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the college collection



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Life at the cabin means expansive views of water and sky plus a quiet so deep and wondrous you can hear the universe speak, says food writer **Terese Allen '77**. So when it comes to mealtime, she honors her surroundings with easy-to-assemble dishes that feature local ingredients.

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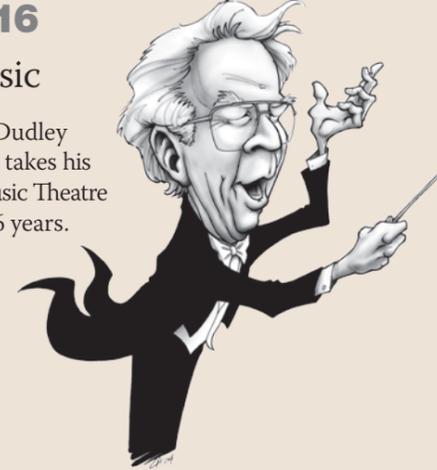
Art collections are built with knowledge, love, care and purpose. And they are built, most particularly, with the help of friends. Few have been more generous to the St. Norbert collection than the Kohler Foundation, which has added the college to a list of beneficiaries that includes the Museum of Modern Art and the Smithsonian Institution.

On our cover: Among the paintings by Schomer Lichtner in the college collection is this acrylic on paper, “Untitled,” 1980.

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Mr. Music

A salute to Dudley Birder as he takes his Summer Music Theatre bow after 56 years.



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SNC Behind Bars

Ministry to the incarcerated is not an explicit part of St. Norbert College’s mission. And yet, since its inception, the college has had innumerable interactions with local prisons and their inmates.

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In very good health The new sports center (**page 5**) was opened ahead of its May 12 dedication so that students could try out the facility before heading out for the summer.



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In the great outdoors Recipes for Doggie Bag Hash and Smoked Whitefish Spread – just some of the goodies to be had at the lake (**page 22**) with **Terese Allen '77**.



In quest of the best When the campus devoted itself to the hunt for a better burger (**page 34**), GreenKnightTV was there to document the chase.

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Knowing the ropes

Mehak Chahal '18, pre-med major, works out with conditioning ropes in the new fitness center, part of the Mulva Family Fitness & Sports Center (page 7).



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Summer bliss, gratitude and active hope



Brian Bruess '90 assumes office as the eighth president of St. Norbert College on July 1, 2017. As the Bruess family makes its transition back to De Pere, daughter Gracie – a senior in high school – is working as a lifeguard in St. Paul, Minn., training for her fall swim season. She has recently returned from a global leadership service-learning journey focused on healthcare in the Dominican Republic. Son Tony, a rising senior at Stanford University, is spending his summer interning in New York City for Angellist, a company that supports startups – an opportunity in a field close to his heart and talents. And **Carol (Sessler) '90** is navigating a major transition of her own, “from her role as a supremely successful professor the past 19 years at the University of St. Thomas to her new role as an equally impactful ambassador for SNC,” says Brian.

For as long as I can remember, summers have been soaked with a healthy combination of anticipation, adventure, renewal and relaxation. My parents, Clarence and Mary Lou, worked in secondary education, which allowed us to saturate our summers with volumes of family time – 95 percent of it spent outdoors. Among our most anticipated and favorite activities: camping! Oh, and camp we did, in serious fashion. We would set off for two weeks at a time, only returning home briefly to restock necessary food and supplies. Within a day or two (and after no fewer than nine loads of laundry), the six of us and our station wagon would be off again to explore yet another of Wisconsin's grand state parks. They made the perfect backdrop for mid-afternoon waterskiing, late-evening campfires and dozing off in moonlit tents. From June through mid-August, we would live digital-free and blissed out, embracing the perfectly imperfect experience. And, along with the near-permanent odor of Deep Woods OFF!, we also embraced a thing I like to call “active hope.”

This kind of love; this kind of palpable hope; this kind of vibrant living: It's precisely the feeling that is so very alive and present on the St. Norbert campus. It's alive everywhere our faculty, staff, students, friends and alumni live and breathe and do their good works. St. Norbert College embodies an active hope for a future even brighter than that which already is. Without question, Carol and I feel it – and we are so very excited to be coming home to the place that instilled in us the very active hope embodied here.

The anticipation of becoming the eighth president of St. Norbert College has me energized as never before. I feel refreshed and ready, too. By my first official day in office, I will have completed a four-month sabbatical. Truth be told, I've never had a break between professional appointments and was originally unsure how it might work. At Carol's suggestion, I developed a “syllabus” to guide this precious time of transition. Each week was shaped around a theme. (Carol calls them learning objectives!) Each had a targeted reflection, reading and/or research activity. Each week I also appreciated an hour-long phone

consultation with my much-admired predecessor, President Kunkel. It's also been sheer delight to spend several days a month on campus, meeting members of the college and wider community.

Thankfully, I have also had the chance to enjoy dedicated family time. I might have even earned an A+ (self-graded) on a few of my own “syllabus” items. I caught a few fish, felled trees, kayaked, camped alone. (Let's be clear: Carol is no fan of camping.) I biked rural Minnesota roadways. I walked and thought; packed ... and packed ... and unpacked ... and packed some more. I visited family far and wide, and significantly reduced my mother's honey-do list (you're welcome, Dad.)

During this period of anticipation and contemplation, one idea recurred: Each of us – alumnus, donor, friend, neighbor, community partner, business partner, faculty or staff member, student, trustee, new president – each of us is bonded by our unique St. Norbert experience, along with our calling to seek and embody wisdom and true human flourishing.

Carol and I extend our heartfelt gratitude for the remarkable show of radical hospitality that this community has offered us upon our return. Neither of us could have imagined a more generous homecoming. It has left us beyond humbled and further poised to reenter this strong and vibrant St. Norbert community to do the work we so love to do, in *communio*. To return to our alma mater, to find it so healthy, and to know how eager the community is to discover an even brighter future; that represents an unparalleled vocational alignment.

We offer a most special thank-you to Tom and Deb Kunkel. The generosity of time and wisdom they both have shared over the last few months is a true gift to the college – and to Carol and me.

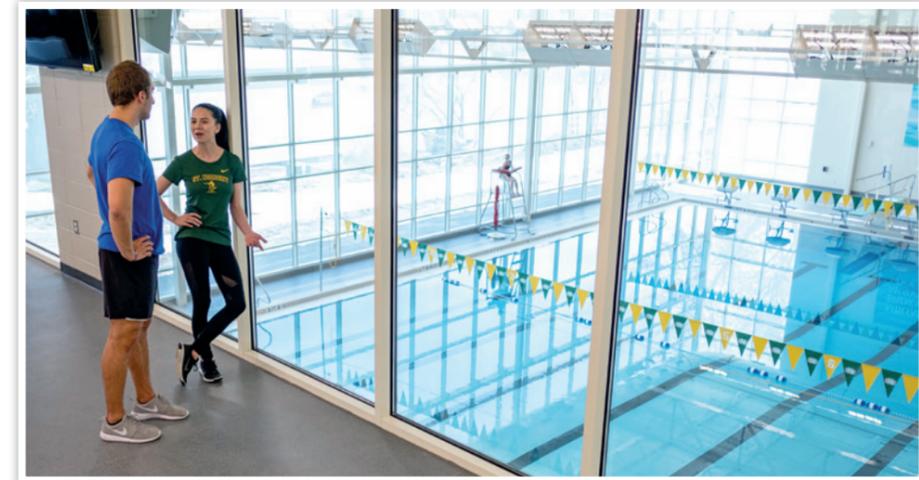
And so it is with a palpable sense of responsibility, a deep commitment to our tripartite mission (Catholic, liberal arts, Norbertine), an unwavering openness to discover the will and desire of the community for our future, and a teaching and learning spirit, that Carol and I unpack our moving boxes and anticipate the next phase of this remarkable vocational journey at, and with, St. Norbert College.

FIT FOR A CROWN



“A state-of-the-art fitness center is paramount to students when they are unable to work out outside owing to the Wisconsin weather. Working out is a great stress reliever, which will help the students cope with situations with more confidence. Playing sports is a great way to make new friends and to feel part of something bigger than yourself, as you accomplish things that could not be done alone.

“But the purpose of fitness and wellness is not just to keep us healthy for our own personal enjoyment. It's so that we can be more able to carry out the work God has entrusted to us. So, good stewardship of mind and body is not for vainglory, but for better and more effective service to the Gospel. ... Fitness and wellness should add years to your life: years in which you will be able to provide continuing good example and good works in order to help others. This is what God calls us to do.” – **Miriam (Brozyna) Mulva '69**



New center gives campus a pool

The campus gains its first swimming pool, an expansive fitness center, and a new health and wellness center with the May 12 dedication of the Mulva Family Fitness & Sports Center (MFFSC).

The \$26-million expansion and renovation of the former sports center – home of Green Knight basketball and volleyball – was completed ahead of schedule, which gave members of the Class of 2017 the chance to enjoy the facility before their graduation.

Construction on the MFFSC began April 1, 2016. The expansion has added 50,000 square feet, including a competition-grade swimming pool and diving area overlooking the Fox River at the southeast corner of the expanded building. The pool will allow St. Norbert to resurrect its NCAA Division III swimming program. (The college last competed in intercollegiate swimming in 2009.)

The facility also incorporates an airy and well-equipped fitness center – an amenity, like the pool, for which students have long clamored.

Expanded offices for athletics staff will be housed on a new second floor. All of the college's health- and wellness-related activities, including counseling services, will now also be housed in the new center – a move in keeping with the philosophy of creating a wellness resource for the entire campus community as well as for its student-athletes.

The project, designed by Performa and built by Miron Construction, retained but upgraded the current gymnasium space, which is used for basketball and volleyball and also by various Green Knight squads for practice and training. Its arena provides a 116-by-230-foot multipurpose area with a seating capacity of 2,500 for major sporting events and up to 5,000 for other high-attendance programs. The storied space offers a full collegiate basketball court, an indoor track, four volleyball courts and four intramural basketball courts. The former Schuldes Sports Center, which forms the core of the renovation, was dedicated in 1979. It is the only facility in the Midwest Conference to have hosted the league's men's and women's basketball tournaments at the same time during the same season – and this has happened five times: in 2010, 2011, 2014, 2015 and 2016. The center was named for Malcolm Schuldes, who died in 1989 and who contributed nearly \$600,000 to the project, and for his late wife, Rose.



Points for artistry

Water inspired one of two significant artworks by artist David Griggs for the new MFFSC. Griggs created “Dancing Waters” (above), a site-responsive piece inspired by the eternal cosmic Divine Dance (*perichoresis*) of the Trinity. The mural depicts the dance of love that impels the Holy Spirit to hover over seas and rivers. The Divine Dance is revealed to human hearts at Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River. Griggs' second piece, installed in the lobby of MFFSC, is itself titled “Perichoresis,” and explores the divine dance itself.

Making a splash



Despite his presidential, building-dedicating suit and tie, nothing could keep **President Tom Kunkel** from marking the occasion with the first dive into the new pool. **snc.edu/magazine**

Taking care of business



The first graduates of St. Norbert's newest graduate program crossed the Commencement stage this May. Earning the first Schneider MBAs were **Emily Schutte, Justin Lepscier, Jessica Alt, Courtney Lautenschlager, Curt Kowaleski** (Business & Finance), **Patrick Blaney, Steven Schubring, Eric Wagner '06** (Admissions), **Nicholas Beining, Craig Beaumier, Jonathan Wilber and David Mason '11**.

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Ecumenical Theology



"Greatly increased opportunities in career positions in Catholic theology for laymen ... has focused attention on St. Norbert's theology department which is designed and ready to meet those needs. 'I believe we are making one of the most serious efforts in the country,' L. J. Fedewa, assistant professor of theology, said. 'Aside from its course offerings ... perhaps the single most striking aspect is the ecumenical nature of its faculty. Included on the staff is a full-time Protestant theologian, a Canadian Baptist doctoral candidate of the University of Iowa. Also, a Jewish rabbi who received his Ph.D. degree from Hamburg University, Germany, teaches part time.'"

— Knight Life, May 1967

Visionary

Collegium has honored **John Neary** (English) with this year's Visionary Award in celebration of his leadership in promoting Catholic mission on member campuses, his scholarship in the Catholic intellectual tradition, and his innovative teaching to bring aspects of Collegium's annual summer colloquy to life for students.

Neary has been an integral part of the 64-college consortium since 1994, serving as colloquy fellow, board member, faculty mentor. Tom Landy, executive director of Collegium, says, "His work has enriched the field of literary studies, and has enhanced Catholic intellectual life in America."

Fulbright

Maureen Koets '16 has received a Fulbright teaching assistantship grant to work in English or American studies in Germany this fall. "I could not have achieved so much in so little time without the support of my professors," Koets says. "Without them, I never would have had the courage to apply for a Fulbright scholarship."

Koets plans to pursue a master's and Ph.D. in due course: "I love learning, and I know that the Fulbright will open more doors and provide clarity. I am excited to see where this leads."

On racialization ...

Cristina Ortiz (Sociology) presented on "Racializing Multiracials: How Children's Phenotype & Gender Influence the Parental Racialization Process," at the Critical Mixed Race Studies conference in Los Angeles in February. Ortiz chaired a panel on mixed families and racial socialization at the same conference.

... and nicotine ...

Work on the effects of nicotine on behavior by **John Dose** (Psychology) has appeared in recent issues of Behavioural Brain Research and the Journal of Psychopharmacology. An additional article has been accepted for publication in Schizophrenia Research.

... and housework

An article by **Jamie Lynch** (Sociology) and Daniel Carlson of the University of Utah, on "Purchases, Penalties, and Power: The Relationship Between Earnings and Housework," has been published in the Journal of Marriage & Family.

Author, author

New books by St. Norbert faculty members include "Ecclesiastes and the Riddle of Authorship," by **Thomas Bolin** (Theology & RS), published by Routledge, and "Okina Kyuin and the Politics of Early



Rocking the geology merit badge

With the help of Geology Club's **Preston Konop '18**, seven scouts from Troop 1095 in Green Bay were able to complete their geology merit badge this spring. Konop, with fellow geology majors **Riley Hacker '17, Nicolette Sheffield '17** and **Molly Gallahue '18**, invited the scouts to the Gehl-Mulva Science Center where the students told the boys about different rock types and helped them perform tests in order to classify different rocks and minerals.

Troop 1095 numbers among its scouts future Green Knight Michael Brown, son of **Chris Brown** (ITS) who facilitated the visit with the help of **Rebecca McKean '04** (Geology). Chris says, "Michael is starting ninth grade at Green Bay Southwest High School this fall, and hopes to attend St. Norbert College in a few years."

Japanese Immigration to the United States, 1868-1924," by **Ikuko Torimoto** (Modern Languages & Literatures), published by McFarland.

Chapter and verse

Chapters on "Richly, Deeply Supporting the Spiritual Development of All," by **Julie Donovan Massey '87** and "The Death of a Student: Lessons From a Catholic Campus," by the **Rev. Jay Fostner, O.Praem., '84** appear in "Student Life in Catholic Higher Education: Advancing Good Practice,"

recently published by the Association of Catholic Colleges & Universities.

Honorees

This year's Leonard Ledvina Outstanding Teacher Awards went to **Jamie O'Brien** (Business Administration) and **David Hunnicutt** (Biology). The Bishop Robert F. Morneau Community Service Award went to **April Beiswenger** (Theatre Studies). The Donald B. King Distinguished Scholar Award went to **Ikuko Torimoto** (Modern Languages & Literatures).



End-of-Year Picnic

The annual celebration brings the entire campus community together – one of the few occasions where everyone can gather at once. This year's May 5 picnic included live music from Listening Party and Daoust & The Boys of Thunder. Balloon and caricature artists, inflatable games and Spin Magic kept the fun coming once the last Friday of classes was over. Finals Week – well, that was still a whole weekend away!



Is this as good as it gets?

As a student in Los Angeles in the early 2000s, I was lucky to live next to one of the city's hidden treasures: A Video Store Named Desire. Run by a former Comp. Lit. major, it boasted a far larger selection of DVDs than Netflix – more than 30,000 titles – crammed into one 600-square-foot storefront! With hardly any space left for customers, every conversation was a conversation for the entire store: Where are we going to get dinner? Action-adventure or rom-com tonight? Subtitles or no? Sometimes the questions would verge on the philosophical: What explains the appeal of siege movies (my personal favorite genre)? I owe the topic of this column to Mike, the store's owner. Mike was convinced that people today are worse than they were 50 years ago. As a moral philosopher, I am of the opposite opinion: I think history shows that we have made significant moral progress.

One's opinions on the matter will obviously depend on what one thinks is the essence of morality. My own optimism is rooted in the three approaches to moral theory – welfare, rights and virtue – that ground the most prominent ethical traditions in Western philosophy.

According to the welfare approach, determining whether we have made moral progress involves asking, are we better off now than we used to be? The simplest way to approach this question is to take material wealth as the measure of whether or not we're better off. Of course, it's debatable whether increases in material wealth are an adequate proxy for welfare. There is more to life than money. But I think we can agree that the reduction of "extreme poverty" (by which I mean, living on less than \$1.25 a day, as defined by the United Nations) counts as a significant improvement to human welfare. By this count, there is good news to report: The number of people living on less than \$1.25 a day is less than *half* what it was 25 years ago. Fewer people – a lot fewer people – live in extreme poverty than in 1990 – or 1890, for that matter.

By contrast, the rights approach would have us ask, are rights respected more now than they used to be? Here, too, it would not take long to get into a sticky philosophical debate about just what our rights are. But

again, I think we can find relatively uncontroversial ground in Article 3 of the U.N. Declaration of Human Rights: "Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person." So, are our lives more secure than they used to be? The news here isn't quite as sunny as the news about extreme poverty, but in "The Better Angels of Our Nature," Steven Pinker lays out a powerful case that the answer to this question is yes. Though it's not the impression one gets from watching cable news, the chance of your dying at the hands of another human being is far lower today than it would have been if you'd been born in the year 1300, 1500 or 1900. So, at this very basic level, we have seen progress in respect for human rights.

Finally, virtue ethics instructs us to ask, are we living more fully human lives than we used to? A fraught question! Sadly, A Video Store Named Desire is no longer in business, a casualty to the convenience of streaming entertainment. Does my ability to watch 100 different clips from around the world in one night on Netflix and Youtube offer a more fully human life than the face-to-face encounters at my video store? I am not sure. But, here too, there are some basics of human flourishing that we can probably all agree on, like literacy and access to education. More good news: Global literacy rates have increased from approximately 10 percent 500 years ago to around 90 percent today; in the United States, the percentage of adults with a bachelor's degree has quintupled since the year 1900.

So why is pessimism about progress widespread? Perhaps it is because people are worried that the era of progress is close to an end. There are seeming existential threats on the horizon that I have completely ignored: climate change, destabilization of the post-World War II global order, and the strains of increasing inequalities in wealth. However, I am partial to the theory floated by Emily St. Mandel, author of the post-apocalyptic novel "Station Eleven," who posits that our attraction to apocalyptic thinking is "some sort of combination of pessimism or narcissism ... it's almost as though we want to believe we're living at the climax of the story." For me, that's the most pessimistic view of them all: that this is as good as it is going to get.

Ben Chan, associate professor of philosophy, joined the St. Norbert College faculty in 2013. He specializes in bioethics.

NEWS OF ST. NORBERT



President Emeritus Tom Kunkel

This "colorized" plat map of West De Pere, dating to sometime in the latter half of the 19th century, was given to me by a friend several years ago along with its East De Pere partner. I hung the two maps prominently on my office wall so that I could, and would, take a moment to look at them at least once a day. I have been faithful to that.

The plats are beautiful in the way that only handmade maps can be. I love their pastel tinting, so meticulously done, as well as the finely scalloped lines that stand in for water.

In this way, in fact, the twin maps are a constant reminder of both place and time. Place, because that eternal Fox River is right there, holding the two halves of our community stubbornly apart as it has for hundreds of years. And time, because while some familiar aspects of our community are already there (note "St. Joseph French Catholic Ch."), others are not – including our college. It would not appear, as we know, until 1898 amid the excited promise of a new century. With the benefit of historical hindsight, we know something wonderful is coming – even as the maps whisper, yes, but what is yet to come?

Tom Kunkel's storied nine-year leadership ends June 30, 2017.



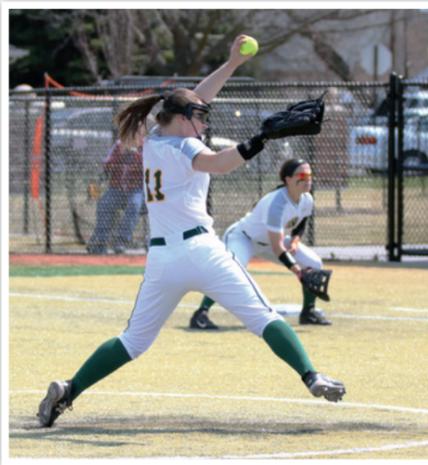
St. Norbert College 2016-2017 Sports Records

- Football** – 7-3 overall, 7-1 MWC, 2nd in conference
- Volleyball** – 16-15 overall, 8-1 MWC, 2nd in conference, **NCAA Division III First Round**
- Men's Soccer** – 16-4-1 overall, 7-1-1 MWC, 3rd in conference, **NCAA Division III First Round**
- Women's Soccer** – 9-8-1 overall, 5-3-1 MWC, T4th in conference
- Women's Tennis** – 21-13 overall, 8-1 MWC, 2nd in conference, **NCAA Division III First Round**
- Cross Country** – men 6th in conference, women **Conference Champion**
- Women's Golf** – 5th in conference
- Men's Basketball** – 19-5, 16-2 MWC, **Conference Champion**
- Women's Basketball** – 20-6, 15-3 MWC, 2nd in conference, **NCAA Division III First Round**
- Men's Ice Hockey** – 22-6-1 overall, 15-4-1 NCHA, 2nd in conference, **NCAA Division III Frozen Four**
- Women's Ice Hockey** – 6-18-1 overall, 4-13-1 NCHA, 6th in conference
- Indoor Track** – men 2nd in conference, women **Conference Champion**
- Outdoor Track** – men 3rd in conference, women **Conference Champion**
- Men's Tennis** – 8-8 overall, 3-5 MWC, 6th in conference
- Men's Golf** – **Conference Champion, NCAA Division III Tournament**
- Women's Softball** – 21-16 overall, 15-3 MWC, **Conference Champion, NCAA Division III Regional**
- Baseball** – 30-13 overall, 15-2 MWC North, **Conference Champion, NCAA Division III Regional**

Winning against all odds

Eleven St. Norbert sports were represented at nationals this year and seven teams garnered conference titles – not bad for a school that was minus its sports center for the duration. While Schuldes was being transformed, the Green Knights matched the school record for the most conference titles in one year, giving St. Norbert 25 over the last four years – also a school record.

On top of the seven Midwest Conference (MWC) championships,



St. Norbert won eight conference tournaments and had 11 teams qualify or send individuals to their respective NCAA Division III championships. The Green Knights registered a total of 195 wins, the third-best showing in school history behind 210 in 2013-14 and 202 in 2009-10.

The Green Knights collected MWC championships in women's cross country, men's basketball, women's indoor and outdoor track, men's golf, women's softball and baseball.

Women's cross country picked up the only conference championship during the fall season, claiming their first title since 2010. **Erin Artz '17** and **Taylor Domro '18** also earned berths in the NCAA Division III Championship. Women's volleyball and men's soccer both won MWC Tournament championships. The volleyball team pulled out a pulsating five-set win at Cornell College, while soccer

slipped past Grinnell College in overtime to reach the NCAA Tournament.

Men's ice hockey reached its 11th NCAA Division III Frozen Four in the last 15 seasons by defeating Augsburg College in an overtime thriller at Cornerstone Community Center. The Green Knights, who lost a one-goal game in the national semifinals to Trinity College, also won the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association Harris Cup Championship. Men's basketball won their fifth consecutive MWC Championship and extended their NCAA Division III-record conference winning streak to 72 games before it finally came to a halt in January. Their five straight outright conference titles are the most in the MWC in men's basketball since 1933. Women's basketball finished second in the regular season but, like volleyball, traveled to Cornell and captured the conference tournament championship. Women's indoor track and field won their third consecutive MWC title and ninth overall. **Brittany Kozlowski '17** had St. Norbert's best showing at the NCAA championship, finishing second in the 800-meter run.

St. Norbert had a banner spring, with four teams reaching NCAA Championships in team play. Men's golf won their third conference title in five years and earned a berth in the NCAA Division III Championship. The Green Knights finished tied for 31st, their best showing at the national meet. Women's softball rebounded from a ninth-place finish a year ago to win the MWC Championship, and then went unbeaten in the MWC Tournament. Baseball swept a tripleheader on the final day of the MWC Tournament to win the conference championship for the first time since 2014. The Green Knights finished with 30 wins, the most in program history and the most ever for any male team at the college. Women's tennis advanced to their third overall NCAA Tournament (*opposite*). Women's outdoor track and field also had three qualifiers advance to the NCAA Division III Championship.



Left to right: Katherine Ake '17, Elizabeth Manlick '17, Ashley Randazzo '17 and Anna Gosz '17.

Seniors drive tennis successes

Four years ago at tryouts for the St. Norbert women's tennis team, **Paul Miller** (Athletics) knew something good was coming. He did not know how good.

"I could see with the freshmen that came in that we could really step up our game," says Miller, who co-coaches the team with his wife, **Carrie Miller**. "We had a goal of winning a conference championship and making the NAAs." Thanks to four women from those tryouts – **Elizabeth Manlick '17**, **Ashley Randazzo '17**, **Anna Gosz '17** and **Katherine Ake '17** – those goals, and more, were achieved. And, as each player improved her game, they formed friendships and lasting bonds.

"I never imagined the success we have had," says Randazzo, a business major. "When I came to that tryout, I didn't even know if I would make the team."

This spring, the team advanced to the NCAA Division III women's tournament for the second time in three years. The Green Knights also won the Midwest Conference title in the fall of 2014.

Manlick, a biology major, says the deep St. Norbert tennis team made her become a better player. "You are pushed every day in practice and that helps you improve,"

she says. "We are like one big family."

The women discovered they had a lot in common. Ake, Gosz and Randazzo even wound up living together.

"Tennis takes a lot of time and it was great to live with people who understand that, and the balance you need to create between the sport and your studies," says Gosz, a biology major. "Tennis is demanding. You practice for two hours every night and you spend your weekends during the season at matches."

Ake, a biology major, says balancing school with tennis is definitely a challenge. "You also have to be really good with time management," she laughs. "There's no time for extraneous stuff." Ake, a seven-time Dean's List student, has been named to the CoSIDA At-Large Academic All-District VI team for the second consecutive year.

Carrie Miller is impressed by how all four players developed during their time at St. Norbert: "They are currently our 1-4 single players and all four are in the doubles lineup. Two of them were not even in the singles lineup as freshmen, but their growth as players made that possible. And everyone saw their winning percentages increase."

National runners-up

St. Norbert Hockey made its 11th Final Four appearance in 15 years, falling 3-2 in the semifinals to Trinity College. The Green Knights (22-6-1) had a pair of late scoring chances turned away by the Bantams (21-6-3), who advanced to the national championship game.

Hail to the chief

The Midwest Conference has honored **President Thomas Kunkel** through its creation of the Thomas Kunkel Presidential Engagement Award. Kunkel is also named the first recipient of the award, which will henceforth be given upon recommendation of the league Presidents' Council to an institutional representative (outside the athletics department) nominated for their engagement in the Midwest Conference and overall commitment to the betterment of the league.

Chris Graham, former executive director of the Midwest Conference and current commissioner of the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference, says: "President Kunkel served a vital role in the transitional return of presidential

leadership in the MWC. His inquisitive yet candid approach was instrumental in elevating the administration of the conference while maintaining the core principle of academics first. Personally, he was an invaluable mentor. He is a very fitting namesake and honoree for this prestigious award."

1,000, grand

Green Knight Basketball guard **Brianna Byrne '17** became the 15th player in program history to reach 1,000 career points as the Green Knights topped Randolph College 69-47 in the St. Pete Classic at Ecker College's McArthur Center. Byrne finished with a game-high 21 points to give her 1,015 for her career. Byrne is the first Green Knight to top 1,000 since **Krista Pelky '12** ended with 1,170 points in 2012.



Student Note

"Bill Scott, St. Norbert freshman who worked the public-address microphone for home basketball games, is the son of Ray Scott, television announcer for Green Bay Packer games."
– Knight Life, May 1967



The sweet peal of the abbey bells

Pass by St. Norbert Abbey at the right time and you will hear its bells giving voice – a prayerful reminder of the abbey’s presence.

■ Each of the six bells in the St. Norbert Abbey peal is named. Each carries an inscription, the coat of arms of the person in whose memory the bell is dedicated, and the abbey shield.

■ To be a good neighbor, the abbey has adjusted the peal that announces the first Angelus of the day. The morning Angelus is at 6 a.m., but the abbey has delayed the peal to 7:30 a.m.

■ The bells are rung 10 minutes before the start of daily Mass at 4:30 p.m. “It’s a reminder that Mass is about to start so you should get to church,” says the **Rev. Jim Baraniak, O.Praem., ’88** (pictured), prior at the abbey.

■ The bells are rung for special occasions, too, such as the selection of a new pope or a new abbot. Upon the death of a Norbertine, one bell is struck by a hammer for each year of his age, at about 10 seconds apart.

Photo courtesy Jerry Turba '74

 Hear the bells and learn more about the full peal. snc.edu/magazine

Careers that made a difference

With the close of the 2017 academic year, St. Norbert College celebrates the long and distinguished careers of these faculty members, retiring this spring:

John Frohlinger (Mathematics) has served the college with distinction since



1983. He was one of the college’s first instructors to embrace new teaching techniques, spending countless hours producing online lectures and other supplements that allowed him to utilize the “flipped” classroom approach to teaching. A dedicated teacher, Frohlinger offered independent study courses for students who had exhausted the electives available to them or had an interest that ranged beyond regular coursework. He provided numerous summer research opportunities for students. He served on 19 college committees and was active in the greater mathematics community – including serving as a leading force in establishing the Pi Mu Epsilon undergraduate conference hosted annually by the college.

Kathy Muhs (Mathematics) joined the college in 1982 and regularly taught



courses from Pre-Calculus through Calculus 3. She also helped develop courses for elementary education majors and students pursuing secondary certification in mathematics. She served on 30 different committees during her career, and was twice the discipline coordinator for mathematics. Muhs was also active in community outreach and collaboration with the Green Bay Area School District, with the partnership winning two state grants to help teachers improve their

understanding of mathematics content and share best practices.

John Day (Modern Languages & Literatures) has taught language, literature and culture courses at all levels of the Spanish curriculum since joining the college in 1998. The college’s digital learning initiative allowed him to serve as an academic service-learning faculty fellow and to develop and incorporate digital and academic service-learning components into existing Spanish courses. Students benefited from using the latest technology and creating relationships with local Hispanic and Latino communities. Day served as the



faculty advisor for the Spanish Club. He also was a stalwart supporter of study-abroad programs, making numerous site visits to the college’s study programs in Spain and Ecuador.

Keith Sherony (Economics) came to St. Norbert after nearly 25 years at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, where he was named professor emeritus in 2011. His research on Major League Baseball includes game attendance, team revenue and finance and payroll taxes. He has been involved with the Sport & Society Conference since 2010, serving as conference director in 2014 and 2016.

Quinn to lead Aquinas College

Kevin Quinn (Economics) has been appointed the eighth president of Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, Mich. Aquinas is a Catholic liberal arts college founded in 1886 by the Dominican Sisters of Grand Rapids.

Quinn assumes his new role at the beginning of July. Upon Quinn’s departure, **Dave Wegge** (Political Science, Emeritus) assumes the interim deanship of the Schneider School.

Harold Baeten '55 1932-2017



The college mourns the loss of **Harry Baeten** (Biology, Emeritus), who died May 3 at the age of 85. He inspired a love of science in generations of St. Norbert students during the 40 years he taught at the college. A lover of history, Baeten published two books, including one on the history of St. Norbert College.

Jim Hodgson (Biology, Emeritus) remembers Baeten as “in the beginning my mentor, role model, colleague; and then finally a dear and

cherished friend.” Baeten is survived by his wife, Mary Ann, and eight children: Betsy, **Pete '77** (Wendy), **Ann Vande Hei '78**, **Mark '81**, Tom, **Bill '83**, **Mary Ellison '91**, and **Jason '94**. His son **Paul '84** (**Betse Macco '84**) preceded him in death.

Gerald Mattern 1928-2017

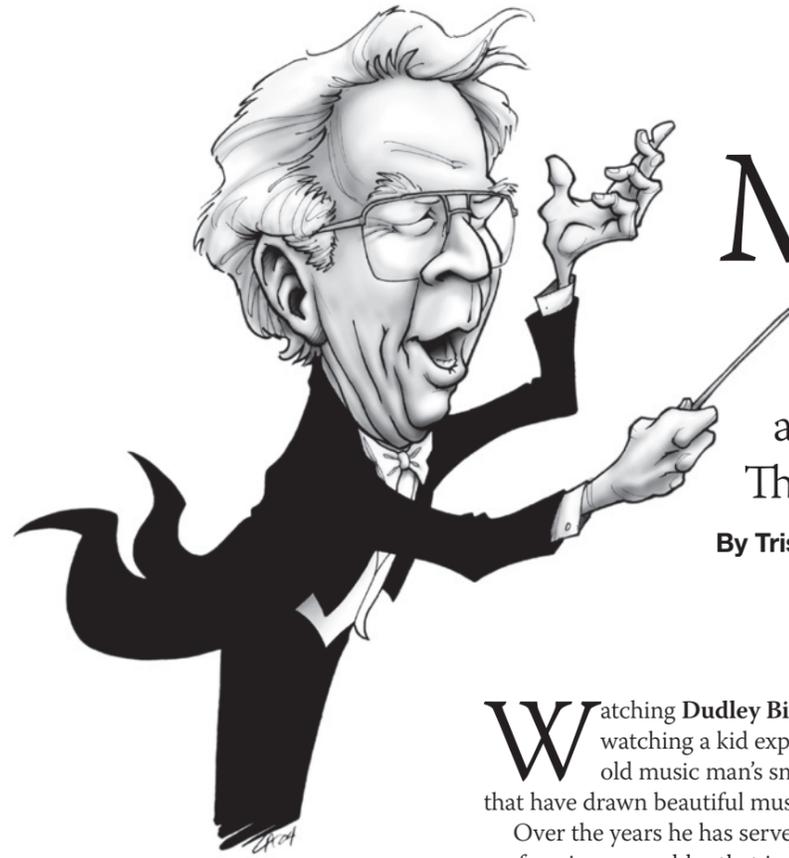
St. Norbert says a fond farewell to **Gerry Mattern** (Music, Emeritus), who died April 27 at the age of 88. Mattern’s contribution as a music teacher, mentor and performer touched countless lives. He taught courses in music and the humanities at St. Norbert for 36 years, retiring in 1996. He played the trumpet with multiple music groups and also taught private lessons, master classes and clinics. In 2015, Mattern received

the Association of Wisconsin Symphony Orchestras’ Service to Music Award. “His golden trumpet was his true voice, leading and inspiring colleagues and students alike with heavenly music,” remembers **Michael Rosewall** (Academic Affairs). Mattern is survived by his wife, Anne, and his children, David, Anne, **Johanna Allen '91** (**John '89**) and Phillip.

The Rev. Francis Dorff, O.Praem., '57 1935-2017

The college mourns the passing of the **Rev. Francis Dorff, O.Praem., '57**, who died Feb. 26 at the age of 82. He taught philosophy and theology at St. Norbert and Rosemont colleges and Catholic Theological Union. He founded the

Institute of Religion & Culture and the Emmaus House of Prayer, and served as vocation and formation director at Daylesford Abbey. Later, he joined the community of Santa Maria de la Vid Abbey. Dorff is survived by his Norbertine confrères.



Mr. Music

A salute to Dudley Birder as he takes his Summer Music Theatre bow after 56 years.

By Trisha (Whitkanack) Shepherd '96

Watching **Dudley Birder** (Music Theatre) conduct a choral ensemble is like watching a kid explore a candy store. Pure delight radiates from the 90-year-old music man's smile and continues through his expressive hands – hands that have drawn beautiful music out from the community since 1958.

Over the years he has served as a St. Norbert College music professor and led performing ensembles that include the Swinging Knights, the Chamber Singers and Summer Music Theatre. His name is synonymous with America Sings!, the All Saints Day Concert and the Holiday Pops Concert.

Birder will step away from his role as artistic director of the campus summer music theatre program at the end of this 56th season, but will continue to direct the eponymous Dudley Birder Chorale at St. Norbert College. He founded the ensemble in 1974. It's hard to imagine a clearer example of someone who has found joy through a passion-fueled career. "I love it," Birder says simply. "I'm just very lucky. I never have not wanted to go to rehearsal."

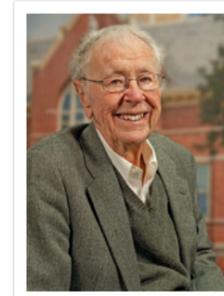
The path to St. Norbert College

Birder grew up in a musical family in St. Paul, Minn., and took piano lessons as a child. After serving in the Navy ("I was a nose-gunner in a two-man bomber," he explains as casually as he describes conducting a choir) he studied at the University of Notre Dame, where his father was teaching. He switched from studying music to sociology briefly, but as a newlywed he decided to follow the advice of his wife, Mary: "You belong in music."

Birder's music career took him to churches in Green Bay, South Bend, Ind., and Nova Scotia. After completing his doctoral studies, he knew what he wanted: to teach music at a small Catholic college in a small town.



For Birder's final St. Norbert College music-theatre season, Andrew Lloyd Weber's all-time hit musical "Cats" returns June 8-22. "The Showcase of Stars," a revue consisting of selections from musicals during past seasons, will play July 19-22. The revue will feature St. Norbert College music theatre alumni from past seasons. It will be directed by two of Dudley Birder's children, James and Alicia Birder, with Dudley himself organizing and arranging the music. Dudley will also serve as narrator.



St. Norbert College had an opening for him in 1958. It turned out to be such a perfect fit that Birder turned down an offer from Notre Dame a few years later, even though the university's campus is located in his wife's hometown. "St. Norbert was just so right for me," says Birder. "I was so well-supported."

It's one thing to love your job, but another to continue it into your 10th decade of life. Although Birder retired from academic teaching in 1993, he has continued leading Summer Music Theatre and the chorale. "I love the

sound, the performance. It's like learning a language," Birder explains. "I grew up with it, I still speak it. A day never goes by that I'm not involved with music."

Sallie Petty, a professionally-trained performer who has been in many of Birder's summer music theatre shows, now teaches at the Birder Studio of Performing Arts. She says Birder's musical gifts are like none she's seen elsewhere. "It was incredible how he got all of these very strong voices – many of whom had trained to be soloists – to somehow all become a unit," says Petty of her experience in a production of "Les Miserables." "That is his gift."

Birder is quick to deflect the spotlight back to the performers. "As long as I'm with them, it makes me very happy," he says. "I'm nothing without them."

Lifelong Impact

President Tom Kunkel has called Birder a legend. "With the possible exception of Abbot Pennings, no single individual has done more to advance the name, identity, reputation and prestige of St. Norbert College than Dudley Birder," Kunkel said at the 90th-birthday press conference earlier this year at which Birder announced his music-theatre retirement.

Longtime performer Parker Drew has his own take: "Of all of my wonderful teachers, Dudley Birder has had the most profound impact on my career. The single greatest lesson has been professionalism on and off the stage. I also consider him to be a great friend, and almost a second father."

From Birder's perspective, it's a great gift knowing he has helped bring music so deeply into people's lives and hearts. "The musical experience – they carry it forever," he says. "It has become a part of their life. You'll never lose it."

So says a man who certainly knows.

The author of this article, **Trisha (Whitkanack) Shepherd '96**, a former Swinging Knight, counts herself among the thousands who've been inspired by Dudley Birder's infectious love for music.



Dudley Birder celebrates his 90th birthday and his contributions to the musical life of Wisconsin. snc.edu/magazine

The Art of Sharing

A foundation working at the forefront of the self-taught art movement shares significant work with major collections across the United States – and, with St. Norbert College.



Kenn Kwint
"Charlie's Eye"
2001
acrylic on paper
49.5" x 39.5"

As preservationists from the Kohler Foundation explored the Maryland studio of ceramic artist Mary Bowron, **Shan Bryan-Hanson** (Art) was with them in spirit. And with them online, too: The Kohler team were, essentially, giving Bryan-Hanson a private studio tour via Facetime.

Bowron, advancing in years, had been concerned for the future of her body of work and anxious to see it placed in permanent collections. She had sought the help of the conservators, who in turn had invited Bryan-Hanson to join them in the artist's studio. The curator of St. Norbert's growing art collection would become a virtual partner in the selection of pieces ultimately destined for the college.

"I was asking questions throughout the process," recalls Bryan-Hanson, "and they

were pulling individual works from shelves so I could get a closer look."

Art collections are built with knowledge, love, care, purpose. And they are built, most particularly, with the help of friends. Few have been more generous to the St. Norbert collection than the Kohler Foundation, which has added the college to its list of beneficiaries. It's a list that includes the Museum of Modern Art, the Smithsonian Institution, the American Folk Art Museum and the Art Institute of Chicago, along with schools like DePaul University and Skidmore College.

The Kohler Foundation has an inspired and unique vision, committed as it is to the preservation of art environments and important collections of work by, primarily, self-taught artists. Equally important to the foundation's mission is the assurance that the works it shares will be cared for in perpetuity and made accessible to the public. Pieces are gifted to places that make sense given the provenance, subject or style of the work; such institutions are as likely to be a small-town public library or a local school as a major art museum.

The foundation's respect for Bryan-Hanson's eye and for the college's ability to provide appropriate care, use and display opportunities for the works in its collection are among the factors that foster its generosity to St. Norbert.

Bryan-Hanson says, "Gifts from Kohler have allowed us to grow the SNC Art



Collection with many new works that provide visual delight, invoke a sense of wonder and are intellectually engaging."

She explains: "When I'm looking through work initially, I'm selecting works that for me are most representative of that artist's larger work. I'm not looking for what I like best."

The college has gratefully accepted works by significant figures in art history like Ray Yoshida, sometimes referred to as the father of the Chicago Imagists, and the Mexican modernist Juan Soriano, a

Kenn Kwint
"Untitled"
undated
oil on canvas
10" x 10"

Ray Yoshida
"Untitled"
undated
oil on canvas
36" x 32"



Gifts from Kohler have allowed us to grow the SNC art collection with many new works that provide visual delight, invoke a sense of wonder and are intellectually engaging.

contemporary of Diego Rivera and friend of the poet Octavio Paz.

Work by Wisconsin artists is particularly appreciated, and recent Kohler gifts have included pieces by such figures as Kenn Kwint and Jean Stamsta.

Stamsta, a sculptor, was a pioneer of the tubular knitting technique often used in her work. Bryan-Hanson is particularly excited to be able to add works representative of such signature techniques.

One of Bryan-Hanson's curatorial goals is to add more works by significant women artists to the collection. She looks, too, for minor works by major artists whose reputation is such that they may not otherwise be represented in a college collection. And she looks for pieces that lend themselves to use as teaching tools – like Kohler-gifted drawings by the social realist artist Joseph Frieber and the whimsical Schomer Lichtner. Pragmatic considerations come into play, as well. For instance, the college has many lofty spaces for larger works such as the monumental Kwint that now hangs near the entrance of the Mulva Library.

The Kohler Foundation views its relationship with St. Norbert as a strategic partnership that helps fulfill its mission



to support the arts and education. Terri Yoho, executive director of the foundation, says: "We very much appreciate that SNC is sensitive to the art and utilizes art to expand their students' horizons, as well as utilizing art as a teaching tool. It is a wonderful collaboration. Shan has a confidence and professionalism in what she does and the decisions she makes. Shan always looks at a possible art acquisition from several angles and thinks about how it will be used – in classes, for exhibition, or simply to enhance the campus. In all cases, she thinks things through to understand the possibilities and the responsibilities, and we believe she has made some very wise decisions." ♣

Jean Stamsta
"Untitled"
undated
fabric tubes
approx.
78" x 3.5"



ABOVE:
Schomer
Lichtner
"Untitled"
c.1980
acrylic on paper
35" x 23"



ABOVE RIGHT:
Schomer
Lichtner
"Untitled"
1980
acrylic on paper
23" x 17.5"

LEFT:
Juan Soriano
"El Becerrito
Bebiendo"
1974
aqua, mixed
media
59" x 57"

Ruth Grotenrath
"Untitled"
Mid-20th
century
collage on paper
12.5" x 17"



A work of generosity

A primary focus of Kohler Foundation Inc. is the monumental work of artists who have, in some cases, transformed their own homes and/or their yards into powerful and unique works of art. Some have built chapels and grottos, while others have created hundreds of life-size or over-life-size sculptures and murals that cover entire buildings. The Kohler Foundation's most recent site-preservation projects include the visionary art environment at Pasaquan in Buena Vista, Ga., and the Garden of Eden sculpture park in Lucas, Kan.

Along with the preservation of art environments *in situ* and the preservation of major bodies of work, the Kohler Foundation has acquired and, through careful restoration, added value to small collections and individual pieces of work by both trained and self-taught artists.

All collections and individual pieces of art receive art conservation treatment and are fully documented before being gifted to a nonprofit, 501(c)3 organization for care into the future.

Cabin Fare

Food, Place, Meaning

By Terese Allen '77

Wisconsin's lush food culture is a well-kept secret to many Americans, but for insiders it's happily evident in traditions like cheese curds, chicken booyah and Friday night fish fry, and at venues like supper clubs, farmers' markets and church picnics. One setting where food and place merge in especially meaningful ways is at the cabin, that near-mythical getaway up North that's a beloved part of our upper Midwestern consciousness.

We may call it the cottage or lake house instead, and we may own, rent or borrow it, but this "second place" is where we all go to relax, to get back to basics and to reconnect with nature, family and friends. What's more, the culinary practices we follow there are at the core of the experience. Called "foodways" in folklore studies, our cabin cooking and dining traditions tell us something about who we are and what we value. Like other activities we do when we're away from it all, they give us a profound sense of well-being, bringing memory and meaning to our lives.

That's certainly the case for my husband, JB, and me, who with several family members co-own a log cabin on Washington Island in Wisconsin's Door County. Perched on a long rise above Lake Michigan and encircled with tall maples, it affords us expansive views of water and sky, frequent sightings of deer, eagles,

cranes, fox and other wildlife (once, even a wolf), and a quiet so deep and wondrous you can hear the universe speak. With distractions like these, there's no time for fussy gourmet recipes and elaborate mealtime presentations. But canned soup and instant cereal just can't do justice to a glittering lake, the hooting of owls and that velvety, lake-cooled breeze.

So when it comes to food, we try to honor our surroundings: we go for casual, easy-to-assemble meals that feature local ingredients. At breakfast we might have farm-fresh eggs and bagels topped with tart cherry jam. For lunch it could be maple syrup-baked beans with a salad of island-grown kale. Before dinner we mix Old Fashioneds and nosh on smoked whitefish spread and crackers. The main course, naturally, is brats – or anything else on the grill. And when the season is right, dessert is strawberry shortcake made with berries purchased at a roadside stand earlier in the day.

Now that's what I call honoring your surroundings.

Enjoying nature and living a simpler lifestyle are two big reasons we're drawn to cabins. Another motivation for hopping in the car and heading north is recreation – a.k.a., the fun stuff: hiking, biking, swimming, ping pong, cribbage. Oddly enough, our favorite activities often require a little (pleasant) work, particularly when they're food-focused.

On Washington Island, for example, we gather coral-colored thimbleberries, which grow there in large wild swaths and are so fragile that by the time you've got a cupful, they've turned to jam. In March, when the snowlines have ebbed, we assemble a rustic sugar camp near the garage and tap the trees to make maple syrup. In summer, of course, we go fishing. In Wisconsin, if you don't go fishing when you're up North, well, you've sort of missed the point.

My own favorite at-the-cabin activity is foraging for morels. Every year in May, JB and I travel to the Gays Mills area in southwestern Wisconsin, where the geography and climate are made to order for mushroom growth. We stay at a small, hand-built cabin that belongs to friends, and is tucked on a ridge top amidst the moist, undulating terrain of the Driftless Region. Armed with cloth sacks and crossed fingers, we hike to sun-warmed south-facing slopes, where, heads bent and socks pulled up over pant bottoms against ticks, we inspect underbrush, brave briar patches and sweat buckets.

If that doesn't sound like recreation to you, you've obviously never found a motherlode. I don't know what is most thrilling: sighting a wily, sponge-colored fungus poking through the leaves and realizing it's the first of a 10-pound cache, sautéing them in a cast-iron skillet to butter-bathed excellence, or downing them on deck chairs with feet up and



cold beer in hand while dusk cascades like port wine across the hills.

We've been going with our friends to their hideaway for 25 years now, which points up yet another reason for the widespread cabin mania in our state – the sense of connection and continuity we enjoy when we return to the same place, year in and year out, to spend time with people who are important to us.

One of my long-term attachments is to an old-fashioned cottage on Silver Lake in Wautoma, where JB and I meet up each summer with another set of old friends. It's a classic Wisconsin second home, with a comfy, open-scheme main story, a two-level deck and a boat dock where you can watch panfish circling in the water below. We spend the first hours catching up on family news ... jobs ... travels ... (politics come later). Then, out come the boat cushions and coolers. Off go the guys to ready the pontoon. Snacks appear. Drinks get assembled: one vodka tonic, one bourbon on the rocks, one glass of white wine, two Manhattans and a microbrew. We circle the lake slowly – twice – while music plays, clouds morph, nostalgia wells.

Dinner is always at The Moose, an iconic Wisconsin supper club that's within strolling distance of the cottage. You know the drill here: drinks, relish tray (with pickled herring and cheese spread, mmm), soup or salad, steaks or seafood, choice of potato ... and no way is there going to be

room for dessert.

On the walk back we carry doggie bags full of leftovers; the next morning, it's my job to fashion them into a feast for brunch.

Nature, simplicity, ritual – this is why we love the cabin, and why we love to be there with others. But not always with others. If there's a single moment I treasure most when I'm up North, it's very early in the morning, when no one else is awake, just after the espresso has steamed its "I'm ready" signal. Standing where land meets water, watching the sky lift, hearing the cranes creak, I take a sip of coffee, as dark as a night storm and hot enough to fog up my glasses. I salute the beauty around me ... and become conscious that it is also within.

And, oh man, does that coffee taste good. ♣



Former chef and Green Bay native **Terese Allen '77** has written scores of articles and books about Wisconsin's food traditions and culinary culture, including the award-winning "The Flavor of Wisconsin" and "The Flavor of Wisconsin for Kids." She pens columns for *Edible Madison* and *Edible Door* magazines, is co-founder of the Culinary History Enthusiasts of Wisconsin (CHEW) and was a longtime leader of REAP Food Group, a cutting-edge food and sustainability organization based in Madison.

Maple Baked Beans

8 or more servings

1 pound dry navy beans
½ pound thick-cut bacon
1 can (8 ounces) tomato sauce
¾ cup pure Wisconsin maple syrup
1 cup finely chopped onion
1 tablespoon mustard
1 tablespoon minced garlic
1 teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon pepper

Sort through beans to remove the duds (i.e., wrinkled, blackened or otherwise compromised ones). Rinse beans, cover by 3 inches with cold water and let soak 8 hours or longer.

Transfer beans and soaking water to a large, heavy pot. Bring the mixture to simmer, skimming the surface often to remove the foam that rises to the top. Cook until beans soften slightly, about ½ hour. Meanwhile, heat oven to 350 degrees. Cook bacon in a skillet until brown and crispy, reserving the fat. Break strips into pieces; stir them into the beans along with some (or all) of the bacon fat and the remaining ingredients. At this point you want the beans to be barely covered with liquid, but if they aren't, bring water to a boil and add what is needed to cover them.

Cover pot tightly and bake until beans are fully tender, 2-4 hours, stirring occasionally and adding more hot water if the beans dry out on top. If there's too much liquid toward the end of the cooking time, remove the lid and continue baking to reduce it.

Recipes for Terese Allen's Doggie Bag Hash and Smoked Whitefish Spread at snc.edu/magazine

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BEHIND

Meaningful connections between college and prison date back to their very beginnings.



BARBS

By Melanie Radzicki
McManus '83

Time is softening the memories **Ed Sturzl '71** has of his years at St. Norbert. But one event he hasn't forgotten is the time he played basketball with some of the inmates incarcerated at the Green Bay Correctional Institution (GBCI), then known as the Wisconsin State Reformatory.

Sturzl remembers his fraternity's basketball team was tapped to play the game. He recalls the shock of having to pass two inspections to get into the facility. Of being surrounded by armed guards. Of watching the rest of the prisoners march in to watch the game. "Now you're in this building, and there are just 12 of you, and you're just hoping things don't get out of hand with the referees or something," he says. The game was very competitive, but there were no scuffles. Afterward, the students were invited to dine with the players, who Sturzl says were friendly, bright and hospitable. "People who are in a maximum security prison are in there for a long, long period of time," he says. "You hope people can recover from that and have a better life."

Prison ministry roots

Ministry to the incarcerated is not an explicit part of St. Norbert College's mission. And yet since its inception, the college has had innumerable interactions with local prisons and their inmates. Just a few months before the college's founding in October 1898, the Wisconsin State Reformatory welcomed its first eight inmates. Once the Norbertines arrived, it only seemed natural that one of them should serve as the new reformatory's chaplain. That chaplaincy tradition continues to this day, with the **Rev. Jim Baraniak, O.Praem., '88** currently in the role.

In the 1960s, and over the next two decades, basketball teams regularly challenged inmates at GBCI. SNC students even joined inmates for classes. **MaryBeth Earle Ascher '71** was one of them. Sometimes inmates were allowed to come to campus for classes, too. "The main thing I remember from the experience is how unremarkable it was," she says. "I can't begin to imagine the behind-the-scenes discussion and coordination it must have

taken to pull off the whole arrangement. Come to think of it, I'm not sure I ever even mentioned it to my parents – not because I was thinking that they would have been aghast (which they surely would have!), but because it seemed so very ordinary."

More recently, SNC students regularly traveled to GBCI to participate in Challenges & Possibilities, a victim impact program for vetted inmates that included a three-day session on restorative justice led in part by former Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice Janine Geske. Several SNC faculty, staff and students presented sessions over the years, including the **Rev. Jim Neilson, O.Praem., '88** (Art). Neilson was originally asked to give one art history lecture. But the experience was so positive for all involved, he soon was giving monthly lectures to 25 or 30 men. The inmates were vibrant and engaged in their exchange of opinions, he says, and they learned to respectfully listen to someone else's opinion and speak in nonthreatening ways: "The men were so grateful to have the opportunity to actively use their minds and imaginations. And there was never once an incident. Sometimes there was excited emotion, but you see that in the classroom as well. Because good art will elicit strong responses."

Neilson hopes the program will be resurrected so he can return to the prison. In the meantime, **Derek Elkins**, SNC's Protestant chaplain, is noodling over a possible educational program for inmates. Elkins and his wife, **Kathleen Gallagher Elkins** (Theology & RS), used to live in New Jersey, where Elkins worked with the New Jersey Scholarship & Transformative Education in Prisons Consortium (NJ-STEP). NJ-STEP assists the state's corrections department and parole board in providing college courses to inmates. Since his arrival at SNC, Elkins has met with officials at GBCI and the Brown County Jail to discuss the possibility of offering college courses to their inmates. Programs such as these take a lot of time and money to get off the ground. But Elkins isn't giving up. In fact, he has opened a small consulting firm to support partnerships between colleges and correctional facilities, of which NJ-STEP is a client.

Restorative justice

Challenges & Possibilities included a three-day session led in part by former Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice Janine Geske. Restorative justice is the concept of bringing together criminals, their victims and community members in order to nudge offenders to accept responsibility for their crimes and make amends. In a twist on the concept, Geske's sessions brought together unconnected offenders, victims and community members including St. Norbert students. The program also included guest lectures for inmates, aimed at giving them useful skills and knowledge to assist them once released.

Elkins' passion for educating inmates stems partly from the fact that studies show those who take even one college course have a huge drop in recidivism. Yes, these programs cost money. "But we're putting money into helping people foster positive personal identities," he says, "as well as giving them the opportunity to make positive investments in the community."

Beyond prison walls

Not all of the college's involvement with the incarcerated involves traveling to GBCI. **Cheryl Carpenter** (Sociology) has been teaching Corrections in American Society for the last several

"Prison ministry is implicit in the mission statement of St. Norbert in as much as we recognize that to visit the prisoner is a corporal act of mercy." – the Rev. Jim Neilson, O.Praem., '88

years. The course looks at corrections systems and strategies in the United States, then analyzes whether they provide just punishments – and if those punishments effectively protect citizens.

Carpenter says students typically don't know that much about U.S. corrections systems before taking her class, and are very interested in becoming informed. The class is especially relevant today, as the country's corrections systems are being scrutinized. "We have a lot of people incarcerated in America compared to other developed countries," she says, "and some people believe it's not reducing our crime. It hasn't really addressed the problems."

Stephanie Birmingham '09 agrees with this assessment. A political science major with a peace and justice minor, she participated in one of Geske's Challenges & Possibilities sessions as a community member there to witness and learn. Birmingham later returned to the prison to lead inmates in a session on relaxation and meditation. Then, after graduation, she worked 18 months with the Norbertine Volunteer Community (NVC). NVC members live and work in a diverse, economically challenged area of Green Bay, where they serve nonprofit agencies and educational programs. One of Birmingham's assignments was to help the Brown County Jail chaplain with programming.

She saw many people with mental health issues,

and the huge need for corresponding services. She noted that substance abuse was the root cause of many people's crimes. And she was particularly pained by the spiralling effect of incarceration – how it adversely affected inmates' families, finances and everyone's future: "People end up in jail for so many different reasons, and in my experience there were very, very few people who needed to have their freedom limited for their own betterment and that of the community. Let's look at how we're holding people responsible [for their crimes], and then what we're doing to ameliorate the ripple effects of incarceration so we're not setting up future generations to go down that same path."

Ellen Mommaerts '11 (M.T.S.), director of the NVC, has been involved with Brown County prison ministry for nearly 20 years. She says, "On a college campus where we talk about service, leadership, compassion and community, it's not surprising that conversations take place [about corrections], which then move to action. More than once I've felt in the middle, where I knew the young person in jail and the people they had offended. As a representative of the Catholic Church, I can't make a judgment that the person not arrested deserves my time and attention more than the person arrested. I'm called as a representative of Christ to reach out to everyone equally. That is really hard to do ... But it has taught me the importance of seeing the person behind the situation."

There are so many connections between SNC, local prisons and the topic of corrections, perhaps prison ministry should be added to the college's mission statement. But Neilson says that's unnecessary. "Prison ministry is implicit in the mission statement of St. Norbert in as much as we recognize that to visit the prisoner is a corporal act of mercy." Elkins agrees, "I think the college will continue to celebrate that work, and ... I'm confident that members of the St. Norbert community will continue to look for opportunities to support the people at the jail and prison in Green Bay." ♣



Alumni

OF ST. NORBERT COLLEGE

Naming Rights

"The public relations committee of St. Norbert College has chosen Knight Life as the name of the new magazine which is received by alumni, parents and friends of the college.

Two alumni, **Reverend Simeon Adriansen, O.Praem., '57** and **Leonard W. Swift '52**

selected the same name and will split the prize, each receiving a \$50 savings bond. While there were many variations using the word Knight in the more than 125 entries, the judges felt that Knight Life best fit the purposes of the publication." – May 1967

\$64,000 Question

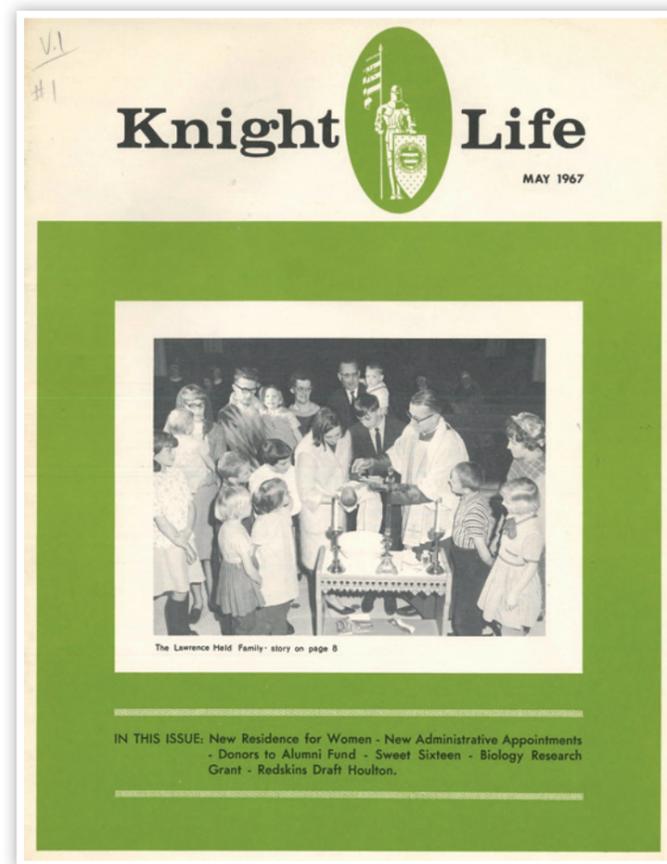
"Acquisition of a new \$64,000 computer by St. Norbert College promises far-reaching changes in curriculum, teaching and research methods." – May 1967

Happy 50th birthday to us!

Half a century on, a lot of things have changed. In the 50 years since St. Norbert launched its first college magazine, the alumni world has gone from black and white to color; hot metal has gone to offset lithography; Knight Life has grown from its original 12 pages to its current standard 36. Your magazine has changed its name once, its format three times, and its design at least seven times.

Its mission, though, remains the same. It has always been this: to connect alumni friends with the college they once called home. The mix of content is essentially unchanged, too. Since the very first issue, there's always been news of faculty research; new developments in technology ("the IBM 1130!"); fundraising, facilities, athletics; a nascent calendar of events; and, of course, a busy section of alumni notes.

Revisiting the May 1967 issue even reintroduces us to old friends in their younger selves: **Dudley Birder** (Music Theatre), for instance, whose 90th birthday is celebrated in this current issue (*page 16*) gets a mention on *page 9* of the May 1967 issue – "cited by the De Pere Chamber of Commerce for his cultural contributions to the community." Fondly remembered campus figures appear in the 50-year old pages, too, among them **Neil Webb**, newly named as the college's first administrative vice president. (He would become president of the college six years later). And, people like **Bill Bohné** (Art) (whose sculpture in wood was shown in the 53rd Wisconsin Painters & Sculptors show, *page 7*); **Mel Nicks** (honored on *page 8* as Man of the Year by the Wisconsin Catholic Interscholastic Athletic Association); and the **Rev. Anselm Keefe, O.Praem., Class of 1916** (whose collection of more than 13,000 plant specimens is the subject of an article on *page 10* – and more recently, was



celebrated in our Summer 2015 issue).

The name change from Knight Life to St. Norbert College Magazine would come in 2002, when the periodical committed to four-times-per-year publication, 32 pages and something close to its current format – with news of the college in front, a slate of features in the middle and alumni news in the back. But issue and volume numbering have continued essentially unbroken to the present day, which is why we can say as we deliver this latest issue, Happy Birthday to us!

Want to revisit 1967? Our early issues are archived at digitalcommons.snc.edu/knightlifearchives.

Knight Life became St. Norbert College Magazine in 2002. Online content was added in 2008. That same year saw the launch of the magazine page on Facebook – making it one of the first half-dozen college magazines in the country to debut on a social media platform.

Births/
Adoptions

1994 Keith Renk and **Francisca Jimenez De Renk**, Milwaukee, a son, Dylan Michael, March 12, 2017. Dylan joins brother, Kelby, 4.

1998 Aaron and **Courtney Kramer**, De Pere, a daughter, Hudsyn, Feb. 21, 2017.

1999 Carrie (Zeman) and **Paul Miller**, De Pere, a son, Miles John, Jan. 3, 2017. Miles joins sisters Mia, 9, Anna, 8, and Molly, 3, and brother Aaron, 5.

2001 Jacque (Long) and **Mike English**, Oconomowoc, Wis., a daughter, Evelyn Virginia, June 24, 2016. Evelyn joins sister Maddie Jo, 2.

2001 Liz (O’Connell) and **Damon Wos ’00**, Burr Ridge, Ill., a son, Graeme, July 2, 2016. Graeme joins brothers Liam, 6, Ewan, 4, and Miles, 2.

2002 Kara (Owens) and **Charlie Leiterman ’98**, De Pere, a daughter, Lauren, Jan. 19, 2017. Lauren joins sister Mary, 1.

2003 Meghan (Umphres) and **Chad Leatherman**, Phoenix, a son, Micah James, July 3, 2016. Micah joins sister Florie, 3.

2003 Tracy (Shaw) and **Drew Tomczyk**, Hartland, Wis., a daughter, Alyse Marie, Dec. 3, 2016. Alyse joins brother, Alex, 3.

2003 John and **Jenna Rousseau**, Green Bay, a son, Garyn Gene, March 8, 2017.

2005 Katie (Figgatt) and **Scott Marx**, Nashville, Tenn., a daughter, Ellette Mae, June 22, 2016.

2005 Emily (Floyd) and **Ed Ronsman ’05**, Ponte Vedra, Fla., a son, James Edward, Oct. 13, 2016. James joins brothers Henry, 6, and Andrew, 3.

2006 Michelle (Murray) and **Nick Heer ’06**, Lombard, Ill., a son, Finnegan, June 29, 2016. Finnegan joins brothers Seamus, 4, and Jameson, 4.

2006 Jackie (Kleist) and **Scott Griffiths**, Barcelona, Spain, a daughter, Caroline Michelle, Jan. 11, 2017.

2006 Maggie (Herriges) and **Andy Lijewski**, Grafton, Wis., a son, Hudson Mark, Feb. 22, 2017.

2007 Katherine (MacNeish) and **Ryan Scheelk**, De Pere, a daughter, Audrey, May 4, 2015.

2007 Molly (Dillon) and **Jesse Czech ’07**, Madison, Wis., a daughter, Mabel Dillon, Aug. 20, 2016.

2007 Sally (Hanten) and **Alex Serie**, Mound, Minn., a son, Maxwell (Max) Alexander, Jan. 20, 2017. Max joins sister Lucy, 1.

2008 Jackie (Karol) and **Jeff Ziebka ’07**, Elmhurst, Ill., a son, Ryan Vincent, Feb. 16, 2017. Ryan joins sister Audrey, 2.

2010 Alicia (Brinkman) and **Doug Obermann ’10**, Waukesha, Wis., a daughter, Penelope Sue, July 26, 2016.

2010 Svenja Rauchstaedt-Schneider and **Cyle Schneider ’10**, Milwaukee, a son, Sinclair, Jan. 31, 2017. Sinclair joins sister, Charlotte, 5.

2012 Michelle (Michels) and **Colin**

Finn ’10, Chicago, a son, Conor Patrick, Feb. 3, 2017.

Marriages

1998 Aaron and **Courtney Kramer**, May 21, 2016. They live in De Pere.

2005 Angela (Gearin) and **Nick Schroeder**, Dec. 31, 2016. They live in Waupaca, Wis.

2007 Megan (Pagel) and **Adam Kaye**, April 23, 2016. They live in De Pere.

2009 Dan Schaefer and **Jim Barnes**, Oct. 29, 2016. They live in Chicago.

2009 Mallory (Ford) and **Christopher Babel**, Dec. 31, 2016. They live in Chicago.

2009 Michelle Pomerleau and **Larry Taing**, March 11, 2017. They live in Chicago.

2011 Amy (Hrdlicka) and **Eric Gale ’12**, June 13, 2015. They live in Prosser, Wash.

2014 Morgan (Heim) and **Michael Linssen**, Feb. 25, 2017. They live in Green Bay.

2015 Natasha (Behnke) and **Andrew Verhulst**, Oct. 1, 2016. They live in Kiel, Wis.

Deaths

1941 Agnes Toonen, of Green Bay, died Feb. 8, 2017, at the age of 100. She attended Stevens Point Teachers College and taught at Annie Jackson and Whitney grade schools. She went on to graduate from St. Norbert College and was the college’s oldest living alum.

During the summer months, she taught arts and crafts in city parks programs. Toonen loved music, especially Irish

music, and at one time taught piano lessons; most importantly, she loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She is survived by her son, Anthony.

1949 Edmund Arndorfer, of Manitowoc, Wis., died Dec. 13, 2016, at the age of 91. He had a 36-year career as a reporter at the Manitowoc Herald Times Reporter, and was also a regular contributor of feature articles to the Milwaukee Journal and weekly local sports news to the Sheboygan Press. He is survived by five children.

1949 George Sarkis, of Green Bay, died March 7, 2017, at the age of 89. He worked as a grocer, and then as an appraiser, purchasing right-of-way for the city. He is survived by his wife, Rosemary, and five children.

1950 Ronald McDonald, of Green Bay, March 8, 2016, died at the age of 89. He served in World War II in the United States Army. Working as a professional engineer, he retired as president of McDonald Lumber & Warehousing, and owner of R.C. Real Estate and McDonald Jewelers. He is survived by three children.

1950 Charles Foran, of Shorewood, Wis., died Oct. 25, 2016, at the age of 92. He served as a United States Marine in World War II. He worked as a private-practice attorney for more than 50 years. He is survived by eight children.

1950 William McKeough, of Wildwood, Mo., died Jan. 18, 2017, at the age of 92. A World War II veteran of the United States military, he was an NSA intelligence

analyst, McDonnell Douglas executive and lifelong social-justice advocate. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, and four children.

1950 Rudolph Reinhard, of Green Bay, died Jan. 24, 2017, at the age of 92. He served in the United States Army Corps of Engineers in France and Germany during World War II. He worked for the City of Green Bay for 35 years, retiring in 1987 as the city’s finance director. He served some terms as president of Financial Officers of Wisconsin and was treasurer of the City of Green Bay Credit Union. He is survived by three children.

1951 Lawrence Salutz, of Manitowoc, Wis., died March 6, 2016, at the age of 89. He enlisted in the United States Navy and served on the Pacific front of World War II before returning home to attend law school. He was a founding partner of Salutz & Salutz LLP, and served as Manitowoc County’s first juvenile court commissioner. He is survived by his wife, Carol, and five children.

1951 John Deprey, of Bellevue, Wis., died Jan. 30, 2017, at the age of 88. He served with distinction in the Korean War as a first lieutenant in the infantry for the United States military. He is survived by his wife, Nancy, and five children.

1952 Richard Calliari, of Allouez, Wis., died March 2, 2017, at the age of 90. He served in the United States Navy during World War II as a hospital corpsman. He was employed for 39 years as a pharmaceutical salesman and worked as a district manager for Parke Davis, Warner Lambert and as a

regional salesman for Central Pharmaceutical, retiring in 1989. He is survived by three sons.

1954 John D. (Tim) Elmer of Iron Mountain, Mich., died Nov. 16, 2016, at the age of 84. He served as a field medical assistant in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict, and was deployed during the Detroit riots while serving as an officer in the Michigan National Guard. Upon retirement from his position as the athletics director of Kingsford High School, he served two terms as mayor of Iron Mountain. He is survived by his wife, Betty, and four children.

1954 Lyle “Mick” McGinnis, of Chicago, died April 19, 2017, at the age of 86. He chaired geology departments at Northern Illinois and Louisiana State Universities, before moving on to the Illinois State Geological Survey and the Argonne National Laboratory as a senior scientist researching environmental geology and geophysics issues.

Much of McGinnis’ research focused on geophysical projects in the Antarctic. He received the National Science Foundation Antarctic Service Award in 1960 and as a result of his impact on early Antarctic research, a mountain peak located within the Transantarctic Mountain range was named McGinnis Peak. During his career, he overwintered in Antarctica as a seismologist with the United States Victoria Land Traverse Party. He also spent 14 polar summers in Antarctica. In 2007, St. Norbert College recognized McGinnis’ achievements with its Outstanding Educator award.

He is survived by his wife, Mary, and five children.

1958 John Swan, of Racine, Wis., died March 21, 2016, at the age of 79. He served in the military intelligence branch of the United States Army for two years, then worked as a social worker, case manager and counselor in southeastern Wisconsin for the remainder of his career. He is survived by his wife, Mona, and three children.

1958 Donald Kullmann, of Sheboygan, Wis., died Jan. 9, 2017, at the age of 81. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War, as well as in the Reserves. He went on to work as a salesman and manager in the transportation field. He is survived by his wife, Mary, and four children.

1959 Patrick Pflieger, of Sturgeon Bay, Wis., died Feb. 27, 2017, at the age of 84. After serving in the United States Navy for four years, he helped develop special education programming and was director of special education for Door County schools for 17 years, retiring in 1991. He is survived by four children.

1960 David Huettner, of Appleton, Wis., died March 31, 2016, at the age of 78. He began his career at IBM, and later served as a member of the faculty at the Institute of Paper Chemistry, with Akrosil of Menasha, and as a consultant in silicone chemistry. He is survived by his wife, Charlotte, and four children.

1960 Mary Downs, of Appleton, Wis., died Dec. 8, 2016, at the age of 93. She saw her poems published in numerous

poetry collections. Her own best-known compendium is titled “A Hundred Miles to Go.” She is survived by two daughters.

1960 Donald Dougherty, of Paoli, Pa., died Feb. 22, 2017, at the age of 80. After serving in the United States Navy, he enrolled in the seminary and spent his career teaching with the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, where he taught in several schools. He is survived by four children.

1962 Thomas Pigeon, of Green Bay, died March 10, 2017, at the age of 76. He earned his master’s degree at Northern Michigan University and taught at Abbot Pennings High School in De Pere for 28 years, ending his 40-year career at De Pere High School. He is survived by his wife, Bonnie, and two children.

1964 Tod Daniel, of Janesville, Wis., died Jan. 21, 2017, at the age of 74. He served in the United States Army and his tour of duty included time in Vietnam. He practiced law in Janesville as a trial attorney. He is survived by four children.

1966 Hugh Mobasseri, of Tucson, Ariz., died Jan. 13, 2017, at the age of 79. After emigrating from Iran to the United States, he earned his degree and went on to serve in the business field, acting as international management consultant at his own business. He is survived by his wife, Judith.

1967 Mark Hinesh, of Kewaunee, Wis., died Jan. 23, 2017, at the age of 71. His service in the United States Army included three years in Vietnam and Cambodia as a captain in the Green Berets. He later

Ellen King ’95



Kneads no introduction

Hewn, the Evanston, Ill., bakery owned by Ellen King, produces artisanal, naturally leavened breads and pastries. King’s book, “Hewn Heritage Baking” is due out next year.

Bread of heaven Bread is life. Bread is a part of every possible religion, every culture. I studied in Norway my junior year, and that’s where I was first exposed to truly hearty rustic bread.

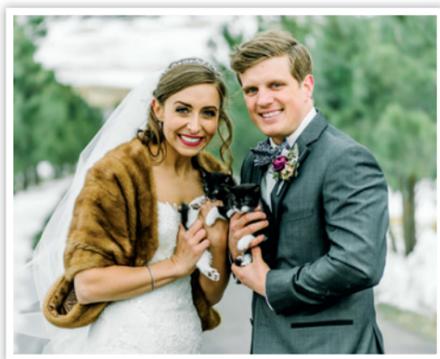
Whole wheat I work with a lot of farmers who are growing heritage varieties of wheat for us. It’s a question of rolling back to how we were growing wheat pre-World War II – sustainably and organically, for flavor rather than high yield.

The sun also rises I wake up around 5. I do my paper work – the unglamorous stuff that keeps the business going. Around 9, I take my son to school and at 9:15 I’m at the bakery. I get excited every day to see how the bread is going to bake. It’s funny because the one thing I forget to do is eat!

Flour power Shaping bread and rolling croissants is a really good way to stay connected with the team. If you come in and visit us, more often than not I will, embarrassingly, have my hands covered in dough and flour on my shirt or on my face.

Slice of life We’re season ticket holders for the Cubs, and I play on a women’s soccer team. I read a lot. I love taking my son out to the forest preserves for little adventures. You really have to search for nature if you live in the city!

Photo courtesy Autumn Cutaita Photography



Fur Better or Worse

Jeeves and Houdini were special guests at the wedding of **Dr. Nick Anderson ’11** and his wife, Dr. Michele Bangsball, on March 25, 2017, at Spruce Mountain Ranch in Larkspur, Colo. The couple, who are both veterinarians and both cat lovers, incorporated their love for felines into their special day by including these cute kittens – rescue cats from the place they volunteer, Divine Feline in Denver – in their wedding photos.

“We are just very passionate about adopting pets, shelter and rescue programs, spaying and neutering, and trying to help minimize pet overpopulation as much as possible in any and all humane ways,” says Anderson. “We thought of the idea to help promote our volunteer organization by featuring some adorable adoptable kittens in our wedding photos,” the bride told The Huffington Post. “Nick and I have always adored cats, which is why we decided to volunteer with the Divine Feline and have them be a part of our special day.”

The bride and groom kept the kittens a surprise until they brought them out during the photoshoot. The chilly air became far less noticeable to the bridal party once the felines appeared. “I think everyone’s voice jumped up an octave when they saw the cuteness overload, and no one cared about being cold anymore,” Michele told HuffPost. And if you’re wondering about the fur bolero worn by the bride? It was “something borrowed” for the warmth. And, in keeping with the couple’s love of animals, of course it’s faux fur.

earned a degree in police science and served under six Kewaunee County sheriffs, as well as devoting many years as a Social Security representative and to the Army Civil Service and Reserves. He is survived by his sister, Marie.

1967 Ralph Baeten, of Green Bay, died Feb. 22, 2017, at the age of 74. He worked at Wisconsin Public Service. He is survived by his wife, **Virginia Baeten '67**, and two children.

1967 Sister Virginia Frances Jakusz, of Stevens Point, Wis., died March 14, 2017, at the age of 82. For 35 years she was a teacher in Catholic schools in Wisconsin and Minnesota, and was a sister of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis for 65 years. She is survived by her two brothers, and by sisters of St. Joseph.

1971 Sister Jacqueline Capelle, O.S.F., of Peshtigo, Wis., died Feb. 5, 2017, at the age of 73. She served in a variety of educator roles in Wisconsin and Texas and celebrated her Golden Jubilee in 2011. She is survived by her sister, Nancy.

1971 Mary Carpenter, of Mayville, Wis., died March 7, 2017, at the age of 67. She taught grade school in the New Berlin (Wis.) school system and at the Catholic grade schools

in Lomira, Wis., and Theresa, Wis. She is survived by her husband, **Ronald Carpenter '72**, and two daughters.

1972 Marilyn Hickey, of Chicago, died Feb. 18, 2017, at the age of 66. She was a teacher at St. Denis School. She is survived by her husband, James, and three children.

1973 Dr. Allan Paul, of Champaign, Ill., died Feb. 12, 2017, at the age of 65. A professor at the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine, he served as associate dean for public engagement, professor of pathobiology, section head for parasitology in the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, companion animal extension veterinarian and executive secretary of the college's alumni association. Over his 35-year career, he earned numerous teaching awards, including the University of Illinois Excellence in Graduate & Professional Teaching Award.

In 2000, Paul received the college's All-Around Excellence Award. He is survived by his significant other, Jeanne Schacht, and a daughter.

1975 Anita Tully, of Waukesha, Wis., died March 10, 2017, at the age of 63. She was a long-time teacher's aide at Summit View Elementary School in Waukesha, Wis. She

is survived by her son, Patrick.

1981 Susan (Harvey) Curtis, of Allouez, Wis., died Jan. 3, 2017, at the age of 75. She was a member of the Green Bay Service League, and volunteered for the United Way and Red Cross. She is survived by two children.

1985 Mary Gach, of Saranac Lake, N.Y., died Feb. 13, 2017, at the age of 56. She spent 18 years in Encinitas, Calif., where she volunteered as the president of the local youth basketball league and as a member of the elementary school site council. Most recently she served as the general manager of the Ampersand Bay Resort & Boat Club. She is survived by her husband, Taras, and three sons.

1994 Jessica Marchi, of Bellevue, Wis., died April 11, 2016, at the age of 45. She was employed by the Green Bay Crisis Center while finishing her master's degree in social work. She then joined the Green Bay Public School System, where she worked with Green Bay East High School's Forward Bound program and then became the high school's social worker. She is survived by her husband, Mark, and three children.

1998 Amelia Cornelius, of De Pere, died March 12,

2016, at the age of 78. She served 16 years as the Oneida tribal secretary, six years as Oneida gaming assistant manager, 13 years on the Oneida Gaming Commission and seven years as the director of the Oneida Bilingual/Bicultural Program. She also was project manager for the building of the Anna John Nursing Home and assisted in the development of a grant for the Oneida Museum. She is survived by six children.

2007 Shelly (Rasmussen) Telesco, of Northborough, Mass., died March 7, 2017, at the age of 32. She was a kindergarten prep teacher at Bright Horizons in Sudbury, Mass. She is survived by her husband, Timothy, her parents and a sister.

1968 Kay (Gagliani) and James Cybulski '66 celebrated 50 years of marriage on Feb. 4, 2017. They live in Springfield, Mo.

1969 A new book by **Tony Walter**, "Baptism by Football: The Year Green Bay and the Packers Forged Their Futures," has been published by M&B. M&B is the imprint of M&B Global Solutions, the publishing company owned by **Mike Dauplaise '84** and his wife, Bonnie.

1975 Tony Lombardo recently concluded his 24th season of officiating Division I college football with an assignment to the Dollar General Bowl in Mobile, Ala. It was his 11th post-season assignment.

1977 Jerry Toubl has been inducted into the 2017 class of the Beloit (Wis.) Historical Society's Sports Hall of Fame. He was a standout at Beloit Catholic High School and played shortstop on Beloit's 1973 state champion American Legion baseball team. He went on to play every inning in his four-year career at St. Norbert College before embarking on a Hall of Fame baseball coaching career at Wauwatosa (Wis.) East High School.

1979 Larry Haas has been named the associate director for education and health-care policy of the Wisconsin Catholic Conference.

1983 Melanie Radzicki McManus has published "Thousand-Miler: Adventures Hiking the Ice Age Trail," a book that features her harrowing and humorous 36-day experience of hiking 1,100 miles around Wisconsin – an experience that landed her in the elite group of Ice Age Trail thru-hikers known as Thousand-Milers. Woven throughout her account are details of the history

of the still-developing Ice Age Trail – one of just 11 National Scenic Trails – and helpful insights and strategies for undertaking a successful thru-hike.

1988 Jill Beardsley Gonzalez has been named associate director of BookSpring in Austin, Texas.

1989 Karen (Konop) King has been promoted to clinical supervisor at the Wisconsin Early Autism Project where she oversees programming for clients and families with autism, supervises behavioral treatment therapists and facilitates infant-parent developmental treatment. King earned a certification from the University of North Dakota in autism spectrum disorders.

1996 Amy (Guertin) Reichert's third novel, "The Simplicity of Cider," set in Door County, Wis., was published in May 2017 by Gallery/Simon & Schuster.

1996 Rob Richter has qualified as a Wisconsin Master Cheesemaker. Richter is the plant manager at Great Lakes Cheese.

1997 Brendon Duffy has accepted a position as archivist at St. Cloud (Minn.) Hospital.

1998 Erica Neher, has been named senior vice president of partner success at Kno2.



Photo courtesy Jason Fassl

"Learning to Stay," the stage adaptation of Celello's novel about military families, was given its world premiere by Forward Theater.

Authoring lives lost and found

When Erin Celello '99 was married a year, barely out of the honeymoon phase, her husband lay close to death. Suffering from H1N1, he spent six weeks in intensive care. The doctors weren't sure whether he had suffered any brain damage, and told Celello that if he survived, he would probably never work full-time again. Thankfully, her husband made a full recovery. But the experience had a profound impact on Celello, personally and professionally.

"I spent a lot of time thinking: 'Wow. We had a little over a year together. This isn't how it was supposed to go. It was not supposed to turn out this way, but it did.'" That theme – how you go about living a life you weren't prepared to live – is a universal one, she says, whether it's because you have a child with disabilities, a spouse who develops Alzheimer's disease, or a family member in the military who is diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). The latter scenario would become the theme of Celello's second novel, "Learning to Stay" (2013), which was recently adapted as a play.

Cecllo has gained recognition as a talented writer, with two novels published by the New American Library, an imprint of powerhouse publisher Penguin Random House. But just as significantly, Celello is also gaining recognition as a force concerning veterans' issues.

Cecllo has always had an affinity for the military. Several family members have served, and as a younger person she longed to be a pilot in the Air Force or Navy. But her short stature and other issues precluded that, so she landed at St. Norbert

with no idea what she wanted to be when she grew up. After dabbling in diverse majors, she settled on English around the time she audited a poetry class and subsequently won a campus-wide writing competition. Yet she never lost her deep admiration and respect for those who voluntarily enlist to protect the rest of us.

Fast-forward a decade. Celello is now an assistant professor of English at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, a position she secured after working with Gov. Jim Doyle, where part of her job entailed accompanying him to military funerals. She is also spending an enormous amount of time researching various military topics for "Learning to Stay." Awed by the enormous sacrifices veterans make on our behalf, troubled by the problems many have reintegrating into our communities and angered when some publishers tell her the public is tired of hearing about the war, she decides to help out.

Cecllo becomes a mentor with the Veterans' Writing Project, which pairs published writers with vets who need assistance penning their stories. And she proposes a new course to the UW-Whitewater administration: a veterans-only composition class.

Cecllo's course is approved, and is so successful the university now offers a veterans-only math course as well. In addition, other campuses in the University of Wisconsin system are considering expanding upon the idea. Celello is thrilled.

Forward again to today. "Learning to Stay" continues to stir conversation. Right now, Celello is content just to write, and to teach others the craft. And, of course, to help veterans.

PEN AND SWORD



Why vets-only? **Erin Celello** says military veterans typically have an easier time adjusting or readjusting to higher education when they're surrounded by their peers – those who understand their common experience. And if vets' transition to school is eased, they're more likely to graduate.

Cecllo's veterans-only composition class is particularly helpful because successful communication in civilian life is diametrically opposed to good communication as defined by the military. "The military uses short, concise, declarative orders," she says. "But [in college] they're asked to probe deeper, to weigh the pros and cons, to think analytically and critically about things. It's the opposite of what veterans think good communication looks like. But good written communication is everything in college. They need to have those skills."



Photo courtesy Green Bay Press-Gazette

Downtown décor

A downtown doesn't always allow for a growth market, but **Tiona (Terry) Petrouske '04** was able to convince State Farm that Green Bay's re-blossoming downtown was an exception. And, with the insurance company's buy-in secured, she turned to local artists to decorate her new insurance office (left) in downtown Green Bay.

When Petrouske returned to northeast Wisconsin from Chicago, she was surprised and delighted to see the growth in downtown Green Bay. Her office, which opened earlier this year, is located in Main Street Commons, in the city's Olde Main district. "It's a different city than it was [a decade ago]," Petrouske told the Green Bay Press-Gazette. "I'm glad to be here. It's up to us to spread the word of what we're doing."

2000 Casey Barrio Minton, associate professor of counselor education at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, is the 2017 recipient of the American Counseling Association Arthur A. Hitchcock Distinguished Professional Service Award.

Minton says: "I serve the organizations I serve because I believe our collective work facilitates a context in which professional counselors can develop their skills and serve their communities. On one hand, the recognition feels deeply meaningful and affirming because it reflects back an important part of my identity. On the other, it feels somewhat incongruent; I serve because I believe we have a collective responsibility to our profession and our community, not for individual recognition or reward."

2001 Angela (Gord) Backus has been promoted to director

of enrollment and student affairs for the Medical College of Wisconsin Graduate School. She will help to lead student affairs initiatives, admissions and academic enrichment for graduate students. She will also serve as the resource for international students as the primary designated school official and serve as advisor to the Graduate Student Association.

2002 Carla (Guetschow) Lee has earned her MBA from Concordia University. Her area of study was marketing.

2007 Kelly Wildenberg has accepted a position as a business systems analyst with The Boldt Company in Appleton, Wis. Kelly was also elected treasurer of the Fox Valley Warming Shelter, in October 2016.

2009 Frater Patrick LaPacz, O.Praem., contributed an article to the December 2016 issue of Communicator,

a journal of the Norbertine order, on "St. Norbert Abbey and Abbot Sylvester Killeen: Liturgical Changes from Vatican II."

2009 The Rev. Matthew Dougherty, O.Praem., has been accepted to the doctoral program of the department of ecology and evolutionary biology at Yale University.

2011 Michael Poradek was profiled by The Compass newspaper as one of the youngest emcees to a United States bishop. Since the profile appeared, Poradek has been elected to the National Board of Directors of the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions as the representative from Region VII (Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana).

For Masses at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral in Green Bay, Poradek works with pontifical servers, a group of servers – usually students in middle and high school – who are nominated by parishes from around the diocese and specifically trained to serve the bishop's Masses. Working with these young people takes Poradek back to his own roots, where he was once a pontifical server at St. Anthony Parish in Oconto Falls, Wis., his hometown parish.

"I have what I consider the best view of the whole place," Poradek told The Compass. "To be right there present for the ordinations, or when the bishop's baptizing infants or consecrating altars, and when he's with students or new deacons. All these different groups, and I get to be there and experience that. It's humbling. You see the church with a new perspective. It's exciting and very rewarding."

2011 Anna Czarnik-Neimeyer served as a visiting international faculty member in residence at Lincoln Community School (Accra, Ghana) in March and as scholar in residence at the bell hooks Institute (Berea, Ky.) in April. She was recently appointed as an editor at Religious Response, and launched her consultancy, Bridge-builder Consulting.

2013 Jacob Day has been awarded a National Institutes of Health predoctoral fellowship to continue studying the poorly understood relationship between sulfur dioxide and heart disease. Day is at Washington State University.

2013 Kasey Corrado social media director at Lawrence University, has been named one of four national SimpsonScarborough Scholars by the Council for Advancement & Support of Education (CASE). The program supports the professional development of promising communications and marketing practitioners in the field of educational advancement.

2014 Chris Refsgaard, this past fall a staff member with the Gap Experience at St. Norbert College, has recently been hired as the associate director at Camp Tekawitha.

2014 (MTS) Joseph Sandoval professed his final promises as an oblate of Santa Maria de la Vid Abbey on the Feast of St. Augustine, Aug. 28, 2016. He teaches finance and computer science at Central New Mexico Community College.

2014 Danielle Schurhammer has been promoted to the position of account

executive at Quest CE, provider of compliance training and tracking technology solutions. She is responsible for on-boarding clients and ensuring a smooth transition from the initial sales process.

2015 Natasha (Behnke) Verhulst is in her second year as band and choir teacher, and first year as the music department chair, at Menasha (Wis.) High School. The MHS music department received the GRAMMY Signature Schools Award from the GRAMMY Foundation. Menasha is one of only 421 schools that have been recognized by the GRAMMY Foundation for this award since its founding in 1988.

2016 Emily Laufer has joined RJ Schinner in Menomonee Falls, Wis. She is working as a marketing assistant.

■ The Spring/Summer 2017 issue of Abbey Magazine focused on the topic of friendship and included a feature by the **Rev. Stephen Rossey, O.Praem., '56** on his travels and friendships with confreres the **Rev. Xavier Colavechio, O.Praem., '52**, the **Rev. Brian Prunty, O.Praem., '61** and the **Rev. Sal Cuccia, O.Praem., '63**.

In other articles in Abbey magazine: the **Rev. Steven Vanden Boogard, O.Praem., '81**, the **Rev. Andrew Cribben, O.Praem., '91**, **Brother Jacob Sircy, O.Praem., '09** and the **Rev. Dane Radecki, O.Praem., '72** discussed how their brothers in Christ help them juggle the many roles they play; **Deacon Michael Brennan, O.Praem., '99**, **Frater Patrick LaPacz, O.Praem., '09** and **Frater Jordon Neeck, O.Praem., '11** were interviewed on their shared

experience within the Norbertine community and particularly at the Holy Spirit House of Studies in Chicago; and **Stephanie Birmingham '09** co-authored an article with Kyle Cothorn on finding friends in the Norbertine Volunteer Community.

■ Those graduating this spring from St. Norbert's master's programs include SNC dual-degree alums **Gregory Rotherham '78 (BA) '17 (MTS)**, **Eric Wagner '06 (BBA) '17 (MBA)**, **Francis Beaumier '09 (BS) '17 (MLS)**, **Anna Czarnik-Neimeyer '11 (BA) '17 (MLS)** and **David Mason '11 (BA) '17 (MBA)**.

■ New hires at St. Norbert College include **Carol Wilda '84**, director of music for the parish, and **Eileen (Kelly) Riordan Klug '06**, library services associate.

■ The 2017 class of Golden Apple Award honorees included **Sarah (Rude) Yonts '03** and **Danielle (Van Schyndel) Schuh '08**. The awards are presented in April by the Greater Green Bay Chamber's Partners in Education program.

■ **Josh Oliver '04**, **Rachel (Gonnering) Sonnentag '06** and **Kaela Gedda '12** were included in the 2017 class of Future 15 honorees. The awards are presented by Current Young Professionals Network, a program of the Greater Green Bay Chamber.

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Alumni 50 Years Ago

Alumni Notes has run consistently since the first issue of this magazine. In May 1967, we included word on alums stationed in Vietnam (**Col. Kenneth Simmett '41**, **Capt. Norman Jarock '58**, **Lt. Robert O'Brien '64**, **1st Lt. Robert Roix '64**, **1st Lt. William O'Connor '65**, **Lt. Alan Skaleck '66**, **Jack Francis '67**) and with the then six-year-old Peace Corps (**James '63** and **Lynne Luicia '61 Poprocki** in Micronesia and **Roger Burbach '65** in Peru.) The issue noted changes of address from alums with years of graduation dating back as far as the early years of the 20th century (**William Sanders '14**); and news of some other old friends: the **Rev. Rowland De Peaux, O.Praem., '48**, recovering after a car accident, and college trustee **George Hartman '64**, sharing his Connecticut and Wisconsin addresses.



A golden opportunity

It was May 1967 and Aretha Franklin had just released "Respect." The Summer of Love was about to unfold, and California had a new governor (a movie star, name of Ronald Reagan.) And, on the campus of a small liberal arts college in De Pere, Wisconsin, construction had just begun on Dorm IV, a residence hall for women.

On that same campus, in a corner of ... Main Hall? ... my predecessor was pasting up the first issue of a new magazine, Knight Life. I hope he was having fun. I bet he was! Making magazines reminds me of the theatre business, as characterized in the movie "Shakespeare in Love": "The natural condition is one of insurmountable obstacles on the road to imminent disaster. ... Strangely enough, it all turns out well." "How?" "I don't know. It's a mystery."

Dorm IV would in due course be completed and occupied. Indeed, it has since been repurposed as college library and, now, it functions as our student services center. This magazine, too, has seen its changes of fortune. Although to half the college community it will always be Knight Life, it has borne its "new" name for 15 years now. It's been a long time since our office resided in Main Hall. We're still having fun – and, we hope you are too.

Susan Allen

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Quest for the best

When the campus devoted itself to the hunt for a better burger, GreenKnightTV was there to document the chase. The student-run TV channel's segment features Guy Fieri's nephew, one Hamilton Burger. ("You can call me Hamburger for short.") It's worth watching as the Food Network knock-off interviews **Chef Dan Froehlich** (Dining Services), along with the gourmand creators of the Dragon's Breath, Lodi-Dodi Smoke, Dark Side of the Moon and Good Dog Poutine burgers. ("You heard it here on GreenKnightTV.")

Froehlich explains the Blended Burger Project contest: "We're blending mushrooms with ground beef to make a more sustainable, healthier burger. We have four chefs and four of our catering managers that have teamed up together and are making four gourmet burgers." Watch at snc.edu/magazine.

Pooch patrol

Some 30 dogs with 100 attendant humans took part in Pre-Vet Club's first-ever Dog Jog 5K on April 1 – no fooling! The canine cavalcade (among them campus labrador **Abbey**) started at Voyageur Park and headed down the Fox River Trail. Proceeds from the furry fundraiser benefitted the Oshkosh Area Humane Society.



Calendar



Save the week! If you have only one opportunity this year to visit campus, consider making it the second week in October. As we celebrate our founder's birthday we also inaugurate a new presidency – and there's Homecoming!

For details of these events and more, visit snc.edu/calendar.

July

- 10-14 GLAD Camp II
- 11-Aug. 8 Knights on the Fox
- 17-21 BOLD Camp I
- 19-22 Summer Music Theatre presents "The Showcase of Stars"
- 24-28 BOLD Camp II

August

- 6 AbbeyFest at St. Norbert Abbey
- 10-13 Next Stage presents "School of Rock"
- 27 Convocation

September

- 6 St. Norbert Knight Out
- 15-17 Family Weekend
- 16 SNC Day

October

- 1 Regatta
- 9-13 Heritage Week
- 11 Presidential Inauguration
- 13 Alumni Awards Dinner
- 14 Homecoming
- 14 Heritage Ball



Here's your 31st reason to love Green Knight Hockey. Goaltender **T.J. Black '19** has been honored as an All-American by the Division II-III CCM American Hockey Coaches Association. He joins St. Norbert's roster of hockey first-team AHCA All-America selections, bringing the total to 31. The team boasts at least one first-team All-America honoree for each of the last 20 consecutive years, extending its Division III record.



In living color

A St. Norbert Abbey-original coloring book of the abbey church's renowned stained glass will be available along with tours when the Norbertine community hosts its second annual AbbeyFest Aug. 6. Mass, music, cookout, tours (registration required) and children's activities will give visitors a lively, fun-filled way to experience this sacred place.

Sweet Sixteen

"Sixteen is the magic number for Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Held of Manitowoc. In February they welcomed Kathryn Ann, their 16th child, to the family. Ten sisters and five brothers attended the baptism ceremonies which were held at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Manitowoc. With the new baby came the carrying out of a family tradition. She was baptized in her father's baptismal gown which is now 45 years old. ... sponsors for the baby were a sister, Patricia, 17, and a brother, James, 15. ...

"Mealtimes for the Helds is like a family banquet with two large tables set up in the kitchen and the usual hustle and bustle that goes with a meal, only a little bit more. 'Upon arriving home from school the girls peel potatoes, set the table and help prepare dinner,' Mrs. Held said. 'The children all chip in with the work so things usually go smoothly,' she added." – Knight Life, May 1967





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