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The nation's first microplasma
research center is established at
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ON THE FOREFRONT OF DISCOVERY

Jesuits have always been at the forefront of discovery. Called to find God in all things, it was members of the Society of Jesus who invented the Gregorian Calendar, named the stars, created the decimal point, and made significant contributions in the physical and natural sciences that moved the world forward. Through more than four centuries of discovery, their goal—to seek knowledge while improving the human condition—has been unwavering.

As a Jesuit institution of higher education, Saint Peter's College embraces this goal wholeheartedly and has devoted this issue of *Saint Peter's College* magazine to science. An exciting new era in science and technology has dawned at The Jesuit College of New Jersey.

The nation's *first and only* Center for Microplasma Science and Technology was recently established on our Jersey City campus, placing the College at the forefront of an emerging field that holds important outcomes for our society. Researchers on our campus — Saint Peter's faculty members and students — are working on applications to improve water purification, energy efficiency and even make certain medical treatments environmentally safer. Several of our accomplished alumni, as you'll read in this issue's "Leaders in Their Field" section, are utilizing their Jesuit education to make significant improvements in healthcare.

Elsewhere on campus, other Saint Peter's researchers are exploring ways to mitigate motion and space sickness, an application that holds promise not only for ordinary individuals, but also is important to NASA's goal to send astronauts to Mars someday. New partnerships with area institutions such as the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) Newark College of Engineering allow Saint Peter's students to earn dual degrees while preparing more undergraduates with the critical hands-on research needed to tackle 21st century scientific challenges.

These developments have far-reaching implications, not only for the College and community-at-large, but also for the growing number of students drawn to Saint Peter's for its excellent science programs and personalized learning experience. We are proud to be training a new generation of scientists and are doing it the way only a Jesuit college like Saint Peter's can — one student at a time.

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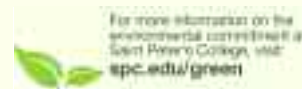
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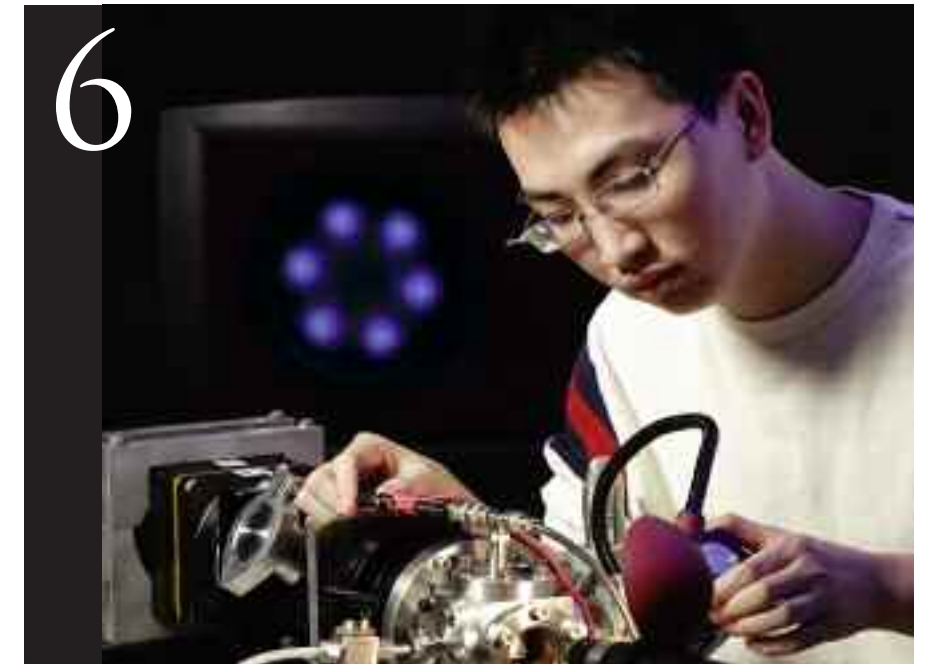
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On the cover:

Self-organized microplasmas (in cathode boundary layer discharge) created in the research labs at Saint Peter's College.

This magazine was going to press when Edward J. Heavey, S.J., alumni chaplain and rector of the Jesuit community, passed away on March 23. A tribute to his memory will be found in the summer issue of Saint Peter's College magazine.



PEACOCK SYMPHONY



The Hudson Symphony Orchestra is now a Symphony-in-Residence at Saint Peter's College.

The Hudson Symphony Orchestra made its inaugural debut as Symphony-in-Residence for Saint Peter's College on October 25, 2008. The debut included works by Aaron Copland, Samuel Barber and the premiere of Symphony No. 1: *The Peacock*, composed by Kevin Cummines, director of Saint Peter's Aidan C. McMullen Chorale.

The establishment of the Symphony-in-Residence enhances the cultural programming at Saint Peter's and provides students the opportunity to perform in the orchestra under the direction of Conductor YiLi Lin and to earn credits as part of a degree program. The next concert will be scheduled this coming fall. Please check www.spc.edu for further details.

CBS VISITS SAINT PETER'S



CBS Evening News Chief National Correspondent Byron Pitts interviewed College President Eugene J. Cornacchia.

The CBS Evening News with Katie Couric visited Saint Peter's Jersey City campus to discuss with President Eugene J. Cornacchia, Ph.D., the College's response to the faltering economy, and its effect on Saint Peter's students. In a national

broadcast that aired on March 4, CBS Evening News Chief National Correspondent Byron Pitts interviewed President Cornacchia to learn what the College is doing to help its students.

"So many of our students are faced with unexpected financial hardships, because they began the school year with a certain level of income and expenses and, by the time December arrived, they were dealing with entirely new circumstances," commented Dr. Cornacchia.

To allocate additional financial resources to the students currently struggling to pay tuition, the College has cut back on items such as event catering, developed a more efficient trash pick up schedule and delayed certain new hires. Saint Peter's is also developing extended payment plans and finding new lenders to maximize the number of students the College can keep enrolled. "As a Jesuit school, we're following a long tradition of caring and compassion," added Dr. Cornacchia.

To view the full segment of the broadcast, visit www.spc.edu.

PROSPECTIVE SPC STUDENTS ENJOY THE PERSONAL TOUCH

This year's pool of student applicants and their parents are enjoying an even more personalized admissions process at The Jesuit College of New Jersey. At an open house last fall, College President Eugene J. Cornacchia, Ph.D., announced individualized financial counseling sessions for any student applicant and family member requesting one.

"I don't know of any other college to offer this at the application stage," said Joe Giglio, executive director of admission and enrollment marketing, noting that applications are up 25 percent over last year. "It's an opportunity to make the process more upfront and visible and provide prospective students and their parents the individual attention they need."

The program began in February with Saint Peter's financial counselors covering everything from the application process to scholarships, grants, loans and resources that can be used to make an independent

education at a Jesuit college possible. Given that many parents worry about paying for college, particularly in a recessionary economy, the program also makes applicants aware of the value of a Saint Peter's education, including its accessibility of courses to ensure timely completion of a degree.

Individualized financial sessions are available to all student applicants.

Another innovation of the Office of Admission is the "Student for a Day" program, which confers prospective students with a more engaged experience at Saint Peter's College.

The program includes lunch with a student ambassador, a class visit and a meeting with a Saint Peter's professor. More comprehensive tours include a stop on the walkway to provide a sense of the College's proximity to downtown Jersey City and New York. Furthermore, a discussion of the College's Jesuit mission takes place at the foot of the Saint Peter statue.



A Pavo Society member provides a personalized tour to a prospective student and his mom at The Jesuit College of New Jersey.



Pictured (left to right), Carlos Lejniaks, president and CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Essex, Hudson and Union Counties, Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy and President Eugene J. Cornacchia, Ph.D.

SPC IS BIG ON VOLUNTEERISM

Jersey City Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy proclaimed January 23 Big Brothers Big Sisters Day and invited Saint Peter's College President Eugene J. Cornacchia, Ph.D., to City Hall to welcome the century-old mentoring organization to Jersey City. Saint Peter's is the first college in the region to partner with Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) of Essex, Hudson and Union Counties, and contributed the largest number of volunteers to mentor the children of Hudson County from any one institution — 44.

Dr. Cornacchia said that the College is pleased to open its doors to these students. "A service initiative that is long-term and ongoing is truly rewarding for both the mentor and the mentee," he said.

Saint Peter's alumnus Tom Basile '64, who has been a longtime member and chair of the Big Brothers Big Sisters board, brokered the volunteer partnership. "BBBS is the preeminent mentoring organization in the country, with an incredible system in place for matching, mentoring and monitoring," he noted. "Enrichment comes from seeing what a fine influence an adult can have on a young child. The possibilities are endless."

SPC PARTNERS WITH NJIT

A new partnership between The Jesuit College of New Jersey and the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) Newark College of Engineering will enable Saint Peter's students to earn dual bachelor's degrees from both institutions.

The intensive five-year program allows undergraduates to receive Bachelor of Science degrees in physics from Saint Peter's and a Bachelor of Science in electrical engineering from NJIT.

Students enrolled in the program will spend their first two years at Saint Peter's, their third year taking courses at both colleges, and their last two years at NJIT.

"The articulation agreement with NJIT provides Saint Peter's students the opportunity to broaden their knowledge of physics and gain valuable experience in the field of electrical engineering," said Marylou Yam, Ph.D., vice president for academic affairs at Saint Peter's. "The dual-degree program will provide students with cutting-edge knowledge in both fields, while giving our graduates an edge in the job market."

RECORD ATTENDANCE

37th Annual Regents Business Symposium draws a crowd



Pictured (left to right), Anthony R. Coscia, Esq., Tony Terracciano '60, Eugene J. Cornacchia, Ph.D., and Sheri S. McCoy.

Keynote speaker and best-selling author Michael Beschloss.

With a well-timed topic of "Leadership and Accountability in Challenging Times," the Saint Peter's College 37th Annual Regents Business Symposium drew a record 389 guests to the Hyatt Regency in Jersey City on November 7, 2008. Hosted by the College's Board of Regents, the signature event offered perspectives on the economic crisis from Tony Terracciano '60, chairman, Sallie Mae; Anthony R. Coscia, Esq., chairman, Board of Commissioners, Port

Authority of NY/NJ; and Sheri S. McCoy, worldwide chairman, pharmaceuticals group, Johnson & Johnson. Best-selling author Michael Beschloss, a presidential historian for NBC News, delivered the keynote address.

Fidelity Investments was the lead sponsor for the event, which is the oldest continuous symposium of its kind in New Jersey. The 38th Annual Regents Business Symposium will be held on November 6, 2009.

RISK INNOVATOR



Risk & Insurance magazine named Jack Hampton, Ph.D., a Risk Innovator in 2008 for creating an enterprise risk management (ERM) knowledge warehouse, an industry innovation that consolidates risk into one database and allows risk to be tracked and visualized. According to Dr. Hampton, who is the KPMG Professor of Business and director of graduate business programs at Saint

Peter's, the purpose of ERM is to "manage all risks across the enterprise in a centralized way and to help identify major risks."

The graduate business professor developed the idea for a knowledge warehouse while working with Saint Peter's M.B.A. candidates and Riskconnect, Inc., a company that develops and markets risk-management-technology solutions. He points out that the new technology can't replace a risk manager, but it provides a new tool that companies didn't have before.

Risk Innovators were chosen from hundreds of nominations in 14 different industries and categories. Dr. Hampton was recognized for his work in the financial institutions and services sector. According to *Risk & Insurance* magazine, the goal of the award is to recognize ERM leaders who demonstrate an ability to identify emerging risks for their industry, apply strategic risk utilization and develop creative, out-of-the-ordinary solutions.

NOT AN OPTION

SPC students connect faith to action



Saint Peter's students at the Ignatian Family Teach-in.

Nearly 20 years ago, activists from Jesuit colleges discovered they were all attending a protest at the School of the Americas (SOA) at Fort Benning, Ga., following the murder of six Jesuits by Salvadoran military who trained at the school. That protest grew into the Ignatian Family Teach-In, an annual gathering of Jesuit students that serves to educate participants in issues of social justice and to honor the El Salvador martyrs and the thousands of others killed by repressive regimes in the region.

"It's an incredibly powerful experience," said Vice President for Mission and Ministry Rev. Michael J. Braden, S.J., who attended the first SOA protest in 1989 and accompanied political science professor, Anna J. Brown, Ph.D., and six Saint Peter's students to the 2008 teach-in from November 20-24. Organized by the Ignatian Solidarity Network, the gathering attracts more than 1,500 participants from nearly all 28 Jesuit colleges and universities. This was Saint Peter's eighth year of attendance.

A video produced by Father Braden, *Not an Option*, recounts the experience of the Saint Peter's students who say they were all inspired to connect faith to action. "I've always been aware of what it means to be educated by the Jesuits and their slogan 'Men and Women for Others,'" explained Anthony Fiumidinisi '10. "After awhile, it seems that these are just things we stand for. But attending events like this really puts these slogans into practice."

Citing the U.S. Bishops' Pastoral Letter on War and Peace, which states that peace making is not an option, but rather, a requirement of faith, Dr. Brown added: "I think this trip helps all of us together fill that requirement. It's certainly one step in that direction." To view the video online, visit www.spc.edu/missionandministry.

AT THE INAUGURATION

Two SPC political science students attend historic ceremony

When political science majors Edward Hennessy and Christopher DePizzo were invited to serve as ambassadors at the prestigious Inauguration Program run by The Washington Center, they eagerly accepted the opportunity.

Hennessy and DePizzo joined 700 other college students from 47 states and 14 countries for 10 days of lectures, seminars, discussions and tours, culminating in attendance at the historic inauguration of President Barack Obama. Featured guests included former U.S. Senator Conrad Burns; Ted Koppel, senior news analyst for NPR and the BBC; Dana Perino, White House press secretary to President George W. Bush; Special Agent David J. O'Connor of the U.S. Secret Service; and Hussain Haqqani, 24th Pakistan ambassador to the U.S. Participants also visited points of interest in the city, including the U.S. Capitol, political think tanks and museums.

"Seeing President Obama inaugurated was the highlight of the experience," remarked Hennessy. "Hearing his speech was inspiring, particularly when he pointed out that only 60 years ago, his father might not have been served at a local restaurant, and also when he spoke of the resourcefulness of the American people." Added DePizzo, "The energy in Washington, D.C., was invigorating."

Meanwhile, festivities on the Saint Peter's campus included a live telecast of the events, a lecture by political science professor Alain Sanders on the rituals of inaugurations, and a number of presentations honoring African-American achievements, including video footage of then-presidential candidate Obama's visit to campus last year, as well as a display of mementos from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s 1965 visit to The Jesuit College of New Jersey, to accept an honorary degree.



As part of the Washington Center's Inauguration Program, two Saint Peter's students attended the inauguration of President Barack Obama.

A NEW FRONTIER

With a \$2 million federal grant to establish the nation's first and only center for microplasma research, Saint Peter's College researchers are figuring out ways to make water cleaner and the environment safer. They might even change the way you watch television.

Often referred to as the fourth state of matter, plasmas, on the surface, seem like the stuff of Michael Crichton novels.

Microplasmas, the tiny discharges of ionized gas — about the width of a human hair — hold tremendous power to improve everything from water purification to medical research, energy efficiency and even display screens for televisions and other electronic devices.

Through the efforts of several pioneering faculty members, Saint Peter's College is garnering a national and international reputation for research into this emerging science.

A National Center for Microplasma

The research, led by assistant physics professors Jose L. Lopez, Ph.D., '00 and Wei-Dong Zhu, Ph.D., has earned the College a \$2 million grant from the U.S. Department of Defense to establish a Center for Microplasma Science and Technology (CMST). The funds are being issued through the Air Force Office of Scientific Research.

The center was created within the College's Department of Applied Science and Technology under the direction of Department Chairman, Len Sciorra, Ph.D. "The center will be the first and only in the nation devoted entirely to microplasma research," said Dr. Sciorra. "It is going to create a hub for all laboratories across the country studying microplasmas and will help to organize nationwide research efforts, as well as host scientific meetings and workshops."

"The microplasma field is really unclaimed territory at this point," explained Dr. Lopez. "This is a very important step in the history of the College. Saint Peter's is a very well-recognized regional college. This opens us up to national and international recognition."

Little known or understood just a decade ago, microplasmas are formed when heat or electrical energy is applied to gases such as air. The gas eventually starts to tear apart and forms a plasma, a state of matter that researchers at Saint Peter's and other leading facilities are studying for a broad range of applications.

Plasma Pioneers

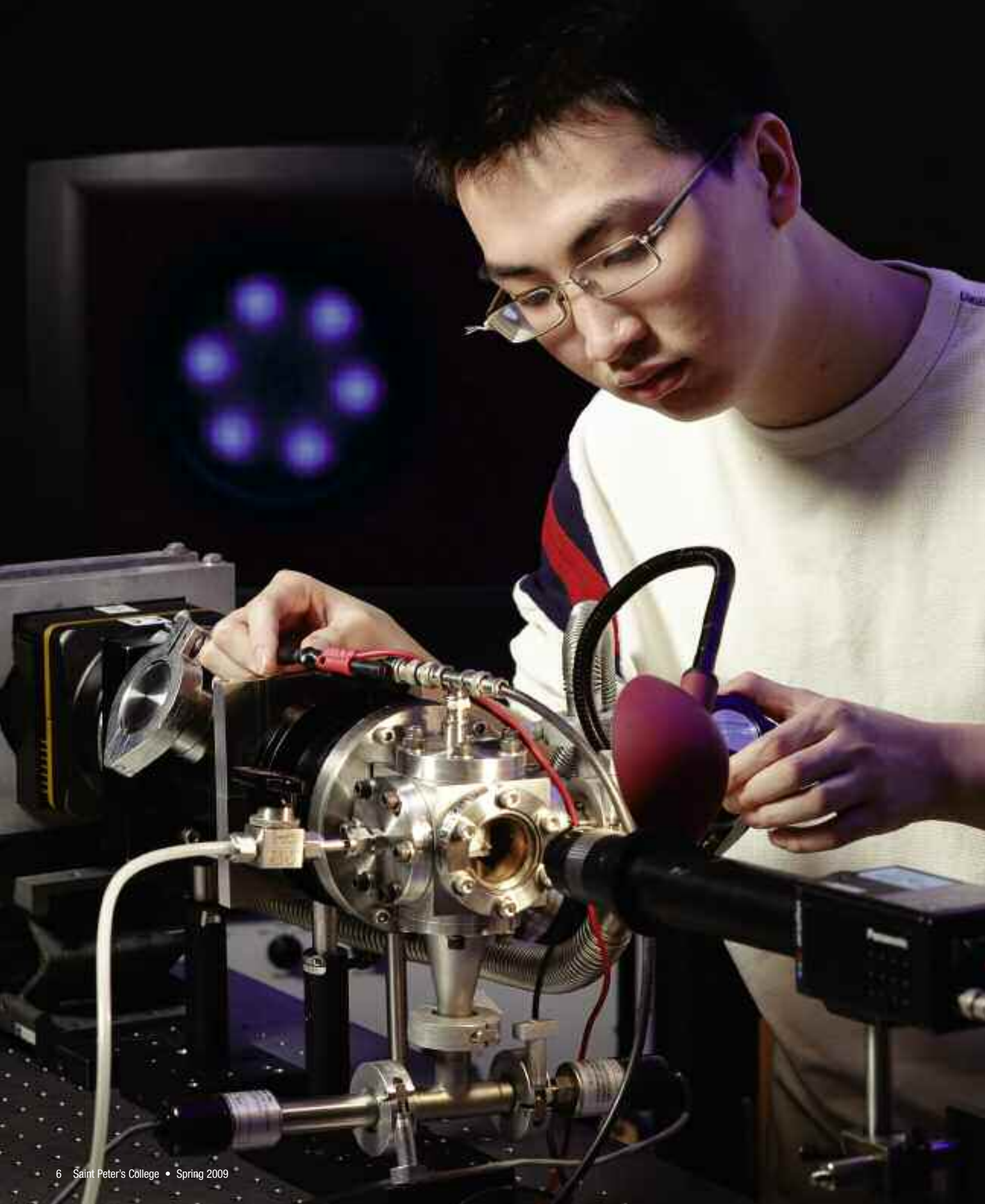
Drs. Lopez and Zhu have partnered with Degremont Technologies, a worldwide network of water treatment providers and manufacturers, to improve water purification through the use of ozone.

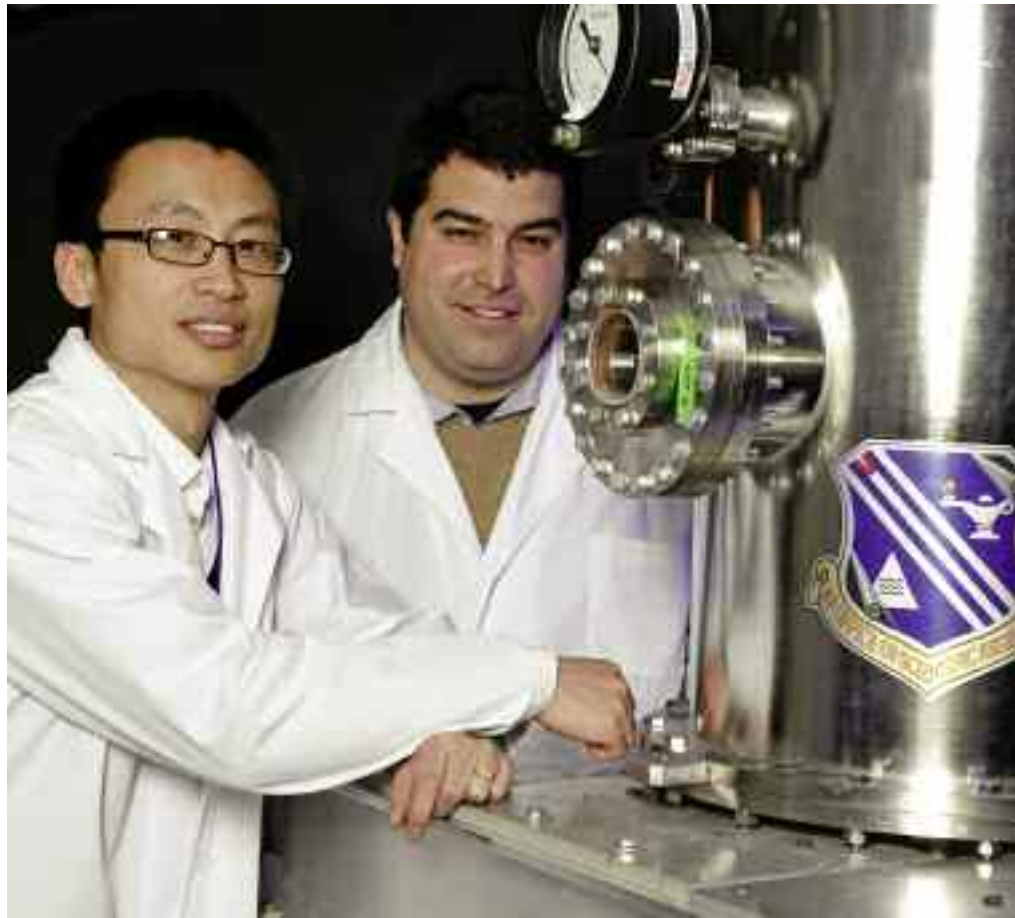
"The best way to make ozone is to use microplasmas," explained Dr. Zhu. "What's interesting about ozone is that it's a very reactive chemical that breaks apart the metals and organics that you don't want in your drinking water."

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Working with Alfred Freilich, Ph.D., a visiting research professor of physics, the Saint Peter's researchers provided the scientific knowledge to create more efficient ozone generators to purify water throughout the world.

Light sources are another application being studied at CMST. "Ultraviolet light is often used in surgery to kill bacteria and sterilize, but these mercury lamps are not considered environmentally friendly," said Dr. Zhu. When used in





Saint Peter's scientists Wei-Dong Zhu, Ph.D., left, and Jose L. Lopez, Ph.D., '00, right.

conjunction with noble gases such as helium and xenon, microplasmas may be able to duplicate the same high-intensity light, creating a safer, cleaner treatment for patients.

Further study of microplasmas might even change the way we watch television. Since the current generation of plasma televisions are large screen, the next big thing in the electronics market could be plasma technology on a smaller scale.

"Display technology is going smaller," commented Dr. Lopez. "Right now your iPod and cell phone use liquid crystal displays because they're very efficient. In the future, plasmas may end up being more useful because it's essentially a non-reactive gas and a more environmentally friendly option."

Dr. Lopez met Dr. Zhu when both

were pursuing their doctorates at Stevens Institute of Technology under Kurt H. Becker, Ph.D., a legend in the plasma field often referred to as the "godfather of microplasma science."

While Drs. Lopez and Zhu both had university-level research experience as students, they saw that many of their counterparts from American universities didn't. So when they arrived at Saint Peter's several years ago, they vowed to provide students with real-world research opportunities.

'THE SKY IS THE LIMIT, ESPECIALLY FOR MORE TYPES OF RESEARCH. THERE ARE GREAT OPPORTUNITIES NOT JUST FOR US, BUT FOR OUR COUNTRY TO MOVE FORWARD.'

"We wanted students here not only to learn physics, but to also do physics," explained Dr. Lopez. "We decided that for a small college like Saint Peter's, a good approach would be microplasmas because you don't need large facilities. It's all on a micro-scale."

Valuable experience for SPC students

Research experience is critical for those students pursuing graduate degrees or applying for fellowships, as well as those who seek careers in government research.

At Saint Peter's, Drs. Lopez and Zhu work side-by-side with students from the College to conduct groundbreaking research. Two of their four protégés, David Jacome and Brian McCullough, were awarded highly coveted internships at Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory last summer, a center for plasma and fusion science under the auspices of the U.S. Department of Energy. "We interacted with students from all over the country," said McCullough, a senior physics major from Bayonne, N.J. "It motivated us to learn more about microplasmas and we were able to bring back knowledge from that experience to the research we're doing at Saint Peter's."

Research opportunities are available to Saint Peter's students in a range of academic disciplines, from biology and chemistry to mathematics and physics. Luan To, a triple major in biochemistry, chemistry and physics who hails from Vietnam, says the hands-on experience is invaluable. "To get to the final product in my research project we needed to create a sample, which is a hard task," he said. "I was failing a lot of the time — it can be really frustrating the first few times when you're not getting it. But you keep

working and later, if you get a result, it's a feeling of fulfillment. And that's something that only happens in a research lab. You cannot just learn it from class."

The College plans to construct new labs to accommodate the center, which currently operates out of facilities in Pope Hall and the O'Toole Library. To establish the CMST, Saint Peter's will work closely with Robert J. Barker, Ph.D., a well-known expert on plasmas and program manager of the Electro Energetic Physics program for the Air Force Office of Scientific Research (AFOSR).

"A key element of AFOSR's mission is to encourage and foster new students in the field of science," commented Dr. Barker. "Here the center shines in generating interest with its outreach to students. The enthusiasm Jose and Wei-Dong bring to the project is just great. And what's really impressive is that it is clear that Saint Peter's College is equally enthusiastic about the project."

Putting Jersey City on the map

All four undergraduate researchers say the establishment of CMST is a huge leap forward for Saint Peter's. "It's a very new field," commented Quincy Itheme, a junior physics major from South Orange, N.J. "The sky is the limit, especially for more types of research. There are great opportunities not just for us, but for our country to move forward."

"The center is going to attract a lot of attention and we're going to have people from all over coming to Saint Peter's," added Jacome, a junior physics major who hopes to continue to study plasmas as a graduate student at Princeton University or Stevens Institute of Technology. "New Jersey is becoming the place for microplasma research."

In fact, Saint Peter's Jersey City location, an epicenter of commerce and industry, was a key factor in the government's decision to locate the new center at the College.

While CMST was still in its proposal

stage, College President Eugene J. Cornacchia, Ph.D., and Dr. Lopez traveled to Washington, D.C., to present the case for creating a nationwide center of excellence and placing it in Jersey City.

"Our state is known for scientific breakthroughs, and the new center will help keep us at the forefront," said Sen. Robert Menendez '76, who supported the Defense Appropriations Bill that included the grant. "Making Saint Peter's, my alma mater, the national hub for research in this advanced field is a boon to New Jersey's high-tech sector and our economy."

The bill was also supported by Sen. Frank R. Lautenberg, Rep. Steve Rothman and Rep. Albio Sires '74.

"I was pleased to support Saint Peter's College in the Defense Appropriations Bill," said Rep. Sires. "The center is going to draw researchers, scientists and educators from all over the nation to collaborate on new and innovative technologies. This is exactly the kind of synergy needed for our region and country to remain on the cutting edge of research and development."

Ultimately the goal for Saint Peter's researchers is to advance both the science of microplasmas and the futures of science students.

"At the end of the day, what we care about most is the result," said Dr. Lopez. "It's the science that comes out of the research and the students that we help."

The Future Face of Physics

Saint Peter's College Society of Physics (SPS) will host a national conference April 17-19 to highlight the work being done in the field of physics. The theme will be "Plasma: The Fourth State That Matters." The conference, organized by the Saint Peter's Chapter of the national student physics organization, will feature nationally renowned physicists.

The superstars of the physics world include Scott Tremaine, Ph.D., one of the world's leading astrophysicists; Juan Maldacena, Ph.D., a top string physicist; Robert Barker, Ph.D., an internationally renowned expert on plasma physics; William Gutsch, Ph.D., '67, a well-known scientist and Emmy-nominated screenwriter; Andrew Zwicker, Ph.D., a noted physicist at Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory; D.J. Michels, Ph.D., '54, a former Naval Research Lab scientist; and international plasma experts Jose Lopez, Ph.D., and Wei-Dong Zhu, Ph.D., assistant professors of physics and researchers at Saint Peter's College.

"This is great for the College because many students will see the dedication we have to our research at Saint Peter's," explained David Jacome, a junior physics major who serves as president of Saint Peter's SPS chapter. "We want to inspire other students to come here and be a part of what we're doing."

Over the past two years, the SPS chapter has grown in popularity on campus, thanks largely to the students' participation in microplasma research happening at the College. Membership has expanded to 20 science majors who meet bi-weekly, as well as attend conferences at leading research institutions. A key goal is to encourage students to choose careers in science.

Sigma Pi Sigma, the physics honor society, celebrates its 40th anniversary this spring and will induct keynote speaker and Saint Peter's alumnus Dr. Michels into the society on April 17. For more information on the conference, visit www.spc.edu/SPSconference.



Members of Saint Peter's College Society of Physics. Pictured (left to right): Ronald Maldonado, Quincy Itheme, Luan To, Tony Maldonado, Samik Adhikari and David Jacome.



Investigating Motion Sickness

Andrea Bubka, Ph.D., and Fred Bonato, Ph.D., in the optokinetic drum they created to test sensory conflict.

In 2000, Saint Peter's College psychology professors Frederick Bonato, Ph.D., and Andrea Bubka, Ph.D., set out to research the reasons for motion sickness. With \$800, they constructed an optokinetic drum and began testing people. Eight years later, they've published 10 papers, garnered two major grants and caught the attention of *Weird Connections*, a program airing on The Science Channel. Here's what they've learned.

How did the two of you begin collaborating on motion sickness?

Dr. Bubka: My background is in memory. Fred's is in perception. He had some ideas about motion perception and asked if I wanted to collaborate on some research. When you just conduct research by yourself, it's really kind of a lonely business. Working together really motivated us. We built the optokinetic drum, read many articles and began visiting and corresponding with other researchers in the field. It took awhile to fine tune our equipment and procedures, but our first paper was published in 2003.

Many of your experiments placed a subject in the optokinetic drum to confuse their senses. What conclusions did you draw about motion sickness?

Dr. Bonato: What we show in our research is that what you see affects how sick you become and how fast you become sick. What happens in the drum is that the visual pattern is consistent with self-rotation, but non-visual sensory inputs indicate the person is stationary. We call this sensory conflict, which can mimic the effects of poison and causes the brain to react as if it has been poisoned. In our experiments, we show that some visual patterns, such as ones that are colored or spatially complex, lead to more sensory conflict and hence, more sickness.

Once you began publishing your findings, the National Science Foundation underwrote your research. Why is it important for us to understand the relationship between visual stimuli and motion sickness?

Dr. Bonato: Because we can change it. We can change the interior of an airplane, we can change the interior of a cabin on a boat, and we can change the interior of a spacecraft. About 70 percent of astronauts get space sickness, which is a form of motion sickness.

Dr. Bubka: So what do you do about that? You just can't keep saying sorry and move on to the next astronaut. We have to try to alleviate or prevent symptoms. If we can understand the elements that make someone sick, then we can manipulate them and reduce sickness.

Dr. Bonato: Without drugs.

Dr. Bubka: Without drugs, that's key. Medication works, but there are side effects such as drowsiness, and you don't want people to be drowsy or less alert. If we can find out which visual stimuli make people sicker, we can remove those and at least reduce motion sickness in a variety of environments.

The Science Channel aired an episode based on your findings on the show *Weird Connections*. What kind of response have you experienced?

Dr. Bonato: I've gotten a lot more hits on the Web site (www.bonato.org) and we've gotten more e-mail from people with problems. We have been asked to advise people on a variety of problems, ranging from how to design a life raft that leads to less seasickness to avoiding sickness in a high-tech flight simulator. A couple from England was referred to us by a colleague regarding a carpet they bought for their apartment that they claimed led to motion sickness-like symptoms.

Dr. Bubka: Our students saw the show and thought it was pretty cool. People who have seen the show have commented on how it shows how basic research can lead to real-life applications.

Speaking of students, a number of undergraduate psychology majors have been involved in your research projects. Is that a practice unique to Saint Peter's?

Dr. Bubka: They might not have that opportunity at another college. We're meeting with our students today about a new experiment and it really is a team approach. They're involved every step of the way. We discuss the problem and theories together and get their feedback. Students are involved in conducting the experiment, and they're even involved with analyzing the data. They present their findings to the Psychology Department and to the scientific community at conferences. Some have also been listed as authors on publications in professional journals. They get the whole experience, not just one little aspect of the research problem. We have worked with more than 25 student assistants on these experiments alone. Many times, our classes also get involved.

Dr. Bonato: Most of our students go on to different areas of psychology, but this experience of taking a problem and trying to tackle it in a scientific way is educational. They come back and tell us it's been invaluable. It's a great experience for them and us.

*Dr. Bonato is chair of the Saint Peter's College Psychology Department and Dr. Bubka is a professor of psychology at the College. The *Weird Connections* episode, "The Sick Machine," in which they appeared, will re-air on The Science Channel on May 9 at 5:30 p.m. 📺*

When it comes to issues of healthcare, leadership makes all the difference. Meet five Saint Peter's College alumni, **John P. Ferguson '70**, **Gary Horan '70**, **John P. Sheridan, Jr. '64**, **Joan M. Quigley '77** and **Robert G. Lahita, M.D., Ph.D., '67**, whose accomplishments are making a significant difference in advancing healthcare in New Jersey and beyond.

PRESCRIPTION FOR SUCCESS

How a little-known hospital became a national powerhouse

When you survey the growth and progress of New Jersey's leading hospitals, Hackensack University Medical Center (HUMC) has one of the most remarkable tales to tell. A regional medical center just a few decades ago, HUMC has emerged as a nationally recognized teaching and research healthcare leader that delivers hundreds of specialized programs and services to patients from the tri-state area and beyond. The individual behind the hospital's stellar rise is John P. Ferguson '70, who has served as president and CEO since 1986.


Hackensack Medical Center, as it was then named, was just beginning its campus expansion when Ferguson joined the organization as vice president for professional services in 1981. "It was the beginning of a new chapter in the medical center's history, and it was clear to me that the next decade would be one of great importance to the future of our medical center," he recalled. "Careful planning and strategic growth needed to be the focus if Hackensack Medical Center wanted to make its mark on the industry."

Make its mark it did. Quality, says Ferguson, was the foundation for much of the institution's success. "At the time, many Bergen County residents were traveling to New York City for their healthcare because they

believed the best care was there," he said. "I wanted to keep the New Jersey patients on this side of the river, as well as bring New York patients over to Hackensack. We successfully reversed that trend."

The medical world took notice, earning HUMC accolades as one of America's 50 Best Hospitals, according to the HealthGrades, an independent healthcare ratings company. HUMC was also ranked in the top five percent of the nation's hospitals for patient outcomes.

Ferguson, too, has garnered his share of recognition. Since 2004, he has been a fixture on *Modern Healthcare* magazine's annual "100 Most Powerful People in Healthcare" list, an elite group of healthcare leaders that includes Microsoft founder Bill Gates and longtime healthcare activist Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass.

Ferguson credits much of his success to the formative years he spent at Saint Peter's College. "My Jesuit education has allowed me to develop my talents to the fullest," he said. "It has helped me realize that decisions should not only be made based on intellect, but they must also be made from the heart. It instilled in me a great respect for leadership and gave me a great sense of compassion and conscience — an important trait to possess in my line of work." 

John P. Ferguson '70, president
and CEO, Hackensack
University Medical Center



Gary S. Horan '70, president and CEO, Trinitas Regional Medical Center



John P. Sheridan, Jr., '64, president and CEO, Cooper Health System

A MODEL MERGER


Union of three hospitals creates a regional healthcare leader

As more hospitals look to consolidate operations in a competitive healthcare market, Trinitas Regional Medical Center is often held up as a model. The merger combined the best of the city of Elizabeth's three hospitals — Saint Elizabeth, Elizabeth General and the former Alexian Brothers Hospital — and created a stronger, more viable institution that is now serving nearly 400,000 patients in central and northern New Jersey. The man responsible for this successful enterprise is Gary S. Horan '70, an experienced hospital administrator who was appointed president and CEO of Trinitas in 2001, shortly after the merger of Elizabeth General and Saint Elizabeth in 2000.

"It was definitely a challenge," Horan recalled of the complex union, which involved closing one facility, uniting a Catholic hospital and a non-sectarian hospital, and creating a whole new identity for hospital staff and patients to embrace. "What had to be done was taking the strengths of both hospitals and putting them together. That's easier said than done. There were a lot of different forces at work, but it was a very satisfying challenge to become part of."

In less than a decade Trinitas has become much more than the sum of its former parts, with 10 centers

of excellence, a comprehensive cancer center, an award-winning school of nursing, and a greater healthcare presence in New Jersey, with expanded services and outpatient treatment available in nearly 100 different locations. *NJBIZ* has also named Trinitas a "Best Place to Work in New Jersey" for the last three years, a designation Horan finds particularly gratifying, since the award is based on employee surveys and demonstrates that the new hospital identity is working. "There have been a great deal of opportunities. We've attempted—and I think succeeded—in being at the top of our game," he added.

Coincidentally, this hospital CEO is also a classmate of John P. Ferguson '70, president and CEO of Hackensack University Medical Center. The two met as undergraduates at Saint Peter's and have remained friends for more than 40 years. Asked if he would have predicted leading one of the state's most successful hospital mergers back in 1970, Horan deadpans, "you've got to be nuts. I never would have imagined that my career path would have gone as it did. I did know that John was going to be very successful, he was very, very smart and had great common sense, and I figured I would be successful, too—but in healthcare, I didn't have a clue at that time." 


ANCHOR FOR CAMDEN

Under this CEO's leadership, capital projects secure the future of a hospital — and a city

When John P. Sheridan, Jr., '64 became president and CEO of Cooper Health System, he didn't have a wealth of healthcare experience under his belt. Rather, the attorney had decades of experience in governmental service, including two high profile stints as commissioner of transportation for Gov. Tom Kean and chairman of the board of the NJ Transit Corporation. He was also a senior partner in private practice before joining South Jersey's leading hospital in 2005. "I had done a lot of work for Cooper," recalled Sheridan, who represented the Camden-based health system at the time. "There were a lot of interesting projects on the drawing board. I had enjoyed my years at the Department of Transportation getting projects done, and I thought it might be a lot of fun."

Sheridan joined Cooper as senior executive vice president and was appointed president and CEO in early 2008. Under his leadership, initiatives on the drawing board are now reality. Last December, Cooper unveiled The Pavilion, a 10-story signature facility that the CEO calls "worthy of the medicine that is practiced here." The \$220 million investment is intended to not only transform the university hospital campus, but is also part of a larger strategy to woo doctors and patients to Camden and revitalize an urban neighborhood.

"There was a commitment made years ago to remain a Camden-based hospital with a mission to take care of the poor and underprivileged," explained Sheridan. "In order to do that, we need to attract patients to come in for tertiary care from the suburbs and keep them in South Jersey." In addition to its centers of excellence for cancer, heart, neurosurgery, orthopedics and a Level I trauma center, the Cooper Health System encompasses medical education, research facilities and an extensive network of health services within southern New Jersey, Philadelphia and the Delaware Valley. Up next is a state-of-the-art cancer center in Camden, which Sheridan anticipates will begin construction in another year.

"I like to think of myself as collaborative," Sheridan said of his leadership style. He credits an exceptional staff and a shared vision among Cooper's trustees for the institution's success. "Saint Peter's was a large part of making me who I am," he added. Having served on his alma mater's Board of Regents, the CEO also says he's proud to be a graduate of The Jesuit College of New Jersey. "It was a great education that taught me how to think through problems and issues and come to reasoned conclusions. I'm proud of the role it's playing to educate fine young people." 



Joan M. Quigley '77, state assemblywoman and vice president for external affairs, Hoboken University Medical Center



Robert G. Lahita, M.D., Ph.D., '67, chief of medicine, Newark Beth Israel Medical Center

ONE OF THE 'GOOD GUYS'

A state assemblywoman who sees healthcare policy from a unique perspective

Joan M. Quigley '77 is a healthcare leader with a unique perspective. A state assemblywoman representing New Jersey's 32nd District since 1994, Quigley is at the forefront of healthcare policy issues, having successfully advocated for everything from extended hospital maternity stays to the Safe Haven Law for abandoned infants. She is also one of a handful of legislative leaders doing double duty as a healthcare professional, with more than 30 years' experience in hospital administration at Saint Francis Hospital in Jersey City and Hoboken University Medical Center.


"Being in healthcare is being one of the good guys," said the assemblywoman, who traces her passion to the years she served on the Board of Trustees at Saint Francis Hospital while finishing up a degree in sociology and urban studies at night at Saint Peter's College. "I saw healthcare from a different level, not just from the perspective of a frightened patient, but how you can help the frightened patient."

A 30-something mom when she enrolled in the School of Professional and Continuing Studies (her husband of 50 years, Jack Quigley '53, is also an alumnus), Quigley said, "getting into Saint Peter's opened me up to curiosity. It made me look at problems and issues from many

perspectives and find the back stories behind the issues."

Jesuit education also prepared Quigley for one of the greatest challenges she faced as vice president for external affairs at Saint Mary Hospital. In late 2005, Quigley received the call that the hospital was slated for closure. Having been in charge of marketing and public relations for Saint Francis when that hospital closed in 2003, Quigley held firm. "Closing Saint Francis made sense, but it broke my heart," she recalled. "At Saint Mary, the hospital staff came together and we just agreed we weren't going to let this happen."

A plan was formed to save the hospital, and with legislation Quigley helped craft, Saint Mary became Hoboken University Medical Center in 2007. With new management in place, the hospital has increased admissions, invested in new equipment, and will open a state-of-the-art emergency department later this year. Quigley is quick to credit the many community leaders, hospital personnel and others who made it all possible.

"I had a lot of people propping me up. But when I look back on my life, except for my kids, this is the singular accomplishment," she said. "Without Saint Peter's, I couldn't have done it. They gave me the base, they gave me the confidence." 

RARE HYBRID

A physician who transcends the academic and clinical worlds of medicine

In the medical world, Robert G. Lahita, M.D., Ph.D., '67 is the rare hybrid. A physician and academic internationally recognized for his clinical research on autoimmune diseases, Dr. Lahita is as comfortable in a microbiology laboratory as he is examining a patient. "It's the best of both worlds," said Dr. Lahita, who, in addition to authoring 12 books on diseases ranging from rheumatoid arthritis to lupus, serves as chief of medicine at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center.

His remarkable medical career began while working as a research assistant at the pharmaceutical company Merck & Co., Inc. "It was there that I became fascinated with microbiology, and I knew I wanted to pursue a doctorate," recalled Dr. Lahita, who earned both an M.D. and Ph.D. in 1973.


A turning point in the young physician's career came during his residency, when he opted to take an elective class in immunology at The Rockefeller University. "I began what I thought would be a three-month elective and ended up staying 12 years," he laughed.

At Rockefeller University, Dr. Lahita ran the Connective Tissue Disease Clinic, where many of his patients had systemic lupus, an autoimmune disease that primarily affects women. Though little was known about lupus at the time, Dr. Lahita became a scientific and clinical expert, and authored "Systemic Lupus

Erythematosus," the definitive medical text to understanding the complex disease. He is currently at work on the fifth edition of the book, due out next year.

At Newark Beth Israel, his days often begin before dawn leading morning rounds with residents and fellows, and end late at night, when he finds time to author journal articles and books. Responsible for 14 different clinical divisions at one of the state's leading teaching hospitals, the chief of medicine describes his days as "extremely busy and very fruitful."

"I have the benefit of being a researcher and a clinician," he said. "A person in practice sees one or two patients a day that they really help. Someone in academia or research can make a discovery that may help thousands or even millions of people. It's a very vital and rewarding thing to do."

The first in his family to graduate from college, Dr. Lahita also serves on the Board of Trustees at Saint Peter's and is particularly excited about the growth of the College's professional science programs such as biotechnology, microplasma and nursing. "Saint Peter's is on an amazing track," he noted. "This is work that the country desperately needs." 

BUILDING A FOUNDATION OF SUPPORT

With the generous support of numerous foundations such as the Gladys Brooks Foundation, The Schumann Fund for New Jersey and other private benefactors, Saint Peter's College is making a real difference in the lives of students and the community-at-large.

PARSE Institute

A generous grant establishes an innovative program to improve the quality of math and science education in local schools



A cohort of secondary school science teachers are going back to college this summer, courtesy of the Practical Application of Research in Science Education (PARSE) Institute established at Saint Peter's College to improve the quality of math and science education in local area schools.

Established with a \$450,000 private grant, the PARSE Institute represents a cooperative effort between Saint Peter's applied science and technology and education departments, and in collaboration with the Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory (PPPL) and Liberty Science Center (LSC).

The innovative program will launch this July, with a group of local teachers participating in an orientation that consists of an introduction to the PARSE Institute's partners and research projects, educational theory workshops, site visits and a survey of modern scientific advancement. Following orientation, the teachers will perform two to three weeks of hands-on research with a professional scientist in the teachers' choice of concentration: plasma physics, energy, the environment,

or biotechnology and human genetics. After completing the research, participants and Saint Peter's faculty will collaborate to translate the research experiences into discernible curricular units.

"This is an exciting venture," said James J. Clayton, Ed.D., '71, an assistant professor of education at Saint Peter's who serves as director of the educational program for PARSE Institute. "The big picture is that we want those teachers to work with us to go back and turn their students on to science, and to encourage them to go on to study science and mathematics."

Joining this effort is Assistant Professor of Physics Jose L. Lopez, Ph.D., '00 who serves as director of the scientific program for PARSE Institute. Faculty from the

'WE WANT THOSE TEACHERS TO WORK WITH US TO GO BACK AND TURN THEIR STUDENTS ON TO SCIENCE AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO STUDY SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS.'

applied science and technology and education departments will continue to meet with participants during the academic year, and teachers will present on the integration of research activities into their classrooms. "The idea," said Dr. Clayton, "is to learn what went well and figure out what's working in the classroom."

Upon completion of the program, teachers will be considered PARSE Fellows. In addition to their intensive practical research experience, individuals will receive continuous mentor support and have the opportunity to participate in classroom visits or observations, field trips and additional research opportunities.

NURSING EDUCATION

An endowed scholarship and a gift to the College supports Saint Peter's high-quality B.S.N. program

When government analysts and other healthcare experts made dire predictions about the current and looming nursing shortage, Saint Peter's College addressed the critical issue by introducing its Bachelor of Science Nursing (B.S.N.) program at the Jersey City campus in 2006. Now in its third year and with more than 150 students enrolled, the program is fortunate to garner the support of several benefactors who recognize the importance of preparing highly skilled nursing professionals.

The Gladys Brooks Foundation recently made a \$200,000 gift to Saint Peter's to endow the Gladys Brooks Merit Nursing Scholarship Fund. Designated solely for B.S.N. students, the scholarship program will make a nursing education possible for academically deserving students and ultimately impact the quality of healthcare provided in New Jersey and beyond.

"Supporting nursing education is an expression of The Gladys Brooks Foundation's commitment to improve the quality of healthcare in this country," said James J. Daly, Esq. '59, chairman of the board of the foundation and a member of

the Saint Peter's College Board of Trustees. "We believe that investing in the future of Saint Peter's College nursing students through this scholarship fund will have a lasting impact on the nursing profession."

A longtime supporter of Saint Peter's College, The Gladys Brooks Foundation has created numerous scholarships over the years that support high-achieving students in their academics and serve as leaders among their peers. The foundation was created under the will of the late Gladys Brooks Thayer of New York and provides support to many nonprofit organizations including libraries, educational institutions, hospitals and clinics.

Another nursing program benefactor is the medical technology company BD, which made a portable cardiac defibrillator available to Saint Peter's nursing students through a gift to the Independent College Fund of New Jersey. According to Associate Dean of Nursing Ann Tritak, Ed.D., students are learning a great deal from the new piece of equipment, which was placed in the nursing simulation laboratory this semester.

"We are thrilled to have this addition to the simulation lab because it supports a valuable teaching strategy," Dr. Tritak said, noting that when the new defibril-

lator is paired with Sim-Man, an advanced patient simulator for clinical experiential training, several kinds of cardiac episodes can be recreated. "Students have to think critically on their feet and work as a team to remedy the situation," she added. "That's an excellent strategy to help students make mistakes, but then learn from mistakes without jeopardizing the life of their real live patients."

SOCIAL ACTION IN OUR OWN BACKYARD

Foundation support makes Urban Youth Research Initiative possible

With the support of The Schumann Fund for New Jersey, the Institute for the Advancement of Urban Education and Action Research at Saint Peter's College has been able to reach out beyond its campus to work with Abbott District high schools as part of its Urban Youth Research Initiative. Abbott Districts are school districts in New Jersey covered by a series of New Jersey Supreme Court rulings that found that education provided to school children in poorer communities was inadequate and mandated state funding



David S. Surrey, Ph.D., and Jennifer Ayala, Ph.D., of the Urban Youth Research Initiative.

to level the playing field with wealthier districts.

On January 31, 19 students from Henry Snyder High School in Jersey City participated in the first of four youth research camps at the College. According to Professor of Sociology and Urban Studies David S. Surrey, Ph.D., the purpose was to train high school students to investigate and report on an issue that affects them directly—proposed changes in high school graduation requirements as recommended by the NJ High School Redesign Steering Committee last year.

"Of chief concern is that the districts will not be provided the capacity to achieve these goals, yet the schools and the students will be held accountable," explained Dr. Surrey, who co-directs the program with Assistant Professor of Education Jennifer Ayala, Ph.D. As part of the initiative, participants will conduct action research, a reflective process of progressive problem solving, usually conducted in teams. Collaborating with community partners that include the Abbott Leadership Institute, ASPIRA, Inc. of New Jersey, Project Grad in Newark and the New Jersey Community Development Center in Paterson, participants are assigned in-depth research projects on the issue of high school graduation requirements and will present their findings to various audiences.

Three more youth research camps will be held this academic year. Upon successful completion of the program, the Abbott high school participants will earn three Saint Peter's credits.



Saint Peter's nursing students learn how to clinically treat various cardiac episodes with Sim-Man and a portable cardiac defibrillator.

A Life Well Lived



REMEMBERING FATHER KELLY, 1931-2008

As a 17-year-old in Ireland, young Joe Kelly twice a year would visit his older brother, who was studying to be a Jesuit. “Wild horses,” he recalled with characteristic humor, “could not drag me into that place.”

As it turned out, wild horses were not necessary. Rev. Joseph A. Kelly, S.J., entered the novitiate in Dublin in 1949, although he considered himself “an unlikely candidate for the Jesuit order.”

Here at Saint Peter’s, beginning in 1968, Father Kelly inspired generations of students to embrace Jesuit ideals and live worthwhile lives. As director of campus ministry, he advocated a genuine spirituality and promoted issues of social justice.

His homilies were thoughtful and brief, funny and piercing. He’d refer to the Apostle Matthew as “the IRS guy,” then conjure the poetry of G.K. Chesterton or T.S. Eliot. He posed more questions than he gave answers, like the question he often posed to students: “What is the best possible use to which to put your life?”

“Listen to the answer,” advised Father Kelly, “and do not be afraid.”

Father Kelly passed away on December 5, 2008. Gifts in his memory can be made at www.spc.edu/giving. A remembrance of Father Kelly appears in this issue’s Ad Finem on page 32.

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MEN AND WOMEN FOR OTHERS



A. Father Joe Kelly arrived at Saint Peter’s College in 1968. This undated photograph is from his early years on campus.

B. Alumni remember Father Kelly as a Jesuit who was at home among students. Here, he is pictured with students in a photo from the 1969 yearbook, *Peacock Pie*.

C. Father Kelly, seated between his parents.

D. The Jesuit with Rev. Victor Yanitelli, S.J., then-president of Saint Peter’s College.

E. Father Kelly celebrated his 20th anniversary as a campus minister in the 1988 *Peacock Pie*.

F. The Kelly family, in a photograph from the 1930s. Father Kelly, pictured in front, was the youngest of seven children.

G. An undated Kelly family photo.

H. In 1993, Father Kelly took up the position of parochial vicar at Saint Malachy’s, the Actors’ Chapel.

I. A certificate for the Crop Walk, a program Father Kelly began at Saint Peter’s to help fund international food pantries.

J. Father Kelly was among the group from Saint Peter’s that lobbied the city council for the College’s first residence hall.

ON AN UPSWING

REVIVED SPC GOLF TEAM IS OFF TO A STRONG START

Hard work and commitment are par for the course at The Jesuit College of New Jersey — just ask Pete Falloon '65, head coach of the Saint Peter's College golf team. "These players have a very good work ethic," said the former Peacock golfer, who played during the undefeated 1964 season and was named the 1965 Outstanding Student-Athlete. "When I played for Saint Peter's, I enjoyed camaraderie with my teammates, and I think we have that good chemistry now. We're like a family."

Falloon, who taught economics at the College from 1968-1975, returned to his alma mater in 2007, aspiring to restore the Peacocks to their former glory. "It's going to take a year or two, but we're off to a very good start," he remarked. "We're in a very competitive conference (the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference, or MAAC), but I'm confident that we can get there."

Falloon has instilled that sense of confidence in his players, too. In his senior year, Christopher Merce, who graduated in May 2008 with a degree in history, welcomed the new coach "with open arms. I saw that he was willing to put time and effort into our program." Merce, who elected to remain at Saint Peter's to pursue a master's degree in education with a concentration in administration and supervision, is pleased to be working as the team's assistant coach this season. "We've taken enormous steps," he said. "The fall season was a great accomplishment. This is just the beginning."

The team is currently one of the youngest in the U.S., with a roster comprised of sophomore captain Sean Fitzpatrick and six freshmen recruits: Ray Ferrari, Gregory Nordtveit, Tyler Pang, Billy Sues, T.J. Sumigray and Nick Trill. "I was lucky to find six outstanding freshmen to go along with Sean, who is a budding superstar, and Chris, whose commitment



Team captain Sean Fitzpatrick '11 says Peacock golf is in a position of strength this year.

and input have been invaluable," said Falloon. "And I'm very happy to report that all these athletes excel in the classroom, as well."

"Pete Falloon has done an excellent job recruiting young, talented golfers," said Patrick Elliott, director of athletics. "The dedication these student-athletes have shown with their work ethic and skill improvement under Pete's leadership points to a very bright future for Saint Peter's College golf."

Under Falloon and Merce, the Peacocks had an impressive fall 2008 season, finishing

3-0 in individual match play, with excellent showings at several tournaments. "Good things are happening here, and people are starting to acknowledge them," commented Falloon. "I'm proud of that." The spring season, which runs for seven weeks, looks even brighter: For the first time in Saint Peter's history, the players completed spring training in Myrtle Beach in March. On April 14, they'll host their own 15-team tournament, the Peacock Invitational, and from April 23-26 will compete in conference championships at Walt Disney World. Additionally, the

golfers enjoy access to the prestigious Liberty National Golf Club on the beautiful Jersey City waterfront — home to The Barclays 2009, first stage of the PGA Tour Playoffs for the FedEx Cup.

Falloon's players are fiercely proud of the team's accomplishments. "We showed great potential this season, and I predict we'll move up in the MAAC conference this year," remarked Fitzpatrick, a business management major from Metuchen, N.J. Sues, a native of Kenilworth, N.J., who plans to



The team enjoys access to Liberty National Golf Club in Jersey City. Pictured here is freshman golfer Billy Sues.


'THE BOTTOM LINE IS THAT THIS IS A SPECIAL AND TALENTED GROUP OF YOUNG MEN.'

study accounting, added, "In the near future, I feel we'll develop into a very solid and well-rounded golf team."

The players emphasize, however, that their victories on the course aren't everything. "We have all displayed strong talent at one time or another, but that is not always what a team is about," said Trill, a business management student from South Brunswick, N.J. "We have a special bond. I wouldn't want to be anywhere else — I

couldn't ask for a better captain and teammates. Sean is always looking out for us, and the six of us freshmen get along so well. I know we will accomplish great things in the future, but what I really want is for our friendship to continue."

Sumigray, an economics major from Amsterdam, N.Y., agreed: "I couldn't have made a better choice than Saint Peter's. As we improve on the golf course, we make one another better people." While his immediate goals for the team include a MAAC championship, Sumigray also looks forward to "50 years from now, when we're all grey-haired old men sitting around and reminiscing about the best times of our lives."

"The bottom line," said Falloon, "is that this is a very special and talented group of young men." 



The Peacock golf team. Bottom Row (left to right): Tyler Pang '12, Billy Sues '12, Sean Fitzpatrick '11, Nick Trill '12. Top Row (left to right): Head Coach Peter Falloon '65, T.J. Sumigray '12, Ray Ferrari '12, Greg Nordtveit '12, Assistant Coach Chris Merce '08.

PEAHENS BAT FOR MAAC FINAL FOUR



The 2009 Peahens hit the field with a young, energetic coaching staff and a veteran team. Seven players returned from the squad that reached the 2007 Metro Atlantic Athletic

Conference (MAAC) Tournament. They blend with eight underclassmen to form a team fighting for the chance to reach the MAAC Final Four once again. Overall, the Peahens are strong offensively with a healthy pitching staff.

First-year head coach Donna Barone, a Staten Island native and former FDU-Florham assistant coach, is at the helm.

A veteran group that is excellent defensively and at the plate patrols the infield. Returning senior starter Megan Papierniak of Fonda, N.Y., will be the team leader on and off the field. One of three captains, Papierniak is a solid fielder who can swing the bat. The outfield is young, but will be led by four-year starter and captain Christie Crowell of Glendora, Calif., in centerfield. Crowell is a steady offensive player from the lead off spot and has great range in center along with a strong arm. The pitching staff has a blend of veterans and newcomers, including senior captain Tricia Reingle of Aberdeen, N.J., the ace of the staff who will also be looked upon to contribute offensively. When Reingle is not pitching, she will see time at third base.

The Peahens began the 2009 campaign with a trip to Fordham in early March and then headed to Kissimmee, Fla., for the 2009 Spring Rebel Games before facing teams from around the country. The MAAC Championships are slated for early May in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

CLASS OF 2008

SAINT PETER'S INDUCTS 10 ALUMNI AND TWO TEAMS INTO ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME

On December 13, 2008 the Saint Peter's College Department of Athletics inducted 10 individuals and two teams into its Hall of Fame. This year's honorees included football players Jon Ambrose '03 and Joe Spano '70, soccer player Rinaldo Chambers '04, softball players Kim Jones-Truzzolino '99 and Marsha Kelley '03, and volleyball player Valentina Zaharieva '01. Kevin Boyle '86 received a Special Achievement Award for his dedication as coach of the boys' basketball team at Saint Patrick High School in Elizabeth. The College also inducted two past teams: the 1994 baseball team which, under Bruce Sabbatini, won the first Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) baseball championship, and the 2001 softball team, which, under late honorary inductee Ron DeRogatis, won the first MAAC softball championship.

In addition, Saint Peter's presented Bill Stein, director of athletics from 1982–2008, with a Special Service Award and honored Tim Camp, assistant director of athletics for sports information from 1989–2005.



Marsha Kelley '03 and Patrick Elliott, director of athletics.



The Saint Peter's College Hall of Fame 2008 inductees: back row (left to right): Bill Stein, Joe Spano '70, Director of Athletics Patrick Elliott, Rinaldo Chambers '04, and Tim Camp. Front row (left to right): Kevin Boyle '86, Valentina Zaharieva '01, Marsha Kelley '03, Kim Jones-Truzzolino '99 and Jon Ambrose '03.

"We are extremely proud of our 2008 inductee class," said Director of Athletics Patrick Elliott, upon welcoming inductees into the Hall of Fame. "These individuals represent Saint Peter's College athletics with excellence and integrity."

"It was a great honor — definitely one of the really good days in my life," remarked Camp, who now serves as assistant athletic director for sports information at New Jersey Institute of Technology in Newark. "Much of the value of my position comes from the opportunity to work with athletes and coaches, and it was great to see

so many of them again."

Kelley, a four-year catcher and top hitter recognized both for her individual achievements and her performance on the 2001 softball team, commented: "To be one of the few athletes selected for the Hall of Fame feels a little unreal. I was very excited." Her proudest accomplishments playing for the Peahens include "giving the University of Arizona a run for their money in the regional tournament my sophomore year (2001). Losing 4–2 felt more like a win." Kelley, who received her bachelor's degree in math and her master's


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Saint Peter's 2001 softball team was inducted into the Hall of Fame on December 13, 2008. The Peahen team, under late honorary inductee Coach Ron DeRogatis, won the first MAAC softball championship.

degree in finance from Saint Peter's, now works as a pricing analyst for the Hertz Corporation and says her time on the team helped to prepare her for post-college life. "Being a student-athlete taught me how to prioritize things in my life," she explained. "It's not easy to study and travel at the same time. Finding the balance was a learning experience."

Camp was complimentary of his fellow inductees, including Kelley who stepped up to the plate when Coach DeRogatis passed away mid-season. "I took over for the rest of the season," he recalled. "As captain, she was so very helpful to me, and she later worked as my graduate assistant. Marsha was one of the people who was very important to me at Saint Peter's."

Camp also spoke highly of former Director of Athletics Stein. "Bill literally knew who every athlete was," he noted. "Colleagues at other schools would comment on how amazing it was that he could do that. But that's something that's true across the campus — the people who work in residence life and student affairs, the security staff. I go back to watch games, and people still recognize me. The best thing about Saint Peter's is the people who study and work there. I was fortunate to get to know so many of them." 

WELCOME TO PEACOCK NATION

Peacock pride is spreading beyond the Saint Peter's College campus. On February 16, a group of student boosters, also known as Peacock Nation, donned pink and brought banners to the outdoor set of NBC's *Today Show* to spread the word about that night's "Pack the House" event, hosted by the women's basketball team for breast cancer awareness. This outpouring of fan support is just one of many booster events held, since Peacock Nation formed earlier this year to heighten school spirit and bolster Saint Peter's Division I athletic programs.

The effort even includes "Peacock Nation," a program devoted entirely to athletics airing every Thursday from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. on WSPC, the College's Internet streaming radio station.

Hosted by student sportscaster David Freeman, the program first aired on October 23, 2008, to promote the event "Peacock Nation Volleyball: Hawaiian Style" for the women's volleyball team. Freeman invited the team's three captains, Katherine Sura, Caroline Garvey and Kelly Blanchfield, to discuss the promotion day on the air. The word spread, the feedback was energizing, and with a "thumbs up"

from Director of Athletics Patrick Elliott, "Peacock Nation" became a weekly segment on WSPC.

Freeman, who is currently earning his bachelor's degree in accounting at Saint Peter's, is a freelance writer for the Associated Press, Stats Inc. and ESPN. "I personally think the show is beneficial in a few ways," he said. "It's a great opportunity for the Peacock Nation on campus to hear from our student-athletes, it's an opportunity to give their parents, family and friends a chance to get updates, and it's a chance for them to be in the spotlight and see what it's like."

The radio program is a team effort, with Freeman conducting interviews, Assistant Director of Athletics and Sports Information Director Dan Drutz coordinating the guests, and women's softball player Nicole Schneckner helping to produce the shows. Freeman thanks communication faculty members Joe Lamachia and Barna Donovan, Ph.D., who "have been invaluable with their efforts at WSPC to give us a platform."

To listen to the weekly broadcast, visit www.spc.edu/wspc.



When Saint Peter's men's and women's basketball teams took on Seton Hall in December, Peacock Nation organized a "White Out" and led a cheering section of Peacock fans.

THE PAUW WOW CELEBRATES 75 YEARS

For 75 years, generations of *Pauw Wow* staffers have pitched story ideas, tracked down sources and put thousands of issues of the student-run newspaper to bed. The experience was a formative one, not only for the aspiring journalists and media professionals whose careers it spawned, but also for many Saint Peter's students who went on to work in education, law, medicine and business.

Saint Peter's will celebrate three-quarters of a century of student journalism at a *Pauw Wow* 75th Anniversary Reunion on May 3.

In addition to this momentous gathering, several of the newspaper's alumni including *Wall Street Journal* music critic **Jim Fusilli '75**, Pulitzer Prize winner **Judith**

Valente '76, *New York Post* sports writer **Fred Kerber '74** and Hollywood publicist **Ernie Malik '74** are contributing articles for a commemorative issue to be published by the current student newspaper staff.

Pauw Wow alumni say they are excited to be a part of the anniversary issue. "My years at the *Pauw Wow* were fantastic," recalled **Angelo Caprio, M.D., Ph.D., '74**, an alumni contributor who served as editor-in-chief of the College newspaper.

Now the medical director of care management at Hoboken University Medical Center and a renowned bioethicist, Dr. Caprio is penning a piece on patient's rights and the moral and ethical dilemmas of prolonging life in a modern medical age.

"It is great to be working with the many distinguished alumni that have come together to work on this special anniversary issue," said *Pauw Wow* editor-in-chief Gary Young '10. Young also had the opportunity to interview John Botti, Esq. '41, the oldest living editor-in-chief of the *Pauw Wow*. Botti will be presented the Editor Emeritus award by actor Philip Bosco H '06 at the Anniversary Reunion.

The 75th anniversary commemorative issue will be available beginning April 29. To read it online, visit www.spc.edu/pauwow.



John Botti, Esq. '41

1950s

1955
Joseph A. Kelly has been running for 30 years. In October, he competed in the Marine Corps 10K race in Washington, D.C., finishing 1,336 out of 3,640 runners and second in the 75+ age group.



Judy and Nicholas Tauro '57

1956
Retired Superior Court Judge **Reginald Stanton** was honored by the New Jersey Institute of Local Government Attorneys. Last fall, he was presented with the William Cox Award in recognition of excellence in land-use law, exemplary service to the legal profession and to local government, and unselfish assistance rendered to attorneys, local officials, and other land-use professionals in the field of land-use law. Judge Stanton has had a long and distinguished legal and judicial career. He has the distinction of being Saint Peter's first and only Rhodes Scholar winner.

1957
Nicholas Tauro and his wife, Judy, have been married 47 years. They have three children and three grandchildren. Tauro retired from teaching Latin and English after 40 years at Dickinson High School in Jersey City, N.J. He is conducting research to write a biography on Franklin D. Roosevelt.

A memoir written by **John Wrable, M.D.**, was recently published. *Juvenile Delinquent to Surgeon* recounts Dr. Wrable's turbulent journey to overcome adversity and achieve a career as a successful surgeon.

1958

John L. Donnelly and his wife, Barbara, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 12, 2008.

Denis P. Farley was elected commodore of the United States WoodPussy Class Association. The USWPCA is the national class association for the WoodPussy Class sanctioned by U.S. Sailing. Farley is also lead instructor at the Monmouth Boat Club's adult sailing program.



Denis P. Farley '58

After a long career as a pathologist, **Raymond C. Maguire** honed his photography skills and recently won multiple prizes in the Fauquier County Virginia Master Gardeners' photo contest. He walked away with first place in the garden architecture category, second place in water scenes and received an honorable mention in the general horticultural scene category.

1960s

1962
Prior to semi-retirement, **Alfred F. Peruzzi** was president of the market research firm Consumer Response/P&W Corp. for 35 years. He enjoys fishing and volunteering at a local Montessori school.

1963

Thomas J. Jordan was inducted as a Knights of Saint Patrick aide to the grand marshal of New York City's 2009 Saint Patrick's Day Parade.

1966

William J. Marino was named among the 101 Most Influential People in the Garden State by *NJ Monthly*. He is president and CEO of Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey.

1968

Hon. Joseph V. Doria, Jr. was named among the 101 Most Influential People in the Garden State by *NJ Monthly*. He is currently the commissioner of community affairs for the state of New Jersey. Doria was recently inducted into the Marist High School Hall of Fame. He also received the Spirit of Marist Award at the school's spring gala.

Karen Gutch retired from the city of Jersey City in 2005. She is now a volunteer with the National Dance Institute, founded by former New York City ballet dancer Jacques D'Amboise, who received an honorary degree in 1978 from Saint Peter's College.

James T. Leman received the Waters Lifetime Achievement Award at the fourth annual American Financial Technology Awards. Leman is principal and managing director at Westwater, a management and technology consulting firm.

1969

Nadia Makar was recognized in Gov. Jon Corzine's State of the State speech in January as an example of one of New Jersey's exceptional teachers.

Michael J. Malecki has joined the College of Saint Elizabeth as director of Human Resources. Additionally, Malecki is an adjunct professor teaching human resource management.

1970s

1970

Susan V. Everett was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award by The Journalism Education

Association (JEA) during the organization's national convention last November. This award is given to retirees for lifetime dedication to scholastic journalism education. Only 10 educators from across the nation received this award in 2008.

1971

Robert Andrews was appointed principal of Holy Family Elementary School in Lakewood, N.J., last September.

1973

Robert C. Novy was appointed to the Kimball Medical Center Foundation's Board of Trustees. The board oversees Kimball Medical Center's fundraising and development efforts.

1974

After a 27-year career with The Chase Manhattan Bank, **Leonard P. Alfano** retired from the bank and took on a position with the Chrysler Corporation. He is the business manager for The William A. Morris School on Staten Island. **Rep. Albio Sires** was presented with the Star Stream Award, thanking him for his generosity and support to both the Palisades Medical Center and its community. Palisades Medical Center marked its 30th anniversary of serving residents of Hudson and southern Bergen counties.

1975

Regina M. Miskewitz launched her own business, Miskewitz Consulting, LLC, in spring of 2008. Her firm helps small companies without large R&D departments create new products, address regulatory issues, and solve technical challenges in the OTC drug and personal care areas.

Leo J. Smith was honored at the seventh annual Simpson-Baber Foundation Humanitarian Awards Dinner for his dedication to children with autism and related disorders.

1976

Vincent Serafino, M.D., was Bayonne's 2008 Columbus Day Parade's grand marshal.

Father Thomas Wisniewski was named the new pastor at Saint Catharine Parish in Glen Rock, N.J.

1977

A recent article in the *North Bergen Reporter* featured **Bill Anagnostos**, owner of the Four Star Diner in Union City. His business will be celebrating its 26th anniversary this year.

James A. Clarke, M.D., was elected president of the medical staff of Ocean Medical Center, Brick, N.J.

Joseph McGinn, M.D., an internationally renowned cardiothoracic surgeon, is the medical director of the Heart Institute of Staten Island and the director of cardiac surgery at Staten Island University Hospital. Dr. McGinn conducted a live surgical Webcast of a minimally invasive coronary artery bypass surgery (MICS CABG). A leading authority and pioneer in MICS CABG, Dr. McGinn has performed more than 350 MICS CABG procedures, averaging three to four cases per week.

Pamela T. Miller, Esq., was honored at the Meadowlands Regional Chamber of Commerce gala last fall. Miller is senior vice president at Medco Health Solutions, Inc.

1979

Carmel Galasso, director of homeless services at the United Way of Hudson County, was invited to Trenton to witness Gov. Jon Corzine sign the executive order establishing the New Jersey Inter-Agency Council on Homelessness. This marked the fulfillment of a dream that she and her agency have worked for over many years. Moreover, it will help achieve their goal to end homelessness in New Jersey.

Edward J. Garland was named Math Teacher of the Year in Dade County, Fla. Awarded to only one teacher out of all public and private schools, Garland is the first-ever teacher at Belen Jesuit Preparatory School to receive the honor.

Ada Marin, M.D., M.P.H., was selected by her peers, for the third time in the last five years, as one of San Diego's "Top Docs—Physicians of Exceptional Excellence" for 2008, and is one of 44 San Diego family physicians to receive the honor. The October 2008 *San Diego Magazine* issue is dedicated to the Top Doctors for 2008, and lists the 449 San Diego physicians in 39 specialties who were voted as Top Docs.

1980s

1982

Catherine A. Tormey was recently honored by the New York/New Jersey Baykeeper. She received the 2008 Baykeeper Award for Outstanding Public Service. NY/NJ Baykeeper is a charter member of the Waterkeeper Alliance, which is a worldwide organization dedicated to preserving waterways.

1983

Gregory A. Fedorchak recently took over responsibility for sales, marketing and distribution of Rockwood's inorganic pigments product line for the Canadian market.

1984

Patrick DeGeorge was appointed business administrator of Freehold Borough K-8 School District in December.

1985

William (Bill) Raleigh received a special plaque of recognition at a Saint Peter's College swim meet in mid-November. Raleigh was inducted into the College's Athletic Hall of Fame several years earlier for his accomplishments in swimming.

SPC ON THE ROAD

College President Eugene J. Cornacchia, Ph.D., Vice President for Mission and Ministry Rev. Michael L. Braden, S.J., Vice President for Advancement Michael A. Fazio, M.B.A., and other Saint Peter's officials brought good news of The Jesuit College of New Jersey to several alumni events last winter. These included an Orlando alumni reception hosted by **Thomas L. March, M.D., '53** on January 15; a West Palm Beach alumni reception hosted by **James Leen '81** on January 16; a Naples alumni Mass and brunch hosted by **Thomas F. O'Reilly '69** on January 18; and a Washington, D.C. alumni reception hosted by James and **Kathleen A. Tyrrell, Esq. '73** on February 2.

To learn about upcoming alumni gatherings in your area, visit alumni.spc.edu.

James Tyrrell, Jr., Esq. (left), **Kathleen A. Tyrrell, Esq. '73** (middle) and College President Eugene J. Cornacchia, Ph.D., at a Saint Peter's alumni reception in Washington, D.C.



Saint Peter's alumni reception in West Palm Beach, Fla.

1986

Toni Ann Turco was honored by Hudson Hospice for her volunteer service for the organization. Turco serves as treasurer and is responsible for running several successful fundraising events for the organization, including Casino Night.

1987

Patricia P. Hulsen was named chair of the mathematics department at Raritan Valley Community College in North Branch, N.J.

Andrew Pallito has been appointed commissioner of the Vermont Department of Corrections.

1990s

1991

William (Bill) T. Price was promoted to senior director of corporate communications at Johnson & Johnson. Price is responsible for the ongoing communication support of Johnson & Johnson's worldwide finance organization and providing communication counsel to the information technology (IT) and purchasing areas.

1992

Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft, LLP has elected **Richard M. Nugent** partner of the firm. Nugent has significant expertise in the tax aspects of public and private corporate mergers, acquisitions and spin-offs. He also has experience advising clients on cross-border tax strategies, the tax consequences of restructurings and bankruptcies, and financing transactions. He received his LL.M., with distinction, from Georgetown University Law Center and his J.D., with honors, from Rutgers School of Law.

1997

Frank C. Grieco, Jr., ran for supervisor of elections in Brevard County, Fla. Unfortunately, he was defeated by the long time incumbent.

1998

Megan (Dewland) Dodd and Richard Dodd have a wonderful son, Ryan, who is currently 18 months old.

Sister Noreen Holly was named the new principal of Blessed Sacrament School in Paterson, N.J.

1999

Crystal (Robinson) Carey owns a successful restaurant in Temple Hills, Md. The restaurant, Carey's Cuisine, was recognized as one of the best soul food restaurants in the country at the Sixth Annual Hoodie Awards in Las Vegas.

2000s

2000

Joshua A. Schrier, Ph.D., presented a talk titled *Understanding Nanostructures from the Atoms Up* in February for the College's science students as part of a joint Collins Chemistry Society and Society of Physics Students colloquium lecture. Dr. Schrier is a professor at Haverford College in Pennsylvania.

2002

Gunther Carrero has been happily married for four years and has two daughters, Eliana and Isabella. He left the world of information technology to pursue a career at PSE&G. He continues to run two businesses from home, an IT consulting and e-commerce business.

2004

Deidre MacNamara was recently named editor-in-chief of a new magazine called *Bone-A-Fide Mutts*, a magazine for and about mixed breed dogs and the people who love them. This new magazine will feature behavioral articles, how to teach your dog tricks, and features on aspects of dog ownership. The magazine's premiere issue hit the newsstands last fall.

2005

Jenny Buontempo received her M.A. in mathematics from the University of Kansas. She is currently working on receiving her education certification at Santa Clara University.

Joann Emmanuel was appointed director of the YWC (Yes We Can) College Bound program at Union County College. The program assists high school students with their preparation for college. Prior to the appointment, Emmanuel worked as an admissions counselor at Saint Peter's College.

Sean M. Kolibas is working as an English teacher at Shore Regional High School.

2006

John D. Coffino was named head coach of the Albuquerque Thunderbirds for the 2008-2009 season. Coffino joined the Thunderbirds' staff in 2007 as an assistant coach in the team's third season under Jeff Ruland. Coffino has spent nine years as a Division I assistant coach at Iona College, Niagara University and at Saint Peter's College.

Kenny S. Medina has joined Saint Peter's College as director of the Pep Band.

2007

Christopher W. Hansen was named associate director of alumni relations at Marist High School in Bayonne, N.J.

Yassiel Rivera recently completed the pre-deployment exercise Mojave Viper at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, in Twentynine Palms, Calif., while assigned to Company G, 2nd Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, Marine Forces Reserve, Dover, N.J.

2008

Jonathan Bouranel is working as a teen advocate at Tundra Women's Coalition in Bethel, Alaska. He is a member of the Jesuit Volunteer Corps.

Leigh H. Spielvogel founded Innveration, a nonprofit initiative for Jersey City youth intended to bring holistic concepts of wellness, athletics, and mindfulness to a non-athletic and underprivileged youth population in Jersey City.

Marriages

Frank Cinelli '82 was married to Jennifer Gibney on September 14, 2008.

Christine M. Daily '97 was married to **Dennis Flynn '99** on August 22, 2008. The couple resides in the Atlantic Highlands, N.J.

Ashling A. Lyons '98 was married to Thomas Ehrhardt on December 20, 2008.



Tammy Reinhardt '99 was married to Robert Tadeusz Szyba at Saint Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Dover, N.J.

Abby Cecelia Franklin '01 was married to Martin Brenes Chinchilla on June 14, 2008, in Alajuela, Costa Rica.

Chad A. Matejicka '01 was married to Cheryl A. Del Polito on July 4, 2008. **Marcantonio Macri '01** and **Sean Sullivan '02** served as the best men.

Births

Thomas A. McCabe '85 and Elizabeth McCabe, son— Luke Matthew, August 28, 2008.



Gina (Colaemma) Percontino '93 and **Michael Percontino '95**, son— Nicholas Joseph, October 2, 2008. Nicholas joins older sister Isabella.



Shirley (Neff) Philouze '93 and Didier Philouze, son— Ronan, August 17, 2008.

Louise (O'Neill) Hayes '96 and James Hayes, son— Aidan Christopher, January 6, 2009.

Janine (Barbara) Stroh '97 and Patrick Stroh, daughter— Addison Jean, November 18, 2008.

FLYING AT 50

For **Virginia Fazzi '84**, the decision to mark her 50th birthday by skydiving fulfilled a decades-long dream. In high school, she aspired to get her pilot's license.

But a tragic car accident that left Fazzi, then a sophomore at Fairfield University, a quadriplegic put that dream on hold — until last year.

A friend who had recently skydived recommended that Fazzi check out a place in Wall Township with experience in training quadriplegics to skydive. The result was an exhilarating experience Fazzi will never forget.

"It's a huge rush, with the wind in your face," recalled Fazzi, who says she'd definitely skydive again. "It's the most exhilarating feeling you'll ever have. It's incredible."

Like all rookie skydivers, Fazzi was attached to an experienced jumper for her first dive at 10,000 feet. In fact, the only difference between her and other beginners was that she needed a second jumper to assist her out of the plane.

A resident of Nutley, N.J., Fazzi holds an associate's degree in data processing from Saint Peter's and a bachelor's in social studies from Caldwell College. The high achiever has run for her hometown's Board of Education and in 1995 received Nutley's Outstanding Young Woman award for her volunteer work with the Nutley Public Schools.

You can view the video of her dive on youtube.com by searching for "Virginia Celebrates 50."



The series of photos, above, chronicles Virginia Fazzi's skydive from 10,000 feet.

HEARTS & MINDS SPC alumni celebrate Corporate Citizen award at PSEG luncheon



Saint Peter's alumni who work for PSEG celebrated a Corporate Citizen award to be bestowed on the organization at Hearts & Minds on April 2.

A robust group of 19 Saint Peter's College alumni who work for Public Service Enterprise Group (PSEG), came together for a luncheon on February 23. The reason? To celebrate in advance the Corporate Citizen Award to be bestowed on the organization at Hearts & Minds: The Saint Peter's College Annual Scholarship Dinner on April 2.

PSEG speakers included **Mark G. Kahrer '83**, vice president of finance for PSEG Power and member of the College's Board of Regents, and John Smith, president of the PSEG Foundation. In his comments, Smith remarked that the Saint Peter's alumni group is among the largest and closest knit at PSEG. A total of 46 Saint Peter's alumni work for PSEG, from recent graduates to company veterans of 30-plus years.

Going Green

SPC is changing more than its scenery. Let's look at what else Saint Peter's College is doing in their commitment to preserve the environment.

- As of July 1st, 2008 all college offices and student computer labs are only permitted to purchase recycled paper for printers and copy machines.
- All laundry rooms in campus residences are utilizing Maytag Neptune high-efficiency, energy-saving washers and dryers, with each washer saving approximately 15,000 gallons of water a year.
- SPC no longer uses styrofoam cups and plates.
- All cleaning products used in campus are all Green Seal certified products.
- SPC is a proud member of Green Earth, a New Jersey-based organization dedicated to deepen our relationship with nature and help save the Earth.

Picture of the newly recreated fountain and garden scenery next to Saint Peter College's Cafe and Conference Store. This new scenery represents SPC's effort to "go green" within the industrial areas of Jersey City, where SPC is located.

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Aldrin Buniel, a senior graphic art major created this winning ad as part of the College's "Go Green" campaign. To view other student entries, visit www.spc.edu/green.

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In Memoriam

Saint Peter's College wishes to extend its prayers and condolences to the families of alumni, members of the College community and friends who have passed away.

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John H. Canavan '35	Seton Fell Holt
Joseph Carlucci '73	Robert D. Fenton '52
Martin J. Carroll '51	Thomas J. Fitzgerald '51
Linda Chizmarik '73	Joseph Gotti '53
Philip J. Clarke '68	Anthony Grazioso '56
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Edward J. Conway '56	Darwin Hayes '86
Eugene Cornacchia	John A. Jordan '70
Carol Demetrician	Vincent T. Kane '90
Francis P. Devlin '40	Rev. Joseph A. Kelly, S.J.

Thomas W. Kelly '53
 Thomas F. Kenny '64
 Theodore J. Kirby
 Michael Lavender '74
 Robert G. Leahy '65
 Virginia Lee '74
 Thomas J. Lynch, Jr. '53
 William H. Lynch '60
 Leonardo Magat
 Edward J. Mahoney '53
 Mabel C. Maio
 Catherine McAlvanah
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 Daniel McNulty '69
 Ester L. Meeres
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 Gerard T. Morecraft '78
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 Richard Onderdonk '55
 George O'Rourke
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 Charles W. Zegarski '55
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A TRULY HOLY PRIEST

by Mary Higgins Clark H '93

I met Father Joe Kelly almost 40 years ago when my daughter, Marilyn, was a student at Saint Peter's College. When I was invited to share in reminiscences about him, I asked Marilyn for hers.

She said that when Joe was chaplain at Saint Peter's, the students flocked to his Masses. She said that his homilies were always relevant to their student life, that he was always smiling and fun to be around. Then she was quick to say that if anyone shared a concern or worry with him, Joe took it very seriously and was an unfailing source of help and comfort.

Then Marilyn added, "And of course it didn't hurt that he looked like a movie star."

the legendary Irish actress, Maureen O'Hara, was having dinner there. Before long she and Joe were in deep conversation. It turned out she came from a neighboring parish when they were growing up in Ireland.

Everyone agrees that Joe was special, special, special.

I make my living as a writer, but how do I define what that means?

Joe's light-hearted irreverence that was based on the deep reverence of a truly holy priest.

His ability to light up a room or a dinner table by his presence.

His ability to dismiss the many physical problems that he endured in his last years.

His abiding belief in the loving God who understands the struggles of the human condition.

And of course his quick Irish wit.

I am sure that if and when we have the privilege of making heaven, it will be easy to find him.

We'll see a crowd of angels and saints gathered around someone. Then we'll hear a burst of laughter and we'll hurry over to greet again our dear friend, because he's the one who will be telling the story.

Till then, please understand how much we loved you, Joe, and how much we miss you. 🇮🇪

Mary Higgins Clark is the best-selling author of more than 20 suspense novels, three collections of short stories and a memoir, Kitchen Privileges. Her most recent novel, Dashing Through the Snow, was co-authored with her daughter, Carol Higgins Clark. A former member of the Board of Trustees and Regents at Saint Peter's College, Higgins Clark received an honorary degree from the College in 1993.



'EVERYONE AGREES THAT JOE WAS SPECIAL, SPECIAL, SPECIAL.'

I met Joe at Saint Peter's but it was when he moved to New York to be assistant pastor at Saint Malachy's that we became fast friends. Saint Malachy's at the time was in danger of being closed. Joe was a major and significant reason for the fact that it is not only alive and well, but that it was so beautifully restored.

With his Irish wit and charm, he got major Broadway stars to take part in fundraising functions and Broadway producers to open their checkbooks for The Actors' Chapel, as Saint Malachy's was affectionately called.

Joe and I would sometimes have dinner with my family or other friends at Neary's on 57th Street in Manhattan. I remember that on one of those evenings



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