**Hagan Arena: The Next Century of Hawk Basketball**

Ceremony to reflect on the past and look to the future of Hawk hoops

By Brooke Neifert

Saint Joseph's University will officially dedicate the Michael J. Hagan '85 Arena on Saturday, Oct. 17, at 5 p.m. The dedication is part of the centennial celebration of Saint Joseph's basketball, which will take place throughout the 2009-10 season.

The expanded and renovated arena features additional capacity of 1,000 spectators, premium seating options, and dramatically improved concessions and media services. It is infused by the rich history of legendary men's and women's teams, coaches and victories carried over from the Alumni Memorial Fieldhouse. The dedication will reflect on the many milestones of Hawk hoops – from the birth of the Hawk mascot to the 2004 “Perfect Season” – and look to the future of Saint Joseph's basketball at Hagan Arena.

“The Hagan Arena marks the start of a new era for basketball and the University,” said Associate Vice President and Director of Athletics Don DiJulia ’67. “It is the beginning of 100 more years of fantastic finishes and tournament teams, 100 more years of community and spirit, and 100 more years of Hawk passion and pride.”

Coaches, alumni and student-athletes from the past and present men's and women's basketball programs will be in attendance, including Hall of Fame coach Dr. Jack Ramsay ’49. Additionally, some of Philadelphia's most famous sportscasters are featured in a special centennial video to be shown at the dedication.

The ceremony will include remarks by former U.S. Olympian and NBA Senior Vice President Mike Bantom ’73, former Hawks coach and player John Griffin ’75, and all-time leading scorer and current women's assistant coach Susan Moran ’02. It will culminate with reflections by lead benefactor, former Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of NutriSystem, Inc., Michael J. Hagan ’85, University President Timothy R. Lannon, S.J., and a special ribbon cutting with SJU's current teams and the Hagan family.

Following the formal program, an open house will allow fans to glimpse at the future of SJU basketball in both the Hagan Arena and Ramsay Basketball Center. Attendees will get a behind-the-scenes peek at the facility's locker rooms, offices, practice areas and memorabilia.

The event is open to the University community, but all guests are asked to RSVP. For additional information or to RSVP, please contact Rocco Spinelli at 610-660-1237 or rspinelli@sju.edu.

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**SJU Cuts Ribbon on New Kinney Center for Autism Education and Support**

By Harriet Goodhart

The Saint Joseph's community gathered with elected officials, alumni and the greater community to celebrate the opening of the Kinney Center for Autism Education and Support on Oct. 2.

**ALERT:** SJU to Stage Emergency Preparedness Drill in Conjunction with Philadelphia Police

**By Harriet Goodhart**

Saint Joseph's University will conduct an emergency preparedness exercise on Tuesday, Oct. 20, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., in Sourin Residence Hall, off the 2400 block of Cardinal Avenue, and in the surrounding area on campus.

“Our goal in staging this simulated campus crisis scenario is to raise awareness within the University community of how to be prepared and react in the event of an actual emergency situation,” said John Henfey, SJU's director of public safety. “This is a proactive learning opportunity to assess and improve our security response and communications.”

The Philadelphia Police Department's Homeland Security Unit, Stakeout Unit and the neighboring 19th Police District are working with University officials in coordinating the exercise. Also participating are Philadelphia Fire Department Paramedics, the Lower Merion Police Department and nearby Gompers Elementary School, which will conduct an exercise in lockdown procedures at the school.

In advance of the drill, the University community will be notified via text messaging of its impending occurrence. At the time of the exercise, a “This is only a test” text message will be sent, and the Barbells/Lonergan Bell Tower public address system and sirens will also be activated.

As part of the exercise, the 2400 block of Cardinal Avenue will be closed from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and portions of the campus surrounding Sourin Hall will be cordoned off. It is anticipated that there will be minimal disruption to the University community, in part because it is taking place on the second day of Fall Break. There may be some disruption with normal traffic flow due to the closing of Cardinal Avenue. This will be managed by the Philadelphia Police.

General information about campus-wide emergency procedures and resources is available online at: www.sju.edu/resources/emergency.
Kinney Center Dedication Highlights

Saint Joseph’s AMA Chapter Celebrates Marketing Week, Honors Restaurateur Stephen Starr

By Nicole Katze

Every year during the first full week of October, collegiate chapters of the American Marketing Association (AMA) celebrate marketing and business with events designed to build community and give students valuable insight into the business world.

This year’s marketing week kicked off on Monday, Oct. 5 with a meet-and-greet held outside the Campion Student Center. A business attire fashion show to include people who could potentially help them find internship or job opportunities,” said Lisa Tarantino ’10, president of Saint Joseph’s AMA. Alumni were also in attendance, returning to campus on Wednesday, Oct. 7 to participate in a speed networking event, held in the Campion Student Center Banquet Room. Students moved from table to table every 15 minutes, meeting with different alumni and hearing from them about topics that included business etiquette, effective resumes and cover letters, interview style and networking.

“Our career event this year, while providing students with ways to strengthen their job-seeking skills, was also an opportunity to network with alumni,” said Tarantino. “The students who attended walked away with a better understanding of the ‘real world’ and how they should be preparing for it.”

Highlighting the week, Thursday’s luncheon in the North Lounge featured guest speaker Stephen Starr, owner of Starr Restaurants, one of the fastest-growing restaurant companies in the United States. His restaurants include Buddakan, The Continental, Pod and Morimoto, among others, with locations in Philadelphia, New York City and Atlantic City. During the luncheon and general meeting, Starr was awarded the first annual Marketer of the Year Award by Saint Joseph’s AMA. Afterward, Starr held a question and answer session.

To close out the week of celebration, the chapter embraced both Saint Joseph’s commitment to scholarship and service and the chapter’s own commitment to preventing violence in Philadelphia by holding a donation-based yoga class in Racquetball Court 1 at the Athletics Center. All proceeds benefited Women Against Abuse, a Philadelphia program that assists victims of domestic violence and their children.

Saint Joseph’s AMA chapter has won awards in fundraising, professional development, community service and membership at the Collegiate Conference over the past several years. Most recently, they were awarded Outstanding Organization and named one of the top 15 collegiate chapters in the U.S.

Haub School Ranked By 'The Princeton Review'

The Erivan K. Haub School of Business at Saint Joseph’s University has been included in The Princeton Review’s annual Best Business Schools guidebook, The Best 301 Business Schools: 2010 Edition. The Review surveyed more than 19,000 students and collected statistical information from the highest-rated AACSB-accredited (The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business) MBA programs in the world to provide the widest possible base of information for students looking to select a business school. According to the “Survey Says” section of the guidebook’s profile for Saint Joseph’s, most students agreed that the Haub MBA has “Solid preparation in general management, teamwork, communication and interpersonal skills, and presentation skills.”
Student Participation in Mission-Related Activities Rises

By Patricia Allen

Generation Y students have varied interests – and distractions – to keep them occupied throughout the day. For example, downloading the latest mobile phone apps, hanging on Facebook, catching the most recent installment of Glee – and tweeting about it – to work out or sleeping in, their focus could be characterized as insular.

Which is what makes the spike in the number of SJU students signing up for mission-related activities so impressive. “We’ve seen a jump in the number of students involved in weekly service,” says Thomas Sheibley, director of Campus Ministry. “There are over 450 students participating in the program, compared to 350 last year. This is record enrollment, and the increase in participation has been wonderful.”

Sheibley also noted increased participation in service and mission activities by the freshmen in the Class of 2013. He cited several factors for the increase, including the success of the Philadelphia Service Immersion Program (PSIP). An optional pre-orientation experience, PSIP introduces incoming freshmen to Ignatian social justice and is a collaboration among the College of Arts and Sciences, the Erivan K. Haub School of Business, Campus Ministry, Student Life and the Office of Mission.

“This fall, the program was coordinated so that the number of student participants doubled from 50 to 100,” Sheibley said. “I believe this program was key to some of the growth we’ve seen in other areas. Upper class leaders who have been heavily involved in mission-related activities had a positive influence on 100 freshmen for four days at the beginning of their SJU careers.”

According to Sheibley, weekly service, as well as Magus, a student-led year-long service and social program designed for freshmen that is now in its third year, may have benefited from this influence.

“Magus has 75 freshmen students enrolled, which is an increase of six or seven times over last year,” said Campus Minister Beth Ford. “Participation in our Appalachian Experience during spring break could be huge this year,” she added.

Fall break (Oct. 16-20) 12 SJU students will participate with others from local universities in the Fall Break Urban Challenge at the Romero Center in Camden, NJ. There will be no time for Twitter, Facebook or relaxing, but this group of Gen Y students will feel rejuvenated and inspired by their immersion in the University’s mission.
The advising center complements faculty advisement within the business school. The center offers guidance to students regarding course requirements, curriculum progression and career possibilities. Recently, the center enhanced its online presence with video presentations addressing frequently asked student questions. HSBA Advising 101, a required program for all freshmen, is facilitated by the center. Through this program, students learn how to navigate their way through college in a way that parallels their academic goals.

“Lehdy made himself available to students at all times,” said Fr. Bidinger. “It’s in that spirit that the William F. Leahy Advising Center will continue in its mission to help students achieve their goals.”

By Carolyn Steigleman

**Saint Joseph’s Hosts 76ers Training Camp**

The Philadelphia 76ers prepared for the 2009-10 season on campus, holding closed practices at the Hawks’ Practice Facility Sept. 29-Oct. 3. Pictured, guard Lou Williams (right) drives to the basket in a team drill.

The 76ers will begin the season Oct. 10 under the direction of first-year head coach Eddie Jordan. Former Hawk standout and head coach Jim Lynam ’63, now in his fourth year with the team, is on Jordan’s staff. SJU and the Sixers have been partners in the past as the NBA team held its daily practices in Alumni Memorial Fieldhouse from 1997-98.

By Rachel Martin ’10

**“Jesuits On…” Lecture Series Sparks the Interest of Employees at SJU**

This year, the Office of Training and Organizational Development and the Office of Mission instituted the “Jesuits On…” workshop series, designed to help faculty, staff and administration form a deeper connection with Ignatian ideals and the mission of SJU. Given monthly by Jesuits from the SJU community, the sessions focus on topics relating to the history and values of the Jesuit order, and have received much praise from participants.

The workshops started this summer with “Jesuits On… St. Ignatius,” which focused on St. Ignatius’s life, the Jesuit order and the philosophy of Jesuit education. The popularity of “Jesuits On… St. Ignatius” spurred the addition of other workshops, providing more opportunities for employees to participate in and experience this program. The series will continue with “Jesuits On… The Examen,” which looks at the daily prayer developed by St. Ignatius. The session planned for the spring, “Jesuits On… Discernment,” will teach a process developed by St. Ignatius for good decision-making. Each workshop is offered multiple times in a one hour and fifteen minute lunch time format to accommodate all those interested.

Manager of Training and Organizational Development and one of the coordinators of the series Karen Botto believes the participation of the Jesuits to be particularly important to the series. “This series is unique because the sessions are facilitated by Jesuits. Some employees might not have the opportunity to spend quality time with a Jesuit; the area in which they work might not have any Jesuit staff members. It has been my experience that listening to Jesuits talk about Ignatian ideals and St. Ignatius helps renew my commitment to the mission. I find Jesuits to be incredibly down-to-earth, real, compassionate and deeply spiritual. In addition, Ignatian spirituality is accessible to all people regardless of their religious background so the topic is one which everyone can connect to on some level.”

**Upcoming Lectures:**

- "Jesuits On… The Examen"
  - Nov. 9 William Byron, S.J.
  - Dec. 2 Daniel Joyce, S.J.

By Katie G. Martin ’10

McNulty Scholars Host Alumna Kathleen McGinty ’85

The Honorable Kathleen A. McGinty ‘85 will deliver the inaugural McNulty Scholars Program for Excellence in Science and Math lecture. Her presentation titled “Environmental Stewardship: Promise and Peril in the 21st Century” will take place on Thursday, Oct. 22 at 12 p.m. in Room 200 of the Science Center. She is currently secretary of Saint Joseph’s University’s Board of Trustees.

An award-winning environmental leader, McGinty served as President Bill Clinton’s Chair of the White House Council on Environmental Quality and Legislative Assistant and Environmental Advisor to then-Senator Al Gore. She has also served as Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and as Chair of the Pennsylvania Energy Development Authority.

The John P. McNulty Scholars Program is an innovative program that seeks to inspire young women to strive for leadership roles in science and math. The program not only provides full-futation scholarships but also creates a challenging environment designed to help bright young women reach the top ranks of science and math professions.