

As May 1<sup>st</sup> is finally behind us it is time for the Admissions Office to look back at the recruitment year and take note of what happened. In many ways, this year proved to be one of great challenge. We received more than 3,600 applications, hosted over 500 admitted students on campus, and attended hundreds of college fairs. All the while the College changed Presidents, endured financial setbacks, and sent our men's basketball team to the NCAA tournament. What a year!

As I reflect upon these last few months I am struck by the importance of your work as an AAP Member. As a membership, we have attended 8 college fairs, contacted close to 2,000 students, and attended numerous on-campus events to share the SMC experience with our newly admitted students. All this in only 2 months! I am convinced now, more than ever, that without the efforts of this membership, the College would not be able to meet its annual enrollment goal. I want to thank each of you for your time, energy and constant support of this program. Your efforts are recognized as a critical component of the College's recruitment plan and institutional success.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the **AAP ALL-STAR SATURDAY** workshop on **Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>**. It will be a wonderful time to join together and celebrate our accomplishments.

Yours for Saint Mary's,  
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## ADMISSION NEWS

**AAP ALL-STAR SATURDAY:** By now all of you should have received your invitation to the Alumni-Admissions Program Training Workshop on Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. This one day event will begin at 9am and include sessions on marketing, recruitment, college fairs and a team pizza night at Skipolini's Pizza in Walnut Creek. This is a chance for us to gather as a membership and learn from one another.

**SPRING PHONE-A-THON:** WOW! The numbers are in. This year 49 alums volunteered to contact a total of 1,927 students. That is an increase of nearly 1,000 contacts over last year!! And the best part is that our work paid off. Of the students we contacted, **434** have deposited, confirming their enrollment at SMC for the fall. Congratulations to all of you who volunteered your time with this project, it made all the difference to these students.

**ALUMNI ENDORSED APPLICATIONS:** Thank you to all AAP members who referred an applicant for the 2005-2006 year. The Admissions Office received 217 endorsed applications and admitted 189 of these "hand-picked" applicants. To date, 53 of these students have deposited. Not only do the students benefit by having their \$55 application fee waived, the College benefits by attracting talented students who have learned from you how great it is to be a Gael!

## ADMISSIONS CALENDAR

June 15-16	Freshmen Orientation, Session 1
June 21-22	Freshmen Orientation, Session 2
June 26-27	Freshmen Orientation, Session 3

<b>June 25</b>	<b>AAP ALL-STAR SATURDAY</b>
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## One Hundred Forty-Second Undergraduate Commencement Saturday, May 21, 2005 SMC Alum and Survivor of Terrorist Attack to be Commencement Speaker

This year's Commencement speaker will be Gilbert Loescher '67, an expert on refugee issues and humanitarian crises who survived a terrorist attack on the United Nations headquarters in Baghdad, Iraq on August 19, 2003.

Loescher was in Iraq to assess the human cost of the war and had just arrived at the offices of U.N. Special Envoy Sergio Vieira de Mello when the suicide bombing occurred. The blast trapped Loescher under the rubble for hours with his crushed legs caught between the floor and collapsed ceiling. Although he survived the attack, he lost both of his legs and the use of his right hand. Loescher's research partner, Arthur He Iton, Vieira de Mello and twenty others were killed in the explosion.

Much of Loescher's career has been spent visiting refugees and displaced people all over the world. Loescher currently lives in England, where he teaches at Oxford University. For 25 years he was a professor of international studies at the University of Notre Dame and holds the title of Notre Dame Professor Emeritus of Political Science. He left Notre Dame to take a more active role in the cause of humanitarian aid, a path that led him to Iraq.

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## JUNE 2005

### AAP MEMBER PROFILE

*Born in New York City and having lived throughout the United States, AAP Member Lou Lotorto '55 shares with us his life as a Gael and the reasons he considers his home to be Saint Mary's College.*

Lou attended SMC from 1951-1955 where he was a History major and English minor. His days were filled with many extracurricular activities, chief of which was writing for The Collegian all four years, including holding the position of Sports Editor. He continued to pursue his interest in theatre, though not at the level he would have desired. At age 10 Lou auditioned in N.Y. for Road Company of "Life With Father". He was cast the part but could not convince his own father to let him accept. Sadly, his professional career as an actor lasted less than 24 hours.

After SMC, Lou attended Hastings College of Law in San Francisco. He had attended high school at Sacred Heart in the city and was happy to return and be close to family. Lou's grandfather opened the very first Pizzeria in San Francisco called Lupo's, now known as Tomasso's.

After law school Lou found employment with C.T. Corporation System (a service company for lawyers engaged in corporate work). Lou was transferred back to New York in 1983 where he re-kindled his love of the NY Yankees. He retired from his work as President of C.T. Corporation System in 1994 and has since moved to Seattle, Washington. Lou and his wife Karen have five children, one of which is an SMC alum of '83, and eight grandchildren. He continues to pursue his interest in theatre, travel and sharing his SMC experience with students throughout his state.

While Lou often refers to his time at SMC as the "greatest years of his life", we all hope that those years are still to come. Thank you Lou, for all that you do to support students and your SMC family.

**Saturday, June 25 - Alumni-Admissions Program All-Star Weekend.** The Saint Mary's College of California Alumni-Admissions Program All Star Weekend will be held on Saturday, June 25. Summer training for all AAP members! Please join us on campus for this one-day workshop. Meet other AAP members, receive important campus updates, share ideas on how to improve the AAP Program and more! For more information, please contact Gina Meneni at (925) 631-4189 or by e-mail at gmeneni@stmarys-ca.edu.

**June 25-26 - Reunion Weekend 2005: Classes of '60, '65, '70, '75, '80, '85, '90, and '95.** For more information, please visit the Reunion Weekend 2005 web site or contact the Alumni office at (925) 631-4200 or by e-mail at alumni@stmarys-ca.edu.

## JULY 2005

**July 10-16 - Gael Family Camp at Shady Creek.** You are invited to join fellow Saint Mary's alumni, faculty and staff -- and their families -- to share the fun and Gael Spirit at Gael Family Camp. The Saint Mary's Alumni Association is pleased to announce a wonderful vacation opportunity with Shady Creek Family Camp. We are offering an all-inclusive camp experience for alumni and their families in the beautiful Sierra Nevada foothills. People of all ages can enjoy a wide variety of activities by day, followed by evening programs under the stars. We'll also have special Gael events and guests, including Saint Mary's President Brother Ron Gallagher and Saint Mary's astronomy professor Ron Olowin. This is a unique opportunity to leave the cooking, cleaning and organizing to Shady Creek while you just relax, have fun and reconnect with fellow Gaels! Space is limited. For information, call Shady Creek at (800) 826-7310 or go to [www.shadycreekcamp.com/saintmarys](http://www.shadycreekcamp.com/saintmarys).

## CAMPUS NEWS

*On December 14, 2004, Saint Mary's College announced that Brother Ronald Gallagher, F.S.C., Ph.D. had been named the College's 28<sup>th</sup> President. Gallagher began his term on January 1, 2005 and was well received by the campus community and beyond. While many of you may know Br. Ron personally, I have included his biography so that you may better familiarize yourself with his strengths and background.*

### Brother Ronald Gallagher's Biography:

Brother Ronald Gallagher, F.S.C., Ph. D., has been the chair of the Department of English and Drama at Saint Mary's College of California since 2002 and an associate professor of English since 1993. Previously he served the College as an assistant professor of English and Modern Languages from 1984 to 1992, and as an assistant to the president between 1990 and 1993.

From 1993 to 1997, Brother Ronald was vice chancellor of Bethlehem University, where he oversaw administration, development, finance and academics. As the leader of a Catholic university in the deeply divided Middle East, he responded to formidable challenges by forging strong regional and global support for the school. Enlisting the help of many countries, individuals, groups, international aid agencies and the Vatican, Brother Ronald was able to raise the funds necessary for Bethlehem University to fulfill its educational mission among the economically disadvantaged Palestinian community.

In his role as Secretary General of the Brothers of the Christian Schools in Rome from 1997 to 2001, Brother Ronald organized the 43rd General Chapter, an international assembly that resulted in a seven-year global strategic plan for Lasallian educators.

Brother Ronald graduated from Saint Mary's in 1969 with a B.A. in English, received an M.A. in comparative literature from San Francisco State University in 1975 and earned his doctorate in comparative literature from the University of Washington in 1990. He is fluent in French, German, Italian and Latin with some knowledge of Arabic, Irish and Spanish. Brother Ronald's teaching specialties include 19th and 20th Century Anglo-Irish Literature, the modern novel, and the history and culture of Ireland. His passion for Irish literature began when he read James Joyce's "Ulysses" during his senior year at Saint Mary's. In recent years, he has led several groups of students on tours of the historical and cultural sites of Ireland during the College's January Term.

He was born in Oakland, California, in 1946, grew up in Santa Cruz and Bakersfield, and joined the Christian Brothers after graduating from Mont La Salle High School in Napa.

## SPRING 2005 ALUMNI EVENTS

### MAY 2005

#### May 2-10 - Alumni Campus Abroad Trip to Normandy.

The Alumni Office has teamed up with AHI Corporation to bring you an educational travel vacation opportunity in Normandy for all alumni and friends of the College. This 9-Day tour includes air, accommodations, meals, excursions and educational opportunities with prices starting from \$2,845/per person (from Chicago) for May 2-10, 2005. AHI Corporation, better known as Alumni Holidays®, has been a leader in the creation and operation of exclusive and unique travel programs for sophisticated alumni travelers for the past 40 years. All sponsored programs are researched by travel experts, utilizing many years of experience in designing creative itineraries that provide a strong connection to the places and people of the cultures you will visit. For trip details, please visit the AHI web site.

**Friday, May 6 - May First Friday Mass.** As is our Saint Mary's alumni tradition, all are welcome to join the 12:10 p.m. Mass in the SMC Chapel, followed by a lunch in the Founder's Dining Room, for a \$10 donation.

**Saturday, May 21 - Undergraduate Commencement.** For information, please visit the Commencement web site or call the Alumni Office at (925) 631-4200

