

Inside Bona's

The E-Newspaper for the St. Bonaventure University Campus Community

Nov. 20, 2008

- 1. Thirteen initiatives funded through second round of Keenan-Martine grants
- 2. Fundraiser nets \$2,700 for orphans in Rwanda
- 3. Students raise more than \$2,000 for cancer awareness group
- 4. Newsmakers for Fall 2008
- 5. Friday Forum

Thirteen initiatives funded through second round of Keenan-Martine grants

Thirteen new initiatives are being funded through a second round of awards for 2008 from the Leo E. Keenan Jr. and James Martine Faculty Development Endowments.

The awards are funded through a gift from Leslie C. Quick III, member and past chair of St. Bonaventure University's Board of Trustees, and his wife, Eileen.

In 1999, two \$1 million endowments were named after longtime faculty members Dr. Leo E. Keenan Jr. and Dr. James J. Martine. The grants to faculty, now in their ninth year, are funded through the interest generated by the endowments. Dr. Keenan died in 2002.

The Leo E. Keenan Jr. and James Martine Faculty Development Endowments are intended to "provide funds to faculty engaged in activities designed to improve the quality of the teaching and learning process at St. Bonaventure University."

The Martine endowment provides for funding of activities associated with the general education core curriculum (Clare College), while the Keenan endowment provides funds for all other areas.

In the second round of Keenan grants, funds totaling \$30,520.13 were awarded to:

Mark A. Huddle, "Enhancing the Honors Experience: The ACTC Student Conference," \$3,000 Guy F. Imhoff, "Research at the University of Waterloo in Ontario, Canada,"\$4,143

Michael Hoffman, "Technology Boot Camp," \$3,500

Barbara Trolley and Karen O'Dell, "Specialized Graduate Training in Working with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD): A

Collaborative Approach," \$2,500

Constance Pierce, "Travel Sketchbook Journal Sojourn," \$2,000

Julie A. Hall, "Early Childhood Mobile Learning Lab," \$2,500

Sr. Suzanne M. Kush, C.S.S.F., Br. F. Edward Coughlin, O.F.M., and Michael Williams, "Development of a more adequate model for the 'integration' component in service learning experiences we provide for our students," \$3,500 Diana Lawrence-Brown, "Assistive Technology for Inclusion of Students with Physical Disabilities," \$3,162.13 Miguel Narvaez, Paula Scraba and Paul Brawdy, "Evaluation of Fitness Levels of High School Athletes," \$2,620

Paula Kenneson, "Alignment with National Professional Organizations Standards, Skills and Curriculum for Pre-Service Secondary Teacher Education Candidates," \$3,595

A second round of Martine grants totaling \$7,925 were awarded to:

Br. F. Edward Coughlin, O.F.M., "The Intellectual Journey: A Faculty Development Seminar," \$1,950 Dr. M.W. Jackson, "Technology Support for Plassmann Writing Center and the Forthcoming Online Writing Lab," \$1,650 Leslie Chambers and Sandra Mulryan, "Junkanoo As An Expression of the Art, Music, and Literature of the Bahamas," \$4,325

Members of the Keenan/Martine Review Committee, which met Nov. 5, are: Alison More, Franciscan Institute; Paul Wieland, School of Journalism and Mass Communication; Rene Wroblewski, School of Education; Dave DiMattio, Clare College Core Curriculum; Carol Fischer, School of Business; Fr. Michael Calabria, O.F.M., School of Arts; and Mike Klucznik, School of Science.

Click here to return to the top of the page	

Fundraiser nets \$2,700 for orphans in Rwanda

When Immaculee Ilibagiza speaks at St. Bonaventure University at 7 p.m. Thursday, she'll be presented with a check for \$2,716, proceeds from a unique three-day campus fundraiser honoring the Rwandan Holocaust survivor's faith and courage.

Ilibagiza escaped the 1994 genocide that killed up to a million people by hiding in a 3-by-4 bathroom with seven other women for 91 days. She tells her harrowing and inspirational story in the best-selling book "Left to Tell; Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust," which was this year's "All Bonaventure Reads" selection for the freshman class.

Many of those freshmen were among teams of eight that spent 10 minutes each in an exact replica of the bathroom in an effort to gain a better appreciation of Ilibagiza's ordeal and to raise money for her charity. More than 520 people participated in the event, held Monday through Wednesday, raising \$2,716 for Ilibagiza's Left to Tell Charitable Fund, which aids Rwandan orphans.

The largest donation, \$688, came from a team made up of eight children between the ages of 5 and 15, all members of two families who belong to a weekly worship group at Olean's St. Mary of the Angels Church.

Three of the children are sons of Mary Cygan, who formed the Morning Star Family Holy Hour seven years ago in memory of her daughter, Margaret, 12, who died from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Cygan read "Left to Tell" after seeing Ilibagiza interviewed on television.

"I couldn't put it down," she said. "It's just an amazing story. Many of us have read the book and were very inspired by her witness to the rosary." Ilibagiza occupied much of her time in the bathroom by praying the rosary. Cygan said the Morning Star Family Holy Hour members are likewise dedicated to praying the rosary daily.

Mary and her husband, Stanley, will attend Thursday's talk with their sons Michael, Joseph and John Paul. The boys occupied the replica bathroom with five members of the Wenke family: Emmanuel, Nora, Jude, Abe and Sam. The Wenke children will attend the talk with their parents, Mathew and Mary Wenke.

Mary Cygan said the money they raised came mostly from within the two immediate families, with contributions from grandparents and a few outside donors. "We're happy we could do it. It gives us great joy," she said.

As the fundraiser's largest donors, the families will be asked to present the check to Ilibagiza after her talk. The talk is free and open to the public.

Click here to return to the top of the page

St. Bonaventure students raise more than \$2,000 for cancer awareness group

Students at St. Bonaventure University had a good time for a great cause earlier this semester as they raised more than \$2,000 for a cancer awareness group.

Circus for a Cure, held on campus Oct. 24, featured food, entertainment and a special Balloon Stomp event that offered televisions and other big prizes to participating students. Proceeds from the event benefitted the I'm Too Young for This! Cancer Foundation, an advocacy and educational organization that works exclusively with young adults affected by cancer.

"The Circus was a huge success," said Sabrina Maddeaux, president of the university's Student Government Association, the event sponsor. "We raised \$2,147.25 for I'm Too Young For this! That's a huge number for a student body our size and for a first-time event. It really shows how caring Bona's students are."

The Balloon Stomp featured approximately 60 students who were herded into a designated area on the lawn in front of Hickey Dining Hall. For a donation of \$10, each student got a balloon to tie around his or her ankle and the right to join the free-for-all of students trying to stomp on and pop other students' balloons. The last students standing received the top prizes of LCD televisions, an iTouch, ski passes and more, all donated by local businesses.

Circus for a Cure also included a trampoline stunt show by Flippen Out Productions, fun competitions, music provided by campus radio station The Buzz, and free food. Prior to the event, two speakers affiliated with I'm Too Young for This! – one of them a 2000 St. Bonaventure graduate who battled cancer while she was a student – spoke on campus.

"We hope to make Circus for a Cure an annual fall event that SGA can sponsor," said Maddeaux. "This was the first major event sponsored by SGA and we couldn't be happier with its success. The Circus proved how far SGA has come in becoming an active organization that has the power to rally students behind important causes."

Click here to return to the top of the page

Newsmakers for Fall 2008

Kevin Brayer, executive director of St. Bonaventure University's Buffalo Center, was honored by Hilbert College recently. At a campus-wide meeting of Hilbert's administration, faculty and staff, Brayer was honored for helping a Hilbert employee during a difficult situation. Dr. Cynthia Zane, president of Hilbert, awarded Brayer with Hilbert's Star award.

Darwin L. King, professor of accounting, and Edward D. King, SBU class of 2005, had an article titled "An Update on the Problem of Timber Theft" published in the October 2008 issue of the Oil, Gas & Energy Quarterly. The article discussed the problem of timber theft in the United States today. The article also discussed some of the preventative controls that a taxpayer may utilize in the effort to minimize the possibility of timber theft. This is King's 20th article published in this journal since 2000. The Oil, Gas & Energy Quarterly serves accountants and attorneys nationwide.

During the month of October, **Dr. John Mulryan**, Board of Trustees Professor of English, attended and participated in the Milton Seminar at Princeton University, and delivered the keynote address on close reading at the fall meeting of the New York College English association, which met at St. Bonaventure University.

Dr. Kimberly Young, professor of management sciences, was named to the editorial board of the American Journal of Family Therapy. The American Journal of Family Therapy is a tier one journal considered the incisive and authoritative voice of Clinical Psychology and Family Studies by the Institute of Scientific Information Citations Report. Young also serves on the editorial boards of the International Journal of Cyber Criminology, Internet Health, and Cyberpsychology & Behavior.

Click here to return to the top of the page

Friday Forum

All SBU faculty, staff and administrators are welcome to all the Friday Forums.

Date: Friday, Nov. 21 **Speaker:** Giles Boothway

Time: Lunch starts at noon, Forum goes from 12:35 to 1:30 p.m., including Q&A

Place: University Club - Above Hickey

Topic: What Became of the 'other players' in the Oscar Wilde scandal?

Abstract: The mercurial rise and stunningly salacious fall of Oscar Wilde in 1895 has been well documented, but what became of the other Players? Lord Alfred (Bosie) Douglas, John Sholto Douglas (Lord Alfred's father) who was Wilde's chief antagonist. Wilde's wife Constance and their two young sons. Which friends stood by Wilde – which abandoned him.

Cost: \$3 (pay upstairs)

Click here to return to the top of the page