Making faith central in all we do became a major goal in this Year of Faith for the Catholic Church. From the classroom to the community, USF students and staff carried the message of faith in a multi-leveled effort to demonstrate the impact when believers contemplate their beliefs, strengthen them and put them into action. The 150th anniversary of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration corresponded with this important effort.
Blue Jacket founder and USF alumnus Tony Hudson works at the non-profit corporation he created to help offenders succeed when they are released from the criminal justice system. Blue Jacket’s employment training and placement programs, clothing store and flower and vegetable garden not only teach released offenders responsibility and self-reliance, they provide important services and products for the Fort Wayne community.

Art imitates life when USF teams with the Fort Wayne Ballet to form the Fort Wayne Ballet Conservatory at the University of Saint Francis. The two- and four-year dance programs teach a broad range of dance styles as well as the business and humanities courses needed to take dancing to the level of a lifelong career. Dance instruction takes place downtown in the Auer Center for Arts & Culture, while academic classes meet on the main campus.

Soil survivors USF biology alumnus Cole De’Nise and fellow students create a rain garden near the student parking lot of the Pope John Paul II Center. Cole made the rain garden a senior Capstone project to establish a place of flowering beauty that filters runoff headed for Mirror Lake—runoff that could upset the lake’s delicate ecosystem. His plan allows current and future USF students to add to the project in support of campus green initiatives.

Giving flight to ideas led USF alumnus Greg Mendez to a career in metal sculpting and the position as a mover and shaker in the realm of public art. Mendez displays sculptures in major venues across the country, including sculpture walks in South Dakota and back at his hometown of Decatur, Ind. The Decatur Sculpture Tour has taken flight in its second year, due in part to the enthusiastic participation of Mendez and USF’s Dr. Larry Wiedman.

Photos by Steve Vorderman and Jeffrey Crane
Dear Alumni and Friends,

The Year of Faith proclaimed by Pope Benedict XVI ends in November. It has been a time of extraordinary growth for all of us at the University of Saint Francis. Challenged to deepen our understanding and strengthen faith in our daily lives, we have engaged students, staff, faculty and community in faith-building activities.

The election of our new pope and his choosing the name of Francis, our patron saint, holds special meaning. In his first encyclical letter, he writes, “Faith is born of an encounter with the living God who calls us and reveals his love, a love which precedes us and upon which we can lean for security and for building our lives.”

As Pope Francis begins his leadership, the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration have also reached a milestone—the 150th anniversary of our founding in Olpe, Germany. Bishop Rhoades will lead a special Mass on campus to celebrate this event on Oct. 13 at 2 p.m. You are all invited to attend it, and the reception following.

Our foundress, Mother Maria Theresia Bonzel, will be beatified in Paderborn, Germany on Nov. 10. Many of the sisters will attend this long-awaited event. Closer to home, Sister Rose Agnes Pfautsch was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters during May commencement exercises, in recognition of her many years of service to the university and our congregation.

We began 2013 continuing a faculty lecture series recognizing the 50th anniversary of Vatican Council II. In February, we launched the Servus Omnium lecture series with a breakfast and presentation on the vocation of the Christian business leader. March brought the exhibit, “Memoria: Three Heroes of Assisi,” a lecture, and book signing. The event documented the efforts of three men who saved over 200 Jews in Assisi, Italy during World War II.

The spring play, “To Kill a Mockingbird,” challenged us to consider our pre-conceptions about those who are different than us. Two June events, the Legacy of Peace Luncheon and the Future of Education panel discussion, spotlighted education and the 50th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King’s speech at the Scottish Rite Auditorium, now the USF Performing Arts Center.

Throughout the year, our students engaged in retreats, pilgrimages and community service outreach, with the campus community booking a total 250,000 hours of service. One project raised $50,000 to begin construction of a new orphanage for Haitian children, and you will read about it and other campus activities here in the Saint Francis magazine.

We have all been strengthened by the Year of Faith, and have seen the impact of our faith in service to others. As we continue to engage a diverse community in learning, leadership and service, we invite our friends and alumni to visit and participate in the many events taking place on our campus.

In God’s love,

Sister M. Elise Kriss, OSF
President
YEAR of FAITH
WE STRENGTHEN OUR WALK

“Help one another. That’s what Jesus teaches us. It’s what I do. And I do it with my heart.”

- Pope Francis, Mass of Our Lord’s Supper, 2013
In March, the eyes of the world turned toward a new pope, whose unique relation to USF made this Year of Faith particularly joyous for the university family.

The election of Jorge Mario Bergoglio as the 266th pope of the Catholic Church became particularly relevant through his chosen name of Francis—St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of the university and its founding order.

The life of Pope Francis has centered upon humility, concern for the poor and dialogue as a way to build bridges between people of all backgrounds, beliefs and faiths.

Called by the Church to a deeper commitment and service in this Year of Faith, USF shared some of Pope Francis’ ideals through renewed efforts to teach and live our shared beliefs as an institution of higher learning.
LECTURES INCLUDED:

"Emergence of Vatican II: Preparation and Session I," Dr. Earl Kumfer

"The People of God: Revisiting ‘Lumen Gentium,’” Sister Jacinta Krecek

"Inspiration of Scripture in ‘Dei Verbum,’” Dr. Lance Richey

"An Eastern Christian Assessment of Vatican II,” Dr. Adam DeVille

"Sacrificing Truth for Comfort,” Dr. Lewis Pearson

"Trent and Vatican II: Two Anniversaries of Two Misunderstood Councils,” John O’Malley, SJ, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

"Christians, Jews, and ‘Nostra Aetate,’” Dr. John Bequette

"Stigmata of St. Francis,” Sister Anita Holzmer

"Hildegard of Bingen,” Sister Felicity Dorsett

The presentation, “From Career to Calling: The Vocation of the Christian Business Leader,” combined business and philosophical precepts in a message of service for everyone. Dr. Michael Naughton, Moss Chair in Social Thought and director of the John A. Ryan Institute for Catholic Social Thought at University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minn., recognized the role of faith in what Blessed John Paul II called “the New Evangelization” of modern society. A business breakfast and prayer with area leaders preceded the event.

DEFENDING ALL FAITHS

The Center for Franciscan Spirit and Life and the History Department brought “Memoria: Three Assisi Heroes,” an exhibit, lecture and
book signing, to campus to demonstrate ecumenism and respect for the individual to our students and community. The three events documented the rescue of several hundred Jewish refugees in Assisi, Italy during the German occupation of Italy in 1943.

Father Andre Cirino, OFM, the author of a book about the brave rescue efforts of his friend Don Aldo Brunacci, a Catholic priest, and two other heroes, traveled to campus from the East Coast to deliver a lecture about the remarkable success story.

“To hide a Jew was not easy in a small city. When the Jews came in with their religious items, Don Aldo took the artifacts and held a candle while a false wall was created to hide them. They would settle the family in a friary, teach them to chant in Latin, hide them in monasteries and try to get the kids in schools. They made them false IDs so they could eat,” Cirino said.

“Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.”
-Hebrews 11:1

University President Sister M. Elise Kriss presented Sister Rose Agnes Pfautsch of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration with an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree during the graduation ceremony this May.

Of his book on the three heroes, Father Cirino said, “Don Aldo has marked me for my life. I took stacks of records to him and asked, ‘Want me to publish it?’ He simply replied, ‘That would be nice.’ I published it two years before he died.”
OUR STUDENTS LEARN AND GROW IN FAITH

A number of events allowed our students to meditate upon their faith and put it into action.

Christian Leadership Council in June involved USF Peer Ministers recruiting high school attendees and leading sessions for young people looking ahead to church leadership.

Koinonia in October 2012 and this past February gave students a non-denominational retreat away from campus. At Mount Alverno, the location of Motherhouse of the Sisters in Mishawaka, Ind., they engaged in activities with Campus Ministry leaders and spent time in prayer and introspection to put themselves more deeply in touch with their faith.

Our pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi in December brought USF students and leaders together with groups from other Franciscan colleges and universities for an 11-day pilgrimage to walk in the footsteps of the saints of Assisi who inspire our values.

“MLK Day: A Day On, Not a Day Off” in January allowed students and their professors to put faith into action through community service projects which demonstrate the qualities of tolerance, equality and non-violence for which Dr. King stood.

This year, USF’s student-led Formula for Life raised nearly $50,000 and close to that amount in donated materials for the building of a new orphanage for Our Lady of Perpetual Help orphanage in Haiti.

This fall, the student-led Campus Ministry began an RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) program for students interested in becoming Catholic. Sessions are Sunday evenings, and Catholic students have opportunities to assist as catechists.

The Papal Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi is the mother church of the Roman Catholic Order of Friars Minor—commonly known as the Franciscan Order—in Assisi, Italy, the city where St. Francis was born and died.
FAITH ON A LARGER STAGE

To examine the fundamental lessons of compassion, justice, integrity and courage in a powerful way, USF’s School of Creative Arts staged “To Kill a Mockingbird” in the USF Performing Arts Center, the former Scottish Rite Center, for two weekends in April. Through the character of lawyer Atticus Finch, viewers saw tolerance in the face of racism and hatred in the Deep South in the 1950s, and the example Atticus set for his children as they set out toward adulthood.

On June 5, USF memorialized the 50th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s riveting speech on social justice in the USF Performing Arts Center. Dr. King’s nephew, Dr. Derek King, was guest speaker for the Legacy of Peace Luncheon, speaking about the impact of his uncle’s legacy and the work that remains today.

On Sunday of Homecoming weekend, the university will recognize the 150th anniversary of its sponsor, the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration. Their long journey from Olpe, Germany, to Lafayette, Ind. to found a hospital and school led to the foundation of Saint Francis College, now USF, and today’s Franciscan Alliance healthcare network. On Oct. 13 at 2 p.m. at the North Campus, the university will host a special Mass to allow everyone in the area to worship with the Sisters. Bishop Kevin Rhoades of the Fort Wayne-South Bend Diocese will be the celebrant, and friends can meet and mix with the Sisters in a reception that will follow in Brookside.

The Mass and reception have been organized on USF’s Homecoming weekend to emphasize the relationship between the Church and university, and to give all an opportunity to celebrate the impact of the Sisters’ 150 years of service.

“For the word of the Lord is right and true; he is faithful in all he does.”
-Psalm 33:4

Faculty, staff and students teamed up to make items to donate to charity for “A Day On, Not a Day Off,” USF’s annual MLK Day recognition.

Lawyer Atticus Finch champions social justice in USF’s production of “To Kill a Mockingbird.”
USF has collaborated with the Fort Wayne Ballet to offer four-year and two-year programs in dance through the university’s Fort Wayne Ballet Conservatory at the University of Saint Francis. It is the region’s only four-year degree of its type. The Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance and Associate of Arts in Dance will prepare students for professional dance careers while delivering a sound liberal arts core curriculum for a well-rounded education. Dance courses will be held at the new facilities of Fort Wayne Ballet at Auer Arts Center, while academic classes will be located in the School of Creative Arts.
USF's Kerry Coughlin transcends the physical to become poetry in motion.
"The magic is, we implement foundational middle class work ethics and expectations. You must show through actions that you want to become employed. You must prove to us and an employer you mean business. That means professional dress every day, being on time and assignments completed every day on time. If they forget a tie, are a minute late or have a late assignment, they’re out."

- TONY HUDSON, MA 1999
Those familiar with local history may recognize the name Blue Jacket. In defense of tribal land, the Shawnee warrior chief besieged the U.S. Army and settlers advancing into this region over 200 years ago, gaining fame, along with Little Turtle, for winning the Battle of the Wabash.

The founder of Blue Jacket Inc. in Fort Wayne, alumnus Tony Hudson, MA 1999, drew upon the name and story of the Native American warrior in establishing a non-profit organization that operates a lot like its namesake—takes action to defend liberty and dignity.

Through a family history of serving the criminal justice system—his grandfather was a Fort Wayne prosecuting attorney and his mother Director of Community Corrections in Allen County—he began a corrections career under his mother’s tutelage instead of using his MA to teach drawing.

That gave him an insider’s view to offenders passing through the system, and their often rocky re-entry into society. Instead of bowing to their seemingly inevitable joblessness and recidivism, he decided to do something to help them reclaim their dignity and begin successful lives.

“I started to climb the ladder in corrections and fell in love with helping people in trouble, and did very broad research on what to do to keep people out of jail,” he said. “In 2001-02, I decided that God’s path was leading me to full-time corrections, and my experience at USF was a great part of that.

“So I created a pilot program for the Reentry Court Initiative, knowing that employment, housing and family are the biggest determinants of success for offenders. Then I helped establish an independent non-profit, 501c3 corporation with influential local leaders, and a founding board of directors. I had no idea how to run a business, let alone a non-profit business, and the board helped me. It was much harder than any of us imagined. I am an influencer for a vision, not a controller or manager, and only recently did God give us people to take care of the day-to-day tasks while I pursue partnerships for the program.”

Those partnerships have created resources, not only for the ex-offenders, but for local employers. Ten years ago, he created an organization with a two-pronged offense against joblessness. The first allows the criminal justice system, nonprofits, donors or friends to pay to enroll ex-offenders in Blue Jacket’s Career Academy Services, a four-week course to prepare them for responsible entry to the workplace.

Augmenting the career services is Opportunity Staffing, through which employers pay to staff ex-offenders who have completed Blue Jacket’s career training. “In the past it has been such a hard thing to get ex-offenders jobs, but people really want to buy into this,” Tony said. “Employers are reporting a higher quality candidate than those hired off the street or through traditional job postings. The staffing is also one of our funding mechanisms. The more people we place, the more money we have in our scholarship bank to train others.”

Blue Jacket has additional income sources through a large used clothing store in the back and the sale of produce from a side garden. “The clothing store was fun to help design. I was in there swinging a hammer, too. Last year, during the drought, the vegetables and flowers brought in close to $3,000, and we trained many people in urban gardening,” Hudson said. “All income from the clothing store, staffing, training and veggie garden is mission-related, and funnels back into the company.”

Because it succeeds in helping vulnerable people, he is expanding the client base. “Now it has moved into a social enterprise that serves not just ex-offenders, but homeless people and veterans, CANI and other nonprofit clients, the disadvantaged and learning disabled.”

In the large space donated by AWS Foundation at 2826 S. Calhoun St., partner agencies now also provide case management, counseling, volunteering services and soon a barbershop, tailoring and tattoo removal.

Those who wish to help Blue Jacket combat criminal recidivism can contact Executive Director Tony Hudson at 260-744-1900 or ahudson@bluejacketinc.org. Thirty-five people are on a waiting list for training scholarships.
“It will take a little while to recover,” said USF alumnus Don Clemmer, assistant director of media relations for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, after covering the spring conclave to elect Pope Francis.

Being at the Vatican in Rome when the drifting white smoke signaled the monumental decision was transforming for the 2005 English graduate, as he worked and waited out the days.

“It was surreal to see so many figures involved in all of it up close, and to know the deliberations were going on each day that would impact the identity of the new pope,” he said. “It was also very powerful to experience those events by way of the cardinals staying near us. They left on the morning bus, and then we’d see them on TV. And then Benedict speaks. What a beautiful and powerful moment, and it’s all going on a 10-minute walk away.”

Serving the U.S. cardinals during the world event energized him. “We were there to help them as communication directors to facilitate the tremendous media need, so it took lots of coordinating who would be speaking to whom, and when. You find yourself interacting with world-renowned people in a professional context. Then there’s the gravity of the whole thing hanging over every bit of it—the cardinals know the responsibility and the whole world knows there will be a new pope. Those were the stakes. You can’t get close to that without it affecting you.”

He experienced a number of powerful moments. “It’s difficult to top the unveiling of Pope Francis on the balcony—it was incredibly moving, and the feeling in the square was electric, even before the smoke emerged. There was the rainy night and so many umbrellas, and this electric feeling of anticipation. And then the white smoke and the pope emerging was another level completely.”
He sees his USF experience as foundational in his life. “It was really formative in terms of faith maturity and moving on as an adult.”

The experience allowed him not only a window seat to a transforming moment in history, it let him experience the church in a new way. “I learned through the profession a powerful sense of the global church coming together. There was the visual of cardinals from all corners of the globe, the substantive Italian representation and the sense of strong unity of the church in prayer for the selection of the next pope. The unity was very profound.”

He admires Pope Benedict in his decision to step down. “His resignation was an incredibly courageous and humble move, and he navigated some very tricky unprecedented waters and showed us how it was to be done as only he can,” he said. “Who lets go of power? History is not replete with the kind of example Pope Benedict is.”

“The new pope’s name choice resonated Clemmer’s USF days and education at Bishop Luers High School in Fort Wayne. “When they announced it, the choice of Francis seemed just incredible,” he said. “Circling back to USF, it is very clear that Franciscan tradition was part of that, as well as my Bishop Luers experience and my Catholic upbringing colored by the Franciscan tradition.”

“Many people influenced him at USF. “Professor Steve Sullivan and the entire Campus Ministry were critical,” he said. “But so were my theology and communication professors, and the English program was home base. The Sisters I knew are largely still there. It’s a wonderfully nurturing community.”

“I owe lots to everyone I’ve encountered along the way. My overwhelming feeling would be gratitude.”

“Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.”

-GALATIANS 6:10
Historic MLK Jr. speech anchors USF’s “Future of Education”

Great Equalizer

Education makes life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness much more tangible.
The late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. called education “the great equalizer.”

Dr. Derek King, nephew of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., speaks for the Legacy of Peace Luncheon on June 5, the 50th anniversary of his famous uncle’s social justice speech in Fort Wayne.

WANE-TV news anchor Terra Brantley emcees the Legacy of Peace Luncheon.

Future of Education keynote speaker, Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Glenda Ritz, addresses upcoming education concerns.
To celebrate Dr. King’s historic Fort Wayne speech and his ongoing legacy, his nephew, Dr. Derek King, an educator, minister and consultant for peaceful resolutions, traveled to the USF PAC on June 5 as guest speaker for the Legacy of Peace Luncheon.

Derek King spoke of continuing the battle for equality today, as prejudice and poverty still plague many African-Americans and other U.S. citizens. He cited three social evils—racism, greed and ignorance—and urged listeners to do the work to eradicate them.

He also pointed to the importance of community “families” and stricter parental guidance as a deterrent to the violence committed by youths today. “We need to stop ‘parenting’ and start ‘raising’ children. This mindset is not their fault—it’s ours. Growing up, I didn’t know how many mommas and daddies I had. It was an extended family,” he said.

Leadership is a shared responsibility, he said. “To be successful, higher education and big business and government can’t do it by themselves. Black, white, gay or straight people can’t do it themselves. It takes everybody to reach a place where all God’s children can sing with the Negro spiritual, ‘Free at Last.’”

Following the luncheon, “The Future of Education” convened as a free resource for educators and concerned citizens. A panel of educators representing USF, the Fort Wayne Urban League, the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Fort Wayne Community Schools and the Talent Initiative responded to questions about how education is changing to connect graduates with jobs and how it can effect peace.

Responding to a question about the assessment of students for post-secondary education and careers, USF Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. J. Andrew Prall said higher education emphasizes what employers are looking for. “We often hear that they seek communication skills, teamwork, critical thinking and problem solving that go beyond the technical. You need the whole person ready to contribute,” he said. Jonathan Ray of the Urban League said students must learn how to think.

“I don’t believe in high stakes assessments, and that’s where we are heading in Indiana. You can’t define students by test scores, and now we are defining teachers by test scores. We’re spending so much time teaching standards for tests, we can’t pay attention to students.” The growth model requires less assessment, which leaves more time for teaching, she said.

She told her own education story. “A teacher’s role is to inspire students until they self-inspire, and add pathways. I’m the product of a career course that inspired me to be a teacher. So I built a resume. I went to Ball State and worked two or three jobs every summer, one of them with small children. When I was hired for my first job, I had two pages of experience. Students today are not intentional in their pathways, and we have to help them do that.”

After Ritz’s speech, the Urban League wrapped up the event by hosting a round-table discussion on education as a catalyst for peace.
“Artists I meet keep telling me it’s like the old days,” said Mendez in May, just back from the Sioux Falls Sculpture Walk in South Dakota. Since completing a B.A. in fine art at USF in 2006, he has combined his sculpting talent, experience, PR skills and hometown Decatur, Ind. connections to help Fort Wayne’s neighbor town create the first Decatur Sculpture Walk last summer.

With the Sioux Falls event as a model, the Decatur Sculpture Walk increased participation by over 100 percent by the second installment in June, and is enthusiastically embraced by a town with a lot of rich traditions in sculpture, and—who’d have thought it—boxing.

A 10-year amateur boxer, Mendez tapped into the Decatur athletic vein through his grandfather, a 30-year boxer and coach, and parents willing to travel the country on weekends to develop their son’s talent. “Boxing was big in Decatur in the ’70s, and we had some Toledo Golden Gloves champs,” said Mendez, a Golden Gloves champ himself. “I really came to sculpture through boxing. As I traveled all around the country every weekend for matches, my dad took me to parks. So I calmed down for matches looking at sculptures, which led to my interest in public art.”

Following his dad’s advice to get an education first, he came to USF with an unfocused interest in art. That led to forays into a number of studies, and eventually to biology department professor and mallet-and-gouge wood carver Larry Wiedman. Mendez connected with Wiedman four years ago and encouraged Wiedman to take his carvings to the public arena (see related story on page 22).
Greg Mendez’s studio on Boone Street behind the Outlaws biker club resonates of 40 years ago — when art for art’s sake ruled, and long-haired artists grouped on farms or in any city space that could be turned into a studio.

During his USF years and since, two men informally dubbed “the two Neils” became the nexus of the artistic frenzy taking place in the Boone Street neighborhood, by leasing space to him and other artists. Neil Wiffil, a transplant from Somerset, England, and Neil Colchin, of nearby Hoagland, Ind., were restoring the scagliola in the Allen County courthouse when they met Mendez, and have partnered with Mendez on art projects for years.

Scagliola involves mixing a composite of selinite, glue and natural pigments to imitate marble in columns, sculptures and other architectural elements. It requires a frame to hold the composite, and while creating those frames for Wiffil and Colchin, Mendez began making the large metal sculptures for which he’s known across the country.

“I started making frames for scagliola pieces, and then making large metal pieces and leaving the metal frame as the art piece,” Mendez said. “The two Neils were working artists, so they were a model and there for advice.”

Last year’s Decatur Sculpture Walk earned Mendez a top award and a commissioned piece for a Decatur church. In June, he again focused on his roots and the people he knows best—in the place metal sculpting was born.

“I’m really concentrating on Decatur. I have some friends moving back, and David Smith, the first American sculptor to use welding to make sculptures of abstract contemporary art, was born there.”
Back on Boone Street, the artist community grows. Mendez's fiancé Tiffany Vassil, USF fine and commercial art 2003, has founded a furniture upholstery business. Vassil worked with Mendez to design one of this year's Decatur Sculpture Tour entries, a tall, Queen of Hearts-type chair with a nod to “Through the Looking Glass.” It's called “We’re All Mad Here.”

“I love all these artists coming and going because it keeps the ideas flowing. Greg helped me be confident enough to break free and found my own business,” Vassil said.

“The two Neils are creative, so I’m constantly working things out with them. Tiffany added the upholstery and there are also stained glass artists within the studio, so it’s a community,” Mendez said. “Everyone who comes over here is of the same mindset.”

Downtown, USF has the same plan—to teach students to found their own creative businesses through the Media Entrepreneurship Training in the Arts (META) program.

“A couple business classes would have really helped me get started,” Vassil said. Mendez agreed. “Getting an art business started is hard, and then running it like a business is another angle. I could have used speech classes, too. I’m an introvert, but doing public art has forced me to be outgoing.”

So USF will join Mendez as a sculptor through META—by shaping, refining and polishing talent and industry into successful businesses and lives.

**IF YOU TOOK IN THE DECATUR SCULPTURE TOUR** opening in June, you saw the work of two USF associates—biology department professor Dr. Larry Wiedman and alumnus Greg Mendez. And if you love animals, you probably enjoyed Wiedman’s wood carving of a river otter, created at 150 percent scale.

Wiedman and Mendez shared a professor and student relationship at USF, but Wiedman credits Mendez with teaching him to broaden his artistic horizons. A traditional mallet-and-gouge wood carver since 1979, he began displaying publicly at Mendez’s urging.

“I credit Greg with my discovery of my work,” Wiedman said. “He stopped out to see my work and I showed him how to carve. He kept saying, ‘This is good.’ I never considered displaying in a public forum—I always gave them away.”

When Mendez told him four years ago that the Roanoke Arts Renaissance wanted the work of regional artists outside of the formal art community, he went for it. He’s now an art juror for the organization and has won Best of Show twice. In last year’s inaugural Decatur Sculpture Tour, he won the Platinum Choice Award for his full-sized Galapagos turtle.

“My observational skills as a scientist led me to it,” he said. “I frequently carve human forms, but mostly animals, which links to my paleontology and biology training. It’s as much a part of me as teaching.”

He has high praise for Decatur Sculpture Tour. “I can’t believe they got the whole community involved and it is ongoing. The community was awesome. They really pulled off something extraordinary.”

For more information on the tour and year-long display of original art, visit www.decatursculpturetour.com.
Issued from the bench of a “trial” portrayed in the American South in the 1930s, the judge’s statement underscored a recurrent theme in USF’s production of “To Kill a Mockingbird”—the danger of prejudice and its ability to derail justice and human dignity.

Blameless and railroaded to prison and his death, Tom Robinson, the black victim of a trumped-up rape charge by a white woman, symbolized the play’s innocent mockingbird, invoked throughout the piece as a harmless herald of good. In the emotionally-charged courtroom and town environment, prejudices regarding people of color and other “mockingbirds,” those of peace who may simply appear different or possess less, repeatedly surfaced for inspection.

Lawyer Atticus Finch, Scout’s father and the defense attorney for the case, embodied compassion and respect for individuals, as he sought to teach his children values and live them himself. As the children’s thinking broadened in the course of the play, so did their understanding of their older, bookish father—another “mockingbird” of sorts. Seen initially as different and of no impact compared to the laborer fathers of their classmates, Atticus emerged as the standard-bearer for right thinking in his children’s understanding, as they began the perilous and enlightening journey toward adulthood.

The children’s preconceived notions about reclusive neighbor Boo Radley also transformed, when Radley appeared at the play’s end to defend Scout and her brother Jem from a knife attack by Bob Ewell, the perpetrator of the false charge against Robinson.

A dialogue between Scout and Atticus reiterated the play’s theme in the denouement.

“What Heck Tate said about Boo—about dragging him into the limelight—Heck was right. I mean, it’d be sort of like shooting a mockingbird, wouldn’t it? All those ideas we had about Boo Radley—but, Atticus—he’s real nice,” Scout postulates.

“Most people are, Scout—when you finally see them,” her father responds.

To Kill a Mockingbird
Indicts Prejudice

Local actor and USF familiar Brad Beauchamp directed the stage adaptation of Harper Lee’s 1960 Pulitzer Prize-winning novel.

“People generally see what they look for, and hear what they listen for.” - JUDGE TAYLOR

Photos by Tim Brumbeloe
Terror, hunger, lice and the cold, hard ground were constant companions for USF alumna Nidzara Sakinovic until she reached Fort Wayne two days before her 12th birthday.

Torn from her comfortable middle class life in 1992, she and her parents, brother and baby sister began a bullet-marked flight from the religious war that ripped Bosnia apart.

“The other side took over our city,” said the Fort Wayne teacher. “My dad was working downtown. He ran home, and we grabbed my little sister and whatever we could carry and followed my mom running through a cornfield. I turned around and saw someone throw a bomb at us. You could hear bullets all around. The river downhill was the border to Croatia, but as we climbed the opposite hill, they could still shoot at us. We kept running and hoped the bullets would miss us. I was 8 then.”

In the ensuing four years they fled twice and lived in three refugee camps, the first a village of 24 large chicken coops housing 800 people each, with an 8-by-8-foot square per family.

“We laid on my dad’s jacket so we didn’t sleep on the cement,” Nidzara said. They subsisted on chocolate and crackers for eight weeks. Eventually, the United Nations brought tents, stoves, heaters and makeshift restrooms. Food was meted out, and it was never enough.

Eight months later, in January, authorities said they could go home. “All the doors were open and windows broken in our house. We cleaned up an area to live in and stay warm. Then war started again,” she recalled.

During their second exodus, their soldier father was wounded. Relatives took him across the border, and Nidzara remembers frantically searching for him through the crowds and finally seeing him wave his crutches. “My dad said the hardest thing he ever had to do was leave us, but he had to go. No one was to be left alive,” she said.

Refugees occupied an abandoned town, which became a U.N. tent village. U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright visited the camp, offering aid and a path to America. The family seized the opportunity. Émigrés went to another camp for interviews with the American Embassy. “We registered and got IDs, physicals and booklets for food from a warehouse. We got one scoop per member. My favorite was on Fridays, when we got cornmeal and a cup of real yogurt. It was heaven on earth.”

On Sept. 23, 1996, they landed at JFK in New York, and missed their connecting Fort Wayne flight. Placed in a hotel for the night, they experienced long-lost luxuries. “It was our first night for years in a bed,” Nidzara said. “There was a knock on the door, and we found a whole rotisserie chicken, a side of rice and our first six-pack of Pepsi. I’m still addicted. Our mouths were drooling. We had real food and showers.”

Catholic Charities settled them through a Fort Wayne sponsor, and the difficult process of assimilating into a new culture began. Nidzara almost dropped out of high school, until a transfer to ethnically diverse South Side High School and an understanding principal helped her to cope and thrive.

“There were little groups of diverse people everywhere, and for the first time, I felt I could be Nidzara. I knew when I became a teacher, that’s the type of school I wanted to teach in.”
Now at Prince Chapman Academy on the city’s south side, she uses her USF teaching degree to create an environment in which fourth-graders thrive. “I love the inner city and the challenges it brings. I walk away and know I’m doing something good,” she said. Encouraged by USF’s Dr. Ann Hernandez, she has completed her master’s in school counseling, while teaching full-time. She has enormous impact. “Twenty-seven little ones depend on me 180 days a year. It’s a joy to know I create such a good environment, they never want me to leave. They are Burmese or African-American or bi-racial, and I love it because I don’t feel judged. I look Caucasian, but when I’m in a diverse population, I feel at home. Today’s family unit is so distraught, so my classroom is structured, with nothing to throw them off balance. At times it is hard to wear all those hats, but it’s so rewarding.”

Do the work, she tells her students. “I tell them it’s the hard road, but it’s the awesome road. I followed it, and I am successful. In my classroom, they have to speak properly. You wouldn’t say ‘what up’ to your boss.”

USF helped her believe in herself.

“My different background was celebrated the more I shared it. Whenever I’m asked for help by USF, I’m there—I say yes. I’ve received so much here, my whole life goal is to constantly give back. Why did those bullets miss us? There’s a purpose.”

Plainly, that purpose involves protecting and motivating children her age when she fled Bosnia. “I ask them, ‘What are you gonna do that’s awesome?’ Every year, we are the Cougars in my class. The USF football team gave them a signed ball. All of my kids are going to Saint Francis, and you’ll know when they get there!”

Nidzara came to USF after falling in love with the campus.

“It had a homey feeling, and fall was so beautiful. I prayed to be accepted. When I was, I became my family’s first American college student,” she said.

She worked full-time from 3 p.m. to midnight at Scott’s grocery for eight years, sometimes studying in the checkout lane, to put herself through school.

She completed a Bachelor of Science in Education in 2008 and a Master of Science in Education, school counseling, this year.
Young-Reese was among 33 MSN-FNP seniors awarded Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) grants that allowed the students—many of them parents and all working adults—to concentrate on studies and complete their degrees through the Advanced Education Nursing Traineeship. The USF grant students achieved a 100 percent graduation rate.

And while none found the path easy, Young-Reese experienced unique struggles, Assistant Professor of Nursing and grant project leader Wendy Clark said. Grants were awarded based on the applicants’ essays describing how each would use the grant to fulfill the USF mission and Department of Nursing philosophy and help medically underserved people.

With a completed Associate of Science in Nursing and 16-year hospital nursing job, Young-Reese stretched her finances as far as she could in order to keep her two children in a Christian school. Enrolled in USF’s MSN-FNP program, she set a goal to pay for college without loans and maintain her children’s tuition expenses as well.

It meant long hours and a lot of cut-backs. “I started the work day at 8 a.m., but had to get my kids to school at 7:15 a.m. I worked extra call hours when people quit. Then I missed my kids’ activities and it broke my heart when they said, ‘You’re always studying or at the computer. I want my own time.’ They are 9 and 11. I worked weekends to pay for my school,” she said.

“It was a lot of work and doing without the extras, and my kids didn’t understand that. They couldn’t have fun and we did without, but they were blessed with their school. I also experienced some difficult family stressors over that time.”

Her nursing faculty stepped in to help when she spoke of her financial aid needs. “Wendy Clark was excellent. She
USF’s Young-Reese (middle) was among 33 MSN grads helped by HRSA grants.

She plans to “pay it forward,” particularly as a member of a racial minority. “My goal is to continue contributing,” the Fort Wayne South Side High School graduate said. “As a minority, I want to give back to kids and encourage them. There are public school kids who need medical exams, and there are areas around Matthew 25 clinic and the Neighborhood Health Clinic that need assistance. My summer goal is to get those kids medical exams. My doing medical work as a minority is going to encourage them.”

Seeing the end of the hard road overwhelms her. “I cannot believe I’m done. It was so hard,” she said tearfully. “I do have a strong Christian base and think all things work together for good. If you work hard you can do anything.”

With 43 USF MSN-FNP seniors eligible for the second-year grant funding, $280,880 is in place to help another class of talented USF MSN-FNP seniors graduate to begin lives of compassionate service. All grant recipients agree to contribute four hours per month working or volunteering medical services in an underserved area. Clark will track their volunteer missions for several years to gauge the impact and provide documentation for the procurement of future grants.

“The Advanced Education in Nursing Traineeship grant allows up-front funding to students while they are enrolled, decreasing the student loans obtained right from the beginning,” Clark said. “The grant was a great match for the mission of USF—to meet the needs of the medically underserved on a regular basis after graduation.”
USF Crown Point alumna survives fire to graduate

The mythical phoenix gained new life by arising from its own ashes. It’s an apt metaphor for USF Crown Point’s Lisa Snooks, who graduated in May with an Associate of Science in Nursing.

Only four weeks before completion, with finals and comprehensive tests looming, she received a phone call from her husband, with a message no one wants to hear:

THE HOUSE IS BURNING.
“I drove over and could see the flames for miles. Four fire departments were called in. Three walls were left standing, and the roof ended up in the basement,” said the Lake Village, Ind. resident of the horrendous incident.

They were fortunate. She was providing healthcare nearby at the home of an elderly couple, and he was working at one of the couple’s barns with the dog. But aside from her computer and some clothing left at her employer’s home, they lost everything.

“My husband had what was on his back. There’s never a good time for something like this, but it’s worse the last month of the nursing program. It’s your last push,” she said. She went to work immediately to replace credit cards, driver’s license and other essentials burned in his wallet, and the exhaustive job of cataloging all of their possessions for the insurance claim began.

“We had to map out the whole house and describe everything—what was in the drawers, even our brand of underwear and what it was made of. The American flag the VFW gave us from my father-in-law’s funeral, all mom’s pictures, stuff the kids had made—all of it was gone. It stirred up a bunch of emotions, and then you have class all day. We couldn’t eat or sleep well. I ended up saying to the insurance adjuster, ‘Do not bug me until I graduate.’”

She went into emergency mode. "I had tunnel vision. That’s from the nursing program—you do what’s in front of you. I could see my husband getting upset and I’d say no, we’re not doing this. I needed to focus on school.”

They stayed with her elderly employers. “We had one cot, the floor and a 90-pound Labrador retriever. Eventually the insurance company put us in a Super 8 in Lowell until we could pick a house plan,” she said.

Through it all, her USF Crown Point classmates and staff provided support.

“I remember taking a break and the office coordinator asked what she could do. I said, ‘I need to make my husband whole and I need a dog collar and leash.’ I came back after class and she was standing there with the collar and leash a group of employees had bought me. It was the coolest thing. It was something whole. We had been using bailing twine.

“My fellow nursing students asked how they could help. I said my husband is size 33/30 and could use some t-shirts and a pair of jeans. The next thing I knew, laundry baskets were popping out of trunks. They’d say, ‘We just went to Wal-Mart—here.’ It was huge for me. These were women of the program who all of a sudden just started showing up. They were just as tired as me with family, jobs and school, yet they found ways to help via a bag of tee shirts, toiletries and towels.”

Her professors adjusted for her classroom needs. “The instructors were always asking if I needed anything. I never had my phone on in class, but I needed to take calls one morning. I told her I’d have my phone on vibrate and might have to step out. She’s like, ‘OK—what’s up?’ They’re there with you,” she said.

She’s gained perspective from the experience. “We still don’t own anything. The shampoo I used today came from USF students. I’m wearing Dairy Queen T-shirts because one girl who worked there brought me some. It’s minor, but I love it—these are people helping people.

“We can come back from this. I’m going to frame the picture of the burned house, because you never know where your new beginnings lie. My USF clinical instructor said, ‘I’ll bring you anything you want. Do you need purses?’

“She’s stylish and gorgeous and I’m T-shirt style. I said, ‘Can you see me carrying Coach?’”

“And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed.”

-Exodus 3:2

Pictured are the remains of Lisa Snooks’ house, which burned while the USF Crown Point Associate of Science in Nursing candidate was in the last weeks of her degree. She graduated in May despite the setback, and is looking forward to establishing a career while she and her husband rebuild their lives.
SSFPA foundress beatified

With a Decree of Miracle issued on March 27 by newly elected Pope Francis, Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration foundress Mother Maria Theresia Bonzel continued progress toward beatification on Nov. 10 in Paderborn, Germany. The decree, among the first for Pope Francis from the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, acknowledges a miracle attributed to the intercession of Mother Maria Theresia Bonzel. The papal affirmation of the miraculous cure of a young boy from Colorado Springs—now a young adult—paves the way to her beatification.

Architecture students illuminate downtown possibilities

Possibilities for USF’s downtown campus were explored by sophomores in the Department of Architecture at the Ball State University College of Architecture and Planning this spring. Students worked with the university and city of Fort Wayne on an academic design competition in which they designed a mixed-use project for USF’s property across from the Performing Arts Center at 431 W. Berry St. Student housing, apartments for lease, local retail for the downtown area and garage parking were explored in the purely academic plans.

Brookside earns Indiana Landmarks’ Cook Cup

In April, Indiana Landmarks awarded its annual Cook Cup for Outstanding Restoration to USF for its transformation of Brookside, the former Bass mansion. USF President Sister M. Elise Kriss, OSF, accepted the Cook Cup from Indiana Landmarks Chairman Timothy Shelly and President Marsh Davis in Indianapolis. “The university’s achievement at Brookside proves that it’s possible to carefully restore a structure using the highest standards while also assuring modern functionality,” Davis said in presenting the award.

Alumni, students and staff can connect with community service opportunities through USF. Donate non-perishable food in non-glass containers or drop a check to one of the local food banks to support the sixth annual USF Feeds the Fort food drive. Help feed the hungry over the holidays!

Collection barrels are across campus, and checks can be made out to the food bank/organization of choice. For information, contact Sister Anita Holzmer, OSF, at aholzmer@sf.edu or 399-7700, ext. 6705.
Gratitude expressed at Scholarship Luncheon

Tracey Spranger faced doubts as she prepared to enter the University of Saint Francis. How could she do it? Her study habits were rusty since she’d been out of school for several years. A single mother with three children and all their activities and needs to manage, she had to pay the mortgage and utilities and keep food on the table. She had been out of school for several years.

Then she received a letter from the university with her financial aid information, including an endowed scholarship.

“As I read the letter, it wasn’t the financial part that began to melt my doubt; it was the idea that someone I did not know read my application and saw the potential for my success. I remember it being a turning point in preparing for fall classes. Someone associated with Saint Francis’s scholarship fund voluntarily contributed financially to the success of my dreams,” Tracey told the annual University of Saint Francis Scholarship Luncheon on April 24.

She received a Gertrude Steinbauer Scholarship for 2012-2013, an endowed scholarship for healthcare students.

The 130 students, scholarship sponsors and university representatives also heard from Helen Murray, who served on the university board of trustees and then as dean of the Keith Busse School of Business and Entrepreneurial Leadership. Coming from a family without much money, she was able to attend college because of “multiple small and large scholarships along with the stringent saving of the waitress and camp counselor money I earned while in high school.”

Today, Helen gives back: “It is with a strong sense of gratitude that I contribute to scholarships for others. I look around this room and am very grateful for the opportunity to help talented young people achieve their dreams.”

This year, more than $350,000 was distributed to 225 USF students from endowed and annual scholarships. Five new scholarships were created within the school year. Annual scholarships recognize Annual Fund gifts of $2,500 or more.

If you’d like to give to the Annual Fund, contact Alexandra Ellis Kreager at 260-399-8007. If you are interested in establishing an endowment, contact Lynne McKenna Frazier at 260-399-8035 or Bill Slayton at 260-399-8033.

“Sharing the Legacy” spotlights King speech, March

USF followed its June 5 Legacy of Peace Luncheon on the 50th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s Fort Wayne speech, with “Sharing the Legacy,” co-sponsored by the Fort Wayne Urban League and MLK Club. Held in the USF Performing Arts Center on Aug. 28, “Sharing the Legacy” recognized the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington. King’s “I have a dream” speech was screened and clips from the PBS documentary “The March” were discussed by Larry Lee, USF director and Leepoxy Plastics owner, Hana Stith, founder of Fort Wayne’s African/African American Society and Museum and Edward Smith, founder and publisher of Frost Illustrated, with USF’s Dr. Andrew Prall as moderator.
Lady Cougars Advance to the eliteeight
FINISH WITH 32-4 SEASON RECORD

Coach Gary Andrews’ Lady Cougars used a furious late second-half rally to upset No. 1-ranked Indiana Wesleyan University in a loud, noisy Luckey Arena for the automatic NAIA Championship berth. USF, which was No. 2 in the final NAIA Coaches Division II poll, pulled out a 54-48 win by outscoring IWU 19-6 in the final 7:51 on Feb. 25.

It was the Lady Cougars’ 10th conference tournament championship since 1994-95, and this team improved to 30-3, the first to win 30 games since the 2000-01 team finished 32-6. It is USF’s fourth conference tournament championship under head coach Andrews’ guidance.

Skylarr Shurn led USF’s late-game heroics, scoring 17 of her team-leading 21 points in the second half. Kayla Drake added 12 for USF, which won its sixth consecutive game and the season series (2-1) against the Wildcats (30-3). The loss was IWU’s first at home in 15 games and snapped a 35-game home floor win streak for the Wildcats. Senior Meghan Slusher made the key play of the game for USF, converting a 3-point play with 1:01 to play that wiped out a 48-47 IWU lead.

Slusher rebounded her own miss and banked it in for a 49-48 lead, then added the free throw to make it 50-48.

Then came the bittersweet. USF advanced to the NAIA Elite Eight before bowing out 87-77 to Northwestern College (Iowa), despite 22 points and 11 rebounds by freshman Brooke Ridley. Officials changed a called charge to a block on Ridley and the Red Raiders took control. USF finished 32-4 overall, 16-2 in CL play.

USF senior guard Kayla Drake was named to the NAIA DII All-America Second Team and the NAIA All-Tournament Team. Ridley was named Crossroads League Freshman of the Year. Drake was a first-team All-CL selection, while junior newcomer Skylarr Shurn was All-CL second team. Senior Meghan Slusher, who scored her 1,000th point in the CL Tournament win at IWU, was All-CL honorable mention.

Gary Andrews, who earlier in the season picked up his 250th win as USF head coach in his 12th season, was chosen by his peers as CL Coach of the Year for the second time.

Photo by Steve Vorderman
Winter and Spring Sports

COUGARS WEATHER THE STORM

In a spring season punctuated by weather delays, postponements and rescheduling due to rain and snow, there were still games and performances worth remembering.

Men’s Basketball

- Junior forward Scott Kohne earned an NAIA All-America selection to the third team after the 6-foot-7 Bishop Dwenger High School graduate averaged 19.0 points and 10.2 rebounds per game. Kohne was also named to the CL Defensive Team, after leading in blocked shots with 55. He finished No. 2 in NAIA stats for defensive rebounds per game (7.6), No. 3 in rebounds per game (10.2), No. 5 in total rebounds (315), No. 11 in total blocks (55), No. 15 in blocks per game (1.8) and No. 18 in points per game (19.0). Kohne was named Crossroads League Player of the Week twice in 2012-13.

- Sophomore guard Josh Hogan was a third team All-CL selection after averaging 10.7 points per game, and freshman Kyle Sovine was named to the CL Newcomer Team.

- USF finished sixth in the CL with a 10-8 record, 18-13 overall in Head Coach Chad LaCross’s third season. USF dropped an 89-73 decision at No. 20 Bethel in the first round of the CL Tournament that ended the Cougars’ season and a string of three consecutive berths in the NAIA Tournament. USF did upset No. 6 Indiana Wesleyan 89-73 on Feb. 5 and won at then-No. 13 Bethel 78-75 on Feb. 2.

Softball, cont.

- Player of the Year Emily Gwaltney, who won 16 games for MU. Beating IWU in the first round of the CL Tournament was a major accomplishment as well. Junior Jackie Bellfuss pitched the first six innings and Kortney Holliday nailed down the shutout with a scoreless seventh that gave USF a 3-0 record against the Wildcats in 2013.

- USF finished in a tie for third with Huntington University, both at 10-8. USF finished 16-24 overall.

Golf

- Junior Adam Gray shot 74 in the final round of the 2013 Crossroads League Tournament to earn a berth in the top 10 individuals and All-Conference designation, the first University of Saint Francis men’s golfer to do so since 2004-05. While the Cougars faded from fourth to sixth in the team competition, Gray tied for seventh with three other golfers at 226 at Orchard Ridge Country Club on the southwest side of Fort Wayne. USF finished with a 945 team score, just six shots back of Huntington University and Indiana Wesleyan University, which tied for fifth at 939. Gray finished with his third sub-80 score to become the first USF golfer to earn all-conference since Andy Martin did it three consecutive years culminating with his selection in 2004-05.

Track and Field

- Sophomore James Brames emerged a blue-ribbon winner representing the University of Saint Francis at the 2013 Crossroads League Track and Field Championship at Huntington University at the end of April. Brames won the hammer with a distance of 51.32 meters, becoming the first USF conference men’s meet champion since Nick Adams won the discus and hammer throw in 2010. He was the top point producer for USF’s men by finishing fifth in the men’s discus, posting a best of 42.90m to earn four points for a total of 16. He just missed a scoring finish in the shot put with a ninth-place and best effort of 12.84m.

Find all athletics schedules, the most up-to-date results and news at saintfranciscougars.com.

USF athletes (left to right) Stephanie Whitman, Adam Gray, James Brames and Erica Smith show what Cougar spirit is all about.
USF Athletics turned 50 this year. Here are a few transforming moments.

### 1960s-’70s
- **1964**
  - Saint Francis College Athletic Department forms. Team name: Troubadours. Teams: Men’s baseball, cross-country, soccer and basketball. Terry Coona named first athletic director.

- **1967**
  - SFC accepted into the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA).

- **1975**
  - Women’s basketball and volleyball added. “Cougars” adopted as team name, replacing “Troubadours.”

- **1977**
  - Jim Holstein named athletic director.
  - Men’s soccer wins Mid-Central Conference regular-season championship, first for SFC in any sport. Head coach: Gary Bender.

### 1980s
- **1980**
  - Men’s golf team wins District 21 championship, earning first SFC NAIA championship berth. Head Coach: Al Manochio

- **1985-86**
  - Women’s tennis team is District 21 Champion under direction of J. Webb Horton, earns berth in NAIA national championship.

- **1990-97**
  - **1990**
    - Hutzell Athletic Center opens. First victory in Hutzell by the men’s basketball team, defeating IPFW 66-64.
  
  - **1995**
    - Women’s basketball team crowned MCC champions, advances to first NAIA national tournament. Head coach: Larry Westendorf.

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**PLAYING HARDBALL**

Senior Tom Degitz delivered perhaps the signature moment for all spring athletics when he clubbed a walkoff grand slam for the University of Saint Francis in the Crossroads League baseball tournament.

“I’ve been strugglin’ all tournament and just went up there lookin’ to drive the ball,” Degitz said after giving USF a 6-5 win over Indiana Wesleyan at Taylor University in Upland.

“I’ve gotten a walk-off hit before, but this is 10 times better. It’s an unbelievable feeling that I can’t even describe. I knew he was gonna throw me an inside fastball because I was up 2-0 in the count and was lookin’ inside fastball and that’s what he threw. It’s the most exciting thing I’ve ever done.”

Degitz credited all three teammates for setting the table. Tyler Gregory beat out an infield single with one out, Blayke Kaufman walked and Trevor Pulver worked another walk out of IWU relief pitcher Bryan Beachy.
“They had to do their job and get on base any way they could,” Degitz emphasized. “You keep fightin’ and fightin’ and fightin’ and good things can happen.”

Take Jerrid Rydell, for instance. The senior right-hander struggled on the mound early, surrendering one run in the first and three in the fifth. USF cut the deficit to two runs, scoring solo runs in the fifth and sixth, but then Rydell yielded a solo home run to Peter Engel in the top of the ninth and IWU (23-24-1) led by three.

“I struggled throwin’ strikes early, but got it figured out there near the end,” Rydell said. “Our defense helped me out with a couple double plays that helped keep my pitch count down. It was a very mentally (challenging) game, but we got the win.”

Rydell (5-3) finished with three strikeouts, four walks, a wild pitch, a balk, and he surrendered nine hits.

Ironically, Degitz’s home run made Rydell the winner, giving Rydell his 20th career win to tie Tom’s brother, Matt ‘Tank’ Degitz, for the USF record for career wins. “(Matt) texted me right after the game,” Tom said with a laugh.

Taylor rallied for an 8-6 win in the next game to end the USF season at 20-23-1 overall. The Cougars finished fourth in the CL with a 14-10-1 record. USF won head coach Greg Roberts his 100th conference victory in eight seasons and they also gave Roberts his 200th career win (9 seasons). Seniors Tyler Gregory and Rydell were named all-conference first team while senior Trevor Pulver was a CL Gold Glove Team selection in his first and only season at third base for the Cougars. He was also all-conference honorable mention.

1998-99

Ground breaking for the football stadium. Cougars win first game on Sept. 12, defeating Saint Xavier University (Chicago) 56-28.

Women’s basketball team crowned MCC champions; defeated third round of NAIA national tournament.

1999

Kevin Donley, USF head football coach, named athletic director. USF wins first home game Sept. 12, defeating Saint Xavier 42-38.

Women’s basketball notches first appearance in the NAIA national tournament championship game; defeated by Shawnee State 80-65. Junior Brenda (Schlegel) Wagner breaks the NAIA career scoring record for tournament play with 246 career points in 11 games.

USF wins its first Mid-States Football Association Mideast League championship, qualifying for first NAIA football championship series. USF season ends 37-0 at No. 1-ranked Georgetown (Kentucky).

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2000

USF men’s and women’s basketball teams ranked No. 1 in final NAIA Division II Coaches Polls. Lady Cougars advance to NAIA championship semifinals before falling to Northwestern (Iowa) 77-62.

2004-06

Football team advances to three consecutive NAIA national championship games.

2006

Lady Cougars basketball advances to NAIA national championship Final Four.

USF baseball team finishes 32-21.

2008

Mark Pope, former IPFW athletic director, named USF athletic director.

2010

Men’s basketball wins the NAIA Division II national championship with 67-66 heart-stopping victory over No. 1-ranked Walsh University (Ohio).

2010-11

Jean (Marqueling) Longsworth wins back-to-back NAIA track and field championships in hammer throw.

2011

Mike McCaffrey named athletic director.

2012

USF men qualify for school record third consecutive NAIA national basketball championship; advance to the Elite Eight before losing to eventual champion Oregon Tech.

2012

Head football coach Kevin Donley named NAIA Hall of Fame.
A View from the Treetops

The Treetops rooftop party area at Parkview Field afforded more than 150 USF alumni, employees and their families a bird's-eye view of the baseball field during the TinCaps alumni event Saturday, June 8. USF’s president, Sister M. Elise Kriss, celebrated her birthday and her name made the jumbo screen in celebration. The Rooftop was reserved exclusively for USF alumni that night, so attendees not only had an awesome view—they also had a private area to watch the game with loved ones, network with classmates and enjoy the great food. USF got to see a pitcher’s duel, with Tincaps going extra innings and winning 1-0 in the bottom of the 12th. Many stuck it out to enjoy the spectacular fireworks display at the end of the evening.

Cougar Classic on par for scholarships

The second annual Cougar Classic golf outing and pre-event reception raised even more money—20 percent more—for student-athletes than last year’s inaugural event. Held Aug. 1 and 2, the pre-event VIP party at the home of co-host Jason Fabini and the outing the next day combined to gross $75,000 for scholarships. Sponsorships from four-member teams, event sponsors and private donations contributed to the increase.
Alumni Gathering Area
at home football games

WHERE: New south end zone VIP area above the new strength training center at D’Arcy Stadium
WHEN: Saturday, September 21 and October 12 at 7 p.m.
Saturday, October 26, November 2 and 16 at noon
DETAILS: Enjoy USF home football games with family and friends at the new Alumni Gathering Area.
RSVP: Visit alumnigatheringarea.eventbrite.com to sign up for the games you’ll attend and we’ll have your VIP admission ticket(s) ready for you at the Will Call window. Purchase your football tickets at the gate.

Yuletide Gathering event

WHERE: Open House at Brookside Mansion
WHEN: Friday, December 13, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Save this date to gather during the holiday season to mingle with former classmates and friends in the decorated Brookside.

Christmas at USF

WHERE: University of Saint Francis campus
WHEN: December 7-8 and 14-15
DETAILS: Attend Breakfast with St. Nicholas, Christmas in the Castle, view the Lighting of the Lake and Living Nativity, to name a few.

For more information on USF Alumni events, visit sf.edu/alumnievents.

Key appointments made

With its focus on the downtown campus and the enhancement of science facilities, USF has made key appointments to bring experienced resources to those tasks while providing new academic support. Vice President for University Relations Don Schenkel has transitioned to a consulting position with the flexibility to focus upon campaign priorities. With Schenkel’s move, former School of Arts and Sciences Dean Dr. Matt Smith is Vice President of Institutional Advancement, leading the Development, Alumni Relations and Career Services departments while lending strength to campaign efforts. Dr. Earl Kumfer is interim dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, and Dr. Adam DeVille replaces Dr. Kumfer as chair of the Department of Philosophy and Theology.
1940s:
Mary (Pickett) Smith ('41), a graduate of St. Joseph Nursing School, recently turned 93 years of age. During World War II, Mary was a nurse in General Patton’s Third Army. She is married with five sons and one daughter.

1960s:
Dr. Avon Crismore (BA '65, MSE '68) retired in December from the Department of English and Linguistics at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne. David Kiester (BS '68) has been admitted to Tennessee State University’s Mid-Tennessee Collaborative Master of Social Work (MSW) fill program. He also will participate in the Vanderbilt Program for Inter-professional Learning, an interdisciplinary team approach to a supervised clinical practicum. The Vanderbilt program does not replace the practicum required for an MSW degree.

1970s:
Kathy (Herber) Clemmer (BA '71) spent two weeks, including Thanksgiving, in Marin County, Calif. with her new grandson, Johann Benjamin Konis Clemmer, firstborn of Kathy’s oldest child, Ken, and his wife, Kelly Konis. Kathy recently moved from her Massachusetts home of 26 years to spend time with her mother and sisters in Fort Wayne. John Demyan Sr. (BBA '71) is retired from Aagens, which is a Biotech company in Thousand Oaks, Calif. Lynette (Wilder) McChessney ('74) retired from St. Joseph Hospital in 2010 after 36 years of service in critical care. Mary Yoder (BSE '74, MSE '76), a teacher at St. Mary School, Avilla, Ind. and Alice (Bockey) Rumschlag (BSE '75, MSE '84), a teacher at St. John the Baptist School, New Haven, Ind., received the “Light of Learning” award from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend at a celebration on Jan. 29 during Catholic Schools Week. This award honors outstanding Catholic school system teachers. Stephany (Barrett) Bourne (BSE ’76, MSE ’83) recently retired from the Fort Wayne Community School system after devoting 37 years of her life to urban children and their families.

1980s:
Laura (Lewark) Ramsey (BBA ’88) is the controller at the Turnstone Center for Disabled Children and Adults.

1990s:
Andy Deatrick (BA ’92) was named Northwest Allen County Schools Teacher of the Year for 2012. A 20-year educator, he teaches science at Carroll High School, where he has worked since 2008. Erin Rahrig (MBA ’93), a teacher at St. Vincent de Paul in Fort Wayne, received the “Light of Learning” award from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend at a celebration on Jan. 29 during Catholic Schools Week. This award honors outstanding Catholic school system teachers.

2000s:
Deanna Beuchot (BBA ’00, MBA ’03) is working at Petroleum Traders in Fort Wayne as a strategic growth and development officer. Adam Swinford (BSE ’00) is principal at Miami Middle School in Fort Wayne, Ind. Kurt Homan (BSE ’02), a teacher at Queen of Angels in Fort Wayne, received the “Light of Learning” award from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend at a celebration on Jan. 29 during Catholic Schools Week. This award honors outstanding Catholic school system teachers.

Kurt Homan (BSE ’02) is principal at Miami Middle School in Fort Wayne, Ind. Kurt Homan (BSE ’02), a teacher at Queen of Angels in Fort Wayne, received the “Light of Learning” award from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend at a celebration on Jan. 29 during Catholic Schools Week. This award honors outstanding Catholic school system teachers. Matt Luke (BBA ’02) and his wife, Olivia, are proud parents of their first child, Broderick Gage Luke, born on Dec. 7. Shannon (Dunbar) Meyers (BSE ’02) gave birth to Crew Martin Meyers on Dec. 14. He weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces and was 21.5 inches long. Camden and Cohen are proud big brothers. Chad Rose (BSE ’02, MSE ’05) accepted a position as an assistant professor of special education at the University of Missouri-Columbia in the Department of Special Education. Rachel (Stauffer) Pritz (ASN ’02) and her husband Aaron welcomed Austin Daniel Pritz on May 28. Austin weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces. Marlon A. Cantillan (BA ’03) is the human resources graphic designer at Mandalay Bay as of Jan. 16. Bethany (Oesterle) Clapper (BBA ’03, MBA ’08) gave birth to her second child, Summerlyn Reece, on April 9. Summerlyn weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces. She joins big brother, Caleb. Dr. Julie Moss (BSN ’03, MSN ’06), assistant professor of nursing, received the South Carolina Palmetto Gold nursing award. She completed an RN-BSN degree and a Master of Science in Nursing—Family Nurse Practitioner at the University of South Carolina and a Ph.D. in nursing from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh. She defended her dissertation April 2010 with a research study on the health beliefs and practices of rural Ecuadorians. At University of South Carolina Upstate, Moss is leading international community health classes to South Africa and Ecuador. Palmetto Gold is the premier statewide nurse recognition program that annually salutes 100 registered nurses for exceptional nursing practice and commitment to the profession.

Jennifer (Gordy) Vitatoe (BSW ’03) is a family case...
manager at the Department of Child Services in Angola, Ind. • Nick Yack (BBA ’03, MBA ’06) was promoted to vice president at PNC Bank, where he manages relationships in corporate and institutional banking. • Patrick Donley (BA ’04) and Cinamon (VanHorn) Donley (MSN ’11) welcomed their first child, Brennan William, on June 20. He weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces and was 20 ¼ inches long. • Tyler Johnson, D.O. (BS ’05) has moved back to Fort Wayne and is working in the emergency department at Parkview Regional Medical Center as an emergency physician. • Michael Bitler (BSW ’06) is working at Bethesda Lutheran Communities as a program manager. • Lyndsey (Cook) Osterholt (BA ’06) and husband Chad welcomed their second child, Michael David, on July 23. He was 7 pounds, 4 ounces and 22 inches long. He joins big sister, Lilly. • Jeremy Heinold (BA ’06) and his wife, Kylene, welcomed the birth of a son, Owen William, on March 20. • Jamie (Abdon) Starkey (ASN ’07, BLS ’11) is working at Passport Health Fort Wayne as a registered nurse. • Beth Avila (BA ’08) recently published three short stories, “Konstantin” in the fall issue of Shelter of Daylight and “A Thief’s Gift” in the April issue. The story “Nothing Altered” was published in February in Plasma Frequency. • Jillian (Paschke) Oakley (BA ’08) and her husband Matthew welcomed their first daughter, Athena Delaney, on Jan. 8, 2013.

1990s and 2000s: • USF Science alumni assembled 27 Easter baskets for Stop Child Abuse and Neglect. Pictured from left are: Lara (Raskosky) Moake (’00), Paula Avila (’00), Jana (Farrell) Sanders (’99), Arlyn (Blahunka) Eaglebarger (’99), Trina (Harkenrider) Herber (’99) and Marcia (Ryan) Oberlin (’00).

2010s: • Tyler Overmyer (BS ’10) is working at OSU Physicians Inc. as an anatomic pathology technician. • Emily Porter (MSE ’10, MS ’13) is a therapist at Adams Health Network in Decatur, Ind. • Brittany (Smith) Shoemaker (ASN ’10) married Kris Shoemaker on Oct. 6. • Emily (Johnson) Skeeters (MS ’10) has developed a partnership resulting in the establishment of a new, co-funded clinical instructor position shared jointly by Butler University and ClearVista Women’s Care of the Community Physician Network (CPN). Previously, Emily was employed by Physician Assistant Surgical Services of Indianapolis. • Kelsey Cottrell (BSW ’11) is a community education coordinator for the YMCA of Northeast Indiana. Kelsey will participate in the fourth class of The Journey Fellowship for New Professionals. The 21 participants will attend a series of residential retreats to create new ways to practice youth work within existing systems and programs. • Maggie Ward (BA ’11) completed her Master of Art in new media journalism from Full Sail University in December. She has joined Van’s Warped Tour as the new media journalist intern for Absolute Voices, a network of punk websites including Property of Zack, Absolute Punk, Under the Gun Reviews and PunkNews. She will provide content for the Full Sail blog while on tour. Follow at avpunkintern.tumblr.com. • Diana Bushong (ALS ’12, BSW ’13) is working at the Bowen Center, Albion office as a rehabilitation service provider. • Chelsea Carter (ASN ’13) is working as an assistant teacher at Cherie’s Garden. • Tamica Cathey (ASN ’13) is working at theYWCA in Fort Wayne as a family care manager and providing contract work with crime victim care. • Jordan Crouch (BSW ’13) is working at theYWCA in Fort Wayne as a family care manager. She is also doing contract work with crime victim care. • Quinn Doan (BBA ’13) is the human resources generalist at the Department of Veterans Affairs. • Elizabeth (Gigler) Evans (BSW ’13) is working as a case manager at Aging and In-Home Services. • Nichole Grabek (ASN ’13) is working at St. Anthony Nursing Home in Crown Point, Ind. as a CNA nurse extern. • Brooke Jackson (BSW ’13) is working at AWS as a group home trainer. • Jordan Kyle (BSW ’13) is working at Parkview Memorial Hospital. • Sandra Lester (ASN ’13) is working as a surgical tech at St. Anthony’s Hospital in Crown Point, Ind. • Kimberly Loney (MS ’13) is self-employed as a mental health counselor. • Donna McCarthy (ASN ’13) is working as a nurse liaison at HCR ManorCare in South Holland, Ill. • Kristine Osbey (ASN ’13) did volunteer work last summer at St. Margaret Mercy, Dyer campus. • Sarah Osterfeld (MS ’13) is a staff scientist at SES Environmental in Fort Wayne. • Nikkia Randle (ASN ’13) is a home health aide at St. Margaret Home Health in Hammond, Ind. • Paige (Schroeder) Osterman (BSN ’13) and John Osterman (BA ’11) were married Sept. 21, 2012 at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Fort Wayne. • Markita Simpson (BSW ’13) is currently working at Easter Seals Arc in Fort Wayne. • Heather Thelen (BSW ’13) is working at the Community Harvest Food Bank as a program coordinator. • Cara Voorhorst (ASN ’13) is working as a patient care extern at St. Margaret Mercy, Dyer, Ind. • Heather Wright (ASN ’13) is working as a CNA at St. Anthony Nursing Home in Crown Point, Ind.

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in memoriam

Diana Sullivan (BSN ’86) passed away Friday, Feb. 15, 2013, at Resurrection Medical Center, Chicago. Born in Fort Wayne, she began a 15-year career as a nurse at St. Joseph Hospital, founding the St. Joseph’s Wound Care Unit. She then taught nursing at Lutheran College of Health Professions and the University of Saint Francis for 18 years. A member of St. Mary’s Catholic Church, she loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She expressed herself through art, painting, scrap booking and yoga, and maintained a practice of daily meditation and contemplation, including a continuous study of “A Course in Miracles.” Surviving are her husband of 46 years, Stephen E. Sullivan of Fort Wayne; daughters, Maria (Jay) Scott of Valrico, Fla., Cathy (Joseph) Klemencic of Powder Springs, Ga. and Stephanie Sullivan of Gurnee, Ill.; grandchildren, Ethan and Erin Klemencic; and brother, Steven (Ume) Sutton of Tigard, Ore. She was preceded in death by parents, Paul and Frances Sutton, and brother, H.L. Sutton.

Marcia Klug (DP ’54) died Sunday, Feb. 17, 2013 at Heritage Park Health Care Center. She was born June 5, 1933 in Fort Wayne to the late Norman and Adele Schmidt. She had retired as office nurse for a medical practice, and previously taught the practical nursing program at Fort Wayne Community Schools. She began a career at Lutheran Hospital after graduating from its school of nursing. She was a member of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church. Surviving are her daughter, Vicki Lynn (Milad) Khouli of Fort Wayne, and grandsons, Dr. Michael Khouli of Indianapolis and Gabriel Khouli of Covington, Ga. Her husband, Herbert, preceded her in death in January 2012.

Sister M. Kathleen Durrer (BS ’65; MS ’71) died at Our Lady of Angels Convent in Mishawaka, Ind. on June 30, 2013. She was born in Detroit, Mich. on Dec. 28, 1929, as the seventh of Albert and Margaret Doer Durrer’s 12 children. Surviving are four sisters, Sister Michael Ann of Immaculate Heart of Mary Province, Margaret, Marlene and Ellen, and a brother, Ray Durrer. She attended St. Michael School in Southfield, Mich., where she met the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration. She received the habit on August 12, 1949 and the name Sister M. Kathleen. She professed her final vows on August 12, 1956. She completed a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in Education at Saint Francis College in Fort Wayne, and a Bachelor of Arts in Theology from Calumet College. A 50-year provincial elementary school teacher, she is remembered as an excellent first grade teacher and an inspiration to others. After retiring from teaching, she served St. James Hospital as a patient visitor. She retired to Our Lady of Angels Convent in 2002.

Gregory Vey, 51, a University of Saint Francis School of Creative Arts instructor, passed away Friday, July 26, 2013 in Fort Wayne. Active in sacred music, choral arts, musical theatre, music production, recording and education in northeast Indiana, he was a professional musician, conductor, director, composer, arranger, and educator for more than 30 years. He directed musical theatre productions for the University of Saint Francis and many other colleges, universities and schools. He was a member of St. Peter’s Catholic Church. Burial was Monday, July 29. Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Kristen A. Riebenack, 45, passed away Sunday, April 7, 2013 at Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland, Ohio. Born in Fort Wayne, Ind., she worked as the Director of Development with the University of Saint Francis for the last six years and in other capacities prior to that during the mid-1990s. A graduate of Bishop Dwenger High School, she earned her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Dayton and her Master of Arts from Saint Mary’s University of Minnesota. Surviving are her parents, Walter and Mary Ann Riebenack, sister, Angela (Dennis) Cecil of Indianapolis, and many cousins. Mass of Christian Burial was April 12 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne. Memorials are to the University of Saint Francis, c/o Sister Marilyn Oliver, 2701 Spring Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

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BE HERE TO CHEER ON YOUR CLASS AS THE COUGARS STRIKE BACK AGAINST THE RETURNING TROUBADOURS!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11
6:45 p.m. Alumni and Athletic Hall of Fame Awards Celebration [ North Campus gymnasium ]

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12
10 a.m. Alumni vs. Alumni Men’s Soccer 6-on-6 Tournament [ D’Arcy Stadium ]
10-11:30 a.m. Classes without Quizzes [ University Campus ]
11:15 a.m. Cougar Spirit Run/Walk registration [ Hutzell Athletic Center ]
          Noon Cougar Spirit Run/Walk begins [ Hutzell Athletic Center ]
          Alumni Baseball Game [ Baseball Field ]
1 p.m. Alumni vs. Alumni Softball Game [ Softball Field ]
          Alumni Women’s Basketball Game [ Hutzell Athletic Center ]
1-3 p.m. Physician Assistant Mix and Mingle/Reception [ Doermer Health Sciences Building ]
2-4 p.m. USF Nursing Heritage: A Journey through Time [ Doermer Health Sciences Building ]
          USF Simulation Lab open for tours [ Doermer Health Sciences Building ]
          Brookside self-guided tours [ Brookside ]
2:30 p.m. Alumni Men’s Basketball Game [ Hutzell Athletic Center ]
4 p.m. Cougar Athletics 50th Year Anniversary Alumni Fiesta Dinner [ The “Cove,” Mirror Lake visitor’s side ]
4 & 5 p.m. Tailgates [ Clare and Bonzel parking lots ]
6 p.m. School of Creative Arts exhibit: USF Alumni Exhibition [ Rolland Art Center, Weatherhead Gallery ]
7 p.m. Alumni Gathering Area [ D’Arcy Stadium new south end zone VIP area ]
          USF Football Game vs. Saint Xavier University [ Bishop D’Arcy Stadium ]
10 p.m. Joey Branam (BA ’06) presents his band “Rumper Tumpskin” [ O’Sullivan’s ]

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13
2 p.m. Mass in honor of our Sisters’ 150th anniversary [ North Campus ]
Here’s his story about designing and installing it.

Beginning fall 2012, I began putting together design plans for some sort of sustainable innovation to be installed on the eroding hillside of the PJPII student parking lot. Once the 2013 spring semester began—the last semester of my undergraduate career—these plans began to take shape, as environmental science faculty members Louise Weber and Trina Herber and operations director Tom Buuck provided substantial guidance to the plan of a second campus rain garden. Approval for the installation of the garden was sought and granted from the Green Campus Committee and the administration. I then spent a week and a half rallying student groups to assist in the endeavor. Funds were sought from the Student Government Association, Student Activities Council and the Green Campus Committee.

The installment on April 26 involved a lot of different groups across campus. Members of the Student Government Association, Student Activities Council, Cougars Care Club and Trim-Line, along with Louise Weber, Trina Herber, Tom Buuck and Paul Schmidt, put their muscles to work shoveling several cubic yards of heavy, wet clay. The garden was then backfilled with organic soil and mulch. At the completion of the garden, Sister Carol gave a prayer to bless it.

The idea came to me as a result of looking at the other rain garden on campus, near the PJPII/Doermer employee parking lot. That garden didn’t germinate flowers from seeds, so my goal was to install a garden with blossoming flowers the entire campus could enjoy. At the same time, I wanted to do some sort of community service project that could lead to future students embarking on innovative changes to the campus.

The intent of the garden is to minimize and filter storm run-off, which harms the aquatic ecosystem, from entering Mirror Lake. The area had been unsightly for several years, and the amount of run-off began to intensify as a result of increased heavy downpours. Various flood and drought-tolerant species such as Little Bluestem, Oehme Sedge, Coneflower, Turtlehead, Salvia, Hydrangea and Yarrow were planted.

The garden in itself was a monumental moment for me and for the Student Government Association, because that garden will interest future students in being active on campus, not only through clubs, but through endeavors that make the ecosystems of USF sustainable. The garden’s official name is the Class of 2013 & Student Leader Rain Garden. The space was designed so future groups can add to the space, making it more inviting and usable.
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This fall, the first class enters the Media Entrepreneurship Training in the Arts (META) program. Combining business concepts and creative arts learning and production on multiple levels, it equips students for entrepreneurship or jobs in the world of digital arts. With the purchase of the Fort Wayne Chamber building, the Keith Busse School of Business and Entrepreneurial Leadership will eventually move downtown to place students in the collaborative learning environment of the business sector and to offer META students intersecting business courses.

In addition to the downtown progress, USF made significant enrollment strides from 2012 to 2013, with record fall enrollment, including a 20 percent rise in new students. Multiple fully online degrees, including the Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing and the Master of Business Administration, fueled enrollment. Two- and four-year dance programs in collaboration with the Fort Wayne Ballet, and the Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science and Health, the fastest-growing program, have also attracted students. Crown Point enrollment is strong, increasing 3 percent with the addition of the Associate of Arts Medical Laboratory Technician and Associate of Arts in Liberal Studies.
ALUMNI CALENDAR

Sept. 14  USF Day at the Zoo
Oct. 11  Alumni Awards and Athletic Hall of Fame Celebration
Oct. 12-13  Homecoming Weekend
Oct. 12  Alumni Art Gallery Grand Opening at SOCA
Nov. 8-10  Nov. 15-17  “The Man Who Came to Dinner,” USF Performing Arts Center
Dec. 7  Breakfast with St. Nicholas
Dec. 7-8  Christmas in the Castle
Dec. 8  Lighting of the Lake and Living Nativity
Dec. 13  Alumni Yuletide Gathering at Brookside
Dec. 14-15  Christmas in the Castle
Jan. 30  “Network for Success” student/alumni event

“For more information on USF events, visit sf.edu/alumnievents

“Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.”

-JOHN 1:3

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