Commencement speaker Willie Ruff offered a musical interlude instead of giving a traditional address.
Children, grandchildren, vacations... classmates catch up while waiting for the campus tour to begin.

The Hart sisters—Rachel '86, right, and Ellie '81, left—make the decade party a family event.

Kevin Rasch '92 catches up with friends on Friday night.

1982 classmates Mary Maher, Tammy Royka Korems and Marisa Calvi-Rogers.

Creativity abounds! Dr. Susan Cole, professor of English, with Kate Sullivan '72 and Kim Mancuso '74 discussed the creative process during the afternoon session of Alumni College. The session ended with Kate playing the Alma Mater on a saw. The entire audience stood and sang along with pride.

Eileen Maher '97 and Natalie Drenzewski '97 enjoy a moment together during the cocktail reception.
Robert J. Buccino, Vice President for Advancement and Planning, toasted the class of 1952 in style.

The 1987 Prospect yearbook made an appearance on Friday evening.

The 2002 Alumni of the Year Award recipients, Tomoko Takahashi ’77, right, and Julia M. McNamara ’02 Honorary, stand with Robert Behan, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Katharine Curnen Mullen ’37. Please see page 4 for more information on our award recipients.

A little to the right... Following the champagne toast, spouses of our 50th Reunion class orchestrate a group photo in the Italian Garden.

After her induction into the Alumni Association, President McNamara is surprised to learn she is the recipient of the Alumni of the Year Award for Loyalty and Service to the College. Patricia Sanders Behan ’55 and Robert Behan join in the applause.
Alumni Elect Fuller and Kefford Alumni Trustees

Alyce Tuttle Fuller ’68 and Samantha Kefford ’93 have been elected by alumni to serve as Alumni Trustees on the College’s Board of Trustees. They will serve for three years.

Fuller, a former high school teacher, has focused her volunteer work on education, most recently as a board member for Chicago’s Ounce of Prevention Fund and Erickson Institute. She is a resident of Evanston, Illinois.

Kefford has been with Quick & Reilly, Inc., now a division of Fleet Boston Financial, since graduation. Starting as a stockbroker trainee in La Jolla, California, she is now an assistant vice president serving on the corporate legal team in Manhattan. She will begin law studies in the fall and resides in Long Beach, New York.

Jen Edmocio, a former high school teacher, has focused her volunteer work on education, most recently on the Board of Directors of a non-profit organization. She is a resident of Evanston, Illinois.

Thanks to our two other nominees for Alumni Trustees, Tina Barsh Malheur ’77 and Tim Quinn ’88, for their willingness to stand for election, and to all who voted.

Mark Your Calendars
Upcoming Alumni Events

October 26—First Annual Alumni Tailgate Party at Fall Fest

The 5th annual Fall Fest weekend begins on Friday, October 25, and features a variety of activities throughout the weekend and concludes on Monday, October 28, with the traditional Candlelight Ceremony. The ceremony, held at Rose Hall, is where the senior class passes on the light of knowledge to the freshman class.

Friday night, October 25, features the Clayton Miller Blues Band (www.claytonmillersblues.com) fronted by an eight-year-old harmonica player. This event is open to all alumni and their guests at no charge (cash bar) and begins at 9 p.m. in the campus pub.

Saturday Alumni Tailgate Party features:

• BBQ lunch
• Alumni tent and beer garden with a view of the field
• Soccer game (AMC vs. arch rival Norwich)
• Vollyball tri-match (Lady Falcons vs. St. Joseph College and Emerson College)
• Hypnotist and comedian Jim Spinnato (www.jimspinnato.com) will perform in the pub following the soccer game.

The cost to attend the Tailgate Party is $12 per person and includes lunch, alumni tent/beer garden, and entertainment in the pub. (Note: during the show, the pub will be open for a cash bar—pricing $1 per beverage and free soft drinks.) Registration forms may be obtained online at www.alb.edu in the Alumni and Friends section. Completed forms along with credit/debit card number (Visa, MasterCard, Discover) should be faxed to 203-785-8652. Formal invitations will be mailed in early September.

November 1—All Saints Day Mass and Alumni Luncheon

All Saints Day Mass is scheduled for Friday, November 1 at Noon in the Behan Community Room of the Campus Center. All are welcome to attend. An alumni buffet luncheon will follow Mass in the DeDominicis Dining Hall. Luncheon: $13 per person, $10 per person for Out of Society members. Formal invitations will be mailed in late September.

Golden Society Induction
Inaugurates Restored Italian Garden

On a perfect June afternoon, the view from the Italian Garden is magnificent. The newly renovated courtyard of Rosary, with its spectacular view of West Rock, played host to the class of 1952 as they were inducted into the Golden Society. The ceremony, followed by a champagne toast with President McNamara, was the first event to be held in the newly restored Italian Garden.

Jean Andrés ’95 (CE), president of the Alumni Association, said, in inducting the newest members: “Our pride in you also encompasses the pride we have in this College because of the many fine values it offers—social conscience, tolerance, generosity, creativity and lifetime intellectual pursuits, to name a few. You consistently exhibit those values in your considerable contributions to the world—through your careers, your volunteer work, your families and friendships.”

Class members attending were: Bette Ann Curtis Bailey, Sheila Kiley Brady, Joan Viering Carnese, Marion O’Donoghue Connolly, St. Joan Delaney, M.M., Mary Ellen Fannon Dennelly, Margarette St. John Gabriele, Janet Dowling Hanson, Colette Leduc Morter, St. Patricia McCabe, O.P., Dorothea Cerulli Mulholland, Patricia Owens, Patricia Planagan Robertson, Phyllis Aldous Russell, Dorothy Kotulch Stawarzy, Grace Murphy Thomas, Mary Meyer Traynor and Katie Burns Weil.

Hartford Reception A Grand Success

Over 150 alumni, faculty, staff and current New Dimensions students gathered at the East Hartford Learning Center to welcome President Julia McNamara. During the reception, alumni (representing classes from 1949-2001) were treated to a tour of the facility, which includes 10 state-of-the-art classrooms and a computer “smart” reception. Alumni (representing classes New Dimensions students gathered at the Hartford Reception. A Grand Success. Over 150 alumni, faculty, staff and current New Dimensions students gathered at the East Hartford Learning Center to welcome President Julia McNamara. During the reception, alumni (representing classes from 1949-2001) were treated to a tour of the facility, which includes 10 state-of-the-art classrooms and a computer “smart” reception. Alumni (representing classes

President and College Trustee
Receive Alumni of Year Awards

The Albertus Magnus College Alumni Association at its annual meeting during Reunion weekend inducted President McNamara into the Association as an Honorary Alumna and presented her with the Alumni of the Year award for Loyalty and Service to the College. Tomoko Takahashi ’77 received the award for Outstanding Professional Achievement. Excerpts from their citations follow.

“Distinguished administrator, dedicated teacher and innovative leader par excellence. Julia M. McNamara has served Albertus Magnus College for more than 25 years. In 1976 she came to Albertus as a lecturer in French and and from 1980 to 1982 was dean of students and assistant professor of French. She was named the College’s thirteenth president in 1982. She has led the College through a remarkable and unprecedented period of renewal and change. During the two decades of her leadership, the College has expanded to include both women and men, instituted the Accelerated Degree Program, completed a successful Capital Campaign resulting in the construction of the Cogswell Marcus Messer Athletic Center, launched an innovative business degree program for the adult learner known as New Dimensions, introduced four master’s degrees and, most recently, completed a successful $20 million capital campaign.”

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“Administrator, educator, linguist, published author, translator, Tomoko Takahashi has achieved in the many realms of academia. She came to Albertus in the fall of 1973 as a foreign student and majored in English. That was the foundation for an extraordinary career, one that has taken her to the position of provost, or chief academic officer, of Soka University of America, and she continues to serve as dean of its Graduate School, a post she has held since 1994. After graduating from Albertus magna cum laude, Tomoko went on to receive an M.A., M.Ed. and Ed.D. in applied linguistics from Columbia University. Her research in the field of language education has been published in numerous professional and scholarly journals. She has authored and co-authored many books, including 13 textbooks in English and Japanese, several of which have been translated into Chinese and Korean. She is the official translator of the works of civil rights leader Rosa Parks into Japanese. Tomoko was elected an Alumni Trustee of the College for the 1996-1999 term and serves now as a Trustee on the Board.”

The Rovers are coming, the Rovers are coming... 

Mark your calendar for the annual Celebration of St. Patrick at Albertus. The Highland Rovers Band will take the stage on Saturday, March 15, 2003. Last year this event drew a record crowd of 246 alumni, friends and members of the College Community. Call your classmates and friends, warm up your voices and shank up those dancing shoes. A night of food, fun and music in the traditional Irish spirit awaits you at Albertus!
College Receives Two Grants for Faculty Training

The Connecticut Distance Learning Consortium selected Albertus Magnus College for a $12,000 grant for the Summer 2002 Faculty Training Program. Faculty from the Day and New Dimensions programs attended workshops for upgrading and training in the use of electronic equipment and instructional technology to further integrate technology into teaching and learning.

The grants are funded by the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut through the Connecticut Distance Learning Consortium. Last year Albertus received a similar grant, which enabled 100 full and part-time faculty members to attend the sessions.

Workshops are under the on-campus direction of Sr. Charles Marie Branf, O.P., assisted by staff members Robert Hubbard, Diane Campanella, Carrie Horvath, Steven Desagro, Garrett Dell and Greg Knobelsdorff.

The College also received an additional grant to fund the panel discussion “Three Practitioners’ Views of Distance Education: Perspectives from the Sciences, Social Sciences and the Humanities.” This session will be on September 27.

College to Observe Three Events for September 11 Anniversary

The Albertus Magnus College community will observe the first anniversary of September 11 with a candlelight service in front of Rosary Hall on September 10 at 8 p.m. Speaker for the evening will be Sr. Maureen O’Brien, O.P., a member of the College’s Board of Trustees. The next day there will be a Mass in the Campus Center at noon. On Wednesday, September 18, Sr. Patricia Cusack, O.P., from St. Vincent’s Hospital in New York City, the closest trauma center to the World Trade Center, will recall how the hospital responded to the events of September 11.

Yale’s Gutas to Speak on Campus

On September 19, Professor Dimitri Gutas, chairman of the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilization at Yale University, will speak to the College community at 11:15 a.m. in the Campus Center. His topic: The Difference Between Islamic Fundamentalism and the Modern Western Scientific World View.

Dr. Sean O’Connell, Associate Dean and professor of philosophy, will introduce the program.

The presentation is made possible through a grant from the American Scientific Foundation in conjunction with the John Templeton Foundation.

Open House for Prospective Students

Coming up on Saturday, November 9 will be the annual Open House for prospective students. Each year high school students and their families attend the daylong event on campus to get an overview of an Albertus education. Scheduled are tours, speakers, special presentations and entertainment.

Alumni can help prospective students receive application information about Albertus. If a student receives information at the request of an alumna or alumnus, and then does apply, the application fee will be waived. Call 800-578-9160.

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From the Hill 5
Commencement was a family affair for the Andersons. Marcella Anderson and her son, Marques, received the associate of science degree.

High spirits ruled the day.

Sr. Charles Marie Brantl, O.P., congratulates Mark O’Connell on a job well done. Enjoying the occasion is his father.

Colette Ledoux Mayer and Dorothy Cerulli Mulholland took part in the ceremonies as members of the 50th Reunion class.

A crowd of 5,000 spectators came to campus to cheer their loved ones.

It was a day for hugs and happiness.
Honorary Degree Citations

Sister Mary Faith Geelan, O.P.
... Sister Mary Faith Geelan, you have approached your apostolic mission and all of God’s universe with love and dedication. As a compassionate social worker, you have extended your hand to offer guidance and understanding; as a devoted teacher, you have awakened joy in creative expression and knowledge; and now as Prioress of the Congregation, you lead this vibrant community of women with a charism committed to Christ and His church.

St. Thomas Aquinas wrote that three things are necessary for salvation: “To know what one ought to believe; to know what one ought to desire; and to know what one ought to do.” Sister Mary Faith Geelan in your life and career you have met these precepts, and have complemented God’s handiwork......

Sidney and Libby Glicksman
... You both found peace and solitude on freedom’s shore, where you raised your daughters and furthered the long family tradition with Sidney’s Tailor Shop on Chapel Street in New Haven. Yet your quiet and dignified lives have in no way minimized your roles in the Twentieth Century’s war against Nazism and Fascism. Sidney—a Dachau death camp survivor, and Libby—a courier for Russian forces, you both demonstrated that courage is not the absence of fear, it is the ability to take action in the face of fear.

Sidney and Libby Glicksman, your continued efforts to speak for those who no longer have a voice magnify your belief that no member of God’s community can be oblivious to the fate and future of others......

Willie Ruff
... As a son of the South, you came to New Haven more than a half-century ago fueled by jazz and destined to teach. Throughout your remarkable career, you have been able to blend your two greatest loves in the same creative and spontaneous way that you perform with Dwike Mitchell for audiences in Russia and China. As the founding director of the Duke Ellington Fellowship at Yale, you have enlivened the senses of young people by bringing the giants of the truly American music—jazz—into their schools.

Willie Ruff, you are so much more than a composer, musician and teacher. We here today are confident that if Louis “Satchmo” Armstrong was asked to describe you, his response would be, “If you gotta ask, you'll never know......

Lashell Rountree, Carrie Kelly and Carla Minniefield are a happy trio. They received bachelor's degrees and were in the same New Dimensions cohort for four years.

Honorary degree recipient Willie Ruff played Ellington and Gershwin in memory of the victims of September 11 and in honor of all rescue workers.

Honorary degree recipients join President McNamara for their class photo. Left to right are Sr. Mary Faith Geelan, O.P., Libby and Sidney Glicksman and Willie Ruff.
Sheila Gallagher Murphy ’57

A Teacher’s Teacher

PROFILE

Many years ago in a Dominican high school in Watertown, Massachusetts, Sr. Florentia saw in a student the makings of a teacher, “but not the patience to teach small children.” Murphy remembers her early mentor with affection and says “She was right.” It was Sr. Florentia who instilled a love of Latin in her student and encouraged her to apply to Albertus. Once at the College, Murphy, who majored in English and minored in Latin, found that “Sr. Vincentia’s depth of knowledge and Sr. Maria Patricia’s enthusiasm for literature nurtured my lifelong addiction to reading, and my desire to teach literature.” She went on to earn a master’s degree in English from Boston College and another master’s in creative writing, taught other teachers, and spent time writing. Now she plans program projects, designs in-service projects for teachers, and writes grants. She helps with the care of parents, ages 98 and 95.

Involvement with the Writing Project began in 1985 when Murphy took a month-long CWP Summer Institute at the University of Connecticut. There teachers learned about writing and the teaching of writing, taught other teachers, and spent time writing. Now she plans programs, designs in-service projects for school districts and presents workshops for teachers. As part of an on-going workshop series, she serves as workshop coach for teachers in a New Haven magnet school, supporting them as they experiment with new strategies for teaching writing. Working with CWP she says, “became a way to improve my teaching, and to share my growing expertise with other teachers.”

In fact, Murphy credits the “immersion in writing” at her first Summer Institute with encouraging her own writing. “I began, at my rather advanced age,” she says, “to love writing for personal and well as professional satisfaction.” At present she is writing a book of poems in memory of two grandchildren who died at ages 11 months and 14 months of spinal muscular atrophy, a genetic disease.

She is collaborating on the essay collection with Connecticut Poet Laureate Marilyn Nelson. Murphy got to know Connellan when she began to invite writers to her classes to talk about their work. “Leo would visit my classes, all grades, all achievement levels, to talk about poetry. He inspired my students, and me, to become more thoughtful readers and writers of poetry,” she says.

Her essay in the collection will recall her friend’s visits to the classroom and how students respond to him. Each of her projects is “another new beginning. Always, I am grateful to Albertus—where this struggling scholarship student was nurtured in the lifelong wonder of teaching and learning.”
Dora Kyrk Henel ‘59  

Art Detective

PROFILE

When she retired, Dora Henel moved from isolating chromosomes to analyzing ancient artificats.

She had been looking for a volunteer job that would combine a commitment to science and a deep interest in art developed during 12 years of living in Brussels, Teheran, Madrid, Rome and London.

Then, through a mutual friend, she met the chemist at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. “He was willing to train me in the use of infrared spectroscopy and x-ray diffraction to analyze art objects,” she explains. “These techniques are amazing because one can work with a sample about the size of the head of a pin and not damage the object.”

This new work analyzing the ancient was just what Henel hoped to find. It is part painstaking analysis, part solving mysteries of the art world—and for her the chemistry was right. Now she spends two or three days a week in a basement lab working on projects for art conservators at the Met as well as other museums. “They have questions about basic composition, pigments, coatings, corrosion, glues used in old repairs and vanishes on furniture.

“One of my more interesting projects was to analyze all the jade objects for an exhibition from Costa Rica. Since the name jade can be given to several different minerals—jadeite or nephrite, among others—curators needed to know the composition of each piece for the catalogues,” she says.

Henel is an avid reader of mysteries and this makes solving real-life puzzles all the more satisfying. “I can’t prove that an object is authentic, but sometimes I can cast doubt on its authenticity,” she says. Recently she found a modern coating on a reportedly ancient Aztec statue and modern pigments on supposedly old paintings.

The foundation for Henel’s scientific work stems from classes at Albertus with the “legends” of their time: Sr. Imma, Sr. Mary Urban and Dr. Dorothea Rudnick. A biology major, she worked after graduation at Yale’s Hunter Radiation Lab, trying to regulate blood supply to cancer tumors, research in the news again recently.

From Yale she went to the Rockefeller Institute in New York City where her lab was isolating chromosomes and laying the groundwork for today’s gene project. After a 24-year hiatus spent raising four children and living abroad, she took courses at Columbia to brush up on her scientific skills. “After that, I went to Mt. Sinai Hospital and worked in a lab trying to insert ‘good genes’ in people with inherited liver disease,” she recalls.

Her work at the Met is the most satisfying of all. “I wish I had gotten into this field much earlier in my life, but I’m thankful that I didn’t miss the opportunity,” she says. “I can still look forward to the search.”

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In Memoriam

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**CLASS NOTES**

**1972**
Karen Lencrini Sarat, Westfield, MA, is activities director for Springfield's Mercy Hospital Cancer Support Group. A cancer survivor herself, she will represent the district in the September "Relay for Life" in Washington, D.C.

**1973**
30th Reunion June 13–14, 2003
Kathleen Ryan, Coventry, CT, was recently named Teacher of the Year at Howell Cheney Regional Vocational-Technical School, where she has taught for 28 years. Chair of the Connecticut Geographic Olympiad steering committee since 1997, she will be one of four state teachers studying for two weeks this summer at the National Geographic Society in Washington, D.C.

**1974**
Kim Maneuse, Ashfield, MA, directed Faust 2002, a new performance by the Pilgrim Theatre, which she co-founded, at the Boston Center for the Arts in April.

**1977**
Cornelia Gunn Dinmore, Hamden, CT, is an adjunct professor at Fairfield University and director of Faith Formation at the St. Thomas More School of Religion.

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20th Reunion June 13–14, 2003
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Curt Brantl

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David McNamara and has two daughters.

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**1993**
Maureen ONeil, Tallahassee, FL, is assistant executive director of Refuse House. Recently she assisted in raising $2.7 million to build a new emergency shelter and childcare center for battered women and their children.

**1994**
Tory Spaturo, New York, NY, sends word that she has launched a virtual business, Acorns by Allison, with her mother. It is a personal shopper service at www.acentsbyallison.com

**1995**
Jacquelyn Patrick Lee, Brooklyn Heights, NY, is with real estate tax services of Deluca & Tousha in Manhattan. She married Chung Lee in 1999 and gave birth to John Patrick Chung Won Lee on September 8, 2001.

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**Installation Artist**

Sheila Pepe’s senior project reading assignment at Albertus. On her schedule for next year: RISD and Pratt Institute.

**In Memoriam: Alumni Relatives and Members of the Albertus Community**

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**James F. McKeon, III, brother of Trudy McKeon Daly ’61**

**Charles H. Mullen, former ACM Trustee**

**Richard Smith, husband of Miriam Hayner Smith ’39**

**Annette Stamper, mother of Sherry Eichorn ’70**

**Russell T. Sullivan, husband of Ann Hargett Sullivan ’47**

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**Irene Horgan, Naugatuck, CT, runs the 10 studios of the Horgan Academy of Dance with her mother and sister. When she’s not teaching dance or judging competitions, she is an adjunct professor of business at Triney Post University.**

**Ecken Stebbings, Denver, CO, is a computer instructor and supervisor for the developmentally disabled at the Developmental Disablities Resources Center. What began as a temporary receptionist’s job at the Center resulted in advancement to her current position. Her work is rewarding although challenging. “I am blessed.”**

** priorities**

- **“Lip,” (detail) 2001**

  - Shelburne and rubber bands
  - 20 ft. x 100 ft. x 24 ft. Installed at the Falconer Gallery, Grinnell College Iowa

- **Priority is always to “create an awareness of sensory experience and how we understand what we see and feel. My work is a suggestion that “thinking playfulness”—and imagination—is common to all and a critical part of our lives,” Pepe says.**

- **She points out that “artistically my influences are a contradictory lot: Eva Hesse and Judy Chicago, Jackson Pollack and Claes Oldenburg. And while the small and rare art world is a main source of inspiration, equally strong is the dell that my parents ran in Jersey while I was growing up.”**
Kirsten Simmons Verdi, Olney, MD, reports that she has “retired” temporarily from her job as head registrar for collections and exhibitions at the Corcoran Gallery in Washington, D.C. to stay at home with her sons Alex, 3 ½ and Christopher, 1 ½.

Sarah Andrews, CE, Cheshire, CT, has rejoined Calagna Associates, a real estate company, as an associate.

Jessica Somers, Wallingford, CT, had an MFA thesis exhibit of her photographs at the Charter Oak Cultural Center Gallery in Hartford.

1999 Carolyn Horton, ND, Norwich, CT, has been named director of health information management at Windham Community Memorial Hospital.

Jim Wood, MIl, Wallingford, CT, has been named co-vice chairperson for the United Way of Meriden and Wallingford 2002–2003 campaign.

2000 Howard Bradshaw, CE, Derby, CT, is completing his MIM at Albertus. Since receiving his undergraduate degree, he has been promoted to senior analyst for product and process quality at Sikorsky and is a core member of the process quality team, which is facilitating change across the division. He also is an instructor at United Technologies’ University.

The Perfect Gift
Honor the birthday of a dear friend, the anniversary of a relative, the wedding of a classmate, or any other very special occasion, with a gift to your alma mater. We will let the honoree know of your thoughtfulness and list the name of the honoree and your name in the College's Honor Roll of Donors. Send your gift to the Office of Advancement, 700 Prospect Street, New Haven, CT 06511. Be sure to tell us as you are honoring and the address of the honoree.

Richard Freeth ’93

**Law and Music**

For Rich Freeth arguing a case in a New York City courtroom is much like singing his own songs in small clubs—it all depends on language.

This Albertus English major started freshman year thinking about majoring in business. “I chose English because I love language and literature,” he says. “As it turned out, it was a good choice. My English background has served me quite well both as an attorney and as a songwriter.”

Music has been part of Freeth’s life for a long time. “Any musician will tell you that playing is an addiction. I started my habit in junior high school, playing in all types of bands.” He remembers putting together groups just for fun, sometimes even getting recruited to play at school functions. “I played at the party for the opening of the Athletic Center with my friend and classmate Alain Villahance, and at the 1990 graduation ceremony.” His playing took him beyond campus to gigs with rock bands in the New Haven area, and he won the male rock category in a national Talent America contest. He still has a band, the squibs, but lately he has been a solo act, playing guitar and singing his own songs. Right now he is recording material for a CD.

Freeth’s interest in the law stems from his love of words. Shortly after graduation from Albertus, he worked for a large organization, “where I was the low guy, working for the president who was an attorney.” Freeth recalls. “It turned out I was one of the few people who really hit it off with him because we both loved to discuss the etymologies of words. He showed me how truly vital words are to law, and that words are the coin of the realm in legal practice. So my major led to my career, but in a indirect way.”

Also nudging Freeth toward a law degree was his love of books, which he began collecting at an early age.

“By chance, while I was at Albertus, I acquired a book that was a synopsis of American law, and during my senior year I started to read it and became so engrossed I sat down and read the entire book. It gave cases, and then discussed the legal principles involved.”

Today he works mainly in civil litigation, but also handles real estate transactions, wills, trusts and estates, entertainment law and international transactions. He is a graduate of the University of Miami Law School.

“I love practicing law, and find it fascinating and stimulating. I keep writing songs, and also find that fascinating and stimulating. Both endeavors can be frustrating, so sometimes I seek respite from one in the other. I know that if I won the Lotto tomorrow I’d still try to keep doing both.”

Dominican Jubilarians

Four members of the Dominican Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs with close ties to Albertus are celebrating a Jubilee of Religious Profession this year.

Sr. Mary Urban Cullen, a 1930 graduate of the College and former professor of biology here, marks her 75th year as a member of the Congregation. She began teaching at the College after receiving a master’s degree from Ohio State University. She received a doctorate in zoology from Yale University, then returned to Albertus for nearly 25 years. In 1974 she retired from teaching, embarking on a new career in hospital ministry, retiring in 1985. She resides at the Muhlen Health Care Center in Columbus.

Sr. Marie Louise Hubert, former Albertus president and professor of French, is celebrating her 60th Jubilee year. A graduate of St. Joseph College, she received a master’s from Columbia University and a Ph.D. from Yale University. She was president from 1956 to 1971. After her presidency she continued to serve the College as director of institutional research. Sr. Marie Louise spent almost her entire religious life at Albertus, retiring in 2001. She currently resides at Muhlen Health Care Center.

Sr. Juliana D’Amato, celebrating her Golden Jubilee, taught art and Italian at Albertus for nearly three decades. She completed her doctoral work in Italian at Yale University and also taught at The Catholic University of America and Providence College. After pursuing graduate studies in theological and pastoral ministry, Sr. Juliana in 1997 became a pastoral associate at St. Margaret of Cortona Parish in Columbus, a ministry she continues to perform.

Sr. Thoma Swanson, who taught art at Albertus, is observing her Golden Jubilee. A well-known international artist, she also spent 10 years at the Dominican Mission in Chimbote, Peru, where she founded a women’s cooperative, helping local women to produce and sell their native crafts. Her stained glass work appears in the Dominican Chapel at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C., and in the new chapel at St. Mary of the Springs. She works in a Columbus art studio.
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