SBU to receive $2 million for ARV Trail enhancements

St. Bonaventure will receive $2 million to expand the Allegheny River Valley Trail on campus.

“St. Bonaventure University would like to thank our New York congressional delegation for its help in funding this exciting project, which will further expand recreation opportunities for St. Bonaventure students and members of the surrounding community,” said president Sr. Margaret Carney, O.S.F., S.T.D.

“In particular, we would like to thank Congressman Randy Kuhl for his leadership role as a member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. Congressman Kuhl was instrumental in including funding for St. Bonaventure in the House Transportation Reauthorization bill that passed the House of Representatives earlier this year,” she continued.

“We would also like to thank Senators Clinton and Schumer for their joint support of our request,” said Sr. Margaret. “Both Senator Clinton and Schumer worked with the various Senate transportation-related committees to ensure that the funding for this project was included in the final version of the bill. We can’t thank our Congressman and Senators enough for their support of St. Bonaventure University.”

The appropriation will fund construction of pedestrian and bike trail campus improvements, enhancing access to SBU’s campus and permitting public access to key parts of the campus.

“We realize that the Allegheny River Valley Trail is a regional recreational resource, and we are delighted that this project will enhance the accessibility, usability and safety of the existing trail,” Sr. Margaret said.

University to recall ‘Coming of the Friars’ to Western New York

St. Bonaventure University is inviting the community to join in its celebration of the 150th anniversary of the arrival of the Franciscan friars in Western New York in June 1855.

The friars began construction of St. Bonaventure University and founded St. Pacificus Parish in Humphrey, which will mark its 150th this fall, that same year.

The celebration, which will include an academic lecture, historical displays and spiritual remembrances, is a first step in marking the 150th anniversary of the founding of St. Bonaventure on Oct. 4, 1858, which will be celebrated throughout academic year 2008-09.

We welcome members of the community to participate in this celebration of the arrival of the friars, whose presence is integral to who we are as a community and as a University,” said University president Sr. Margaret Carney, O.S.F., S.T.D.

The celebration will begin with an academic lecture, “The Coming of the Friars,” by Fr. Dominic Monti, O.F.M., vicar provincial of the Province of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15, in The Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts. Until his election as vicar provincial, Fr. Dominic, a renowned church historian, most recently served as a professor of theology at the University. He is a native of Bradford, Pa., and a 1967 graduate of St. Bonaventure.

A reception will follow in the lobby of the Quick Center, where movable displays of historical artifacts and photos will be set up for viewing.

At 4:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16, the First Sesquicentennial Mass will be celebrated in the University Chapel, Doyle Hall, with an all-campus picnic to follow in the Reilly Center Arena.

During the Bonagany street festival from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24,

Quick Center joins forces with Friends of Good Music

Sylvia Lynch, president of the Friends of Good Music, and Joseph A. LoSchiavo, executive director of The Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts at St. Bonaventure University, have jointly announced that the two organizations have formed a partnership to present classical music and jazz concerts.

Joint presentations begin immediately with the 2005-2006 season and will continue to be billed under the name Friends of Good Music. All concerts will take place at The Quick Center. The FOGM season subscription brochure has already been distributed and there has been a daily stream of returns.

“The decision was a very easy one for...
Grad students create encyclopedia, job ops
By Dusten Rader, ’07

Through the Encyclopedia Project, a group of St. Bonaventure University graduate students honored local Western New York and northern Pennsylvania celebrities and as a result several are now writing for outside publishers.

Siobhan Kane of Kane, Pa., Scotte Morris of Portville, N.Y., Amanda Joyce of East Aurora, N.Y., and Alisa Smith-Riel of Salamanca, N.Y., are now writing articles for the Salem Press’ Literary Reference Center. Kane and Smith-Riel are also writing for Greenwood Publishing Group.

According to SBU Board of Trustees Professor Dr. John J. Mulryan, the project began as a simple assignment in his graduate course, English 500: Bibliography and Research Methods (Fall 2004). The project included a senior editor, Smith-Riel, and nine associate editors: Brittany Deschler, Joyce, Kane, Erin Lesnansky, Danielle Lundgren, Morris, Jason Stupp, Alexandra Svendsen and Elizabeth Thompson.

Each student was asked to write a brief 500-to 750-word encyclopedia article on a local celebrity of his or her choice. They were required to find photos of their subjects and research the Bonaventure and Olean archives. They also had to supply biographies of themselves as well as photos.

“None of us struggled to find a subject, and in fact I think we were pleasantly surprised how many interesting people there were in the small towns and cities around SBU. There are many people who have done amazing things with their lives, but people don’t realize it,” said Smith-Riel.

“The purpose of the assignment was to support original research on our home turf of Western New York, SBU and to promote interest in the area. With the financial support from Dr. Stephen Stahl, dean of arts and sciences and professor of environmental sciences, the students were able to expand the project into a complete encyclopedia,” said Mulryan.

As consultant for the project, Mulryan appointed Smith-Riel as senior editor. She computerized the project and also edited the final copy of the work, which was printed in a soft-cover book. When the project was complete Mulryan and his students hosted a presentation during a Friday Forum for the University community.

During the presentation, “A Student-Faculty Project of Encyclopedic Proportions: Local Celebrities in Western New York and Pennsylvania,” Smith-Riel led a discussion and introduced the other student authors.

Elizabeth Thompson’s subject was Philotheus Boehner, O.F.M., first director of the Franciscan Institute.

Siobhan Kane’s subject was Jack Dempsey (1880-1964), chief of police with the Olean Police Department during the era of Prohibition.

Alisa Smith-Riel’s subject was Ray Evans, a Salamanca native and songwriter who won three Academy awards for the songs “Buttons and Bows,” “Mona Lisa” and “Que Sera Sera.”

Brittany Deschler’s subject was Harry E. Goodrich, one of the largest oil producers in the area.

Amanda Joyce’s subject was Thomas Edward Hanley of Bradford, Pa., owner of a brickmaking plant and philanthropist.

Alexandra Svendsen’s subject was Hanley’s wife, Tullah Innes Hanley, a belly dancer prior to meeting Hanley.

Scotte Morris’ subject was Adam Hoops, credited with the founding of Olean.

Erin Lesnansky’s subject was Robert Houghwout Jackson, appointed to the Supreme Court. Jason Stupp’s subject was Fred McCarthy, a friar who created the Brother Juniper cartoons.

Danielle Lundgren’s subject was Sarita Hopkins Weeks, a community activist and writer.

Partnership continued ... both of us to make,” LoSchiavo said. “We have both been presenting concerts with similar content and often at the same times, putting our audiences in the position of having to choose. This new arrangement will make it much easier for our audiences, since they will be coming to one venue consistently and will have reserved seats at each concert.”

The Quick Center’s world-class museum galleries will be open before and during every Friends of Good Music concert for the further enjoyment of audiences. “Many of the best museums in the world have concert series, including the Metropolitan and The Frick in New York,” LoSchiavo said. “We are delighted to be able to give this same experience to our community.”

“Friends of Good Music is excited to begin this new partnership with The Quick Center,” Lynch said. “As we start our 24th season we hope all of our loyal audience will join us in this new venture and we look forward to celebrating our 25th anniversary at The Quick.”

To celebrate the new partnership, an open house reception will be held at The Quick Center from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 14. All are invited. Refreshments will be served.
Mt. Irenaeus wraps up its 20th anniversary celebration

Mt. Irenaeus celebrated 20 years of sharing community with a Mass, brunch and concert on Sunday, July 31.

About 120 people took part in the celebration, including students, faculty and staff from St. Bonaventure University, with which Mt. Irenaeus is affiliated, members of the surrounding community and of the Secular Franciscan fraternity based at the Mountain, and St. Bonaventure alumni who had served as summer interns at the Mountain.

Sunday’s celebration began with the celebration of the Eucharist under a tent by the pond at 11 a.m. The Mass was concelebrated by Mountain friars Fr. Dan Hurley, O.F.M., who is celebrating 60 years as a priest and Fr. Louis McCormick, O.F.M., who is marking 40 years in the priesthood.

The wide reach of the Mountain was reflected in a procession of 30 different people representing all the different facets of ministry that St. Bonaventure graduates now serve in, said Fr. Daniel Riley, O.F.M., guardian of Holy Peace Friary at the Mountain, while its geographic impact was reflected by six women who spread the altar with altar cloths from various places as far away as Africa and Bolivia.

Fr. Dan Riley gave the homily, one of thanksgiving for the 20 years of Mt. Irenaeus and the people who have made it possible, especially including Fr. Dan Hurley and Fr. Lou.

The Mass was followed by a dish-to-pass brunch and a celebratory concert by Kim and Reggie Harris, professional musicians who have been good friends of the Mountain.

Sharing was a special part of the weekend — and not just nostalgia, but stories of growth in faith, according to Fr. Dan Riley.

“The alumni who had been with us as summer interns spent time sharing where they are now in their faith lives and their careers, and how they are integrating what we call ‘Franciscan values’ into their lives now,” he said.

“The Franciscan tradition would have us be itinerants, to take the faith out and share it,” Fr. Dan said, adding that the students still claim St. Bonaventure and Mt. Irenaeus as one of their primary homes, “and they claim it as a major, major part of ‘who I am today.’”

In addition to interest expressed by friars of Holy Name Province — such as Fr. Bob Struzynski, who joined the community during the anniversary weekend — the breadth of ownership represented by the Mountain’s Board of Trustees, current and former Students for the Mountain, Secular Franciscans and community members gives him hope for the future, he said.

“The people who share life and ministry with us are very youthful. … The depth of ownership and ministry goes far beyond those who began” the Mountain, he said. “This is not a ‘programs place,’ it is a way of living.”

The special place that is Mt. Irenaeus — which has been featured recently in The New York Times and the St. Anthony Messenger, had its beginnings when Fr. Dan Hurley and Fr. Dan Riley began a search for a place where members of the St. Bonaventure University community could get away for a weekend of rest and reflection. In June 1982, the not-for-profit Franciscan Mountain Retreat Inc. was formed to pursue this vision. During the summers of 1983 and 1984, Collins Hall, a University-owned building on Union Street in Allegany, served as the Mountain’s first home. In November 1984, the searchers found the current site, and more than 200 acres of land outside West Clarksville was purchased.
Mattingly named assistant women’s basketball coach

Former standout player and student Courtney Mattingly has been named an assistant women’s basketball coach at St. Bonaventure, Bonnies head coach Jim Crowley announced.

Mattingly graduated with honors from St. Bonaventure in 2003 with a bachelor’s degree in psychology. A 5-foot-9 guard, Mattingly was named to the Atlantic 10 All-Conference team as a junior in 2001-02 and to the Academic All-Conference team both her junior and senior seasons. She ranks in the top 10 on St. Bonaventure’s all-time list in points (seventh with 1,256), rebounds (seventh with 585) and assists (eighth with 300).

The Bainbridge, N.Y., native was the Bonnies’ team captain her junior and senior seasons.

“I am thrilled to have Courtney Mattingly come back to join my staff,” Crowley said. “Courtney was one of the best all-around players to ever wear the brown and white and exemplified the toughness and resilience I want my program to stand for. Furthermore, she is a person of great integrity and loyalty, two qualities that are always needed and tough to find in this business. Courtney’s work ethic and love for Bonaventure women’s basketball make her an ideal hire.”

Mattingly was an assistant coach at Bowdoin (Maine) College last year. She helped Bowdoin to a 26-3 record, the New England Small College Athletic Conference championship and a berth in the NCAA Division III elite eight.

Prior to joining the Bowdoin staff, Mattingly spent one year as a graduate assistant coach at Ithaca Colleg. She will complete a master’s degree in exercise and sport science at Ithaca this summer.

Bona places 17 student-athletes on A-10 Commissioner’s Honor Roll

Seventy-one St. Bonaventure student-athletes – 28 percent of the University’s 252 student-athletes – earned a place on the Atlantic 10 Commissioner’s Honor Roll for the spring 2005 semester.

The Commissioner’s Honor Roll recognizes student-athletes who earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for a semester.

A total of 921 student-athletes at the 12 Atlantic 10 member institutions make up the spring 2005 Commissioner’s Honor Roll.

News makers

Leslie W. Braksick, a 1986 graduate of St. Bonaventure, has been elected as a member of the Board of Trustees of Princeton Theological Seminary. Braksick, who resides in Pittsburgh, is cofounder, chairman, and CEO of CLG, a global consulting firm. She was a keynote speaker in April at the University’s Morning Call Executive Breakfast Series.

Darwin L. King, professor of accounting, and Kevin A. Purdy, a May 2005 dual degree graduate, had an article published in the June issue of Oil, Gas & Energy

“Anniversary” continued ...

on Family Weekend, the displays will be moved to a booth so that local residents, St. Bonaventure families and history buffs can enjoy the photos and artifacts.

A remembrance of the friar founders of the University will be incorporated into the Prayers of the Faithful at Masses both on Sept. 18 and Sept. 25, which will be the annual Family Weekend Mass, with the displays on view at the rear of the University Chapel.

Quarterly. The article titled “2005 Timber Tax Update” reviewed changes in the Internal Revenue Code that applied to timber taxation. In particular, the American Job Creation Act of 2004 included a number of favorable tax changes for taxpayers selling timber. The article also reviewed current court cases and Internal Revenue rulings that pertained to timber operations. This was the 13th article King has published in this journal since the year 2000.

Barbara Questa, senior associate director of athletics, has been appointed to the newly-formed NCAA Women’s Lacrosse Rules Committee. The committee will help set the rules for the sport at all levels of NCAA competition. A member of the St., Bonaventure community since 1992, Questa has served on several Atlantic 10 Conference Championship committees, including a stint as chair of the A-10 women’s lacrosse championship.

Dr. Barbara Trolley, associate professor of counseling education, has had two proposals accepted by the New York State Counseling Association. The first, “Misadventures in Counseling: Mapping Out a Smoother Journey,” will be presented with adjunct Anne Pfohl, while the second, “University Counseling Clinics: Meeting the Needs of Underserved Communities and Training the Counselors of Tomorrow,” will be presented with Dr. Craig Zuckerman, associate professor of counseling education, and graduate student Melissa Nagel.