



BARAT BRIEFS

Newsletter for the Alumni of Barat College and Friends of the Barat Education Foundation Summer 2005

For every Ending there is a Beginning

The following is a response by Sheila A. Smith and Catherine Miserendino to an editorial in the Lake Forester regarding the final days of Barat.

The events this June reminded us of Mark Twain's response when he heard of his perceived passing: "The reports of my death have been greatly exaggerated."

Yes, Lake Forest is losing a part of its fabric when DePaul shuts down a college and campus which has been part of our Community for 100 years. But Barat is much more than "bricks and mortar". The Barat experience is grounded in the educational legacy of the Religious of the

Sacred Heart (RSCJ) and lives on in the Barat Education Foundation (BEF), which was established at the time of the Barat/DePaul alliance.

Two years ago when the Foundation realized that DePaul University did not have a plan, vision or commitment to continuing Barat College, the Foundation decided to develop partnerships allowing us to create educational programs reflecting the "Barat experience" and values of the RSCJ. The mission statement of Barat College clearly stated that its purpose for education was to "make its students socially aware so as to impel to action".

What differentiates Barat College women and men is that we come from a tradition of educators who knew that to improve our world and to use the gifts we were given, you need to care, have knowledge and take action.

It is important for the citizens of Lake Forest to know what the foundation has been able to accomplish in spite of the turmoil of the last few years:

- We launched Adventures of the American Mind, an in-service professional development program for elementary teachers in Lake County. More than 250

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Adventure of the American Mind

Almost 100 teachers are signed up this summer to receive advanced instruction on internet research, accessing the digital resources of the US Library of Congress, the use of digital cameras and digital photography in the classroom, and digital storytelling.



These workshops, conducted by the Barat Education Foundation at Woodlands Academy of the Sacred Heart, are part of the American Memory Initiative grant, which was facilitated by Senator Richard Durbin. For more visit www.americanmemory.org.

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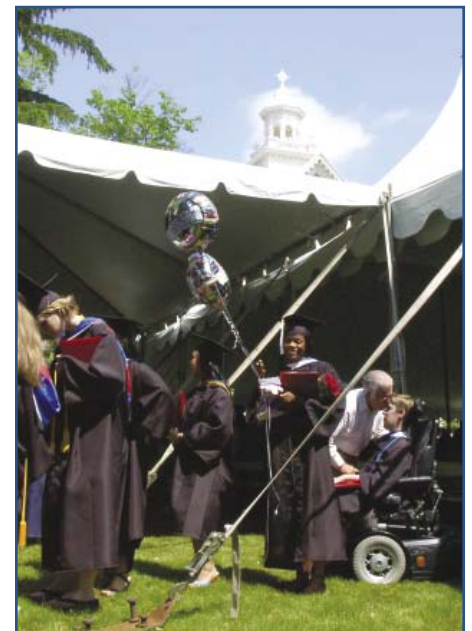
Briefly News

Commencement 2005

On June 11, 2005 the final class of 146 students gathered on the front lawn of Old Main for the last graduation and commencement ceremony of the College.

With only a few students left during the final quarter, Barat faculty and staff worked hard each day to make the year rewarding and worth remembering. Dean Gene Beiriger, a 20-year Barat veteran said that everyone made sure each gathering was not billed as "the last," preferring barbecues and bands to teary-eyed speeches.

"I'm going to miss this school. I would never have made it at a big school...I would have been lost in the crowd" said Barat senior Lauren Harvey. ■



Members of the Class of 2005 with their diploma in their hands.

Back-to-Barat Celebration – June 4th, 2005

Alumni, past faculty and staff and friends returned to Barat College on June 4 to celebrate their reunion with current Barat students, faculty and staff.

The events of the day were hosted in conjunction with the “Barat Festival on the Green”, a final celebration of Barat one week prior to commencement.

Barat alumni had the opportunity to celebrate Mass on campus, reconnect with current and past Barat faculty, and witnessed the Leadership and Service Award recognition ceremony in the Drake Theatre for past and present Barat faculty and staff.

Along with all current Barat faculty and staff, some of Barat’s past faculty and staff members present and honored that day were Martha Curry RSCJ, Donald Hollenhorst, AnnaMay Smith and Vi Latall.

Close to 100 alumni and their families seized the opportunity to visit the campus to join in a very lively and memorable event. ■



Barat faculty member Paul Hettich and former Barat faculty member AnnaMay Smith ‘38



Barat Alumnae Vi Latall ‘80 and Patricia Reiss, RSCJ ‘57 (*Please see the last page of this issue for Sister Patsy’s new contact information.*)

Additional pictures of the event are online at www.thebaratfoundation.org



Maureen E. Ryan ‘81, Deborah Wells ‘81, Virginia Fitzgerald ‘80 and Patrice Paglia ‘81



AnnaMay Smith ‘38 with daughters Catherine Wilson and Sheila A. Smith ‘70



Laura Stokes-Gray ‘70 and Martha Curry RSCJ ‘48 welcome AnnaMay Smith ‘38

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 teachers have participated in this program; 1400 students have benefited from the classroom projects, and 100 teachers will be taking the workshops this summer in the Foundation’s temporary home at Woodlands Academy.

- We are supporting Lake Forest Graduate School of Management in the development of an innovative Business Ethics course.
- We set up a matching scholarship grant at Woodlands Academy.
- The Foundation’s RSCJ challenge grant enabled the Sisters of the Sacred Heart to raise more than \$2.5 million in retirement

support of their elder nuns.

- Our Corporate to Classroom accelerated teachers program is operating in partnership with Regis University in Denver, Holy Family University in Philadelphia and St. Leo University in Tampa.
- In partnership with the Rockefeller Next Generation Leaders we have supported Diversity Panels on college campuses including DePaul University, Barat College, Northwestern, and Lake Forest Graduate School of Management.

These are just a few programs that the BEF has developed through partnerships that

contribute to community. We are in dialogue with a Catholic University to set up the Barat Institute of Life Long Learning. It is our intention that the Barat commitment to education, service, and community – long a hallmark of our college – continues to be part of the fabric of Lake Forest.

Visit us at Woodlands or at www.thebaratfoundation.org, and see how Barat continues.

Sheila A. Smith
 Chair, Board of Directors

Catherine Miserendino
 Executive Director

Living a Legacy

A perspective by Shirley Miller, RSCJ

I was privileged to attend the 35th Biennial National Conference of the AASH in Chicago/Lake Forest and to have the opportunity to return to Sheridan Road, Woodlands and Barat. Hearts were renewed as we gathered to share in the festivities of the Cor Unum and Woman of Conscience Awards dinner, to hear the panelists speak eloquently about St. Madeleine Sophie's vision of service, to share in the home dinners, and to mingle freely wherever we were, renewing old friendships. One of the most touching moments was entering Barat's chapel for the closing liturgy Saturday afternoon. Hundreds of alums and RSCJ gathered for song and prayer, in tears and laughter, in gratitude and praise for one of the last liturgies to be celebrated in the chapel. I sat in the nuns' "stalls," to remember how it felt, and so I could see all those who came to pray together— a few in wheelchairs, some with canes, others walking quickly, some with eyes downcast, others with tears flowing freely, some singing loudly, others smiling broadly. It was a fulfillment of St. Madeleine Sophie's vision

200 years ago of RSCJ and students together, in prayer and adoration, "discovering and making known the love of the Heart of Jesus."

On Saturday in the Woodlands chapel, Sister Hughes shared with those assembled the following decision made by the Provincial Team: "In the past year, with the help of consultants, we have studied ways of providing for our members' health care services, especially for those who are retired. We have sought solutions that are affordable and supportive of the values of our religious life. It has now become clear that we must phase out skilled care at both Oakwood, in Atherton, California, and Kenwood, in Albany, New York, to avail ourselves of more affordable Catholic facilities in the Bay and Albany areas. We are assured that our sisters will be able to be together in these new centers so as to continue living our religious life: community, prayer, long-term relationships with alumnae, family, friends and each other and remaining in mission for life.

"There are many details to be worked out, but we anticipate these changes will take

place over the next 6-18 months. The result will eventually reduce our healthcare deficit by almost one half in the next five years while at the same time providing excellent health care for our elderly sisters."



The Religious of the Sacred Heart continue to be deeply grateful to our alums for their concern and support, including the collection basket at the Barat liturgy. There is much transition going on in the lives of all those who love Barat and in the lives of the Religious of the Sacred Heart. Both the Barat Education Foundation and the Religious are committed to the mission of making God's love known through the service of education, both inside and outside the classroom. Let us all turn to St. Madeleine Sophie for a mighty dose of "courage and confidence" in the future, while at the same time, hearing the words of Jesus, "Do not let your hearts be troubled... Peace I give to you." ■

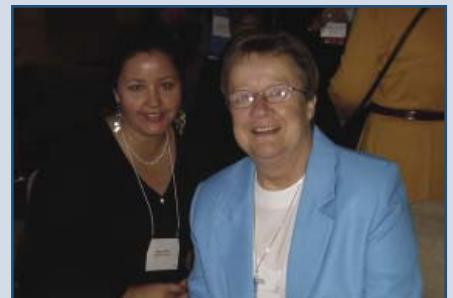
Impressions of the AASH 2005 National Conference



Jane Walstrom, Kathleen Wellman and Sr. Maxine Kraemer, rscj in the Drake Hospitality suite with items from St. Madeleine Sophie Center (www.stmsc.org)



Angel Kleinbub, Kathleen Wellman, Sr. Maxine Kraemer, rscj and Sharon LeeMaster California alums enjoying a view of the Chicago Skyline



Sr. Shirley Miller, rscj pictured with Susan Burke Alumnae Director at 91st Street



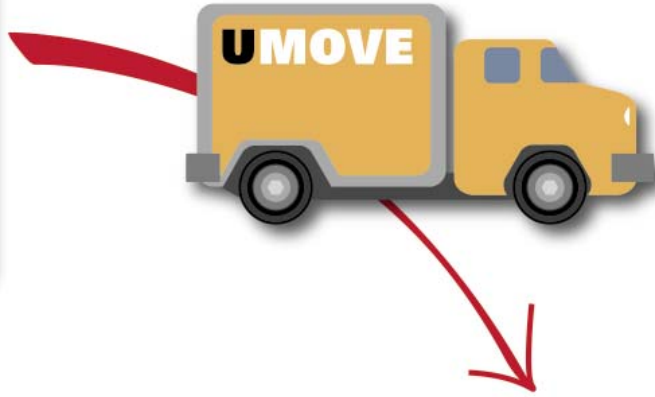
Adele (AASH Incoming President 2005-2007) and Jim Botticelli, Maureen E. Ryan



Mary ('48) and Charles Miller, Sheila A. Smith



Ginger Tarjan, Stephanie Ashley and Michele Finn



Temporarily

WE HAVE MOVED!

As of July 1, we're in our new home at Woodlands Academy of the Sacred Heart.

Our new office address is:
760 East Westleigh Road
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Our new mail address is:
PO Box 457
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Please continue to visit us online at www.theBaratFoundation.org as well!



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If this magazine is addressed to an alum who no longer lives with you, please send the correct address to the Barat Education Foundation.

Thank you.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- *Saturday, September 17th*
Conge at Kenwood for our RSCJ
- *Saturday, October 15th*
Sacred Heart Day of Reflection at Woodlands Academy

SISTER PATRICIA REISS, RSCJ

The Provincial Team of the RSCJ has called upon Sister Patsy to take on "a new ministry as lover and pray-er, companion and guide to the woman at Oakwood". Her address is: 475 Northumberland Avenue Redwood City, CA 94061
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