served previously as a member of the Foundation Board but resigned due to career obligations. The Foundation is pleased to have a person with Cleavenger's experience and commitment to Catholic education return to the board.

Cleavenger has a long history of support and service to Xavier, including serving as parish chairman for the Foundation's annual parish appeals and as a longtime member of the Xavier Booster Club. He and his wife, Gina, are members of St. Pius parish and have two daughters, Mary (X03) and Anne (X05).

In addition, current board member Conrad Baumler, secretary-treasurer of Shive-Hattery Engineers and Architects, has been elected treasurer of the Foundation. He is replacing outgoing treasurer Katie Oberbroeckling. The Foundation's board of directors would like to thank Katie for her years of service.

Steve Ridge, executive vice president of Frank N. Magid Associates, was re-elected to serve as chair of the Foundation Board. Fred Timko, president and owner of Point Builders, Inc., was re-elected as vice-chair.



John Cleavenger

Foundation Celebrates Successful Fiscal Year

By Jody Ruff, Executive Director

This is a special time of year for the Xavier Foundation, as our school is filled with eager students looking ahead to a great academic year, we are taking time to look back at the highlights of our last fiscal year. This reflection gives us a great perspective of how the extraordinary support Xavier receives from parishioners, alumni and generous friends impacts the lives of our students each and every day.

I'm pleased to share with you some of the many successes of our past fiscal year. Annual support was very strong, as donors continued to renew and increase their support for the ever-growing needs of Xavier students.

- Parishioners continued their trend of record-setting support by pledging more than \$341,000, making the 2004 Parish Appeal the largest to date.

- LaSalle, Regis and Xavier alumni came together to help continue the tradition of excellent Catholic secondary education by pledging \$76,000 to the 2005 Alumni Appeal.

- Metro area businesses were offered their first-ever matching challenge grant from Xavier supporter Roger Baker, who agreed to match dollar for dollar all new and increased gifts. Business leaders generously rose to the challenge by contributing more than \$80,000 and securing the additional \$10,000 matching grant.

- Throughout the year, Annual Appeal donors helped to double their support of Xavier by securing more than \$36,500 in matching gifts from their employers.

- Donors also recognized Xavier's needs above and beyond the day-to-day operational budget, and demonstrated their willingness to extend their generosity to meet these needs.

A number of Xavier donors extend their generosity beyond their lifetime as The Foundation received bequests and memorial gifts totaling more than \$60,000.

- The Foundation's Endowed Scholarship fund ensures that a Xavier education remains affordable for all families for generations to come. Recognizing the importance of this fund, donors provided nearly \$80,000 in Endowed Scholarship funding during the last fiscal year.



*Jody Ruff,
Executive Director*

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Special Annual Report Edition

We are pleased to share our 2004-2005 Annual Report to Donors inside this issue. In an effort to reduce administrative costs and maximize our contribution to Xavier students, we have consolidated the Fall RoyalaLancer and our Annual Report to Donors. We thank you for your support and hope you enjoy this special edition.

Alumni Spotlight - Melissa Rieff (X99)

Xavier Graduate Marches On



*Melissa Rieff, Xavier
Class of 1999*

Xavier High School graduate Melissa Rieff (X99) has seen and experienced more than some people do in a lifetime. Sgt. Rieff plays the euphonium in the U.S. Marine Corps Band from Twentynine Palms, Calif. Rieff has visited or lived in a number of locations during her six-year tenure with the band. She was stationed in Okinawa, Japan, for a year, and will be moving to North Carolina in the near future to begin a new military assignment.

Rieff recalled the day that former President Ronald Reagan died, and the Sergeant Master called her to say that the band would be playing for his funeral.

"I got that call, and within four hours, we were on the road," Rieff said. The experience was inspiring for everyone. As the band took its place, one reporter described the group as looking like a picture, the members were so still and focused as they represented the Marine Corps. Before the funeral began, "We saw Nancy Reagan in her mourning dress." Images of the band paying tribute to Reagan were broadcast on CNN and FoxNews. In fact, Rieff's grandmother called to tell her she was watching CNN and saw her granddaughter's face in the band.

Being in the Marine Corps Band is about more than playing for major events. The members are Marines first, and musicians second. Everyone in the band helps keep the self-sufficient base running smoothly by repairing their own instruments, performing daily chores, and rehearsing for hours.

The Corps also plays for local fairs, parades, city events, and more. Last summer, the band made a trip to Cedar Rapids to be a part of the Eastern Iowa Freedom Festival. Rieff and her fellow Marines spent a few days enjoying the summer weather in Iowa and even took time to participate in the annual Cardboard Boat Regatta competition at Ellis Island.

Rieff made the decision to join the Marine Corps when she

was a senior at Xavier in 1999. While attending summer camp, an army recruiter noticed her and called to encourage her to join the Army. She listened to the recruiter for more than an hour, and told her mother what the recruiter said.

"It was my mom who suggested the Marines," Rieff said. "She told me that my dad was in the Marines when he was younger, and she knew they had a band that I could play in." Rieff auditioned, and was invited to join the band, but had an important decision to make first. The University of Iowa offered a full scholarship to Rieff if she would play for them instead. The final decision took a lot of careful thought. "I never regretted my final decision, to join the Marines," Rieff stated. She does plan to attend college when she leaves the Marines, and hopes to become a teacher.

Rieff is now using many of the skills she learned at Regis and Xavier High Schools as she travels around the country playing with the band. "My high school experience was really unique, and I think it has contributed to who I am," Rieff said, describing the school as "more like a family."

By the time Regis and LaSalle joined forces in 1999, students were comfortable with each other because they participated in activities together for several years. For example, Rieff remembers playing in the marching band for both Regis and LaSalle games in the years prior to the merge. "When I realized that we were playing in both games to make a stronger community and a better place, I really embraced the idea. By the end, I never wanted to miss a game."

Before band performances, the members always said an Our Father. "Being able to come together and hold hands was really great. It really contributed to the success of the band."

Rieff went on to explain, "For me, praying in school together was what tied it all together for me." Sometimes she would go into a classroom mad at a friend, but after prayer, it made high school arguments seem very petty.

As a Sergeant in the military, Rieff said she still attends church every Sunday. "If anything, my faith has gotten stronger over the years," she stated. "What I took away from high school, is that there are good people at Xavier. It's the kind of upbringing I wish for everyone."

Regis Graduate Builds Career at Catholic High Schools

Editor's note: In the previous *RoyaLancer* issue, a story was published about Xavier faculty members who graduated from LaSalle or Regis. Stu Ballinger was inadvertently left out of that story.

Stu Ballinger (R77) has taught at Xavier High School since it first opened its doors in the fall of 1998. His history with Catholic education goes back a lot further than that, however. In addition to graduating from Regis in 1977, Ballinger began teaching at LaSalle in 1983, and subsequently taught science at all three of the Catholic high schools at some point in his career.

He is proud to be part of a "strong, solid, supportive Catholic community" while still helping to maintain for students "challenging and successful academics, activities, and athletic" programs.

Ballinger is proud that he works in a school that is able to associate daily events and activities with our Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in the Catholic, Christian faith. He currently teaches Biology, Global Science, and Human Anatomy/Physiology.

Ballinger feels strongly about the importance of Catholic education. He stated, "To all seeing and reading this article, thank you for your support of our high school and I hope you will continue your support of Xavier, spiritually and physically."



Stu Ballinger (R77)

2005 Parish Appeal Leaders Share Their Thoughts

Parishioners in the Cedar Rapids metro area are being challenged to raise \$350,000 during this year's annual Parish Appeal. Parishioner support plays a vital role in the excellent academic and spiritual teachings offered by Xavier High School. The funding priorities for this year's appeal include: academic programs, tuition assistance, bond repayment and other critical needs of Xavier.

Pledge cards will be available after Masses on the weekends of September 24 & 25 and October 1 & 2. Parishioners are encouraged to sign their pledge cards after Mass and eliminate the follow-up phone calls by volunteers.

The 2005 Parish Appeal will be led by Chair Matt Brandes (R71), St. Matthew Parish, and Co-chair Mary Orth, St. Jude Parish. Hundreds of volunteers from all parishes are what help to make the campaign successful. Brandes and Orth recently shared their thoughts about the Appeal, and what Xavier High School means to them personally.

Matt Brandes

What is it about Xavier High School that made you want to give your time and talent to this cause?

I think the reason I have been involved in this cause, last year as associate chair and this year as chair of the Appeal, is because I feel strongly that Catholic education is important for young people and our world. I think the exposure to our church teachings that Xavier gives students is an important thing for young people to experience.

Why do you choose to contribute to the Parish Appeal?

I contribute because I think it's a responsibility to support church institutions like Xavier. In addition, Catholic education was very helpful to me and now I feel like it's my turn to give back.

If a parishioner asked you how much to give, what would you tell him/her?

I think that's a very individual decision. Every penny, every nickel helps, and I think it's a donation that people can be quite confident is going to be spent wisely. It will be managed in an efficient way, and they can feel confident the best use is going to be obtained, regardless of the amount.

How might other people in the parishes get involved in this cause?

There's going to be volunteer recruitment for the Parish Appeal and there's going to be a lot of help needed at the parish level. There are countless ways. We're always needing volunteers.



*2005 Parish Appeal
Chair Matt Brandes
(R71)*

Mary Orth

What is it about Xavier High School that made you want to give your time and talent to this cause?

A lot of things. I really like the fact that we offer parents the opportunity to choose a smaller school with excellent teachers and credentials, plus Xavier is faith-based. Generations and generations of people before me opened the Catholic schools and kept them going. I was fortunate enough, because of their generosity, to attend a Catholic School. Now, I feel like it's my turn to help future generations do the same.

Why do you choose to contribute to the Parish Appeal?

I like to give to the Parish Appeal so that more students will be able to afford to attend Xavier. I know that Xavier offers many students financial aid each year so that families of all incomes may choose to send their children to a Catholic high school. I also realize that the young people attending Xavier are our future leaders, and I definitely want to support them in any little way I can.

If a parishioner asked you how much to give, what would you tell him/her? Anything a person can afford will keep the opportunities for Xavier growing.

How might other people in the parishes get involved in this cause?

It takes a lot of hands to pull everything together. Parishioners may offer to hand out pledge cards after Masses on September 24, 25, October 1, and 2. We can always use help making phone calls to fellow parishioners who weren't able to pick up their pledge cards on those dates. Don't forget that if someone special to you passes away or celebrates a milestone like a birthday or anniversary, you might want to send a contribution in their name ... every nickel, every dollar helps.



*2005 Parish Appeal
Co-Chair Mary Orth*



Parish pastors, Xavier Foundation board members and school board members joined the Foundation staff for food and fellowship during the annual "Pastors Appreciation Dinner" on May 11, 2005.

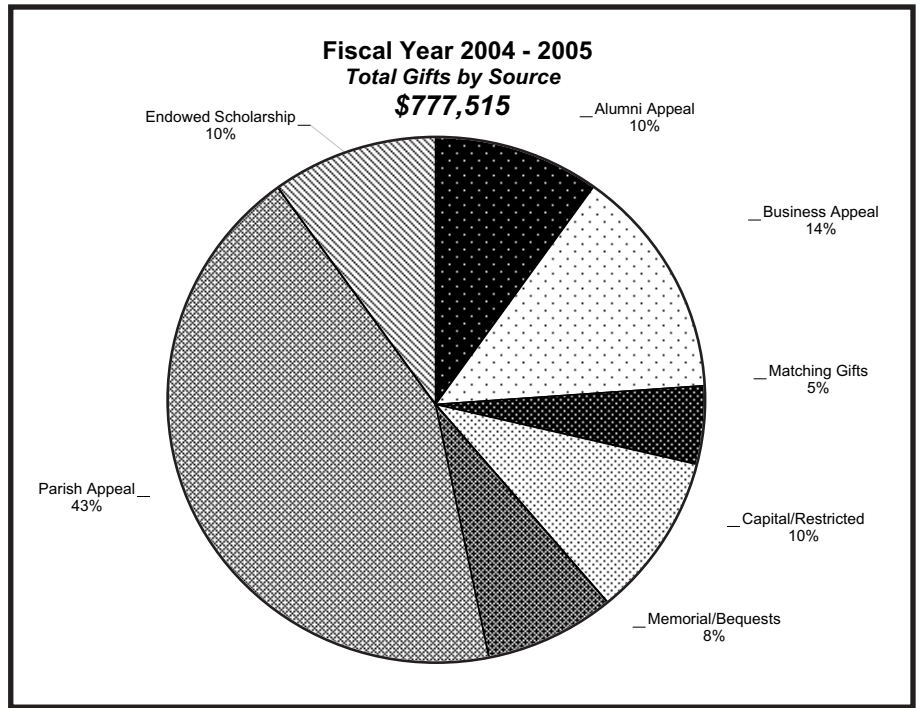
Pictured from left: Fred Timko, Xavier Foundation Vice Chair; Rev. David O'Connor, All Saints Church; Bill McCartan, Xavier Foundation Board Member; Steve Ridge, Xavier Foundation Chair; and Dan Bentley, Xavier Foundation Board Member.

Foundation Celebrates Successful Fiscal Year continued from the front page

- Donors continued to recognize the importance of planned gifts, which will ensure Xavier will provide academic excellence in a faith-filled environment for future generations of students. Ten new members were inducted into The Heritage Society, increasing the Society's total membership to 153. The Heritage Society honors donors who have included the Foundation in their estate or deferred giving plans.

- Friends of Xavier recognized special needs throughout the year, and provided more than \$150,000 in funding for capital and special projects.

These are merely the highlights of the generosity shown by friends of Xavier each day during the last fiscal year. On behalf of the students who benefit from that generosity, thanks to all of you for your financial support, volunteer efforts and continued prayers.



Foundation Honors Members of Giving Societies



From left: Pauline Miller, Ruth Schuller, and Larry McGrath enjoy conversation at the Heritage Society and Archbishop's Circle reception.

On August 9, the Xavier Foundation welcomed members of the Archbishop's Circle and the Heritage Society to the Xavier campus, and honored them with a special reception. Special guest Archbishop Jerome Hanus was on hand to personally thank members of these giving societies for their outstanding commitment to Catholic secondary education.

During the reception, ten new members were inducted into the Heritage Society. These new members are: John Bahning, Lisa Henderson, Tom and Jodi Keating, Rita Masterson (posthumously), Bernard Mullaley (posthumously), Jack and Marylou Tripolino, and Charlie and Tina Weepie. Since its creation in 1991, the Heritage Society has recognized individuals who have included the Xavier Foundation in their estate and deferred giving plans. Planned Giving Committee Chair Bill McCartan (R83) thanked Heritage Society members for their willingness to continue their support of Xavier High School even beyond their lifetime. To date the Heritage Society has 153 members. Members are recognized on a donor wall displayed at Xavier High School across from the Foundation office.

Also recognized were members of the 2004-05 Archbishop's Circle. Members of the Archbishop's Circle demonstrated their commitment to Xavier with generous unrestricted annual gifts of \$1,000 or more during the last fiscal year. There were 93 members of the 2004-05 Archbishop Circle. Annual membership in the Archbishop's Circle has grown 33% since its creation in 2003.

A complete listing of Heritage Society members and Archbishop's Circle members are included in the Annual Report special insert.

To see additional photos from the reception, visit www.XavierFoundation.org.

New inductees



From left: Jodi Keating, Tom Keating, Marylou Tripolino, Jack Tripolino, Lisa Henderson, John Bahning, and Archbishop Jerome Hanus. Archbishop Hanus presented Heritage Society certificates to all of the new Heritage Society inductees. Members of the Heritage Society and Archbishop's Circle were honored at a reception on August 9.

Xavier Remembers Dear Friends and Alumni

Columbus “Cal” Basile of Cedar Rapids died June 7, 2005. Mr. Basile is survived by his daughter, Christine Schmitz of Cedar Rapids, seven grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. In 2004, the Association of Fundraising Professionals, Eastern Iowa Chapter, honored Mr. Basile as an outstanding individual philanthropist. Mr. Basile was a staunch supporter of Catholic education. He was a member of the Xavier Foundation Heritage Society and endowed a scholarship at Xavier in memory of his wife, Jennie.

Daniel Boston (L68) of Cedar Rapids died June 17, 2005. Mr. Boston is survived by his wife, Barbara; his children, Danielle Boston and Andrew (Cindy) Boston, both of Cedar Rapids; five sisters, Maureen Boots (L67), Diane Novak (L71), Marietta Sippy (L75), Teresa Linn (L78), and Elizabeth Robertson (L80); and three brothers, Bill Boston (L70), Francis Boston (L72) and Ben Boston (L80).

Todd Burgason of Cedar Rapids died May 14, 2005. Mr. Burgason is survived by his wife, Mary Lee, and three daughters, Andrea (X03), Abigail (X06) and Anna (X07). Mr. Burgason was an active volunteer at Xavier High School, particularly with show choir and Teens Encounter Christ. His family and friends have made a memorial donation to the Xavier Foundation in his memory.

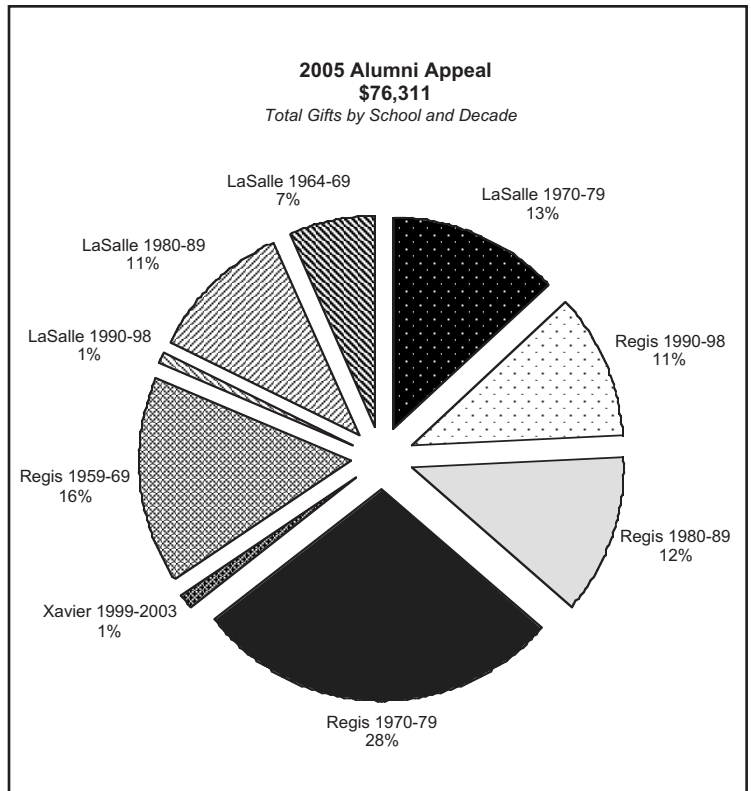
Helen Klappholz of Cedar Rapids died April 21, 2005, at the age of 92. She is survived by her son, Michael Kappholz (R71), her daughter, Sue Klappholz Teply (R73), a sister, Mary Richardson and four grandchildren, Michael (X01) and Erin Klappholz (X03) and Amanda (X05) and Jay Teply (X07). Xavier was named as a memorial recipient for contributions given in Helen’s memory.

Bob Mullen of Monticello died April 4, 2005, at the age of 92. He was a former Regis Girls’ Basketball coach and remains the most winning girls’ basketball coach in state history. Mullen coached at Regis High School for six years. This included a trip to the Iowa High School State Girls’ Basketball Tournament in 1979.

Elizabeth Donnelly Schultz (R75) of Tallahassee, Fla., died May 6, 2005. She is survived by her husband, Marcelais; her mother, Mary Anne Donnelly; son Ethan, and daughter, Laura; two brothers, Kevin Donnelly (R72), Brian Donnelly (R79), and five sisters, Sharon Donnelly (R67), Barbara Pino (R71), Kathleen Donnelly (R77), Sarah Cotty (R81) and Rachel Ipsan (R86).

2005 Alumni Appeal Top 25

	School /Class Year	% participation
1	Regis 1963	18.92%
2	Regis 1973	17.86%
3	LaSalle 1976	17.60%
4	LaSalle 1986	17.57%
5	LaSalle 1981	17.17%
6	LaSalle 1979	16.67%
7	LaSalle 1969	16.67%
8	Regis 1964	16.23%
9	Regis 1975	15.49%
11	LaSalle 1973	15.38%
12	Regis 1979	14.97%
13	LaSalle 1984	14.81%
14	Regis 1960	14.78%
15	Regis 1981	14.67%
16	LaSalle 1965	14.42%
17	LaSalle 1971	14.29%
18	LaSalle 1967	13.04%
19	Regis 1972	12.97%
20	Regis 1969	12.82%
21	LaSalle 1975	12.79%
22	LaSalle 1993	12.73%
23	Regis 1984	12.69%
24	LaSalle 1991	12.50%
25	Regis 1967	12.43%



Alumni News

1960's

Terry (Rivera) Johnson (R65) and husband, Tom have been married for 29 years. She continues to be in touch with issues pertaining to persons with disabilities.

Scott Lawlor (R68) and **Christine Lawlor-White (R69)** are owners of one of the largest wineries in Galena, Illinois producing over 40 varieties of wine.

Pat Kenney (R69) retired from the Navy in June 2003. She is now with a government services company in Reston, Virginia that specializes in health and human services program management.

1970's

Sheree A. Whitters Havlik (R75) published her first book in May 2005, "Because We Love Them."

Thomas O'Donnell (R76) and Cheryl Coleman, both of Cedar Rapids, were united in marriage on January 12, 2005.

Monica (Wolf) Vernon (R76) began her term as Chair of the Cedar Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce September 1, 2005. She and husband Bill have three teenage daughters, Natalie, Eleanor and Frances.

Mark Heyvaert (R77) has three great kids, Cameron, age 11, Kelsey, age 9 and Ryan, age 7. His wife, Kathy, passed away in June 2004 after a 5-year battle with cancer.

1980's

Ronald Clark (L81) is a Senior Benefits Consultant at RSM McGladrey in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Stephen Benz (R87) and Laura Rosenthal exchanged wedding vows on May 5, 2005. They reside in San Diego.

Christopher Jardine (R87) is working for Wells Fargo in Minneapolis. His spouse, JoAnna is getting her PhD in English at the University of Minnesota.

Paul Hennessey (R88) and wife Kim are the proud parents of a daughter, Hannah Marie, born July 30, 2004. Paul is the director of the Boys and Girls Club of Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Anna Michelle (Flitsch) Adams (R89) and husband Rod announce the birth of their daughter, Jaci Jo Margaret, on April 4, 2005. She joins brother, Austin, age 12.

1990's

Rebecca (Edgar) Kilburg (R90) and husband, Bill have two sons, Alexander, age 4 and Jackson, age 2. They reside in Cedar Rapids.

Jonathan Kopecky (R91) and wife Ann announce the birth of their daughter, Teresa Marie, on January 21, 2005. They reside in Eagan, MN.

Gina Winchip (R91) and Douglas Merrill exchanged wedding vows on December 4, 2004. They reside in Cedar Rapids.

Sara (Lensing) Borland (R92) and husband Jeffrey are the proud parents of a daughter, Haley Grace, born on March 22, 2005.

Jill (Rayman) Maybanks (L92) opened "Jill Christine Photography" portrait studio in Cedar Rapids, May 2005.

Tricia Grawe (R94) and Jerry Hanselmann exchanged wedding vows at St. Joseph's Church in Marion on November 13, 2004.

Timothy Leuck (R94) and **Stephanie Gibbs (R95)** were united in marriage October 22, 2004. They reside in Des Moines.

Carrie Ann DeMeulenaere (R95) and Bradley Wilson were united in marriage on September 18, 2004. They reside in Fort Myers, FL.

Anna (Petersen) O'Conner (R95) and husband Aaron have a 14 month old son, Aidan.

Chad Klostermann (L96) and **Andrea (Wagner) Klostermann (L96)** announce the birth of their son, Kale Francis on April 12, 2005.

Nicklaus Ulrich (R96) and spouse Brianne announce the birth of their daughter, Alicea.

Jerry Dilger (R97) and Kelly Ann Keown were united in marriage on May 6, 2005. They reside in Big Lake, MN.

Jason Buchanan (R98) and Melanie Wigton exchanged wedding vows on October 9, 2004. They reside in Lafayette, IN.

Shannon Sevcik (L98) and Troy Raap were united in marriage on October 30, 2004. They reside in Hiawatha, IA.

2000's

Daniel Justice (X04) was awarded an academic achievement award for his outstanding performance during the fall semester 2004/2005 at the University of Notre Dame. He is now entitled to wear the NROTC Academic Achievement Ribbon as part of his Naval uniform.

If you would like to share your alumni news with the Xavier Community, e-mail development@xavierfoundation.org.

Campaign Update

Alumni Campaign a Success

The 2005 alumni campaign was a success again this year, raising more than \$76,000 in support of Xavier. Sixty alumni volunteers made calls in March to fellow classmates requesting support. In addition to the \$54,000 raised during the phonathon campaign, the Foundation has received more than \$22,000 through mailing efforts. Thanks to all alumni who gave their money and/or time to this very important cause!

Hall of Fame Awards Ceremony Scheduled

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the 2006 Hall of Fame Awards ceremony on January 21, 2006. Visit Xavier, take a tour of the high school, and see the Junior Varsity and Varsity Boys' Basketball teams compete against Marion High School.

Each year, the Alumni Association pays tribute to outstanding alumni and friends of Regis, LaSalle, and Xavier who have gone above and beyond what is expected to make the school great. The nominations are in, and winners will be honored on the 21st.

There are four categories in which people are nominated: Academics & Fine Arts, Athletics, Coaching, and Supporting Contributors/Volunteers.

Those nominated in the category of athletics and fine arts are graduates of LaSalle, Regis or Xavier High Schools and received recognition in those areas while in high school.

Coaches are selected based on several factors: win-loss record at the high school, length of time spent coaching at the high school, concern for the welfare of his/her players, and additional outstanding achievements after leaving the high school.

Finally, the supporting contributors/volunteers award gives Xavier the opportunity to recognize the people around them who have made the school a better place thanks to their good works.

There are currently 154 members of the LaSalle – Regis – Xavier Hall of Fame.

Attention LaSalle Class of 1973

Please contact Pat (Cornwell) Balk at talk2pat@centurytel.net and share your e-mail address and other contact information so you can receive information about your 35th reunion plans.

Alumni Board Welcomes New Members



The new members of the Alumni Association Board are: (left to right) D.J. Arnold (R92) Lesley (O'Toole) Panos (R88), and Mike Schulte (R87).

The LaSalle-Regis-Xavier Alumni Executive Board elected three new members this year. **Mike Schulte (R87)**, **Lesley (O'Toole) Panos (R88)**, and **D.J. Arnold (R92)** attended their first alumni board meeting on June 7, 2005. The new members were invited to be on the board based on recommendations from current and outgoing alumni board members.

Schulte said he joined the Alumni Board because "It's always been a dream of mine to be involved in the Cedar Rapids Catholic Community." While on the Board, he hopes to help strengthen the alumni community and provide for the future of Catholic education for generations to come. Schulte lives in Cedar Rapids with his wife, Mary Pat, and daughters Grace (6) and Ella (4). He works in financial services with Equity Leadership Group, Inc.

Panos is an art teacher at Monroe Elementary in Cedar Rapids. She and her husband, Dave, have three sons, twin four-year-olds Jacob and Reese and one-year-old Tyler. She looks forward to learning more about Xavier as she serves on the Board, and is excited to be involved in Catholic education. Panos has wonderful memories of her four years of high school and is still in touch with many classmates. "I have a lot of great memories, but if I had to choose one, it would be the choir trip to New York my senior year. It was a long bus ride but well worth it!"

Arnold is hoping to see the Alumni Association get more involved with the current students during his time on the board. "I decided that it would be a good way to participate in the Xavier community." When Arnold looks back on his high school years, he remembers becoming interested in public service during a government class taught by Mrs. Winter. Now, 13 years later, he is hoping to make that dream a reality when he runs for the Cedar Rapids City Council District 1 seat.

Other alumni board members include: **Kathy (Ennis) Richards (L64)**, **Ted Borelli (R88)**, **Dick Breitbach (R83)**, **Dacey Waldron (L92)**, **Debbie (Miller) Jacobs (R69)**, **Denise (Lane) Fillenworth (L93)**, **Marty Hoeger (L91)**, and **Joe Drahozal (R84)**.

Most Recent Alumni Determine their Paths

From the Pacific coast to the Atlantic coast, students from Xavier's class of 2005 will be exploring new lands as they head off to college this fall. In May, students shared with the school newspaper, *Xhilaration*, where they planned to attend college.

Each of the states highlighted will soon have a Xavier graduate living there. Some of the highlights of this year's choices include: Creighton University (NE), Loyola University (LA), University of St. Thomas (MN), Marquette University (WI) and the University of Pennsylvania (PA). In addition, four Xavier graduates will be attending University of Notre Dame (IN) next year.

One student will be pursuing an education internationally at the Catholic University of Caracas in Venezuela.

In more specialized fields, two alumni will be pursuing careers in the fine arts as they travel to The Academy of Dramatic Arts (CA) and Savannah College of Art and Design (GA).

Many Xavier students plan to continue their educations in Iowa. Nine students plan to attend Iowa State University, 12 students will attend the University of Iowa, 15 students will receive their educations from the University of Northern Iowa, and 57 other students reported planning to attend private or

community colleges elsewhere in the state.

At the time of their graduation, 94 percent of the senior class had made post secondary education plans. That left nine people in the class who were still deciding what their futures would hold. On average, 99 percent of Xavier graduates attend post-secondary education.

