The Albertus Magnus Mission and Strategic Plan are the drivers for everything the College does. By tying the mission statement to the strategic planning process, every element of the plan—every initiative, every implementation—furthers the institution’s goals. In this way, individual departments, as well as members of the strategic planning teams, forge a comprehensive approach to the future.

One such department is Athletics. Keying off the College’s Strategic Plan, the department team, led by Athletic Director Jennifer Pacelli ’01, MSM and MBA ’06, has looked at how it can add value to the institution and fulfill its vision. The results are a framework for the future of athletics at Albertus.

Inspiration for the vision comes from 2 Timothy 4:7—“I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me…”

Vision:
The Albertus Magnus College Athletic Department strives to cultivate an atmosphere in which student-athletes develop the skills necessary to live a fulfilling life through the lessons learned during competition.

Mission:
• To serve the student-athlete in providing an environment in which the development of leadership, communication and organizational skills are fostered in preparation for the 21st century workplace
• To promote a sense of ethical conduct and fair play through sportsmanship during and after competition
• To ensure that coaches understand their role as educators and to that end will motivate and encourage student-athletes to excel in their sport and beyond
• To comply with all NCAA, Great Northeast Athletic Conference and institutional regulations to ensure compliance with all regulatory bodies

The athletic administration’s goal is to encourage student-athletes to attack every aspect of their lives with the same passion they bring to their particular sport, to compete well and to realize a fulfilling life by searching and finding veritas.
Albertus students attended the Careers 2007 Career Conference at the Penn Plaza Conference Center in New York City. Employers were on hand to discuss career opportunities in financial services, insurance, education, high-tech manufacturing and government. Among those attending were, left to right, Vanessa Glynn, Dr. Norman Davis, associate professor of management, LaTrease Brown, Patricia Sheffield, Suzanne Yurko Wall, director of career services, Youssouf Cisse and Sidney Young.

The Dominican Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs, who extended their mission to Chimbote, Peru, in 1966, recently sponsored the visit of two teachers from the village to observe English and Spanish classes at Albertus and other educational institutions. While in New Haven, Violeta Calderon, left, and Iliana Arnaiz, who teach English as a Second Language at Mundo Mejor High School in Chimbote, met with President Julia M. McNamara; they also observed ESL classes at the Springs Literacy Center, sponsored by the Dominican Sisters in New Haven, and visited the East Haven Literacy Center.

The College’s Accelerated Degree Program in January sponsored a reception at the Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce’s Business Expo for graduates of the Chamber’s Leadership Center. Shown at the reception are, left to right, David R. Fusco, keynote speaker and president of Anthem Blue Cross & Blue Shield Connecticut; Albertus President Julia M. McNamara; Tony Rescigno, president of the Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce; Patti Scussel ’89, Leadership Center executive director; and Dr. John Donohue, vice president for academic affairs at Albertus.

The College held a reception April 9 to celebrate the acceptance of members of the Class of 2011, who must now make their decision regarding attendance. More than 150 high school seniors and family members attended the event at Rosary Hall. Dr. John Donohue, vice president for academic affairs; Meredith Berry, Student Government Association president and a member of the junior class; and Richard Lolatte, dean for admission and financial aid, spoke. Several groups, like the one shown, took tours of the campus; faculty, staff and current students were available for questions and conversation.
The Big Read

New Haven’s International Festival of Arts & Ideas is one of 72 organizations across the country to receive a grant for participation in The Big Read—an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and Arts Midwest to restore reading to the center of American culture. The Big Read—New Haven is a collaboration between the Festival and the New Haven Free Public Library. The book selected for community reading here is Harper Lee’s novel, “To Kill a Mockingbird,” with its compelling issues of race, class and ethics.

Throughout the city for eight weeks—culminating in the June 9 opening of the International Festival—the New Haven Public Library, schools, libraries, reading advocacy groups, senior centers, newspapers, colleges and universities will support The Big Read with community events and activities focused on “To Kill a Mockingbird.” The Albertus kick-off occurred March 28 when the freshman Honors English class took part in an inter-generational discussion of the book with residents at Whitney Center, a retirement community in Hamden. Helping to facilitate the session were Professor Deborah Prattini, chairperson of the English department; Dr. Sean O’Connell, academic dean for the undergraduate day program; and Maria Levinson, chairperson of Whitney Center’s book discussion group.

Students participating were: Alicia Anderson, Mallory D’Alessandro, Kelsey Desrosiers, Elizabeth Domack, Emily James, Megan McGarry, Alain Munley, Jaclyn Murray, Lindsay Robbins, Alexandra Shaheen, Serena Valdettaro, Susan Vileta and Tiffany Williams.

On May 2, the Albertus community will take part in The Big Read-In at the College’s Library in Rosary Hall beginning at 10 a.m. Each participant will read aloud for 10 minutes from “To Kill a Mockingbird.”

Tagliatela School of Business and Leadership Speakers Series

On April 23, The College’s Tagliatela School of Business and Leadership presented a Speaker Series program by Dennis N. T. Perkins, Ph.D., on what it takes to be a great contemporary leader. The talk, based on his book, “Leading at the Edge,” examines the extraordinary two-year journey to Antarctica of explorer Ernest Shackleton and the crew of the Endurance. “Leading at the Edge” is the first book to view this remarkable story of survival through the lens of business. The event, which was free and open to the public, included a reception and book signing. Perkins is shown at a Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce event last year for which the College was a sponsor.

The College’s Tagliatela School of Business and Leadership on March 29 was host and sponsor for a Greater New Haven Leadership Center program featuring Jeffrey Sonnenfeld, whose latest book is “Firing Back: How Great Leaders Rebound after Career Disasters.” Sonnenfeld is senior associate dean for executive programs at the Yale School of Management, founder and president of the Yale Executive Leadership Institute and author of six earlier books on leadership. The Leadership Center is a program of the Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce; its executive director is Patti Scussel ’89.
Rosette DuBois, regional director for the New Dimensions Stratford campus since 1999, has been appointed executive director for the School for New Dimensions. She joined the program in 1997 as a faculty member; she holds a bachelor’s degree from Westfield State College and a master’s degree in organizational management from Central Connecticut State University.

“Last Survivors”—a compilation of the last living persons of famous shipwrecks, natural disasters, movie casts, wars and expeditions, among others—written by Robert Hubbard, associate professor of management information systems, was recently featured on an edition of National Public Radio’s “The Engines of Ingenuity,” a series about human creativity. Host John Lienhard said the book is a way to “link then with now.”

In January, ARTSI, the monthly newspaper of the Arts Council of Greater New Haven, interviewed Dr. Donna Kaiser, director of the Master of Arts in Art Therapy program, the only one in Connecticut. A member of the Art Therapy Association’s research committee, she is working with the group to petition Congress for research funding to test art therapy interventions with veterans who are returning from Iraq suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder.

On March 6, the College’s English Club sponsored its third annual Faculty Authors Reading. Dr. John Donohue, vice president for academic affairs, read selections from his novels: “Sensei” and “Deshi”—originally published in hardcover by St. Martin’s Press, and now in paperback by NAL; Dr. Paul Robichaud, assistant professor of English and director of the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies program, shared some new poems and read from his five-part poem “At Pentagoët,” published in The Hudson Review in 2005; and Charles Rafferty, lecturer in English, read from pieces in “The Man on the Tower” (University of Arkansas Press), “Where the Glories of April Lead” (Miki/Miki Press), “During the Beauty Shortage” (M2 Press), “Being the Past Present” (M2 Press), and “A Less Fabulous Infinity” (Louisiana Literature Press).

Brett Colavolpe ’07 is among 20 individuals profiled in “Faces of Influenza,” a book published by the American Lung Association as part of its efforts to increase awareness of the importance of annual vaccinations against influenza for members of certain high-risk groups. Colavolpe, a student-athlete who plays soccer, has type 1 diabetes and knows first-hand how serious a bout with influenza can be.

Dr. Mark Barreuther, associate professor of biology and chair of the Department of Biology and Chemistry, was a judge at the New Haven Public Schools Science Fair in March. Sara Azam ’07, who completed her course work in December, also participated in the judging; she hopes to attend medical school. More than 900 K–12 students and 125 judges took in the fair. The Science Fair Project helps to promote skills in critical thinking, science process and communication.

Suzanne Yurko Wall, director of career services, will lead a workshop at the Connecticut Counseling Association’s annual conference in May. The topic is “Providing Resume Solutions for a Blend of Traditional and Adult Students—A Case Study.”

Dr. William Schulz, director of the College’s Tagliatela School of Business and Leadership, has produced his second DVD-film project, “SkySongs: Reflections from the Stratosphere.” The DVD combines music and photos taken of the sky from passenger airliners worldwide, a mini-documentary on a 1929 Travel Air biplane and a set of SkySongs poems. Copies are available at the Campus Bookstore and online from www.flyelectra.com.

Quick Notes:

University Presses Will Release New Books by Professors Cole and Robichaud in May

This spring two well-respected university presses will release works by Susan Cole, professor of English and director of the concentration in creative writing, and Paul Robichaud, assistant professor of English and director of the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies program.

Syracuse University Press is publishing Dr. Cole’s “Missing Alice—In Search of a Mother’s Voice,” which it describes as a “strikingly original memoir of loss, grief, and mourning exploring the ties that bind mothers and daughters in life, facing death, and during bereavement.” In 1990, Dr. Cole’s mother, Alice, died from cancer at the age of 78, and in this memoir she celebrates her mother’s life using family letters, taped conversations and diary entries.

There will be a book signing party in New York City on Thursday evening, June 14, from 6–8 p.m. at Teachers & Writers Collaborative, 520 Eighth Avenue (between 36th and 37th Streets) on the 20th floor.

The Catholic University of America Press will bring out “Making the Past Present: David Jones, the Middle Ages, and Modernism,” Dr. Robichaud’s study of the British poet and painter (1895–1974) who took his inspiration from the Middle Ages.

The Press describes the book as an “innovative exploration of Jones’s poetry that aims to help readers overcome challenges to a fuller appreciation of his work.” The challenges refer to Jones’s heavy use of medieval references and examples, which are explained in “Making the Past Present.”

MSU Members Attend Diversity Conference at WestConn

Seven members of the Albertus Multicultural Student Union recently attended the 2nd Annual Diversity Conference sponsored by the Black Student Association and Public Activities Council of Western Connecticut State University. Topic for the program was “I’m Living with AIDS.” WestConn President James Schmoller opened the conference by asking for a moment of silence to remember a student there who had recently died from the disease. Throughout the day there were speakers and break out sessions for role play and discussions. Back at Albertus, the students who attended shared the experience at a weekly MSU meeting. Pictured in Danbury, left to right, are (front row): Louisa Atsina and Eiko Hizume; (back row) Erica Mastrolamini, Shanda Herbert, Octavia St. Laurent, a conference speaker, Kamala Jackson, Loupu Stevens and Elizabeth Webster. Sr. Patricia Thomas, O.P., MSU advisor, also attended.
Reunion 2007—Area Hotels

Several area hotels have blocked rooms at a special rate for Albertus graduates traveling to campus for Reunion 2007. Listed below are the participating hotels. Reservations for “BLOCK” rooms must be made via telephone direct to the hotel. Please be sure to mention that you are attending the Albertus Reunion when making a reservation.

Quality Inn
30 Frontage Road, East Haven
203-469-5331
$89.95 per night, plus tax
Special rate deadline: May 14, 2007
www.choicehotels.com/hotel/c0080

LaQuinta Hotel*
400 Sargent Drive, New Haven
203-562-1111
$91 per night, plus tax
Special rate deadline: May 8, 2007
*Formerly Fairfield Inn by Marriott

Hamden Clarion Hotel & Suites**
2260 Whitney Avenue, Hamden
203-288-3831
$129 per night, plus tax
(Junior Suites available, call for price)
Special rate deadline: May 8, 2007
www.schaefferhotels.com

Courtyard by Marriott
136 Marsh Hill Road, Orange
203-799-2200 or 1-800-849-8733
www.courtyard.com

Premier Hotel & Suites***
Long Wharf Drive, New Haven
203-777-5337
Holiday Inn North Haven
Route 5, Exit 12 off I-91
203-239-4225
Courtyard by Marriott at Yale
30 Whalley Avenue, New Haven
203-777-6221
www.courtyardmarriott.com
Best Western
Just off I-95 in West Haven
203-933-0344
Omni Hotel
155 Temple Street, New Haven
203-772-6664

Other area hotels available for individual reservations—please call the hotel directly for rates and room availability. Note: June 8–10 is a very busy weekend in New Haven. Not all hotels listed below will have rooms available.

Premier Hotel & Suites***
Long Wharf Drive, New Haven
203-777-5337
Holiday Inn North Haven
Route 5, Exit 12 off I-91
203-239-4225
Courtyard by Marriott at Yale
30 Whalley Avenue, New Haven
203-777-6221
www.courtyardmarriott.com
Best Western
Just off I-95 in West Haven
203-933-0344
Omni Hotel
155 Temple Street, New Haven
203-772-6664

Courtyard by Marriott
136 Marsh Hill Road, Orange
203-799-2200 or 1-800-849-8733
www.courtyard.com

Bed and Breakfast
Touch of Ireland Guest House
670 Whitney Avenue, New Haven
203-787-7979
www.TouchofIrelandGuestHouse.com
Farnam Guest House
616 Prospect Street, New Haven
888-562-7121
www.farnamguesthouse.com

** Formerly the Marriott Residence Inn
Alumni College Crime Scene Investigation: Fact and Fiction

The work of police detectives has been featured in the writing of authors such as Edgar Allen Poe and Arthur Conan Doyle, and continues to be celebrated today in countless police procedural novels and television shows such as CSI and Law and Order. But where does fact leave off and fiction begin? Is what we read in a book or see on the screen an accurate reflection of what really happens?

Assistant Professor Michael Geary, who directs Albertus Magnus College’s Criminal Justice Program and is a retired New York City police officer and a lawyer, will discuss fact and fiction in criminal investigation.

Joining him will be Dr. John Donohue, vice president for academic affairs, who writes murder mysteries.

Family, friends and guests are welcome at all Reunion 2007 activities.

Alumni of the Year Awards 2007

On Friday, April 20, the Alumni of the Year Awards Committee will announce the 2007 award recipient(s). Please visit the alumni section of the Albertus web site (www.albertus.edu) for details. The award(s) will be presented during the Alumni Association Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting will take place on Saturday, June 9, as part of the Reunion festivities. Nominations for the awards can be submitted at any time during the year. Categories are: Outstanding Professional Achievement; Loyalty and Service to the College; and Humanitarian/Community Service. The deadline for the 2008 awards is March 30, 2008. Self-nominations are encouraged.
CLASS NOTES

1932 75th Reunion June 9, 2007
1937 70th Reunion June 9, 2007
1942 65th Reunion June 9, 2007
1947 60th Reunion June 9, 2007
1948
Betty Hurley Candela, Avon, CT, reports that her great-granddaughter was born December 19 in St. Alban’s, Vermont, to her son Paul’s daughter. The father is safely home from Iraq.

Patricia Spang Ogden, Williamstown, VA, writes that she is trying to “ready herself to leave her beautiful home in Kingsmill and take up residence at a triple care community.” Last year her oldest daughter hosted an 80th birthday for her with 60 guests attending.

1952 55th Reunion June 9, 2007
Betty Ann Carter Bailey, Southington, CT, teaches grade eight CCD and volunteers twice a week at two local middle schools. She and Wally have 6 children and 12 grandchildren.

Doris Saville Breunel, Northford, CT, is retired and has more time for painting—mostly still life and dog portraits.

Joan Delaney, M.M., Maryknoll, NY, returned to New York in March after four years at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, where she was a part-time administrative assistant at the Center for Global Ministries. In 2005 she presented a workshop on Pope Benedict’s ecumenical perspective at an Ohio Dominican University seminar.

Patricia Owens, Scituate, MA, has retired after 54 years in the travel industry. She is planning a world cruise on the new Cunard liner Queen Victoria in January 2008. She keeps busy hiking, sking every year at Vail and ballet dancing.

Angela Scimone Sledden, San Antonio, TX, is retired. She is involved with the Respect Life Ministry at St. Anthony Claret Church and the choir.

1957 50th Reunion June 9, 2007
Joan Aurilio Caliendo, Trumbull, CT, retired as assistant principal of the local St. Joseph High School, is a volunteer at the Merton House Soup-Kitchen in Bridgeport.

Frances Brown Caspar, Avon, CT, is a hospice volunteer and on the bereavement committee of St. Ann’s Church.

Carol Alosi Euston, Washington, D.C., retired as an educator in the Washington public schools. Her hobbies are stained glass and gardening.

Barbara Fotta Kmetz, Woodbridge, CT, is retired, but continues to supervise student teachers for Southern Connecticut State University on an “as needed” basis and conduct workshops for teachers.

Annette Tino Tomains, Chatham, NJ, reports that she and several classmates—Delphine Barrett, Julia Moriarty Hayes, Nancy Francis Hopkins, Mary Keane and Barbara Puppiano Spillane—enjoyed a late September weekend in Maine. All are eager to see other class members at the 50th Reunion in June.

Mary Bernacchia Vitelli, Woodbridge, CT, is retired from teaching in New Haven, and currently tutors at the city’s Adult Education Center. She also volunteers at the Hospital of St. Raphael.

Margaret (Peggy) Carr Wallace, Warwick, RI, enjoys traveling and her three grandchildren, who are 7 and 3, and a three-year-old.

Janet Cohen Zimmerman, West Hartford, CT, is a retired elementary school teacher.

1960
Carole Drumm Rubley, Wayne, PA, has been re-elected to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives for an eighth term. She has eight grandchildren—all residing in the Washington, D.C., area.

Angela DeFilippi Errico, Plandome, NY, sends word that her daughter Melissa Errico appeared in the “Nothing like a Dame 2007” benefit sponsored by Broadway Cares Equity Fights AIDS for the Phyllis Newman Women’s Health Initiative of The Actors’ Fund. Other Broadway performers in the March 19 benefit included Jennifer Holiday, Maureen McGovern and Lynn Redgrave.

Prospect Hill Society
Many loyal alumni and friends have indicated that they have included Albertus Magnus College in their estate planning. To recognize, honor and say thank you to these benefactors, the College has established the Prospect Hill Society.

If you have mentioned Albertus in your will or other estate plans, please let us know.

We will list you as a Member of the Prospect Hill Society in the College’s 2005–2006 Annual Report. Please contact Carolyn Behan, director of alumni relations and special events, at cbehan@albertus.edu or 203-773-8502.

Albert of Attleboro
When Jean McInnis Robichaud ’49 of Attleboro, Massachusetts, started to read her local paper not too long ago, she spotted a familiar name: Albertus Magnus. This Albertus Magnus is a 31-year-stray cat rescued by the city’s animal shelter.
The article noted that the name shelter volunteers gave the cat was a “fancy way of saying Fat Albert.” Jean had a good chuckle and quickly sent off a letter to the editor to set the record straight about the real Albertus Magnus. Her letter ran in February under the headline “Something you may not know about city fat cat.”

1962 45th Reunion June 9, 2007
Janice Benoit Fodero, Orange, CT, a retired school librarian, is a literacy volunteer and member of writing, book discussion, music and exercise groups. She also enjoys travel.

Dorothea Falcone Sincropec, Cromwell, CT, has been married to Bob for 43 years. They have 4 daughters and 2 sons ranging in age from 42 to 28, and 5 grandchildren and 2 grandsons, 21 to 5. She enjoys spending time with family and friends, travel, walking and needlework.

1963
Marie Pellerin, Woodbury, NY, writes that in July her involvement with a spiritual path called Jeshu led her on a pilgrimage to the “absolutely beautiful, pristine Sacred Grounds in Japan, which are prototype of paradise on earth.” She visited three different Sacred Grounds in Atami, Hakone and Kyoto. “It was definitely a marvelous, celestial experience!” she said.

1964
Patricia Checko, Berlin, CT, and her husband, Ed Calleja, took a 14-day cruise through the Panama Canal in January. She intends to retire from her position as director of health for the Bristol-Burlington Health District in June.

Sandra Struburger LaPierre, Cheshottown, NY, asks for prayers for her 17-month-old grandson, who was diagnosed in June with neuroblastoma cancer.

Carolyn Burrows Verna, Trumbull, CT, sends word of a grandson born in August. She is doing some long-term substitute teaching in a local gifted student program and volunteering at the Literacy Center in Bridgeport.

1967 40th Reunion June 9, 2007
Patricia Smith Butcher, Princeton, NJ, is retired. She volunteers as a docent at Morven, a local historic house, at the Historical Society of Princeton and at the local library. She likes to read, garden, travel, crochet and do needlepoint.

A. Jean Palmer Gallinelli, Southport, CT, and her husband, Frank, have started their own computer software company, Real Data, Inc., which they run from their home with a satellite office in New Hampshire.

Suzanne Hanney, Heath, MA, teaches English at Deerfield Academy. For the 2007–2008 school year, she will teach at King’s Academy, Madaba, Jordan. The school, which will open in August, is the Middle East’s first co-educational boarding school and is modeled on Deerdorf, from which Jordan’s King Abdullah II graduated in 1980.

Sandra Gomlin Ineson, West Haven, CT, retired from customer service for campus dining at Quinnipiac University, is a hospital and Arden House and on the Republican Town Committee.

Dorothy Yutenkas Motskoski, Cheshire, CT, is now self-employed: she has a private voice studio and is active as a choral conductor, vocal adjudicator and clinician. Currently working on a children’s book, she continues to be involved with the American Choral Directors Association. She and her husband, John, have three sons and eight grandchildren.

1968
Diane Sjos Hetowody, Broad Brook, CT, recently retired from teaching—27 years—at East Windsor High School, works part-time at Talbot’s. She now has a second grandson.

Norine Polio Honored with Excellence Award
Norine Polio ’68 has received a 2006 New Alliance Bank Teacher Excellence Award, which honors teachers who demonstrate excellence and creativity in their classrooms in the New Haven Public School System. She has been teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages for 30 years. Currently she teaches English as a Second Language to kindergartners through fourth graders at the East Rock Global Studies Magnet School.

She received a six-year certificate from the University of Connecticut, a master’s in Spanish literature from Southern Connecticut State University and certification in bilingual/ESOL by Boston State College. At Albertus, she majored in sociology and Spanish literature.

A participant in the Yale-New Haven Teachers Institute, Polio is a member of the Connecticut Council of Language Teachers, and a volunteer and board member for New Haven Sister Cities, Inc.

1970
Norreen Conlon, Fall City, WA, is working as a telecom consultant in the Seattle area. Her son is teaching welding in New York City, her daughter will graduate from Cornell in May and is looking to work in New York City as a market researcher. Her husband has finished their “huge fixer-upper” in New York and joined her in Washington.
Florida Paper Profiles
Sr. Jude Ruggeri
A recent issue of the Sun-Sentinel newspaper in Florida profiled Sr. Jude Ruggeri, ASHA, 71, director of the Office for Youth and Young Adults in the Diocese of Palm Beach. A biology major at Albertus who received a master’s in biology from St. Louis University, she taught high school science for 21 years in Catholic girls’ schools in Missouri and Connecticut. Sr. Jude also holds a six-year professional degree in science education from Southern Connecticut State University; a master’s in pastoral studies from Loyola University in New Orleans and a certificate of youth ministry from the Center for Ministry Development in Naugatuck, Connecticut. Deeply involved in the Palm Beach community, right now she’s working on the annual diocesan youth rally scheduled for this month in Orlando. She also is past chair of the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry and a member of the diocese Con El medical mission board.

1972
35th Reunion June 9, 2007
Alida Dietrich Begina, Orange, CT, will retire in June after 12 years as superintendent of the Hamden Public Schools.
Cynthia Langwiser, Washington, D.C., is assistant commissioner, Office of the Inspector General, Department of the Treasury. She and her husband, Michael Beck, have a daughter, Katherine Beck, 22.
Deena Piecin Maniscalchi, West Springfield, MA, and her husband, Mark, have daughters who are 21 and 18. She is a judicial law clerk for Justices of the Massachusetts Superior Court.

1973
Kathleen Ryan, Coventry, CT, reports that she, Cris Mancini Harter, Denise Pavano Staples and Billie Filosa, 71, director of the Office for Youth and Young Adults for a couple of times a year. She recently returned from Beijing, Jinan and Qingdao as part of a 20-person Educational Leadership delegation with the Connecticut State Department of Education.
Jean Incampo, Hamden, CT, has four grandchildren. She teaches English at Gateway Community College in New Haven and does substitute teaching in the Cheshire public schools.

1974
Susans Peters Crawford, Dallas, TX, hosted an annual New Year’s Eve Party with classmates Kathy Devlin, Kate Farrell Kuroskey, Mary Duncan, Susan Piecin and Elizabeth Silvia in attendance. Her son, Tyson, is working in New York City. Eliza is a sophomore at Yale and Rory is a sophomore at Tufts. In preparation for retirement to Santa Fe, she passed the New Mexico bar exam last year.
Kathleen Lacey Dowling, Danien, CT, sends word that her oldest child, Patrick—known as Paddy—is a sophomore at College of the Holy Cross, where he is on the varsity lacrosse team.

1977
30th Reunion June 9, 2007
Installation artist Sheila Pepe ’81 in March was part of a panel teaching a one-day course at Boston’s Museum of Fine Arts on “Cracking the Contemporary Art Code 2007.” Other presenters were Peter Schjeldahl, art critic for The New Yorker; artist Scott Prior; and Gregory Williams, assistant professor of art history at Boston University. With lectures, gallery viewing and group discussions, the day focused on issues and questions to ask when exploring the many aspects of contemporary art. Pepe’s room-size installation “Terminal” was on exhibit.

1982
25th Reunion June 9, 2007
Lori Anne Chioppo Chamberlain, East Haven, CT, teaches fourth grade. She has four daughters: Melanie, Michelle, Chelsea and Courtney. She recently retired from 15 years as a Girl Scout leader and 6 years as a CCD instructor, and enjoys traveling, reading, yoga, music and quilting.
Sara Stevenson, Franklin, TN, is director of merchandising administration and pricing for a tractor supply company. She is married to Albert Boomer, and enjoys boating, traveling, gardening and involvement with the Franciscan Peace Center.

1987
20th Reunion June 9, 2007
Marjorie Smith Hart, Ansonia, CT, is director of international sales at O. F. Mossberg & Sons, Inc., doing extensive business travel to Europe and South America. She and her husband, Robert, have a daughter, 15.

1992
15th Reunion June 9, 2007
Traci Sweet Kaasparian, Worcester, MA, is the owner, operator and managing broker of Real Living Lifetime Real Estate in Northboro. Hers is the first Real Living Inc. franchise to open in Massachusetts. She has a master’s degree in psychology from Assumption College and a doctorate in psychology from the University of Southern California at Los Angeles.
Erlen Stebbings, Denver, CO, is a supervisor/instructor at the Developmental Disabilities Resource Center where she teaches computer and job skills to adults with disabilities. She enjoys canoeing, hiking, biking and working on fund raisers.
Kevin Rasch, Hartford, CT, who had served as the chief legal counsel to Connecticut’s Governor M. Jodi Rell since 2004, returned in July 2006 to the firm of Robinson & Cole, to resume his private practice in the areas of public finance, business and administrative law. He has an M.A. in public policy studies from Trinity College and a J.D. from the College of William and Mary.

1993
Richard Preeth, Stamford, CT, has become a partner in the law firm of Winnet, Spadafora & Schwarzbek, LLP. He currently serves as an Alumni Trustee of Albertus.
Frankie White, CE, New Haven, CT, is executive director of St. Mark’s Day Care Center, Inc., in Bridgeport, which serves 110 infants, pre-school and school-age children, in 2005 it became accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children and the National Academy of Early Childhood Programs.

1997
10th Reunion June 9, 2007
Nancy Tromewy Donee, ND, Fairfield, CT, director of supply chain management for Cintas, received a master’s in organizational communication from Fairfield University in 2001. She has two children: Emmeline, 9, and Hannah, 5, and teaches CCD and Junior Achievement classes. Natalie Drenzowski, Norwich, CT, is the owner of Handbag Cuts and More. A teacher for Norwich Adult Education, she has a master’s degree from the University of New Haven, 6th year from Connecticut College and certificate from a cooking program at the University of Pennsylvania.
Sharon Sullivan, CE, Hamden, CT, was recently promoted to staff training specialist in the Office of Development at Yale University. She previously handled recruitment and placement at the Yale School of Nursing. In her new position she will work closely with the vice president of development in organizing and managing the Life skills program of training and personal development.

In Memoriam
Philomena Chiappinelli ’31
Sister of Rita Chiappinelli ’40
January 5, 2007
Providence, RI
The Honorable Mary Goode Ragam ’36
Retired Chief Judge of the Los Angeles Superior Court and recipient of the 1966 Alumna of the Year Award; aunt of Patricia Sanders Behan ’55, great-aunt of Camlyn Behan Kraus ’86 and sister of the late Eleanor Goode Sanders ’29
February 25, 2007
Laguna Beach, CA
Mary Sutherland Fortune ’39
December 7, 2006
Brevard, FL
Vivian Brennan Stanton ’39
December 20, 2006
New Orleans, LA
Lucille Smith Fischer ’42
March 5, 2007
Orange, CT
Jeanne Brown Krochalis ’42
November 6, 2006
Merritt, CA
Marie O’Neill ’42
March 9, 2007
Columbus, OH
Elaine Sporlie Wright ’47
February 4, 2007
Garden City, NY
Marguerite Minick ’50
December 6, 2006
Danbury, CT
Dr. Marie Zeterberg ’50
January 2007
Fort Myers, FL
Dolores T. Brexel Boyle ’54
December 28, 2006
Coram, NY
Ann Marie Attianese Florio ’60
February 17, 2007
Middletown, CT
Susan Hanflis Clark ’69
November 27, 2006
Rockville, MD
Kathleen Lynch-Colonese ’78
December 18, 2006
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Thoughts on St. Albert

Last November 15th, a colleague at the school where I teach asked me the medallion I was wearing. “This is St. Albert the Great,” I said. “Patron saint of schoolchildren, students and the natural sciences, among other things. He’s my patron saint and this is his feast day.” My colleague, also a long-time friend, looked puzzled.

“But, Joseph,” he said, “you’re not Catholic.”

At that point, I recalled a similar conversation that had taken place in one of my favorite places at Albertus: the reading room in Rosary Hall. In the midst of a pleasant memory, I gave my colleague an answer very similar to one given me during that other conversation: “Oh, that’s all right. He doesn’t mind.”

You see, I wear my St. Albert medal every November 15th. I also wear it whenever I participate in something important to my teaching career, such as special ceremonies, big exams, presentations at conferences, and so on. When I am not wearing it, the medallion stays in a tiny glass-fronted case on my bureau, next to other things sacred to me, such as pictures of my parents, a ribbon from my wife’s wedding dress, a lock of my daughter’s hair, a Swiss Army knife I carried in my soldiering days, and the piece of chalk I used to write my name on the board on my first day of teaching. That’s how important St. Albert is to me.

Like many people, I didn’t know who St. Albert was until I came to Albertus Magnus College. I soon found out, and I discovered that he was more than a college namesake, more than an historical personality. I first felt this in a literature class taught by Sr. Joan Frank, O.P. She would often speak about St. Albert, especially when we were reading “The Letters of Abelard and Eloise.” She would say, “As our brother Abelard observed...” or “My brother Albert once said...” She talked about St. Dominic and St. Thomas Aquinas (St. Albert’s pupil, who Abelard observed…) “or “My brother Albert once said…” She talked to me, and I discovered that all who pass through Albertus Magnus College be inspired by its namesake’s life and work; and that I, like him, will always be a teacher whose pupils go on to greatness. I know St. Albert will hear my prayer, and that he won’t much mind if I’m not Catholic. St. Thomas Aquin told me so.

Joseph Staub, resource specialist teacher at Thomas Starr King Middle School in the Los Angeles Unified School District, teaches special education students in grades 6, 7 and 8.

One day, in the reading room, she gave me a brass St. Dominic medal, a pewter one of St. Thomas Aquinas, and to my surprise, a beautiful silver-filled medal of St. Albert himself. She pointed to where Albert, a scientist, had his hands on two of his attributes, a microscope and a globe, and said, “This means to look at the world in detail, Joseph, but also to see the world as a whole.”

I was almost speechless with gratitude, but I managed to stammer out, “Sister, these are beautiful. But you know I’m not Catholic, right?” She laughed and said, “Oh, my boy, they don’t mind!” It was a powerful moment in the presence of a wonderful soul.

Sr. Thomas Aquin is dead now, and I live a long way from Rosary Hall. But I still read St. Albert from time to time, and I wear his medal when I especially need his blessings to aid me in my work. And someday, I’m going to Cologne, Germany, to where St. Albert lies. There, I will lay my medal on his sarcophagus and pray for three things: that the soul of Sr. Thomas Aquin find both rest and joy; that all who pass through Albertus Magnus College be inspired by its namesake’s life and work; and that I, like him, will always be a teacher whose pupils go on to greatness. I know St. Albert will hear my prayer, and that he won’t much mind if I’m not Catholic. St. Thomas Aquin told me so.

2002

5th Reunion June 9, 2007

Richard De Lucia, East Haven, CT, is a mail carrier with the United States Postal Service. He is married to Melissa De Lucia, AMC practicum and internship coordinator.

Carla Minniefied, ND, West Haven, CT, has joined Carter Mario Injury Lawyers. She received a J.D. from the Quinnipiac University of Law in 2005, and has worked in the field of personal injury and medical malpractice for the past 13 years.

Mark O’Connell, Madison, CT, is an IT systems consultant at The Hartford Financial Services Group. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus.

2005

Mark Cantrell, MSM, Westerly, RI, has been promoted to manager of cost accounting at Davis-Standard.

Lisa Silva, CE, Enfield, CT, is a vice president change manager at Bank of America.

2006

Michael Gillman, West Haven, CT, is enrolled in a master’s program in biology at Southern Connecticut State University.

Alan Minier, MSM, Stratford, CT, has been appointed to the board of directors of Habitat for Humanity of Coastal Fairfield County, and will serve on the board’s governance committee. A senior software/computer engineer at Sikorsky Aircraft, he is a member of the Stratford Waterfront Harbor Management Commission and a board member of the Child Guidance Center of Bridgeport.

Diane Stroman, ND, Ansonia, CT, has received the Valley United Way’s 2007 Charles H. Flynn Humanitarian Award for her years of volunteer service to benefit organizations and people of the Valley.

In Memoriam: Alumni Relatives and Members of the Albertus Community

Rosa Avalone, mother of Wanda Avalone Velz ‘63 January 9, 2007

Yolanda Barraco, mother of Patricia Barraco Schread ‘68 January 24, 2007

Johellen Cables, mother of Katie Credle, financial aid counselor at New Dimensions, and mother-in-law of Shawn Credle ‘05 February 16, 2007

Santa DeFabio, mother of Al DeFabio, AMC associate professor of drama January 30, 2007

Earl Dunsmoor, husband of Barbara Attes Dunsmoor ’66 June 4, 2006

Karen Fleming, mother of Brandon Fleming ’09 January 2, 1997

Jeffrey Fortin, nephew of Rebyina Sanchez, educational assistant in New Dimensions, New Haven September 2006


Mike Mee, father of Lea Mee-Gullinger ’88 January 26, 2007

Mario Patricio Montes, father of Robert Montes ’07 February 6, 2007

Louise Mulligan, grandmother of Lewis Boyce, AMC director of communications December 20, 2006


Walter C. O’Neill, husband of Patricia Kelly O’Neill ’53 February 8, 2007

Frances Pellegrino, mother of Bernard A Pellegrino, former Chairman of the College's Board of Trustees and Trustee Emeritus March 17, 2007

Frank Richo, father-in-law of Elizabeth Barbarito Richo ’59 January 8, 2007

Charles Riesbeck, member of the AMC Board of Trustees, 1986–1999 December 26, 2006

Lucy Schärfrich, grandmother of James Schärfrich ’97, AMC director of purchasing March 6, 2007

Katherine Tronksy, grandmother of Dr. Loel Tronksy, AMC assistant professor of psychology November 25, 2006

Marie Van Der Maalen, grandmother of Garrett Dell ’09, ’03 MA–LS, academic coordinator for the Accelerated Degree Program; Callin Dell ’06 and current MA–AT student; and Matthew Dell ’09 March 12, 2007
Getting Together Locally Is Fun For All Grads

Vanessa Donovan Hale ’91 hosted a March brunch at her home in Shrewsbury, MA for Cathy Roseell Casper, Michelle Cavallo Harper and Laura Kiritsy—all ’91; Chris Smith Marriett ’89; and Ann Pichulo Przybyszewski and Lynn Shorter Seidler, both ’92. The gathering inspired Hale and Kiritsy to attend the Boston reception, and they would love to have a BBQ in warm weather for classmates and friends. Contact Kiritsy at lk02131@yahoo.com or Hale at vhale@townisp.com.

Rosemary Clancy Edwards sends word that she, June Bride Doyle, Kathleen Coughlan May and Ann Boland Messer, all ’58, and Pat Boyle Foley ’56 meet every two months at the South Shore Plaza in Braintree, MA, for lunch.

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Boston Reception

On Sunday, March 25, Albertus hosted a brunch at Bravo restaurant in Boston’s Museum of Fine Arts for 45 area alumni and their guests. President Julia M. McNamara provided an update on the State of the College; also present were Joseph R. Crespo, chairman of the Albertus Magnus College Board of Trustees, and his wife, Carol.
