

## Donors Provide Gift to CBU Students in Honor of Brother Stan Sobczyk



① Brother Stan Sobczyk welcomes Jack Blair and Susan Bowen. ② Brother Stan poses with Lois and Chris Canale. ③ Judge Rita Stotts ('73) and Sandra Hill Burke are greeted by Weetie Phillips. ④ Dr. Regina G. Healy ('88) shares a laugh with Brother Stan.



A GATHERING OF FRIENDS, alumni, and trustees gathered on May 22 at La Montagne Restaurant in Memphis, not merely to say a fond farewell to the departing CBU president but also to provide for a standing legacy in his honor. By the end of the evening, more than \$60,000 had been raised to initiate the Brother Stan Sobczyk Scholarship Fund. The first recipient of the scholarship will be named this fall.

John Bragg ('00), owner and chef de cuisine at La Montagne, provided the guests with a generous gourmet menu including grilled diver scallops with prosciutto-wrapped asparagus and sweet pepper flan, beef tenderloin with butter-rich mashed potatoes and crawfish béarnaise, and a flourless chocolate almond torte with fresh strawberries and champagne sabayon.

CBU trustee Dave Nelson proved a jovial and witty master of ceremonies, and university vice president Nick Scully acted as auctioneer for a lively auction of items including exclusive dinners, a golf package, a VIP evening at a Memphis Grizzlies game, a condo vacation in Colorado, and a special tour of San Francisco led by the guest of honor himself—who also provided another auction item: a magnum of 1975 cabernet sauvignon from the old Christian Brothers winery. Despite the fact that Brother Stan laughingly declined to vouch for its drinkability, the vintage wine spurred some spirited offers and a winning bid of

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① Committee chairman Mike Uiberall welcomes the guests to the Brother Stan Sobczyk Scholarship Dinner.

② Brother Stan chats with Rudi Scheidt (right) and Dick Gadomski. ③ Daveen Speer and DeDe Robinson celebrate a winning bid during the auction. ④ Dave Nelson displays the magnum of vintage Christian Brothers wine that Brother Stan put up for auction. ⑤ Martha and Ben Bryant applaud the guest of honor.

\$850 from Dick Gadomski ('62).

Other auction donors included Bancorp South, Blue Fish Restaurant, Hilton Hotels, Erling Jensen Restaurant, Dave and Donna Nelson, Northwest Airlines, and Gary and Barbara Tatge.

The bulk of the initial funds for the scholarship was raised from three \$5,000 sponsorships, five sponsorships in the amount of \$2,500, and eighteen gifts of \$1,000 each. The scholarship committee was composed of trustees Mike Uiberall, Ben Bryant, Chip Dudley, Bob McEniry, Dave Nelson, and Willis Willey. ■

*Brother Stan's farewell message appears on page 11.*

## NIH Awards Minority Research Grant to CBU for Sixth Straight Year



Jenny Bernard ('06) worked on a jaguar ecology and conservation project in Brazil this summer as part of CBU's MHIRT program.

THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH, through the Fogarty International Center and the Office of Research on Minority Health and Health Disparities, has awarded Christian Brothers University a grant of more than \$900,000. The Minority Health International Research and Training grant (MHIRT) is designed to provide international research training opportunities to qualified students who are traditionally underrepresented in biomedical and behavioral research careers.

This is the sixth consecutive year CBU has received the award, which will be granted in annual increments over a four-year period. Through academic programs in their home institutions, students in the MHIRT program acquire the basic skills needed to conduct research and become eligible to participate in research projects. The projects address problems inherent to health care in minority and rural populations in the U.S. and in developing countries.

CBU has established research projects in Brazil or Uganda. Depending upon their special interest, students participate in laboratory research in several loca-

tions in Brazil including Florianopolis, São Paulo, and Curitiba, or participate in studies involving access to health care and efficacy of educational programs on insecticide treated mosquito nets to prevent the spread of malaria in rural Uganda.

"The primary mission of this program is to provide minority students with an opportunity to undertake international research that has the potential to make a real difference in the health care of under served populations in the U.S. and developing countries," said Dr. Malinda Fitzgerald, MHIRT project director at CBU and principal investigator. "We target opportunities for minority students but we also have opportunities for all qualified students."

Since the grant was first awarded in 2000, more than 40 students from CBU and several other colleges and universities in the Mid South have participated in the project.

For additional information on the MHIRT grant and project, contact Dr. Malinda Fitzgerald, professor of biology at CBU, at [malinda@cbu.edu](mailto:malinda@cbu.edu) or at (901) 321-3262. ■

## James McWillie Awarded Honorary Doctorate for Volunteer Service



CHRISTIAN BROTHERS UNIVERSITY honored one of its most dedicated volunteers with an honorary degree at a special ceremony at De La Salle Chapel on June 29. CBU president Brother Stan Sobczyk conferred the Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters upon James C. McWillie, AFSC. McWillie has served as volunteer archivist for the university for 17 years.

“The spirit of giving can take many forms,” said Brother Stan, in conferring the degree. “At Christian Brothers University, some give back in a special way by volunteering their time and talent to doing something that they love. For those who love CBU, no one has given back more freely of time and love than Jim McWillie.”

The occasion was also a surprise celebration of McWillie’s 90th birthday. “This will be my first act of surgery since becoming a doctor,” he announced to assembled friends, family, and Brothers as he cut the first slices from his congratulatory birthday cake.

McWillie is a high school graduate of Christian Brothers College and a veteran of the United States Air Force, having served in Europe during World War II.

He served for many years as an administrator and financial officer for the Catholic Diocese of Memphis, following his retirement as vice president of the Murdock Acceptance Corporation. McWillie has also

served on the boards of the Memphis Food Bank, Memphis Light Gas & Water, National Conference of Christians and Jews, the Associated Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Memphis, and the Bishop’s Development Board. He has also been active with the United Way, St. Peter Home for Children, St. Peter Villa Nursing Home, and Christian Brothers High School.

McWillie was awarded the Pro Ecclesia Et Pontifice Medal from Pope John Paul II in 1988, and his other awards include NCCJ Humanitarian of the Year, a Papal Knighthood of the Order of Saint Gregory, and the Award of Merit from the Mayor of Memphis. He is a member of the CBHS Hall of Fame and the Amateur Boxing Hall of Fame. The Kiwanis Club of Memphis presented McWillie with the Outstanding Senior Citizen Award in 2004. He was named an Affiliated Member of the De La Salle Christian Brothers in 1994.

Earlier this year, the Brother I. Leo O’Donnell Archives published *The McWillie Chronology of Christian Brothers University*, a 313-page, indexed compendium of events in the history of the university which McWillie compiled over a period of two years from newspapers, campus publications, and other archived sources. ■

**James McWillie, AFSC (above) was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters at a special ceremony at CBU on June 29. Pictured above left, Mr. McWillie is congratulated by Brother Stan Sobczyk and his daughters, Betty and Judith McWillie. Betty McWillie is director of the Career Center at CBU, and Judith is a professor of art at the University of Georgia.**



## CBU Campus Enjoys a Variety of Improvements, TLC Over the Past Year

THE SOUNDS OF SUMMER at CBU last year were those of jackhammers and power tools, as construction projects on each end of campus are underway. The renovation of De La Salle Hall was in full swing, but that was not the only construction project underway on campus.

Due to that renovation, it was necessary to find a new location for the fitness center formerly housed there. Thus the old gym wasn't the only dated reserve to find a new life—the Swashbuckler Lounge in the Thomas Center was remade into a much livelier (and healthier) student resource, the Swashbuckler Fitness Center. Pool tables and video games were replaced by ellipticals and stationary bikes; dusty sofas were replaced by weight machines; and the big-screen TV was replaced by a couple of corner-mounted small-screens (hey, you still need television...). On the other side of the building, the Thomas Center Conference Room was also

rehabbed with fresh paint, carpet, and new conference furniture, all courtesy of a gift from AIMS Logistics. It was further redecorated with a collection of watercolors donated to CBU by artist Betty Bell.

At the same time, construction was taking place at both main entrances to campus. The drive was widened at the Parkway entrance, and a new guardhouse was built to help Campus Safety better monitor the comings and goings on campus. Over at the Central Lot, the eastern section was leveled and repaved; a lane divider with planters was added directly behind the guardhouse.

Construction on De La Salle Hall continued through the fall (see *Bell Tower*, Winter 2005), but the improvements to the campus did not stop there. Boshwit Courtyard was doubled in size as a result of the building's new configuration and entrance, creating an expanded plaza with new plantings and out-



door seating. Another outdoor amenity received a much-needed facelift and repairs this spring—Canale Pool was outfitted with a new liner, decorative decking, fence, and entrance just in time for summer. Special thanks to Kevin Baltz ('92), who generously donated his services on much of the pool renovation.

Construction resumed on the Central Lot this summer; the north section of its expanse, as well as the adjoining faculty lot, was leveled and repaved. A sidewalk was added along the northern edge of the Central Lot, with new stairs leading down the embankment into campus. Curbing was also added to the base of the embankment and to the drive running along the Science Center lawn.

Maurelian Hall was outfitted with new windows this summer, and the Brother Miguel Faculty Courtyard behind Barry Hall was enhanced with new sidewalks, seating areas, and improved drainage.

New signage was added to the buildings on campus this summer, crafted in the CBU logo font and posi-

tioned over multiple entrances of buildings where it was applicable (instead of simply on the front). Further user-friendliness will be added to the campus this fall when directory kiosks are installed at entry locations and in the Boshwit Courtyard outside Buckman Hall.

While many of these improvements predated the arrival of Lance Forsdick as interim president in June, they—along with a heightened focus on general upkeep of the grounds—certainly fit into his business philosophy. “Since my business background is in real estate and the hospitality industry, I know the importance of curb appeal,” Forsdick explained. “Enhancing the curb appeal of a property not only offers a better first impression to your customer—in our case, students and parents—it also boosts the morale and pride of the alumni and the employees.”

He promises more improvements to come. “It’s a simple and direct way to tell the community, on campus and off, that we care.” ■

**Some of the improvements to the CBU campus over the past year have been (l-r) new signage identifying the buildings, a new guardhouse at the Parkway entry, a renovated Canale Pool, an expanded public space in Boshwit Courtyard, and the new Swashbuckler Fitness Center.**

## First LANCE Cohort Graduates Seven Teachers for Catholic Schools



The first cohort to complete CBU's LANCE program graduated in May. Pictured at the ceremony with Brother Ignatius Brown and Dr. Ellen Faith (in the back row) are (l-r): Shannon Audley, Denise Filipek, Kat Christrup, Alexis Nussbaum, and Matt Bleecher. Not pictured are Sarah Glaser and Aaron Piotrowski. (Since graduation, Shannon and Aaron were married on June 12).

SEVEN STUDENTS COMPLETED the first cohort of the LANCE program and held a graduation ceremony at Christian Brothers University in May.

LANCE (Lasallian Association of New Catholic Educators) is a two-year teacher-service program welcoming young college graduates who wish to serve as teachers in Catholic Schools. CBU formed a partnership with the Diocese of Memphis to begin this program in 2003. Participants in the program teach in Catholic Schools, live in community, support each other's spiritual development and take courses at the university as they complete a Masters of Arts in Teaching.

LANCE combines graduate study, spiritual development, and community living for its participants. The program is part of the University Consortium for Catholic Education, a collaborative that includes similar service programs at the University of Portland, the College of Notre Dame of Maryland, Creighton University, the University of Dayton, Boston College,

Seton Hall University, Loyola Marymount University, Providence College, Valparaiso University, Loyola University Chicago, the University of Great Falls, and the University of Notre Dame.

Six of the LANCE program graduates have elected to continue teaching in Catholic schools next year.

Shannon Audley is a native of Wichita, KS, and graduated from the University of Dallas. She taught physical science, biology, physics, and chemistry at Bishop Byrne High School. Next year she will enter the University of Memphis to begin doctoral studies.

Matt Bleecher is from Chicago. Matt also taught at Bishop Byrne High School, covering most of the courses in the Math department from Algebra I to Calculus. He is remaining in his teaching position at Bishop Byrne for another year.

Kat Christrup graduated from Rhodes College and is from Lafayette, LA. Kindergarten classes at St. Patrick's Catholic School have been the focus of her teaching. Kate will remain in the teaching position at St. Patrick's for another year.

Denise Filipek is from Los Angeles, CA, and graduated from Loyola Marymount University. She taught English and student publications at Memphis Catholic High School. Denise will remain in the teaching position at Memphis Catholic for another year.

Sarah Glaser is a native of Memphis and graduated from the University of Memphis. Religion and English were subjects she taught at Immaculate Conception High School. Sarah completed her practice teaching at IC before she entered the LANCE program and will continue teaching and coaching softball there.

Alexis Nussbaum is from Knoxville and graduated from the University of Notre Dame. Over the past two years, she has taught at St. Joseph School, St. Paul School, and Holy Names School. She will remain in her present position for another year.

Aaron Piotrowski is from Toledo, OH, and graduated from John Carroll University in Cleveland. Aaron's teaching has been in the upper grades of Immaculate Conception Elementary, concentrating on English and American History. He will remain in his present teaching position next year. ■



## CBU Again Offering Certificate in Financial Planning

THE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS at CBU will offer its seventh CFP Board registered program in Financial Planning beginning September 27.

The program consists of six courses, meeting on Tuesday evenings, over a 12-month period. Upon successful completion of the program, students will be eligible to sit for the Certified Financial Planner Certification Examination. CBU offers the program in partnership with Dalton Publications, the leading provider of financial planning and education materials for financial planners.

According to occupational studies, employment as a financial planner is expected to grow 35-40% between 1998 and 2008. The Certificate in Financial Planning will assist both financial professionals and persons changing careers to enter this rapidly growing profession.

CBU's Certificate in Financial Planning program has been designed for professionals in the brokerage, insurance, accounting, banking, and related industries. The program focuses on the technical aspects, practical application, ethical and profession-

al aspects of financial planning. The topics covered by this program are the process of financial planning, insurance planning, investment planning, income tax planning, retirement and employee benefit planning, and estate planning.

CBU offers this program in partnership with BISYS Education Services, the leading provider of financial planning and education materials. CFP certification is granted only by Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards Inc. to those persons who, in addition to completing an educational requirement such as CBU's CFP board-registered program, have met its ethics, experience, and examination requirements.

CBU will host preview sessions and open house events for persons interested in the CFP program on August 25, September 6, and September 15, 5:00-7:00 p.m. Sessions are held in the Clark Conference Room on the third floor of Buckman Hall. For additional information, contact Jacque Mahr at (901) 321-3315, or visit the web site at [www.cbu.edu/business/cfp](http://www.cbu.edu/business/cfp). ■

### ▲ ARTS ON CAMPUS

CBU played host to the "Arts in the Park" festival in June. The art festival, which had previously been held in Audubon Park, featured a juried artist's market; strolling performers; artistic, café-style dining; and an Art Yard for kids that included storytelling, painting, public art, wearable art, singing and instrument making. Activities were held in Nolan Field (above), Boshwit Courtyard, and Buckman Quad.

## Certificates to be Offered in Public Administration, Ethical Leadership

### KUDOS

CBU student-athletes led the Gulf South Conference with 40 student-athletes named to the 2005 GSC Spring Academic Honor Roll. Student named to the Roll must maintain a 3.0 GPA. Students named All-Academic (\*) must maintain a 3.2 GPA. **BASEBALL:** Blake Christian ('06), Ryne Dahlke ('06), John Daush ('08), Bobby Daush ('06), Brian DeJean ('05), Josh Dove ('07), Mark Foster ('08), Tristan Gore ('08), John Raymond Hehn ('06), Wes Hoover\* ('05), Brad Koewler ('06), Bobby Lawrence (Biology '08), Andrew Livernois ('06), Brooks Meadows ('08), Patton Minkin ('05), Shawn Morgan ('07), Hank Pitts ('05), Billy Rasch ('08), Steven Shelton ('06), Matt Smith ('06), Charlie Soukup ('07), and Michael St. Cin ('06). **SOFTBALL:** Jenny Bernard\* ('06), Kathryn Bomar ('06), Paula Cerrito ('06), Angela Dunn ('05), Lauren Hearn ('08), Jennifer Longo\* ('05), and Tia Shores ('08). **TENNIS:** Lauren Amundson ('07), Whitney Appling ('05), Bill Koerber ('06), and Susan Mohan ('08). **GOLF:** Josh Bevell ('08), Lauren Bobal ('06), Drew Bringham ('05), Anna Land ('05), Mark Lingerfelt ('06), Molly Lucas ('06), and Jay McDonald ('06).

THE CBU SCHOOL OF BUSINESS will offer new certification programs in public administration and ethical leadership beginning with the fall semester.

The Graduate Certificate in Public Administration (GCPA) is designed for students who want to enhance their knowledge and understanding of administration and management at the municipal, state and federal levels of government.

The program is designed to give students a solid understanding of the nature and workings of government. Students will find the Graduate Certificate of Public Administration useful to enter or re-enter the job market, to change careers, or for advancement in the public sector.

The Graduate Certificate in Ethical Leadership (GCEL) will provide students with an academic and personal integration of ethics, leadership, and service. The service-based program targets the executive or rising executive in all styles of organizations and businesses—profit, non-profit, civic, educational, reli-

gious, and government.

Both programs require nine credit hours of graduate study and can be completed in nine months of study. Courses for the GCPA focus on governmental finance, agency administration, and analysis. Courses for the GCEL focus on executive leadership, ethics and moral philosophy, and service to society.

Admission requirements to the certificate programs are based on an overall evaluation of the applicant's educational needs and career objectives. Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited university and must provide the following: a Graduate Certificate Enrollment Application form, current resume, two letters of recommendation, copies of undergraduate transcripts, and a \$25 processing fee. The cost for each program is \$4,590.

For more information on the Graduate Certificate Programs at CBU, call Dr. Bevalee Pray in the CBU School of Business at 901-321-3319 or email [bpray@cbu.edu](mailto:bpray@cbu.edu). ■

## Buccaneer Outfielder Named to All-GSC Second Team



BUCCANEER OUTFIELDER Michael St. Cin ('06) was named to the All-Gulf South Conference second team, as voted on by the league's head coaches in May.

St. Cin, a business major from St. Louis, finished third in batting average during the 2005 season, hitting .322. He hit three home runs and drove in 23 on

the year. He slugged .433 and was a perfect 2-2 on the base paths.

St. Cin played all three positions in the outfield this season and was second on the team with five outfield assists.

"We are extremely excited for Michael," said head coach Phil Goodwin. "No player, since I've been here, has improved so dramatically on the field, in the classroom and in maturity.

"Michael has worked hard in all these areas and should have an even better senior season. He has leadership skills that we will count on next year."

St. Cin was also named to the Gulf South Academic Honor Roll (see "Kudos" at left).

St. Cin played for coach Ryan Rhea at St. John Vianney High School in St. Louis, where he was a Gold Glove winner, a first team All-Conference selection, and hit .366 his senior season. He is the son of Paul ('71) and Elizabeth St. Cin and has four brothers: Paul Jr., Brian, Kevin, and Patrick. ■