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Art Exhibit – Jaime Treadwell: Guys and Dolls*

March 5 – 26
Jaime Treadwell, a studio art instructor at Delaware County Community College, explores his perceptions of American culture in an exhibition of more than 15 paintings.



Spring Choral Concert

Cabrini College Chorus
Sunday, May 7
3 p.m., Grace Hall Atrium, Free Admission
Information: 610-902-8380

Senior Studio Art Exhibit*

April 2 – 23
Opening Reception: Sunday, April 2, 4 – 6 p.m.



Highlights from Grand Opera with Singers from the Academy of Vocal Arts

Sunday, April 2
3 p.m., Mansion, Free Admission
Information: 610-902-8380

Spring Honors Convocation

Friday, April 28
7 p.m., Nerney Field House/Dixon Center
Open to the College Community
This time-honored academic ceremony celebrates student academic achievements and outstanding teaching by Cabrini College faculty.
Information: 610-902-8300

Senior Graphic Design Exhibit*

April 30 – May 14
Opening Reception: Sunday, April 30, 3 – 5 p.m.
Free Admission

17th Annual Cabrini College Golf Classic, Dinner and Auction

Monday, May 8
Philadelphia Country Club, Gladwyne, Pa.
Information: 610-902-8203

Baccalaureate Mass

Saturday, May 20
4 p.m., Cavalier (Upper) Athletic Field
Information: 610-902-8416

Commencement

Saturday – Sunday, June 3-4
Commencement Speaker: Phil Martelli, Head Basketball Coach, St. Joseph's University
10 a.m., Cavalier (Upper) Athletic Field
Information: 610-902-8416

Alumni Weekend

Saturday – Sunday, June 3 – 4
Inviting all alumni back to campus and celebrating Reunions for years ending in "1" or "6."
Information: 610-902-8252 or alumni@cabrini.edu

Save the Date for Fall Fest 2006!

October 6 – 8
Fall Fest, Cabrini's annual family and homecoming weekend, attracts members of the Cabrini College community including alumni, parents, students, faculty and friends.
Information: 610-902-8407

*Grace and Joseph Gorevin Fine Arts Gallery
Holy Spirit Library, 2nd Floor
Monday – Thursday, 8 a.m. – 10 p.m.
Friday, 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Saturday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Sunday, 1 – 10 p.m.
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On the cover: Five student-athletes from Cabrini College were named to The Philadelphia Inquirer's inaugural Academic All-Area teams. Left to right, standing: Kim Feeny '07, Chris Sweeney '08; seated: Carolyn Roberts '08, Kacie Green '06, Brent Benner '07. See story on pg. 8.

Photo by Stuart Watson

Cabrini

A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



At the core of an “education of the heart”—linking intellectual competence with moral responsibility—is the social, emotional, intellectual, and physical development of every student at Cabrini College.

Central to this living and learning environment are the men and women who comprise the College's talented and dedicated faculty. One of them, Dr. Jerry Zurek, professor and Chair of the English and Communication department, recently was honored as CASE Professor of the Year for the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, one of just 42 educators in the nation honored as best in their respective states and U.S. territories.

Alumni often tell us that a particular professor had great impact on their lives, and Jerry certainly meets that criterion. At least two of his former students, Theresa A. Cavanaugh '74 and Stephen M. Highsmith '88, currently serve on the Board of Trustees.

Athletics also play an important role in student development. We in the NCAA Division III place highest priority on the overall quality of the educational experience and on the successful completion of a student-athlete's academic program. We seek to maintain an environment in which a student-athlete's athletic activities are an integral part of his/her educational experience. Division III colleges also provide an environment that values cultural diversity and gender equity among student-athletes and athletic staff.

At Cabrini, fully one-third of the undergraduate student body regularly participates in intercollegiate or intramural athletics. Recently, five Cabrini student-athletes were featured in *The Philadelphia Inquirer* as Academic All-Stars, regional leaders in the classroom and on the field. These young men and women embody Cabrini's rich tradition of Division III competition, where there are no athletic scholarships, no promises beyond the chance to play for the love of the game.

These academic and athletic successes did not come about by chance. They are the result of a strong strategic planning process, generous allocation of resources, and precise execution. During my tenure as President, we have invested heavily in intramural and intercollegiate athletics, adding programs such as the women's swimming team; and building The Dixon Center, Cabrini's sports and recreation complex housing squash courts, a gym with three full basketball courts, swimming pool, and a fitness center with strength training area.

The best is yet to come. As part of the 10,000 Hearts Comprehensive Campaign, Trustee Emerita Edith R. Dixon and F. Eugene Dixon Jr. have offered a \$500,000 challenge to help raise the more than \$1 million needed to convert the Edith Robb Dixon Field into a state-of-the-art venue for Cabrini's soccer, lacrosse and field hockey teams, our expanding intramurals program, and the local community's athletics activities.

I thank you for your support in these and all Cabrini initiatives. We look forward to your participation in the final stages of the 10,000 Hearts Campaign and the upcoming 50th Anniversary Celebration in 2007.

Antoinette Iadarola, Ph.D.
President

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CabriniMAILBOX

Editor's Note: *The following letter was addressed to Charles Spencer '00, G'03, director of admissions, following a "Majors Day" recruiting event.*

I just want to let you know how impressed our family was with your college and the presentation by your staff and students this past Saturday. We are not 100 percent sure about our daughter Jamie's decision, but after Saturday's visit we are leaning heavily towards Cabrini. I would also like to mention two student ambassadors who were involved in our tour, Rebecca Gallagher '07 (no relation) and Christine Ernest '06 ... Both young ladies immediately put us at ease and were personable, friendly, and knowledgeable of their school.

I also want to point out a caring gesture by a member of your staff that so impressed me, my wife and daughter that I have to bring it to your attention. After our day at Cabrini was done, we wanted to shop at the King of Prussia Mall. We were directed to the Admissions Office where written directions were available. Here we were greeted by Karen Lash. Ms. Lash not only supplied us with the written directions, she also went over them with me turn by turn. What totally astounded us all, was the fact that Ms. Lash said if you have not arrived at the Mall within 10 minutes it must mean you have become lost. She then wrote her personal cell phone number on the directions sheet and she said to call her and she will put us back on the right track. In this day and age of suspicion and mistrust of our fellow man, I am astounded at Ms. Lash's concern and the giving of her personal cell phone number so I could contact her. This act typifies the

care and warmth of all Cabrini staff and students we encountered.

James Gallagher



Tyler and Madeline Trotter

Editor's Note: *Kathleen Foto Trotter '95 and her husband Daniel '94 lost their home to Hurricane Katrina last summer. With two children and one on the way, they found their way back to the Philadelphia area, staying for a time with Dan's family. When word of their plight reached the College, the Cabrini community responded: The Missionary Sisters offered Emmaus House, their retreat house on campus, as a residence. The College did minor renovations and provided free utilities at Emmaus, and use of the library and Dixon Center. Sodexo, dining services contractor at the College, provided meal assistance, and the Children's School pitched in with child care.*

The following letter was addressed to Christy Baxter, director of alumni programs and giving; the Cabrini Alumni Board; and Nancy Gorevin Costello '71, website director for Stella Maris Province of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Your efforts have helped my family in so many ways. You have helped us regain a sense of family during a time when we felt

so broken. You have given Daniel and me the opportunity to show our children that we have things under control, as the world around us was spinning out of control. Through your efforts, we have been provided with everything we need to survive and thrive in this situation.

We will never forget what Cabrini College has meant to our family. This is the place where Daniel and I met 15 years ago. It is where we had our first date 11 years ago, and it is where we fell in love. Now it means even more than that.

We were very thankful for your gift of "Christmas cheer" and we used the money to buy ourselves a nice digital camera and printer dock, a gift that will be most useful to our family since we lost all of our pictures. But the gift I'm even more thankful for is the fact that my children now have a place they call "home," even if just for a little while.

Soon we will be reunited in a new city with a new addition to the family, and once again Cabrini College will be part of the story about our family history. But now that story will be even richer!

Fondly,
The Trotter Family
Daniel '94, Kathleen '95, Tyler and Madeline

Take Note

An unidentified '74 alumna left a phone message expressing her concern over the cover of the fall magazine because the student holding the beaker was not wearing safety goggles. Although the substance in the beaker was not part of an actual experiment, Cabrini College understands the importance of laboratory safety and apologizes for not depicting the laboratory setting accurately. Thanks for helping us get it right.

Cabrini NEWS

Zurek Named Professor of the Year in Pennsylvania

 Cabrini College professor Jerome R. (Jerry) Zurek, Ph.D. was named the 2005 Professor of the Year in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania by the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE).

The CASE Professor of the Year program honors the most outstanding instructors in the country—those who excel and influence the lives and careers of their students. The annual selection of 42 professors is recognized as one of the most prestigious awards in higher education. The CASE Professors of the Year, representing 40 states, Guam and the District of Columbia were honored at a Congressional Reception at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.

Cabrini President Antoinette Iadarola, Ph.D., comments “Jerry Zurek has been an asset to Cabrini College, integral in the development of the Hamilton Family Communications Center, which houses a state-of-the-art radio station, television station and graphic design laboratories giving students a hands-on approach to learning. During his tenure, the English and Communication major has grown exponentially to become Cabrini’s second largest major.”

Zurek, the first Cabrini professor to receive the CASE Award, has been on the faculty since 1977. He is a professor and chair of the English and Communication department, and the



Jerome R. Zurek, Ph.D.

faculty advisor to *The Loquitur*, Cabrini’s weekly student newspaper. The CASE Award caps a long list of honors Zurek has earned throughout his career including the Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching, the Sears-Roebuck Foundation Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership Award, and the Poynter Institute for Media Studies National Teaching Award for Excellence in the Teaching of Writing.

Zurek earned a B.A. in English, Philosophy, Classics from Fordham University, and a M.A. and Ph.D. in English from Bryn Mawr College. His teaching areas at Cabrini include English Literature, Mass Communication,

Journalism and Social Justice Education.

Jonnie Guerra, Ph.D., Cabrini’s vice president for academic affairs, nominated Zurek for the award. “Jerry is very dedicated to Cabrini’s mission of integrating social justice and service into the curriculum,” states Guerra. “He has been a faculty leader in the effort to reclaim Cabrini College’s premier position among higher education institutions in integrating service and social justice into the curriculum.”

“A teacher, every day, has to stand in front of new faces, excite them about learning, and help them realize their potential,” reflects Zurek. “Teaching isn’t about yesterday, it’s about today and tomorrow.

“I’m particularly proud of being instrumental in shaping the English and Communication department so that it has helped hundreds of graduates achieve their goals.”

One of those graduates—alumna Michelle Perna ’75—recently endowed a scholarship partly in honor of Zurek. “An honor like this would make any teacher realize that we touch students’ lives in ways we never imagine,” said Zurek.

The Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) is the largest international association of education institutions, with more than 3,200 colleges, universities, and independent elementary and secondary schools in nearly 50 countries, including the United States, Canada, Mexico and the United Kingdom. 

Cabrini Week 2005

Cabrini Week is a time of alternative education, highlighting themes of peace and justice that are important to the Cabrini College community and its religious sponsors, the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart.

In addition to programs related to the theme “Experiencing Immigration,” the 2005 Cabrini Day, held Nov. 8, featured several award presentations.

Cabrini High School Receives Spirit Award

Cabrini College presented the annual Cabrini Spirit Award to Cabrini High School in New Orleans. In addition to the College’s \$1,000 award, Cabrini students contributed \$2,000, which was raised through sales of Mardi-Gras colored ribbons, car washes, raffles and a dance. The students’ gift went to the Cabrini Mission Foundation to be used for the Cabrini High School relief effort that assists those affected by Hurricane Katrina.

Cabrini College students Allison Superneau '07, Kristin Traina '08 and Kelsie LaBauve '09—all Cabrini High School alumnae—remarked:

“In the days immediately following Hurricane Katrina, we came together to pray, to talk with each other, to learn from one another, and to find ways to help. The three of us are from New Orleans, but we were joined by hundreds of students, faculty and staff in our efforts.” ☺



Left to right: Kelsie LaBauve '09; Ardley Hanemann, President of Cabrini High School; Allison Superneau '07; Kristin Traina '08; Eugene McCormick, Chair of the Cabrini High School Board of Trustees; and Cabrini College President Antoinette Iadarola

Mastronardi Awards Presented



The Mastronardi Service and Leadership Award was established by sisters and Cabrini alumnae Ruth Baldovin '67 and Margaret Mastronardi '61 to honor students committed to community service, and who meet other academic and scholarship criteria. The 2005 Mastronardi Awards were presented to Deidre Beadle '06, Christine Friel '06, Tracy Johnson '07, Sharon Kolankiewicz '07 and Philip Nicolo '07. ☺

President Antoinette Iadarola with the 2005 Mastronardi Leadership Award winners: (left to right) Christine Friel '06, Deidre Beadle '06, Sharon Kolankiewicz '07, Philip Nicolo '07 and Tracy Johnson '07

Pierce Scholars Help At-Risk Children

Established in 2004 by the L.W. Pierce Family Foundation, the Pierce Scholar Program offers an opportunity for highly motivated students to develop collaborative campus-community programs benefiting children at risk. The foundation grant annually provides up to five students with \$1,000 tuition credit and money to fund their projects.

The 2005-06 Pierce Scholars—Deidre Beadle '06, Krystal Layne '08, Tara Christie '07 and Shatoya Howard '08—have initiated several programs:

Beadle, a senior sociology/criminal justice major, has created an outreach program in which sociology majors assist girls and teens in the Delaware County Youth Detention Center.

Christie, a junior social work major, has created an outreach program for social work majors to assist mothers and children in Family House, a residential substance abuse program in Norristown, Pa.

Howard, a sophomore communications major, is the director of Teen Motivators, Inc., a program for Cabrini students to



Sisters Molly Pierce and Connie Buckley of the L.W. Pierce Family Foundation met the 2005-06 Pierce Scholars on Nov. 14. Left to right: Deidre Beadle '06, Krystal Layne '08, Tara Christie '07, Molly Pierce, Shatoya Howard '08 and Connie Buckley.

provide outreach to at-risk teens served by Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Montgomery County.

Layne, a sophomore psychology major, is the student coordinator for "Christmas All Year," a program matching Cabrini

student organizations with local programs serving children. She also coordinates the Martin Luther King, Jr. "Reading is Fun" Day and the "Kids Count Day" in April. ☺

West Residence Hall Opens in August

West Residence Hall, located adjacent to the Cabrini Apartment Complex, is the newest addition to the College's on-campus housing facilities. The building, which will open in August 2006, will house juniors and seniors who participated in the spring 2006 housing lottery process. West Hall will have 28 suite units, housing four

or six students each. The four-person suites will contain two double occupancy bedrooms, while the six-person suites will have two doubles and two singles. Each suite will contain a bathroom and a small living room or common area. There will be kitchenettes on each floor, with a large common lounge and laundry facilities located on the lower level. ☺



Professor Kuhns to Retire

*W*illiam Kuhns, associate professor of education and director of student teaching, has been teaching at Cabrini College for 36 years. As he prepares for retirement at the end of the spring semester, several of his colleagues reflect on his commitment to teaching:

Andy Litavec, Professor Emeritus

"Bill and I have had the good fortune of teaching at Cabrini College for 36 years. Our Cabrini experience has given us many rewards; from knowing many of the MSC Sisters to the hundreds of education majors, many of whom are teaching children today. Bill's love of children's literature, his sense of humor, dedication to the college and steadfast commitment to the development of professional teachers is to be recognized, admired, and commended."



Andy Litavec and William Kuhns

Cabrini has created a scholarship fund in honor of Professor Kuhns. For more information or to make a gift, contact Rob Bies in the Office of Institutional Advancement at bies@cabrini.edu or 610-902-8253.

Dawn Middleton, Professor (Education Department)

"Bill Kuhns was hired by Mother Ursula Infante as a part of her vision of preparing teachers. Bill Kuhns also is an educator with a vision. He set high expectations for his students and brought those students fulfilling those expectations to over 250 area schools through his role as director of student teaching."



William Kuhns in a 1993 yearbook photo

"The public perception of Cabrini College is one of an institution that prepares good teachers. We must thank Bill Kuhns and Mother Ursula for their vision."

Colleen Lelli, Instructor (Education Department)

"I have had the privilege of knowing Mr. Kuhns at so many levels; as a teacher, mentor, colleague and friend. In the classroom he always had that "sparkle" in his eye that made you feel as though you couldn't wait to be a teacher. I was so enamored with his love of teaching and his caring attitude that as his student I hoped I could exhibit that same love to my students."

"I wish him enjoyment in his retirement. It is definitely well deserved but his retirement will leave a hole in the education department of Cabrini College." ☺

CSI Course for Teachers

As part of the SouthEastern Pennsylvania Consortium for Higher Education (SEPCHE) summer courses, Cabrini College will introduce secondary school science teachers to the fundamentals of forensic science in CSI: Radnor—Solving Crimes Using Science and Math, July 17-21.

Participants will learn and practice modern investigation techniques, including DNA amplification and fingerprinting, drug identification and toxicology, and forensic anthropology by solving "crime scenes" developed by the course faculty, including coordinator Kimberly Boyd, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Biology.

Space is limited and admission is selective. Information at www.sepche.org.

Biologist to Present Cell Research Findings

Dr. Chris Kule, assistant professor of biology, and Lucinda Hughes '06, a student collaborator majoring in biotechnology, will present their research at the annual Pennsylvania Academy of Science meeting this spring. Their study, entitled "Effects of Intracrine Signaling Pathways on Angiotensin-II Induced Tyrosine Phosphorylation in Chinese Hamster Ovary Cells," represents a novel contribution toward the understanding of the cellular actions of the hormone angiotensin-II, and may have future applications in further discerning the hormone's role in cardiovascular function and heart disease.

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The Cabrini faculty never has to worry about Carolyn Roberts nodding off in class. Not with her 3.91 grade point average. It's when she gets up to leave that the worrying starts.

"If I've been sitting for a while, I can't stand up right away or I get dizzy and feel like I'm about to pass out," said Roberts '08, an exercise science and health promotion major. "I have to *sloowwwly* get up and hold on to something. My vision's a little blurry, and I have to wait till I feel the blood going from my body up to my head."

Carolyn Roberts can drop on a dime, anywhere, anytime. The problem is vasovagal syncope, a blood-pressure disorder that leaves her hands and feet snowball-frigid on a summer day and leaves her track and cross-country coaches wondering if she'll finish any race she starts.

"Sometimes my boyfriend will be sleeping on the couch," she said, "and I'll go over and touch him and he'll freak out. He'll go, 'God, your hands are cold!'"

Vasovagal didn't keep her grandfather from becoming a world-class fencer or earning a Purple Heart in World War II (after concealing his medical history to get in). And it hasn't kept her from becoming an honor student, or a medal-winning runner, or *The Philadelphia Inquirer* All-Academic Performer of the Year in women's cross country.

Roberts was one of five student-athletes from Cabrini named in December to the *Inquirer's* inaugural Academic All-Area teams, chosen in each fall sport by a vote of sports information directors at 28 area colleges and universities. She was joined

by Chris Sweeney '08 in men's cross country, Brent Benner '07 in men's soccer, and both Kacie Green '06 and Kim Feeny '07 in volleyball.

The five honorees had to excel both academically and athletically to make the grade, and they had to elbow aside a bevy of Division I and II competitors from higher-profile schools. (Nominees from all three NCAA divisions jostled for spots on a single squad.)

Thanks to their efforts, Cabrini was one of only six schools represented on a majority of the seven fall teams. Only seven of the 28 schools had more academic all-stars than Cabrini—only two when you take away football, a sport in which the College does not compete.

Roberts won medals in seven of her nine races last fall. She earned a silver medal at the Pennsylvania Athletic Conference (PAC) championships, moving up from bronze as a freshman in 2004. Overall last season she pocketed two golds, four silvers and a bronze.

Imagine what she'd have done with her brain running on a full tank of blood all the time. Last spring, during track season, she nearly collapsed during two races at the relatively paltry distances of 400 and 800 meters.

"At Bucknell I started out fine in the 800," recalled Roberts, who led Gwynedd-Mercy Academy to a state track title in 2004, "but then I started feeling like I was going to pass out. Somehow I finish the race, and my coach is running up and yelling, 'Why



Carolyn Roberts '08

didn't you drop out? I don't want you doing that to yourself."

Roberts has not let vasovagal rule her life. In fact, she's climbed to the top of a volcano in Tahiti, snorkeled the Great Barrier Reef off Australia, and lived with Maori tribesmen in New Zealand. She spent the summer of 2003 traveling the Pacific Rim as a Student Ambassador in the People to People Program.

Her frequent workout partner, fellow Ambler native Chris Sweeney, made the *Inquirer* men's cross-country team after

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earning first-team all-PAC honors with a sixth-place finish at the league championships. Last fall he earned three medals in seven meets and, with straight As, boosted his GPA to a Roberts-like 3.91.

Sweeney, an accounting major, is an avid musician who plays several instruments, writes his own material and works DJ gigs. He helped Lansdale Catholic High win a conference title in 2002 before graduating with a perfect 4.0 GPA.

Brent Benner, a midfielder from East Greenville, Pa., and Upper Perkiomen High, made the *Inquirer's* men's soccer squad after leading Cabrini in both goals (12) and assists (6) on his way to honorable mention all-PAC status.

Benner scored goals in eight straight games, the second-longest streak in school history, and either scored or assisted on two-thirds of Cabrini's 27 goals last fall. Meanwhile he posted a 3.43 GPA, majoring in exercise science and health promotion.

Cabrini also landed two players on the paper's 10-member all-area volleyball squad, setter Kacie Green and defensive specialist Kim Feeny. Both played key roles last fall as the Cavaliers finished 18-7, one win short of the school record. The Cavs turned in their second-best season ever and their highest league finish in nine years (third place among 11 schools).

Green, a Springfield, Pa., native and former Cardinal O'Hara High standout, landed on the all-PAC team for the second straight year, earning second-team honors. She's also a two-time PAC all-academic pick with a 3.72 GPA, major-



Brent Benner '07

ing in early childhood and elementary education.

Green, the team captain, led the Cavs to their first league playoff berth in eight years in 2004 and their first playoff victory in nine years in 2005. Last fall she led the team in assists (5.09 per game) and aces (0.61) while finishing second in attack percentage (.253).

Feeny, an Upper Darby, Pa., native and Archbishop Prendergast graduate, finished second on the team in digs (5.71 per game) with eight matches of 30-plus, including 47 against Cedar Crest and 45 against Misericordia. Off the court, she's a PAC all-academic pick with a 3.86 GPA as a psychology major. ♻️

Exercise Science Major

In 1992 when Tony Verde, Ph.D. was asked to teach a course at Cabrini, he had no idea that he would soon become chair of a newly created department. He was already teaching at several area hospitals and universities including Graduate Hospital, Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and West Chester University and consulting for professional athletic teams such as the Philadelphia Flyers, Vancouver Canucks and Chicago Black Hawks, to name a few.

Shortly after his arrival, he assisted with the curriculum for a new sports science major. He stressed the importance of the program's integration with an athletic center because the students needed a laboratory setting and community members to fill it. With plans for the Dixon Center's opening in 1998, and at President Antoinette Iadarola's suggestion, Verde became full-time associate professor and chair of the program (now called Exercise Science and Health Promotion).

Now nearly 10 years after the first student enrolled in the program, there are approximately 50 majors. The intensive program, which has a clinical approach, focuses on exercise physiology as a preventive discipline to maintain good health, cardiovascular stamina, muscular strength and endurance, flexibility, athletic performance and proper nutrition. The academic curriculum is integrated with the daily operations of the Dixon Center, which, according to Verde, "opens their eyes to what the world is about."

Verde knows the students very well, and can offer them sound advice based on their interests. There are nearly 70 internship sites for students—ranging from NovaCare to assisted living facilities—and Verde's colleagues often call him about job opportunities for students.

Cabrini's program is unique because it trains students so they can get a job without having to get a clinical degree. Some graduates pursue doctorates while others go into physical therapy, pain and relief therapy, or start their own business. Many now are going into corporate health and fitness, assisting companies modify the health behavior of their employees with exercise or nutrition programs.

Alumniprofile

Cabrini Alumna Making Strides in Professional Sports

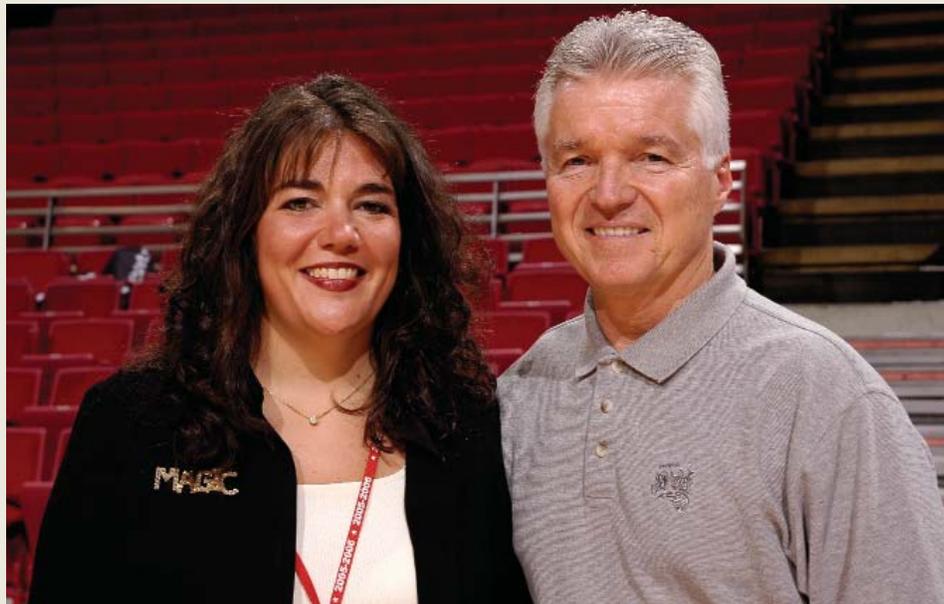
"Who is Dr. J?" was the first question that Audra (Paoleschi) Hollifield '93 asked when she finished her first day on the job with the Orlando Magic NBA franchise in May 1999. Hollifield had just been named Assistant Director of Human Resources for the Magic, who at that time employed the former Philadelphia 76ers basketball legend in an executive capacity. But the team did not hire her for her knowledge of basketball history. It was Hollifield's expertise in the human resources profession that caught the Magic's eye—an expertise that began with her education at Cabrini College.

Hollifield, born and raised near the Jersey shore, came to Cabrini as a freshman in the fall of 1989 with the goal of studying elementary education. Her early goal changed, however, after she spent a semester teaching at a local elementary school.

"I absolutely loved the kids," said Hollifield. "But I just felt that I would be better suited working in the corporate world."

Hollifield worriedly scheduled an appointment with her academic advisor, Professor John Heiberger, who suggested that she might find fulfillment in human resources (HR). She looked into the course work and decided to give HR a try. Determined to graduate in four years, she loaded up on the necessary classes and interned at Systems & Computer Technology (SCT) in Malvern, Pa.

"I completely fell in love with HR and my passion for the profession has only strengthened with time," said Hollifield. "HR was and is a perfect fit for my inclination toward being an employee advocate while working closely with management to create opportunities for success for everyone in the organization.



Audra (Paoleschi) Hollifield '93 and Orlando Magic Head Coach Brian Hill

"I am forever grateful to John Heiberger," Hollifield continued. "Talk about making a difference! In that one meeting he turned my life around by helping me find an extremely rewarding career."

After graduating from Cabrini in May 1993 with a B.S. in Human Resource Management and a minor in Business Administration, Hollifield's first HR job was with First Atlantic Federal Credit Union in West Long Branch, N.J., where she worked for more than three years.

"It was a great experience for me to have so much responsibility at such an early age," said Hollifield. "I was lucky that my Cabrini education had prepared me so well for the opportunity."

When her parents moved to Florida in late 1997, Hollifield decided to join them.

"I took a temp job in an accounting firm just to make some money until I could find

a suitable HR position," said Hollifield. "It just so happened that the job was right down the hall from this cute single guy. Talk about the joy of temping!"

That guy was Travis Hollifield, a Florida native with his own employment law practice, and he and Hollifield quickly fell in love. Very soon after meeting Travis, Hollifield landed a HR generalist position with Gambro Healthcare, a company that manufactures a solution used in kidney dialysis machines.

While at Gambro, Hollifield began work on her Master's degree in HR Management at Rollins College, a private school in Winter Park, Fla., near Orlando. She graduated from Rollins in May 2000 and married Travis the next month in the college's chapel. By then Hollifield had worked for the Orlando Magic for more than a year.

In 2005, Hollifield was promoted to Director of Human Resources for the

Athletics

Hall of Fame

“I have just been so blessed with a fantastic career and I really do owe it all to the preparation I received at Cabrini College.”

Orlando Magic and shortly thereafter she was named the 2006 President of the Central Florida Human Resources Association, the Orlando chapter of the National Society for Human Resource Management.

Hollifield also recently earned her Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR) certification after passing a rigorous exam that tested her knowledge of a wide variety of HR principles and practices.

“Why Cabrini?” Hollifield answered this rhetorically when asked about her decision to come to Radnor for college. “There were a variety of reasons,” she said. “I had a great experience attending Catholic school from kindergarten through high school so I was looking for a continuation of my Catholic education. I also wanted to spread my wings a bit by leaving home but I didn’t want to go too far. But the kicker was when I visited the campus...it was so beautiful and the people were so helpful and nice. I never regretted my decision to come to Cabrini. It was truly the gateway to my life.”

Although Hollifield never thought she would end up working in professional sports, she says one neat perk is that she now knows enough NBA trivia to intelligently talk about basketball with even the most hardcore fans.

“I’ve really come a long way since the first time I met Dr. J and thought he was the team physician,” she laughed. “I have just been so blessed with a fantastic career and I really do owe it all to the preparation I received at Cabrini College.” 

The Cabrini College Athletics Hall of Fame, an idea often floated over the years, is now officially off the ground. Nine charter members are scheduled to be announced in August and formally inducted in October during Fall Fest.

“This is a great time to recognize the people who have defined Cabrini athletics,” said Dr. Leslie Danehy, director of athletics and chairperson of the selection committee.

Cabrini realized that recognition was in order back in the early '90s as the intercollegiate athletic program marked its 25th anniversary. Under the leadership of Coach John Dzik, the men’s basketball team was among the most successful in the nation, the women’s tennis team had just won the NAIA national title, and several other squads were enjoying major success.

A decade ago, the idea entered the larval stage with the Jolyon P. Girard Wall of Fame, a display honoring six worthies in the lobby of Founder’s Hall (then known as Sacred Heart Hall). It was named for Dr. Girard, former basketball coach and athletic director and currently professor of history and political science.

But the wall came tumbling down not long before the new Dixon Center replaced Founder’s as home to the College’s athletic program. Back in 1997 *The Loquitur* wondered where it had gone and called for an entire room dedicated to former greats.

The room is on hold for now, but the Wall will return this fall. Plaques honoring the inductees will sprout on the wall lining the wide, busy stairway leading from the Dixon Center lobby to the second-floor fitness center.

Even though this wall won’t be named for Dr. Girard, every square inch will bear his imprint. A steadfast advocate for an Athletic Hall of Fame, with characteristic gusto, he immersed himself into fundraising and guiding the work of the selection committee.

The nine charter members will represent every decade from the 1950s through the '90s. Future incoming classes each will consist of no more than six honorees. Nominated student-athletes and coaches must meet specific eligibility requirements to be considered for induction. 

Hall of Fame Selection Committee:

Christy Baxter	Director of Alumni Programs and Giving
Christine Blom	Sports Editor, <i>The Loquitur</i>
Dr. Leslie Danehy	Director of Athletics
Jeffrey Falardeau	Assistant Director of Athletics
Dr. Jolyon P. Girard	Former Athletic Director and Professor of History and Political Science
Helen Goodwin	Former Athletic Director
Elliot Tannenbaum	Sports Information Director

Athleticprofile

Danehy Plays Hard to Give Student-Athletes a Win

There stood 15-year-old Leslie Danehy, hands fastened behind her back. There stood her sadist of a softball coach, firing one ball after another off her facemask.

From two feet away.

How...BONG!...did I...BONG!... get myself...BONG!...in a mess... BONG!... like this?

She had volunteered. Coventry (Conn.) High School needed a catcher, so Danehy stepped forward and made the move from shortstop. But the coach wanted her to learn how to catch—by not catching.

“The pitching coach comes in, takes a bucket of balls and throws 200 of them at me.” she remembered. “And every one, he says, ‘Don’t blink ... Don’t blink ... Don’t blink ...’ And after 200 balls, I was no longer afraid of getting hit in the face. It broke some mental barrier. He was trying to get rid of my fear.”

He did a bang-up job. Nearly 20 years later, in November 2005, Danehy didn’t flinch as three professors at Wilmington College fired rocket-propelled questions during the defense of her doctoral dissertation, “Emotional Intelligence and Leadership in College Coaches.”

A month later, midway through her third year as director of athletics, Leslie Danehy, Ed.D. received Cabrini’s annual Professional Excellence Award, the highest honor a College staffer can earn.



Athletic Director Leslie Danehy, Ed.D.

Next on the agenda is implementing the strategic plan for the Athletics department, a good portion of which involves supporting a College-wide fund-raising effort for an artificial turf field to replace the current Edith Robb Dixon Field.

If, as expected, the \$1.3 million fundraising campaign is successful, the Edith Robb Dixon Field will be transformed over the summer into a state-of-the-art artificial turf facility with stands to seat 700, suitable for hosting local and NCAA championship events.

That’s the big picture. Danehy also was thinking *small* when she embarked on a

three-year crusade to upgrade the field. She was thinking of the players who use it. Players like she had been at Providence College (1988-92), where she toughed out four years of Division I soccer on a bum right knee that required five surgeries.

“The thing I take the most pride in,” she said, “is when I can improve or create a fabulous experience for the student-athlete.”

“We went around town and took photos of Rosemont, of Radnor High. And then we took pictures of our field, and we laid them out on my boss’s desk. And she laid them out on the President’s desk and the President enlisted the Dixons’ support. And that’s how the artificial turf field project progressed to where it is today.”

It was during her college days at Providence that Danehy decided on a career in athletics. After a negative experience with an inexperienced coach almost soured her on playing soccer, the school made a coaching change that included hiring a full-time coach—and

that made all the difference in the world to the team.

Under the new regime, the Friars went from nobodies to 18th in the nation in 1991,

Danehy’s senior season. She helped them beat five of their opponents for the

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first time in school history, scoring the winning goals against Villanova and Yale (and avenging a snub by the Yale admissions committee).

“To go from a horrible experience where morale is low to a great season, it changed my whole outlook,” she said. “I said to myself, ‘If I can impact a student-athlete’s life as greatly as [Providence Athletic Director] Pat Nicol impacted me and our whole team, there’s no greater career.’ My life would have taken a totally different path if not for her.”

Right from the start, Danehy’s path veered off the main drag. At age 10, she became the first girl in Coventry to play in the local baseball league.

“My parents really had to fight to get me in,” she recalled. “It was a pretty big crusade. This was 1980. They had to go to battle with league administrators and coaches. For 10 or 15 years after that, there was tension between my parents and some of the people in town.

“Once I was on the team, the boys were fine. I had a great time. Once in a while a coach would say, ‘You know, you don’t throw the ball like a girl.’ But I still don’t think they were ready to have a girl on the team.”

In high school, Danehy again made history by becoming the first girl in Connecticut to make all-state in soccer as a freshman. In her senior year, she was an all-American striker with 131 career goals and led Coventry to the small-school state finals in soccer, the state championship in basketball, and the semifinals in softball.

Her softball career didn’t get much easier after she passed the torture test to



Athletic Director Leslie Danehy cheers on the men’s basketball team as they upset archrival Eastern 78-64 at the Cavaliers’ last home game of the 2005-06 season.

become a catcher. She fractured her arm as a sophomore, and as a junior shattered her wrist in home-plate mishaps. And kept on playing, broken bones and all.

“My sophomore year,” she recalled, “I tore the thumb off my cast so I could play. I can still remember the coach driving past my house, seeing me throwing to my father in the yard, and doing a double take. He couldn’t believe it. I ended up throwing people out and hitting a home run with a cast on my right arm.”

Danehy hung up her bat when she entered Providence, limiting herself to soccer and basketball. Then, a month into her freshman basketball season, she tore her ACL and retired from that sport as well.

After graduating as sociology major, she earned an M.Ed. in sports management at Springfield (Mass.) College and spent four years (1993-97) as assistant athletic director and head coach of the new women’s soccer team at Western Connecticut State. In just their third season, the Colonials earned an ECAC tournament bid and Danehy won 1995 Coach of the Year honors in the Little East Conference.

While serving as Cabrini’s associate AD under John Dzik, Danehy doubled as an assistant coach and helped the Lady Cavaliers win the Pennsylvania Athletic Conference soccer title in 2003. She still plays soccer on a coed team in a recreational league, doing just fine on her surgically reconstructed knee. ♻️

A Challenge of the Heart: Level the Playing Field for the Cavaliers

The Cabrini Cavaliers draw from the energy and talents of every individual athlete to create something more powerful, a greater whole than each of its parts. The same is true of the 10,000 Hearts Comprehensive Campaign. Individually, the support of every one of our students, alumni, faculty and friends is remarkable but, together as a team, we can accomplish the extraordinary. A powerful example of this is the Dixon Challenge.

Over the years, Cabrini's student athletes have made the College proud by setting milestone records, bringing home championships, and giving their fans something to cheer about. These talented men and women proudly compete in NCAA Division III athletics in the Pennsylvania Athletic Conference (PAC). In the 14-year history of their conference, the Cavaliers have won an impressive 51 championships—26 for men and 25 for women.

It's time we construct facilities that make us as proud as our athletes do. Cabrini's current grass playing fields are not representative of the caliber of young men and women competing on the College's 17 varsity teams. But Cabrini College has the opportunity to transform the Edith Robb Dixon Field into a state-of-the-art artificial turf field that any Cavalier will be proud to call home, thanks to the extraordinary generosity of Trustee Emerita Edith R. Dixon and F Eugene Dixon Jr.

Every Cavalier welcomes a challenge, and the Dixons have one for you: if Cabrini alumni, parents, faculty and friends collectively contribute \$500,000 toward the renewal and renovation of Dixon Field, the Dixons will make a gift of \$500,000 to complete the project.

Playing with Drive

"It is such a pleasure to have a hand in this project," says Jackie Neary, head coach of women's lacrosse and field hockey, and Athletic Campaign Subcommittee member. "The people on the committee are very enthusiastic and driven to get the [artificial]



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Rendering of the proposed renovated Dixon Field

turf in place. It is a huge step to make our facilities top notch."

This committee is driven because our athletes are driven. Cabrini's women's lacrosse team continues to thrive, establishing a school record in 2005 with their eighth consecutive PAC Championship, while the men's lacrosse team gains attention with its wins in five consecutive PAC Championships. Our soccer teams, among others, have answered the call to provide students with the opportunity to compete and to provide alumni, parents and friends the opportunity to cheer on their teams.

John and Karen Bodnar, whose son John W. Bodnar '08 plays on the lacrosse team, are acutely aware of the role that athletics plays in a student's life. "By participating in

athletics, the students are reminded every day that there is no substitute for hard work and discipline," says Bodnar, who co-chairs the Athletic Campaign Subcommittee with his wife Karen.

Of course, athletics not only are rewarding, they're also entertaining. And the Cavaliers, and the fields they perform on, are popular among members of the entire Cabrini community. The College boasts 17 varsity teams, intramural sports, camps, community activities and more—Cabrini's upper field was home to 146 events over the course of the past academic year; the lower field hosted 211.

Grass fields should host no more than 50 events per year, according to Athletic Director Leslie Danehy, who explains that

The Dixon Challenge

Trustee Emerita Edith R. Dixon and F. Eugene Dixon Jr. have agreed to give \$500,000 toward the field if, and only if, the College is able to raise an additional \$500,000 from alumni and friends.

To show your support today, complete and return the attached postage-paid envelope. For more information, contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at 610-902-8203 or www.cabrinicommunity.org/turf

the current fields are overtaxed. Building a new, artificial surface is a dire necessity, not a luxury item, Danehy says.

A Place to Call Home

With the renovation of Dixon Field, student-athletes at Cabrini College will be afforded the benefits of a state-of-the-art artificial playing surface. Artificial turf is resilient yet giving, and is designed to take the beating that practices, camps and competitions inflict on the field. In addition, artificial turf is porous, and allows athletes to play in inclement weather, as it drains and keeps the field in perfect playing condition. The new and improved Dixon Field also will be a cost-effective investment, as it eliminates the maintenance needs that accompany natural grass, such as cutting, fertilizing, seeding and aerating.

“Officials that I have spoken to are also glad to hear that Cabrini may get turf,” says Neary. “They have seen how difficult it is to play a game on our fields at different times during both the fall and spring seasons.”

The new playing area will have off-the-field benefits as well. Not only will the new facilities be NCAA tournament-friendly, their capability for expanded use will also free up gymnasium time for indoor teams to practice, and intramural sports will have the opportunity to flourish.

“Our school is top in the Conference with total number of championships, and our teams are being recognized all over the country,” says Assistant Women’s Soccer Coach Jess Huda ’01. “It’s time that we start looking like a school of that caliber.”

Supporting the Home Team

As the Cabrini Cavaliers continue to gain attention, attract fans and collect championships, it’s time for the College’s community of 10,000 Hearts to cheer them on by supporting the upgrade of Dixon Field.

Many supporters feel that a lack of progress is essentially a sign of backward motion.

“Joe Paterno, the famed Penn State Football coach once said, ‘You’re either getting better or you’re getting worse. You never stay the same,’” says Michael Piccoli ’04, a former lacrosse player. “To pull ahead, and to pull even in some cases, we need to offer better practice and game facilities.”

John Bodnar echoes the sentiment and states, “Life moves fast today. If you are not constantly moving forward and improving, then you are falling behind. Standing still is not an option.”

“At the end of the day, when the games come to an end, we’ll be able to see the sat-

isfaction and pride in the eyes of our student athletes,” says Danehy. “We’re giving them a facility that is safe, aesthetically pleasing, and a source of pride for the entire campus community.”

Meeting the Dixon Challenge is critical to the success of this project and is an important component of the 10,000 Hearts Comprehensive Campaign for Cabrini College.

“To paraphrase an old quotation,” says parent and Athletic Campaign Subcommittee co-chair Karen Bodnar, “the task before us is never greater than the force behind it.” We want 10,000 Hearts behind it. ☺

Join the Team!

Leave your mark on Dixon Field with a permanent naming opportunity:

\$50,000 – Name prominently displayed on the Press Box

\$25,000 – Name prominently displayed on the scoreboard (two opportunities available)

\$10,000 – Name prominently displayed on a section in the grandstands (10 opportunities available)

Contributors to Dixon Field are recognized at the following levels:

100 Yard Club: Gifts of \$10,000 and up
75 Yard Club: Gifts of \$7,500 to \$9,999
50 Yard Club: Gifts of \$5,000 to \$7,499
25 Yard Club: Gifts of \$2,500 to \$4,999
10 Yard Club: Gifts of \$1,000 to \$2,499

Pledges and gifts may be paid over three years. Contributions of \$10,000 and more will be recognized on the 10,000 Hearts Comprehensive Campaign donor recognition plaque, and pledges or gifts of \$1,000 and more will be recognized at the entrance to the field.

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Cabrini Builds a Strategic Plan for Student-Athletes

Cabrini College's *Strategic Plan for Intercollegiate Athletics*, completed last summer by Director of Athletics Leslie Danehy, is a matter of keen interest all over the campus. That's because a winning athletic program, especially one that wins with genuine *student-athletes*, can provide a boost for the entire college in terms of enrollment, academic reputation, campus life, and donor support.

"Our vision is to be the best athletic program in the PAC [Pennsylvania Athletic Conference] and to achieve regional and national visibility in a few of our sports," Danehy says. "In past years, a lot of people took it for granted that we'd dominate the PAC, but most teams in the league are on an even playing field now. This plan is to help guarantee dominance in the PAC."

The plan takes a four-pronged approach:

First-class facilities: By fall 2006, student-athletes may be enrolling at Cabrini *because* of its main athletic field, not in spite of it. There are plans to replace the current Edith Robb Dixon Field with a state-of-the-art synthetic-turf surface for lacrosse, soccer and field hockey. The \$1.3-million project includes lighting for night games, seating for 700, and a press box with video tower.

Meanwhile, dugouts will be constructed for the softball field and further upgrades are on the drawing board. Budget permitting, Danehy hopes to light all four tennis courts (up from one) and expand the Dixon Center to include new locker rooms and offices.

Full-time coaches: Full-time coaches, once a luxury item in small-college athletics, are fast becoming the norm. The



Teammates congratulate seniors Jen Skursky (#25) and Jackie Yoder at a ceremony before their final home appearance, a 74-23 romp over Eastern, on Feb. 13.

department would like to hire its first full-time coach this summer and add two more in 2007, with others to follow.

Academic and personal support for student-athletes: The Athletic Department plans a sweeping effort to insure that academic progress is strictly monitored and tutoring help is readily available to Cabrini athletes, so that players get a first-rate educational experience along with their varsity letters. The program also would include career counseling, leadership development, and assistance with emotional and substance abuse problems.

Mobilizing alumni support: A committee of students, current and former staff and faculty is working to bring to life Cabrini's Athletic Hall of Fame (see page 11). And those efforts are just the start of a new era of outreach aimed at generating greater alumni support.

"The future of our athletic program is going to depend on fundraising support," Danehy says. "We have to spend time cultivating alumni relationships, and that starts with focusing on our current student-athletes. A better undergraduate experience equals more satisfied alumni. Before we ask them to give back to us, we need to give back to them." ☺



Left to right: Seniors Jim Good, Jim McMahon and Anthony Bennett are honored before their final home basketball game, a 78-64 upset over Eastern, on Feb. 13.



Spring Sports PREVIEW

This spring the Cavaliers will go after their ninth straight Pennsylvania Athletic Conference (PAC) title in women's lacrosse, their sixth straight in men's lacrosse and their sixth softball crown in seven years.

Meanwhile the men's tennis team, with its talented newcomers, could make the jump from third place last year to first in '06, joining the women (who compete in the fall) as PAC champions. The golf team, PAC runner-up last year, has a shot at dethroning perennial champion Wesley. And the track and field team, without a league title to shoot for, will aim even higher and unleash three of the best athletes in Division III at the ECAC and NCAA championships.

Women's Lacrosse

You know your lacrosse program is hot when a rock 'n' roll roadie deserts the Ashlee Simpson tour bus and hops on your team bus. That's what former all-PAC goalie Jamie Nobler has done. She's back at Cabrini after a year on tour as a concert promotion aide.

Unfortunately for Nobler, Cabrini has so many headliners that she could end up watching from the wings. The Cavaliers have nine starters back, including four all-leaguers, as they go after a ninth straight PAC crown. That would equal the record for consecutive titles in any sport, set last fall by Eastern's volleyball squad.

Nobler started for three Cabrini title teams (2002-04), but this time she'll have to beat out yet another all-conference goalie, senior Megan McKeage, who

SCHEDULE

Women's Lacrosse

March

15	at Immaculata*	4 p.m.
16	Widener	4 p.m.
21	at Rowan	6 p.m.
23	at McDaniel	4 p.m.
29	at Wesley*	6 p.m.
30	Ursinus	4 p.m.

April

1	at Eastern*	1 p.m.
3	Misericordia*	4 p.m.
5	at Cedar Crest*	4 p.m.
8	Arcadia*	1 p.m.
11	College of New Jersey	4 p.m.
12	Alvernia*	4 p.m.
18	Gwynedd-Mercy*	4 p.m.
19	Neumann*	3 p.m.
25	Gettysburg	4 p.m.
29	PAC First Round	1 p.m.

May

3	PAC Semifinals	4 p.m.
6	PAC Finals	1 p.m.
10	NCAA First Round	TBA
13	NCAA Regional Semifinals	TBA
14	NCAA Regional Finals	TBA
20	NCAA Semifinals (at Stevens Tech, Hoboken, N.J.)	TBA
21	NCAA Finals (at Stevens Tech, Hoboken, N.J.)	TBA

Home games in **bold**
*PAC games

stepped in last year and made honorable mention all-PAC. And that won't be the only starting job to be decided tug-of-war style.

"Constant competition is what we have around here," said head coach Jackie Neary, architect of the remarkable title run. "We have a lot of good players, and they'll battle it out in practice every day."

Count on three other all-league picks to win their battles: Senior defender Mary Proietta, sophomore attacker Kerri Ricker and junior midfielder Emilie Greto.

Men's Lacrosse

Steve Colfer grabbed an issue of *Inside Lacrosse* magazine and flipped to the pre-season Top 20. There sat two of his upcoming opponents, at No. 4 and No. 8. And Cabrini was nowhere in sight. Colfer was elated. "More incentive for us," he crowed.

After five straight PAC championships (2001-05) and four straight NCAA tournament bids (2002-05), the Cavaliers are still fighting for respect. And their head coach wouldn't have it any other way.

This spring, the Cavs come heavily armed as they take aim at their sixth straight PAC crown. Nine starters,

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SCHEDULE

Men's Lacrosse

March

19	Haverford	1 p.m.
22	at FDU-Madison	4 p.m.
25	Shenandoah*	1 p.m.
29	Alvernia*	3:30 p.m.

April

1	at Cortland State	1 p.m.
8	at Misericordia*	1 p.m.
12	Eastern*	3:30 p.m.
18	at Wesley*	4 p.m.
22	Neumann*	1 p.m.
29	at Villa Julie*(M&T Bank Stadium, Baltimore)	1 p.m.

May

3	PAC Semifinals	3 p.m.
6	PAC Finals	1 p.m.
10	NCAA First Round	TBA
13	NCAA Second Round	TBA
17	NCAA Quarterfinals	TBA
21	NCAA Semifinals	TBA
28	NCAA Finals (Lincoln Financial Field, Philadelphia)	TBA

Home games in **bold**
*PAC games



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including six all-conference picks, return from the bunch that reached the NCAA second round before falling 13-9 to eventual champion Salisbury.

The Cavs feature one of the strongest defensive units in the nation, led by senior Nick Terlizzo, an *Inside Lacrosse* preseason all-American. He'll team with four other bone-rattlers, all of them all-leaguers as sophomores last year: Bill Cordts, Robert Tinsley, long-stick mid-fielder Ryan Dunn, and goalie Kevin Quinn.

The Cavs are strong at midfield with senior all-stars Matt Campbell and Kevin Rayer. On attack, where they'll miss league MVP Mark Phillips '05; new faces will have to step up if Cabrini wants to step into the Top 20.

Softball

Six-pack *abs* may be all the rage, but the Cabrini softball team would rather have six PAC *titles*. This spring, the Cavaliers are looking to add another championship to the five straight they reeled off from 2000 through 2004.

This year a lot of new faces will don the Cabrini uniform as the Cavs go from Frosch to fresh. All-East third baseman Diana Frosch and three other key players picked up diplomas at Commencement 2005, forcing the freshmen to shore up a thin roster, pitching staff in particular.

Head coach Martine Susko also will need comeback years by a couple of all-star outfielders, junior Jen Euganeo and senior Jen Taggart. Euganeo struggled last season after batting .381 in 2004. Taggart was hitting a team-high .432 when, on an attempted steal, she was struck in the eye by a sweep tag and missed the last two-thirds of the season.

SCHEDULE Softball

March

17	Misericordia (2)*	2:30 p.m.
18	at Marywood (2)*	1 p.m.
24	Alvernia (2)*	3 p.m.
25	at Neumann (2)*	Noon
28	at Rowan (2)	2:30 p.m.
31	at Rosemont (2)*	3 p.m.

April

1	at Immaculata (2)*	1 p.m.
7	Wesley (2)*	3 p.m.
8	at Cedar Crest (2)*	1 p.m.
14	Hunter (2)	Noon
21	Eastern (2)*	3 p.m.
22	Gwynedd-Mercy (2)*	1 p.m.
28	at Arcadia (2)*	3 p.m.

May

2	Muhlenberg (2)	3 p.m.
3	PAC Playoffs	TBA
6	PAC Playoffs	TBA
7	PAC Playoffs	TBA
11-15	NCAA Regionals	TBA
19-23	NCAA Finals (<i>Walnut Creek Softball Complex, Raleigh, N.C., hosted by Peace College</i>)	TBA

Home games in **bold**, (2) for scheduled doubleheader
*PAC games

Men's Tennis

Back in September, when freshman Drew Sutton and junior Matt Ingram of Cabrini upset their Division I opponents at the ECAC North championships, the tennis world didn't exactly come to a screeching halt.

For years Cabrini has been a PAC power. Victories over Division I foes are cause for satisfaction, not necessarily celebration.

The Cavaliers have finished first or second in the conference eight times in the league's 12-year tennis history, including five of the last six years. They won back-to-back team titles in 2000 and '01 and took second in 2002, '03 and '04.

The Cavs slipped to third in the PAC last year, but head coach Rich Aldrete will have no more of that. He's added Sutton, one of the top freshmen in the East, to a loaded lineup that includes Ingram, the defending league champion at No. 2 singles.

Sutton, one of the Top 40 African-American junior players in the East last year, makes the entire team stronger by allowing senior Jack Keller to move down to No. 2, Ingram to No. 3 and senior Bill Mariano to No. 4. All four players will be threats to win their flights at the 2006 PAC championships, April 21-22.

SCHEDULE Men's Tennis

March

16	Susquehanna	3:30 p.m.
18	Wesley*	1 p.m.
22	at Gwynedd-Mercy*	3:30 p.m.
24	at Marywood*	4 p.m.
25	King's	1 p.m.
28	Arcadia*	4 p.m.

April

4	at Alvernia*	3:30 p.m.
6	Ursinus	4 p.m.
8	Immaculata*	11 a.m.
	Goucher	2 p.m.
19	Neumann	4 p.m.
21-22	PAC Individual Championships (<i>at West End Racquet Club, Allentown, Pa.</i>)	TBA

Home games in **bold**
*PAC games



Golf

Three ... two ... one....

The countdown began soon after Tony Verde took over as Cabrini golf coach in 2000. That's when Verde, also a professor of exercise science and health promotion, started the Cavaliers on a path toward a possible first PAC championship.

Verde led Cabrini to back-to-back third-place finishes in 2002 and '03, then jumped into the runner-up spot last spring, winning PAC Coach of the Year honors.

The second-place finish was Cabrini's best ever. Six Cavaliers placed among the league's top 20 players, and two of the top four Cavs return to lead what could be an even stronger team.

Brian Prospero finished eighth at the PAC championships to win all-conference honors for the second straight year, and fellow junior Matt Paris tied for 14th.

Mike Dunphy and Tim Harner, a pair of two-handicap freshmen, could be the final pieces to the puzzle. Dunphy placed third at the Pennsylvania District 1 high school championships in 2005, and Harner finished high in District 11. A third freshman, Nick DiMario, also will be a key contributor.

A loaded 13-event schedule includes three invitationals and 10 quad matches on some of the best courses in the area, all leading up to what could well be the long-awaited league championship.

Track and Field

Let's admit it: Cabrini has no chance to win the PAC track championship.

But that's only because there is no PAC track championship. (Not enough schools have teams.) And that's OK with head coaches Tom O'Hora (men) and James

Williams (women), who have bigger fish to fry. They'll be showcasing their athletes on the Eastern and national stages.

Last spring, at the NCAA Division III championships, then-freshman Lauren Deas earned all-America status by finishing seventh in the 100 meters.

With a month left in the 2006 indoor season, Deas had run the fastest Division III time of the year (7.70 seconds) to win the Gotham Cup 60 meters in New York City. She beat five Division I runners in the finals alone, 42 in the entire field.

Meanwhile, senior Danielle Dorsey warmed up for outdoor season with a Division III indoor best of 5'6" in the high jump, good for fifth place at the University of Maryland Invitational in a field packed with D-I athletes.

As for the men, sophomore transfer Tony Gregory opened the indoor season (and his Cabrini career) by shattering a Villanova Invitational record, sailing 44' 10 1/4" in the triple jump. ⚡

SCHEDULE Golf

March

21	at Holy Family (quad match) <i>(Torresdale-Frankford Country Club, Philadelphia)</i>	1 p.m.
27	at Swarthmore (quad match) <i>(Rolling Green Country Club, Media, Pa.)</i>	1 p.m.
31	at Neumann (quad match) <i>(Concord Country Club, Concordville, Pa.)</i>	1 p.m.

April

3	Lebanon Valley Invitational <i>(Lebanon Country Club, Lebanon, Pa.)</i>	Noon
7	at Gwynedd-Mercy (quad match) <i>(Pinecrest Golf Club, Montgomeryville, Pa.)</i>	1 p.m.
13	Widener Invitational <i>(Frog Hollow Golf Club, Middletown, Del.)</i>	Noon
14	at Centenary (quad match)	Noon
17	Home quad (opponents TBA) <i>(Spring-Ford Country Club, Royersford, Pa.)</i>	1 p.m.
18	at Arcadia (quad match) <i>(Lulu Country Club, North Hills, Pa.)</i>	1 p.m.
20	Wesley Invitational <i>(Marple Downs Country Club, Dover, Del.)</i>	Noon
24	Home quad (opponents TBA) <i>(Spring-Ford Country Club, Royersford, Pa.)</i>	1 p.m.
25	at Widener (quad match) <i>(Springhaven Country Club, Wallingford, Pa.)</i>	1 p.m.
30-5/1	Pennsylvania Athletic Conference Championships <i>(Center Valley, Pa.)</i>	TBA

Home games in **bold**

SCHEDULE Track and Field

March

17-18 49ers Classic *(at UNC-Charlotte)*
24-25 Raleigh (N.C.) Relays

April

1 Terrapin Invitational *(at Maryland)*
8 Penn Invitational
15 Division III Invitational *(at College of New Jersey)*
22 Collegiate Track Conference Championships *(at DeSales)*
22 Widener Invitational
26-29 Penn Relays

May

6 Delaware Invitational
13 College of New Jersey Invitational
15 Villanova Twilight Invitational
25-27 NCAA Division III Championships
(at Benedictine University, Lisle, Ill.)

All Times TBA



Philanthropy

Phonathon Pledges Set Record

The Fall Phonathon was a great success, even beating records set by the 2004-2005 calling crew.

Pledges and gifts, made by 840 alumni and parents, totaled more than \$68,000, an increase of more than 11 percent from last year.



In the past, you may have received a phone call from Cabrini College, but did you know who was on the other end of the line? Most likely it was a Cabrini student. Each year the Cabrini Student Phonathon employs approximately 30 Cabrini students who provide outreach to our alumni and parents, and announce events and new programs, update biographical information and



Ryan McCarthy '06

answer questions. The students also are responsible for soliciting financial support, helping the College to make fundraising more personal. The Phonathon fosters the educational experience at Cabrini by providing a résumé-building job experience. Students develop skills such as building

rapport and overcoming objections.

They also have the advantage of gaining insight on Cabrini history, often hearing about 'the glory days' from alumni or how student life has changed over the years. In addition, the program centers on friendly team competition and many friendships have evolved over the years—some that may even last a lifetime.

Recently, Phonathon callers asked alumni donors "Why do you support Cabrini?"

"I support Cabrini because it gave me a good foundation for the future, good friends, and a good preparation for life."

– Kathleen McNerney '69

"I realize the importance of being involved in the 10,000 Hearts Campaign and chose to be a supporter of it and Cabrini College."

– Dolly Cannon Fair '73



Gina Cenneno '09

We hope you enjoy hearing from our student callers, and the next time you receive a call from the Cabrini Student Phonathon, we invite you to share your Cabrini enthusiasm and experiences!

The Spring 2006 Phonathon began March 8 and continues through the first week of April.

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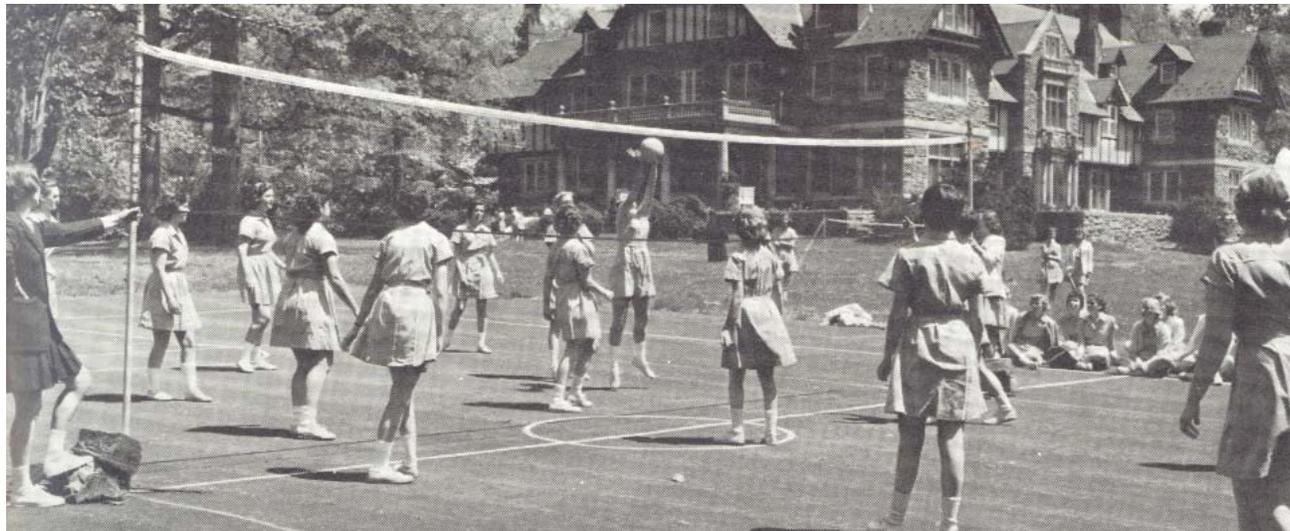
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Intramural Volleyball Championship, 1961



1961

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1964

Barbara Johnson '64 has achieved senior career status in the School District of Philadelphia, which includes Elementary Grade Teacher K-6 and Reading Specialist K-12 Pennsylvania certifications, a M.Ed. (1993) from Temple University in the psychology of reading, and 30 graduate credits in the teaching of reading—18 from the University of Pennsylvania and 12 from West Chester University Graduate School of Education. In addition, she has completed 30 graduate credits in Teaching English as a Second Language at West Chester University and is currently a candidate for a M.A. in that area there and is the reading specialist and Literacy Leader at a K-4 Philadelphia elementary school. Her favorite pastime remains the



Athletic Association Officers 1966

same as it was at Cabrini College: historical and political study and analysis.



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1971

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Cheerleaders 1971

ClassNOTES

1973



Sisters **Dolly Cannon Fair '73** and **Marianne Cannon LeFevre '75** enjoyed spending Parent's Weekend at Cabrini with their daughters (pictured left to right) **Colleen LeFevre '09** and **Jennifer Fair '08**.

Anne Marie Fellock Murphy '73 writes with sadness that her husband, Bob, died on Jan. 18, 2005 of cancer. They were happily married for 31 years and have three girls: Nicole, 28, Elizabeth, 26, and Emily, 16. He was a 1972 Villanova graduate and Anne's blind date for his homecoming.

Barbara Luglio Terenik '73 and husband, Nick, enjoy spending time in the D.C. area now that daughter, Thea, is a student at Georgetown University.



1976

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1978

Mary DiJoseph Cedrone '78 was promoted to principal for the Walter M. Senkow Elementary School on Oct. 12, 2005. Cedrone has been with the school district since 1989, and worked as Coordinator of Secondary Special Education before taking the lead teacher position at Senkow.



Women's Basketball 1976



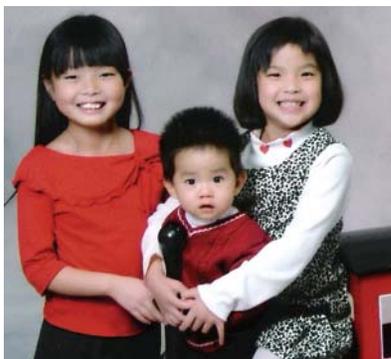
1981

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Men's Soccer 1981

1982



Kathy Mignogna Miraglia '82 and husband, Joe, traveled with their two daughters to China last August to bring home their youngest—a boy—Matthew Joseph! This was the Miraglia's third trip to China, having adopted Emily Rose in 1997 and Molly Lynne in 1999. The girls are delighted with their little brother, who is now 2 years old and keeping everyone on their toes.

Matthew's very proud godmother is Kathleen Brust '81, who also is Emily's godmother, and traveled to China in 1999 with Kathy to bring Molly home. Pictured left to right: Emily, 8, Matthew, 2, and Molly, 6.

Jo Ann Schwoyer Stevens '82 will be leading a newly restructured team of product managers as director of client services at FXpress, the industry's leading provider of treasury management solutions. Jo became FXpress's first employee 11 years ago. She is married to Michael L. Stevens '81, and they have two children, Emily, 15, and Adam, 10.



Women's Cross Country 1986

1984

The January/February 2006 issue of *Philly Fit*, Philadelphia's new fitness magazine (www.phillyfit.com), featured an article on the sport of triathlon by **Stephen Brown '84**. Stephen is also editor in chief of www.transitiontimes.com.



1986

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1987

On Oct. 8, 2005, with lots of prayers and support from family and friends and in celebration of her 40th birthday, **Anne D'Amico Lynn '87** finished her first Ironman Triathlon (2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike, 26.2-mile run) in Raleigh, N.C. She completed the triathlon, which benefited Duke Cancer Research, in 16 hours, 24 minutes. She said it was an awesome and peaceful experience!

1988

Steve Highsmith '88 chief political correspondent and anchor at WB17 News at Ten since 1994, has assumed a new dual position at both WB17 (WPHL-TV) and NBC10 (WCAU-TV). Highsmith is now director of community relations for WB17 where he continues to host the weekly public affairs show, "In Focus," and the Mummers Parade. Steve is the new host of "Live at Issue," the Sunday public affairs program on NBC10, and occasionally reports on politics for NBC10.

1989



Lisa Kantor Radecke '89 welcomed Grace Patricia on Aug. 10, 2005. She joins big sister Gianna, who turned 3 years old on Aug. 14. Lisa reports that her husband Joe's birthday is Aug. 15, so if you're looking for balloons and cake in August, she will have cleaned out all the stores!

1990

Hillary Hoch Chybinski '90 has recently accepted a position with UGI/AmeriGas Corp. in Valley Forge, Pa. She had been consulting part time for the last year and a half. Hillary and her husband, John, have one son, Ryan.

Meghan Kane Presutti '90 and her husband Matthew welcomed daughter Micaela McCoy on Oct. 4, 2005 at 12:29 p.m. She weighed 8 pounds, 14 ounces and measured 20.5 inches.



Women's Tennis 1991



1991

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Cathy Libertz '91 was named associate director for government relations for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III. She oversees a staff of liaisons who are responsible for all of EPA Region III's governmental and Congressional interaction for Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Washington, D.C. and West Virginia.

ClassNOTES

1992

Alanna Pettit Shrawder '92 and her husband, Chad, welcomed their first child, Ty Dylan, on Jan. 24, 2005.

Jennifer Cazille Zappacosta '92 and her husband, Jay, announce the birth of their first child, Julia, on Feb. 9, 2005. She weighed 6 pounds, 6 ounces.

1993

Audra Hollifield '93 was promoted to director of human resources for the Orlando Magic of the NBA. She also was named President of the Central Florida Human Resources Association, and began her term on Jan. 1, 2006. Audra and her husband Travis, who is a lawyer, live in Winter Park, Fla. *Audra is profiled on page 10.*

Michele Montgomery Schreiner '93 completed a Doctorate in Educational Psychology at Rutgers University in May 2004. Her dissertation was titled "High School Students' Beliefs About Learning."



Karen Bell Fitzgerald '93 and **Alan Fitzgerald ADP '96** announce the arrival of Emma Belle on Sept. 12, 2005 at 9:52 a.m. She weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

1995

Brenda Augustino-Cimorelli '95 and Robert J. Cimorelli announce the birth of their daughter, Olivia Arabella, on Jan. 13, 2005. Olivia joins big brothers Brendan, 6, and Benjamin, 2.



1996

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Alan Fitzgerald ADP '96 is East Coast Regional Sales Manager for Jones Soda Company.



Tracy Roesener '96 married Donovan Augustin on April 30, 2005. Guests included: (back row) **Anne Waldspurger Schmitt '96**, **Kelly McDonald Wendt '96**, **Patty Carr Tripler '96**, **Christina Feehan Fohner '96**, **Terri Carragher Roesener '96**,

Dana Mills '96, **Susan Hunter Schwarzwalder '96**, **Kristen Stancavage Freedman '96**; (front row) **Katina Corrao '96**, **Karen Lawrence '96**, **Tracy Roesener Augustin '96**, **Kristin Blanck '96**.



Men's Lacrosse 1996

1997



Mirella Addesi '97 married Steven Palme on Sept. 10, 2005.

Reunion 2006!

If you graduated in a year ending in 1 or 6, it's time to remember, reconnect, and rejoice at Reunion 2006, June 3 – 4, 2006. To learn more or to get involved in the planning, e-mail Matt Holmes '02, Alumni Programs Coordinator, at mholmes@cabrini.edu or call 610-902-8252.



Tracey Eagan '97 wed Michael Blanda on Nov. 12, 2005. The ceremony was held at the Church of the Assumption in Wildwood Crest, N.J., and was followed by a reception at the Wildwoods Convention Center. Pictured from left to right: (front row) **Maryann (Feehan) Carpenter '72**, **Robin Blanda '04**, **Tracey (Eagan) Blanda '97**, **Jennifer (Marvil) Arakelian '97** (maid of honor), **Andrea (Monaco) Harter '97**, **Kelley (Kempton) Eagan '97**, **Kathleen (Meyers) LaSalle '00**; (back row) **Megan (Dillon) Grant '97**, **Greg Grant '96** and **Tom Eagan '96**.

1998



Morgan and Theresa McFadden Vigliotta '98 announce the birth of their first child, baby boy Morgan Patrick, on Feb. 4, 2005. Proud aunts and uncles include **Graham Vigliotta '97**, **Stephanie Vigliotta '98** and **Steve Vigliotta '96**.

1999

Jody Bennett Light ADP '99, CCP recently joined Rotech Healthcare Inc. at their corporate headquarters in Orlando, Fla., as director of compensation and benefits, where she is responsible for compensation and benefits program design and implementation. Jody has previously worked with General Electric, Siemens AG, Federal Reserve Bank and SunTrust Banks.

Joseph A. Marchese IV '99 G'02 is a career consultant with Spherion, a \$2 billion nationwide leader in professional staffing based in Florida with locations all across the United States. Joseph encourages anyone in the Philadelphia region who is working in a corporate or public accounting/finance environment and looking to expand his career, to contact him at 610-337-0923 x5119 or josephmarchese@spherion.com.



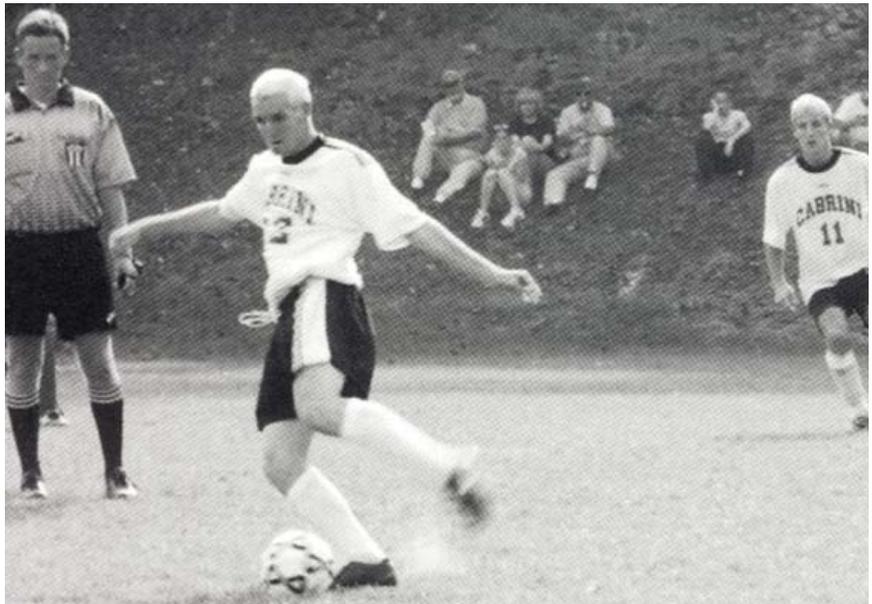
Danielle Nesbitt '99 and **Nate Wolfson** were married on Oct. 29, 2005 in Lynnfield, Mass. The wedding party included **Ami Petite Hays '99**.

ClassNOTES

2000

Michael Packard '00 was recently promoted to head of children's services at the Pottstown Public Library, and is pursuing a Master of Information Science degree at Drexel University.

Jen Shrader '00 and **Mike Bergels '98** were married on Oct. 8, 2005. Guests included **Chad May '00** and **Melissa May '02**, **Lisa Maiorano Doak '00**, **Dave Wiley '01**, **Lee Gamble '00**, **Missy Sellitto '00**, **Michelle Schaeffler Taylor '99**, and **Joe Johnson '01**. The bridal party included **Joe Zesski '98** (best man), **Katie Mirek Johnson '01** and **Joanne Morrone Tarrant '01**.



Men's Soccer 2001



2001

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Meghan Merkel '01 married **Alex Muller '01** on Aug. 6, 2005 on Hilton Head Island. The wedding party included **Nicole Klimas '00**, **Angela Grassa '01**, **Heather Friel '01**, **Megan Johnston '02**, **Leslie Oppenheim '02**, **Brendan Muller '01** (best man), **Ryan Greer '01**, and **Charlie Spencer '00 G'03**. In the fall, Meghan began teaching in

Cabrini's English and Communication department and Alex is a senior counselor at Immaculata University. The couple lives in West Chester, Pa.

Diana Sucher '01 is working as a staffing consultant for Acsys Inc., a Wayne, Pa., firm specializing in Accounting/Finance placements.

Congratulations to **Celena Blasucci '01** and **Michael Repice '01** on their engagement. They are planning a wedding for Aug. 19, 2006.

2002



Dana Cavalcanto '02, MS, PA-C graduated magna cum laude from Philadelphia University with a Master's Degree and Certification in Physician Assistant Studies. She was a Biology/Pre-Med major at Cabrini, and is currently certified by the NCCPA and plans to practice in the local area.

Joe Holden '02 is a reporter for WBRE-TV (NBC 28) in Wilkes-Barre/Scranton, Pa.

Jenine Ikeler '02 was nominated by the *Northeast Pennsylvania Business Journal* as one of the "Top 20 Under 40" working in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Corrections

In the fall *Cabrini Magazine*, **Lauren Schreiber** was misidentified as a member of the class of 2009 instead of class of 2008. Schreiber is also a cousin of **Eileen Herbig Berzanskis '85**, the first female to score 1,000 points for Cabrini basketball and whose retired jersey hangs in the field house.

Christina Feehan Fohner was misidentified as a member of the class of 1998 instead of the class of 1996.

We are happy to report the correction that **Vincent Prestileo '04** e-mailed *Cabrini Magazine*. In the fall issue, we incorrectly stated that Prestileo attained nearly a half-million dollars in real estate sales production in his first six months as a PA real estate agent at Russo Real Estate. In actuality, he attained half a million in the month of April, \$1.2 million in his first six months and \$2.2 million in his first year.

2004

Jennifer Howitz '04 is a lab technician at the National Testing Lab of the Red Cross in Philadelphia, where they type all of the blood that the Red Cross collects.

Patrick Kelly '04 is currently working at a family support services after-school program based out of Coopertown Elementary in Bryn Mawr, Pa.



Bridget Donnelly '04 is engaged to marry David Shiflet on Sept. 22, 2007.

Chris Wagner '04 is engaged to marry Elizabeth Willson on Sept. 30, 2006.

Congratulations to **Ryan Mulloy '04** and **Amanda Brown '05** on their engagement. They are planning a wedding for July 28, 2007.

2005

Matthew Dietrich '05 was recently hired by Supportive Child Adult Network (SCAN) in Philadelphia.

Michelle M. Murray '05 is studying for a degree in College Student Personnel at Western Carolina University in North Carolina, where she is also a graduate assistant in the Office of Residential Living. As she prepares for an internship in judicial affairs, Michelle writes, "I'm well on my

CABRINI TRIVIA

A new feature of the alumni monthly e-newsletter, the *Blue & White Briefs*, is a trivia contest. All correct winners are entered into a drawing and one winner each month receives a prize from the Cabrini bookstore. Here are some of the recent questions:

OCTOBER QUESTION: Who was the architect of the Mansion?

NOVEMBER QUESTION: What year is on the cornerstone of the Mansion?

DECEMBER QUESTION: What was the original name of Founder's Hall?

Winners: Kendall Neil '05 (October), Mary Lynn Carone Mancini '74 (November), Colin Coakley '90 (December)

To sign up for the *Blue & White Briefs*, e-mail alumni@cabrini.edu.

ANSWERS: Horace Trumbauer, architect of the Philadelphia Art Museum; 1901; Sacred Heart Hall

way to starting my career and I hope to make my way back to Cabrini in the future to give back what was given to me during my years there."



Danelle Kressirer '05 married Ian Matlack on June 3, 2005. The wedding party included **Elizabeth Ritter '05** (maid of honor), **Megan Mirzoeff '05** (wedding cantor), and bridesmaids **Stephanie Moffa '05** and **Meredith Detwiler '05**.

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College Visit Creates Cabrini Legacy for One Family

by Nancy Gorevin Costello '71

How often have we considered the image of a tiny acorn growing into a mighty oak tree? When life affords us the opportunity, it is amazing to observe how little seedlings of kindness and faith take root. Witness such a story...

In a letter last July to Cabrini College President Antoinette Iadarola, Beth Ronayne wrote: "My daughter, Kylene Oseredzuk, had a Social Studies project in the spring of 2005 on a famous American. The children were permitted to choose whom to feature in their project. I fully anticipated Betsy Ross or someone of the like and was actually a little disappointed when she arrived home with Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, whom I knew nothing about."

Beth Ronayne and Kylene researched Mother Cabrini on the Internet and in books about saints. The project Kylene was expected to do was rather ambitious for an 8-year-old. She needed to produce a report, a speech, a costume and a poster. They were successful only in obtaining a few pictures and wondered how they would ever fill a poster board.

Very creatively, Beth thought of visiting Cabrini College to obtain further information. One day, she, Kylene and Kylene's younger brother, Tommy, hopped in the car and drove from their nearby Clifton Heights, Pa., home to Radnor to see what they might uncover.

Beth Ronayne's letter continues "From the moment we stepped on campus, everyone was so helpful."



Kylene Oseredzuk, as Mother Cabrini. In an uncanny twist, her eyes are as blue as those of Mother Cabrini.

She and her children visited many offices on campus in their pursuit of knowledge about St. Cabrini. Martha Dale, campus historian, lent a hand. Rosemary Bradley, who then worked in the President's Office, even gave them a Mother Cabrini relic. Eventually, they were directed to the campus offices of the Missionary Sisters—a veritable repository of information on St. Cabrini—where "we were given pictures, books, a timeline [of Mother Cabrini's life] ... and framed pictures of St. Cabrini were taken off the wall and photocopied!"

Ronayne related that she and Kylene had a marvelous time working on the project. Kylene received a grade of 100!

"You should be very proud of your college. One of your students even helped carry my son's stroller down the [Founder's Hall] steps. What an amazing atmosphere [in which] to be educating the youth of this country. Kylene already dreams of attending college at Cabrini and she is only in fourth grade."

Had it ended here, this tale would have been most heartwarming; however, the story continues...

As a postscript to her original letter, Ronayne mentioned that she had lost a baby the December prior to her campus visit, "I found out that I was pregnant again about the time we visited your campus. We started praying to St. Frances Xavier Cabrini for the safe delivery of our baby ... I am due on November 9 with either Makenna Frances or Tristan Xavier."

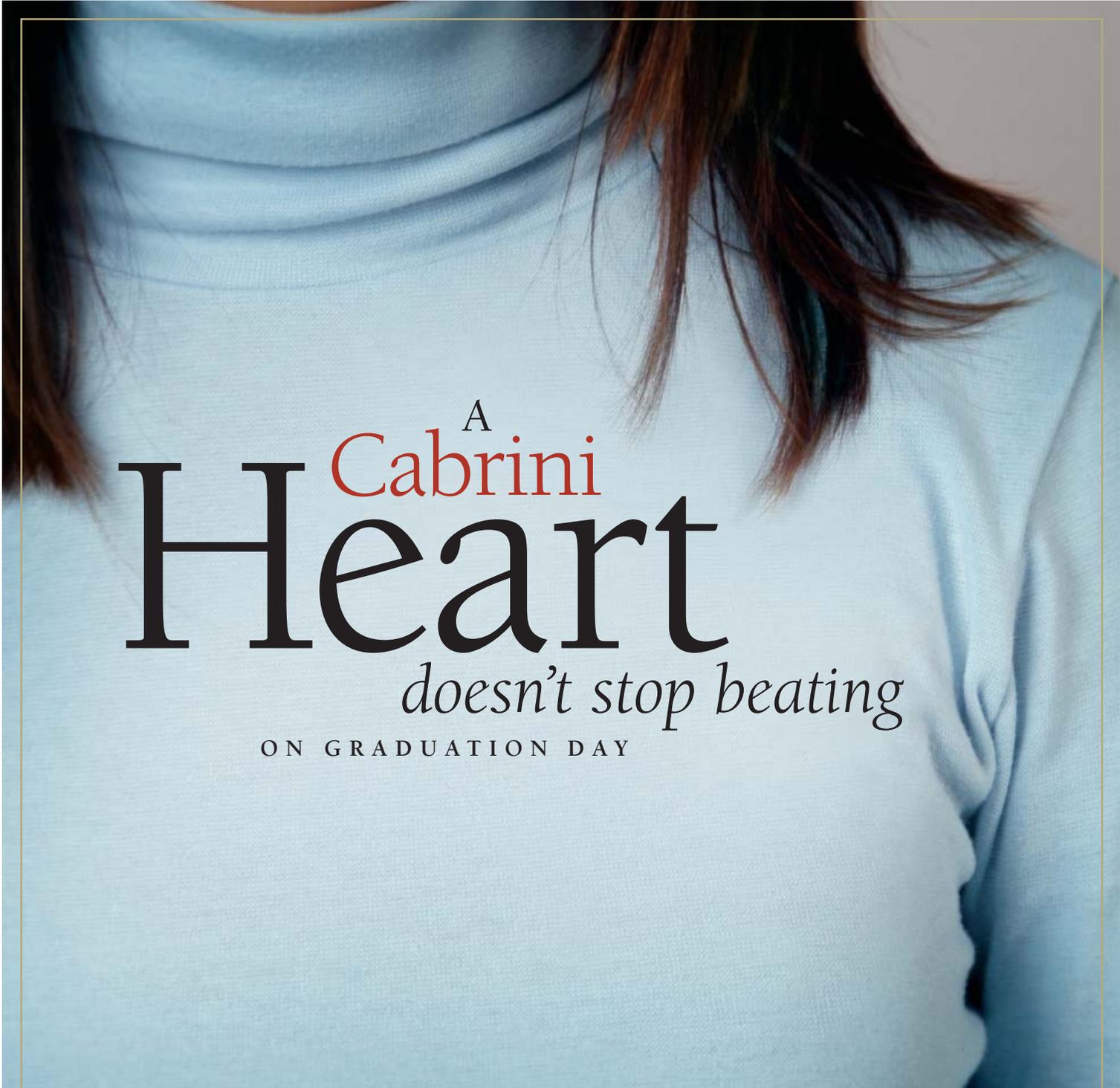
Months passed and Dr. Iadarola heard once again from Beth Ronayne. "Tristan Xavier, arrived safely—on All Saints Day—no less. It was a trying pregnancy, but knowing the struggles of St. Cabrini and knowing her faith was stronger than my own, got me through. (On really bad days, I even rubbed her relic on my belly—it would make me feel better.)"

"A simple visit for my daughter's project turned into a legacy for our family. I enjoy telling the story when people question why his middle name is Xavier. The work your college does touches lives in ways you will never know. We are forever grateful and wanted to share our little piece of St. Cabrini's legacy."

A miracle baby? Perhaps. An outgrowth of Mother Cabrini's legacy. Most certainly.

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Nancy Gorevin Costello '71 is website director for Stella Maris Province of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. ☪



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