SBU sophomore named 2005-06 Yankelovich Fellowship winner

By Kelly Voll ’06

University sophomore Sarah Krakoski, a psychology major from Grapevine, Texas, has been named the winner of the 2005-2006 Mary Yankelovich Fellowship.

The award honors Mary Yankelovich, a 1980 St. Bonaventure graduate who died tragically in an automobile accident in 1995. Winners of the award receive a total of $5,000 for their junior and senior years, using $1,000 for each semester and the last $1,000 for a service project budget. To win the award, students must have a minimum grade point average of 3.25 and demonstrate “a deep appreciation for the University’s core values of discovery, community and human dignity.” Applicants must also show “an exceptional commitment to community service and outstanding leadership potential.”

Daniel Yankelovich created the Mary Yankelovich Fellowship Program in honor of his wife in 1997 and since then, the University has been presenting it to students who “demonstrate the blend of qualities and achievements that characterized Mary.” To apply for the award, students had to submit a résumé of their service commitments and leadership roles, a 500-word essay about the University’s core values and how these values can be better reflected and two letters of recommendation.

Krakoski was selected for the Fellowship because she has done

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St. Bonaventure finance students create WNY Stock Index

The University’s Department of Finance has announced the creation of a stock index to track the performance of publicly traded firms from Western New York. The St. Bonaventure University Western New York Stock Index was created by a group of senior finance majors.

The St. Bonaventure University Western New York Stock Index is comprised of companies from Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Livingston, Niagara, Monroe, Orleans and Wyoming counties. The criteria for inclusion in this stock index are that the company must be either headquartered in one of the above counties, or have 20 percent of its operations located within the above counties.

The SBU WNY Stock Index is a market-weighted index that will be updated quarterly. The stock index will be re-evaluated on an as-needed basis as firms enter or leave the stock index. Quarterly updates will be made available to news outlets free of charge as well as online at http://student.sbu.edu/finance/wny.Index.htm.

The SBU WNY Stock Index is composed of 36 firms. Over the past four years, the SBU WNY Stock Index has substantially outperformed the major national indices. “This is great news for an area that has experienced economic hardship for the past several years,” said Dr. James Mahar, assistant professor of finance.

For more information about the SBU WNY Stock Index, contact Mahar at jmahar@sbu.edu or Richard Miller at richardmiller1@gmail.com, or visit the SBU WNY Stock Index Web site.
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Effects on Comfort, Anxiety, and Friendship,” supervised by faculty mentor Dr. Stephanie Vogel, assistant professor of psychology:

Elizabeth Campbell, for two projects titled “Visual and Haptic Reports of Glide Slopes by Trained and Untrained Observers” and “Establishment of Glide Slopes by Pilots and Untrained Observers,” both supervised by faculty mentor Dr. David L. Carpenter, professor of psychology;

Rochelle Zimpfer, for her project titled “Recognition of the Odors of Social Companions in Golden Hampsters,” supervised by faculty mentor Dr. Darryl Mayeaux, assistant professor of psychology;

Michelle Higgins and Michelle Ballerstein for their project titled “Narcissism, Social Anxiety, Empathy and Self-Esteem: A Study Investigating Personality,” supervised by faculty mentor Dr. Stephanie Vogel;

Talia Coveleski for her project titled “Personality and the Sexual Double Standard,” supervised by faculty mentor Dr. Stephanie Vogel; Joseph Abriatis, for his project titled “Measuring Air Flow around DeLaRoche Hall,” supervised by faculty mentor Dr. David DiMattio, associate professor of physics;

And Julia Bruno, Christa Dinolfo and Ashley Barras for their project titled “Examining Stereotypes of and About Senior Citizens,” supervised by faculty mentors Dr. Robin Valeri, associate professor of psychology, and Dr. Kevin Borgeson, assistant professor of sociology.

The students presented their research at the Friday Forum in The Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts on April 29.

Students were required to write a Student Research and Creative Endeavors Grant proposal for their projects, which included a project title, project description or statement, background of the literature or other previous work, a description of the process, a list of expected outcomes, budget information and references.

Awards are used to offset costs associated with students’ scholarly research or creative projects. Grant applications may be from individual undergraduates or teams of undergraduates whose major field of study or minor/concentration is in the School of Arts and Sciences.

University’s School of Education receives grant for updated software

By Beth Starkey ’05

The University’s School of Education has received an in-kind grant worth more than $6,500.

The $6,633.45 grant will be used to obtain licenses for the latest versions of Inspiration, Kidspiration and Inspiration for the PalmOS. This software provides tools for helping learners use visual thinking and mind mapping.

“Using the proven power of visual learning, Inspiration and Kidspiration help students strengthen critical thinking, comprehension and writing skills across the curriculum,” said Dr. Peggy Yehl Burke, dean of the School of Education. “Students are able to build graphic organizers to represent concepts and relationships, and use the integrated outlining capability to further organize ideas for reports.”

The School of Education has been using Inspiration and Kidspiration for several years. This grant will allow the program to be used more effectively in courses and Professional Development School settings. The grant comes with the assurance that the school will receive free upgrades as the software is improved. The licensed program is available for use in the Plassmann Annex Lab, in PDS classrooms in area schools and in the SBU Reading Center.

“We are extremely excited about the possibility of being able to increase our use of these powerful software tools throughout our programs, and we are very grateful to the Inspiration company for understanding the importance of working with pre-service educators,” said Dr. Nancy Casey, associate professor of education and chair of the Department of Elementary Education.

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Yankelovich Fellows use the $1,000 service project budget in their senior year to develop a service project and carry it out. Krakoski’s work at the Texas Youth Commission inspired her idea for her service project. While working at the Youth Commission, she dealt with low-risk offenders who were at a correctional facility mostly for drug and assault charges. The offenders were boys from ages 15 to 19.

Now Krakoski is interning at a facility in Limestone under the New York State Office of Children and Family Services. This facility is similar to the one she worked at in Texas. “My idea for my senior project would involve the possibility of setting up a type of educational/vocational program for the boys in the facility that I am interning at,” Krakoski said. “The purpose of the project would be to educate the boys on the opportunities they have for obtaining further education or a job once they leave the facility. If these boys leave without any additional education or skills then all they have to go back to is the lifestyle that got them there in the first place.”

“Hopefully I will be able to help with this process of educating them on basic skills we take for granted, like how to develop a résumé, how to use credit cards, how to receive student loans, how to apply for community college, a four-year university or vocational school,” Krakoski said of her plans.
Festivities and events celebrating the University’s graduating seniors will be held from Wednesday, May 11, to Sunday, May 15. Tickets for Senior Week can be purchased at the Reilly Center Ticket Office until Wednesday.

The event schedule is as follows:

On Wednesday, May 11, from 10 to 11:30 a.m., there will be a Senior “Kick Off” Breakfast in the Rathskeller. This will be followed by the Senior Olympics and Cook-Out from 1 to 5 p.m. on the front lawn of the Hickey Dining Hall. That evening will mark the first of the nightly Senior Socials in the Rathskeller. The social is scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. with a D.J. and themed Marker Party where senior week designed T-shirts and markers will be provided. Senior Week bracelets are required for admittance to the events.

On Thursday, May 12, there will be a softball/kickball tournament from 1 to 3 p.m., with a chicken barbecue on the front lawn of Francis Hall. This will be followed by a Senior/Faculty Reception from 5 to 6:30 p.m. on the front lawn of the Hickey Dining Hall. At 6:30 p.m., a Senior Banquet and slide show will be held in the Hickey Dining Hall followed by the nightly Senior Social featuring the Square Pegs in concert in the Rathskeller.

At 8:45 p.m. Friday, May 13, the 10th annual Candlelight Ceremony will be held on the steps of Plassmann Hall. The rain site is the San Damiano Room, Francis Hall. This will be followed by the first night of the Senior/Family Social from 9:30 p.m. to midnight in the Hickey Dining Hall and Rathskeller. An Eagles cover band will perform in the Hickey and a cash bar will be available in the Rathskeller. A Senior Week bracelet or Friday/Saturday evening social bracelet is necessary for admittance.

On Saturday, May 14, at 4:30 p.m. Baccalaureate Mass will be celebrated in the Reilly Center Arena. The second and last night of the Senior/Family Social to be held in the Hickey Dining Hall and Rathskeller will begin at 9:30 p.m. and end at midnight. A Senior Week bracelet or Friday/Saturday evening social bracelet is necessary for admittance.

On Sunday, May 15, from 8 to 10 a.m., there will be a continental breakfast at $3 a person in the Hickey Dining Hall. The RC Arena will reopen for commencement guests at 8:30 a.m. Commencement will begin at 10:30 a.m. It will be followed by a champagne reception on the RC lawn. Information about Commencement Weekend can be accessed by logging on to www.sbu.edu, selecting “Registrar’s Office” in the “Campus” drop-down menu, and selecting “Commencement 2005” in the sidebar menu.

Six students inducted into Pi Delta Phi

Six St. Bonaventure students were inducted into the Eta Theta Chapter of Pi Delta Phi, the national French Honor Society, on March 31.

All six students are from New York and include freshman Ronald Morgan, sophomores Jennifer Carpenter, Rose Proto and Alicia Lengvarskey, senior Abbey Niver and senior Timothy O’Brien.

Juan Manuel Vilaplana, a teaching assistant in Spanish at St. Bonaventure, was inducted as an honorary member. Presiding over the ceremony were junior Aubrey Jones, the chapter president; junior Kelly Voll, vice president; and Dr. Guy F. Imhoff moderating.

Pi Delta Phi seeks to recognize merit in the study of the French language, literature and civilization among American students who have achieved high scholastic honors in the general curriculum, as well as in French. The society has chapters in 318 universities and colleges with the first chapter being established in 1906 at the University of California at Berkeley in 1906.
Dr. Mary Adekson, associate professor of counselor education, will discuss her book “Yoruba Traditional Healers of Nigeria” at the Blacks and Mental Health Symposium on May 28, at the Alexandria Black History Museum in Alexandria, Va. The event is sponsored by the Association of Black Psychologists.

Dr. Robert P. Amico, professor of philosophy, was an invited speaker at the 6th Annual White Privilege Conference in Pella, Iowa, on April 27-May 1. Amico facilitated workshops on “Teaching White Privilege at Predominantly White Institutions: Challenges and Opportunities” for a wide variety of educators from around the United States and Canada.


Dr. David L. Carpenter, professor of psychology, and co-authors Elizabeth Campbell, senior psychology honors major, and Krista Sotak and Jessica Agnelo, both freshman psychology majors, will present their research project “Judging Angle of Regard: Establishing Position on a Slippery Slope” as a poster Aug. 17-20, at the annual conference of Progress in Motor Control V at Pennsylvania State University. The research, which was completed last fall on the athletic fields using a construction lift donated by Duggan & Duggan Construction, extends previous research on the ability of untrained and trained observers to judge the angle of glide slopes. Judgments were generally found to be rather inaccurate, especially for shallower slopes, and observers with pilot training were only slightly better than untrained observers.

Dr. Carl J. Case, associate professor of management science, and Julie A. Case, senior major in business information systems, had a manuscript titled “The USA PATRIOT Act: Undergraduate Privacy Concerns” published in the Business Research Yearbook. The paper was also presented April 6-9 at the Annual Meeting of the International Academy of Business Disciplines in Pittsburgh.

Linda Connelly, textbook manager at the University’s bookstore, recently received an award for Best Overall Text Department Performance for her region from the Follett Higher Education Group.

Dr. Mark Huddle, assistant professor of history, had his essay, “Home Missions Revisited: E.O. Guurrant and the ‘Discovery’ of Appalachia,” published as the introduction to a new re-print edition of Edward O. Guurrant’s The Galax Gatherers: The Gospel Among the Highlanders (University of Tennessee Press), Guurrant’s book is the latest edition in the University of Tennessee Press’ “Appalachian Echoes” series, which is dedicated to reviving and contextualizing classic books about Appalachia for a new generation of readers.

Dr. Rick Knott, assistant professor of physical education, presented a paper titled “Baseball’s 1913-14 World Tour” at the annual convention of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance in Chicago. This paper was part of a session titled “Global Sport - Imperial Practices,” and included papers by Gerald Gems, president of the North American Society for Sport History, as well Gertrud Pfister, internationally renowned scholar. The session focused on the historical roots and ramifications of the cross-cultural expansion of sport from the 19th century to the present.

Dr. Phillip Payne, associate professor of history, organized, chaired and participated in a roundtable titled “Teaching with Place: Public History, the Academy, and Community Identity.” The roundtable session was held April 14–16 at the Annual Meeting of the National Council on Public History, held in Kansas City, Mo. Participants discussed methods of teaching using community history. Among the themes addressed were those of teaching in a rural area, deindustrialization and the relationship between the university and the community. Additionally, Payne’s review of Jeffrey Cowie and Joseph Heathcott’s (editors) “Beyond the Ruins: The Meanings of Deindustrialization” (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2003) appears in the April 2005 issue of Technology and Culture.

Dr. Kimberly Young, associate professor of management sciences, had the paper “Profiling Online Sex Offenders: A Preliminary Study of 22 Cases” published in the Journal of Behavioral Profiling, the national journal of the Academy of Behavioral Profilers. Based upon 22 forensic evaluations, the article developed a classification system to assist law enforcement, criminal psychologists and forensic evaluators in profiling online predators. Young also had a three-hour distance learning course published, “Understanding Internet Addiction: Symptoms, Risk Factors, and Treatment” distributed nationally to psychologists through an accredited sponsor of the American Psychological Association Office of Continuing Education.

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Friday Forum

“Old Skills Power New Tricks”

By Leslie Chambers

Noon to 1:30 p.m.
University Club
Lunch $2.50 each

The next issue of Inside Bona’s is slated for Thursday, May 12. To submit items, please e-mail to inside-bona@sbu.edu by noon Tuesday, May 10. Questions may be directed to Christie Mendola, editor, at inside-bona@sbu.edu or to Suzanne Wilcox English, director of media relations, 216 Francis Hall, at ext. 2376 or senglish@sbu.edu.