SBU professors named to Who’s Who

By Jessica Manocchio,’06

Ev
eyone has that special teacher, coach or other adult leader who took the time to lead, inspire and demand excellence. For SBU students, a few of these teachers include: Dr. Nancy Cunniff Casey, Dr. Robert M. Harlan, Dr. Guy F. Imhoff, Dr. Diana Lawrence-Brown, Dr. Margaret Fausold Mazon, Dr. Marybeth P. Miller, Dr. Harry Sedinger, Dr. Leigh A. Simone and Lt. Col. Richard C. Trietley Jr., all of whom have been featured in Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers, 2004.

“These faculty members epitomize the levels of academic excellence in the classroom to which we strive at St. Bonaventure University,” said Dr. Frank E. “Skip” Saal, provost and vice president of academic affairs. “In addition, because these colleagues were selected by their students for this honor, they offer convincing testimony to the reality of SBU’s commitment to developing meaningful intellectual and interpersonal relationships with our students.”

Dr. Nancy C. Casey, who served on the faculty from 1989-91 and then joined the University again in 1998, is an associate professor of education and is currently the chair of the Department of Elementary Education. Casey also serves as a faculty mentor to teach education students their “field block” preservice teaching in area schools, and teaches the graduate course Technology in Teacher Education.

Dr. Robert M. Harlan has been a faculty member since 1979 and is currently a professor of computer science, specializing in database management, Web

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Reel Big Fish to headline Spring Weekend festivities

By Anna Button,’05

Ska-punk musicians Reel Big Fish will perform at St. Bonaventure at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 28, in the Reilly Center Arena to kick off the traditional Spring Weekend.

A ticket sales date has not yet been set, but prices will be $20 for the public and $15 for students and members of the St. Bonaventure community.

“The St. Bonaventure community is excited to have such a high-energy band as Reel Big Fish performing at SBU,” said Steve Plesac, director of student activities. “They’re sure to provide an entertaining jump into Spring Weekend.”

Reel Big Fish is a Southern California ska-punk band known for its hyperkinetic stage shows, juvenile humor, ironic covers of new wave pop songs and metallic sounds of ska. The band’s music became mainstream in the summer of 1997, when the single “Sell Out” became a modern rock radio and MTV favorite.

Based in Huntington Beach, California, Reel Big Fish was originally a trio comprised of vocalist/guitarist Aaron Barrett, bassist Matt Wong and drummer Andrew Gonzales. At that stage, the group was a conventional rock band with pop-metal leanings that covered both classic rock and Top 40 songs.

After several months, the band discovered ska and decided to add horn players. Reel Big Fish had a difficult time maintaining a stable horn section, and it took several years before their final lineup featuring Tavis Werts on trumpet, Scott Klopfenstein also on trumpet and vocals and Grant Barry and Dan Regan both on trombone, fell into place.

This new and final lineup of Reel Big Fish recorded their debut album, Everything Sucks, in 1995, and released it themselves.

Everything Sucks became a word-of-mouth underground hit in ska-punk and college circles. Following its success, the band signed with the indie label Mojo Records. The label president, Jay Rifkin, and former Oingo Boingo bassist John Avila co-produced Turn the Radio Off, Reel Big Fish’s first album for Mojo.
SBU hosts new bishop of Buffalo

By Kelly Voll, '06

The University will host the new bishop of Buffalo, Most Rev. Edward U. Kmiec, on Thursday, Feb. 17, in his first visit to this area.

The bishop will join clergy and University leadership for a reception and dinner. There will be an evening prayer and dessert reception with the bishop for religious and lay clergy of the area.

Hosting the bishop’s visit are Sr. Margaret Carney, O.S.F., S.T.D., University president; Fr. Thomas D. Blow, O.F.M., guardian of the St. Bonaventure Friary; Fr. Gregory J. Dobson, vicar of southern Cattaraugus County; and Fr. Dennis Wolf, vicar of Allegany County.

His Holiness Pope John Paul II named Bishop Kmiec the 13th bishop of Buffalo, and the bishop was installed in Buffalo on Oct. 28, 2004. Before the bishop came to Buffalo, he had served as the 10th bishop of Nashville, Tenn., since Dec. 3, 1992.

SBU for Life marches on Washington

By Beth Starkey, '05

Several students and members of the St. Bonaventure community recently attended the March for Life in Washington, D.C.

“Although the weather was cold, we were warmed by the crowd who joined us in witnessing for the Gospel of Life,” said Fr. Peter Schneible, O.F.M., adviser to the campus chapter of SBU for Life.

The group was delayed one day by a snowstorm, was hosted in Silver Spring, Md., by the friars at St. Camillus Parish and Holy Name College. They attended a vigil Mass at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on Sunday evening, joined by thousands of college and high school students.

The group also attended Mass on Monday morning with parishioners of St. Camillus and the Franciscan parishes in New York State’s Delaware Valley, after which St. Camillus’s Knights of Columbus provided breakfast before they left for the march. The group heard speeches near the White House where they joined the march to the Supreme Court building.

Participants were David Sluga, president of SBU for Life, and members Andy Brennan, Eileen Cotter, Sharon Holdvogt, Maureen Nold, Ian McBride, Danielle Frownfelter, Zach Wymer, Brian Washington, Kataryzna Kusz, Brian Klingensmith and Chris Michel. Fr. Gregory Jakubowicz, O.F.M., and Dr. Terry Moran, assistant professor of management sciences, also accompanied the students.

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application development and robotics. In addition to being principal investigator and co-investigator on a variety of National Science Foundation grants totaling more than $225,000, Harlan has produced 14 refereed publications, including his most recent work, “AI and Robotics Labs at the Undergraduate Robotics Laboratory.”

Dr. Guy F. Imhoff is an associate professor of French for the Department of Modern Languages and has been a member of the faculty since 2003. In addition to his teaching, he is a member of the HEOP committee, Spectrum, and the Diversity Action Committee: Gender Subcommittee. His most recent publication is “Why Are We Teaching Languages? Found in “Languages in Action: The Learner-Centered Classroom.”

Dr. Diana Lawrence-Brown is an associate professor of education and chairs the University’s inclusive graduate programs, specializing in differentiated instruction for students with the full range of exceptionalities (from significant learning and behavioral problems to special gifts and talents) in inclusive general education classrooms.

Dr. Margaret Fausold Mazon is an associate professor of modern languages and has been with the University since 1985. Mazon is the chair of the Department of Modern Languages, as well as a member of the HEOP Admissions Committee and serves as an adviser for modern language majors, minors, and students planning to study at the University of Seville, Spain.

Dr. Marybeth P. Miller, associate professor and former chair of the Department of Physical Education (1998-2003), has been a faculty member since 1993. Miller initiated a new Professional Development School model for the department for preparing tomorrow’s physical education teachers to teach in the 21st century. She also founded and continues to chair the local National Girls and Women in Sports Day and created the service-learning Kinder-Kinetics Program, an on-campus model motor development program for preschool children with and without disabilities.

Dr. Harry Sedinger is a professor of mathematics and faculty member since 1981. His major interest is in mathematical problem solving where he has been very active in various mathematical periodicals. He has also been active in the Advanced Placement Calculus program, is currently on the Advisory Panel for the American Mathematics Competition, and during the last year was author/grader of the Michigan Autumn Take Home Challenge.

Dr. Leigh A. Simone, assistant professor of modern languages, joined the University in 1999. In addition to teaching all levels of Spanish language and literature, Simone also teaches a course in Japanese Theater for the World Views curriculum of Clare College. She is the proud recipient of the 2004 Leo E. Keenan Faculty Appreciation Award and has served the University in appointed and volunteer capacities ranging from the Safety Commission to the Lilly subgrant committee.

Lt. Col. Richard C. Trietley Jr. is a professor of military science and former SBU ROTC student. His military education includes the Infantry Basic and Advanced Courses, the Combined Arms and Services Staff School, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and the U.S. Army Ranger, Jumpmaster, Airborne, and Air Assault Courses.

Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers was first published in 1990 and published its eighth edition in October 2004.
Homecoming events planned for St. Bonaventure’s alumni

By Katie Fish

SBU alumni will return to their alma mater this weekend for Homecoming Weekend. Homecoming events begin at 5 p.m. Friday with a student/alumni networking reception in Reilly Center Rooms 211-213. Recent grads will share their post-Bona career experiences with students. From 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday, seniors and alumni can enjoy a social hour in the Rathskeller.

On Saturday, all are welcome to head over to O’Dea’s Recreation Center on River Road in Allegany for a day of snow tubing. Mention St. Bonaventure University for a discounted admission ticket.

From noon to 5 p.m. Saturday in The Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts, guests can tour exhibitions, including “Glorious Lessons: The Idea of America,” and “John Trumbull: Drawings by a Founding Father of American Art.” Refreshments will be served in the lobby.

At 7 p.m. Saturday, all are invited to attend a men’s basketball game — Bona vs. Rhode Island — in the RC Arena. A postgame reception will follow at 9 p.m. in the Rathskeller.

At 11 a.m. and 9 p.m. Sunday, Mass will be celebrated in the University Chapel.

On-campus Recruiting Orientations

Feb. 4 - Feb. 25
in room 216 RC.
*You must attend an orientation before interviewing with a company!!

Interview Dress & Demeanor

Wednesday, Feb. 16
12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
Reilly Center Room 211-213
*Free pizza and salad lunch for pre-registered students.

Practice Interviews

Wednesday, Feb. 16
9:30-11:30 a.m. & 1:45-3:45 p.m.
Reilly Center Room 216
* Advance registration and résumé submission required by Feb. 11

CAREERfest Advance
Résumé Referral

Ends Feb. 25
*Résumés will be forwarded, in advance, to employers attending CAREERfest 2005.

Résumés due for AXA Advisers by Feb. 11 for finance professional position.
A finance or marketing major desired.
Area middle and high school girls to visit SBU for National Girls and Women in Sports Day

By Kelly Voll, ‘06

S t. Bonaventure University will host its 6th annual National Girls and Women in Sports Day from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, in the Reilly Center.

The theme for this year is “More Than A Game,” and the keynote speaker will be Margie Holland, former Bradford Area High School varsity girls’ basketball coach. Holland will receive the Distinguished Achievement Award, as will Martha Altmire, Olean High School varsity girls’ basketball coach.

Throughout the day, middle and high school girls from around the Southern Tier of New York and the Northern Tier of Pennsylvania will be invited to participate in a range of athletic activities and workshops. Those listed in the program are: strength/conditioning, injury prevention/care, kayaking, self-defense, pilates and “When Women Played Hardball.” There will also be a presentation, “Running: A Nigerian Experience,” by Mary Adekson, Ph.D., of St. Bonaventure.

Holland grew up in the 1940s playing baseball with the neighborhood boys, according to an article in The Bradford (Pa.) Era. She played on the All-American Girls Baseball Touring team during the summer of 1956. In 1966, Holland started the girls’ basketball and track programs at Bradford Area High School. She organized the first District IX Basketball League for girls in 1970 and the team won seven consecutive District IX titles.

In 1974, Holland filed a complaint with the labor relations board concerning equal pay. Holland and her assistant coach filed a lawsuit under Title IX against the school district in 1976 for equal pay. The case went to court in 1977, with a ruling in Holland’s favor. This lawsuit set a precedent for equal pay in Pennsylvania. Holland taught health, physical education and driver education in the Bradford Area School District for 26 years and received the Big 30 Girls Coaching Award.

In 1998, the Margie Holland Award was created to be given annually to the girls’ coach of the year, according to Chuck Pollock, sports editor for The Times Herald in Olean.

Also winning the Distinguished Achievement Award is Martha Altmire, Olean High School varsity girls’ basketball coach. Altire is currently in her 34th season at Olean High School, according to Jim Melaro, sports writer for The Times Herald. Altire has claimed more than 450 wins during her time at Olean High School, said Melaro. Her winning record ranks among the highest for Big 30 girls’ basketball. The Martha Altmire Award is given annually to the best girls’ basketball player of the year.

The origins of this annual program were in 1987, when the first National Girls and Women in Sports Day was celebrated to commemorate volleyball player Flo Hyman (1954-1986). Hyman was an outstanding athlete and led other athletes to work for equality for women’s sports. This day is for celebrating the long, rich history and achievements of girls and women in sports.

The mission of National Girls and Women in Sports Day is “to celebrate, advocate, recognize and educate about the participation of girls and women in physical activity and sport.”

Sponsoring this program, coordinated by Dr. Marybeth P. Miller, associate professor of physical/elementary education at SBU, are: SBU Department of Physical Education, SBU Department of Athletics, Olean YMCA, Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Olean Medical Group.

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Friday Forum

“A Walk in the Woods, or, How I Spent my Sabbatical”

presented by Dr. David Matz

Noon to 1:30 p.m.

University Club

Lunch $2.50 each

Dr. K. R. Sundararajan, professor of theology, presented a paper on “The Dao and Brahman” at a plenary session of the Thirteenth International Congress of Vedanta in Vishakapatnam, India, on Jan. 5. This meeting took place at the campus of Andhra University. Sundararajan also gave a lecture on “Professor P.N. Srinivasachari’s contributions to the study of Ramanuja’s Vedanta” to the graduate students of the Vaishnava Studies Department in the University of Madras on Jan. 11.

Chris Mackowski, assistant professor of journalism and mass communication, was honored last week by the Theatre Association of New York State for his work as director of “The Crucible,” presented Jan. 29-31 by Bradford (Pa.) Little Theatre. Mackowski and the cast and crew were recognized with a Merit Award for Excellence in Ensemble Work, Dedication, and Period Authenticity. In preparation for the production, Mackowski took the cast and crew to Salem, Mass., to do first-hand research. Their trip was chronicled in a full-page feature story in The Times Herald on Sunday, Jan. 23.

Morris K. Udall Scholarships

$5,000 scholarships available to students studying environmental fields, and for Native Americans or Alaska Natives studying fields related to Health Care or Tribal Public Policy.

For more information, contact Dr. Mark Huddle at ext. 2242.