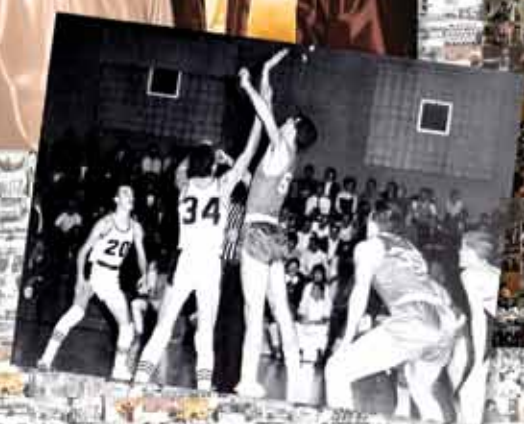


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FROM WHERE I SIT...

...it really doesn't matter whether or not I know who wrote it. It matters whether or not I try to put it into practice.

The *Peace Prayer of Saint Francis* isn't his. That is, he didn't write it. Research on the prayer by Dr. Christian Renoux, a professor at the University of Orleans, France (and published in 2001: *La prière pour la paix attribuée à saint François*) indicates that the prayer seems to have appeared for the first time in 1912 (almost seven hundred years after the death of Saint Francis) in a French spiritual magazine which offered it as "A Beautiful Prayer to Say During the Mass." There was no reference to an author of the prayer in that publication. Later, around 1920, a French Franciscan had the prayer printed on the back of a holy-card of Saint Francis – entitling it *A Prayer for Peace*. Whether or not it was the result of that connection between the prayer and the image of Saint Francis, it seems that the prayer was first attributed to him some years later (around 1927) by a French religious movement called The Knights of the Prince of Peace. The first known English translation of the prayer was around 1936 – and, without a doubt, by the time of the Second World War and after, the prayer was becoming increasingly more and more popular throughout the world and was being called the *Prayer of Saint Francis*.

I have been thinking a lot about this *Prayer of Saint Francis*, this *Prayer for Peace* in recent weeks since our Franciscan theme for this academic year is the theme of Peace – and, as the Padua Franciscan community, we have been using this prayer as the foundation for much of our reflection together on this important Franciscan value.

It really doesn't matter whether or not Saint Francis wrote the words of this prayer attributed to him. He may not have written the prayer with his hand, but he certainly wrote the prayer with his life. Saint Francis was a peacemaker. He had heard the words of Jesus and knew the incontrovertible truth that to be a peacemaker was to be a child of God – and to be a child of God, one must be a peacemaker. He had pursued

his dream of knighthood, and, after the experience of war, put aside his arms and armor to better follow and serve the Master Who had come to heal the wounds of sin and division, Who had come to make peace through the blood of His cross.

Yet Francis had not only come to know the abiding peace of God in his own heart but he was, therefore, on countless occasions and in countless ways, an instrument of that peace...

...In 1219, in the midst of the Crusades, Francis went to Damietta not as a warrior but as a person of faith to seek out the Sultan Malek el-Kamil. In their meeting together, they did not argue about their differences but spoke together instead about the God in whom they believed, the God whom they loved, the God whom they knew as the Benevolent, the Just, the Compassionate One, the Infinitely Good, the Merciful; the God whom they knew who is beauty and gladness, who is joy and hope, who is rest and security, who is all our riches, who is all Good, great and wonderful, our merciful Savior.

...And Francis, confident and unafraid, went to the town of Gubbio to tame the wolf that terrorized the citizens of that place. With a heart full of understanding and a love for all that God had made, Francis made peace between that creature of God and the people of that town – so that Brother Wolf went peacefully from house to house and door to door, harming no one and not being harmed by anyone, fed and cared for till the end of his days.

...And Francis, in the final days of his own life, gathered the Mayor of Assisi and the Bishop of Assisi, who had been separated by anger and hatred for each other. In his desire to be a means of peace and harmony for them, Francis had composed another verse for his *Canticle* and, in their presence, had it sung: *Praised be You, my Lord, through those who give pardon for Your love, and bear infirmity and tribulation.*

Blessed are those who endure in peace, for by You, Most High, they shall be crowned.

Then the Mayor and the Bishop found within themselves and between themselves what they had lost or forgotten: mercy and kindness – so that, in the finding and the sharing of those gifts, harmony and peace was restored for them once more.

While someone else may have given us the prayer, Francis has given us the example. He teaches us to remember who we are: children of God, holy and loved, filled with every gift and grace. He teaches us to share what we have received. He teaches us to seek and find and go to those places of hurt and hatred and sadness, of doubt and darkness and despair. He teaches us to bring light and pardon and love, to bring faith and hope and joy. He teaches us how God can make us instruments of His peace.

It really doesn't matter whether or not we know who wrote it. It matters whether or not we try to put it into practice...

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love. Where there is injury, pardon.

Where there is doubt, faith. Where there is despair, hope.

Where there is darkness, light. Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive.

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.

And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.



Fr. Ted, O.F.M.

Fr. Theodore J. Haag, O.F.M., President

FACTS YOU PROBABLY NEVER KNEW

About Padua

Some of you lived through many of these events and activities, so they aren't quite new to you. However, you probably don't know everything on this list. Therefore, here are a few of the more interesting items that have come to light as part of the school's 50th Anniversary celebration.

This issue's cover was inspired by a mosaic video created for the Anniversary kick-off to represent 50 years of Padua history. To view the video visit padua2.com/50.



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The original invitation to build a boys' high school in the Cleveland area was extended to the Franciscans by Archbishop Hoban back in 1955. It took several years of discussions before an agreement could be reached to commence building in 1960.

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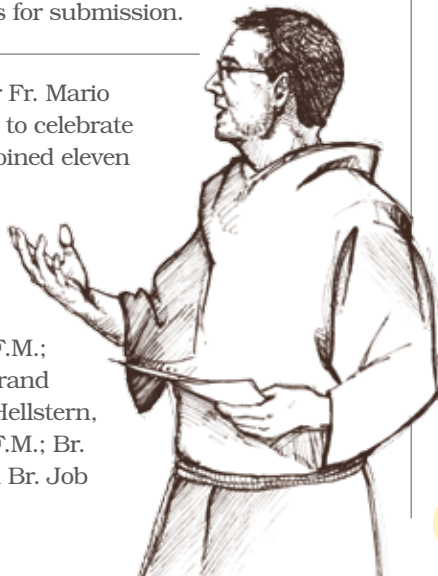
Padua's first principal, Fr. Jerome Baum, O.F.M., engaged in a heartfelt debate over whether individual bathrooms in the friar living quarters were considered "too luxurious" and therefore inconsistent with the vow of Franciscan poverty.

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An original copy of the specifications issued by Stickle and Associates in 1959 still remains in our archives. These specifications allowed contractors to prepare bids for submission.

SIX

Padua was the first assignment for Fr. Mario DiCicco, O.F.M., who was on hand to celebrate during Anniversary Weekend. He joined eleven others assigned to the school in August of 1961: Fr. Gerard Ardelean, O.F.M.; Fr. Jerome Baum, O.F.M.; Fr. Gustan Emerson, O.F.M.; Fr. Callistus Giesen, O.F.M.; Fr. John Haas, O.F.M.; Fr. Roy Hassett, O.F.M.; Fr. Hildebrand Leonhardt, O.F.M.; Fr. Augustine Hellstern, O.F.M.; Fr. Ildephonse Skorup, O.F.M.; Br. Leander Eisenmenger, O.F.M.; and Br. Job Schulgen, O.F.M.



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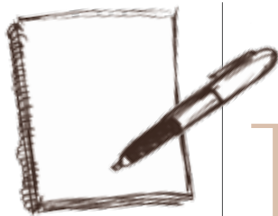
The school "only" cost \$2 million to build in the early 1960s.

Forty years later, it would cost nearly twice that amount to build Padua Stadium and improve other outdoor facilities. Can you imagine how much it would cost to build today?

Yes, in fact, there are items buried in the cornerstone. See page 8 for details.

7

The first school newspaper, *The Paduan*, debuted on Nov. 15, 1962.



8

The very first dance ticket was sold by Fr. Augustine Hellstern, O.F.M., to Mrs. Agatha Sulzer for the Northern Lights Dance, held on November 21, 1962, for 75 cents.

9

The first theatrical production was *No Time for Sergeants* in the spring of 1963.



TEN

The All Saints Bowl to crown the first intramural football winner was held on October 31, 1963. For the record, Homeroom 3A was victorious over 2D.



The members of the Class of 1965 were responsible for selecting the school colors and mascot, designing the school ring, and writing the words of the alma mater.



The school was actually dedicated on June 13, 1964, which is the Feast of St. Anthony of Padua.

FOURTEEN

Jerry Hiller '65 won Padua's first Talent Show in December of 1964 for his Mark Twain monologue. He pocketed \$25 for the effort.

17

Bob Riester '65 is known as the school's first graduate because the students lined up by height, rather than alphabetically, for commencement.

SIXTEEN

44 seniors and juniors were inducted into the first **National Honor Society** class in January 1965.



18

Fr. Justin Belitz, O.F.M., former Padua music teacher and 50th Anniversary attendee, reminds us all how much teaching is a two-way street. Not only do the students learn from their teachers, but the teachers are often pushed in new directions by their students.

"My ministry could never have happened if the [Padua] students did not get me to change my language and approach," Belitz wrote.

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Early grads have the exact same ring as a sign of unity.



Known as "Br. Quentin's Raiders" during the '60s, the student cleaning crew took great pride in their work. The weekday team spent two hours each day, while the weekend team spent much of Saturday performing tasks which were harder to complete during the week.





Baroness Maria Von Trapp, the real-life subject of the feature film *The Sound of Music*, headlined a lecture given at the school in 1966.

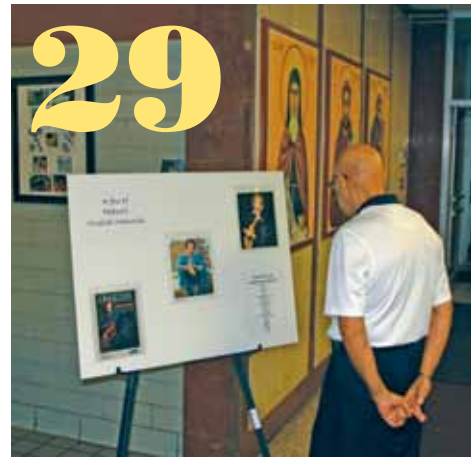
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In the early years, faculty members held weekly Friday happy hours in what was humorously dubbed the “Arlington Room” in honor of the “dead soldiers” (i.e., empty beer bottles lined up at the end of the night). There the teachers recounted the achievements, the antics, the absurd, and the adventurous spirit of the students.



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Padua's own Wayne Miller led the Concert Band to receive recognition as Best in the Nation in the NCMEA tape contest in 1966, 1967, and 1969. As a result of the contests, the band was invited to perform at the NCMEA conventions in New York and Atlantic City.

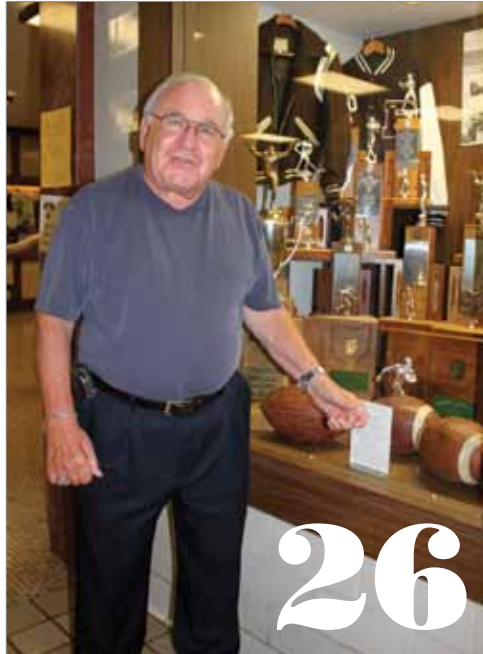


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TWENTY

Ski Club has been a long-standing tradition at the school, beginning in 1966.

21 | Bob Sieg '66 was the first alumnus to be ordained as a friar.



26

The first winning varsity football season was in 1967, under the direction of head coach Ray Hudiak. A signed football graces the trophy case to commemorate the event.



22

Paul Kline '67 scored Padua's first 100th point ever in basketball on November 28, 1966.

TWENTYTHREE

Padua had a Rifle Club, beginning in 1967 under the direction of Fr. Cullan Uhlinger, O.F.M. Times sure were different back then!

27

The first foreign exchange students, **Jose Canepa '69** and **Gerard Duminil '69**, attended Padua in the 1968-69 school year, starting a tradition that would bring hundreds of such students to the school. This year, Padua hosts 13 international students.

The cheerleading squad was all-male until students from the all-girls' Nazareth Academy began participating in January 1969.

Smokey Robinson and The Miracles performed a concert at Padua in 1969. Other notable musical acts included Tommy James and the Shondells, Eric Carmen and the Raspberries, Michael Stanley, and Hall and Oates, some of whom provided signed pictures in honor of the 50th.

THIRTY

John Bodnar '65 was the first graduate of Padua hired as a returning faculty member. He taught geology beginning in 1969.

31 | The school's original address was 6750 Riester Street

until the change to today's State Road address in the fall of 1969.

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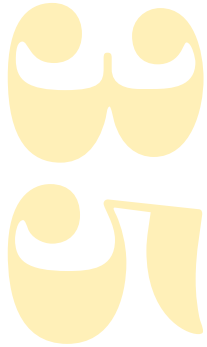
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The band *The Four Letter Words* was comprised of faculty members such as Jim Corsica, Gary Chizmar, and Tony Monachino along with students accompanying them on instruments. They have respectfully declined a request for a reunion concert in honor of the 50th anniversary.



THIRTYTHREE

Padua's innovative English curriculum in the late '60s and early '70s, known as The Padua Project, promoted an open classroom which allowed students to have choices in their learning environment.



A hallmark of the mathematics department in the '70s was "packet math", which required students to work through the material at their own pace.

THIRTY SIX

Christmas for Others is still going strong, celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2011. What began as a simple yet much-needed food drive has morphed into a month-long effort involving nearly every school organization. Students collect food, books, hats/mittens, coats, toys, pet supplies, and often raise more than \$20,000 in cash for local organizations.

34 « The largest Double Decker Dance drew 2,900 students from the region in March 1970.

37

In March of 1973, 75 policemen had to conduct crowd control at Padua's first double-decker dance-concert due to the larger-than-expected demand and the cancellation of the dance portion of the event, which raised the ire of the teens on hand.

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The yearbook has held a variety of names over the years. What began as *Sandal Prints* (1965) quickly changed to *The Eleventh Hour* (1966-67), then to *Montage* (1968-69) and *Reflections* (1970-71), with a few years of unpublished (1972) or unnamed (1973-74) books. Eventually the yearbook staff elected to use the name *Patavium*, which is Latin for Padua, beginning in 1975.

FORTY

The first acceptance letters addressed to females were dated February 15, 1983.



The school's first state championship in any sport was hockey in 1988.

The first state championship in a girls' sport was volleyball in 2008.

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Padua secured its first North Coast League varsity football championship in the fall of 1986.



In 1991, wood floors were installed in the gym, ending the era of the "Tile Palace".



The marching band returned to the school in 1992 after an absence of nearly two decades.

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Students in the 1980s were issued gum-chewing violations, though today's students face a detention for a similar offense.

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Mr. Mullen has spent decades in detention, monitoring that necessary evil beginning in 1987 until this day.

FORTYSIX



The Bruin logo has morphed over the years, but our Bruin spirit remains.

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Michael and Debbie Higgins have the distinction of the most Padua graduates (eight!) from a single family: **John '99, Allison '00, Erin '02, Patrick '04, Joseph '06, Mike '08, Molly '09, and Caitlyn '11.** Joe and Francine Konecny are a close second, with seven: **Joseph '89, Robert '90, Michelle '92, David '97, Sarah '00, Michael '02, and Amanda '04.** Editor's note: If we missed your family, please let us know!

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Tom Kohuth is the longest current faculty member, in his 45th year of teaching at Padua, while Lil Gathers is the longest current staff member, celebrating her 40th year of service (when combined with her years of teaching). Other former faculty and staff members with more than four decades of service included Tom Kasper, Paul Lorz, and Larry Pizon.

FORTYNINE

12 members of the current faculty/staff and 23 additional members of our coaching staff are Padua graduates.



50 | More than 100 friars have graced the halls of Padua Franciscan High School – from Fr. Jerome Baum, O.F.M., to Br. Dat Hoang, O.F.M., the newest friar member of the Padua family. May we never forget how they touched our lives, showing us what it truly means to walk in the footsteps of St. Francis.

EXCERPT FROM FR. MARIO DICICCO'S *50th Anniversary Speech*



It was a great experience for me to see them as innocent freshmen, then sophomore pranksters, then as half-serious juniors, and finally as maturing seniors. This first class had no other class over them to mentor them or bully them and so they had to invent their own fun, much to the consternation of the administration. Like sneaking over into the unfinished section of the school and grabbing a cigarette; like calling the radio station and announcing a snow day; like coming to school as a class one day without the traditional shirt and tie but only with colorful bowling shirts, much to the anger of Fr. Dan O'Connell, Padua's beloved second principal, who stormed into my English class and chewed them out; or like on the very day of the prom arranging their cars in the back parking lot in such a creative fashion that from my second story classroom overlooking the lot, I could make out the letters F and U! Would that they could parse a sentence with such skillful coordination! Fr. Dan was not amused.

CORNERSTONE SURPRISES

When asked if there was anything in Padua's cornerstone, for many years the answer was typically, "Not that we know of." Well, now we know better. When searching through Fr. Jerome Baum's earliest files in preparation for the Memory Lane project, we came across a copy of a typed statement and list of items that he had selected for preservation. In keeping with the Franciscan tradition of simplicity, the items are rather modest, yet convey a sense of the moment: coins; a medal of Pope John XXIII; the centennial catalogue of the Province; and copies of the *Universe Bulletin*, the *Cleveland Press*, and the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*. Evidence suggests that the objects were hastily interred as his statement says there was no time for a formal ceremony.



Even Fr. Jerome's language reveals a formality not often seen today: "In the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-one; ... In the first year of office of John Fitzgerald Kennedy, President of these fifty United States of America; ... This statement was written and placed in the cornerstone of Padua Franciscan High School." For the full text of the statement that is buried in the cornerstone, visit PaduaFranciscan.com/50.

EDITOR'S NOTE: In an effort to properly preserve the contents of the cornerstone, Padua is researching ways to remove the giant granite block without damage to the rest of the school's facade. Here stone mason Daniel Zavagno of Cleveland Marble Mosaic Company searches for the location of the anchoring pins. Once a plan has been developed, funding for preservation of the cornerstone will be sought. For further information contact Jerry Jindra '70 at GJindra@PaduaFranciscan.com.



50 YEARS OF MEMORIES

in Three Days

Padua Franciscan High School celebrated its golden anniversary during Labor Day weekend with three days of festivities that culminated with a Mass of Rededication and community banquet on September 4. The events took place despite unseasonably high temperatures and humidity.

The celebration began on Friday under the lights of Padua Stadium where thousands of fans watched Padua take on Toledo St. Francis (the Bruins were narrowly defeated 24-30) after tailgating (1). Saturday night brought back memories of Padua's famous double-decker dances of the '60s and '70s. This time, however, the dance appealed mostly to nostalgic alumni, many of whom travelled hundreds of miles to relive their high school years. (2)

Provincial Minister William Spencer, O.F.M., was principle celebrant for Sunday's Rededication Mass. (3) Many present and former friars as well as lay faculty who have served at the school throughout the decades were present. Fr. Mario DiCicco, O.F.M., was the featured speaker for the anniversary dinner, reminiscing of his own experiences as one of Padua's early faculty members (see accompanying article). School president, Fr. Theodore Haag, O.F.M., reflected in his remarks that this celebration was really one of looking forward to the future as well as honoring the past. He recognized many of the different constituencies who were present, perhaps none more important than the "Boys of 1961" – alums from the Class of 1965 who were present on Padua's opening day. (4). Younger Bruins enjoyed a "Minute to Win It" event in the cafeteria hosted by Padua's own Teen Institute (5).

After dinner, participants enjoyed sharing in a four-foot scale model cake of Padua Franciscan. (6) Memorabilia on display that evening included clothing and historical artifacts (7), plus a large installation of photos and documents that told the Padua story throughout its history. This Memory Lane presentation included the photos of every friar who served at the school throughout its five decades.

Did you miss Anniversary Weekend? Other 50th Anniversary activities are still coming up through Summer 2012. Check out PaduaFranciscan.com/50 for more details.



CONTINUING THE CELEBRATION

WELCOME HOME RETREAT

Please join us on **Saturday, November 26**, from 8 am to 5 pm for a very special **Welcome Home Retreat**. While celebrating things we are thankful for during Thanksgiving weekend, won't you take some time with our Lord and reflect on His grace and blessings? All adults in the Padua community are welcome. The cost of \$30 includes continental breakfast, lunch, snacks, and all materials. Registration is available at PaduaFranciscan.com/50. Please register by November 11.

PILGRIMAGE TO ASSISI, ROME, AND PADUA

Father Theodore Haag, O.F.M., is hosting a very special **Pilgrimage to Assisi, Rome, and Padua** from **July 11-21, 2012**, in honor of Padua's 50th anniversary. Father Ted writes, "It is my hope that you will seriously consider taking part in this extraordinary experience with me and other members of our Padua Franciscan family. Let's be pilgrims together! For, without hesitation, I can assure you that this experience will indeed be for each of us and for all of us a time of renewal in faith and love, in joy and peace – a time of rich and lasting blessings!" To learn more about this special pilgrimage opportunity, please contact **Laurie Keco Grabowski '89** at 440-845-2444. A brochure is also available online at PaduaFranciscan.com/50.

BASKETBALL SOCIALS

Rachel Seskes Berning '01 and **Kristen Boyne '01** are organizing a routine to be performed by any interested former Padua cheerleaders at the boys' basketball game on **Friday, February 10**. Please contact them at kristen.boyne@gmail.com or berningr@cintas.com for further details. Girls and boys basketball alums should contact **Kevin Leigh '89** at kleigh@paduafranciscan.com to learn more about the socials which will be held on their behalf (January 14 and February 10, respectively).

SANDAL DASH

Attention Runners. **The Sandal Dash: 5K to Celebrate St. Francis** has been moved from October 2 until **spring 2012** (tentatively May 12). This gives you more time to train! Further details will be posted on the web.



Many more 50th Anniversary events will take place between now and summer 2012. Check them out at PaduaFranciscan.com/50.

The Padua Archives need your help!

We are still working on expanding and preserving the school's archives. Our first priority is adequate funding. To condition the space to the proper temperature and humidity, and store the items in the recommended acid-free files and containers, requires a great deal of start-up capital. Second, we are always looking for memorabilia, or even just your memories. To provide funding or donate (or lend) any item to the archives, please contact Laurie Keco Grabowski '89 at lgrabowski@paduafranciscan.com. If you have memories of interesting events you'd like to share, please e-mail them to Harvey Cohen at harveyecohen@hotmail.com. *Please help us make the archives the best they possibly can be.*

Capturing the Memories

Special thanks to Tony DaFonseca and Scott Grabowski for serving as the official photographers of Anniversary Weekend, capturing the images of Padua's 50th Anniversary for future archivists!

Sugar Memories


Nick Marra '76 supported Padua's 50th Anniversary with some "Sugar Memories". Nick's company, Groovy Candies, donated a variety of "retro candy" for the Double Decker Dance, including the ever-popular candy cigarettes. Groovy Candies also helped

to underwrite the tailgating tent during the Friday Night Lights event and has provided specially packaged 50th Anniversary retro candy packets for fine arts and athletic events.

More at www.sugarmemories.com.

Past Yearbooks Available

Can't find your old Padua yearbook? Never bought one and wish you had? Now is your chance to recover your youth (or at least photos of it). Yearbooks from 1994 – present are readily available. Some earlier editions are available as well. Cost is just \$10 each, plus \$5 shipping and handling. Inquiries should be sent to Yearbook@PaduaFranciscan.com or by calling 440.845.2444, ext. 149.




I remember

Something different. For everyone.

Celebrate Padua's 50th anniversary this year by ordering your copy of the 2012 yearbook. This year's book will be very special: every page will be in full color and we will be doing a retrospective with pictures from all decades and much never before published archival information. It will be a not-to-be-missed chronicle of Padua's 50 year history! Your advance copy is only \$60 plus \$5 shipping directly to your home when they are printed in the summer.

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YOU SHOULD BE THE SCHOOL HISTORIAN WHEN YOU RETIRE

By Harvey Cohen, Retired Faculty



Several people expressed this to me before my retirement in 2005, though it took a few years to happen. In the spring of 2010 I volunteered to help staff member **Laurie Keco Grabowski '89** organize some of the archives in preparation for Padua's 50th Anniversary.

I did not realize at the time how little there was in the way of archives. The business of educating hundreds of students a year apparently does not leave a lot of time for collecting and organizing information about the history of Padua Franciscan High School. A lot of information was available, but it was (and is) scattered about in various locations in the school.

For example, I soon discovered there was no single list of even the valedictorians and salutatorians, let alone all the student award winners. I dug through yearbooks, commencement programs, and the official transcripts to find that information. I even carried the Mr. and Ms. Padua/Bruin plaques from the General Office to a computer to capture all the names electronically.

Much of the west side of the third floor – the old friary living quarters – has been turned into storage for various departments. We hunted through this area to see what was available for historical purposes and to find a more permanent home for whatever archive material we could find; Laurie had been collecting donations from alumni in preparation for this year which were starting (and continue!) to overflow her office. We came upon things such as piles of football films, marching band uniforms, a bass drum from the original marching band, props from old spring musicals, artifacts from the original chapel, and file cabinets of old athletic information. In these

latter files I found old football programs, scrapbooks of pictures and newspaper articles, and copies of original correspondence from Fr. Jerome Baum (first principal) to students in 1961. Perhaps the most interesting single source were the long-forgotten files of Fr. Jerome, which contained reams of information and documentation on the planning and construction phases of Padua. These items and many others are forming the basis of the school's first "official" archives.

This spring Laurie asked me to work on a Memory Lane project. While I was assigned to a display of the '90s, others collected visuals from the decades {**Bruce Fox '67** ('60s), Tony Kaniecki ('70s), Lillian Gathers ('80s), Paul Lorz ('00s), and Tim Giulivo (Padua Today & Future Padua)} while she worked on an exhibit of Padua's construction and a photo collection of all the friars who had ever served at the school. Memory Lane was one of the highlights of Anniversary Weekend and is still available for viewing in the cafeteria this semester.

A lot of memories were dredged up while going down my own memory lane. I started at Padua in the fall of 1972, and a lot of things have changed, both at Padua and in the world. We were teaching packet math, an innovation that was ahead of its time (according to some students, probably centuries too soon). I taught a computer class which used a computer in a closet that had 5KB of memory. The marching band practiced outside my class during first period. The gym floor was made of tile. The only females were two teachers and a handful of office staff. But no matter how much has changed, the Padua spirit remains the same.

2011 CAR RAFFLE DRIVEN TO MORE THAN 45,000 *(Dollars)*

It seemed impossible, but it was the deal Padua could not refuse. Earlier this year, Bob Serpentine, president of Serpentine Chevrolet of Strongsville, informed Padua Franciscan that The Chevy Network and his dealership were willing to sponsor a raffle prize of a new Chevy Cruze to benefit the school. Once the details were complete in late March, the real challenge became apparent — Padua needed to sell at least \$25,000 in raffle tickets in just 60 days.

It should be no surprise, however, that the students and Padua families met... and then exceeded... the goal by raising a total of \$45,400 (4,540 tickets!) by May 27, the date of the drawing. Scheduled to coincide with the annual Senior Awards Ceremony when the drawing could be witnessed by more than a thousand students and their family members, the winning ticket was pulled by Mr. Serpentine himself. The winner of the car was Henry Cambareri of Parma. The winning ticket was sold by **Elizabeth Medvin '14** earning her a \$500 seller's prize.

Second prize of an Apple iPad was won by the Tomino Family of Parma, and third prize of accommodations and dinner at the Betram Inn was taken home by Dennis Fox of North Royalton.

In appreciation for his generous prize sponsorship, Mr. Serpentine was inducted into the Padua Friar Club at the conclusion of the awards ceremony. Membership in the Friar Club is Padua Franciscan's highest level of recognition of donor support.

Proceeds from the 2011 car raffle were used to renovate the band room at Padua, which had remained largely unchanged since 1961, as well as for the student tuition assistance program.

PADUA FRANCISCAN HIGH SCHOOL 2012 CAR RAFFLE

ENTER TO WIN A BRAND NEW 2012 CHEVY CRUZE



Cruze value approx. \$18,700

\$10 PER RAFFLE TICKET

Drawing to be held during the Sunday, April 29, performance of Padua's Spring Musical

VISIT PADUAFRANCISCAN.COM FOR MORE DETAILS

Proceeds will be used to air condition the cafeteria and for student financial aid.



Sponsored by
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AND **SERPENTINI CHEVROLET**
OF STRONGVILLE

In recognition of Padua's efforts, The Chevy Network and Serpentine Chevrolet of Strongsville have agreed to sponsor the prize of another Chevy Cruze for this school year. This year's drawing will be used to air

condition the student cafeteria, as well as for financial aid. **Tickets (\$10 each) can be obtained online at PaduaFranciscan.com or by calling 440.845.8224.**

MEDTRACK STUDENTS

Exploring New Career Paths

One of the goals of Padua's MedTrack program is to expose students to an array of healthcare fields so they can get a better understanding of the realities of healthcare and the choices available to them. While much of this exploration takes place during quarterly Career Speaker Series (such as their recent trip to Metro Health Medical Center to explore emergency medicine), students also shadow a healthcare professional for a minimum of 40 hours during the summer prior to their junior year in a field of their choosing.

This past summer, students were able to shadow professionals at Parma Community General Hospital, Metro Health, University Hospitals and the Cleveland Clinic, just to name a few.

During the first month of the school year, the juniors completed reflection papers, posters, and presentations in order to earn academic credit for this externship experience, culminating in

an Externship Fair in late September. Overall, students found the experience to be very exciting and worthwhile, whether it reinforced their chosen path or encouraged some to explore alternatives.

Winners of the Externship Poster & Presentation are **Alyssa Holley '13** (1st), **Kaitlyn Miller '13** (2nd), and **Sydney DuBiel '13** (3rd), along with honorable mentions — **Jenna Boyne '13**, **Renee Kraft '13**, **Cameron Marcus '13**, and **Jessica Thomas '13**.

To right: **Lauren Becks '13**.



MEDTRACK
Padua Franciscan

A Global Community

This year 13 international students are joining the student body making Padua truly a global community. The students represent areas of South Korea, Honduras, France, China, and Vietnam. Some international students also come to Padua via our sister school program in France, Germany, and Poland.

ROW 1 (L TO R): Sung Eun Lee (South Korea), Gabriela Alvarez (Honduras), Alicia Dassance (France), Hien Tran Nguyen (Vietnam), Yifei Cao (China), Thu Tran Nguyen (Vietnam), Quan Son Thai (Vietnam)

ROW 2 (L TO R): Y Ho (Vietnam), Yiji Kim (South Korea), Zihang Zhang (China), Jiacheng Guo (China), Triet Le (Vietnam), Mengzhu Fu (China)



PADUA'S REALLY COOL FACULTY™

Offers Summer Experience for Area Elementary Students

Each June, Padua offers a week-long educational experience for students from grades 5 through 8 with age-appropriate activities. Known as the *Padua Summer Experience*, this year's program attracted 178 youngsters who were enrolled in three tracks of learning and skill development. The courses were primarily taught by members of Padua's faculty as well as alumni who were skilled in various disciplines.

Track 1, for students entering grades five and six, provided 18 different "courses" from which each student could select five. Among the most popular was *Catapults!* in which the youngsters were introduced to the principles of math, physics, and problem-solving skills while each constructed a working catapult. Going back to the dark ages was never more enlightening!

Several science courses were offered, designed for students interested in learning about the basics of several disciplines, from biology (*Genetics Decoded*) to engineering (*Robotics*). It was particularly fascinating to watch the *Rockets!* class construct vehicles from simple soda bottles and straws that, when charged with water pressure, soared 100 feet or more over Padua's athletic fields. As with many of the *Summer Experience* courses, students constructed working models and projects that they took home at the end of the week.

The program was also rich with creative activities such as *Bookmaking and Paper Crafts* as well as *Digital Photography*. Students learned the basics of acting and improvisation through the *Theatre* course, and those who wanted to know more about the many types of birds in northeast Ohio enjoyed the *Birds, Beaks, & Birdhouses* sessions, building their own birdhouses as well as seed and suet feeders.

This year, Track 2 was designed for students entering seventh grade who dream about becoming a doctor or research scientist. Patterned after Padua's unique MedTrack®



program, this level explored the basics of anatomy and genetics, while learning the principles of scientific analysis.

Track 3 was designed for students wishing to get a jump on eighth grade math, science, and English, while providing them with the study skills necessary to master the Catholic High School Placement Test. On the last day, these participants had the opportunity to actually take the Padua placement test, and count their results as their "official" score for application to Padua, if they so desired. A \$500 Padua scholarship was also awarded to Kyle Szaniszló of St. Columbkille School for his top score on the test.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

Padua Summer Experience '12 will be held June 18-22. For more information, or to secure an early-bird registration form, contact Lillian Gathers at LGathers@PaduaFranciscan.com.

FROM TOP: Summer Experience students learning acting techniques
Digital Photography students mug for the camera.



New to *Summer Experience* this year was a course on teaching young students how to prepare healthy snacks. Here several youngsters enjoy the pizza they made from scratch.



Padua principal, David Stec '86, an amateur ornithologist, instructs fifth and sixth graders how to make a birdhouse.

STUDENT NEWS

Finals were barely finished in June when 13 Padua Franciscan students, accompanied by Frau Kuvin and Miss Cook, boarded a plane for Munich, Germany. The group traveled to Salzburg, Fuessen, Heidelberg, Bremen, Bremerhaven, and Osnabruck. In Osnabruck, the Ursulaschule students (our sister school) brought us into their homes and shared their German culture. The students were not just tourists but also family members learning the language by total immersion!



Mrs. Schepis and Miss Oles spent 10 days in Europe this past June with six of our students. The tour was entitled "The Literary Scholars of England and Ireland," and the trip featured two days in London and eight days in Ireland (Dublin, Sligo, Galway, and Limerick). The trip was an amazing experience both from the perspective of literary studies as well as immersion in the Celtic culture. The students not only kept journals of their visit but also

tried their hand at poetry and creative writing based on their experiences.

This past June, Mr. Seth Jennrich attended the Stockholm Junior Water Prize competition in Chicago with **Rachel Yurchisin '14**, who was a state winner from Ohio. This is a national science fair for water science and research that is only open to state winners, most of whom are off to college this year. While Rachel's project

did not win the award, it was very well received by all in attendance. Mr. Jennrich and Rachel hope to represent Ohio in next year's competition in Boston.

The girls soccer team, along with their opponent, Normandy High School, collected 15 boxes of non-perishable goods for the Parma Food Bank at one of their games in September (*above*).

Padua Franciscan Remembers 9/11

Commemorating the events of September 11, 2001, the Padua Franciscan community gathered for a memorial service with representatives of Parma's safety forces. Members of local police and fire departments were invited to attend the service which focused on those who "run in to help" others. Coincidentally, Padua's theme for this school year is *Peace*; and the image of a firefighter was also used at an earlier prayer service to show how they confront chaos and fear in order to bring peace and hope to others. After the service, Padua president, Fr. Theodore



Haag, O.F.M., blessed the safety forces equipment (fire trucks, cars, gear).

Students also had the chance to interact and thank the fire fighters and police officers for all they do to bring peace and comfort into the situations they encounter.



PADUA AUDIO/VISUAL ROOM

Gets a Facelift



For many years, Padua's AV room located in the basement corridor was just a room taking up space. This past summer (along with a series of other renovations) the AV room received a \$50,000 upgrade. The 100-seat, theatre-style room was completely gutted over summer break. All new chairs were added as well as a stage, flooring, and air conditioning unit.

The room is now also equipped with state-of-the-art technology including an electric drop-down 130" screen, mounted HD projector, and HDX video conferencing system. This new system has ceiling-mounted microphones and speakers that will allow students to engage in distance learning projects and participate in live video web conferencing.

These features are particularly useful in support of Padua's MedTrack program, allowing students to participate in lectures given by leading medical professionals.



TOP RIGHT: Padua's original AV room shown here in the early 1960s had an original seating capacity of 200. Over time, several modifications were made to the space, which was seldom used for classroom learning until the major renovations of this past summer.

THE ADVENTURE OF SERVING OTHERS

By Ryan Iafigliola '03

EDITOR'S NOTE: *Ryan Iafigliola is the Director of International Field Operations at The Fuller Center for Housing.*

Four years ago I had one of the great privileges of my life in joining **The Fuller Center for Housing** as a year-long volunteer special assistant to Millard Fuller. I joined him at a fascinating crossroads in his life – after creating Habitat for Humanity in 1976, he had recently departed it to create The Fuller Center for Housing. It was an attempt to go back to his roots and reach further down and further out to those in need. But this new organization was unknown, underfunded, and in need of local Fuller Center volunteer organizations across the country.

What could a young guy like me possibly do to assist a man who had accomplished so much? Well, I had an idea, and that first summer I found seven strangers to bike the country with me while working on houses, staying and speaking in churches, raising money, giving media interviews, practicing simple living, and growing together in faith. (It's like one long Christmas For Others campaign.) The Fuller Center Bike Adventure was born.

We change the route each year, yet the event itself attracts more and more people. Last summer, a diverse group of 60 riders completed one or more weeks, including **Jessica Thompson '03** who completed 1,600 grueling but beautiful miles through the Rocky Mountains, and 20 who gave nine weeks to ride the entire way coast to coast. We visited towns large and small, put our hands to work on a dozen homes, and ate to our hearts' content without fear of gaining weight. I reached a milestone of my own — 12,700 miles cycled for the cause —



Ryan Iafigliola and Jessica Thompson celebrate the beauty of a flat stretch of landscape between mountains in Dinosaur, Colorado.

enough to travel halfway around the globe! The ride has now helped at least a hundred families and raised half a million dollars; but who can measure the impact of helping a child in crisis in northeast Ohio — or New Orleans or Haiti — have a safe, stable place to sleep, study, and grow?

Even still, I do not mean to simply be cliché by saying that I believe we have received more than we have ever given. Besides the open doors and delicious meals served to us by scores of church hosts over the years, last year we received some special help during a

crisis of our own. As we were driving our trustworthy old Ford van with 760,000 miles on it, pulling our trailer across the country to the starting point in Seattle, *its tire blew*. The van and trailer swerved, rolled, caught on fire, and could easily have made the tone of this story much different. Instead, despite pictures that continue to remind me of the improbability of our survival and despite being partially trapped, all eight of us walked out with bumps and scrapes but no major injuries. It was a real miracle.

Now shaken and stranded in rural Idaho with 20+ other riders scheduled to meet us just days later in Seattle, we needed to think fast and admit our own need for help. It came! Doctors materialized to tend our wounds, people with vans and trucks helped us move our stuff off the road, and donors from around the country pitched in to help us buy a new van. It's the kind of over-flowing generosity we have witnessed over and over since the event began.

An accelerated orientation itinerary put the trip back on schedule — bruised and perhaps scarred, but determined to carry on. In the end it brought us closer together and made the trip even more special, a subtle side story in the unfolding masterpiece theater that was our summer.

Embedded deep in my memory are last summer's final moments — not the triumphant ride into the Capitol — but a quieter, more somber moment capable of being understood only by



Having joined together in God's love, these were no longer strangers. We had empirically proven Jesus' bold claim, that "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

TOP RIGHT: A state trooper looks on with disbelief at the wrecked Fuller Center's van and equipment trailer which flipped with Ryan Iafigliola at the wheel after blowing a tire on a desolate road in Idaho. Incredibly, none of the eight passengers were seriously injured in the mishap. The van was replaced in a few days and the adventure continued without further incident.

RIGHT: During the course of their cross-country trip, the bikers stopped in seven cities and worked on a dozen Fuller Center house projects.



THE ADVENTURE OF SERVING OTHERS *continued...*

those who have gone through such a journey together. As we stood in a circle in a church basement, each participant spontaneously shared from their heart what the service, cycling, devotions, simple living, and camaraderie had truly meant to their life journeys, while choking back tears if not letting them flow freely. Having joined together in God's love, these were no longer strangers. We had empirically proven Jesus' bold claim, that "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Or as one rider recently posted on Facebook, "Real life is ruined after the FCBA [Fuller Center Bike Adventure]. Nothing compares."

Get your parish or church involved – there are tons of ways. We need your help!

Thankfully, then, for each of the riders, there is always next year! For the ride's fifth anniversary next summer, we will be having two rides — the east coast, followed by the west coast. Most people will do part or all of one or the other; a few brave souls may decide to do both.

There are so many stories to tell — riding route 66, accidentally spending the night at the wrong church, or a

homeowner named Alice finally being able to sleep in a bed again rather than her bathtub after a tree had fallen on her house. Instead, I invite you to come see for yourself and write the next story. Come ride, volunteer locally or abroad, have your company sponsor the ride or a house, or donate. Get your parish or church involved — there are tons of ways. We need your help! Your own adventure awaits you.

A PERSONAL REFLECTION ON 1,600 MILES OF A LIFE TRULY LIVED | *By Jessica Thompson '03*

EDITOR'S NOTE: *Jessica Thompson is a teacher at Brunswick High School.*

Growing up, my family instilled the value of service within me through words and action. While at Padua, I was given the opportunity to learn and practice a Franciscan life of service and simplicity.

This life value has lived on in me and has created a lifestyle in which I can give, serve, and help others. Ryan has given many families the opportunity to live simply, yet happily. My Uncle Dave always told me, "Service begins at home." This has always reminded me to give whole heartedly to my family, serve and give grace to the Franciscan way of life, and because of Ryan, create homes where other families can serve.

The bike trip this summer was a great opportunity for me to meet new people, serve others, and share in values. The Fuller Center's campaign to end poverty housing has been yet another blessing that I was able to share with others. I am thankful for this opportunity to work with The Fuller Center and encourage others to give and serve in this wonderful and important cause. I am looking forward to the next ride!

Jessica may be contacted at jthompson@bcsoh.org.

Jessica Thompson is still smiling after two days of the 1,600-mile biking adventure.



ALUMNI CALENDAR

What's Happening Through June 2012

Alumni News

NOVEMBER 13

PADUA OPEN HOUSE FOR ALUMNI & THEIR FAMILIES

Bring the family and visit Padua's Open House on **Sunday, November 13**. Begin your VIP open house tour at **10:30 a.m.** with Mass for you and your family in the Padua gymnasium. A private reception will be held immediately following in the gym with refreshments. **RSVP is required.** Email ckuhn@paduafranciscan.com with the number of adults attending and the names and ages of children attending (see back cover ad).

MARCH 2



Padua Franciscan Alumni Association Presents...

red, white, and brew'n
An experience of wine, beer, and food.

RED, WHITE AND BREW'N

Mark your calendars now for the Alumni Association's second annual Red, White and Brew'n on **Friday, March 2**, in the Padua gymnasium. Join us from **7-9 p.m.** for a sampling of 12 different wines from all over the globe, craft beers from The Brew Kettle, and various food samplings. **Tickets are \$20/person** which includes all samplings, a commemorative wine tasting glass, and a chance at various door prizes. **Tickets will go on sale January 9** and will be available for purchase in the school office. A limited number of tickets will be sold. **21 and over please.**

APRIL 21



AUCTION, DINNER, RAFFLE, ENTERTAINMENT

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. Volunteers are currently being recruited to work on the planning committee. If the excitement of a benefit auction sounds interesting to you, please **contact** rholtz@paduafranciscan.com.

JUNE 8

PADUA/JAMES W. DAY GOLF CLASSIC

It's not too early to begin organizing your foursome for the 27th annual Padua Alumni Golf Classic at Shale Creek Golf Course on **Friday, June 8**. This shotgun start will begin at **9:00 a.m.**

NOVEMBER 10, JANUARY 19, APRIL 19

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

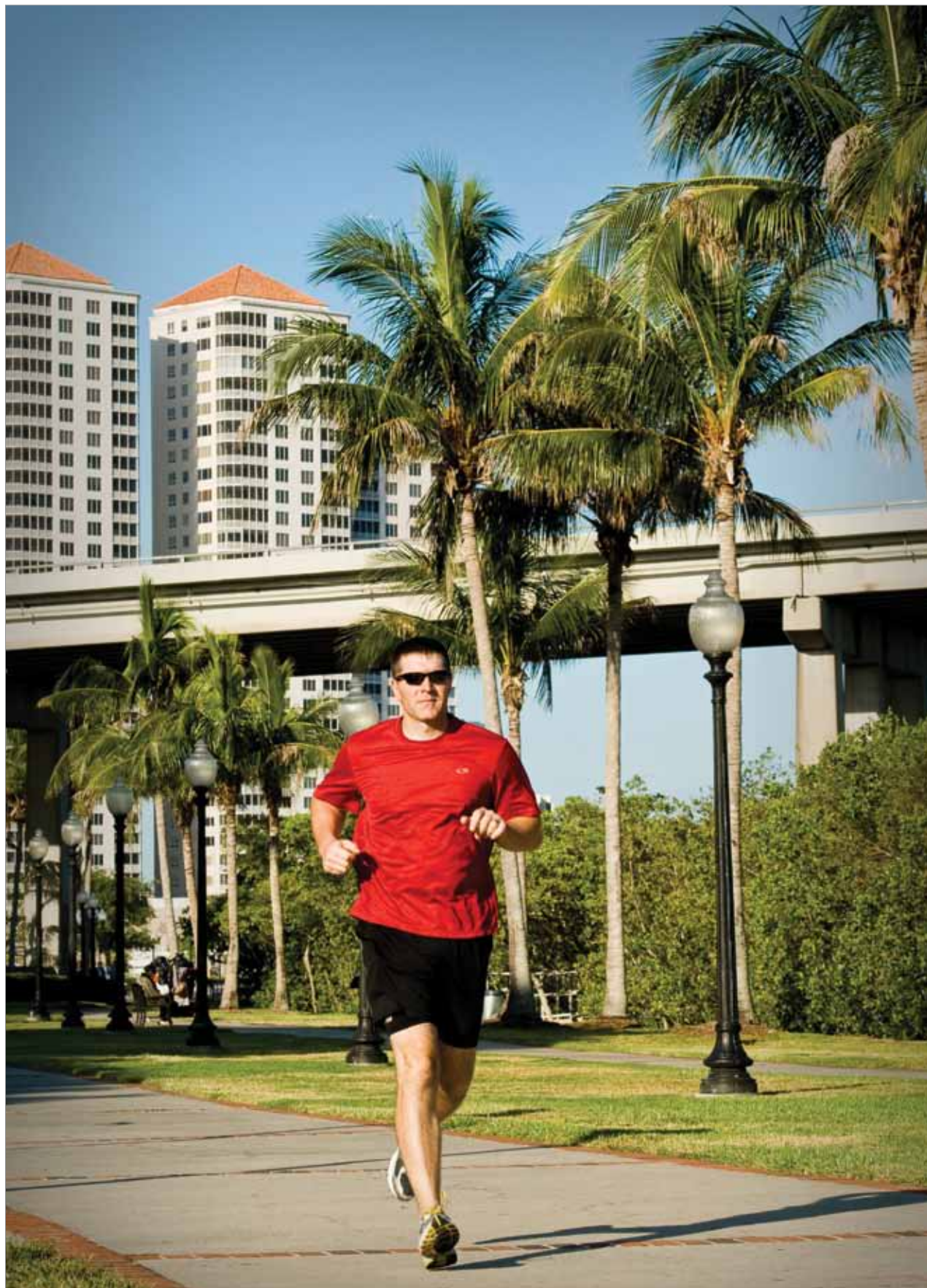
Meetings are located in Padua's West Wing Conference Room and begin at **6:30 p.m.**

For more information on any of these events, e-mail RHoltz@PaduaFranciscan.com **or call** 440-845-2444, **ext. 106.**



DAVID DRUM '93

A 390-Mile Quest to Honor Fallen Officers



"I simply must do something for the survivors of the fallen."



Some people use their treadmill time to catch up on the news, read a book, or just zone out while listening to their iPod. Leave it to **David Drum '93** to use his treadmill to become inspired to travel 390 miles in 10 days, on foot, in a quest to raise both funds and awareness to honor officers killed in the line of duty.

David is a sergeant with the Lee County Sheriff's Office, working in the Special Operations Unit and also serving as a training instructor. He is intimately familiar with the dangers that officers face every single day. In March, David was reading about the number of officers killed in the line of duty and the number of children they left behind, while his own children played nearby. He wanted to do something to help; but all of his fundraising ideas were too low scale, until his workout prompted him to wonder how far it was from Fort Myers to the state capital in Tallahassee.

THE WALK FOR THE FALLEN

The aptly named *Walk for the Fallen* will take David from the Lee County Sheriff's Office to the Florida Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Tallahassee in time for the annual ceremony in May. The distance of 390 miles in 10 days translates to a marathon and a half, every single day. Is he crazy? David replied with a chuckle, "My wife Christi seems to think so!" But he immediately turned serious when he added, "I just couldn't shake the image of the children left behind, some too young to have a memory of their fallen parent. I'm so lucky that Christi has given me her full support."

Lucky is certainly one word to describe David, because he himself came "this close" to being one of the fallen. Back in 2003, he was on his way to an accident scene on his motorcycle when a vehicle cut him off, sending both David and his bike careening down the street nearly 50 yards. He returned to work after some rest, but his damaged body gave out several

years later, requiring two back surgeries and months of rehab. David attributes his successful return to the SWAT team as part of a higher calling to continue to serve others, of which the *Walk for the Fallen* is merely the physical manifestation.

TRAINING FOR A CAUSE

Ultra-runner Dante Ciolfi and David's pastor Mike Ash (also a fellow marathoner) have both lent their support to David's physical training and fundraising efforts. He has also received the support of Lee County Sheriff Mike Scott, who will be providing safety vehicles for the journey, as well as other law enforcement organizations such as the Florida SWAT Association. David's core logistics team is busy securing donations-in-kind to help the actual event run smoothly, such as hotel rooms for the occasional reprieve from the cramped quarters of an RV.

David is quick to point out the sacrifice that his family will also be making while he prepares for and conducts



DAVID DRUM '93 | *Continued...*

the *Walk*. Currently three to four days a week, his training regimen will soon expand to five days a week after his recreational hockey league is over. During his long weekend runs, David will rise before 4 a.m. to complete his route before lunchtime, to minimize the impact on his family. With all the training he has already done and will do before next April, it is hard to believe that David will not complete his first marathon until December 11.

CONCERNS FOR POLICE SURVIVORS

The *Walk* is only the means to an end — to raise \$39,000 for Concerns for Police Survivors. C.O.P.S. is an organization dedicated to supporting the families of fallen law enforcement officers. This support is displayed in a number of ways, from counseling to scholarships and from kids' summer programs to courtroom survivor support.

C.O.P.S. continually strives to care for the families of those who have fallen while protecting ours. All money raised will go to the national office, so that support will be spread across the country. The other goal of the *Walk* is awareness. According to C.O.P.S., 131 officers have been killed in the line of duty, leaving 183 children behind, through September 11. For the first time in 13 years, gunfire rather than car accidents is the leading cause of officer death.

Such statistics don't scare David; instead they make him angry at the criminals who seem to have declared war against those whose mission is to protect and to serve. David explained, "There is no greater love than to lay down your life for someone else, so I understand the risks. But I have always been impacted by the Bible verse about the widows and orphans.

I simply must do something for the survivors of the fallen." David credited Padua's CFO program and parents Bob and Pat with instilling in him a desire to help others, which has only intensified since his accident.

THE LAST MILE

All the pairs of running shoes, the lost sleep, and the miles run will come to fruition in the spring of 2012. David is looking forward to his wife, his mother, and his children — Jacob (12) Caleb (10) and Emily (19 months) — accompanying him for the last mile of the *Walk*.

You can learn more at facebook.com/walkforthefallen or by emailing David at ddrum@sheriffleefl.org.

Photos courtesy of LeAnne Ash.



SPORTS *Notables*

BOYS GOLF

Sophomore **Nick Schley** earned a spot on the All-Tournament team at the Trinity Invitational on August 10. The top six scorers were placed on the team, and Nick's score of 78 was the third best out of the 72 golfers competing. He was also a district qualifier with a score of 79.

BOYS SOCCER

Sophomore **Stephen Petrash** recorded his first career hat trick (three goals in one game) in the Bruins' win over Sandusky Perkins on September 10. This led the way for Padua's first victory of the season, 5-3, over the Pirates. Petrash has four goals this year.

After beginning the season 0-4, the Bruins have had a strong month of September, posting a record of 4-0-2, with victories over North Coast League rivals Holy Name, NDCL, and Lake Catholic, as well as tying St. Vincent-St. Mary and the defending Division II State Runner-Up Revere. The team has been led by their three senior captains — Josh Kawa, Matt Stewart, and Brian Ostrowski.



CROSS COUNTRY

The boys cross country team has placed in the top five at five meets thus far this season, finishing in 5th place at the Willoughby South Invitational, the Trinity Invitational, and the Avon Lake Invitational, as well as a 3rd place finish at the McDonough Invitational and a 2nd place finish at the Patriot Invitational. Senior **Evan Bialosky** took 2nd and junior **Ryan Seballos** took 6th at the Patriot Invitational, and Bialosky came in 3rd place at the Avon Lake Invitational and 2nd at the McDonough Invitational.

The girls cross country team, despite a few injuries, have had an exceptional season, highlighted by a 2nd place finish at the Avon Lake Invitational. Freshman **Sarah Chimelewski** and

junior **Gina Jakubowski** have been consistent top runners for the Bruins.

GIRLS SOCCER

Junior **Lauren Kuznik** set a career high with twelve saves in the goal during the Bruins' 2-0 loss to NDCL on September 21. Kuznik, in her first season as a goalkeeper, has one shut-out this year and four games in which she has only allowed one goal.

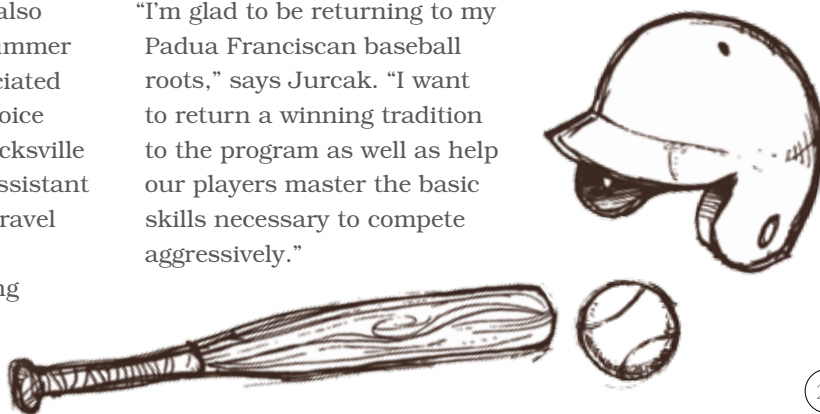
Juniors **Anne Haibach** and **Katie Viehbeck** were the leaders of a resilient effort by the Lady Bruins on September 10, when Haibach scored two goals and Viehbeck scored one each in the final eight minutes to lead Padua past Valley Forge. The team battled through rainy and muddy conditions all night en route to the breathtaking finish.

PADUA FRANCISCAN SIGNS *Alumnus to Head Bruins Baseball Post*

Padua Franciscan has appointed **Tom Jurcak** as head baseball coach. A 1983 graduate of Padua and former baseball Bruin himself, Tom went on to play college ball at Cuyahoga Community College and Baldwin-Wallace College. After college, he played semi-pro baseball in the former Plain Dealer League.

Jurcak's experience also includes coaching summer baseball teams associated with the Fielder's Choice Baseball Club in Brecksville where he has been assistant coach, worked with travel teams, and provided instruction in pitching and hitting.

"I'm glad to be returning to my Padua Franciscan baseball roots," says Jurcak. "I want to return a winning tradition to the program as well as help our players master the basic skills necessary to compete aggressively."





PADUA SOCCER & LACROSS

Facility Project Update



With the completion of the Padua Stadium in 2000, attention turned to finding an adequate practice and playing surface for Padua's popular men's and women's soccer programs. With the advent to lacrosse in 2010, the need for additional practice and playing fields intensified.

In response, Padua Franciscan purchased nearly 19 acres of the former Camp Cordé on West Ridgewood Drive in Parma; and in December of 2010, Padua began the construction of new soccer/lacrosse fields. The project, which is expected to be completed by the spring of 2012, will contain three fields including an irrigated, regulation-sized playing field, scrimmage field, and practice field. The land and existing enclosed pavilion on the site are also used for student retreats, special events, and student activities throughout the year.

To contribute toward the cost of developing this land into a premier athletic facility, contact **Jerry Jindra '70** at GJindra@PaduaFranciscan.com.

Work progresses on the new soccer/lacrosse fields at the former Camp Cordé throughout the winter, spring, and summer.

Construction is expected to be completed by the spring of 2012.

IN MEMORIAM

Olga Bahnij, mother of **Jerry '76** and grandmother of **Stephanie '06**

Joseph Boncela, father of **Jonathan '89** and **Jessica '94**

Antoine Bouyounan, father of **Peter '87**

Norman Burkhardt, father of **Norman '70**

Phillip DePaul, brother of **Ray '81**

Catherine Domann, mother of **Bernie '82** and **Kevin '84**

Debbie Glaser, mother of **Jennifer '96**, **Michelle '99**, and **Daniel '03**, sister-in-law of **Damian '79**

Mildred Kedzior, mother of **John '73** and **Joel '81**, grandmother of **Kaitlyn '06**

Martin Oswald, father of **Donna '88**

Christopher Presti, father of **Jordan '12**

Richard Rosewicz, brother of **Peter '73**, uncle of **Laura '02**

George Sibel, father of **Kate '97**

Jerome Stano, father of **Paul '74**

Emily Szymanski, mother of **Al '75**

Eleanor Thomas, mother of **Steve '75**

Stanley Tytko, father of **Janette '87**

Timothy Wise, father of **Tim '96**, **Dan '97**, and **William '01**

William Zawie, father of **Greg '87** and

Karen '89, father-in-law of **Scott Stakolich '81**

Sister M. Angelita Zawada, OSU

Padua Franciscan mourns the loss of Sister M. Angelita Zawada, OSU, who passed away on September 15. She had served as a member of the Padua Franciscan High School Board of Trustees from 1995 until 2001 and was a long-time supporter of the school. Sister Zawada taught at two greater Cleveland elementary schools and then served as principal of three others before being elected president of the Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland in 1996, a position she held until her death.



1965



Just like the skippers on the TV program, *The Deadliest Catch*, **Dennis Higgins** is a deep-sea fishing boat captain. He is organizing a trip for about ten of his classmates to spend a week on his over-100-foot boat in Alaska next year. He has also appeared in a number of scenes from Sarah Palin's recent television series.

1984

After working in the engineering and construction fields for over 25 years, **Frank Hribar** was recently named vice president of Dennis Corporation. Through the years he has successfully managed a wide range of projects, including roads, bridges, airports, water and sewer service, and wastewater treatment plants.

1989

Steve Scanlon is now a paramedic with Ohio Ambulance as well as a teaching assistant for the Tri-C EMT program.

1993

BIRTHS: Lily and Zachary born to **Kelley (Fox)** and **Mike '92 Mendoza** on December 20.

1997

As owner of LightRock Productions, **A.J. Schultz** recently edited episodes of the new cooking show, *Emeril's Table*, starring Emeril Lagasse and airing on the Hallmark channel.

1999

BIRTHS: Joseph George IV born to **Lindsay Kuhn Oppman** and her husband Joe on May 26.



Mason Craig born to **Jennifer Campobenedetto Deakins** and her husband Jamie on September 9.



2000

BIRTHS: Cole Robert born to **Rachel (Zofcin)** and **Brad Martin** in April.

2002

Allison Neumann graduated Phi Beta Kappa with honors from the University of Chicago in 2006. After entering Harvard Business School in 2009, she participated in field studies with world-renowned advertising, branding, and design firms taking her around the world to countries such as Tanzania, Sweden, Hong Kong, and Argentina. After graduating from Harvard this May, she moved to London with her fiance to begin a career in branding.

BIRTHS: Bryan Owen to **Lynn Zamborsky Baranowski** and husband Bryan on October 4.

2003

Alex Kocin and **Jessica Rosati '04** were married in October. They are also being featured this fall on the HGTV show *House Hunters* where they hunt for and find a home in Wilmington, Delaware. She is currently employed with the Prestige Academy, and he is employed with Lubrizol in Wilmington.

2004

David Schwark and **Amanda Barcikowski** were married in May 2009. She is currently employed at Vanity Lab in Westlake, and he just graduated from Cleveland Marshall School of Law last spring. They reside in Downtown Cleveland.

2005

Lisa Marra and **Mike Czech** were married in October 2010.



Something Bruin



2007

Continuing her education at Grand Valley State pursuing a master's degree in occupational therapy, **Alyssa Coundourides** played four years of volleyball earning all-conference honors at Hiram College.

A 2011 John Carroll University graduate, **Kristen Jantonio** was selected as this year's NBC/John Carroll University Meet the Press Fellowship recipient. She earned a bachelor of arts degree in communication and theatre arts (*below*).



Julie Marra and **Nathan Kolasinski** were married on July 9 at St. Charles Church. The wedding party included **Jake Mey**, **Jessica Marra '02**, **Lindsay Marra '09**, **Jason Kolasinski '11**, **Corey Zanotti**, **Michael Czech '05**, **Lisa Marra Czech '05**, **Sam Reynolds**, and **Jeff Lyman** (*below*).

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ATTENTION ALUMNI FAMILIES

Join Us For Open House on Sunday, November 13



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!

Begin your VIP open house tour at 10:30 a.m. with Mass for you and your family in the Padua gymnasium. A private reception will be held immediately following in the gym with refreshments. From there you will enjoy a tour of the building with a student guide before doors open to the public. RSVP is required.

Email ckuhn@paduafranciscan.com with the number of adults attending and the names and ages of children attending.

