Highlights

- Prof. William Kresse discusses massive ATM fraud on WGN Radio 720
- SXU and WGN-TV's Teacher of the Month for May, 2013 -- Laura Milas
- President's Scholarship Ball raises almost $400,000
- Prof. Reza Varjavand writes column about immigration for SouthtownStar
- Prof. Robert Shapiro writes column about gun control for SouthtownStar
- SXU opens Center for the Study of Financial Markets and Derivatives
- WSCR 670 "The Score" covers SXU softball's NAIA National Championship Opening Round win
- Photo of former SXU quarterback Jimmy Coy at Chicago Bears rookie minicamp on Yahoo! Sports
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Saint Xavier University Prof. William Kresse discussed one of the biggest ATM frauds in history on May 13 on the afternoon edition of the Mike McConnell Show on WGN Radio 720.

Kresse, also known as Professor Fraud, is an associate professor at the Graham School of Management. He is director of the SXU Center for the Study of Fraud and Corruption.
Congratulations to the Saint Xavier University women's softball team for winning its 2013 NAIA National Championship Opening Round bracket with a 10-2 victory over Corban University (Ore.) in Portland, Ore., on May 15. The Cougars also set a new school record by claiming their 49th victory of the season!

WSCR 670 "The Score," the second-largest sports radio station in the country, announced the SXU win twice an hour all night.
Saint Xavier University has partnered with WGN-TV Chicago to highlight the Teacher of the Month program, which honors educators who make a difference in their communities.

The program recognizes outstanding kindergarten, elementary, junior high, high school, vocational, and special education teachers in Chicagoland and northwest Indiana. Laura Milas, who teaches art at Hinsdale Central High School, is May's Teacher of the Month. This segment appeared on WGN Chicago's News at Nine on May 28. Teachers of the Month also will appear on the SXU and WGN-TV websites.

One teacher will be selected each month through June 2013 for a total of 10 honorees. Teachers of the Month are chosen based on educational achievements in the classroom, community contributions and innovativeness of the program/techniques used by the teacher. Each Teacher of the Month is featured on the WGN-TV news and will receive a certificate of recognition. Additionally, each Teacher of the Month will receive a $1,000 donation from SXU to purchase school supplies for his or her classroom.
There are two archival repositories on the Lake Shore Campus, one of which is housed in Cudahy Library, as mentioned in Part I. The University Archives & Special Collections collects, preserves, and makes available for research official Loyola University “records and ancillary records of the University community of historical, legal, fiscal, and/or administrative value,” as stated by L.U.C. Libraries.

Kathy Young is University Archivist and Curator of Rare Books. Laura Berfield is the Archivist in the Congressional Archives and Ashley Howdeshell is Archives Associate.

The Women & Leadership Archives (WLA) is housed in the aforementioned Piper Hall, which is in easy walking distance of Cudahy Library and Klarchek Information Commons. The WLA “collects, preserves, and makes available materials of enduring value that advance original research on women, their roles and contributions to society, with particular emphasis on women's organizations and women who have been leaders in Chicago and the Midwest.”

Historic Mundelein College Libraries

In 1991, the Lake Shore Campus grew southward along a narrow strip of lakefront land that bends with Sheridan Road. This property had been the campus of Mundelein College, a Catholic women’s college founded in 1930 by the Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (BVM) at the behest of George Cardinal Mundelein (1872-1939), Archbishop of Chicago (1915-1939), who was a strong advocate of Catholic education.
Nairne W. Fisher and Joseph W. McCarthy designed the Skyscraper Building (1930) at 6363 North Sheridan Road, now known as Mundelein Center, in the Art Deco style.[1] This fifteen-story, building clad in limestone was the headquarters of Mundelein College.[2] The original library was housed in room 401 of the Skyscraper.

Stocked mainly with donated books, the entire initial library collection was cataloged and shelved in only thirty days. The main book donation came from Rev. John Rothensteiner of St. Louis. The initial donation consisted of 2,000 volumes; however, he later bequeathed his entire 20,000 volume library to the college. This gift was the heart of Mundelein College’s rare book collection.

Mundelein College moved its library in 1934 to the Piper Hall Mansion (1909) designed by William Carbys Zimmerman, also known as the Albert G. Wheeler House, at 956 West Sheridan Road, which Mundelein College had purchased from the insurance executive Albert Mussey Johnson (1872-1948). A.G. Wheeler, chief engineer of the Chicago Tunnel Company, gave Zimmerman a budget that allowed for Neoclassical, Romanesque, Tudor, and Prairie School details in a white Vermont marble building.

Reading rooms occupied the first two floors of the mansion while the former ballroom on the third floor housed the book stacks. The mansion remained the college’s library until 1967. Loyola uses it as a conference hall and rents it out as a wedding and wedding reception venue.

The Learning Resource Center, built in 1967, became Mundelein College’s new library. Officially dedicated in 1969, the Learning Resource Center provided Mundelein students with a science and lecture auditorium, 100-seat audiovisual room, faculty and student lounges, seminar rooms, and a rare book room. Today the Learning Resource Center serves the Loyola University Chicago community as the Sullivan Center for Student Services.

Health Sciences Library in Maywood

The Health Sciences Library is on the Health Sciences Campus, which is part of the larger Loyola University Medical Center campus.[3] It serves faculty, students, and staff of Loyola's Health Sciences Division (medical, graduate, and nursing schools) as well as hospital and clinical personnel of Loyola University Health System.[4]

Gail Y. Hendler is Associate Provost and Library Director. Jeanne Sadlik is Associate Director.

This special library is located at 2160 South First Avenue Building 125, Room 1526, in west suburban Maywood, Illinois 60153, on the first floor of the Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing, west of the Stritch School of Medicine.[5] The library has a large collection of materials in the health sciences and related disciplines. The Health Sciences Library is open from 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, and from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Fridays, while the Vincent J. Galante, M.D. Information Commons is open 24/7 (twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week).

Rome Center Library

The Rome Center Library is located at Via Massimi 114/A 00136, Rome, Italy. Its collections of books, e-books, e-journals, and research databases serve the faculty and students of the John Felice Rome Center. Elisa Aversa is the Librarian.

[1] Mundelein was the second Catholic women’s college in Chicago. Now Mundelein College is one of Loyola University's ten colleges and schools. The other Catholic universities in Chicago are DePaul University in Lincoln Park on the North Side of Chicago, founded by the Congregation of the Mission (Vincentian priests and brothers) in 1875, and St. Xavier University on the South Side of Chicago, founded by the Sisters of Mercy as the Saint Francis Xavier Academy for Females in 1847.
[2] On October 1, 2012, Loyola re-dedicated this building as the Mundelein Center for the Fine and Performing Arts. The Skyscraper’s second-floor gymnasium has been replaced with a theater. The Newhart Family Theatre was named in honor of the comedian Bob Newhart, who graduated from what is now Loyola’s Quinlan School of Business in 1952, and whose three sisters attended Mundelein College. One of his sisters, Joan Newhart, BVM, was a college administrator at Mundelein. Branski, Hammer, Moretta, Sheehy Architects, in collaboration with Theatre Consultants Collaborative designed the theater. In Organizational terms, it replaces the Kathleen Mullady Theatre in the Centennial Forum Student Union as the main stage of the Theatre Program.

[3] On the Loyola Medical Center campus, one can find Loyola Medical Center, the Cardinal Bernardin Cancer Center, the Ronald McDonald® Children’s Hospital of Loyola, the Burn/Trauma Center, and the Center for Heart & Vascular Medicine, as well as the Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine, and the Loyola University Chicago Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing.

[4] Loyola University Health System (LUHS) is part of Trinity Health. LUHS includes Loyola University Medical Center, which is a teaching hospital, and Gottlieb Memorial Hospital, a 250-bed community hospital in Melrose Park, as well as many smaller clinics. There are primary care facilities in Burr Ridge, Elmhurst, Hickory Hills, Homer Glen, LaGrange Park, Maywood, North Riverside, Oakbrook Terrace, Oak Park, Orland Park, and Wheaton. The LUHS specialty care centers are the Loyola Center for Aesthetics at Oakbrook Terrace North, Loyola Center for Ambulatory Surgery at Oakbrook Terrace North, Loyola Center for Children’s Health at Oakbrook Terrace North, Loyola Center for Health at Hickory Hills, Loyola Center for Health at Homer Glen, Gottlieb Professional Office Building in Melrose Park, and the Loyola Center for Imaging at Oakbrook Terrace North. Further, Loyola is co-owner and operator of RML Specialty Hospital, which is a long-term care facility for ventilator-dependent patients in Hinsdale, Illinois.

[5] Stritch is one of only four Catholic medical schools in the United States.

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New Financial Lab Opens at Saint Xavier

The new lab at the neighborhood university provides students a hands-on look at real time financial markets.

Posted by Dan Lambert (Editor), May 2, 2013 at 05:55 pm

It might look like a normal neighborhood house from the outside, but once you step inside things get a bit more high-tech.

Saint Xavier University's Graham School of Management recently opened the Center for the Study of Financial Markets and Derivatives. The hands-on learning environment gives students the opportunity to use financial technology.

"It is very powerful because students can see real-time data coming in," said Dr. Muhammad Chishty, the director of the center.

Much of the equipment was made possible through grants. Students can use FactSet and Bloomberg terminals, which gives them real time market information. Currently, the only other area schools that use FactSet are the University of Chicago and Northwestern University, Chishty said.

The center offers classes for both finance majors and as electives. In addition, they have already begun to reach out to the community and local schools.

Students from the Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences will be able to take courses and other local high schools have expressed interest in the center.

Chishty also says that they will soon offer non-credit courses to community members looking to learn about financial markets and trading.

*** This article also appeared in the following sources: Evergreen Park Patch and Oak Park-River Forest Patch.
Here are events worth getting out of the house for on May 2.

Suggestions include Orland Hills, Park Forest and Chicago.

LONDON EVERYDAY: St. Xavier University’s Symphony Orchestra will present this show at 7:30 p.m. in Warde Academic Center’s Performance Space, 3700 W. 103rd St., Chicago. The concert program will culminate by welcoming to the podium Martha Morris, SXU professor of music education, in Eric Coates’ “London Suite.” Information: (773) 298-3000, sxu.edu.
Why do we Muslims demand that Americans accommodate, even embrace, every odd thing we do under the umbrella of religion? We seem to have a predisposition to be obsessed with our religious rites so they have an almost pathological influence over us and others.

Some Muslims in the U.S. seem to have only two things to worry about — halal meat (the meat of certain animals slaughtered in the way prescribed by Islamic decrees) and the veil, or hijab (the woman’s complete hair covering). While halal meat can be found in some ethnic food stores, the hijab is visible almost everywhere, even in some highly improbable places such as around or in public swimming pools.

I go to health clubs on a regular basis, and one day I noticed something eccentric. Two young ladies covered from head to toe jumped into the club’s swimming pool, despite the fact that a swimsuit is required according to the club’s rules, which were posted visibly on the wall.

This kind of dress has become the hallmark of Islam, not to mention the most outward sign of being a female Muslim. Seeing the two young women raised questions in my mind.

Why would a woman who possesses such religious fervor jump fully clothed into a pool? What message does such contradictory behavior send to others, and what kind of judgment would people who witnessed it make about Muslims? And if a woman is so steadfastly committed to her religious beliefs, is personal dress the best way to proclaim it?

It surprised me that only one man was staring at the two ladies in disbelief. I thought about what would happen if an American lady traveled to Saudi Arabia or Iran or a Muslim country having less-strict Islamic rules — would she be allowed to walk the streets in her Western dress, let alone swim in a public pool?

Why have some Muslim women become so obsessed with covering themselves in such an extreme fashion? Do the tenets of Islam really require its female followers to wear a hijab?

Even though there is no consensus on this issue, most Islamic scholars believe the head-covering for Muslim women is not mandatory because it is not specifically mentioned in Quran. So what’s the rationale behind the veiling of Muslim women?
The claim of some advocates is that it’s a sign of piety and devotion to Islam and that mandating women to wear the hijab stems from concern for their eternal salvation. Do we really think that forcing women to cover their heads will transform them into faithful Muslims? If so, we should also force believers to go to the mosque to pray or make fasting, alms-giving and other pieties mandatory.

What about the millions of Muslim women who are virtuous but do not wear the hijab? Does this negate their virtue? And why should Islamic governments in many Muslim countries be so concerned with the welfare of women in the afterlife while they make women’s earthly lives so difficult, even unbearable?

Some Muslim leaders say women should wear the hijab so they are not ogled or harassed by men. However, sexual assaults regularly occur in Islamic countries. They remain mostly unreported, and hence undetectable, because doing so is believed to tarnish family honor and forever blemish the lives of the victims.

Do these people think men were created just to be tempted and corrupted by the presence of women?

Even if some men are, that’s their fault, not the fault of women. Women should not give up their right to dress as they wish simply because doing so may offend or tempt some men.

I believe women, Muslim or not, should be free to wear what they wish. It is within the realm of civil law to protect women against harassment or the unwanted advances of men, but not by legislating how they dress.

Forcing women to comply with a strict dress code, as is the case in Muslim countries, subjugates them to demeaning patriarchal law. It’s time for the apologists to stop taking refuge in rhetoric and disclose the real reasons behind this undue intrusion into the private lives of Muslim women.

Diversity is good for America and can be an impetus to economic growth if immigrants pledge allegiance to our country, embrace our identity and assimilate into American popular culture. If the identity of an immigrant population is associated with attitudes and characteristics that are at odds with American culture and its values, a greater chance of conflict is created.

As an immigrant, I feel we should respect the social customs and popular culture of the country in which we reside as a way to show our appreciation for the kindness and opportunity extended to us. This is especially true in the United States, which has accepted us and opened its equal-opportunity gate to us all.

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St. Xavier University, 3700 W. 103rd St., will host a “Protect Your Future: Estate Planning 101” workshop on Saturday, May 18, from 10 a.m. to noon, in the Butler Reception Room, located in the Warde Academic Center. The event, presented by BMO Harris Bank, is free and open to the public, and is one in a series of programs to provide information on the topic of estate planning. Seating is limited and refreshments will be served. The workshop will include timely professional information by trusted legal and financial advisors, covering wills, trusts, and gifts to family and favorite charities. Participants will also learn about planning for a financially successful retirement. For more information or to register, call (773) 298-3940, e-mail advancement@sxu.edu or visit sxu.edu, keyword: estate planning.
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Craig Robinson: The 'Peeples' Interview

Here, he talks about his first leading man role opposite Kerry Washington

Kam Williams Special To The Skanner News

May 07, 2013

Born in Chicago on Oct. 25, 1971, Craig Robinson is currently appearing in the final season of “The Office” on NBC, where he portrays acerbic Dunder-Mifflin employee Darryl Philbin. He is definitely a world away from his original career intentions; before deciding to pursue a comedy career full-time, Robinson was a K-8 teacher in the Chicago Public Schools.

He had earned his undergraduate degree from Illinois State University and a Master’s in Education from St. Xavier University. It was while studying education that he discovered his love of acting and comedy upon joining the famed Second City Theatre.

Craig made his mark on the comedy circuit at the 1998 Montreal “Just For Laughs” Festival. That year, he also won the Oakland Comedy Festival Awards and the Miller Genuine Draft 1996 Comedy Search. He soon went on to perform his act on “The Jimmy Kimmel Show,” and “Real Time with Bill Maher.”

His rise to success with “The Office” and his stand-up prowess quickly brought him to the attention of comedy maven Judd Apatow. Robinson made audiences question their notions of vanity playing the sensitive bouncer in “Knocked Up.” He then kept audiences glued to their seats as one of the henchman hunting Seth Rogen and James Franco’s bumbling stoner characters in “Pineapple Express,” and made fans squirm when he co-starred with Seth Rogen and Elizabeth Banks in “Zack and Miri Make a Porno.”

In 2010, Craig starred alongside Rob Corddry and John Cusack in “Hot Tub Time Machine.” The story follows three grown-up men (Robinson, Corddry, and Cusack) as they visit the hot tub where they once partied, accidentally discover it is now a time machine, and travel back to their raunchy heyday in the mid-1980s. Fans’ voices spoke loudly, and early negotiations are currently in progress for a sequel.

Here, he talks about his first leading man role as Wade Walker in “Peeples,” a comedy co-starring Kerry Washington.

Kam Williams: Hi Craig, thanks for the interview.

Craig Robinson: Thank you for getting the word out. I appreciate it, Kam.
KW: What interested you in Peeples?

CR: When I met with [director] Tina Gordon Chism, I was impressed with her passion about the project. She had lived this experience of dating someone from a family with so many secrets, and watching them unravel. So, she knew what she was talking about. And when she let me know that Kerry Washington was playing the love interest, I went, “Okay, I’m in! Let’s go ahead and do it.”

KW: Harriet Pakula-Teweles says: You’ve done some great cameo and support roles, but now landed a lead role here. Congratulations! So, in Peeples, your fans will see more of you. How was it playing a main character and working with [producer] Tyler Perry?

CR: I worked with Tyler before on Daddy’s Little Girls. He couldn’t be smarter or more laid back and cool. He’s always throwing out lines and is funny as hell. And he was shining his light on Peeples, too, lending his name to showcase Tina as a first-time director, and me as a first-time lead. I’m humbled and honored to work with him. He’s great!

KW: Editor/Legist Patricia Turnier would like to know what was it like to on the set with legendary actors like Diahann Carroll and Melvin Van Peebles?

CR: Diahann Carroll delivered a very moving speech at the start of the whole project, and Melvin pulled me aside on the set and told me to, “Stay strong!” in a way that carried considerable heft. These people are legends, and we couldn’t have been more thrilled about their participation in the movie and blessing it. It was superb.

KW: Patricia also says: Given that you are a singer, are you interested in recording an album one day?

CR: Yes I am. I have a sound. It’s called funk mixed with stank. That’s what I do.

KW: What’s it like having the same name as First Lady Michelle Obama’s brother?

CR: I was once dating a woman who got very upset after confusing the two of us when she found my picture next to his bio which indicated that he’s divorced with kids, and remarried. So, if you can imagine, that’s what it’s like.

KW: Larry Greenberg says: I’m just crazy about films with time travel. Where there any special issues or tricky scenes when you played Nick in Hot Tub Time Machine?

CR: Yes, there was a special issue. Her name was Jessica Paré. She was topless with me in the hot tub. So, yes, that was a very special moment, and I watch the movie every night because of that scene.

KW: Dinesh Sharma asks: Do you think that your role describes a challenge most black men face today, of trying to fit into upper-class black society? Or was the movie just Meet the Parents with an African-American twist?
CR: Peeples is definitely not Meet the Parents. It’s more a movie about family secrets. It does explore class issues somewhat, but it’s mostly about living your own truth.

KW: What is your favorite dish to cook?
CR: I can bake the hell out of some chicken, my friend.

KW: The bookworm Troy Johnson question: What was the last book you read?
CR: Celestine Prophecies.

KW: The music maven Heather Covington question: What was the last song you listened to?
CR: Butterflies by Michael Jackson.

KW: The Uduak Oduok question: Who is your favorite clothes designer?
CR: JSLV, Just Live, it’s a company in California.

KW: When you look in the mirror, what do you see?
CR: Craig Robinson... I see growth.

KW: If you could have one wish instantly granted, what would that be for?
CR: To be able hug my deceased family members, friends and godfather.

KW: The Ling-Ju Yen question: What is your earliest childhood memory?
CR: Banging on the piano while my grandmother was watching me. I’d run up to her and ask: “How was that, Grandma?” And she’d say, “That was beautiful, baby!” And I’d run back to the piano and play some more. I’m sure that’s why I still play today, because I was encouraged from such a young age, 2 or 3.

KW: The Judyth Piazza question: What key quality do you believe all successful people share?
CR: Determination!
KW: The Mike Pittman question asks: What was your best career move?

CR: Choosing my manager, Mark Schulman.

KW: PBS President Neal Shapiro asks: If you could really time travel and live in another period, which one would you choose?

CR: The Sixties, because it was the beginning of Rock & Roll. All the songs sounded alike, since they were using the same three chords, which would make it easy to hop out and rock.

KW: Is there any question no one ever asks you, that you wish someone would?

CR: That’s a great question. I can’t think of one.

KW: The Viola Davis question: Who do you really believe you are when you go home as opposed to the person you pretend to be on the red carpet?

CR: The red carpet is weird because, when they don’t know who you are, you’re standing there posing and nobody’s taking pictures of you. And when they do know you, they’re calling your name from every which way and you don’t know in which direction to turn. For me, I’m more in control at home. On the carpet, I want to be in control, but it can be overwhelming.

KW: The Gabby Douglas question: If you had to choose another profession, what would it be?

CR: Rock star! Singing songs that the whole world knows, like my favorite band, Earth, Wind and Fire.

KW: The Anthony Mackie question: Is there something that you promised to do if you became famous, that you still haven’t done yet?

CR: No, because I don’t make promises unless I know I’m gonna keep ’em.

KW: The Anthony Anderson question: If you could have a superpower, which one would you choose?

CR: Invisibility!

KW: The Jamie Foxx question: If you only had 24 hours to live, what would you do? Would you do the bad stuff, you never got a chance to do, or would you do good stuff to make sure you make it into heaven?

CR: I would live like I’m already living. If I couldn’t get to my family, I’d hit my favorite restaurant. I’d seize the moment.
KW: The Kerry Washington question: If you were an animal, what animal would you be?
CR: A whale.

KW: The Sanaa Lathan question: What excites you?
CR: The little things that let me know I’m on the right path, like running into an old friend, or getting into the car and catching an awesome song from the beginning.

KW: The Melissa Harris-Perry question: How did your first big heartbreak impact who you are as a person?
CR: I don’t get too close in relationships. I kinda have my arm out, like the Heisman trophy, because I don’t want to hurt somebody the way I was hurt.

KW: The Harriet Pakula-Teweles question: With so many classic films being redone, is there a remake you’d like to star in with an eye toward a particular role.
CR: Yeah, Cannonball Run.

KW: Attorney Bernadette Beekman asks: Do you have a favorite charity?
CR: No, I don’t.

KW: The Nancy Lovell Question: Why do you love doing what you do?
CR: Because it brings me closer to people, and it lets me explore who I am. It’s a chance for me to be connected. Whenever I’m performing live, the first thing I look for is to make a connection.

KW: What is your favorite way of performing?
CR: I’m in my element when I’m alone on stage with a microphone and a keyboard.

KW: What advice do you have for anyone who wants to follow in your footsteps?
CR: Be yourself, because you’re special. There’s only one of you. Second, be tenacious, visualize success, and then live it. And remember everything you learned in kindergarten.
KW: The Tavis Smiley question: How do you want to be remembered?

CR: As a joy!

KW: Thanks again, Craig. I really appreciate having this opportunity, brother, and best of luck with Peeples.

CR: Thank you. You are phenomenal, Kam.
Charity Briefs for May 7, 2013

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Text to Give: St. Xavier University’s Department for University Advancement has announced a new “Text to Give” mobile giving campaign to benefit the university’s Class Gift Fund and the St. Xavier Fund. The program allows donors to make $10 donations using their mobile phones through Give by Cell. You can make a gift to the Class Gift Fund by texting CLASSGIFT with your first and last name to 20222, or make a gift to the St. Xavier Fund by texting SXU with your first and last name to 20222. Donors can give multiple times a month depending on your carrier. Donations are tax-deductible, and pledges are billed through your monthly cell phone bill. Messaging and data rates may apply. For information, visit www.givebycell.com.

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Saint Xavier University recently raised more than $397,000 for student scholarships at its 28th Annual President’s Scholarship Ball – a new fundraising record for the Ball. More than 430 guests attended the evening of dinner and dancing at the Hilton Chicago.

The Ball also celebrated Henry Bros. Company, the 2013 Shield of Saint Xavier recipients. Henry Bros. Company has been among Saint Xavier’s most generous lifetime donors and supporters. It has supported the Scholarship Ball since 1990 and has served as the Dinner Sponsor at the Ball.

William Callaghan, Sr. and George P. Henry were the second generation owners of the company from 1966 to 1987. William and his wife Maxine have attended Saint Xavier and Mercy Sisters fundraising events for over 50 years. Third generation co-owners George Ferrell and William H. Callaghan, Jr. have chaired the SXU Golf Classic since its inception over 16 years ago. This event has grossed over $1.3 million toward scholarship support since 1997.

“We thank the Ball’s co-chairs, James P. and Mary M. Lill, for their tremendous efforts in making this evening such a success,” President Christine M. Wiseman, J.D. said. “We also extend our sincere gratitude to the trustees, faculty, staff, alumni, benefactors and friends who support higher education, and recognize the significant difference they make in the academic careers of our students.”

All proceeds from the Ball go to the Presidential Scholarship Program, which provides financial support to Saint Xavier’s most deserving students.

***This article also appeared in the following sources: Evergreen Park Patch and Oak Park-River Forest Patch.***
Two St. Xavier University (SXU) students were robbed at gunpoint on May 7 while walking back to campus from a store in Oak Lawn, Chicago police said.

The victims, a 19-year-old female and a 20-year-old male, were walking east on the 3800 block of West 99th Street when they heard a voice from behind instructing them to “stand still.”

The victims turned around and saw two men, one of whom was holding a firearm, according to the police report. Both men were described as black males with medium complexions between the age of 16 and 20, 5’6” to 5’9” tall and 140 to 170 pounds. One of the suspects was wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt and blue jeans; the other suspect was wearing a blue hooded sweatshirt and blue jeans, police said.

The suspects rifled through the victims’ pockets and fled west on 99th Street, police said, taking a purse, a wallet and a cell phone from the victims.

The victims knocked on a nearby resident’s door and asked the resident to call police, according to the report. The robbery is currently under investigation; no arrests were made as of May 13.
Happenings: Rabideau's solo exhibit to open at gallery

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The Daily Journal staff reports

The Gretchen Charlton Art Gallery is featuring the work of a local artist Marcia Richard Rabideau with an opening reception of her solo exhibit from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. May 16.

Artists comments are at 7 p.m. The exhibit, which will run through June 9, is free and open to the public.

Rabideau’s work is in watercolor and enameled copper. Her art is inspired by forms and nature, as well as places she has traveled. Her most recent inspiration is the beauty of the southwest desert. Her works are graceful compositions of color, balance and movement.

Rabideau began her art education with a Bachelor of Arts in Fine Arts at Saint Xavier University and then continued her studies at the University of Illinois. She spent many years as an art instructor at Kankakee Community College and Kankakee School District 111. Her award-winning work has been exhibited locally and regionally. There will be many pieces available for purchase

The Gretchen Charlton Art Gallery is inside Presence Heritage Village at 901 N. Entrance Ave in Kankakee. For more information, contact Jan Glazar at 815-939-4506 or at Janet.glazar@presencehealth.org.

Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. weekends.

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Community remembers Sister Mary Venarda

May 9, 2013

Friends of Sister Mary Venarda are remembering the former CEO of Mercy Iowa City as a loyal friend, devoted community servant and remarkable leader.

Sister Mary died April 19 in her sleep in Chicago. She was 92.

Sister Joan Marie Hoffmann, 91, met Sister Mary in the 1940s while the two were studying at the Sisters of Mercy novitiate in Des Plaines, Ill.

What resulted was a life-long friendship.

“She led a wonderful life. She was one of the nicest people anyone could ever know,” Hoffmann said. “She came from a good background and she had high expectations and she lived up to them all.”

Coming to Iowa City

Sister Mary was born Mary Jean Lance on July 1, 1921, in Minneapolis to Ormie and Josephine Lance. She was one of four daughters.

Interested in religion and aspiring to help people, she joined the Sisters of Mercy novitiate in Des Plaines in 1938. She professed her vows three years later.

As a registered nurse, Sister Mary graduated from St. Xavier College in Chicago in 1945 and received her Master’s degree in health administration from St. Louis University.

She began her career as administrator at Mercy Hospital in Davenport, and later moved to Chicago’s Mercy Hospital where she would spend about six years as administrator. While there, she played a hand in opening the hospital’s new 500-bed Mercy Hospital.

Dick Feddersen, former chairman of the Mercy hospital board, met Sister Mary in the late 1960s when she was a candidate for Mercy Iowa City’s administrator position.

“It was pretty well set that she was going to come to Iowa City, and I went to meet her and was tremendously impressed with her,” said Feddersen, 93. “The great gift that she had was that she was an extremely wise and virtuous leader, and she was always trying to improve the lives of others.”
Sister Mary became administrator of Mercy Iowa City on May 15, 1969.

A leader

Within her first year, Sister Mary helped create the Mercy Hospital Foundation, a separate entity from the hospital with the purpose of raising funds that would help facilitate several key improvements to the building at 500 E. Market St.

Improvement projects included a $13.5 million update to hospital facilities such as the pre- and post-outpatient surgical unit, a modernized emergency care unit and new maternity suite. In 1983, the hospital purchased the block known as Market Centre, where the former Central Junior High School once sat, for $1.6 million to develop office space and parking facilities.

Under Sister Mary’s leadership, the Iowa City hospital created a communications department in 1977, transitioned from typewriters to computers in the 1980s and dealt with an ever-growing health care industry.

Roger Simpson, who worked as a practicing physician during Sister Mary’s tenure, said the new administrator was more than just a boss.

“I found her to be a very kind, religious person, a forward-looking business mind who accomplished many things good for the covenant and community throughout her time,” said Simpson, 85.

Sister Mary retired from her CEO position with Mercy Hospital on July 1, 1989, after 20 years.

Those were “years of substantial facility modernization and growth in medical services,” according to the hospital’s historic novel, “From Obscurity to Distinction,” printed in 2008.

“Sister successfully channeled Mercy Hospital into becoming a sophisticated regional referral health care center serving a nine-county area in southeast Iowa,” the book states. “She weathered the uncertainties and skillfully maneuvered through the unexpected turmoil of the 1970s and 1980s. By persistence and insistence, she engineered creative procedures that would endure.”

When Sister Mary stepped down, a 116-year tradition of Mercy Hospital being led by a Catholic nun came to an end. Her replacement, Richard Breon, was named the hospital’s president and CEO on July 31, 1989.

A friend

While managing the inner workings of Mercy Hospital, Sister Mary also was active in the community, serving on civic boards, the Iowa City Area Chamber of Commerce and was a trustee with the Youth Services Foundation of Johnson County.

In 1987, Sister Mary was inducted into the Iowa City Noon Rotary Club along with former Press-Citizen and Des Moines Register Publisher Mary Stier. Sister Mary and Stier were the first women to be inducted into the local chapter, years before the club’s national council began inducting women.

“She was a good servant, not only to Mercy Hospital but to the community,” said Charles Hesse, who retired in 1996 from Mercy Hospital, where he was an obstetrician/gynecologist. “She was very well known.”

Sister Mary was an energetic, humorous woman with a passion for music, Hoffmann recalled.

“She loved to sing. She had a beautiful voice and she could sing any song that came up,” Hoffmann said.

While Sister Mary left Iowa City more than 20 years ago, she was not forgotten by the community.
“On her 90th birthday, she got 100 cards from people in Iowa City. That tells you something about her personality,” Hoffmann said. “And she answered every one of them.”

Linda Muston, 70, was hired in 1977 by Sister Mary to direct Mercy Hospital’s new community relations department. The two were friends since.

Muston said everything about Sister Mary encompassed a “spirit of afterwardness.”

“You left something better than you found it. I think people who worked with her observed that,” Muston said. “I think that she was very satisfied and very proud when she did retire to Chicago that she had been true to that spirit.”
Forum: Stay out of Syria

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Giving some credit

As a frequent critic of the SouthtownStar and other publications concerning liberal bias, I must give credit where credit is due. On the same day the Forum featured a letter titled “Black Community Shares Blame,” there was a guest column by a St. Xavier University professor who is Muslim regarding how immigrants need to respect the customs and culture of their new country.

The first is about too many babies being born out of wedlock, violence in the black community and blaming the government and police. The second concerns expecting this country to accept and embrace Muslim religious customs instead of Muslims conforming to our laws and customs.

These are fair topics that deserve the light of day for all to view and discuss. There is a good deal of credibility for all involved in such frankness, which unfortunately is not often seen or heard today for fear of being accused of being racist or not politically correct or worse, fear of retaliation.

Thomas V. Booth Jr.

Orland Park
Henry Bros. Co. recently received the Shield of St. Xavier Award, the university’s highest honor that is presented at the annual President’s Scholarship Ball in Chicago.

Recipients of the Shield are honored for their “support of St. Xavier’s mission of academic excellence and social concern.”

Henry Bros. has supported the Scholarship Ball since 1990 and has served as the dinner sponsor at the ball. Third-generation co-owners of the company, George Ferrell and Bill Callaghan, have chaired the SXU Golf Classic since its inception 16 years ago. This event has grossed more than $1.3 million toward scholarship support since 1997.

SXU President Christine M. Wiseman said, “Among other things, we owe the tranquil beauty of our campuses in Chicago and Orland Park to this construction company that helped us maintain the growth of our campus life.”

Based in Hickory Hills, Henry Bros. has built or renovated much of the Chicago campus since the mid-1970s, including the Outdoor Sports Center, the Shannon Center, McDonough Chapel of the Mother of Mercy and all the residence halls, according to Wiseman. The Orland Park Campus also was built by Henry Bros. in 2003. Currently, the firm also worked on renovations of the library and associated high tech learning facilities.

Ferrell helped to fund the renovations of St. Xavier’s Ferrell Field. Ferrell Field is named in honor of his brother, Richard, who was a baseball player at SXU and was killed in a car accident during his first year in the minor leagues.
Mary Mitchell: Infant found in garbage can thrived because of love

BY MARY MITCHELL marym@suntimes.com May 10, 2013 6:58PM

On Jan. 21, 1981, temperatures hovered just above freezing when a man, rummaging through a trash can in an alley in Englewood, made a startling discovery.

“I got a call from an ambulance company saying they were bringing in a baby that was abandoned,” recalled Charlene Wells, who was the neonatal nurse on duty at St. Bernard Hospital. Although the infant weighed only 4 pounds, she arrived at the hospital “warm” and “pink.” A doctor estimated the female infant to be about an hour old. The nurses named her “Relisa” in honor of the returning Iran hostages, and Wells held her in her arms for a photograph that ran in the newspapers the next day.

“We knew this was a survivor,” Wells told me in a recent interview.

Four days later, Jessie and Willie Guy walked into St. Bernard Hospital and took the baby girl home.

They named the infant Isisah Ja’net Guy, and changed her date of birth to Jan. 27, 1981, apparently to hide her tragic beginning.

Jessie taught cosmetology and did hair in the family’s south suburban Harvey home. Willie was a factory worker. The couple were raising three other children when they welcomed the newborn into their home. They were Calvin Suttles, whom the Guys raised but did not legally adopt, and the Guys’ biological children, Rodney and Michelle Guy. They later adopted Sergio, DeMargo and DeAndre Guy, and also raised Willie Robertson.

“I loved my mom. She was a mother to so many people. Foster kids came in and out. Some stayed a couple of years. Some stayed a few months,” said Guy, who now uses her married name of Duckworth.

Still, she had questions.

“I used to always have questions as to who I looked like,” Duckworth told me as we sat at her dining table poring over old photographs.

“I used to ask my mom all the time, and she was like, “you look like me when I was little.”

But she once stumbled upon an inoculation record that listed her birth date as Jan. 21, 1981.

“I asked my mom about why we celebrate Jan. 27 as my birthday. She never told me why,” Duckworth recalled.
In 2008, a family friend confided to Duckworth she was adopted, but when she asked her father, he denied it.

“I questioned everybody and everybody said no, and I let it go,” Duckworth said.

But not long afterward, the adoption was dragged out into the open during a spat between Duckworth and another close family friend.

“I got this text that said: ‘Mind your own business and go find your own family, adopted girl,’” Duckworth said.

“I was so upset. I was like, it’s got to be true. I went digging and I found this story,” she said tapping a photocopy of the news story published on Jan. 22, 1981.

The article showed a nurse holding an infant who was abandoned in Englewood.

“When I saw that baby,” Duckworth said, her voice cracking with emotion. “When I saw that baby, I knew it was me.”

Duckworth said she “cried and cried” when she saw the photograph of Charlene Wells holding her.

“That’s me at four days old,” she said picking up a Polaroid photograph. “That’s when my mom got me.”

Duckworth contacted St. Bernard Hospital and Englewood District police but did not find any records pertaining to the abandonment.

Then she went looking for the woman in the photograph.

“When I went on Facebook and looked up Charlene Wells, she was on Facebook.

“Do you remember a little girl you cared for in the hospital and you named Relisa?” Duckworth asked in a message she sent to the social media site.

“I just started to cry. It was just unbelievable,” Wells said.

Because of her experience caring for Duckworth, Wells, who is now an administrator for the state’s perinatal program, ended up adopting a baby who was left behind in the hospital, Wells said.

“I think children need to know that they are adopted. Once that connection is restored, they can move forward,” Wells said.

Shortly after that initial contact, Wells bumped into Duckworth on an elevator in a downtown office building.

“She looked at me and I looked at her,” Wells said.

“Are you Charlene Wells?” Duckworth asked. “I’m Isisah. It was very emotional.”

Duckworth was able to get her adoption records from a local adoption agency, but it did not contain information about her birth parents.

Her adoptive mother died in 2003 at age 70.

“Your mother never wanted you to know,” Duckworth’s father told her.

Today, Duckworth, 32, is the mother of 19-month-old twins Daniel and Darren Duckworth.
“I knew once she started digging, she was just going to keep digging,” said her husband De’Leon Duckworth, 31. “We just want to know the medical history, for the boys. We’re just trying to get information and closure.”

Duckworth graduated from Thornton High School and earned her bachelor of science, master of public health and MBA from St. Xavier University. She works in the public health field dealing with HIV-positive women.

“I don’t know what the circumstances were . . . how I ended up in a garbage can, but my life could have been completely different from what it is now. Thinking about that helps me deal with the situation of how I was found,” she said.

She wants others to know they, too, can overcome what may look like insurmountable odds. Even though Duckworth’s life started tragically, she not only survived but thrived because a woman stepped up and showed a mother’s love.

“There is a lot of hurting children out there, a lot of hurting teens, a lot of kids that went through the foster care that didn’t have a good experience,” Duckworth said. “I want them to know that a bad story can end up good.”
MUSCATINE, Iowa — As students and staff gathered in the Franklin Elementary School gym Friday morning, many thought they were attending a year-end assembly.

But they weren't.

Among the teachers who led their classes into the gym were four who had completed significant milestones in their careers.

Melissa Henderson, Julie Cook and Katherine Nietzel, who recently earned their master's degrees at St. Xavier University in Chicago, and Kyle Sustich, who earned his master's degree from Kaplan University in Davenport, were about to be recognized for their accomplishments.

Once the students settled into their seats, school social worker Jeanne Johnson caught Cook, Nietzel, Henderson and Sustich off guard when she asked them to join her at the front of the gym.

"This is a gotcha moment," said Johnson. "Now would you four please go into the kitchen and shut the door?"

Behind the door, they found Katherine's husband, Dan Nietzel, a West Middle School teacher who also earned his master's degree.

All five graduates were given purple caps and gowns that they donned before presenting themselves to the audience, which also included many of their family members.

Johnson, who organized the ceremony with Katherine Nietzel's mother, retired Muscatine teacher Lori Baker, told the audience that a master's degree represents 20 years of education.

Johnson then asked all the adults in the gym who had attended college to stand.
As they did, Johnson asked the students, "Now, who's going to go to college? Arms up! Arms up!" The gym immediately filled with cheers as little hands waved in the air.

School board president Penny Jones presented each of the teachers with a certificate commemorating their success.

"I also was a teacher for a long time," said Jones, "and one of the most important things I could teach my kids was learning how to be a learner so they would become their own teachers."

Jones said handing a certificate to Henderson was especially meaningful.

"I taught at Muscatine Community College for a while," said Jones, "and Mrs. Henderson was one of my students."

The moment brought tears of joy to Henderson's eyes, whose husband Jim and mother Sharon Schultheis attended the ceremony.

"This has been an eventful week for Mrs. Henderson," said Franklin principal Jason Wester, referring to the fact that Henderson received a Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust Excellence in Education award last week.

As the ceremony concluded, Johnson persuaded the graduating teachers to salute a time-honored tradition of tossing their caps in the air, eliciting joyful shouts from the students.

Following the ceremony, the honored teachers met with their families before guiding their students back to class.

Sustich doesn't have family in town, so Franklin teachers Randy Naber and Julie Calderon stood in as his honorary parents.

Cook was joined by her husband, Matt, mother-in-law Nancy Cook, and her own parents, Ron and Deanne Miller. The surprise ceremony was especially nice, said Cook, as she had not planned to travel to Chicago so late in the school year to attend the one at St. Xavier.

As with the other four teachers, Cook said the event was also a complete surprise.

"I thought we were having this for Mr. Naber," she said, referring to the fact that Naber retires this year after 36 years in the district.

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Lansing mom bravely battles rare disease

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“Motherhood: All love begins and ends there.”

— Robert Browning

Laura Perrault lives in Lansing, Ill. with her husband Jim and their two darling daughters, Kaydence, 6, and Mackinsey, 5. Jim is a firefighter and paramedic.

Laura, 32, used to dispense tender loving care for a living; she was a nurse. But Perrault can’t do that anymore. For the past five years, she’s the one in need of TLC. The young mother of two suffers from mitochondrial encephalomyopathy lactic acidosis, and stroke-like episodes. Not only does it take up half my word count, it is an extremely rare, cruel and deadly disease.

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Schooling?

“I graduated from (Thornton Fractional South High School) here in Lansing,” she said. “Then I earned a bachelor of science degree in nursing at St. Xavier University in Chicago.

“I worked at (Advocate) Christ (Medical Center) in Oak Lawn in the neuro-trauma unit and then I worked at St. James, Olympia Fields, as an emergency room nurse.”

Were you working as a nurse when you found out that you had MELAS Syndrome?

“Yes, the doctor called my husband here at home with the results. Jim came to the hospital to tell me in person. I was diagnosed in December of 2008.”

One out of how many people get MELAS?

“It’s so rare, they don’t even have numbers. They used to think it was early aging. To this day, not much is known about the mitochondrial diseases.”

Early signs?

“When I was pregnant the second time, I started getting a lot of chest pains and palpitations. I’d be out of breath after just walking like three feet. The doctor thought it was because of the pregnancy. And, sure enough, after the birth, everything went back to normal.
But...

“But within a couple months, it got progressively worse. I have a family history of the disease, so they tested it based off of that. It takes like four weeks to get results.”

Does your mother have the disease?

“She does. My mom was actually diagnosed after me. I had two aunts who passed away before we even knew I had the disease. Since my mom was diagnosed, I’ve had another aunt and a cousin diagnosed with MELAS.”

Is your cousin female?

“Yes, but a male can have it; he just can’t pass it on. It can only be passed on by the maternal gene. I have an uncle who is mentally handicapped; the family kind of thinks he might have it, but we’ve never had him tested.”

Kaydence and Mackinsey?

“We’ve never had them tested. Our geneticist recommended not to have them tested yet.”

Why is that?

“One, because it becomes a pre-existing condition, and two, because stress progresses the disease. So, if I knew my daughters had it, I’d be under more stress. I’d constantly worry because they could have seizures and I’d be up all night worrying if they were going to be OK.”

In these past five years, how has the disease affected you?

“I’ve had stroke-like episodes where I can’t move half my body or I slur my speech. Sometimes I have to wear a sling or use a cane or wheelchair. I have days when I can’t wake up; my husband has to wake me up so I can take my medicine. My lungs function at 43 percent. I have to sleep sitting up or I feel like I’m suffocating.”

MELAS usually affects the brain.

“I’m starting to get dementia — odd things will end up in the refrigerator. I get migraines. But, you have to take one day at a time. Every day you have to look for a positive outcome. Every day that I wake up is a good day.”

How long do people survive with MELAS?

“The last I read, the average survival rate was five to 10 years after diagnosis. But it’s different for each person. My biggest fear is that my husband will end up raising our daughters by himself. Jim helps tremendously with housework and the kids.”

Do Kaydence and Mackinsey understand what’s going on with Mom?

“I don’t think they fully understand it. They know Mommy has sick days and bad days. They wear necklaces that say, ‘I fight for my mom.’ A couple of my girlfriends have necklaces that say, ‘I fight for my BFF.’”

You’re very brave.

“There is always someone worse off than me. No matter how bad of a day I’m having, I’m not on a ventilator. I have my two arms and legs.”

Are strides being made to combat MELAS?
“They’re trying to start a clinical research where they’re going to be doing something with the nucleus of a fetus, but they’re having some issues with it.”

Issues?

“They would have to take a healthy fetus and transplant it into the affected mother’s baby’s fetus so the baby would not have the mutated gene. Like I said, it’s sort of like an abortion issue right now.”

Anything else?

“I’ve made videos for Kaydence and Mackinsey’s future — their milestones.”

Explain, please.

“For like their wedding days. There will be videos for them to watch.”

You mean videos of when you and Jim were married?

“No, for their weddings. Chances are I won’t be around for their weddings. In the videos, I say supportive things like: ‘I love you; I wish I could be there with you... ’ I also have inspirational ones that say things like: ‘Keep up your good grades in school.’ ‘Go to college.’ ‘Find a great job.’ ‘Don’t worry about boys, they’re not important until after you finish school.’

“You know, the same kind of things my mom told me.”

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As our interview concluded, Jim Perrault approached me. With tears in his eyes, the big firefighter asked me if I could please include the website umdf.org so as to bring awareness regarding MELAS, the monster trying to steal away Kaydence and Mackinsey’s mommy.

Godspeed, researchers.
Mothers impart a lot of things to their children: wisdom, advice, recipes.

But sometimes the most endearing gift a mother leaves her son or daughter is a lifelong passion, something that sparks their interest, taps their creativity and engages them in the workings of the world.

And sometimes such gifts are handed down unknowingly, more by example than instruction.

Monica Joria didn’t become a writer until she recently began penning her autobiography. But in many ways, the 99-year-old South Sider and current resident of Smith Village in Chicago’s Morgan Park community lived the lifestyle of a writer — observing, analyzing and, most important, reading.

“An awful lot of writing comes from reading. She was a prolific reader and still is,” said her son, Joseph Joria, a retired Chicago police officer. “There were always books around the house.”

Mysteries, historical novels, all kinds of books.

“I love to read,” Monica said. “When I can’t sleep at night, I read.”

When Monica moved into Smith Village five years ago, and Sarah Jewett, director of residential services for assisted living, learned she had an interest in writing, Jewett suggested she join the on-site writers club, which meets monthly.

One thing led to another and before long Monica was helping with the retirement complex’s resident newsletter.

Her entries include book reviews and short essays that are essentially trips down memory lane.

She’s working on a piece about the changes in public transportation over her lifetime. She fondly recalls not only the streetcars, but the double-decker buses that used to transport people down Garfield Boulevard to Michigan Avenue for just 7 cents.

Joe said his mom, an extremely fast reader, always has a pile of books waiting to be cracked.

“I’m the same way,” said Joe, a married father and grandfather.

Like his mom, Joe developed a reading habit early and, later in life, it led to a new career quite unexpectedly.
One day, Joe was complaining aloud about how many “terrible mysteries are out there. Some are just silly.”

Someone replied, “Well, why don’t you write one yourself?”

He thought about it and then decided he would do just that.

That was 15 years ago. His first book, “The Price of Their Toys,” introduces character Ian Norman, a British professor who manufacturers expensive toy soldiers and dabbles in the mysteries that seem to arise while he’s on sales trips. That book, as well as his second, “Death and Texas,” are available on amazon.com.

Joe says his work with the police department, which took him all over the city and across most departments, exposed him to every kind of person.

“When I write, I have an awful lot of people and personality traits to draw from,” he said.

Between chapters, Joe is working toward a master’s in history. One day, he says, he may follow in the footsteps on his main character and teach at a university.

Joe recently experienced a writer’s worst nightmare, when a computer issue caused him to lose half of his newest novel.

His mother felt sympathy pains. She too has had work fall prey to that mechanical text eater.

“I accidentally erased my autobiography,” she said. “I just hit some key and, whoosh, it was gone.”

Some day, though, she says, the world will know her story, which is a happy, thankful one.

“I’ve had a good life,” she said.

She grew up in Visitation Parish in Chicago’s Englewood community. She attended St. Xavier University and Loyola University, where she earned a master’s degree in social work.

After she married Eugene Joria, she moved to 78th and Peoria streets, which is where Joe and his brother, Gerard, were born. She quit work to raise her sons.

She also traveled extensively, visiting Gerard, who worked for the State Department in Poland, Cyprus, Ireland and Athens. She’s also been to several places stateside, including California, Colorado and Disney World in Florida.

After Eugene, a former Chicago police officer and buyer for the city of Chicago, retired, the couple moved to Franciscan Village in Oak Brook and Monica began applying her social work skills, helping people there navigate the health care and social services networks. Eventually, they put her on the payroll.

After Eugene’s death, Monica moved to Smith Village, and Jewett quickly enrolled her in the writers club.

Like all readers, Monica wrestles with the way characters translate, or don’t, to the big screen. She recently tried to watch an episode of “Castle” on TV but couldn’t get through it because the characters were so different from how they are in the book.

When asked if she deserved credit for sparking an interest in writing in her son, Monica shrugged and turned to Joe.

“Did I set a good example?” she said.

“Yes, you did,” he said, smiling.
Both Monica and Joe are proud of the family’s youngest writer, Monica’s granddaughter and namesake, Monica Marier, Gerard’s daughter. She has authored several science fiction books that also are available at amazon.com.

“She has an amazing vocabulary,” Monica said.

And, in that loving way that a mother or grandmother, has of doling out compliments, she added, “She’s my favorite writer.”
JUBILARIANS

May 12 - May 25, 2013

Each year we honor the men celebrating jubilees who have dedicated themselves to serving the Lord through his Catholic Church. They often wear many hats, such as priest, administrator, maintenance man, cook, accountant, friend. They have served mostly as parish priests, with some also serving as teachers, chaplains and counselors. The Catholic New World congratulates and thanks them.

Father Mark Walter

52, was born in Midlothian and attended Chicago public elementary schools, St. Laurence High School, St. Xavier University and University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary. He served as associate pastor at St. Catherine of Alexandria, Oak Lawn (1988-1990); St. Elizabeth Seton, Orland Hills (1990-1991); Our Lady of Loretto, Hometown (1991-1996); and Most Holy Redeemer, Evergreen Park (2002-2004). He has been pastor of St. Christopher, Midlothian, since 2004, and he has served as chaplain at Brother Rice High School.

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Two Chicago Teachers Remixed Music History with iPad Technology. Interactive Listening iBook Chosen as #1 Editor’s Choice by Apple

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Chicago, IL (PRWEB) May 13, 2013

Interactive Listening announced today the launch of an ingenious new approach to music education with the release of its Interactive Listening iBook, recently named by Apple as the #1 Editors Choice in all categories of textbooks.

Interactive Listening is the brainchild of Pete Carney and Brian Felix, music educators and jazz musicians in Chicago, who were tired of the “dead-end” approach of using traditional textbooks to teach music. Instead they created a compelling iBook (interactive book) for iPads that remixes education with technology. “At last, music history is fun!” said Vandercook College of Music President Charles Menghini.

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In its early release in select markets in the United States, Interactive Listening is winning rave reviews.

“It’s thorough, and beautifully conceived,” said Barbara Freedman, author for Oxford Press.

“This book changes everything for education, not just music,” said Mike Lawson, executive director of technology in music education in Nashville.

“This book is the next step in education. Thanks for paving a way forward,” Jay Berckley, music director at the Village School and TED Conference Speaker.

The Interactive Listening iBook was designed for schools that are replacing traditional textbooks with iPads. The self-published digital title is priced at $14.99, ten percent of the $149.99 textbook price Carney and Felix paid for a comparable textbook in college.

The Interactive Listening iBook is available immediately on the Apple iBookstore for downloading at $14.99, and available in eight countries, including the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom.

About the Interactive Listening iBook

Music Educators Carney and Felix sought to create a more relevant, current experience for their students with Interactive Listening.

“We used the tactile experience of gaming and visual graphics from Hollywood movies to help music teachers in high school and college compete in the digital world,” said Carney, “Listening to classical, jazz or Tibetan music can be an entirely fun new experience if you’re receiving instant quiz feedback about your listening skills. We discovered that students had a blast playing musical games, such as dragging and dropping parts of a symphony into the right order.”

Carney said students are more engaged and drawn into their new interactive way of conveying the drama, history and elements of music.

“Instead of reading about the great composer Beethoven, we created listening homework for the digital world,” said Carney, “We found that students want to discover music, express themselves and test themselves, not read boring biographical fillers and factoids. The Internet is full of information about when Beethoven was born, but that doesn’t teach you how to understand his music. We believe our interactive approach instantly brings home the impact of music to our students in way old textbooks never could.”

The Interactive Listening iBook features:

- 120 built-in musical examples
- 50 tactile interactive games
- 220 interactive pages and 10 videos
- 2 live webcam links to famous places in music history (Paris and Venice)
- 50 instantly responsive quizzes and listening tests
- 200 high-resolution images of global music

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Adjunct faculty at Georgetown vote for union membership

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Georgetown adjunct faculty recently made news, voting to join SEIU Local 500, the labor union that already represents adjunct faculty at George Washington University and American University.

Colleges and universities across the nation are reducing personnel costs by assigning more and more of their teaching work to adjunct instructors. Adjuncts are cheaper than tenured faculty and generally enjoy few if any of the fringe benefits the latter receive. Predictably, adjunct faculty, including those at Catholic colleges and universities, are exploring unionization.

Over the past couple of years, at least four Catholic higher education institutions have seen their adjuncts seek union representation. Manhattan College in New York, St. Xavier’s in Chicago, and Duquesne in Pittsburgh rejected their adjuncts’ request out of hand. And in a move that’s hard to interpret charitably, they have invoked their status as religious institutions to evade any legal obligation to bargain. After all, Catholic social teaching on the right of workers to form unions is clear, consistent and explicit. Other Catholic institutions call for a religious exemption so they can adhere to Catholic teaching on contraception; these colleges are calling for a religious exemption so they can contradict Catholic teaching on the rights of workers.

Georgetown, however, has a “just employment policy” rooted in Catholic social teaching that defends the right to organize and the right to a living wage. The school has insisted in the past that its food and custodial service contractors adhere to these policies. Admirably, when its own adjunct faculty employees started to discuss organizing, the administration concluded that its principles applied equally to itself. The university announced that the adjuncts had the right to decide if they wanted union representation or not, and agreed to respect whatever decision they reached.

Here’s to Georgetown, for using its role as an employer to evangelize the world with Catholic social principles.
St. Xavier University (SXU), 3700 W. 103rd St., will host its 17th annual summer concert and fireworks on Sunday, June 23. The New Odyssey Band, offering a unique entertainment experience, will perform from 7 to 10 p.m. on the front steps of the Warde Academic Center. The concert will conclude with a patriotic finale and fireworks display at 9:45 p.m. (dusk). The event is free and open to the public. The community is encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs to enjoy the show. Concessions will be available from the Original Rainbow Cone, Gilhooley’s Grande Saloon, Calabria Imports, Happy Jack’s and the SXU Alumni Association. Attendees also may bring their own refreshments. For more information, call the office of special events at (773) 298-3748 or e-mail specialevents@sxu.edu.
The following was sent to us by a reader. It shows an event which was awhile ago now, but nonetheless seems worth mentioning:

...there was a EF Mass celebrated in the McDonough Chapel of Saint Xavier University (located in Oaklawn neighborhood of Chicago), on Wednesday, Feb. 27, at noon. The celebrant was Fr. Anthony Brankin, Pastor of St. Odilo in Berwyn, IL, and formerly of St. Thomas More in Chicago.

The Mass was part of the SXU’s, Vatican II: Legacy Unfolding conference that ended that Friday with an OF Mass in English and Benediction in Latin.
Saint Xavier University recently raised more than $397,000 for student scholarships at its 28th Annual President’s Scholarship Ball – a new fundraising record for the Ball. More than 430 guests attended the delightful evening of dinner and dancing at the Hilton Chicago. Download high-quality photos from the Ball here.

The Ball also celebrated Henry Bros. Company, the 2013 Shield of Saint Xavier recipients. Henry Bros. Company has been among Saint Xavier’s most generous lifetime donors and supporters. It has supported the Scholarship Ball since 1990 and has served as the Dinner Sponsor at the Ball.

William Callaghan, Sr. and George P. Henry were the second generation owners of the company from 1966 to 1987. William and his wife Maxine have attended Saint Xavier and Mercy Sisters fundraising events for over 50 years. Third generation co-owners George Ferrell and William H. Callaghan, Jr. have chaired the SXU Golf Classic since its inception over 16 years ago. This event has grossed over $1.3 million toward scholarship support since 1997.

“We thank the Ball’s co-chairs, James P. and Mary M. Lill, for their tremendous efforts in making this evening such a success,” President Christine M. Wiseman, J.D. said. “We also extend our sincere gratitude to the trustees, faculty, staff, alumni, benefactors and friends who support higher education, and recognize the significant difference they make in the academic careers of our students.”

All proceeds from the Ball go to the Presidential Scholarship Program, which provides financial support to Saint Xavier’s most deserving students.
Southland theater fans are spoiled — in a good way.

Not only can they travel to downtown Chicago for a number of Broadway shows, but they also have a bevy of close-by community theater.

Case in point is the Beverly Theatre Guild, which is billed as the oldest community theater group in Chicago.

“We truly love the theater in every aspect and we want to support our mission to constantly put up quality productions and embrace the community,” said Barbara Moore, a Tinley Park resident who is the guild’s publicity director.

“There’s a love of the theater. There’s just something about it.”

The Beverly Theatre Guild has roots dating to 1929 as a program of the Chicago Park District at the Ridge Park fieldhouse.

On May 17, 1963, the troupe officially launched with “The Desk Set” at what was then St. Xavier College (now St. Xavier University) in Chicago.

Although Moore wasn’t a member when the guild debuted, she was a longtime fan and officially became a member in 1980.

“We always knew about the Beverly Theatre Guild since we lived in Beverly and enjoyed their shows,” the Evergreen Park native said.

“I auditioned for ‘The Fantasticks’ and got the part as the Mute and haven’t been quiet since. It’s the hardest role I ever had.”

All joking aside, Moore is serious about keeping the guild going.

She is part of a committee with Emil Zabella, Cheryl Cooper and Bonnie Ryniec that planned May 17’s “Fabulous @ Fifty” gala.

Although the gala is sold out, tickets are available for productions of the show on May 18-19 at Morgan Park Academy’s Arts Center.

“It’s basically remembering where the guild came from. Nostalgia is fabulous,” Moore said.
“There are young people in there, too. It brought back many people who have not been on stage to again give their love and contributions on stage.”

“Fabulous @ Fifty” also will feature Liz Kearney singing the title song from her late mother Carol Kearney’s “My Home, My Heart, My Ireland.”
Forum: Immigrants must adapt

May 17, 2013 9:06PM

In regards to the May 5 column by St. Xavier University professor Reza Varjavand, I commend him for his comments on the customs of Muslim women. He should send a copy of his column to all the mosques in the Southland.

I am a firm believer that immigrants should come here and gladly embrace our laws and customs. If they can’t do so, then perhaps they should return to their native country.

Mr. Varjavand said immigrants should be thankful for the kindness and opportunities extended to them. I believe that they should also not push their agendas on us. If they truly want to be accepted, they must adapt because we do not wish to change for them.

Many millions of immigrants have come to America during the past century and adapted to our way of life. They learned English and were accepted as legal citizens, and today’s immigrant population must do the same.

To all our immigrant neighbors, please embrace our ways and love our country or leave it.

Patricia Kachold
Burbank

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The Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution states: “A well-regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.

In 2008, a sharply divided U.S. Supreme Court held that this part of the Bill of Rights precluded a governmental ban on handguns, primarily because they were the most popular kind of “arms” that people were likely to “bear.”

Legal challenges to other forms of gun control are not inconceivable, but at present gun control seems a question more of prudence than of constitutional policy. What forms of gun control make sense?

Like all governmental decision-making, the best policy is a logical and clear-sighted one. Unfortunately, sensationalism has often dominated public discourse regarding gun control. School massacres such as the Newtown, Conn., horror have frequently, if understandably, triggered a kind of hysteria with calls for absolutist programs that would be ineffectual or worse.

There is no simple solution to the problem of gun violence in America. But it is the pro-gun lobby that seems the greater culprit in poor reasoning. Some of the key arguments against gun control fail simple rules of logic:

Fallacy No. 1: Guns don’t kill people, people do. This is what might be called a “truism,” something true that does not really address the key issue. Certainly, people are responsible for killing other people, but they usually do so with guns. Better social intervention and law enforcement is necessary to identify, treat and/or incarcerate prospective killers. But along the way, shouldn’t we keep the killers who are still at large from getting guns?

Fallacy No. 2: If guns are controlled, only criminals will have guns. This is a nonsequitur. Gun registration and background checks are designed to make buying guns a more deliberate process. But the average law-abiding citizen will have little trouble passing a background check in a timely way. Such programs will not catch all, or even most, criminals or the mentally ill trying to buy a gun, but they seem a minimally intrusive way of deterring potential malefactors.

Fallacy No. 3: America is a violent place, so guns are essential. Be wary of political arguments that begin with a condemnation of the society in which one lives. In this case, the argument seems to depend on a false correlative, or backward logic, in blaming violence for the guns rather than the other way around.
This is a little like saying trailer parks cause tornadoes because the latter often destroy the former. American society’s violence is partly caused by guns. There are, of course, other sources of that violence, but while we’re trying to solve our violence issues, it would help if there were fewer guns.

Fallacy No. 4: Better alternatives exist. These alternatives mostly treat the symptoms rather than the disease. The National Rifle Association argues that armed guards outside schools would be preferable to reducing the number of guns. Really?

Surely such guards would be a deterrent, but is the prospect of a gun battle outside a school really an alternative we want to countenance? And how would this help with shopping malls? Post offices? Movie theaters? Treating effects rather than causes seems wrongheaded.

Fallacy No. 5: Societies where guns are regulated have not experienced less gun violence. As Ronald Reagan used to say (paraphrasing Disraeli), there are “lies, damned lies and statistics.” Statistics can be manipulated to try to refute our common sense.

But here they are not even right. Australia is often cited as proof that strict gun regulation causes violent crime to increase. In fact, the gun control laws imposed after a school shooting there have been startlingly successful in reducing gun violence.

Fallacy No. 6: Gun control will eventually lead to a total ban. This is another kind of nonsequitur, the “camel’s nose under the tent” or “give an inch and they’ll take a mile” argument. It’s a scare tactic that lacks common sense. It’s a little like saying that requiring people to wear seat belts will lead to legislation prohibiting driving. It’s conceivable that a total ban on guns could happen, but there’s no reason to believe it would. And that “inch,” the small steps we can take toward reducing the misuse of guns in America, may do us some good, too.

Robert Shapiro, a practicing lawyer, is also an adjunct professor of philosophy at St. Xavier University in Chicago.

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If incoming freshmen want to follow the footsteps of Kyle Cheng — he of the glittering 4.717 grade point average — Oak Lawn Community High School’s top student has some tips.

Cheng, 18, is valedictorian of the 2013 graduating class. He has the highest grade point average by the slimmest of margins over Connor Niemiec’s 4.714.

Niemiec is the class salutatorian, and sometimes needles Cheng about a summer class Cheng took after eighth grade providing the valedictorian with a GPA edge.

That’s at a school where a 4.0 is an “A.”

His GPA is higher thanks to honors and advance placement courses that are on a 5.0 scale, “so it boosts the average,” Cheng said.

His advice for those who want to follow in his footsteps?

Spend less precious time having fun on the computer, and have a study plan.

“I’m a schedule kind of guy,” Cheng said. “I write down everything I need to do. A lot of times, I get too busy and forget. Time management, that’s key. Stay away from doing too much social networking. It leads to procrastination.”

Even stellar students find themselves distracted by chatting with friends on Facebook or watching videos on YouTube.

It happened to Cheng when he was writing his speech for last week’s graduation ceremony in the Shannon Center on the campus of St. Xavier.

“Don’t do it. Don’t go on (the computer) during (homework). Lesson learned,” said Cheng who enjoys reading live blogs.

He’s not sure what drives him to excel in school. “It’s just something in me,” Cheng said.

His favorite subjects are math and science. He intends to major in biomedical engineering at Boston University.

“They don’t give scholarships but they do give out grants. I’ve almost got it covered,” he said of his college costs.

It’s not all school for Cheng.

He enjoys playing the piano and writing his own classical compositions. He’s played for 11 years, and finds it relaxing.
“That’s time for me to be creative,” he said.

He also volunteers to work the front desk at Advocate Christ Medical Center in Oak Lawn.

“I started when I was 16. It’s a good job. It got me out of my comfort zone because I had to talk to more people,” Cheng said.

Chen, who lives in Oak Lawn, has an older sister named Winnie. Their parents are Heung and Kam Cheng.

His graduation ceremony speech talked of “that kid who stays at home and does his homework,” proving smart guys can poke fun at themselves.

He also made a point to remind his peers that although they often hear high school called the best four years of their lives, those are really “the best four years thus far.”

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EDUCATION

Indiana University’s Kelley School of Business has been ranked 13th in the nation by Bloomberg Businessweek. The Kelley School received an A-plus grade for its job placement efforts for its graduates. ... Purdue University’s programs in engineering, education and business have been ranked among the best in the country by U.S. News & World Report magazine. Purdue’s College of Engineering was 8th, the College of Education was 32nd and the Krannert School of Management was ranked 44th. ... The Challenger Learning Center of Northwest Indiana has received a $10,000 donation from Praxair Inc. to help fund the purchase and redevelopment of teacher professional development programs and to buy supplies for the upcoming space adventure camps. ... Susan K. Bolt has been named vice president for finance and administration at St. Mary’s College in South Bend. Most recently she was at Kettering University in Flint, Mich. ... Roger Huang has been named dean of the Mendoza College of Business at the University of Notre Dame.Previously, he was at Vanderbilt University, the University of Florida and Purdue University. ... Kimberly Valich has joined the staff of the University of St. Francis-Crown Point as a full-time assistant professor. She is a graduate of St. Xavier University and the University of Phoenix. Most recently she was with Franciscan St. Margaret Hospital. ... The University of Notre Dame has added a new microelectronics research center. The Center for Low Energy Systems Technology will explore ways to lower the power requirements for electronics.
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Congratulations to the St. Xavier University softball team for making it to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics national championship in Columbus, Ga.

Mike from Chicago
Congratulations to Bob Hallberg, St. Xavier University’s athletic director and women’s basketball coach, who did well for the second year in a row in the Ridge Run Memorial Day 5K race in the age 65 to 69 bracket. You sure are a role model for your players. You prove that they can do anything if they put their effort, ability and minds into it. Way to go, Coach!

Evergreen Park

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T-shirt company’s ‘good cause?’ It’s bottom line

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You see them at bars and Bears games and other places around Chicago and the suburbs that attract big crowds and a lot of men — young women who want you to help a “good cause” by buying T-shirts and other items emblazoned with the words “Boobies Rock!” and similarly provocative phrases.

Their pitch: “Would you like to make a donation to breast-cancer awareness?”

Former sellers say it works, often bringing in $3,000 or more in cash at events for Boobies Rock, a company based in a Denver suburb. Often, they say, people would press money into their hands saying they want to donate to the fight against breast cancer, even if they don’t want a T-shirt, beer koozie or bracelet.

“We had these bags of cash,” says Berlinda Williams, who collected money from tailgaters at the Oct. 20 Notre Dame football game.

Williams says her boss told her to “just tell them this is going toward a good cause.”

But Boobies Rock isn’t a charity. It’s a for-profit business. And some of the charities it claims to help say these claims are misleading, a Chicago Sun-Times investigation has found.

One of those charities says it got $100 a year ago and never heard from anyone at Boobies Rock again. Another says it received $250 but only after complaining about the unauthorized use of its name. One charity used to market Boobies Rock says, “We never received a penny.”

Just how much goes to charity? Boobies Rock founder Adam Shryock won’t say.

A marketing presentation obtained by the Sun-Times that Boobies Rock uses to gain entry to some venues put its gross revenues for 2011 at about $1.1 million, with net revenue of $400,000 and unspecified “total commitments” at just over $250,000.

Those “commitments” largely reflected a single instance of forced philanthropy: a $250,000 legal settlement that Shryock paid to the Keep-A-Breast Foundation, best known for its I (Heart) Boobies products, to settle a trademark infringement suit.
Shryock confirms that the “commitments” included the settlement. He declined to provide a breakdown of other charitable contributions, which would represent a tiny fraction of total revenues.

In addition to the money, Shryock and The Se7ven Group, another business he owns, gave up about $200,000 in merchandise to settle the Keep-A-Breast Foundation lawsuit, according to Gary Sirota, an attorney for the California charity.

Sirota says that in preparing his organization’s lawsuit, he spoke with about a dozen women who sold Boobies Rock merchandise. He says one woman, in Memphis, Tenn., told him her three-person team collected about $20,000 in cash in just three months.

“The guy gave up $450,000 of cash and merchandise without blinking an eye,” Sirota says of the Shryock settlement. “That tells me something.”

As part of the settlement, Shryock and The Se7ven Group paid $25,000 to an organization called the Young Survival Coalition — a donation Boobies Rock touts, saying in an Oct. 31, 2011 blog post: “We are extremely excited to announce that we have just sent a $25,000 donation to the Young Survival Coalition!!”

The donation “did actually happen. But was it voluntary?” says Jenna Glazer, development director for the Young Survival Coalition. “This kind of thing is what makes it difficult for legitimate non-profits to raise money.”

Help ‘a great cause’

Boobies Rock operates in 36 cities nationwide. In the Chicago area, its activities include hosting “Cocktails for a Cause” events at Chicago bars and selling merchandise to fans attending Bears, Cubs, Northwestern, Notre Dame and St. Xavier games without permission, the Sun-Times found.

On its Facebook pages and website, the company describes itself as a clothing business and “a creative blend of music, sports, fashion and pop culture.”

As Shryock notes, the company doesn’t say it’s a charity.

But its website does say: “Established in September 2010, Boobies Rock has quickly grown to become one of the leading advocates for the awareness of breast cancer across the United States. Our mission is to create awareness and educate young America through fun and fashionable clothing and accessories.

“A portion of each sale will be donated to organizations that provide direct services to those affected by breast cancer around the country.”

And its materials and pitches include such phrases as “support our cause” and “thanks for helping a great cause,” as well as slogans like “Save second base.”

At a recent bar event in Chicago, the pitch was: “Would you like to donate to breast-cancer awareness?”

Shryock says that as a for-profit business, Boobies Rock doesn’t have to give any money to charity.

But he says it does so, sometimes “anonymously” or under a name other than Boobies Rock, such as The Se7ven Group.

He says he can’t control the actions of independent sellers who exaggerate the charitable aspect of the business.

“The girls are instructed very matter-of-factly what we are and what we are not,” he says. “We cannot control what some of these girls say.”
He acknowledges that one seller told people she herself had cancer. He says another claimed that 80 percent of the money raised by Boobies Rock goes to charity.

When things like this happen, Shryock says, “We put a stop to it.”

The company generally hires young women who respond to online employment ads for promotional models. They are told they will be selling Boobies Rock T-shirts and other products for a good cause and will be paid out of the cash that’s collected, according to sellers interviewed by the Sun-Times.

Shryock says sales team leaders are required to provide an accounting of sales revenue and also money that was donated without any purchase. “We absolutely keep track of that,” he says.

But Williams, who worked the Oct. 20 Notre Dame football game, says: “It was just all mixed together. There was no distinction between the donations that I had received in good faith ... and other cash revenue.”

‘I . . . feel like a drug dealer’

Jessica Thompson, who answered a Craigslist ad seeking promotional models, sold T-shirts and other Boobies Rock items at the same Notre Dame game and at the Oct. 22 Bears game. She says her trainer told her to roam the parking lots with Boobies Rock merchandise, seeking “donations.”

“She explicitly told us it was not selling and to not use the word ‘sell,’ ” Thompson says.

Instead, she says she was told, “It’s a ‘breast-cancer awareness promotion.’ ”

Thompson says people were told that if they donated a certain amount, they would receive a “prize” like a T-shirt or bracelet.

“I was assuming it was a charity,” she says.

Thompson says she saw her trainer bag up the cash — about $3,000 for each game.

She says the trainer boasted of collecting $4,000 some weekends.

Thompson says she was unnerved by a comment the trainer made as she spoke of her plans to carry the cash back to Boobies Rock in Colorado: “She said, ‘I always feel like a drug dealer when I fly back to Denver.’ ”

Williams says she, too, was surprised to learn that she wasn't working for a nonprofit organization.

“My mom died of cancer,” she says. “I thought I was doing a good cause.”

Her friend, Myesha Jones, who also worked the Notre Dame game, says she put her heart into collecting the money, also thinking she was working for a charity.

“I can’t even tell you how upset I am,” says Jones, who is a teacher.

Giving when confronted

Gateway to Hope is a St. Louis nonprofit that provides care to women with breast cancer who have no insurance or are underinsured. Boobies Rock lists Gateway to Hope as a “Boobies Rock non-profit affiliate” on its materials and lists it on its website and Facebook pages.
The charity has received exactly one donation from Boobies Rock — in 2011, for less than $100, according to Cindy Frank, its executive director.

That donation came after she and the charity’s development director, Susan Bushnell, learned that Boobies Rock was using Gateway to Hope’s name without permission at fund-raisers at St. Louis-area bars and demanded to know why.

Bushnell says that after the donation was made via PayPal, Gateway’s bookkeeper noticed an attempt to void the payment.

“It just makes me sick,” says Frank. “We’ve done everything we can to distance ourselves.”

The Linda Creed Breast Cancer Foundation is another charity listed as a “Boobies Rock non-profit affiliate.” Donna Duncan, the Philadelphia foundation’s executive director, says her charity also got just a single donation from Boobies Rock, also for $100, in August 2011.

“They indicated that they were going to give a donation on a monthly basis,” Duncan says. “But that did not happen. We never heard from them again.”

Jami Eller, executive director of the Tennessee Breast Cancer Coalition, another charity listed in Boobies Rock’s promotional materials, said a friend of her daughter observed Boobies Rock sellers invoking the cancer group’s name to sell T-shirts at a Nashville-area bar last year. Eller says she contacted Boobies Rock, and after that Shryock provided a credit-card number and said to run it for a $250 donation.

“[We] sort of put Adam Shryock on the spot,” Eller says, adding that it was the only donation Boobies Rock has made to her group. “They’re vague, and they can get around certain things by saying things a certain way. The consumer is just assuming that the money to going to some organization that is doing something with breast cancer.”

The Breast Cancer Resource Centers of Texas, another charity cited as a recipient of Boobies Rock’s largesse, also received one $250 donation, according to its executive director.

And Pink Lotus Petals, a California charity that’s been used by Boobies Rock for almost two years, got nothing, says its chairman, Andy Funk.

“They told us they were going to make a big pledge, and then started fund-raising, using our name, our brand and the fact that we’re a breast cancer organization,” Funk said. “Long story short, we never got a dime.

“They were definitely raising a lot of money and nothing ever was going where it was supposed to go.”

‘Never heard back’

In the Chicago area, Boobies Rock has invoked the name of a Michigan charity called The Pink Fund in its stadium parking-lot sales pitches and at bar events. A Boobies Rock news release in March pledged $50,000 to the organization.

Shryock says that reflected a goal for fund-raising for The Pink Fund set in March, but he adds, “I did not want to sign an actual pledge agreement that would bind us to giving $50,000.”

He acknowledges that Boobies Rock did not communicate again with the charity until November. That was when Shryock’s company heard from The Pink Fund’s lawyer.

“We got everything resolved,” Shryock says. “I’m a very understanding person, so I don’t have any ill feelings toward The Pink Fund.”
Pink Fund president Molly MacDonald says that when Boobies Rock contacted her organization in 2011, saying they would like to raise money, she was initially excited about the prospect. “I never heard back from them again.

“We never authorized Boobies Rock to use our name in marketing materials or on their website or anything else. We never had an agreement. We never authorized them to use our name or trademark.”

On Nov. 17, Boobies Rock delivered a company check — not the cashier’s check MacDonald says was agreed upon — for $50,000. The charity is waiting for it to clear.

Shryock acknowledges the criticism by the charities, which he blames on online comments by former Boobies Rock employees.

But he says he sees nothing wrong in the way he operates, touting charities he has given even small amounts to or contributed to as the result of a lawsuit.

“We have the right to say who we give money to,” says Shryock. “We don’t have to be best friends with them, but we have the right to say who we give money to.”

Glazer, from the Young Survival Coalition, is among the breast-cancer charity operators critical of Boobies Rock’s methods, which they describe as “pink-washing” — a term used in the not-for-profit world to describe businesses that piggyback on charities’ efforts by, for instance, slapping on a pink ribbon or logo.

“People don’t necessarily have a lot of money to be giving away,” says Glazer, herself a breast-cancer survivor. “When I see somebody trying to make money purely for profit off breast cancer, that absolutely disgusts me.”

A spokeswoman for Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan says that office is asking Boobies Rock to provide information about its activities to see whether it falls under the state’s professional fund-raising statute.

Ken Berger, president and chief executive officer of the watchdog group Charity Navigator, which operates the CharityNavigator.org website, says people hear the words “breast cancer” and don’t realize their money is going to a for-profit business.

“It’s like a poster child for pink-washing,” Berger says. “There’s no clear explanation as to how much money goes where.”

Bennett Weiner, chief operating officer of the BBB Wise Giving Alliance, echoes that concern.

“You have to watch out for types of disclosures that tell you ‘some money is given’ because you’ll never really know how much,” says Weiner.

Regarding Boobies Rock, Weiner says, “I suspect that without the charity benefit, people would not be interested in buying the product that he’s selling.”

WHAT CONSUMERS CAN DO

“Cause-based marketing” — in which a business promises to give a portion of its proceeds to charity — is increasingly common, according to consumer experts who say a good rule of thumb to follow is this: If it’s a product you need and the business is upfront about how much will go to charity, go ahead. If not, forget it, says Ken Berger, president and chief executive officer of Charity Navigator, which operates the
CharityNavigator.org website.

Many people give money impulsively, with their heart, not their head, and there’s always someone ready to capitalize on that, Berger says. He notes that, in the days after Hurricane Sandy, more than 1,000 websites sprang up to collect money.

“We generally recommend never give to someone who solicits you face-to-face that you don’t know. Never,” Berger says. “The best way to give to a charity is to give directly to the charity and cut out the middleman.”

And before giving to a charity, questions to consider:

◆ Are its finances well-managed?
◆ Does an independent board oversee the organization?
◆ What is the organization’s mission, and does it offer proof regarding how it supports that mission?

Charity Navigator and Give.org — operated by the BBB Wise Giving Alliance — offer consumers a way to check out charities. There’s no charge.

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Mr. and Mrs. Raymond and Josephine Kujawa, of Beverly, recently announced the engagement of their daughter, Rebecca Lynn, to Christopher Michael Finn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pat and Jackie Finn, of Beverly. Rebecca has a BS in kinesiology from the University of Illinois, MS in exercise physiology from NEIU and a MA in educational administration from St. Xavier University. She currently teaches at Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School and is the school’s athletic trainer. Christopher received a degree from Western Illinois University in parks and recreation studies and is currently the superintendent of facilities at the park district of La Grange. A June 2014 wedding is planned.
One of the many new faces on the field for the Windy City ThunderBolts in their exhibition debut Monday was Kellon McFarlin, a Beverly native who had to earn his spot in training camp.

McFarlin, a speedy outfielder who prepped at Kenwood and played collegiately at Chicago State, attended the Frontier League’s tryout camp last week in downstate Sauget.

Of the 402 players who tried out, McFarlin was one of 43 players drafted into the league and one of two selected by the T-Bolts.

“It was a long process,” McFarlin said. “It went from about 8 a.m. until about 7 p.m. Monday, and I’m not lying when I say I probably did about a minute and a half, if not less, of actual baseball stuff.

“Out of those 400 players, I ran the fastest time in the 60-yard dash, so that helped me out a lot. I made some pretty good throws from the outfield. The next day, I had a pretty good day at the plate. I went 2-for-2 with a bunt single and another single. I stole some bases. (T-Bolts manager Ron Biga) has known for me about two years now. He told me if I did good at the tryout camp, he’d give me a chance in spring training, so here I am.”

McFarlin spent the past two seasons in independent baseball, and is hoping to make the team and get a chance to play close to home.

“It’d definitely be a great thing,” he said. “I played my first year in New Mexico and last year in New Jersey, so to have my friends and family finally get me a chance to play would really be exciting.”

None of the 2012 T-Bolts saw the field until late in Monday’s 6-1 loss to the Schaumburg Boomers, as Biga wanted to see what the newcomers could do.

“The really exciting thing is some of the rookies are fighting for spots,” Biga said. “That’s going to be fun for us as a coaching staff to see who’s going to show us they should stick.”

Biga himself is a newcomer. The Chicago native and former baseball standout at St. Rita and St. Xavier is beginning his first year at the helm of the club after spending the past two seasons as the vice president of baseball operations with the Joliet Slammers.

“It’s a lot of fun,” Biga said. “It’s nice to be able to drive 40 minutes from home and know a lot of people in the area. I’m really excited to kick off the season, but at the same time we still have a lot of work to fill some gaps where we know jobs are available. The most important thing is we have a good group of guys and they’re working hard.”

The few dozen fans in attendance Monday did get a glimpse of what the back end of the Windy City bullpen may look like this season.
Michael Click and Andy Mee, both top setup men for the team last year, worked the eighth and ninth innings, respectively, each tossing a scoreless frame.
Members of St. Xavier University’s (SXU) 2011 NAIA Championship football team hosted a youth football training camp on April 17 at the Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center, 1250 W. 119th St. Head Coach Mike Feminis (rear, far right) and 24 of SXU’s top players worked with boys ages 9 to 18 during a morning session and an afternoon session to share what it takes to be a championship football team through agility drills, training routines and exercises. Feminis said the tenets of a successful football team include hard work, extensive training and exceptional teamwork, all attributes that contributed to SXU’s championship last season. Feminis added that it’s equally important to maintain outstanding academic performance and to constantly seek out opportunities to give back to the community.

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SXU softball enjoying memorable campaign

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by Scott Fredericks

Winning has been the norm for the St. Xavier University (SXU) softball team under the direction of 13th-year head Coach Myra Minuskin, who entered this season with a 434-210 overall mark at the school.

This season has been no different.

The Cougars are enjoying one of the best seasons in program history, and that season will continue in the opening round of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) tournament that will begin May 13.

SXU earned an automatic birth by winning the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference (CCAC) regular-season crown.

“I’m thrilled for the ladies,” said Minuskin. “It’s a great accomplishment because the conference is very tough and balanced. Our kids got the job done.”

SXU (43-5) will participate in one of 10 four-team pools. The winner of each pool will advance to the double-elimination championship format on May 24 in Columbus, Ga., the site of the softball competition for the 1996 Summer Olympics.

“It’s a great opportunity for our women to compete,” said Minuskin. “We have phenomenal pitching, and that’s what we’ve fed off all season. With our pitching and defense, we can compete with anybody.”

The Cougars pitching staff has been anchored by the Nonnemacher sisters. Megan, a junior, and Nicole, a freshman, both prepped at Normal Community High School. They have been nothing short of spectacular this season.

Megan entered the CCAC tournament with a 22-2 record and a 1.05
earned-run average. Nicole is 21-3 with a 1.64 ERA, and she owns the SXU single-season strikeout record with 238 and counting.

“It’s fun to watch them because they do push each other, but they also support each other,” said Minuskin. “Nicole is a fierce competitor who has made Megan better. I think Megan has learned how to pitch and not just be a thrower. The toughest transition from high school to college is that of a pitcher. But both of them handled it well.”

Nicole Nonnemacher, who plays outfield when she’s not pitching, is also SXU’s top hitter. She has a .418 batting average with a team-high 39 runs scored. Senior Kate Mollohan (.378 with a team-high 33 RBI), sophomore Amanda Hainlen (.343, seven home runs, 28 RBI) and freshman Kasey Kanaga (.325, 32 runs scored) have also been solid offensive contributors throughout the season.

The Cougars rode a pair of long winning streaks to put together the impressive record this season. SXU, ranked 11th in the nation, won 17 consecutive games after a 2-2 start and then 19 straight games, the last of which was a thrilling 4-3 triumph over conference rival Olivet Nazarene in game one of a doubleheader that put the Cougars in the driver’s seat to win the league crown on April 24.

The Cougars trailed 3-1 in the bottom of the seventh when Mollohan doubled home a pair with two outs to send the game into extra innings. An inning later, Nicole Nonnemacher hit an RBI single to give SXU the victory.

“We were down to our last out, and the game was in the hands of one of our two seniors, who really came through in the clutch,” said Minuskin. “Then, Nicole found a hole for a single in the eighth for the win. That win certainly made things easier on us.”

Olivet Nazarene won game two, but the Cougars clinched the CCAC title with a doubleheader sweep at Judson University the next night.

SXU’s stellar season continued in the CCAC tournament at Olivet Nazarene. The Cougars rallied to beat the host Tigers in two games to win the postseason tournament title for the first time since 2009. SXU rallied from a 3-0 deficit to win the final game of the tournament 4-3 on May 4.
Promoting a better environment for young ballplayers

May 07, 2013 11:21 am • by Jeremy Ekeler / The Driven Academy

We asked our 250 Driven Academy Facebook and Twitter followers one question: “What is your biggest pet peeve about youth baseball/softball in Lincoln?”

The post received more than 900 hits and we gathered a range of replies. Expecting small things (cold nacho cheese at concessions!) or in-game issues (not sliding into second base!), we were surprised to find these “Big Five” overwhelming themes...

1.) Loyalty: A family with two daughters who received college offers posted, “Players and parents buy into the notion that this team or that team can get them a scholarship. Are we losing the idea of playing for the love of the game and building lifelong friendships?”

The truth: we know that college coaches value loyalty as much as talent. This is good news as players can create a special experience while chasing their college dreams. In short, jumping rosters doesn’t get you opportunities, it gets you red-flagged.

2.) Yappers: “Why is it,” asked a Driven parent, “that coaches and parents most ignorant of the rules want to holler loudest about them?”

The remedy here is to read the rule book, which creates an educated opinion. But my guess is that the “hollering” would diminish because the respect level for umpires and rule enforcers would rise. (Sidenote: Considering the meager pay, verbal abuse and tough conditions, is there anybody who can claim they care more about the game and its players than umps? Would you sacrifice as much?)

3.) “That Player…”: Who does not hustle on and off the field...does not wear their uniform correctly...throws equipment...yells at mom and dad to get them a Gatorade (“But not red, I hate red!”)...the list goes on; here’s a space to add your favorite ________________ .

4.) “That Parent…”: Who runs to get the Gatorade...carries their kid’s equipment...reads or texts until their kid is hitting...is heard only when their kid is involved in a play...always has the answer after the play/game is over...

One Driven dad put it best: “Parents should take a course in humility and sportsmanship before entering the stands to watch a game.”
5.) Respect for the Game: Why are they stealing when up by 10 runs? Shouldn’t the coach dress like a coach? Why is he/she texting while coaching? How does a player get away with that attitude?

Athletics in general, and softball/baseball in particular, have layers of unspoken protocol. That’s why it’s wise to invest in peeling it back by truly studying the game your child loves.

When I look at the “Big Five” I don’t blame the player jumping teams, or even the ignorant or selfish adult. That’s because for every offender above, there is an army who disagree...and do nothing.

It’s time for this army to realize that what we permit we promote. So reconsider if the whispered comments and mumbled complaints about this behavior are creating a better environment, or if it’s time to promote something more positive by permitting only the best for our children.

We can squash the “Big Five”, and our kids deserve it.

About the author: Jeremy Ekeler is co-owner of The Driven Academy, where he gives fast-pitch and baseball instruction. Prior to his work at Driven, Ekeler coached at Saint Xavier University in Chicago. He also worked as an instructor at the Chicago White Sox Academy and Southside Crunch Fundamentals. A Lincoln native, Ekeler was head coach of the Twin River Viper Summer ball program in Lincoln from 2004 to 2007. The program garnered numerous All-State selections, Nebraska state titles and sent many players to the collegiate level.

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College Softball

NAIA Tournament: St. Xavier is the No. 1 seed in its tournament for the NAIA National Championship Opening Round. The Cougars’ first game is Monday against No. 4 seed MidAmerica Nazarene (Kan.) in Portland. The starting time had yet to be determined.
When Rick Tilquist was a freshman in 2009 at Trinity Christian College, there were 15 players in the baseball program.

That’s not enough players to have a scrimmage game against one another.

“Most of them, basically, were all freshman,” Tilquist said.

In other words, the baseball program was going through a rebuilding process.

The lack of numbers, however, didn’t prevent that group from making a bold prediction.

“We said, ‘We’re going to put Trinity on the map,’ ” Tilquist said.

It may have taken a little longer than expected, but the young men have lived up to their word.

Trinity baseball indeed is on the local collegiate baseball map.

The Trolls — now that’s a cool name — qualified (along with 45 other teams from around the country) for the NAIA National Championship opening round that begins Thursday.

It’s the first time Trinity, which set a school-record with 25 wins this season, can boast of such an accomplishment.

The Trolls qualified for the double-elimination tournament after a runner-up finish in the Chicago Collegiate Athletic Conference, ahead of perennial local powers St. Xavier and St. Francis.

That’s quite a distinction for tiny Trinity, a Reformed Christian faith college boasting 1,400 students on its Palos Heights campus.

“It’s been an exciting ride, that’s for sure,” said Tilquist, a 2009 Lincoln-Way Central graduate. “All four years. To get to this point is unbelievably gratifying.”

No one knows this better than Justin Huisman, Trinity’s coach.

If the name rings a bell, it should. Huisman and his brothers Jason and Josh were part of the powerhouse Thornwood teams of the 1990s.

Yes, boys and girls, Thornwood’s baseball program ranked among the elite not long ago.
Jason, in fact, was Trinity’s coach until three years ago and Justin was his assistant. The two swapped titles in 2011, with the program continuing its ascent toward its high-water mark today. The Trolls roster has grown to 26 players, up from 15 four years ago.

“We’ve been trying to take this program to another level,” said Justin Huisman, a 1997 Thornwood grad. “This (NAIA bid) shows the school and the recruits that our program is headed in the right direction. We’re not just talking a big game, we’re backing it up.”

That’s something those Thornwood teams often excelled at under then coach John Dunlop: talking the talk and walking the walk. Few local high school programs boast the major league pedigree of Thornwood, which saw alums Cliff Floyd and Mark Mulder go on to enjoy All-Star careers.

Justin Huisman also is part of the list of Thornwood grads who made it to the big leagues.

After an outstanding career as a closer at the University of Mississippi, Huisman was selected by the Colorado Rockies in the 15th round of the 2000 draft. He had ERAs of 1.86, 1.70, 1.57 and 1.75 his first four minor league seasons, along with nearly 100 saves.

Huisman eventually was traded to Kansas City and made his major league debut in 2004. He pitched 25 innings that season, shuffling between the Royals and Triple A. An arm injury eventually ended his career.

“I was looking to be a head coach full-time,” said Justin, who has another Thornwood alum, Wally Widelski, on staff. “My brother had a career opportunity outside of baseball he just couldn’t pass up. He didn’t want to leave the program entirely. So I took over as head coach and he’s an assistant.”

Trinity opens its national championship bid at 10 a.m. Thursday against Mayville State (N.D.) at Silver Cross Field in Joliet.

If the Trolls win, they’ll play again at 6 p.m. Thursday against No. 1 seed York (Neb.). If they lose to Mayville State, they won’t play again until 10 a.m. Friday.

One thing Huisman made clear during our conversation: Trinity is in it to win it.

“This team, if it goes out there and plays to its potential, can beat anyone,” said Huisman, a married father of two daughters, Isabella and Summer. “It took us longer than I expected to break out. During the (conference) tourney, there were a couple of days where it just all clicked.”

After losing to conference champion Judson in the first round, the Trolls bounced back to hammer Robert Morris 16-8 and St. Francis 11-5. Trinity again lost to Judson in the title game, but the runner-up finish garnered a national tournament bid.

“It’s a great feeling,” said John Pikes, a senior outfielder and St. Laurence graduate. “We put in a lot of time and did everything together, which is a credit to coach (Huisman). He knows so much about the game. As a player, you know what he’s telling you is going to work. He lets us be ourselves. We’re a confident team.”

One that’s on a mission.
13 student athletes from Lincoln-Way East High School have committed to compete at the collegiate level, including one who has signed with a Big Ten university.

The students, who have all signed National Letters of Intent with colleges and universities from across the country, participated in a recognition ceremony at the school.

“This is an exciting day for all of us,” East Athletic Director Mark Vander Kooi said. “They’ve worked hard for this opportunity.”

The student athletes who recently signed National Letters of Intent are: Meaghan McMahon; St. Xavier University (basketball), Tommy Fuessel; Northwestern University (football), Justin Corbett; Northern Illinois University (football), Anna Palermini; North Central College (golf), Samantha Stewart; Valparaiso University (softball), Christina Mizera; College of St. Scholastica (softball), Juell Hodges; Illinois Central College (softball), Brittany Felice; Illinois State University (swimming), Taylor Jach; Xavier University (swimming), Stephanie Bitz; University of Wisconsin-Whitewater (swimming), Scott Hammond; Dartmouth University (track), Aaliyah Brown; Texas A&M University (track) and Kaley McLawhorn; Drake University (track/cross country).

Fuessel is East’s first football player to sign with Northwestern and the school’s second to enter a Big Ten university. The other East grad to sign with a Big Ten university was Adam Gettis, who now plays for the Washington Redskins.

Tommy is a “tremendous young man” who is dedicated to his teammates and the East football program, said East’s assistant football coach Joel Pallissard.

“We’re very, very proud of these two,” said head coach Rob Zvonar, referring to Tommy and his Northern-bound teammate Justin Corbett.

Girls basketball coach Jim Martin congratulated St. Xavier-bound Meaghan McMahon, describing her as a “versatile player capable of playing multiple positions.”

Girls golf coach Mary McGivern told representatives from North Central College that they are receiving one of East’s finest student athletes.

“(Anna Palermini) is a leader in all aspects of the world,” she said.

Softball coach Elizabeth Pawlicki congratulated her three student athletes; Samantha Stewart, Christina Mizera and Juell Hodges; and wished them “nothing but the best” as they head to college.

Girls swimming coach Kate Gabey expressed pride in college-bound seniors Brittany Felice, Taylor Jach and Stephanie Bitz.
“It’s going to be hard to see them go,” she said.

Boys track coach Ross Widinski described Scott Hammond as “the definition of a student athlete.”

“He’s not only a top athlete but a top student,” he said. “We’re going to lose a leader here.”

Girls track coach Caroline Gerritsen reflected on Aaliyah Brown’s many accomplishments at East and indicated the runner is on her way to becoming one of the school’s most accomplished athletes.

She holds 11 out of 12 sprint records; she’s been All-State 11 times; and she’s been the state champ five times, said Gerritsen.

Coach Wendy Hegarty congratulated fellow runner Kaley McLawhorn for her decision to attend Drake University and said the student athlete has left her mark on East’s cross-country program.

“On behalf of the administration here at East, I want to say congratulations to you student athletes,” Vander Kooi said. “You’ve earned it.”

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Chicago Bears' Jimmy Coy throws a pass during NFL football rookie minicamp at Halas Hall in Lake Forest, Ill., Friday, May 10, 2013. (AP Photo/Nam Y. Huh)
St. Xavier University

St. Xavier University (SXU) men’s basketball coach Tom O’Malley will host his annual boy’s basketball camp, which runs over two sessions with the first held from June 10 to 13 and the second held from June 17 to 20, 9:30 a.m. to noon daily.

The camp is open to all boys between the ages of nine and 15. The camp will be held in the Shannon Center, 3700 W. 103rd St.

All participants will receive camp T-shirts, full-size SXU basketballs and special awards SXU assistant coaches and players will also be on hand to help instruct campers. Participants will be introduced to a variety of basketball instruction and fundamentals, including shooting, passing, rebounding, defense and dribbling.

The cost is $95 for one session or $160 for both sessions.

Enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis. Applications are available at the SXU athletics department located in the Shannon Center or online at sxucougars.com under the summer camps link.

For more information, call Laura Kurzeja at (773) 298-3785.
Junior Megan Nonnemacher of Bloomington struck out 12 batters for the second straight game to move the Saint Xavier University softball team within one win of the 10-team NAIA national championship tournament.

The 10th-ranked Saints beat No. 11 Corban 2-0 Tuesday in Portland, Ore., as Nonnemacher allowed just two hits in her 10th shutout of the season.

The Cougars (48-6) are unbeaten in the double-elimination regional qualifying tournament. They opened with a 12-1 win over MidAmerica Nazarene Monday behind Nonnemacher’s four-hitter.

They meet Corban, winner of the losers' bracket, again Wednesday.
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Southland: St. Xavier University and women’s basketball coach Bob Hallberg will host a girls basketball camp, open to girls ages 7 to 15, from 1:30 to 4 p.m. June 10 to 14 at the Shannon Center on St. Xavier’s Chicago campus. Participants will be grouped by age and ability level and taught each day by Hallberg as well as SXU assistants and players. Fee: $135 (includes T-Shirt). Applications are available at the Shannon Center or at www.sxucougars.com under the Summer Camps link. Information: Laura Kurzeja, (773) 298-3785.

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A two-sport athlete and honor student at Shepard High School, softball player Franchesca Graffeo is an offensive threat who has consistently hit .490 over her four-year career. Last season, Graffeo was voted the team’s most valuable player, and earned All-Conference and All-Area honors.

Head coach Kelsey Clifford says that the senior has been selected by an elite U.S. softball team to compete in an international tournament in Arezzo, Italy this summer, where she will play in front of her great aunt and cousins that live there. Graffeo will continue her softball career at St. Xavier University next year and study elementary education.

Name: Franchesca Graffeo

Age/year in school: 17/Senior

Hometown: Crestwood

Sport: Softball

Position: Shortstop
How long have you played softball?

11 years

What do you love most about softball?

The relationships you form in order to build team chemistry. It does not come easy but when we as teammates have accomplished [something], it makes you feel like you are unstoppable. This Lady Astros team is extra special to me because of coaches, friends, and [playing with] my sister Breanna. I love playing the game! There is nothing like making great defensive plays or base running in tight situations when your run means everything.

What was your biggest challenge this season? How did you overcome it?

My biggest challenge this season was realizing that this is my last high school season ever. It’s not [about] overcoming this, but [rather] making this the best season. With Shepard's talent this year I know we will go far.

What was your favorite moment of this season? Why?

When Shepard held the Strike Out ALS benefit game for Sue Michalik [mother of another Shepard player]. It was absolutely amazing to see the team, school and community come together, raise over $12,000, and give it to a family who truly deserves it.

Do you have any rituals or superstitions when you play?

I always have to warm up on the foul line side, end my warm up on a perfect throw, [and] end my hitting warm up on a solid hit. I can never step on the chalk, and I always have to do my little hitting routine when I step out of the box.

Who has inspired you most in your athletic endeavors?

My parents. They have always been my number one fans and have believed in me 100 percent. They have also provided me with the opportunity to play travel ball and have private batting lessons. I know I would not be the player I am today without them.

If you didn’t play softball, what would you be doing?

It’s hard to imagine not playing softball because it has been such a huge part of my life, but I would probably be playing volleyball if.
Who is your favorite athlete and why?

Maggilo Ordonez – he used to play for the White Sox and my dad actually built his house. We played catch and he gave me one of his mitts! I could not believe that I was playing catch with a Major League Baseball player and when he told me he could tell that I had a promising future and could achieve anything I wanted, I just about died.

What hobbies or activities do you enjoy outside softball?

I love to play volleyball and I really like coaching, it is something I definitely would want to do in the future. I also like to hang out with friends and family.

Favorite quote or words to live by:

“Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but rising every time we fall.”

A team shows true character in the way they play when they come back from a loss or failure.

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Three Mother McAuley High School athletes recently signed to play sports in college.

They included Erica Harris (volleyball, St. Xavier University), of Chicago’s Beverly community; Annie Hopkins (lacrosse, Augustana College), of Chicago’s Morgan Park community; and Patsy Boland (volleyball, University of Massachusetts Boston), of Evergreen Park.

Staff reports
Lemont’s Chris Giatras to play football at Augustana College

By Lemont HS Community Relations, Community Contributor

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Lemont High School senior running back Chris Giatras (5’11”, 205) has committed to playing college football at Augustana (Ill.) College beginning in Fall 2013. Giatras is the fifth football player from Lemont’s Class of 2013 to finalize his plans to play collegiately.

Ethan Pocic, a Parade All-American who was one of the top offensive line recruits in the country, graduated in December and already has enrolled at Louisiana State University. In February, offensive lineman Tim McAuliffe signed a National Letter of Intent with Bowling Green State University; linebacker Connor O’Brien signed a National Letter of Intent with the University of North Dakota; and defensive back Jake Lemming received a scholarship to play at Saint Xavier University.

Lemont has been one of the state’s top football programs for several years, but that success heightened over the last three seasons with Giatras serving as a key contributor on head coach Eric Michaelsen’s varsity squad. The Indians collected a 34-4 record from 2010-12, which included a sterling 17-1 mark in South Suburban Conference-Blue Division play and an 8-3 record in the IHSA playoffs. Lemont won SSC Blue titles each of those seasons, and enjoyed undefeated regular seasons in both 2010 and 2011. The team advanced to the IHSA Class 6A Quarterfinals in 2010, and was an IHSA Class 6A Semifinalist in both 2011 and 2012.

Giatras ranks among the school’s career leaders with 42 total touchdowns (39 rushing, 3 receiving). He racked up 2,699 yards from scrimmage (2,367 rushing, 332 receiving) in three seasons and capped his career by earning all-conference honors and being named the area’s player of the year.

In 2012, Lemont narrowly missed a state finals berth, finishing with an 11-2 record and an IHSA Class 6A Semifinal appearance. The Indians were 5-1 in SSC Blue play, and finished in a three-way tie for the division title. Giatras led the team with 1,592 yards rushing, averaging 6.2 yards on 257 carries. He also tallied a team-high 25 touchdowns, all of which came on the ground. In addition to receiving All-SSC Blue accolades, Giatras was tabbed as the 2012 Suburban Life “Player of the Year.”
Giatras shined as a dual threat as a junior in 2011. He finished second on the team with 629 yards rushing (6.0 avg.) and 14 rushing touchdowns. He also proved to be a dangerous receiver, catching 14 passes for 270 yards (19.3 avg.) and three touchdowns. His 17 combined touchdowns ranked second on the squad. The Indians came an overtime period short of advancing to the state finals before finishing with a 12-1 record, an IHSA Class 6A Semifinal appearance, a perfect regular-season and an SSC Blue crown.

Giatras received his first varsity playing time as a sophomore in 2010, averaging 4.9 yards per carry and totaling 156 yards rushing. Lemont went 11-1 that season and finished as an IHSA Quarterfinalist. The Indians posted a perfect regular-season record and earned the SSC Blue title.

While he has committed to playing college football, Giatras also is one of the most successful wrestlers in school history. He became the just the fifth wrestler in school history to win multiple individual state medals; he was fifth in the IHSA Class 2A 182-pound class in 2012, and third in the same class in 2013. A three-time state qualifier, he twice won SSC, IHSA Regional and IHSA Sectional titles and finished with a career record of 132-31. He also was a member of two team state finals qualifiers, including the 2010 squad that finished third at the IHSA Class 2A Wrestling Dual Team State Finals. His 44 wins as a senior is tied for the second-highest single-season total in school history.

An honor roll student, Giatras will play for head coach Rob Cushman at Augustana, an NCAA Division III institution located in Rock Island, Ill., and a member of the College Conference of Illinois & Wisconsin (CCIW). Cushman has completed two seasons as Augustana’s head coach, and guided the Vikings to a 5-5 record (4-3 CCIW) and a fourth-place finish in the CCIW standings in 2012.

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Columbus hotel rooms will be filled. Restaurants will be crowded. It is a dream weekend for Peter Bowden, the president of the Columbus Convention & Visitors Bureau.

By now everyone knows whitewater rafting will be a large local attraction, but there also is a college national softball championship in town and a youth soccer tournament with participants from around Georgia.

"There were a couple of small events that wanted to come here this weekend, and I told them I didn't think we could make it happen," Bowden said, noting that hotels are at about capacity.

A wedding and class reunion did get squeezed in, he said.

It is not likely the city will gain much from the Masters Water Ski Tournament at Callaway Gardens. "Most of those people will stay in the Pine Mountain area," Bowden said.

Dan Gilbert of Whitewater Express said 350 people have already signed up to go rafting on Saturday. They'll have at least 100 on Sunday and Monday, he said. That's better than he expected.

About 250 people are involved in the NAIA National Softball Championship, which begins Friday and runs through Thursday at South Commons.

"When the girls play softball, their mamas and daddies come to watch, brothers and sisters, everyone in the house -- friends, too," said Herbert Greene, executive director of the Columbus Sports Council.

David Miles, general manager of the Columbus Youth Soccer Association, said 190 teams -- 3,100 players -- are expected to participate in the Georgia State Soccer Cup to be played Saturday through Monday.

All 13 fields at the soccer complex on Woodruff Farm Road and two at Columbus State University will be used for the tournament.

"Winners advance to a national tournament," Miles said.

Bowden said about 4,500 people are expected for soccer, but Miles feels it may be more. He said each player usually brings two or three supporters.

The soccer teams consist of boys and girls, ages 9-16.

"These are elite soccer teams," Greene said. "People love to play at the soccer facility we have here."
Bowden put the economic impact of the softball tournament at about $168,000 and that of the soccer tournament at about $1 million.

Ten teams from around the country will be playing for the national softball title.

"There is going to be some great, competitive softball played here," Greene said. "This is a national championship. These are the best in NAIA."

All of the games will be played in the softball stadium with the other fields at South Commons used for practice and warming up.

"Everybody wants to play where the Olympic teams played," Greene said. "It is still a great selling point for us."

"(South Commons) needs a little touching up, but it still a world-class facility."

There will be no softball games on Sunday, which Greene said allows the visitors to enjoy area attractions, such as the National Infantry Museum and National Civil War Museum at Port Columbus. They may even want to try whitewater rafting.

The first tournament game will be played today at 10 a.m. with the title game scheduled for 5 p.m. Thursday. A total of 18 games will be played.

The top seed is Concordia University from Irvine, Cal., which boasts a 48-3 record. Lubbock Christian University from Lubbock, Texas, 58-8, is the No. 2 seed.

Other seeds 3-10 are Lee University, 47-9, from Cleveland, Tenn.; Oklahoma City University, 50-13, from Oklahoma City; California State University--San Marcos, 43-10, from San Marcos, Cal.; Williams Baptist College, 44-7, from Walnut Ridge, Ark.; Auburn University Montgomery, 44-10, from Montgomery, Ala.; Reinhardt University, 43-7, from Waleska, Ga.; Saint Xavier University, 49-7, from Chicago, Ill.; and Spring Hill College, 44-15, from Mobile, Ala.

Greene said this is just the beginning of a busy summer with a high school all-star baseball tournament coming up next week and several tennis tournaments on the schedule.

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Community Sports Calendar (North) for May 26, 2013

BASKETBALL

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Maddie Monroe, a former Dalton High School softball standout, will help lead Reinhardt University into the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics national championship tournament beginning today with the first round in Columbus.

The Lady Eagles, seeded eighth, will face No. 9 seed St. Xavier (Illinois) at 1 p.m.

A 2009 graduate of Calhoun High School, Monroe pitched back-to-back shutouts against LSU-Alexandria and Belhaven earlier this month in the regional tournament. Kelsey Floyd started the final game, also against Belhaven but Monroe earned her third save of the season by recording the final two outs of the 2-1 win.

Monroe (26-2) has a 1.28 ERA this season and was selected the Appalachian Athletic Conference pitcher of the year for the fourth time in her college career.

Monroe played softball and basketball as a freshman and sophomore at Dalton before transferring to Calhoun a few weeks into her junior softball season. She continued her progress on the diamond at Calhoun, helping the Lady Yellow Jackets finish second in the Class 2A state tournament her senior year.

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Reinhardt wins in first round behind Monroe's pitching performance

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May 25, 2013

Maddie Monroe’s first start in her last trip to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics national championship tournament was a good one.

Monroe — a senior who spent part of her high school career at Dalton before transferring to Calhoun — pitched a complete-game shutout to lead Reinhardt University in a 3-0 win against Chicago’s Saint Xavier University in the first round of the tournament Friday at the South Commons Softball Complex in Columbus.

A four-time Appalachian Athletic Conference Pitcher of the Year, she allowed eight hits and two walks while striking out five in the 140-pitch performance to improve to 27-2 this season. Saint Xavier (49-8) was shut out for just the second time this year and the first time since April 28.

Reinhardt (44-7) scored all of its runs in the second inning. In the sixth, Monroe escaped a bases-loaded, two-out jam via a groundout.

The No. 8 seed in the 10-team, double-elimination bracket, Reinhardt will face top-seeded Concordia University Irvine (Calif.) 7 p.m. today and is four wins away from a title.

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Monroe, Reinhardt fall at NAIA national tourney

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May 26, 2013

Former Dalton High School pitcher Maddie Monroe was chased from the circle during a five-run inning and Reinhardt University came up short in a 7-6 loss to California’s Concordia Irvine University on Saturday in the second round of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics’ national championship softball tournament.

Monroe — who spent part of her first three high school softball seasons at Dalton before transferring to Calhoun as a junior — turned in a complete-game shutout Friday as the Lady Eagles won their opening-round meeting with Chicago’s Saint Xavier University at the South Commons Softball Complex in Columbus.

While she gave up three hits in the top of the first inning of Saturday’s game, Monroe was able to escape with top-seeded Concordia scoring just one run. But Concordia scored five runs in the fourth to stretch its lead to 6-0 and Monroe was pulled.

Eighth-seeded Reinhardt (44-8) rallied during a six-run fifth, but Concordia (49-3) responded with a run in the sixth and made the edge hold up the rest of the way.

Tournament play resumes Monday. Concordia moves into the winners’ bracket semifinals, while Reinhardt faces Auburn-Montgomery in an elimination game at 1 p.m.

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As if hitting a grand slam in the championship game of the NAIA Softball National Championship Opening Round to help No.2 Lubbock Christian University punch their ticket to the final site wasn't enough, Stephanie Rendon hit a two-out two-run home run in the bottom of the sixth inning to lead the Lady Chaparrals to a 4-2 win over No.9 seed St. Xavier University. Rendon's home run, which overshadowed outstanding pitching performances from LCU's Courtney McGee and SXU's Nicole Nonnemacher, helped LCU advance to a noon (Central) first pitch Tuesday against either Concordia (Calif.) or Oklahoma City University in an elimination contest.

Nonnemacher was holding the Lady Chaps hitless through five innings, not allowing a hit to her first 18 batters faced. LCU's first hit was produced by Mallory Koschany, who ended a season-high 0-for-9 stretch with a hit up the middle leading off the bottom of the sixth inning. With LCU trailing 2-0, she advanced into scoring position with her NAIA leading 70th stolen base of the season. McKenzie Clemmons popped up a bunt on a sacrifice attempt and Megan Sullivan was caught looking on a 3-2 pitch to quickly post two outs in the innings. Latainna Eltsosie was able to put LCU on the scoreboard with a screaming liner down the third base line, which deflected off the third baseman's glove and into the left field foul area resulting in a double and allowing Koschany to reach home. Rendon followed and provided the heroics by hitting a 2-2 pitch beyond the reach of Cougars left fielder Holly Hilden, who crashed through the temporary fencing in attempt to chase down Rendon's seventh home run of the season. The home run provided LCU a 3-2 lead but they were not done. Ashton Bell followed with a one-hopper to the centerfield fence for a double and would eventually score on a wild pitch and passed ball during Diana De La Paz's at-bat. All four runs and all four hits produced in the game by the Lady Chaps came in the sixth inning. The multi-run inning was their first inning of more than one run over the last 14 innings played for LCU, who had a stretch of just two innings of more than one run scored over their prior 30 innings played leading into the sixth inning.

The Cougars took advantage of a passed ball and an error by first baseman Eltsosie with a pair of two-out singles to score the first runs of the game in the second inning. Amanda Hainlen and Katie Houlihan each singled to drive in a run for the 2-0 SXU lead. McGee did her part holding the Cougars to the 2-0 lead and providing a chance for a late rally. She retired nine consecutive batters from the fifth through seventh innings. A two-out single brought the tying run to the
plate in the top of the seventh inning, but a fly ball caught by Clemmons in centerfield clinched LCU's first ever win in Georgia.

McGee is now 19-0 with the win and she struck out six batters in seven innings pitched. She did not allow an earned run off four hits. Nonnemacher has her season end with a 24-5 mark. She struck out five batters and allowed four runs off four hits in six innings.

SXU ends their season with a 50-9 record. LCU gains their 59th win (59-9) of the season and they are one win away from their single-season program record wins mark of 60 set their inaugural championship season in 2008. They will go after that win Tuesday at noon (Central) at South Commons Softball Complex.

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BASKETBALL

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