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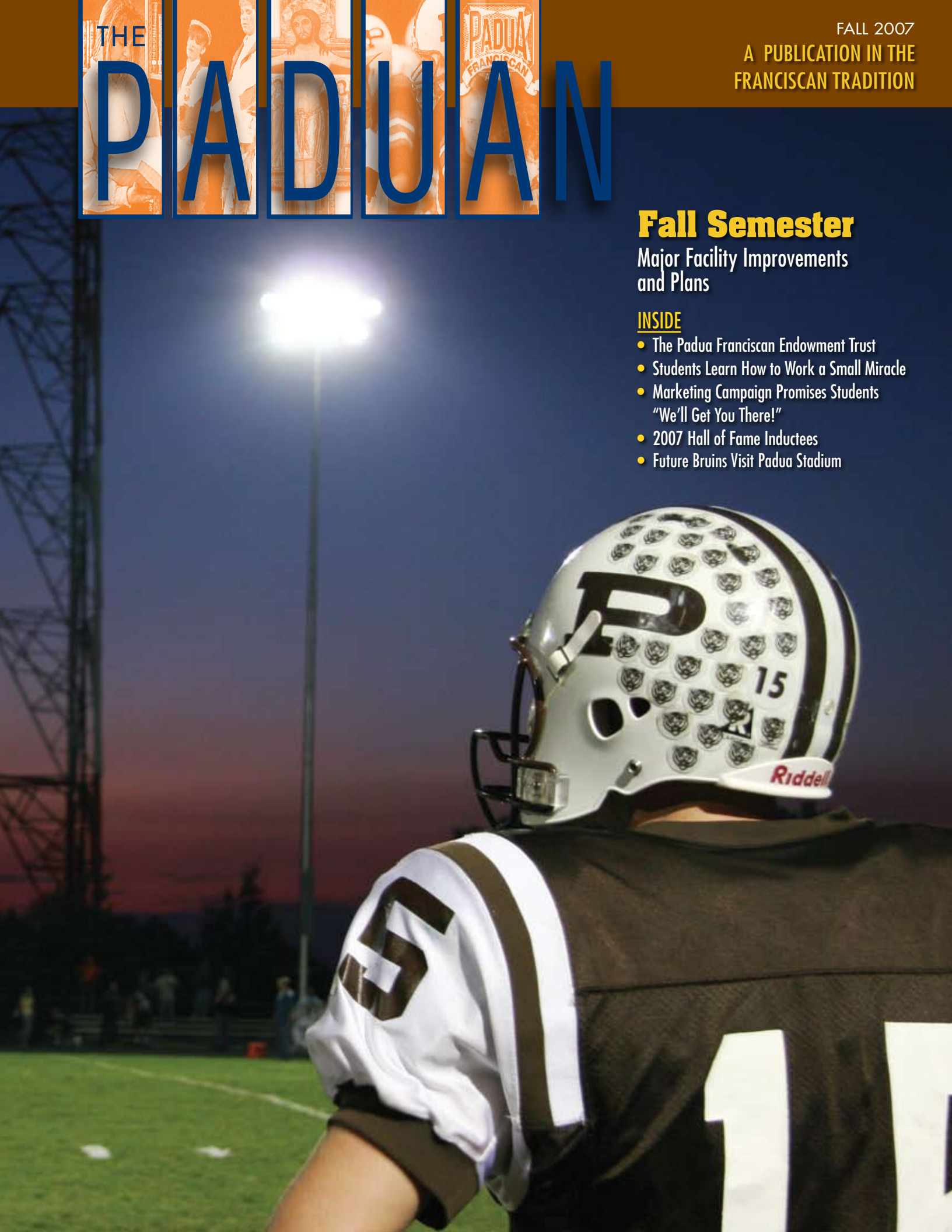
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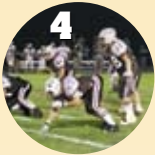
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From where I sit...

the future always looks bright.

Light and lights have occupied a fair amount of my attention and energy in recent months. For, as you'll note in this issue of *The Paduan*, we recently completed the lighting

of our stadium here at Padua Franciscan High School – through the tremendous generosity of a number of kind benefactors and especially through the initiative of Tom and Debbie Mason.

In the strange way things get connected in our brains sometimes, I have been thinking about an event which happened many years ago while I was still in the seminary. Just like all my classmates, after I had entered the Franciscans, but before I had completed my studies in preparation for ordination, I was expected to spend my summer months assisting in one of the various ministries of our Franciscan Province. And during one of those summers, I had been assigned to help out at one of our parishes in the suburbs of Chicago. Even though the precise details of my role and responsibilities for my time in that place had not as yet been completely spelled out, I was certainly looking forward to getting away from classrooms and books for awhile and simply having a chance to put into practice some of those things I had been studying and learning about with regard to ministry in the church. I was filled with excitement and enthusiasm, feeling like one of those disciples in the gospel – sent out to accomplish great things, with visions of all the opportunities I would have to touch the minds and hearts and lives of the persons I would encounter!

When I arrived at that parish, I discovered that a major project was in progress: the building of a new parish hall which would be attached to the parish school. And not only that, almost all of the work on this project was being done by volunteers from the parish. Well, as things ended up, although I was involved in a few other things, the majority of my time that summer was spent on that building project. I cleaned and painted and did all kinds of "odd jobs." I have to admit that I was a bit reluctant and hesitant at first – and probably more than a bit disappointed. Those visions of the great things I was going to accomplish had not included learning how to hang a drop-ceiling! I remember visiting one of my former seminary teachers one day that summer, telling him – with probably more than a little disappointment in my voice – what I had been doing. I recall that his only comment to me was: *There's always more than one way to build the Kingdom.*

When I heard that remark, it seemed a bit flippant – and it wasn't very consoling. But as that summer progressed, and often in the years that have passed from then until now, I have reflected on that comment and found it to be exactly what I needed then and still need now. It broadened my vision and encouraged me to see

things differently. I had been focused on "programs" – ideas and words, philosophies and theologies, all those somewhat "intangible" things we often refer to as "the spiritual." But no less a part of the spiritual and no less essential to the reign of God are the tangible realities of daily life: flesh-and-blood persons, the events that mark our day, the relationships that are a part of our lives, and yes, even the bricks and mortar that surround us and create a space for us to discover and celebrate the presence of God among us. As I have frequently looked back on that summer experience, I have realized all the ways in which cleaning and painting and hanging ceilings allowed me to connect to so many members of that parish community: as I got to know them and they got to know me; as we shared stories of lives and stories of faith. In that time we had together, we helped each other in simple but real ways to hear the good news once again; we helped each other to follow Jesus a little bit better; we helped each other to build his Kingdom in the opportunities that we had each day.

This issue of *The Paduan* has lots of information about new and hoped-for projects, about our *Master Facilities Plan* and dreams for the future of the building and grounds that are an important part of Padua Franciscan High School. We do great things here at Padua Franciscan every day. I suppose that, in many ways, our vision of how we will accomplish our mission and carry out our ministry to grow *in holiness and learning* is often focused primarily on what might best be described as "intangibles" – lessons and programs and experiences. But when Jesus tells us to be a light for our world, we shouldn't be surprised that perhaps our best response to his command is electrifying the field at Padua Stadium! The hallways and classrooms, the locker rooms and fields, the chapel and the auditorium – all these are the real and necessary places where we share lives and share faith, where we discover and celebrate the presence of God, where we learn to follow Jesus a little bit better, where we experience and bring the light of Christ so that we will indeed grow together *in holiness and learning*.

So enjoy this issue of *The Paduan*. Look through its pages. Read about all the good things that are going on and all that is planned for our bright future. Perhaps you'll see a project here that interests you; I hope that you might find a project in which you would like to be involved. That would be great! Together then we'll remember: *There's always more than one way to build the Kingdom!*

Until then, blessings of peace and everything good – always!

Fr. Ted Haag, O.F.M.

President, Padua Franciscan High School

Fall Semester Sheds Light on Major Facility Improvements and Plans



Miss a year, miss a lot at Padua Franciscan. The last two decades have seen a steady stream of facility improvements by the school that have encompassed the renovation of the gymnasium, the introduction of the latest educational technology throughout the building, and a complete renovation of the grounds surrounding the campus including new athletic facilities and stadium. The recent purchase of the former Camp Cordé added more than 18 acres for program expansion. Yet, the past year has been a preview of bolder improvements to come.



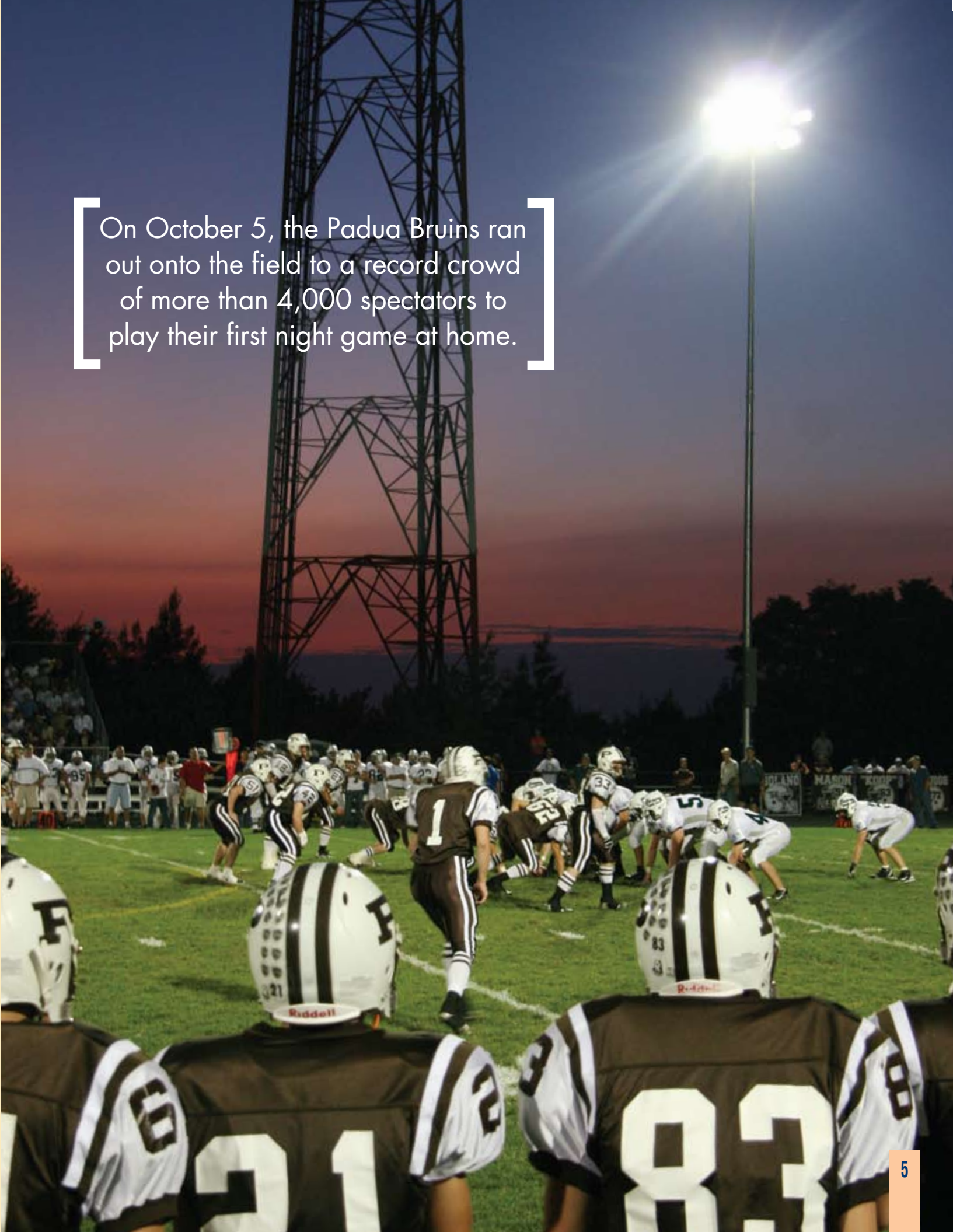
Field Lighting

No single current improvement better illustrates Padua’s coming of age than the lighting of Padua Stadium. At the homecoming football game on October 5, the Padua Bruins ran out onto the field to a record crowd of more than 4,000 spectators to play their first night game at home. Although the stadium was completed in 1999 as the finale to the Greening of Padua campaign, field lighting was not included primarily due to cost considerations in the wake of other projects. That obstacle was suddenly removed earlier this year because of the determination of parents like Tom and Debbie Mason, who re-ignited the dream of illuminating Padua’s gridiron.

Enlisting the support of several avid fans, friends, and even local politicians, the Masons approached Padua with a plan that would very nearly cover the cost of field lighting. Through a combination of donated services and negotiations with the manufacturer of the lighting system, they were able to significantly reduce the project cost to just over \$100,000, while securing funding for all but \$30,000 by the time construction began in September.

The lighting system itself is the latest in “green” technology, brilliantly illuminating the field with less energy than used by other facilities. In fact, the entire field is lit with just 28 “smart lamps” and state-of-the-art reflectors that the manufacturer says is ten years ahead of other area stadium lighting.

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Although the late completion of the project permitted only one regular-season game to be played under the lights due to the complexity of changing schedules mid-season, Bruin fans can count on a full complement of night games in the future. The Padua family is particularly grateful to the administration and staff of Lake Catholic High School for their willingness to change the date and time of the October 5th game to make the lighting debut possible this year.

The names of those making this lighting project possible will be photo-engraved on a stainless steel plaque to be attached to the light pole located near the entrance to the stadium. Additional donors interested in adding their name (\$500 minimum gift) to the plate may send their donation by January 4, 2008, to: Padua Franciscan Stadium Lighting Project in care of the school, or use the coupon located on page 13.

Camp Cordé Update

In 2005, Padua Franciscan purchased the former Camp Cordé from The Catholic Charities Corporation of the Diocese of Cleveland, effectively doubling the size of the Padua campus. Plans for the property, which include an enclosed pavilion for retreats and meetings along with acres of wooded land for student study, will feature an expansive soccer facility comprised of a World Cup-size field, a smaller playing field, and practice areas. When not in use by Padua activities, the building and grounds will be made available to local CYO soccer



programs and summer camp programs operated by Catholic Charities.

Although the start of construction has been delayed due to a myriad of mandated environmental and water retention studies, it is anticipated that work on the site will begin soon. Donors interested in naming opportunities for the entire site, fields, or pavilion should call **Gerald R. Jindra '70**, vice president for Institutional Advancement at 440.845.8224.

Gymnasium Floor Gets a Facelift

Enter the main lobby of the school and one can't help but notice Padua's newly refinished gym floor. Sanded to the bare wood late this summer, the floor is now brilliantly decorated in Padua colors, including the legends Padua Franciscan and Home of the Bruins along the side of the court. The jump circle is emblazoned with a 12-foot tall, full-color Bruin logo.



Message Boards Enhance School Communication

Take a stroll through Padua's lobby or cafeteria and you'll notice 42-inch LCD message boards. The screens, installed during the summer, provide improved communication for students and building visitors alike. School information, including upcoming events, video of exciting moments in Bruin athletics, the celebration of student accomplishments, up-to-the-minute extracurricular and athletic team bulletins, and academically challenging information are continuously displayed. The message boards were entirely funded through state auxiliary funds and are maintained and updated by Padua students.



Educational Technology – Beyond the Expected

For more than a decade, Padua has been an acknowledged leader in the use of technology in the classroom, extending its position far beyond the popular “computer in every classroom” mantra. Yet, it has always been Padua’s philosophy that such tools are only effective if teachers are properly trained in their use – and if the technology they are given to use is current. Padua has maintained its edge through the implementation of successive five-year plans which sequence both equipment upgrades and acquisition of new technology. This is quite a tall order when one considers the current inventory of more than 200 classroom computers and work stations, software from the arts to physics, dual administrative and student networks, as well as thousands of feet of cable and fiber optics. The price tag for this commitment to excellence is \$60,000 a year.

In the past few months alone, high speed “smart switches,” the core hardware that runs Padua’s networks, were installed resulting in a *hundred-fold* increase in signal speed. And, aside from the replacement of hardware like old mobile laptops with new “thin clients” that store student work directly on a central server, Padua is expanding its multimedia technology.

Remember chalkboards? They are disappearing from classrooms. Four additional SMARTboards® (electronic whiteboards incorporating the elements of a computer, DVD/VCR, and projector) are appearing in classrooms this year, bringing the total number of units to eight.

Remember overhead projectors? They are being replaced by “digital presenters,” document cameras that both project and capture images on computer. These mobile units are becoming increasingly popular by teachers of subjects ranging from art to science.

Other future improvements include the internal hosting of the school’s own e-mail system, permitting effortless broadcast of information to parents or between classrooms in the event of an emergency.

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Padua Commissions Master Plan for the Future

During the 2006-2007 school year, Padua began the intensive process of formulating a Master Facilities Plan that will encompass the future anticipated needs of all its programs. The architectural firm of Tomsik & Tomsik was commissioned to analyze the current structure and suggests both alterations and additions to the building. The process began with detailed interviews of all departments to ascertain what could be improved and what is missing from Padua’s physical resources.

A draft of the plan was received in the spring of this year and presented to those who participated in the initial process for their review and comment. While the evaluation and modification process is continuing, the wide-ranging plan includes performing arts buildings (to house practice areas, classrooms, as well as theatre/concert hall), modern chemistry and biology labs, a new guidance suite, studios for the visual arts, an atrium entrance off the north parking lot, an athletic conditioning center, visitor locker rooms, new wrestling room, administrative offices, meeting rooms, and more.

“Our building is nearly 50 years old, and we are aware of a number and a variety of needs which should be addressed in the coming years,” says Fr. Ted Haag, O.F.M., Padua’s president. The majority of the plan is focused on projects and improvements in the areas of academics and the fine arts – and the initial plan review is bringing many positive comments and a great deal of enthusiasm,” he recently noted in a letter to the parent community.

While the final version is yet to be completed, several parents, alumni, and friends of the school have already indicated an interest in working on funding various components, notably the performing arts center, new wrestling room, and conditioning center. Although the construction in some facilities displaces existing uses and must be accomplished in tandem, some are independent structures which can be accomplished independently.

Based on this, the school’s Board of Trustees will soon engage in a short and long-term prioritization of the plan once the document is completed. Individuals interested in knowing more about Padua’s Master Facilities Plan and its components should contact Fr. Ted at 440.845.2444, or return the form on page 13. ♦

Padua Students Learn How to Work a Small Miracle



During last spring break, a small band of Padua students traveled to Saint Louis, Missouri, to partake in the second annual Padua Franciscan service retreat organized by the Franciscan Connection, a ministry of the Franciscan Province of the Sacred Heart. As Padua is an educational ministry of the Province, headquartered in Saint Louis, it seemed fitting that students have the opportunity to learn more about Franciscan outreach programs firsthand.

The group, led by Padua faculty members, Br. Tom Carroll, O.F.M., Mr. **Thomas Pizon ‘99**, and Mr. **Mark Wozniak ‘97**, spent five days helping to rehabilitate a home in one of the city’s poorest neighborhoods. Padua students making the journey included **Ryan Horvath, Madison Stiber, Nicholas Quiring, Ben Podany, Jimmy Neuzil, Jenna Moran, Bridgette Kanz, Marty Hess, Jimmy Grotenrath, Jared Gill, Tony DeBaltzo, and Taylor Clark**. The efforts of the group were summarized in the following message from Br. Donald Lachowicz, O.F.M., co-director of Franciscan Connection...



To the students and teachers at Padua Franciscan High School:

You all remember the story:

Rafael is from Mexico. His wife Patricia is from Argentina. They have two children, Abi, age 8, and Anahi, 8 months. They just bought their home about four years ago. About a year ago, the main sewer line broke and flooded the basement. Patricia was pregnant at the time, and her husband was working out of state. She did not want to get sick in the home, so she moved temporarily down the street to her mother’s apartment. While they were out of the house, people broke into the building and ripped the copper pipes right out of the walls leaving them with no working plumbing. Gang members kicked in the doors, broke many of the windows, and sprayed graffiti all over the interior walls. Their claims to the insurance company were denied. So, for the last year, they have doubled up with their in-laws trying their best to protect the property from repeated break-ins and vandalism.

Then you all started pitching in:

A round of thanks to all the students and teachers from Padua Franciscan High School who gave up their spring vacation to journey all the way here from Cleveland, Ohio. During that week, they built a 50-foot fence along the backyard, as well as side fences and gates out in front of the house, to help us secure the property. It was lots of digging, through some pretty rocky soil, but the kids pushed through and got ‘er done. They even did some major cleaning inside and cleared out the basement. No easy task!

Next, local alumni from Quincy University joined in. They tackled the other apartment, painting over all the graffiti, patching walls, replacing broken windows and cleaning out that basement as well.

During the following weeks, the pipes and utilities were repaired and Patricia and her family were finally able to move back in.

It’s been a long journey for Rafael, Patricia, and their young family. But they remain hopeful. Again and again, they expressed their deep appreciation for all the volunteers who pitched in to help them. The family recently sent a long, emotional letter of thanks for all that was done, which included the following message to the Padua students:

“Your help wasn’t only a fence or a painted apartment....our nine-year-old daughter got a close look at how others can make the world a better place to live, starting by making small changes in our home and in our neighborhood on ‘spring break’.” ♦

The Padua Franciscan Endowment Trust

What You Should Know About Ensuring the Future of Padua

Making a contribution to the Padua Franciscan High School Endowment Trust enables you to create a gift that keeps on giving year after year. Simply stated, an endowment is an institutional savings account that prohibits use of the fund’s principal and restricts expenditures to interest and earnings. In the case of an endowment, the larger the principal (also known as the corpus) becomes, the greater the amount of money available to Padua each year. Since its founding in 1981, Padua Franciscan High School Endowment Trust has been building its corpus, currently valued at \$2.5 million in cash, with an equal amount in pending bequests and gifts of life insurance.

The primary purpose for Padua’s endowment is to keep tuition affordable, particularly for those families who cannot bear the full cost of a private school. With one out of every five Padua students qualifying for financial aid, the need for such assistance is clearly apparent.

Or, you may be contributing to Padua Franciscan every year, helping to support one of its programs, from the arts to athletics. We certainly hope that you intend to continue that annual support for long as you live. But then, what? Through the endowment fund, you have the opportunity to continue giving to your favorite program beyond your lifetime. You can even establish a perpetual fund in your name. Best of all, funds may be established during your lifetime or through your estate plan.

Besides gaining satisfaction from helping fulfill Padua’s needs and the inward joy philanthropy always brings, the endowment fund identifies you, and your family, with something greater than yourself. Your gift may even qualify you as a member of the Friar Club (see details on page 10). There are many ways to make a gift to the Padua Franciscan High School Endowment Trust. Here are some thoughts on the subject:

CONSIDERING YOUR GIFT OPTIONS

Aside from gifts of cash, there are many other ways to make a significant contribution to the Padua endowment. For example, it may be to your advantage to consider a gift of property (such as securities) that has grown substantially in value over the years. By donating appreciated property, you may avoid

the capital gains tax that you would have paid had you sold the property and then used the proceeds to make the gift.

Gifts of Appreciated Assets. Gifts of stock, bonds, or mutual funds that have appreciated in value can be a most advantageous way of giving. You may receive an income tax deduction for the full fair market value of the stock as a charitable contribution and avoid paying capital gains tax on the increased value of the stock. Excess deductions can be carried forward five years.

Example: If you purchased stock several years ago for \$2,000 and it is now worth \$20,000, an outright gift of that stock to us would result in a charitable deduction for the full \$20,000. In addition, you permanently avoid paying capital gains tax on the \$18,000 of appreciation.

What if your securities have decreased instead of increased? In such cases, you may still want to sell these securities and contribute the proceeds. In this case you may be entitled to take a capital loss on your tax return, as well as receive a charitable deduction for the gift of the proceeds!

Life Insurance. Life Insurance is an excellent option allowing you to make a significant gift at little cost. Irrevocably assigning the *Padua Franciscan High School Endowment Trust* as sole beneficiary of an existing or specially created life insurance policy can provide a significant endowed gift. Oftentimes a gift is made of a policy for which the original purpose has passed, such as in the case of policies purchased while dependents were still residing at home. Donors may claim an income tax deduction for the cash or purchase value of the policy. Another popular technique is to purchase a life insurance policy for the specific purpose of benefiting Padua.

Note: You may wish to consider funding a life insurance gift and paying the premiums with appreciated securities as a unique way of reducing the actual cost down to pennies on the dollar! This is possible when a donor contributes a policy and then annually contributes appreciated stocks or bonds so that the charity can pay the premiums. Oftentimes the resulting tax savings equal or exceed the original cost of the securities.



Limited-time IRA Gift Opportunity. The Pension Protection Act of 2006 contains a temporary provision known as the “IRA Charitable Rollover” which expires December 21, 2007. Under the terms of this tax break, retirees 70½ and older may be able to directly transfer as much as \$100,000 directly from their IRAs to charities like Padua Franciscan High School without first taking a distribution from the IRAs.

Note: This might be a good strategy for individuals who face donation limits based on their income. Generally, you cannot donate an amount that exceeds 50 percent of your adjusted gross income. However, when the money goes directly to the charity from the IRA, it doesn’t count against that limit because it’s not included in your gross income. Since this distribution is tax free, if you do itemize you cannot deduct the gift on your Schedule A. The ability to keep the money out of your taxable income, however, should help offset the deduction loss.

Tribute and Memorial Gifts. When you experience the loss of a family member, friend, or associate, or when there is a special individual or occasion you want to honor, your living gift through a tribute and memorial gift is truly meaningful. It demonstrates your depth of concern, and it benefits others by strengthening the power of Padua’s endowment. When your tribute or memorial gift is received, a letter is sent to the person or family in whose honor the gift is made. The amount



of your gift is kept confidential and you, as the benefactor, will receive a separate acknowledgment for your records.

Outright Bequest. Making a gift through your will is an easy way of making a planned gift to Padua Franciscan. A bequest may be expressed in terms of either a specific sum or a percentage of the residuary estate. Just recently, in fact, Padua was notified that it was the recipient of the remainder of an estate after the benefactor’s family, friends, and other charities received specified amounts. If you desire to include Padua in your will, the preferred language is *Padua Franciscan High School Education Endowment Trust*, as such gifts are traditionally administered by the endowment to ensure that the donor’s wishes are fulfilled.

Charitable Gift Annuity. You may wish you had the means to make a large gift to the school, but you also need to be assured of income for the rest of your life. Did you know that there are life income plans that allow you to make a significant contribution to Padua, enjoy significant immediate and

The Friar Club Recognizes Your Commitment to Franciscan Education

The Friar Club was established to recognize individuals, corporations and foundations who have made



a significant commitment to the young people we serve. Membership is reserved for those who have demonstrated a desire to ensure the future of Franciscan education at Padua, either through present or deferred giving. The Friar Club is also friends like you who wish to become a major donor but whose cash resources are limited. You can become a member by:

- A deferred gift of \$25,000 or more through a trust, will; or
- Assignment of an existing (\$10,000 minimum guaranteed value) or new life insurance policy (\$25,000 minimum) naming Padua Franciscan as sole beneficiary; or
- A gift or pledge of \$10,000 or more (contributions for current or capital needs as well as to the endowment trust qualify).
- Pledge, trust, bequest, or gift may be funded by cash, stock, or real property, subject to approval.

Benefits for membership in the Friar Club include membership pin, invitation to annual Friar Club dinner, free admission to all Padua-hosted athletic and fine arts performances, and reduced fees for annual James W. Day Golf Tournament and Bruin Benefit events. The names of members are also inscribed on plaques located in Padua’s main entrance.



Since the establishment of Padua’s Endowment Fund in 1981, nearly 25 named financial aid funds have been established. Each year, recipients of these tuition assistance funds and their benefactors meet at a special get-acquainted breakfast.

estate tax deductions, and all the while providing a life income for yourself and your spouse?

One such option is called the charitable gift annuity, and it is part gift and in part the purchase of an annuity. In essence, a gift annuity is an agreement between you and Padua Franciscan under which you provide a specific sum of cash, securities or other property (valued at \$25,000 or more) and, in return, are guaranteed a fixed annual income for life. The result of this unique arrangement is that both the donor and the school receive long-term benefits from a single generous act. At the death of the donor in a one-life annuity, or at the death of the second beneficiary in a two-life gift annuity, the balance reverts to the school for the purpose specified by the donor in the annuity agreement.

Note: You may include a second beneficiary (such as your spouse) in the Gift Annuity Agreement. Should the second beneficiary survive you, the school will continue to make the payments for the life of the second beneficiary. You may also choose to defer payment of the annuity until retirement or when your income tax liability is reduced.

Charitable Lead Trust. This type of trust is ideal when interest rates are low, since the lower the federal discount rate, the higher the tax deduction. Just the opposite of a life income plan, the lead trust makes a gift of interest

income to Padua, and then the assets revert back to the donor (or to non-charitable beneficiaries) after an agreed-upon term of years. Through a lead trust, donors can significantly reduce their estate and gift taxes on transfers of wealth to their children and grandchildren.

Need Help?

Yes, there are many ways to give beyond simply writing a check – many of which allow you to make a major gift with little or no out-of-pocket expense! In addition to the foregoing, other creative giving options are outlined at www.PaduaFranciscan.com.

Thoughtful philanthropy involves more than tax planning. Ideally, substantial charitable gifts should be shaped with consideration to your age, family circumstances, and total financial resources. Of course, prior consultation with your tax or legal advisor is also important. If you need help finding professional legal or financial help, call Gerald R. Jindra, vice president for Institutional Advancement at 440.845.8224. ♦



Padua Hosts Educational Enrichment Mini-Series for Elementary School Teachers

As part of its annual enrichment series for teachers of grades 5 through 8 and their principals, Padua recently hosted the mini-workshop Beyond Assertive Discipline: Effective Methods for Dealing With Problem Student Behaviors.

Fifty area educators attended the program on October 3 to hear Christine Swartz, clinical director of Education Alternatives Day Treatment discuss the underlying brain-based causes of chronic problem behavior and the key to mediating those student emotions and

behaviors. She explained that the root cause of many such problem behaviors is the lack of emotional attachment, and how developing positive teacher-student relationships can enable students to self-regulate rather than rely on (or resist) adult authority.

The annual elementary teachers’ workshop has become a much-anticipated educational event. Past topics have included robotics, preparing students for high school English, secondary school math concepts, and the use of primary documents for teaching history. ♦



Christine Swartz presents a mini workshop dealing with problem student behaviors to area elementary school teachers as part of Padua’s annual enrichment series.



Padua Franciscan High School Facility Improvement Response Form

Yes! I am interested in participating in Padua’s facility improvements!

- ☐ Add my name to the Field Lighting Project plaque with a gift of \$500 or more! I am pledging/enclosing \$_____.
- ☐ I am interested in getting involved in Padua’s Master Facilities Plan. Please contact me. Indicate area(s) of interest _____.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Daytime telephone: () _____

Send to: Padua Franciscan High School, Institutional Advancement, 6740 State Road, Parma, Ohio 44134

Marketing Campaign Promises Students “We’ll Get You There!”™

Drive just about anywhere on the southwest side and south of Cleveland and you will likely find yourself behind an RTA bus. Just as you maneuver to pass the lumbering vehicle, your eyes meet a lively poster proclaiming Padua Franciscan High School and the message *We’ll Get You There!*, along with information on the school’s open house, November 11. In fact, at this time of year, you are likely to encounter Padua’s message on mediums from mall kiosks to newspaper ads. It’s all designed to inform future generations of students (and their parents) about the promise of a Padua Franciscan education.

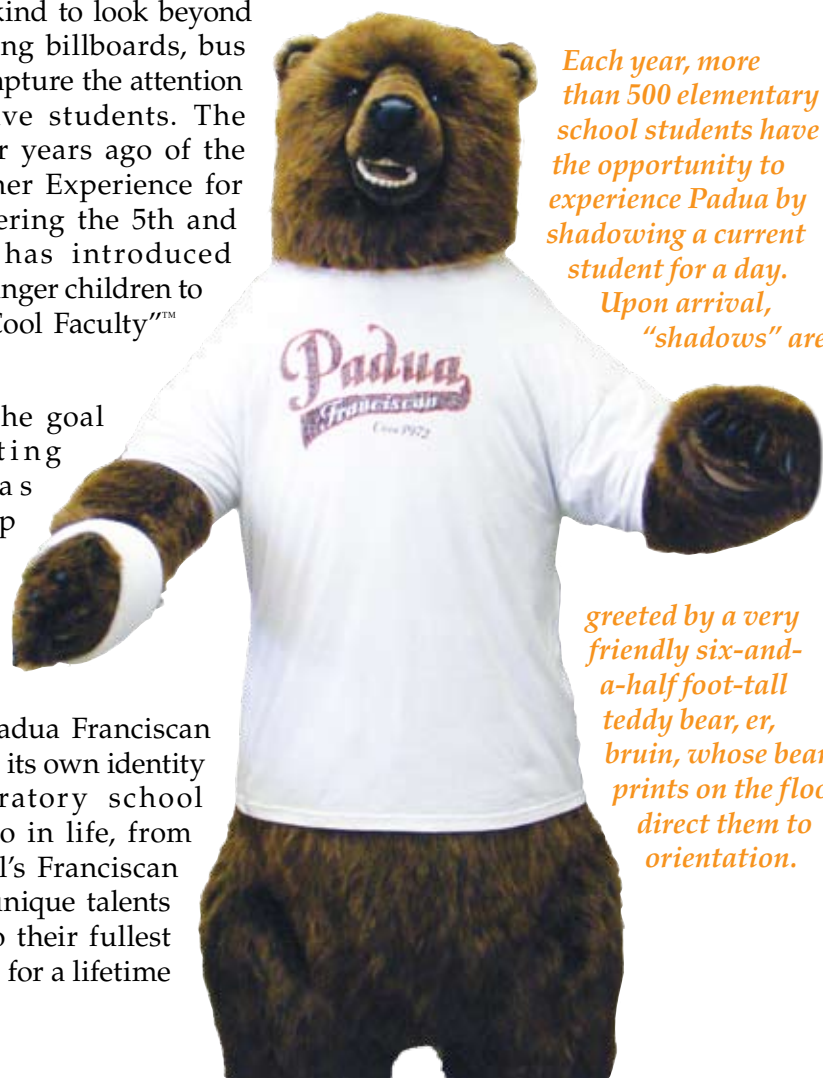
Nearly two decades ago, Padua Franciscan was among one of the first high schools to utilize thematic marketing campaigns based on market research. Padua also set the pace by utilizing full-color brochures and the first to widely use VHS, CD, and now DVD video as integral components of recruiting materials. In more recent years, the school was the first of its kind to look beyond radio and television to reach its audience, employing billboards, bus boards, mall kiosks, and other medium designed to capture the attention of prospective students. The addition four years ago of the Padua Summer Experience for students entering the 5th and 6th grades has introduced dozens of younger children to the “Really Cool Faculty”™ at Padua.

Today, the goal of promoting Padua has taken the leap from basic message marketing to branding. After nearly fifty years, Padua Franciscan has come into its own identity as a preparatory school

focused on getting students where they want to go in life, from college to career. This definition reflects the school’s Franciscan charism -- which holds that each person possesses unique talents and abilities to be identified and developed to their fullest potential. Add to this mix critical thinking skills for a lifetime



Each year, more than 500 elementary school students have the opportunity to experience Padua by shadowing a current student for a day. Upon arrival, “shadows” are



greeted by a very friendly six-and-a-half foot-tall teddy bear, er, bruin, whose bear prints on the floor direct them to orientation.

of learning, together with a celebration of life and Creation, and you have not just Padua, but Padua Franciscan.

For these reasons, the campaign theme *We’ll Get You There!* projects a strong, clear message that defines this institution. Add to that message contemporary graphic treatments familiar to young people ages 11 to 13, and a fast-paced DVD narrated by young people, and you begin to capture their attention – that critical first step. That attention is then focused through events such as the annual Open House (attracting nearly 1,000 people on a single Sunday in November) and opportunities for 8th grade students to spend a day “shadowing” a current Paduan.

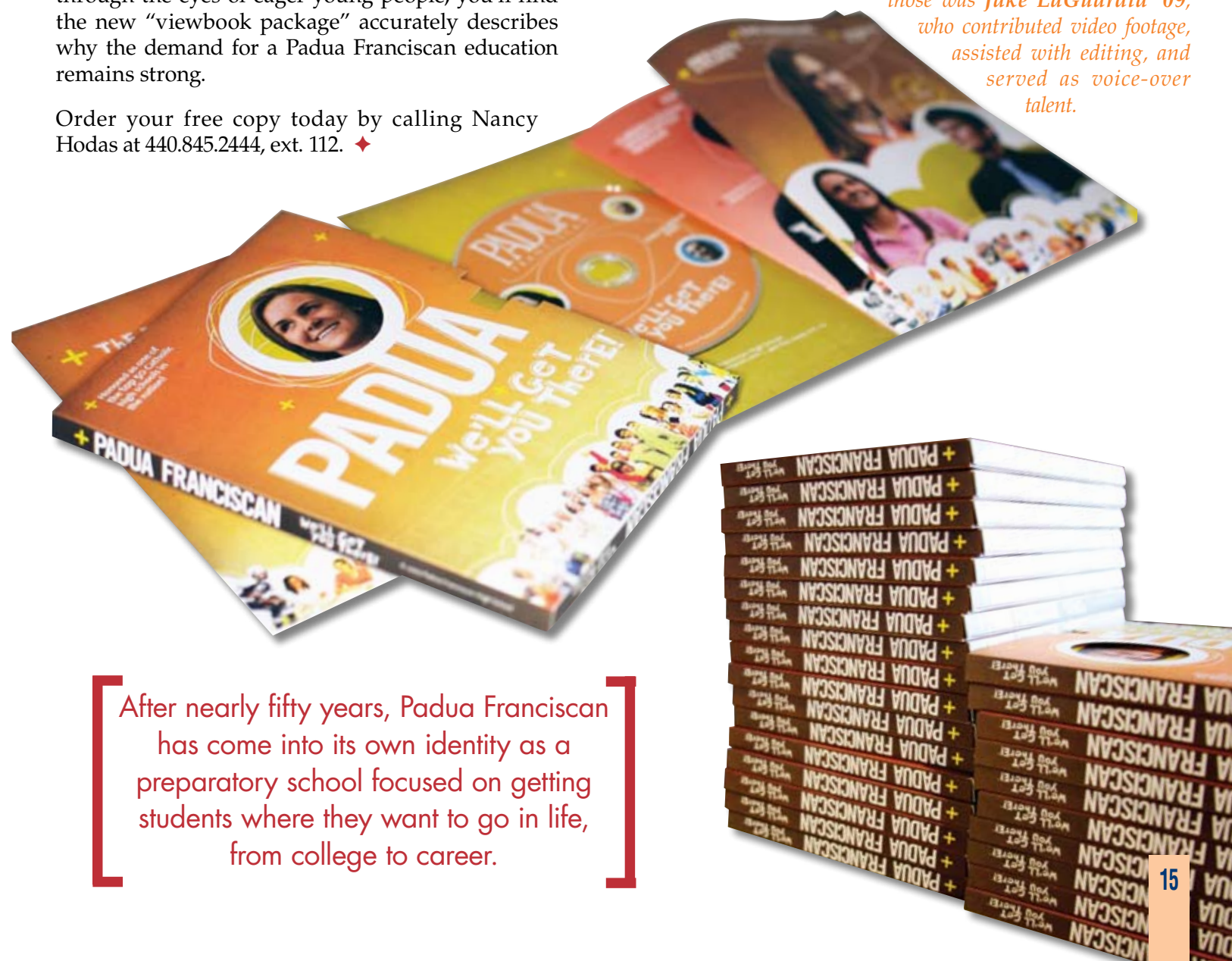
Whether you know a prospective student or want to know more about today’s Padua experience through the eyes of eager young people, you’ll find the new “viewbook package” accurately describes why the demand for a Padua Franciscan education remains strong.

Order your free copy today by calling Nancy Hodas at 440.845.2444, ext. 112. ♦



The new recruiting DVD bears the imprint of two dozen students who contributed their talents to the effort under the direction of 427 Design, Padua’s agency. Students

served as models, gave on-camera interviews, contributed still and video photography, and provided original music. Key among those was Jake LaGuardia ‘09, who contributed video footage, assisted with editing, and served as voice-over talent.



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Padua Students Walk the Night to Conquer Cancer

On September 28, members of the Padua Key Club walked throughout the streets of Cleveland in the "Light the Night" walk for cancer research. The students raised \$900 on behalf of fellow student **Rachel Murray '10** who is currently undergoing treatment for a rare form of leukemia. ♦

Board of Trustees Welcomes Genmarie Stiber

The Padua Franciscan Board of Trustees recently welcomed Genmarie Stiber to its ranks to serve an initial three-year term. The mother of **Michaela '03, Kathryn '04, and Madison '08**, Mrs. Stiber has been active in Padua organizations and activities for several years, including terms as vice president and president of the Padua Music Association and director of the school's Color Guard.



She and her husband Michael own Stiber Fabricating, Inc., which manufactures Corian® countertops. Genmarie is also employed by the Cleveland Clinic as an accounts payable representative.

The Board of Trustees is comprised of alumni, parents, as well as corporate and community leaders. ♦

Twenty-two Padua Students Receive AP Scholar Designation

The College Board annually recognizes exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement Program Exams. The program offers students the opportunity to take college-level courses while attending high school and receiving college credit, advanced placement, or both. Padua Franciscan offers AP courses in Biology, Physics, U.S. History, American Government, and Politics, English, Mathematics, and Art.

In May, after completing these challenging courses, students took the national AP Exams to determine proficiency. About 18 percent of the more than 1.4 million high school students worldwide who took the AP Exams were recognized as AP Scholars. This year, 22 Padua students received the designation in one of three categories.

Earning the Scholar with Distinction Award were **Amy Allen, Lauren Bajbus, Michelle Coyne, Sheila Herlihy, Justin Joseph, Thomas Meyer, and Christopher Roman.**

Scholar with Honor Awards went to **Christine Mika and Kathryn Starrett.**

Scholar Awards were received by **Dina Falvo, Sara Flecher, Laura Hopkins, Kristen Jantonio, Nathan Kolasinski, Katherine Lambert, Steven Margevicius, Jacob Mey, Shane Mulvihill, Patrick Polomsky, Peter Tefft, Mary Vondra, and Corey Zanotti.** ♦



Attention Alumni Classes

1967 – 1972 – 1977 – 1982 – 1987 – 1992 – 1997 – 2002

*Padua Franciscan High School
Cordially Invites You to Attend
Reunion Weekend 2007*

Join fellow classmates and faculty in a reunion celebration on Friday, November 23, 2007



Where:

Hellenic Banquet Center
4548 Wallings Road
North Royalton, Ohio 44133
440-582-1083

When:

Friday, November 23, 2007
7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
(business casual attire)

Cost: \$40 per person

Your ticket includes an assortment of both hot and cold hors d'oeuvres including carving stations of beef and ham, chicken tenders, Swedish meatballs, fruit and pastry, veggies and dip, cheese and crackers, and an open bar for four hours.

Music by TKO Entertainment – **Ted Kusek '84**

For more information, call 440.845.2444, x106

A Summer of Adventure to Launch a Career of Service

By Ryan Iafigliola '03
ryani@fullercenter.org

Veni, Vidi, Vici. We came, we saw, we conquered! This summer I was privileged to be part of a group of 30 riders from across the country, including Liz Smietana (Miss Padua '03), on the road trip of a lifetime. Through an organization called Bike and Build, we rode bicycles over 3,500 miles, volunteered for 9 build days on Habitat for Humanity worksites, spoke to numerous groups and media about affordable housing, and raised \$75,000 that was given to affordable housing groups. I personally spent 239 hours sitting on my bike, pedaled roughly 1 million rotations, got 11 flat tires, and averaged 14.9 mph. From the beaches of North Carolina, to the deserts of Arizona and California, the trip was an outstanding success!

Perhaps the single most memorable day of the trip was the second-to-last day, which was supposed to be 110 miles through the California desert. Instead, Liz, another rider, and I went 18 miles past our turn, and due to a car accident that totaled our support trailer that same day, we were forced to bike back. We biked from 5:30 a.m. until 9:30 p.m., going through 118 degree heat, a 5,000 foot mountain climb, a dirt road, rain, and hail to bike a total of 139 miles! To put it in perspective, a woman told us that the road is one which "only the ironmen bike on." What a memorable adventure!



Top: Ryan Iafigliola '03 and Liz Smietana '03 take a brief break from the Continental Divide in the Rocky Mountains, elevation 11,312 feet!

Right: Ryan displays his victory pose in the Pacific Ocean. This marked the final spot at the end of his trip.



A few memories state by state:

- North Carolina**..... (681 mi.) - My days as a bicycling rookie were put to a quick end in this beautiful state when we hit the Appalachian Mountains. To get into Tennessee, we had to cross the highest point (5,048 feet) of our trip until Colorado.
- Tennessee**..... (552 mi.) - Large hills, roads without shoulders for bikes, a squatter who built his home right on the dirt rode shown on our maps, a campsite we renamed Mosquitoville, mangy dogs routinely giving us chase, and our closest to having a serious injury on the trip. Definitely our most challenging state but also the home of 5 excellent build days with Maryville Habitat for Humanity.
- Arkansas**..... (256 mi.) – We crossed the great Mississippi River to receive fantastic hospitality, very friendly locals, and the beautiful Ozark Mountains.
- Missouri**..... (20 mi.) – “The Downhill State.” (After all, it was only 20 miles.)

- Oklahoma**..... (326 mi.) - Finally a flat state! I expected dry heat, but got rain and massive flooding instead. For us, the cool rain really was a blessing.
- Kansas**..... (251 mi.) - Three mid-sized hills per day were still more than I expected.
- Colorado**..... (622 mi.) - Incredible rides and scenery made this probably my favorite state. The awe-inspiring Rocky Mountains proved no match for our highly trained legs by this point in the trip, even hitting our top elevation of 11,312 feet.
- Arizona**..... (548 mi.) - Its amazing diversity in landscape broke the desert stereotype. Grassy plains, a surprise set of mountains, sand dunes, and (yes!) desert made Arizona challenging but always exciting!
- California**..... (278 mi.) - Long hot days, but the finish line was in sight - no quitting now! And then victory in San Diego! Ah, sweet, sweet, victory.

Traveling on bicycle makes you always a traveler but never a tourist. With a pace and schedule to keep, we were unable to stop at many of the tourist stops along the way. While initially slightly disappointing, we soon found that this was actually quite liberating! Instead of letting the touristy businesses monopolize our attention (and money), we were able to gain a better glimpse of the countryside and our nation as it actually is. Instead of listening to tour guides, we befriended local citizens; instead of staying in historic hotels, we stayed in active churches or YMCAs; instead of eating in restaurants, we often ate authentic home-cooked meals that they provided; and instead of staying in wealthy districts, we often stayed in the midst of the typical, struggling rural communities in America.

Our experiences with the people and communities along our route illuminated the struggles that so many Americans face in obtaining something as simple as decent, affordable housing. Nevertheless, meeting so many of the wonderful, humble people who were already active in their own communities also demonstrated to us that people like you and me really can help to bring communities together to offer helping hands. Inspired by the servants we met, our group challenged youth, churches, and anyone who would listen to pick up their hammer or checkbook and ask how they could help.

My involvement with affordable housing began long before this bike trip, back when I was a student at Padua. After attending a program called Inward Bound in inner-city Cleveland for two summers, at the end of my junior year, I helped organize a group of about 30 students, parents, and Padua alumni to go on a Habitat for Humanity work day in Canton. The next year, at the urging of my brother Brett Iafigliola '00, I

led the organization of eight more trips; and we involved nearly 100 individuals in an attempt to start an official Habitat for Humanity Campus Chapter, which never quite materialized only due to a transition within Habitat for Humanity International at that time. Even still, now five years later, the group carries on Padua's legacy of service. It has continued to organize monthly successful build days for hundreds of Padua students, thanks to the outstanding dedication of Advisor Laurie Stroempl and current student leaders like Jason Iafigliola '08, Marie Zipp '09, Doug DeGirolamo '09, Julie Kane '09, and Kyle Stroempl '10.

With these formative experiences behind me, what's next? Since September I have continued my efforts in the affordable housing movement by joining Habitat for Humanity's founder Millard Fuller at his new start-up, The Fuller Center for Housing. The Fuller Center is a Christian faith-based organization that believes God's love extends to everyone and that therefore everyone on earth deserves at least a simple, decent place to call home.

The Fuller Center builds new homes in partnership with working families who are required to put in about 350 sweat equity hours and to repay the cost of the home at no profit and no interest. In addition, The Fuller Center uses its Greater Blessing Program to do many home rehabilitation projects for families in need, especially the elderly. Instead of sending an elderly person another legal obligation to require repayment, The Fuller Center simply invites them to receive the Greater Blessing of

being a giver – to faithfully pay off the repair cost using a non-binding mutually devised payment plan. As Jesus said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

Seeking to be a partner and contributor to local housing projects, The Fuller Center's first two years



have been an incredible success! After two years, The Fuller Center is already active in 10 countries and 7 states, with groups in 18 other states moving towards covenant partnership. An opportunity like this, straight out of college, is a direct result of the leadership opportunities and education I have been given, and it is another adventure that I eagerly anticipate!



Ryan is shown here with Linda and Millard Fuller, co-founders of The Fuller Center for Housing and Habitat for Humanity International.

Part of my role will be launching the first high school and college Fuller Center chapters. These chapters will be called Fuller Center Student Builders and will get students involved in leadership and meaningful roles –

an activity I first was privileged to do when a student at Padua. It appears that Harvard University will become the first Fuller Center Student Builders group and six other colleges already have expressed interest in forming groups, but there are no high schools yet. My challenge, and perhaps you will consider helping, is to make Padua become the first high school Student Builders group in the nation! The group could use your help to chaperone build days, organize fundraisers or education events like an awareness walk, or countless other possibilities! Contact Mrs. Laura Stroempl at the school (440.845.2444) or send me an email (ryani@fullercenter.org) if you are interested.

If the bike trip was considered a success, it was because of the prayers, donations, and letters of encouragement from so many supporters, like the Padua community. That same support for years has enabled students to serve, and now it can help bring its service to new heights. Just as we challenged those along the road to get involved in their own community, I now challenge you to continue to do the same. I hope to stay in close contact with my roots in Cleveland in the years ahead, and perhaps I will see you on a worksite with The Fuller Center for Housing sometime soon. The excitement is building!

www.fullercenter.org ♦

"If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth."

1 John 3:16-17

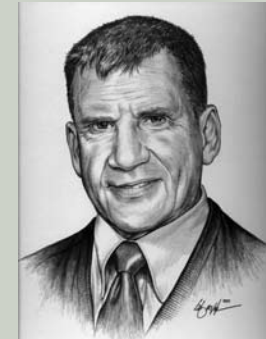
Padua Franciscan Announces Third Hall of Fame Induction Class

Padua Franciscan High School honored six new members to the Padua Franciscan Hall of Fame on Saturday, October 27, 2007. The Padua Franciscan Hall of Fame recognizes those individuals who have made significant contributions to the success of Padua or the Padua community in the areas of athletics, service, and volunteerism; success in their field of work; and community leadership.



Lawrence Pizon
ATHLETIC AWARD

After more than 40 years as beloved teacher and coach, Mr. "Larry" Pizon has earned the right to be considered a Padua icon. In 1971, Larry was instrumental in starting the Padua hockey program and remained team coach for 36 years – and three state championships. He proved equally competent on other playing fields as well, coaching the school golf team for 20 years, and served as assistant varsity and junior varsity baseball coach for several seasons. His status is due to his friendly teaching style and diverse coaching abilities.



Thomas Kohuth
ATHLETIC AWARD

In 2005, Coach Kohuth retired from his position as head football coach after 29 seasons. That run included a state runner-up finish in 1979 and a career record of 166-128-1. His individual honors have included League Coach of the Year in 1979, '86, and '93. He was named Ohio Coach of the Year in 1979. Tom is also a member of the Case Western Reserve Athletic Hall of Fame and Parma Sports Hall of Fame.



John Peyton '74 (RIP)
ATHLETIC AWARD

John Peyton '74 is remembered for his tireless efforts on behalf of high school athletics. In John's words and actions, "keep the kids on the playgrounds and off the streets," was his motto. John was always determined to see that the accomplishments and efforts of all high school student-athletes were recognized, urging the media and area professional teams to assist him with his passion. In John's eyes, any kid who put forth the effort was special. John was an innovator, who for more than 25 years committed himself to high school sports through his service as executive director of the NCL and numerous other volunteer posts.



Dr. Charles Garven, M.D. '73
FRANCISCAN MEDAL AWARD

Physician and humanitarian, Chuck has dedicated his adult life to serving the needs of the poor, from within greater Cleveland to Appalachia and Honduras. "It was at Padua that I discovered the gospel message that requires us to work for justice and give service to the needy. What I learned then and am doing now fits with that message and the Franciscan values we experienced."



Thomas Stasek '65
OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS AWARD

As a student, faculty member, coach, and founding member of Padua Franciscan's Alumni Association, Tom has exemplified the ultimate Padua athlete, scholar, and altruistic Christian gentleman. Throughout the years, he has remained a steadfast and loyal supporter of the school, its programs, and activities for the benefit of young people.



Dr. Anthony Joseph, M.D. '68
OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS AWARD

For 20 years, Tony and his company, AMC Registry, Inc., of Columbus, Ohio, have been working on finding solutions to improve the processes related to early diagnosis and treatment of patients with potentially lethal heart attacks. His work has been credited with saving countless lives due to the timely and correct diagnosis of heart patients.

Alumni Association Calendar - What's Happening Through April 2008



Padua Open House for Alumni and Their Families - November 11

If you are a parent of a 6th, 7th, or 8th grade student, who may be considering a Padua Franciscan education, this is an important date for you! This VIP tour begins with Mass for alumni families at 11:00 a.m. followed by a private reception and tours of the building. RSVP by November 1 is required. Call 440-845-8224 or e-mail ckuhn@paduafranciscan.com.

Padua Franciscan Reunion Date Set for Class Years Ending in "2 or 7" – November 23

If you are a member of a Padua class ending in a 2 or 7 you don't want to miss this opportunity to re-unite with former classmates and faculty on Friday, November 23, at Hellenic Banquet Center in North Royalton. See ad on page 17 for details.

Bruin Benefit 2008 – April 28

Mark your calendars now for Bruin Benefit 2008. Last year's dinner and benefit auction was an early sell-out, so don't miss your chance to enjoy a gourmet meal and bid on some unique auction items that can only be found at Padua's Bruin Benefit. This year's event will take place at Sammy's Metropolitan Ballroom, which is located on the top floor of the Huntington Bank building downtown. To reserve your ticket, donate an auction item, or serve on the planning committee, call 440.845.2444, ext. 106, or e-mail rholz@paduafranciscan.com.

1965
Don Baracskey announced that his company, Kona Kini Productions, specializing in business-to-business video productions has received both a silver and a bronze award in the 2007 Millennium Awards competitions.

1968
David Sibits has been named president of CBIZ Financial upon joining the company in May 2007. Prior to CBIZ, Dave had been executive managing director of RSM McGladrey’s Ohio region after its acquisition of American Express Tax and Business Services.



1971
Dennis Kane, M.D., is assistant dean, College of Medicine, at Ohio University.

1972
In July, Larry Novak became a proud grandfather of triplet grandsons, Gerut, Grady, and Griffin Monigold.

1975
BIRTHS: Matthew Adam born to Linda and Mark Iacobelli ’75 on August 20.

1979
The chairperson of neurology at MetroHealth Medical Center, Joe Hanna provides an important role in treating strokes. He is also an associate professor at Case Western Reserve University.

1980
A Cleveland public schools teacher, Bob Tuma was recently featured in the Plain Dealer as “Jungle Bob” who travels to various groups to show off his wildlife, most usually snakes and spiders. Bob is also an annual feature at Padua’s Summer Experience.

1982
At the 111th Boston Marathon, Michael Yako finished in the top 50 with a time of 3:21:13. • An Independence police lieutenant, John Smith is currently attending Ashland Theological Seminary’s master’s of art program in clinical pastoral counseling.

1983
Ordained a priest for the Diocese of Cleveland in 1992, Fr. Steve Brunovsky is the new pastor of St. Hilary Parish in Fairlawn.

1987
A former chief of staff for the Cleveland public schools, Lisa Ruda has been named chief of staff for the Washington, D.C., public schools.

1988
A physician specializing in pulmonary medicine at the Cleveland Clinic, Cristine Radojicic received her B.S. from the University of Akron and her M.D. from Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine.

1989
BIRTHS: Zeke Joseph born to Hannah and Darren

In Memoriam

John Blanda ‘69, brother of Stanislaus ‘71

Robert Brooks, father of James ‘74, Tim ‘81, and Mary ‘86

Vincenzo Chiuchiarelli, father of Carlo ‘77 and Rick ‘80, grandfather of Stephanie ‘04 and Rob ‘07

Edwin Cuglewski, father of Jim ‘70

Alfredo Duarte, father of Steven ‘90

Lillian Feador, mother of Art ‘76 and Emil ‘79, grandmother of Jennifer ‘04, David ‘06, Rachel ‘07, Jessica ‘08, Christopher ‘09, and Daniel ‘10

James Flynn, father of Kevin ‘89 and Brian ‘90

Ralph Miller, father of Ron ‘83

Corrine Ostrowski, mother of Kevin ‘76

Mieskoski. They reside in Austin, Texas. • An emergency medicine physician with the Cleveland Clinic, Steve Dorsey received his B.A. from John Carroll University and M.D. from The Ohio State University College of Medicine and Public Health. His specialties include resident education and gastrointestinal disease.

1990
BIRTHS: Patrick Ryan born to Kimberly Monyak-Stipe and her husband Ryan in December 2006. • Since 2000, Nadia Tarnawsky has been producing Ukrainian-themed dance-theatre pieces. Last summer her show, Ancestral Voices, was invited to be performed at the New York International Fringe Festival, the Cincinnati Fringe Festival, the Toronto Ukrainian Festival, and the Cleveland Public Theatre’s Gordon Square Theatre.



1991
BIRTHS: Joseph Michael born to Heather Brooks-Szudarek and her husband Joe on July 18.

1992
BIRTHS: Brannon born to Andrea Julian-Porterfield and her husband Jason on June 20.

1993
BIRTHS: Scarlett Siobhan born to Tricia and Paul Javor-Casey on April 12. • Benjamin Eamon born to Amy and Neil Gorman on May 14. • An accomplished voice actor working in Hollywood, Joshua Thompson is currently appearing on The Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson.

1996
BIRTHS: Twins Brayden Alexander and Haylee Morgan born to Jodi Smith on June 30. • Tsgt. Gerrick Hoffman is an instructor for the Air Force and stationed in Charleston, SC.

1997
Owner of Light Rock Productions, A.J. Schultz recently edited episodes for MTV’s High School Stories series. • Marisa A. Pocci passed the July 2007 Nevada bar exam, and is employed as an attorney with the California-based law firm of Cooksey, Toolen, Gage, Duffy, & Woog, P.C., in Las Vegas.

1998
Jonathan Hunek will marry Renee Mickas ‘99 in January. He is a teacher and football/track coach in the Maple Hts. School System.

1999
Connie Krysiak married Roberto Paniagua on July 14 at St. Charles Church. She’s a Spanish teacher in the Worthington High School system in Columbus, Ohio. • A firefighter and paramedic with the city of Mentor, Antonio DiDonato married Cara Myers in September 2006. • Allison Jeric teaches English, is the senior

Danielle Remich ‘88, December 24, 2006

Russell Schneider, brother of Kenneth ‘66, uncle of Kenneth ‘00

Edwin Shultis, father of James ‘75

Edward Stakolich, father of Edward ‘73, Timothy ‘74, Scott ‘81, and Robert ‘86, grandfather of Dan Durichko ‘95, Tim Stakolich ‘09 and Hannah Stakolich ‘11

Chester Stefaniak, father of Gregory ‘69 and Carl ‘72

Edward Zamiska, father of Scott ‘72, and grandfather of Amy ‘86, Susan ‘87, and Jennifer ‘93

Ray Zdankiewicz ‘73, October 28, 2007, brother of Ed ‘72 and uncle of Sarah ‘04

class advisor, and is the Academic Challenge advisor at Minerva High School. • Majoring in German, Anne Popiel graduated from Kenyon College in 2003 with honors. A Fulbright Scholar, she taught in Austria for two years and is currently in the Ph.D. program at Washington University in St. Louis. Next year she will move to Berlin, Germany, to continue dissertation work. • John Link is currently the recreation center program director for the city of Seven Hills.

2000
On June 9, Jonathan Skuza married Lara Schenk at the Catawba Island Club in Port Clinton, Ohio. Michael Skuza ‘02 was best man; and Stacey Skuza ‘04 and Jeremy Ernst ‘00 were in the wedding party. Jonathan is currently pursuing a doctor of philosophy degree in physics at the College of William and Mary. • Currently a resident of Dallas, Texas, Daniel Matlock was the only double bassist invited to the 2007 Kent/Blossom Chamber Music Festival. He spent his summer working and performing with the Cleveland Orchestra. • On June 16, 2007, Dawn Hanis and Joseph Kulikowski ‘95 were married. The wedding party included Sharon Timure (maid of honor), Erin Zemanek, Theresa Kulikowski ‘02, Stephen Kulikowski ‘97 (best man), and Jigar Patel ‘97. • Brett Iafigliola is majoring in civil engineering at Valpraiso University and recently led a project to relocate a historic bridge on campus. Like his brother Ryan, he is involved in Habitat for Humanity.

2001
A graduate of the Air Force Academy, Amber Hoffman recently finished a tour at Baled AFB in Iraq and has now been assigned to Buckley AFB in Denver, Colorado. • A 2005 graduate of Xavier University with a major in theology and minors in biology and chemistry, Clare Herlihy is presently attending the University of Cincinnati Medical School. She is presently co-director of a non-profit health services organization operated by the UC Med School. • Courtney Hunek and Eric Heideloff are planning a June 2008 wedding. He is a manager of Enterprise Car Rental. • Sarah Brizius is a special education teacher for the Parma City Schools.

2002
A graduate of The Ohio State University with a B.S. in biological engineering, Lisa Kiel has contributed to the design and building of a device that will detect lameness and health problems in dairy cattle and will acquire a patent for the device. She is currently enrolled at the College of Veterinary Medicine at OSU and is engaged to be married to Joseph Mokos in August 2008. • Emily Huszarik graduated from Bryant & Stratton College with an associate’s degree in accounting and is engaged to Steven Marzaloos. • Joe Link is currently employed as an account representative for Area Temps.

2003
Maureen Herlihy is currently in Philadelphia working with the Franciscan volunteer ministries doing a year of service. • A graduate of The Ohio State University with a B.S. in nursing, Jacqueline Hoffman is working in the Metro Hospital burn unit. • A recent graduate of Xavier, Jon Gromek is preparing to join Network, a non-profit national Catholic social justice lobbying group in Washington, D.C., that will allow him to explore his political activism. He will be researching and writing about issues such as war, healthcare, Darfur, and the farm bill. • Kimberly Klatka graduated from the College of Wooster in May and was offered a position in Japan as a prefectural advisor along with some teaching duties. She is living in the city of Nara. • In Northern Ohio Live magazine, Bridget McNamara was included among the “Best and Brightest” for her achievement both on and off campus at Ursuline College. • A first-year teacher at Brunswick High School, Jessica Thompson was awarded “Student Teacher of the Year” by John Carroll University. Her student-teaching experience ranged from Dublin, Ireland, to the inner city of New York City. • Magen Massey graduated from Bowling Green State University earlier this year and is now a financial analyst with Key Bank.



Somethin’ Bruin....continues on back cover



Future Bruins Visit Padua Stadium

On Saturday, September 8, more than 100 CYO and youth football students had



Asst. Coach Angelo Gasparro ‘91 welcomes our guests prior to taking the field.

welcome in Padua’s locker room prior to the team taking the field. They also participated

in the team’s prayer on the field prior to kick-off and were eligible for a drawing to win two Cleveland Browns tickets! Special thanks to Jerry Herman ‘77 and Chris Zanotti ‘77 for underwriting this year’s CYO day. This marks the sixth year that Jerry and Chris have been providing this unique experience for our future Bruins. ♦

an up-close-and-personal visit to Padua

Stadium to watch the Bruins defeat Valley Forge 24-7. The players and their families were admitted free to the game and were treated to a pre-game cookout as part of Padua’s CYO day. In addition to the game and cookout, players were invited onto the field to view pre-game warm-up and were

Students had a chance to view pre-game warm-up from the field.



Alumna Named Big East Academic All-Star

Michelle Rossi ‘06 was recently named as a Big East academic all-star for her outstanding academic and athletic performance during the 2006-2007 academic year. As an honoree, she was a letter-winner who posted a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher. Michelle is attending the University of Pittsburgh on an athletic scholarship.

Sophomore Riley Kilroy wins USA Wrestling National Freestyle Championship

Bruin wrestler Riley Kilroy won the Cadet Division at 160 lbs at the USA Wrestling National Freestyle Championships in Fargo, North Dakota. Kilroy defeated 64 other national qualifiers to win the championship. The sophomore from Independence has also won the Ohio State & Central Region Freestyle Championship as well as the National Folkstyle Tournament held in Michigan.

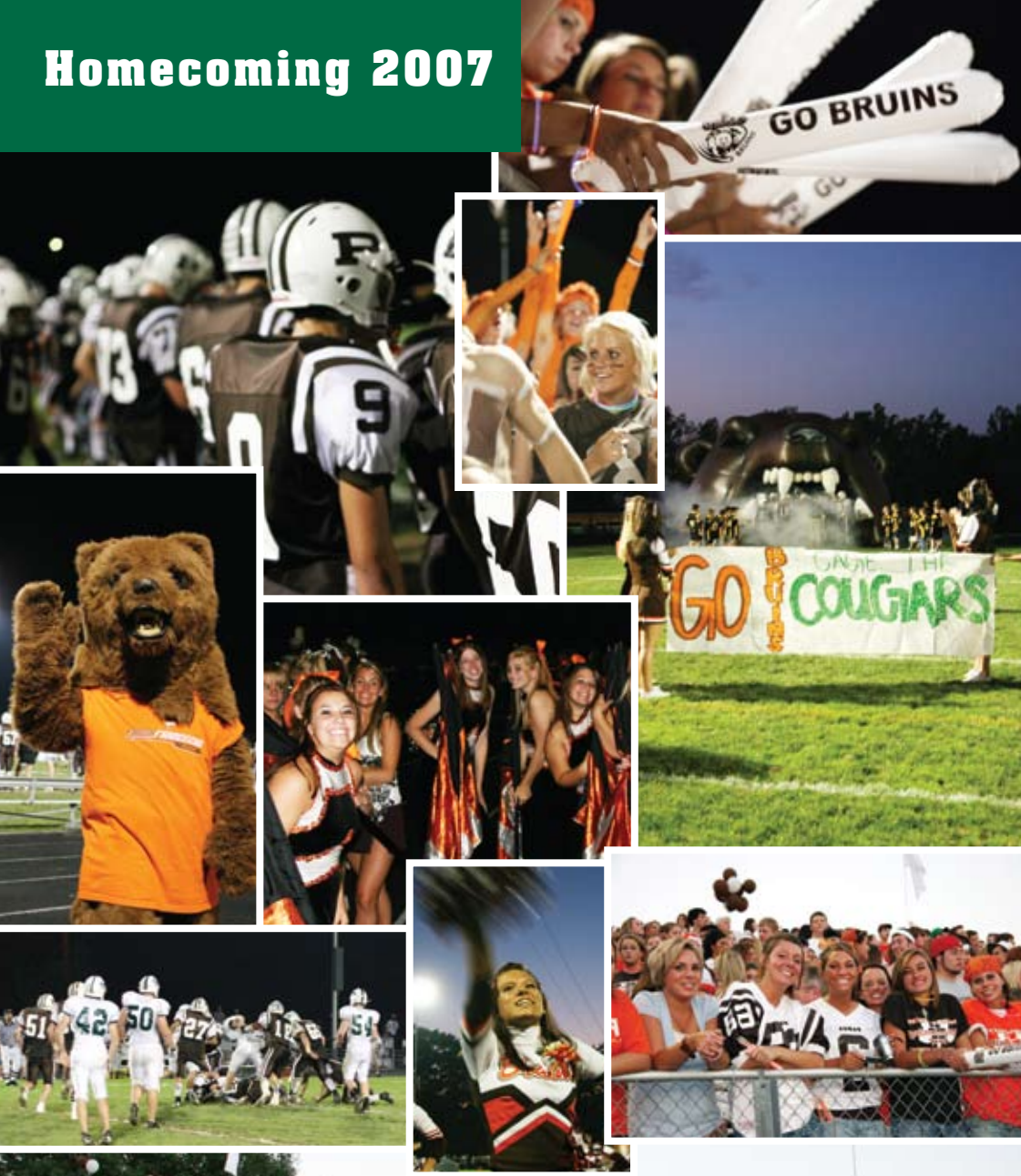
Individual Fall Sports Notables

- Nick Saintz ‘08 was named PD player of the week in soccer.
- Senior Jake Wetzel was named MVP of the NCL golf tournament this past month, shooting a 73 at Pine Hills.
- Girls golfer Lizzy Merk ‘10 was honored as PD player of the week.



Greg Coyle ‘77 helps serve up hamburgers and hotdogs to our elementary school guests.

Homecoming 2007



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2004

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