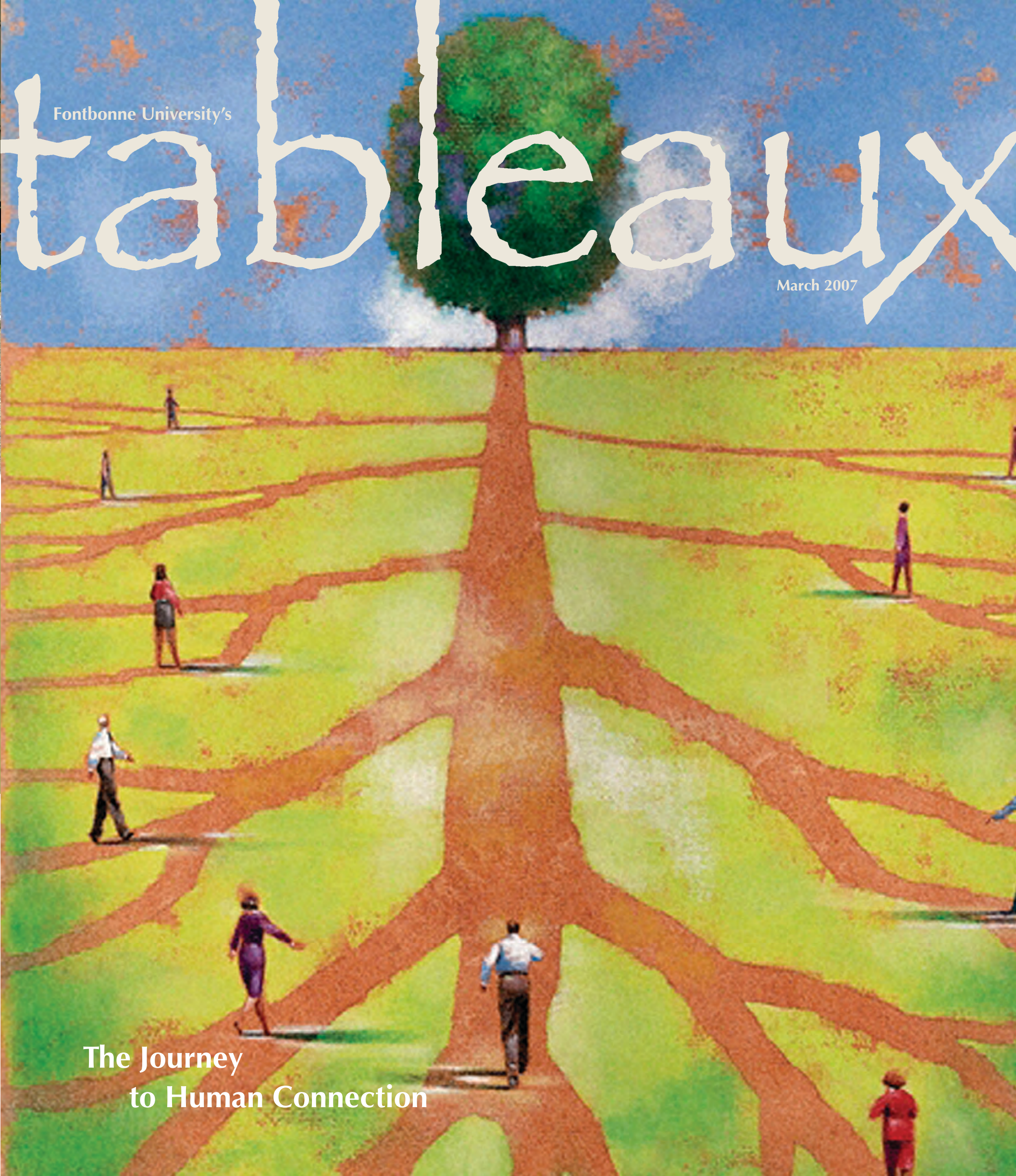


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Special PRESIDENT'S REPORT Issue



CALLING KEVIN BACON

Thoughts on experiments, games and the connections between us all

Many of you have probably heard about the concept “six degrees of separation.” It’s the idea that, if a person is only one step away from each of the people he or she knows and two steps away from the people they know, we are all potentially connected in roughly six steps.

It’s not been proven empirically, but the concept did rise from a 1967 study called the “small world experiment” conducted by famed social psychologist Stanley Milgram (perhaps better known for his study on obedience and authority where subjects were encouraged to apply electric shocks to other “participants” who were, in fact, actors going along with the experiment). The “shock experiment” yielded some weighty social observations at the time. In light-hearted contrast, “six degrees” has spawned a game based on the premise that prolific actor Kevin Bacon can be connected to every actor in Hollywood.

At its essence, of course, this discourse is about human connectedness. And at Fontbonne, we don’t need an experiment to conclude that there is, more times than not, just *one* degree of separation. The tight knit human fabric formed by — and because of — the Fontbonne community is in full evidence in this issue of *Tableaux*.

Be heartened by Dr. Gale Rice’s efforts to help ALS patients. Be motivated by Carolyn and David Zwart and the student directly benefiting from their endowed scholarship. Be amazed by the astounding donation left to Fontbonne by a social worker who was always there for others. Be inspired by the mother and daughter who both went back to school so they could teach children with special needs. And, in this special Honor Roll of Donors issue, be part of our recognition for those who so generously display a vital and sustaining support of our mission.

Finding the human connection in these stories — and in our daily lives — illustrates that these degrees of separation really aren’t so vast. Maybe we are all somehow intertwined on a planetary odyssey — one big cosmic convoy. If we can evoke this ripple-effect social network, perhaps we can take a more productive, open view of our differences while focusing on a common good: life’s journey. Who knows how the kind word or helping hand we offer someone today might impact what that person does tomorrow.

It is, after all, a small world.

Mark E. Johnson
Editor

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big AMBITION

by Kylie Shafferkoetter

James White's ambition and talents have helped him succeed at some of the largest and well-known businesses in the world.

The 1996 Fontbonne MBA graduate served as a territory manager for the Coca-Cola Company's Minute Maid Orange Juice Division before climbing the ranks at Ralston Purina Company to vice president of customer development. He then worked at The Gillette Company as senior vice president of business development and is currently the senior vice president of consumer brands for Safeway Stores, Inc., in Pleasanton, Calif.

"I see this new position as a great move and a capstone to all of the things I've done up to this point," says White, a St. Louis native. "It's wonderful to have the opportunity to create businesses and brands that work for consumers." The latest brainstorm he and his team have brought forward

from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Working for some of the biggest firms in business didn't happen by accident. "I was ambitious and sought to play a sizable leadership role in a major firm," White explains. "I intentionally picked companies with great brands."

Although he was progressing steadily in his career, White wanted to refine all that he'd learned working in business. "I wanted to put myself in a mode to continue moving and learning. Fontbonne's MBA program was the perfect fit," White says. "It was a nice catalyst for renewing my overall passion about continuous education."

White's graduate degree filled in the gaps in experience and education. "I'm a lifelong learner and the academic structure at Fontbonne provides the perfect environment. And flexibility was key."

White isn't all business and books — he has a strong

"...the academic structure at Fontbonne provides the perfect environment ... flexibility was key."

is "O," a line of more than 150 organic items, including beverages, snacks and produce for Safeway, one of the largest food and drug retailers in the country. It launched a year ago and is proving profitable, according to White.

White, 46, oversees marketing, innovation, new product development and proprietary and exclusive brands for the company, which has more than 1,775 stores along the West Coast and reaches into Alaska, Canada and the Chicago area. There are more than 3,000 employees at the Pleasanton office near San Francisco, and 200,000 employees nationwide.

A self-described shy and studious kid, White was first exposed to the business world through a pre-college program for African-American students while attending Northwest High School in St. Louis. "That was a very good program that helped me identify my passion for business," says White, who went on to earn a degree in marketing

sense of corporate citizenship as well. He has served on several boards of directors at any given time, including Mathews-Dickey Boys and Girls Club, NEW (Network of Executive Women), The Organic Center, Girls, Inc., and United Way. He was also president of the National Junior Tennis League in St. Louis.

"It's important to give time to worthwhile organizations that can help better the lives of people and help them find their own passions to pursue," says White, who has two daughters — Krista, 14, and Jasmine, seven — with his wife of 19 years, Lisa. White's parents, Rose and James, still reside in St. Louis.

As his star continues to rise — he was recently recognized by *Brand Packaging Magazine* as a 2006 brand innovator and by *PLBuyer Magazine* as one of the top retail executives — it's nice to see that White carries a little touch of Fontbonne along with him.



finding hope in a

HUG

by Kylie Shafferkoetter

At a time when everything from cars to soft drinks seem to be getting bigger and bigger, two teachers choose to celebrate the small stuff.



“It was like going to school with my best friend,”
says Mindy Larouere (left) of her mother, Glenda Hoth.

Glenda Hoth and Mindy Larouere — a mother and daughter duo who are teachers in the Special School District of St. Louis County — say the sweet smiles and huge hugs from their students are largely what led them to earn K-12 certification from Fontbonne University’s Career Builders program.

“Every day is rewarding because my kids are able to do something they couldn’t do the day before,” Larouere, 33, says about her class at Larimore Elementary in Hazelwood, Mo., where she works with special needs students in third through fifth grade. Originally, Larouere planned to become a nurse while working as a teacher’s aid at Litzinger School in the Special School District, but found she missed her students too much.

“I realized pretty quickly that working in a hospital wasn’t for me. I wanted to go back to where little kids were excited to see me,” Larouere says. “I chose Fontbonne’s Career Builders program because I could work, go to school and student teach all at the same time.”

The Career Builders program offers teacher certification for K-12 “cross-categorical” special education, a discipline addressing a broad spectrum of special needs. The program is designed specifically for adults working in the field of special education as teacher assistants, paraprofessionals or in other support roles. It’s the only local program that is open to both undergraduate and graduate students.

According to Kathleen Schwarting,

director of the Career Builders Program, these graduates fill the many vacancies left by retiring teachers, as well as help the Special School District meet the needs of a rising number of special needs students. “Another plus of the program is that it helps in teacher retention,” Schwarting says. “Since the teachers are already working in special education classrooms, there are no surprises for them upon graduation. This program is full of people who care about kids and believe they can make a difference in the lives of children with special needs.”

Helping people is nothing new for the 53-year-old Hoth. She and her husband, Tom, have been foster parents to some 25 children and have adopted two children — this, in addition to their

two biological children.

“One of my children has special needs, and I think that certainly got me interested in teaching in the Special School District,” says Hoth, who is now a teacher’s assistant at Hazelwood East High School working with students with mental retardation.

For Larouere, who is married and has a six-year-old daughter, growing up with foster brothers and sisters opened her eyes to children who need extra help.

“I have always enjoyed working with the special needs population. I saw how important it was for my brother to have teachers who understood him,” she says. “My family will do whatever it takes to help a child.”

When Larouere decided to enroll at

Fontbonne, she asked her mother to join the program with her. “I said ‘OK, if you do it, I’ll do it’ and we did,” says Hoth, who was a homemaker before becoming a teacher’s assistant for Christian Pre-School in north St. Louis County. “Once I got into it, I had a knack for it,” she says of working with special needs students. The mother and daughter team started school in January 2004 — Larouere graduated in May and Hoth in December 2006.

Both women enjoyed having each other for support. “It was fun — I loved it,” Hoth says. “We had one another to lean on.” Her daughter agrees, saying “It was the best. It was like going to school with my best friend.”

The program takes an average of two to three years to complete, and

students know their entire course schedule before they even begin. “I liked the set schedule. It really made it easy to follow and to manage the rest of my life,” Hoth says. “And the faculty was so supportive and awesome. I’m thrilled that I did something I always wanted to do but thought I couldn’t.”

In fact, the family is so impressed with Fontbonne that Hoth’s husband is now in the OPTIONS MBA program, and Hoth plans to pursue her certification in reading here.

“Maybe they’ll name a wing after us,” jokes Larouere. For now, the best reward for both Larouere and Hoth is the opportunity to help children reach their potential — and maybe get a nice hug in the process.



Rosemary Leahey, 1949, Fontbonne yearbook photo

A Legacy of Caring - and Generosity

by Kylie Shafferkoetter

Rosemary Leahey was a tireless social worker, a devout Catholic, a loyal friend and a valued member of her community. She also left her mark at Fontbonne University — and continues to do so. Upon her death in March 2005, the 78-year-old left her alma mater nearly \$500,000.

“She outdid herself,” says Kay Wagner, Leahey’s good friend and colleague of more than 35 years. “It shows how much Fontbonne meant to her. She always spoke fondly of the university — it was the ultimate luxury in her life.”

According to Wagner, Leahey grew up in north St. Louis City. Her father died when she was only 12, and her mother supported Leahey and her siblings by working nights at the St. Louis State Mental Hospital. “Rose didn’t have a lot growing up,” Wagner recalls.

But Leahey overcame the adversity of her childhood, and friends remember her positive disposition. “She was always optimistic and generous with her time and patience,” Wagner says. “I always thought of her as a saintly person — never negative.”

Leahey graduated from Fontbonne in 1949 with a degree in economics. She started a lifelong career in social work at the Catholic Charities Department of Children in St. Louis. There she helped children through their adoptions, foster homes, residential or institutional care, education and health care. She later joined Catholic Family Services, where she counseled mothers and their children living at St. Martha’s Hall, a St. Louis emergency shelter for victims of domestic violence.

“Rosemary was one of a long line of outstanding Catholic women who devoted their lives to the profession of social

work and used their professional gifts in the service of the church and community,” said Jack Lally, Leahey’s former supervisor, during her eulogy. “She was one of those beautiful people who asked for and took little from life, but gave much.”

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Doris Harrington first met Leahey while both were students at Fontbonne. “She had a true love for helping people,” says Harrington, a 1948 graduate. “There never was a case (at her job) so sorry she wouldn’t take it. Rose always said, ‘It’ll be interesting to see how it all turns out.’ She was so loveable and upbeat.”

Wagner agrees. “Rose was very intelligent and had good insight. She could always get through to the tough clients — people with serious dysfunction — when others couldn’t,” she says. “She liked to rescue people.”

Leahey also enjoyed rescuing houses — she tried her hand at rehabbing a home in Lafayette Square. She dreamed of being a

painter and opera singer, loved to travel, garden, swim at the YMCA, bicycle, eat at nice restaurants, visit friends, enjoy ice cream and listen to classical music. “There was always music in the background when I called,” Wagner says.

Leahey is remembered as a passionate person committed to improving the lives of families in the St. Louis area — through her career, her friendships and her charity.

“We are certainly honored by, and grateful for, Rosemary’s gift,” says Jeff Brown, Fontbonne’s gift planning officer. “She was a social worker who lived her life to help others. Her legacy now continues at Fontbonne where her generosity will serve the university for years to come.”

Editor’s Note: If you are inspired by Rosemary Leahey’s generosity and vision, and would like to learn more about giving opportunities at Fontbonne University, call 314-719-3688 or e-mail development@fontbonne.edu.

Giving a Voice to Those in Need

by Kylie Shafferkoetter

Her wrist wrapped in an Ace bandage, Cay Fuhry slowly types into what looks like a mini laptop computer. After a moment, a computerized voice relays what she's just typed. She's explaining her affiliation with the Romance Readers Anonymous List to Dr. Gale Rice, chair of Fontbonne University's communication disorders and deaf education department (CDDE). Fuhry's grown daughter, Patty, sits alongside. Since Fuhry, 78, is a former English teacher, the women laugh together over her love of this particular literary genre.

Although her eyes and smile are bright, and her vocal chords still manage a strained laugh, Fuhry suffers from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) – commonly called Lou Gehrig's disease. This neurodegenerative disease is characterized by muscle atrophy and affects 5,600 new patients annually, and about 500 of those people live in eastern Missouri. ALS progresses rapidly and has no cure. In just one year since being diagnosed, Fuhry has lost the use of an arm, cannot eat on her own and is unable to speak — except when using the communication device, called a DynaWrite.

Now, the St. Louis ALS Association, through a three-year grant from the Missouri Foundation for Health, is able to offer in-home communication assessments. The foundation asked Rice to help assess patients' needs for equipment and pays Fontbonne for her time away from the university. Rice determines the best ways patients can improve or resume communication and eating — both become increasingly difficult as the disease affects vocal chords and neck muscles. The grant also allows for the purchase of equipment that Rice can modify and leave with patients at no cost to them. The home visits and equipment both expedite a process that is costly and can take months — time many ALS patients cannot spare.

"This is a huge benefit for people with ALS. It's incredible the amount of help Dr. Rice is providing patients and their families," says Bob Wessels, executive director of the St. Louis ALS Association.

"The local ALS chapter is a great group to work with, and they really care about the patients," says Rice, who also appreciates Fontbonne's support of her efforts. Rice is occasionally accompanied by speech-language pathology graduate students, who gain valuable on-site, real world experience.



Hammin' it up Hawaiian style: Cay, second from left, prior to her diagnosis, and her children, Mike, Tom (on floor) Chuck and Patty.



Dr. Gale Rice makes a home visit to assist Cay Fuhry with communication challenges.

Rice has seen nearly 35 people in the past year, traveling throughout the St. Louis area and surrounding counties. Most are senior citizens, but one man is in his early 30s.

"It's very different seeing people in their homes rather than in a hospital setting," says Rice, who, as a speech-language pathologist, worked with ALS patients at University Hospital in Columbia, Mo.

Sitting in Fuhry's Glendale, Mo., home as the sun shines through a wall of windows, Rice demonstrates how the DynaWrite machine includes programmed shortcuts to speed up communication. Fuhry prefers to type the words herself. "I like it, but my arm gets tired," Fuhry says through the machine.

Not all of Rice's communication solutions are high tech. When Fuhry's disease progressed to the point that she had difficulty managing her saliva, Rice suggested that she wear a tennis wrist band to wipe her mouth discretely and to keep her hands free to communicate.

"Dr. Rice and the devices she has provided have been a Godsend," says Patty Fuhry. "The DynaWrite has been mom's major form of communication when in public. It's also been a topic of conversation."

Rice has come to know Fuhry and her four children well. "Cay is well read, articulate and has very strong feelings about politics and what's going on in the world," Rice says. "She is lucky to have a family who can, and is willing to, be there for her. Everybody deserves that kind of family and not everyone has one."

Though Rice admits these interactions can sometimes be "heartbreaking," she appreciates the connection with her patients throughout their illness. "At times it is sad, but I've learned a tremendous amount about the human spirit and how families support each other," she says. "They are not unrealistic about their future, but they have decided to live as well as they can. I feel I've grown as a person because of the people I've had the opportunity to meet."

Editor's Note: Cay Fuhry passed away at her home Jan. 2, 2007. This story was completed by that time but obviously not printed yet. Her family wanted us to print the story, as written, so that their mother's spirit — and Dr. Rice's efforts — could be shared.



SOLVING THE PUZZLE of BUSINESS

by Kylie Shafferkoetter

A Andrew Zanoski believes running a business is like tackling a puzzle. “It’s ever-changing, rarely predictable and you can never completely solve it,” says the 24-year-old Fontbonne University business major. Zanoski opened his own business in March 2006 — a franchise of Max Muscle Sports Nutrition — in Maryland Heights, and he already has plans to open three more stores. The sports supplement and nutrition franchise has more than 100 stores across the country.

“I was bitten by the bug and wanted to make something happen,” Zanoski says. “This has challenged me like nothing else. It’s hard to bite your nails and be dependent on people coming into the store. Even though some days are better than others, it’s exciting. I absolutely love it.”

Standing in his store amid fat burners, vitamins and protein powders, Zanoski describes himself as a “late starter” since he didn’t enter college immediately after high school. “I just wasn’t sure what I wanted to do right away,” he says. But Zanoski is certainly making up for any lost time. And one of his Fontbonne professors sees a lot of potential in the young entrepreneur.

Rick Voytas, assistant professor of business, taught Zanoski in a managerial finance class and currently sits on an informal “board” established as a resource for the new business owner. “Andrew is exceptional because he has two of the rarest professional qualities: a sharp intellect with a work ethic to match,” Voytas says. “He is extremely thorough in everything he does, and he is always thinking.”

Currently, Zanoski is enrolled in the co-op program at Fontbonne, which allows him to earn college

credit while he runs his business. “I know his experience will help him apply classroom lessons to the reality of the business world. When he learns about the theories of management, accounting, finance and marketing in the business school, he will be able to take that knowledge into the shop and make it work,” Voytas says.

Max Muscle was a natural fit for Zanoski, a former personal trainer. “I knew I wanted to own a business so I looked for a franchise that fit my lifestyle,” he explains. “This is a way to be in business and help people reach and surpass their goals.”

After ringing up a repeat customer — a 30-something-year-old man who spent about \$400 on supplements that day — Zanoski says, “It’s all about building trust. If I help someone get in shape, they’ll tell other people and word-of-mouth will help business.”

Zanoski plans to get certified in nutrition, an effort he thinks will further serve his customers. Once certified, he plans to customize supplement and nutritional regimens to maximize his customers’ potential.

In fact, Zanoski says his not-so-secret dream is to be a motivational speaker — and with his enthusiasm and

commitment to what he does, it’s not hard to imagine. “I think that would be the ultimate way to help people better their lives,” he says. Until that dream is realized, Zanoski plans to learn all he can about his business as well as explore other investment opportunities.

He is quick to point out he couldn’t do all of this alone. “A successful person knows when to ask for help,” says Zanoski, who wrote his own business plan, markets his company and is solely responsible for personnel decisions — he currently has three employees.

“My dad (a silent partner in the venture) set up meetings with various business people. I was able to pick their brains and learn how business works from many different perspectives. It was very educational and very interesting,” he says. “And the support of my parents has been essential.”

When not at his store, Zanoski likes to weight lift, read — he has two bookcases full of books on business as well as spirituality — and spend time with his friends and family. As for the puzzle that is the business world, Zanoski will continue to dream of ways to solve it.

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and help people reach and surpass their goals.”**



“I am very grateful for my years at Fontbonne,
and I wanted to give someone else that same chance.”

– Carolyn Zwart '60

PAY IT FORWARD

SCHOLARSHIPS MEAN ALL THE DIFFERENCE

by Kylie Shafferkoetter

For Brittany Kulp, being in a room of second graders is like a welcome shot of adrenaline. “Grade school is a very active environment and the children are so fun and excited over the littlest things,” says Kulp, a Fontbonne senior majoring in elementary education. “I love that I can get them enthusiastic about learning.”

Kulp, who plays on Fontbonne’s volleyball team, hopes to eventually teach and coach. “I am at ease teaching — it puts a smile on my face,” says the 21-year-old who chose Fontbonne because of its small class sizes, academic reputation and to play basketball and volleyball. “I liked that it’s in a big city but still close to home — I’m a very family-oriented person,” says the Granite City, Ill., native. “My education has been excellent. I feel very prepared to move into my career.”

Carolyn (Carroll) and David Zwart are an important part of Kulp’s college experience. Kulp is the third recipient of the Carroll-Zwart Endowed Scholarship for education majors — assistance that goes toward her tuition and makes a Fontbonne education possible. “This scholarship is very important. If I didn’t have it, I couldn’t go to school,” she says.

The Zwarts are more than happy to help through the endowed scholarship. “Without a scholarship I would not have been able to attend Fontbonne and my whole life would’ve turned out differently,” says Carolyn Zwart, a 1960 graduate. “I am very grateful for my years at Fontbonne, and I wanted to give someone else that same chance.”

And Kulp is appreciative of the generosity. “There is such a benefit to having the extra money. This donation has helped me so much,” she says.

Kulp and the Zwarts met for the first time at the annual Fontbonne University Scholarship Luncheon in October 2006. “Brittany is exceptional,” says David Zwart, an attorney with Moser & Marsalak, P.C., in downtown St. Louis. “The lunch was an opportunity to see that our money is going to help an actual human being. I’m curious to see what a difference the recipients will make in our world and their world as well.”

For the benefactors, education equals opportunity. “We’ve always believed education makes a difference in life,” David Zwart says. “The more education one has, the more self-sufficient they can be. And no matter what happens, no one can take it away from you.”

Kulp plans to keep in touch with the Zwarts — especially to let them know how student teaching goes. “I really liked meeting them,” Kulp says. “It’s important to me to know exactly who the money is coming from and be able to personally thank them.”

The Zwarts hope their example will inspire the students they help to give back when it’s their turn. “We hope that if they see that people care now, they’ll consider returning the favor to others however they can,” Carolyn Zwart explains. Thus continuing an inspiring cycle of caring at Fontbonne University.

Editor’s Note: If you’d like to learn more about supporting Fontbonne’s scholarship program, call the development office at 314-889-1469 or e-mail development@fontbonne.edu.



From left, Austen Doster, Chelsea Sickmann, Emilia Lubrano, Jake Connerly

MAKING HISTORY

by Mark. E. Johnson

Squinting into the bright October sun, 19-year-old goalie Austen Doster wasn't thinking about how he and his Fontbonne University lacrosse teammates were making history.

His only concern was the Wittenberg University attackers barreling down the field toward him. Suddenly, one of the opposing midfielders, carefully cradling the ball in his stick, came streaking in for a shot. With cat-like quickness, Doster corralled the ball in the netting of his own stick and fired it out to Tim Rocklage, a midfielder from Minnesota. The Fontbonne Griffins went on to win that game 11-7 as part of the ATG Super Turf Fall Face-Off, held just outside of St. Louis in Fenton, Mo., marking the first lacrosse game in Fontbonne sporting history.

That tourney last fall — an off-season tune-up for the men's and women's teams — was the beginning of a historical journey that took another big step forward this year when Fontbonne fielded the only NCAA-sanctioned varsity lacrosse teams in Missouri. Up to now, lacrosse has been a club sport in the state's colleges and universities. In fact, just to find sanctioned Division III competition, the Fontbonne teams are racking up the miles traveling to Ohio, Virginia, New York, Texas, Pennsylvania and Kansas. Home contests, mostly against local club teams, are played in the newly

renovated Centenne Stadium at Clayton's Gay Field. "Lacrosse is bringing a lot of energy to the athletic program and to the university," says Nick Silva, men's lacrosse coach and admissions counselor. "We've added a lot of diversity to the campus with students coming from across the country to attend school here and play lacrosse." One of those students is Doster, a sports management major from El Cajon, Calif. "I think this is exciting because we're (the lacrosse team) new to the region and it puts our school in the spotlight," he says. "It's going to attract a lot of attention."

For the uninitiated, lacrosse can best be described as a blend of sports. It involves a fair amount of contact, it requires amazing speed and endurance like soccer, and it relies on defensive and offensive schemes akin to basketball. Men's teams field 10 players — women's teams 12 — and there are goals at each end of the field. Using a stick with netting attached to the end of it, called the "crosse," players advance a hard rubber ball trying to score goals. So, will this sport — which is traditionally associated with the East Coast, but has also seen exploding popularity on the West Coast — capture the interest of Midwesterners? Chelsea Sickmann believes so, and she should know. "It's such a competitive sport that once people come out to watch a game, they'll be addicted. It's really got something for everybody," says the 19-year-old Sickmann, an all-American from St. Louis who's a captain on the women's team.

And while Sickmann is a local product, many players, particularly on the men's team, are from out of town. In fact, 19 of the 37 men on the team are from other states, including Texas, California, Wisconsin, Michigan and Minnesota. The strength of the university, the newness of the program and persistent recruiting were prime factors in building the teams. "Networking, establishing relationships and constantly following up with players and coaches was key," says Silva, a former all-conference lacrosse player with NCAA Division 1 Manhattan College in New York City. "I believe there's an entire country of kids who want to go away to college at a

school where they'll feel at home and where they can get in on the ground floor of a really exciting athletic program." Defenseman Jake Connerly, a freshman biology major from Rowlett, Texas, is another believer that the program will take off locally. "The speed of this sport will surprise a lot of people, and it's not as scripted as football. We're always thinking on our feet."

Connerly was attracted to Fontbonne for its academic reputation and small class sizes. He says it makes a "great environment for learning." He also thinks the local area has a lot to offer, but that it's "too cold."

Selling the St. Louis weather wasn't a big issue for women's coach and assistant athletic director Erin Odegard, who says local recruiting was a priority — and a challenge. "For years, any local students interested in lacrosse have been forced to look at the coasts if they wanted to play in the NCAA," says Odegard, a New Jersey native who played lacrosse at Castleton State College in Vermont and who has coached lacrosse in that state and Massachusetts, as well as in England. "Now, I'm happy to say, Fontbonne is building a solid reputation in the lacrosse world and it can only get better. I think lacrosse is just a great example of Fontbonne being willing to lead by example — it's the university being responsive to the needs and interests of today's college student, whether it's in new academic programs, student activities or athletics."

Being out front, breaking ground, charting a course — however it's described, the significance of the lacrosse program's inaugural season is not entirely lost on the players.

"When I pictured myself being part of a first-year team, I realized the potential involved," says 19-year-old Houston, Texas, native Emilia Lubrano, also a captain on the team. The business major says she knows that what the team does now will begin to establish the lacrosse program's foundation for years to come. And, she proudly points out that the team's motto for the season is, in fact, "Making History."

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Fontbonne University annually honors five special people for their distinguished service to the greater community. The Founders Awards recognize the recipients' place in a history that dates back to the founding of the Sisters of St. Joseph on October 15, 1650. We value our awardees' commitment to quality, respect, diversity, community, justice, faith and Catholic presence. *Tableaux* is proud to highlight the 2006 Founders Award honorees.



CHARLES BRENNAN

*Distinguished Service to
Life-Long Learning and Enrichment*

Charlie Brennan's involvement in the St. Louis community has been ongoing and significant. In his professional calling as a KMOX-AM radio host, Brennan has interviewed celebrities, religious leaders, entertainers, authors, sports figures and politicians. He has been voted St. Louis' favorite talk show host four times in the readers' polls of *The Riverfront Times*. Brennan was also named one of America's top 25 "most influential radio talk show hosts" in *USA Today* and was named in *Talkers Magazine's* Top 100 talk show hosts nine times. He came to KMOX in 1988, after being on the air in Boston radio for six years.

Brennan developed the Fontbonne University/KMOX Book Club, where authors — both local and national — come to speak to their readers. Through the book club and Brennan's excellent work, Fontbonne University's presence as an institution of academic strength, open communication and intellectual exploration has been enhanced.



AGNES WILCOX

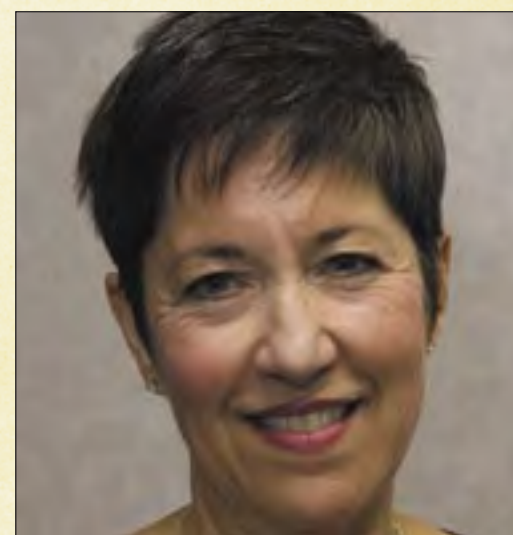
*Distinguished Service
Promoting Individual and Social Change*

In 1989, Agnes Wilcox turned an idea into reality when she founded Prison Performing Arts (PPA). This not-for-profit program is dedicated to enriching the lives of adults and youth in the Missouri criminal and juvenile justice systems.

Wilcox has been recognized by the National Endowment for Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities and has received numerous other awards for excellence in the theater field.

For more than 10 years, Wilcox served as artistic director of The New Theatre in St. Louis, where she produced and directed new and contemporary American plays. Her current work with PPA is an outgrowth of the prison outreach program of The New Theatre.

PPA is nationally known as a leader in the field of prison arts, promoting learning through the arts, channeling creative energies in constructive ways and using the experience to provide an environment for self-discipline, commitment and teamwork.



VICTORIA BAYOT SHARP '63

*Distinguished Service
to Disadvantaged Women*

In 12 years volunteering with the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Victoria Sharp visited women in their homes and found many were isolated, raising children alone — often without a car, a job or a high school diploma. Many of the women were angry, depressed and often the victims of abuse.

Women in Charge, founded in 1992 by Sharp and her husband, Jack, offers an interfaith mind, body, spirit program to help each woman attain her full potential and become an active, self-supporting member of society. The program serves approximately 70 women and 75 children each year and employs teachers, counselors and parents-as-teachers instructors. The Women in Charge site is used for literacy learning, GED (General Education Development) tutoring and parenting classes.

Participants represent a wide spectrum of educational backgrounds, but all seek life improvement. Women in Charge collaborates with other agencies such as food banks, outreach centers, and other literacy and GED sites. In its 14-year history, the program has ministered to more than 800 women and children. Sharp and the staff believe that women cannot move forward in their lives until their spirit is healed.



MARVIN TALLEY '93

Distinguished Service Against Gun Violence

For the past decade, there has been a surge of violence at a few rival St. Louis high schools, particularly during sporting events. After witnessing this violence firsthand, Marvin Talley was determined to do something about it.

A 1993 Fontbonne alumnus, Talley has spent his career as an educator working with youth and young adults. Since 1996, he has worked at Riverview Gardens High School as chair of the art department, assistant athletic director, educator and head basketball coach.

In 2005, Talley launched Coaches Against Gun Violence, becoming the first coach in the St. Louis area to promote the Washington, D.C.-based program. The goal of Coaches Against Gun Violence is to educate parents and students about the senseless violence attributed to guns.

In addition to his contributions as an educator, Talley continues his Fontbonne connection by supporting recruitment efforts. Through his passion and commitment, Talley achieves his goal of making a difference. He exemplifies the Fontbonne mission, which seeks to educate students "to think critically, to act ethically and to assume responsibility as citizens and leaders."



FRANCIS REGIS FEISE, CSJ '60

Distinguished Service to Youth at Risk

From her high school days at Rosati-Kain, when she volunteered to work at St. Ann's Orphan Home, to the present, Sister Francis Regis Feise, CSJ, '60 has never been far from her "boys."

Her first assignment as a Sister of St. Joseph was at St. Joseph's Home for Boys on Grand Avenue in St. Louis. While caring for the St. Joseph's boys, Sister Francis finished her college education at Fontbonne. She moved to Chicago to teach at St. Joseph's Home for the Friendless, home-schooling the young boys and supervising the dormitories of the older boys. While in Chicago, Sister Francis completed a master's degree at Loyola University. She also served at the Boys Home in Washington, Ga., the Village of St. Joseph in Atlanta, Ga., and Boys Hope in New Orleans, La.

As the "house parent," she offered her values, her faith and love for God. She was a mother, mentor and advocate for her "boys," many of who are successful fathers and business leaders today.

Sister Francis was, for hundreds of teen boys, a faithful presence inspiring them to become "individuals who will bring an ethical and responsible presence to the world."

a message
FROM THE PRESIDENT

We are a society that very much lives in the present. Or perhaps more aptly, with technological advances, ever-changing economic and social conditions, and all the daily demands on our time, we are a society that lives for the future. And that kind of thinking certainly has its place.

But, it can be equally important and beneficial to catch our breath — to reflect — and this annual *President's Report* gives us the opportunity to do just that.

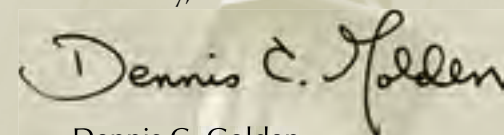
The fiscal year from July 1, 2005, to June 30, 2006, was what I term an important “foundational year.” Much of the progress we are currently experiencing is a direct result of the planning and hard work during that time period, and it has provided the foundation for our future.

The major renovations to the Dunham Student Activity Center and fitness center, the exciting plans for online degree programs, our steady growth in enrollment, the continued enhancement of our academic environment were all due to the daily dedication of our faculty and staff, as well as the important and steady leadership of our board of trustees and council of regents. In addition, we are, as always, most appreciative of our founders and sponsors, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. Our students also benefited from the moral and monetary support of our alumni and friends of Fontbonne who share our commitment to educate leaders for a world in need.

As I look back on some of the accomplishments detailed on the following pages, I am proud of our enhanced academic environment, one where both faith and reason play vital and compelling roles in the educational experience. I am also proud of our students, who graduate from Fontbonne with not only the skills to earn a living — but also the values to live a life. And, I thank all of you for your continued support of our mission.

Please join me in celebrating our past and, perhaps more importantly, looking at the exciting horizon ahead.

Sincerely,



Dennis C. Golden



a message
FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

One can debate what makes a university great. Is it the quality of students? Is it the success of graduates? Is it the faculty? I believe it is all of those things ... and more.

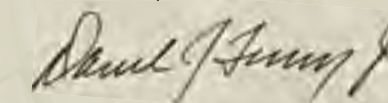
As I reflect on this past fiscal year, I do so with the perspective of someone who has a wide-ranging view. In my position as board chair, I have the opportunity to review and observe all facets of Fontbonne's growth and development. I realize that our successes are, indeed, a result of the connections between faculty, staff, alumni, sponsors, donors and leadership. What we do for students is most definitely a collective effort.

As Dr. Golden so accurately described, these last few months have been a whirlwind of activity. We've added or enhanced academic programs and laid the groundwork for more growth this coming year. We've transformed many aspects of the campus infrastructure and have approved plans for continued renovations. And, in fall 2005 — the time frame this *President's Report* covers — we also made a significant stride in *U.S. News & World Report's* “America's Best Colleges” survey by moving up to tier one in the “universities-master's” category. I'm proud to say we maintained that position in the fall 2006 survey as well!

I encourage you to take note of the accomplishments outlined in the following pages and to consider the many contributions of those listed in our “Honor Roll of Donors.” Fontbonne University's past, present and future accomplishments require all of us to stay focused on, and committed to, the mission.

For your continued support, I say thank you.

Sincerely,



Daniel J. Ferry Jr.



the year in HIGHLIGHTS

Tableaux offers the following glimpse of achievements, endeavors and notables that occurred at Fontbonne during the 2005-2006 fiscal year:

Fontbonne achieves **developmental accreditation for the dietetics program** and participates in a site visit by the Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education (CADE).

Fontbonne appoints Dr. Donald Burgo as the first holder of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet **endowed chair in Catholic Thought**.

Administrators with Fontbonne's OPTIONS program enter into formal **educational partnership agreements** with Anheuser Busch and the Boeing Corporation.

The **OPTIONS program begins offering on-site programs** for employees of SSM Health Care of St. Louis and at the Missouri Athletic Club downtown location. OPTIONS classes were also initiated at St. Joseph's Institute for the Deaf in Chesterfield, Mo.

Fontbonne and St. Joseph's Academy sponsor a **Heritage Tour to France and Italy** to explore the first steps of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

Academic convocation includes an evening program, which allows OPTIONS students to participate.

Dr. Rebecca Foushée, department of behavioral sciences, receives the **Joan Goostree Stevens Excellence in Teaching award**. Avril Moore, senior lecturer for education/special education, is named the first recipient of **Excellence in Teaching Award** for part-time instructors.

A **new interdisciplinary minor** in American Culture Studies is approved.

The **Parsons Blewitt Foundation awards \$95,000** to fund a program to train speech-language pathologists in an urban educational setting.

Sharon Jackson, director of human services, **serves as ambassador** for the United States Department of Health and Human Services, National Health Service Corp.

David Thomasson, professor and chair of biology, conducts research with two senior pre-med students in **studying the effects of white blood cells on the control of breast cancer**.

Janine Duncan, assistant professor of human environmental sciences, serves as incoming **chair-elect of the education and technology division** of American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences.

Fashion merchandising students attend the **Fashion Group International Career Day** in Kansas City, Mo. Senior Lizzie Wilson wins first place in the Merchandising Store Concept Board competition.

The **library completes the information commons area**, adding 12 desks and 18 new computers for a total of 42 workstations. The library also doubles the circulation of its collection in one year.

The business administration department **begins the process of accreditation** through the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP).

The theatre department produces **nine performances**, including "King Lear" and "Proof," and sponsors more than 15 lectures and workshops.

The Fontbonne Art Gallery holds **eight featured art exhibits**.

Dr. Beth Newton, professor and chair of mathematics and computer science, is named **Missouri Botanical Garden research associate and Teacher of the Year** by the Math Educators of Greater St. Louis.

The Master of Science in Computer Education is targeted as the **first online degree program** to be offered by Fontbonne University. A committee, headed by Dr. Mary Abkemeier, professor of mathematics and computer science, and Jerry Bladdick, associate vice president for adult and continuing education, and involving many departments, begins preparation for a Higher Learning Commission visit.

Forty alumni events were held, including spiritual events, wine tasting parties and a family day at the Magic House.

More than 300 alumni and guests enjoy Cajun food, jazz music and Mardi Gras beads during **Reunion Weekend** with a "Music on the Mississippi" theme.

The Fontbonne University/KMOX Book Club **welcomes notable authors** such as education advocate Jonathan Kozol, Pulitzer Prize winning historian Doris Kearns Goodwin and Bill Sammon, a senior White House correspondent.

Fontbonne University **moves up a tier in the 19th annual U.S. News & World Report's "America's Best College"** survey. The university is listed in Tier 1 "Universities-Master's" institutions.

Dr. William Rothwell is named **vice president for institutional advancement**.

Dr. Jason Sommer, professor of English and poet-in-residence, is named a finalist in the 2005 **William R. Nelson Awards for Literary Excellence**.

Fontbonne's 18th annual **golf tournament**, sponsored by The Powers Group, **raises \$65,000** for the university's Speech, Language and Hearing Clinic.

Washington University students, staff and faculty **join Fontbonne for Mass** while the Washington University chapel undergoes renovations.

The education department sponsors the **first-ever summer literacy institute** for regional educators.

Kathleen Barnes is named **major gifts officer**.

Following a time-honored tradition during orientation week, Fontbonne **freshman volunteer for clean-up duties** in various St. Louis neighborhoods.

The **campus celebrates diversity week** to further create an atmosphere of learning, appreciation and inclusiveness.

A **summer theater camp for children with communication disorders** is a success and ends up being featured on the pages of the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*.

A **new three-year strategic plan** highlights academics and student life as main focus to drive dozens of key initiatives and improvements.

The **Dunham Student Activity Center begins a \$1.35 million renovation**. Completed in fall 2006, the newly renovated Caf' area includes a fireplace, second-story patio, café and game room.

The **new granite and limestone Fontbonne University signs** are complete at the corner of Wydown and Big Bend and at the entrance near Southwest Hall. They stand 6'7" tall and 12'6" long and are a beautiful new addition to campus.

Construction begins on a **new multi-purpose athletic facility** at Clayton's Gay Field, where Fontbonne holds home soccer games. Lacrosse is also now played there.

The fine arts department holds **numerous annual art and pottery sales**, as well as thesis shows.

The biological and physical sciences department receives approval to offer a **secondary certification in biology** as well as a minor in biology.

Librarian Sharon McCaslin is elected to the **executive board of the Missouri Library Network Corporation**.

The **Business Program Speaker Series** featured Lou Fusz Jr., president and CEO of Lou Fusz Automotive Network.

Fontbonne begins **renovation of its fitness center** on the first floor of the Dunham Student Activity Center. The center includes all new workout machines, free weights and weight racks.

New sports teams, including men's and women's lacrosse, men's and women's bowling and men's club volleyball, are approved and added to the athletics line up.

Psychology alumnae travel with Dr. Rebecca Foushée to the Midwestern Psychological Association's 78th Annual Meeting in Chicago, Ill., to present the results of their senior thesis projects.

Plans to **renovate the West Building** (formerly the Science Building) are approved. In addition to a new elevator and wheelchair accessible bathrooms, seven new classrooms, an administration suite, student library, conference room and lounge will be added. The greenhouse will be moved from the ground floor to the second floor and will be 50 percent larger.

Janet S. Crites of the human environmental sciences department **retires after 33 years of teaching** and 13 years of leadership service to Fontbonne.

Dr. Janie von Wolfseck of the communication disorders and deaf education department **retires after 24 years of service** to Fontbonne University.

Sponsored by campus ministry and Fontbonne in Service and Humility (FISH), **students leave for service trips** to Chicago, Ill.; La Ceiba, Honduras; and Salem, West Virginia. The goal of the trips is spiritual and personal growth through an experience of community, simplicity, humility and living the life of the poor.

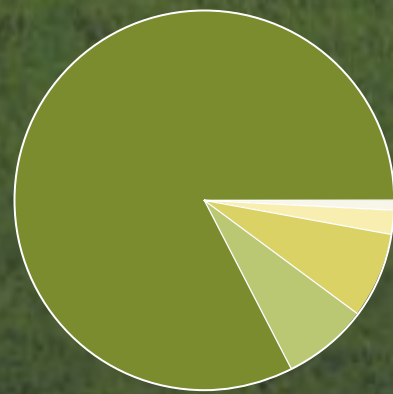
Family and consumer sciences majors **complete more than 450 hours of service learning** in 19 not-for-profit organizations in the St. Louis area.

STATEMENT of ACTIVITIES

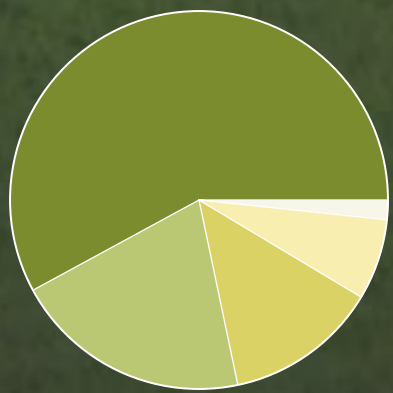
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SNAPSHOT

- Net assets increased \$4.0 million.
- Tuition and fees (net of institutional discounts) increased \$1.6 million (6.2%).
- Total operating expenses increased \$2.7 million (9.7%).
- Student head count enrollment increased from 2,827 to 2,924 (3%).
- OPTIONS new student enrollment increased from 524 to 669 (27%).
- Admission applications increased from 899 to 999 (11%).



REVENUE	2004-2005	2005-2006	
tuition and fees	\$ 31,647,602	\$ 33,434,110	
less institutional financial aid	5,572,993	5,751,528	
net tuition and fees	\$ 26,074,609	\$ 27,682,582	82.1%
gifts and grants	1,210,127	3,177,555	9.4%
auxiliary expenses	2,211,241	2,395,227	7.1%
endowment and investments	219,525	410,390	1.2%
other sources	125,774	64,311	0.2%
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 29,841,276	\$ 33,730,065	100%



EXPENSES	2004-2005	2005-2006	
instruction & academic support	\$ 15,166,855	\$ 16,641,568	57.9%
student services	3,362,793	3,807,500	13.2%
institutional support	5,189,087	5,647,991	19.6%
auxiliary enterprises	1,946,447	2,233,630	7.8%
other scholarships & fellowships	496,824	428,420	1.5%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 26,162,006	\$ 28,759,109	100%

HONOR ROLL OF DONORS

2005 - 2006

Thank you for your generosity and dedication to Fontbonne University. What follows is a listing of all donors who made gifts to the university during the 2005-2006 fiscal year (July 1, 2005 - June 30, 2006).

Great care was taken when preparing the *Honor Roll of Donors*.
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Campus Landmark Garners New Identity

On Sept. 29, 2006, Fontbonne University formally dedicated the area in front of the library as Eleanor Halloran Ferry Plaza. The Plaza was so named in appreciation to Daniel and Eleanor Ferry for establishing an endowed scholarship for first-generation college students. Mrs. Ferry is an alumna, class of 1963, and Mr. Ferry is chair of the Fontbonne board of trustees. The Plaza serves as a focal point for the campus, bounded by the library to the north, Ryan Hall to the south, as well as the West and East buildings. “The Founding Spirit,” a sculpture by Rudy Torrini, Fontbonne professor emeritus, anchors the Plaza’s center.



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