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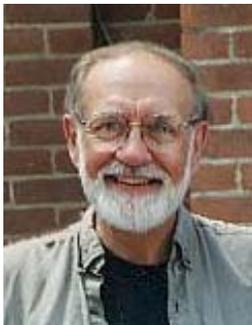
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April 24th Day of Prayer with Fr. Murray Bodo

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Members of the Franciscan Alumni Association and their guests have been invited by Father Gil Wohler, FAA liaison with the Province of St. John the Baptist and pastor of St. Francis Seraph Parish, to attend a day of prayer which will be held at St. Francis Seraph Church on Saturday, April 24, 2004. Father Murray Bodo, OFM, will be the speaker for the day.

Father Murray is a widely known writer, teacher, speaker, and authority on Saint Francis, who taught most recently at St. Bonaventure University. He has taught at several schools over the years, including Thomas

More College and Saint Francis Seminary. He is frequently involved with the "Assisi Pilgrimage Program." When in town (Cincinnati), Father Murray lives at the friary on Pleasant Street, just a couple blocks from St. Francis Seraph Church.

Activities will begin at 10:00 a.m. with coffee and donuts in the Friars' dining room, which can be accessed from behind the main altar in the church. The day of prayer will begin after that, with the first of two inspirational talks by Father Murray Bodo. He will be addressing the attendees in the main body of St. Francis Church. A lunch will be served at about noon. The program for the day will end no later than 4:00 p.m. A donation of \$10.00 per person is requested to cover the cost of food and refreshments. Fr. Gil needs a meal count, so please inform him by April 10th if you plan to attend.

Parking is available in the St.

Francis School parking lot (across from the church, behind the school – northeast corner of Liberty and Vine Streets).

Re-cap:

- Day of prayer with Fr. Murray Bodo, OFM
- Saturday, April 24, 2004 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- St. Francis Seraph Church
- 1615 Vine St., Cincinnati
- Donation: \$10 per person

To register, send e-mail or call Fr. Gil Wohler or Norb Garmann (gwohler@franciscan.org or garmann@worldnet.att.net). Fr. Gil (513-721-4700, ext 3108), Norb (513-922-2336)

After the 4:00 p.m. closing of the Day of Prayer, there will be an abbreviated meeting of the FAA board which will end by 6:00 p.m. The main topic to be discussed at this meeting will be final preparations for the 2004 summer reunion.

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New Editor

Norb Garmann '52, a member of the Franciscan Alumni Association board, is now the editor in chief for articles that appear in the newsletter. Norb was editor in chief of the Brown and White (a few years ago). Thanks Norb!

Seasonal Message from Fr. Gil Wohler

First things first! The Lord give you peace—such is the greeting I send all of you in these early days of Lent. For it is a peaceful heart in which the Lord can accomplish what he so much desires. In the words of our father Francis, I encourage us all: “Let us begin again, for up to now, we have done nothing!”

As followers of Francis I urge us all to “find joy in Lent.” It has never been intended to be a season for Catholics to mope around with long faces and dreary hearts. I suggest we flavor our Lent by focusing on God’s love for us. Sometimes we think we have to pile up a big stack of penitential works to win God’s love and his free gift of salvation— as if our good deeds will convince God to save us.

No, it’s the other way around, and God is already loving and saving us. Our God is not a puppet manipulated by us. He loves us first—and unconditionally. Our efforts to lead a good moral life are not the cause of God’s saving love for us. They are rather the consequence of it.

To sum up, it’s not so much what we do but what we let the Lord do in us...that we be open to his working in us. Lent is never an end in itself; it leads to Resurrection—of Jesus and ultimately our own. Let us pray for one another especially during this holy time. Again, in the spirit of Francis, brothers and sisters, care for one another.

Have you said “thank you” lately? The alumni board and active members certainly deserve our gratitude—those who publish the newsletter, those who organize activities. Those who keep before us the Franciscan spirit. As someone has suggested: Please do your part... keep the spirit alive!

A final note—please, let us not forget the departed alumni. We also remember the friars and other alumni who are retired—some because of illness, some because they find “parts wearing out.” Please keep them in your prayers. A Blessed Easter to all.



Fr. Gil



Fr. Berard

Poem by Fr. Berard Doerger

“*Epitaph of a Christian* was recently composed (October, 2003). It wasn’t written because I think I’m going to die soon – but then we never know! I just got the idea for the poem after reading that section from the Book of Ecclesiastes one day.” - Fr. Berard

There is a right time for everything: a time to...

Epitaph of a Christian

There is a time for all to be born.
There is a time for all to die.
There is a time in our life to laugh.
There is a time in our life to cry.

The time has come for me to die.
I ask you to both laugh and cry:
Laugh and rejoice for God’s graces to me.
Cry for the times I have failed to be
all that God planned in his goodness for me.

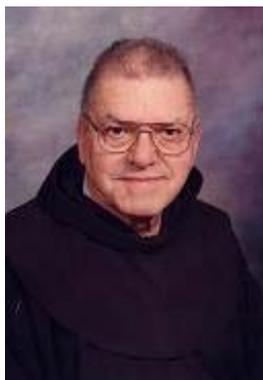
For those who believe in God and his Christ,
The time to die is a time to be born:
a time to be born to eternal life;
a time to no more cry or mourn;
a time to be with our Savior forever,
sharing his presence and glory together;
a time that has no more days or years --
Only the present, without any fears.

And so, as I depart this world,
I hasten with joy to meet my Lord.
I long to see him face to face;
to find great comfort in his embrace;
to be with all who have gone before,
enjoying their love and goodness once more;
to praise our God and Maker then,
with angels, saints and Christ. Amen.

Father Berard Doerger is a semi-retired Franciscan missionary living at St. Michael Friary in the Province of Our Lady of Guadalupe (OLG).

My Fifty Years in God's Service

by Fr. Howard Hudepohl '45 (formerly Fr. Sigfrid)



Fr. Howard

Since my ordination in 1954, the greater part of my ministry has been in education and formation with various periods of pastoral work along the way. I was a teacher at St. Peter's High School in Roswell, NM, at Roger Bacon High School in Cincinnati, Ohio (1958 - 1973), and at the *College Franciscain* in the Principality of Monaco. I taught at Our Lady of the Angels Seminary in Quezon City, Philippines. In the Republic of South Africa, I was a teacher and formator at the Franciscan Novitiate in Besters, the candidacy program in Gingiglovu, the Franciscan House of Studies in Pretoria, and at St. Peter's and St. John Vianney's National Diocesan Seminaries, also in Pretoria. Sandwiched into this time was a stint at a small language school for missionaries in Jerusalem, Israel. Bonaventure College in Lusaka, Zambia, also saw my service as teacher and formator. In Kolwezi, Zaire (now Democratic Republic of the Congo) a teaching assignment ended abruptly during upheavals that signaled the revolution and ousting of Sehe Seho and I ended up as a refugee on a Belgian paratrooper plane.

In 1998, after 42 years as a teacher, I decided it was time to leave that field

and I returned to Cincinnati. Since that time, I have been the chaplain at Mercy Franciscan Terrace, which is a retirement/nursing facility. As I said in the beginning, I have also done some pastoral and chaplaincy work in the places where I have been. I am very thankful for having had the opportunities to live and work with people of so many races and nationalities. I learned more from them than I ever taught them.

Reading back over these lines, I realize that I have overlooked an important period when I may have met some of you. From 1975 until it

closed in 1979, I was an instructor in the candidacy program at the former Duns Scotus College in Southfield, Michigan. It was then that I went to O.L.A. Seminary in Quezon City.



Fr. Sigfrid

Newsletter Sponsorship

Greetings in the Lord,

It is with interest and delight that I read the Alumni newsletter. Sometimes I see a name I recognize. I will have graduated from Mt. Healthy 60 years ago next year! Yes, I am still alive! Presently I am program director for the English speaking stations for Radio Maria.

Enclosed is my card (below) and check for an ad for Radio Maria.

I might be celebrating my 50th anniversary of ordination in Wenona, Illinois around the time of the annual chapter. Bloomington is about 40 miles south of Wenona.

Pax et bonum! Your brother in Jesus,

Duane Stenzel, ofm



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Prairie et Bloomington *by Rick Gardner '75*

“Prairie et Bloomington”, “Peace of the Prairie” and “Blessings of Bloomington.” This is admittedly poor word play on “Pax et Bonum.” Hopefully this got you thinking about the prairies of central Illinois in general and Bloomington in particular. The board of directors of your Franciscan Alumni Association, now in its fifteenth year, invites you to join them at our annual chapter reunion **June 25-27** in Bloomington, Illinois. Come and once again share your life, dreams and aspirations with your brothers. Look up and visit old friends in central Illinois. Many of you may remember Fr. Ric Schneider, OFM '50. Fr. Ric was a teacher, disciplinarian and recruiter for St. Francis Seminary. He is the current pastor at St. Mary's, the host parish for this year's FAA reunion. With Fr. Ric at St. Mary's are Fr. Dacian Batt, OFM '48, Fr. Gregg Petri, OFM '52, Bro. Kevin Duckson, OFM '60 and Bro. Tim Lamb, OFM. Other alumni in central Illinois are: Fr. Neri Greskoviak, OFM '54, Fr. Marne Breckensiek, OFM '56, Joris Heise '54, Dennis Kirby '56, Gerry Waldschmidt '57, Bernie Zant '58, Tom Schuerman '68, Jim Schrepfer '68, Roger Kapraun '74 and Rick Gardner '75 to name just a few.

Bloomington is located in central Illinois where Interstate 74 intersects Interstate 55. It is the world headquarters of State Farm Insurance, Country Companies Insurance Group, Beer Nuts, Inc. and Mitsubishi Motor Manufacturing of America. Bloomington is only 130 miles and about two hours from Chicago when traveling by car. It is 300 miles and five hours from Cincinnati. It's less than three hours from St. Louis and about 6 hours from Detroit. For those who wish to fly, Bloomington is home to Central Illinois Regional Airport. Greyhound and Amtrak also serve Bloomington/Normal. Please visit www.visitbn.org for more information about Bloomington/Normal, Illinois.

For the weekend, we have planned a number of activities you can share with other Franciscan alumni. You can go golfing, tour museums, go wine tasting and even go model airplane flying with Fr. Ric. A couple of other highlights will be Saturday afternoon Mass at St. Mary's and our dinner and chapter meeting Saturday night.

Following is more information about the reunion and a reservation form. Please send in your reservations by May 31, 2004 so that final preparations may be made. If you cannot attend the reunion, please consider sending a donation to the Franciscan Alumni Association.

Reunion and Meal Reservations

The registration fee for the reunion is twenty-five dollars. This is a flat fee re-

gardless of the number in your party. The reservation fee goes toward the rental of the dining room and other costs associated with the reunion.

You may make alternative arrangements for meals throughout the reunion weekend for other than what we offer here. We are planning a picnic lunch on Saturday at Miller Park. Arrangements have been made with the host hotel, Hawthorn Suites, for dinners on Friday and Saturday evenings. The cost of the picnic lunch is ten dollars for adults and five dollars for children ten years of age and under. The cost for each dinner is twenty-three dollars for adults and eleven dollars fifty cents for children ten years of age and under. Dinners will include coffee and iced tea. We require that meal reservations be made in advance via this reserva-

Hotel Reservations

Hotel Reservations must be made separately. You may reserve a room at the host hotel, Hawthorn Suites, by calling (309) 829-8111. Please request the special Franciscan Alumni Association rate of \$65 (plus 12% tax) per night by specifying the group rate code number 362. The room rental also includes a hot breakfast buffet. For more information on the hotel, please visit www.hawthornbloomington.com on the web.

You may also make your room reservations at a hotel of your choice. The following hotels are also in Bloomington:

Best Inns 1905 W. Market St. (309) 827-5333	Comfort Inn 505 Brock Dr. (309) 828-6000	Country Inn & Suites 923 Maple Hill Rd. (309) 828-7177
Days Inn 1707 W. Market St. (309) 829-6292 www.daysinn.com	Econo Lodge 401 Brock Dr. (309) 829-3100 or 1-800-55-ECONO	Hampton Inn – West 906 Maple Hill Rd. (309) 829-3700 or 1-800-HAMPTON
Quality Inn & Suites 403 Brock Dr. (309) 829-7602	Wingate Inn 1031 Wylie Dr. 800-820-9990 www.wingateinns.com	

tion form. Please let us know in the comments section how many of each meal should be vegetarian meals.

Alumni arriving as early as Thursday, June 24, are invited to Rick Gardner's house for a cookout. Maps and directions to Rick's house will be provided. Alumni and their families are invited to arrive any time they wish and stay as late as they wish. Food will be prepared and served around 6:00 pm. The cookout will include hamburgers, hot dogs, brats, chips, dessert, soft drinks, iced tea, beer and wine.

Friday's dinner will be in the Hawthorn Suites Ball Room at 6:30 pm. An alumni talent show will follow. Dinner will include Italian beef au jus and glazed ham hoagies, cheeses, lettuce, tomato, pickles, corn on the cob, green beans with ham, pasta or potato salad, potato chips and assorted cookies.

Saturday's dinner will be in the Hawthorn Suites Ball Room at 6:00 pm. Our Chapter meeting will be conducted over dessert. This dinner will include marinated pork medallions, lemon pepper chicken breasts, potatoes au gratin, vegetable medley, choice of soup or salad, dinner rolls and assorted cookies.

In order to contain costs associated with the reunion, we will not have bartenders at the dinners. However, the hotel will allow us to bring and share our own alcoholic beverages at the dinners. The Alumni Association may be able to supply a couple of coolers of beer. If you wish to volunteer to provide some beer or wine, please indicate so on the back of the reservation form and we will get in touch with you. Be aware that the hotel does not allow red liquids in its ballroom.

Activities — Transportation is not provided for the activities. Directions and maps will be available. We will solicit

volunteers to guide and/or drive. Please let us know if you would like to drive someone or if you would like to ride with someone. We will try to pair up drivers and riders to form caravans.

Talent Show – This event will be on Friday evening in the hotel's ballroom following dinner. This will be a talent show reminiscent of Picnic Day. It will star alumni, be by alumni and be for alumni. If you have a particular talent that you think your fellow alumni will enjoy, please consider volunteering to perform at the talent show. Please indicate in the comments section if you would like to perform and what your performance will be.

Model plane flying with Fr. Ric – This activity is currently available only for Saturday morning. Travel with Fr. Ric to Covell, Illinois and watch Fr. Ric and friends fly radio controlled model airplanes. Fr. Ric will have buddy boxes available so that children may try flying a plane. If you sign up for this activity on Saturday morning, also consider signing up for the picnic lunch at Miller Park. You may also wish to consider including a visit to the Miller Park Zoo with the picnic lunch.

Golf – Join other alumni in a golf outing on Friday afternoon at Prairie Vista Golf Course. Visit www.prairievistagc.com for more information about the golf course. Or, join other alumni in a golf outing on Saturday morning at Highland Golf Course. Look at the website www.highlandparkgc.com for more information about the course.

Museums – Visit the McLean Museum of History and the David Davis Mansion. The David Davis Mansion was the home of U. S. Supreme Court Judge David Davis, a close personal friend of Abraham Lincoln's. For more information on the McLean County Museum of History, visit

www.mchistory.org. For more information on the David Davis Mansion, visit www.daviddavismansion.org. If you sign up for this activity on Saturday morning, also consider signing up for the picnic lunch at Miller Park. You may also wish to consider including a visit to the Miller Park Zoo with the picnic lunch.

Paradise Casino – Paradise Casino is in Peoria, Illinois. The casino is only 40 minutes from Hawthorn Suites. Currently, there is no charge for admission. However, if we get a large enough group, transportation could be arranged for about \$15 per person. And, for about \$15 more, the Saturday morning trip could also include a lunch at the casino. Please let us know if you would be willing to pay \$15 for transportation. Also let us know if you are interested in paying extra for lunch at the casino on Saturday. For more information, visit www.paradice.com.

Lavender Farm & Winery – In this activity you will make a couple of stops. Visit Lavender Creek Farm where you may shop and pick your own lavender. Then, visit Mackinaw Valley Winery where you may sample some wines and shop for local wines. For more information about Lavender Creek Farm, visit <http://lavendercreek.store.yahoo.com>. For more information about Mackinaw Valley Winery, visit www.mackinawvalleyvineyard.com. If you sign up for this activity on Saturday morning, also consider signing up for the picnic lunch at Miller Park. You may also wish to consider including a visit to the Miller Park Zoo with the picnic lunch.

Miller Park Zoo – Consider including a visit to the zoo if you register for the Saturday picnic at Miller Park. There will be an additional two dollar charge for the zoo. Please visit www.millerparkzoo.org for more information about the zoo.

Tour of St. Mary's – Go on a short tour of St. Mary's church, school and friary. This will be on Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock pm.

Mass at St. Mary's Church – Fr. Ric will celebrate mass at 4 o'clock pm at St. Mary's Church. Join parishioners for Saturday Mass. Let us know if you wish to read one of the readings, take up the offertory gifts or if someone in your family would like to serve at Mass.

Chapter meeting – Our chapter meeting will be held Saturday evening in the hotel's ballroom immediately following dinner. During our meeting, we will solicit nominations to the board of directors and will hold elections, recognize our Humanitarian and Christian Life award recipients, and have a ceremony in which we remember our brothers who have passed away since our last chapter meeting. The meeting and the chapter will conclude with the singing of the Ultima.

Sunday breakfast with Fr. Ric – Join Fr. Ric at CJ's Restaurant for breakfast on Sunday. Meet Fr. Ric at the restaurant following the 7:00 Sunday morning mass, about 8:00 am. Pay for your own breakfast at the restaurant. Please indicate if you will be participating so that we may make accurate reservations with the restaurant.

Other Activities – For those who want to shop, there is a factory outlet mall near the hotel as well as a couple of shopping malls on Bloomington's east side. The twin cities of Bloomington/Normal have several public parks with public swimming pools. Children may also be interested in the Children's Discovery Museum. It can be found on the web at www.cdmci.org. The twin cities also have many movie theaters and restaurants. More information can be found in the Bloomington/Normal Visitor Guide. This guide should be found in your hotel room or at the hotel's desk. More information can be provided upon request.

Chapter Coordinators

If you have any questions, or need help, please contact one of the reunion coordinators from the following list:

Lodging, Meals, Activities:

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regardn@ilstu.edu

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jorisrose@12dollaraccess.com

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Dennis Kirby (309) 661-0256
kirbyd@pngusa.net

General Assistance:

Gerry Waldschmidt (309) 829-9054
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Music for Mass and Entertainment:

Mike Niklas (937) 845-3078
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Donations — Please consider making an additional donation to the Franciscan Alumni Association. Donations to the FAA pay for the printing and mailing of the newsletter and for the upkeep of the Fr. Aubert Memorial Peace Garden. If you cannot attend the reunion, please consider sending a donation.

See the registration form on the next-to-last page of this publication. Please tear off that page and send it with a check made out to "Franciscan Alumni Association" before May 31, 2004 to:

Franciscan Alumni Association
St. Anthony Friary
5000 Colerain Ave
Cincinnati, OH 45223

P.S. — Reunion Thoughts

Welcome to Bloomington! This is my hometown. Just as St. Francis Seminary helped shape who I've become, so also has Bloomington. Just as I like to reminisce about my days at the seminary, so also do I hearken back to the hot, lazy summers I spent in Bloomington. It's funny how, after you've endured them, you look back fondly upon things that, at the time, made you miserable. Sure, the summer heat wasn't bad when you were with friends swimming or playing baseball at Miller Park. But, it was oppressive when you were a scrawny, little teenager working in a cornfield. For a few days this summer, I get to share a little of Bloomington with my friends. You, too, can visit and enjoy Miller Park but you don't have to go into any cornfields. You can just drive right past them. And, you'll certainly see plenty of them while traveling around central Illinois. Again, welcome. Enjoy Bloomington and the reunion and have fun.

Rick Gardner '75

A reunion shares the past. Diverse as our Ways have been, each of us has made a mark on our world, and it seems interesting to bring to the reunion pictures, books, mementos, evidences, etc., of the Ways we have taken--stigmata, perhaps, of suffering, failures, falling on the way, but also stigmata that evidence redemption, hope and love. Have we taught, sold real estate, worked with poor people, did a factory job, planted gardens, sowed faith? Consider bringing to our common meeting something of your individual contribution, sharing the "soul" that magnifies the Lord. People might want to see your life.

Joris Heise '54

The Brown and White: Finding a Place in the Modern World – 1960-1967

by Tom Baca '72

Like ancient guardians, expansive buckeye trees still stand, arms outstretched surrounding the yellow brick castle we remember as St. Francis Seminary. Their distorted reflection in the duck pond always reminded me of the animated trees depicted in *The Wizard of Oz*. It was almost as though these great bulwarks could come alive to walk the grounds as if to best provide the smaller creatures protection from the outside world. And in our time there, we too were smaller creatures. From 1926 through 1960, this had been the protected world atop Mt. Healthy. Not until the 1960's did the outside world begin to gently infiltrate the naive sensibilities of the sheltered lives within St. Francis Seraphic Seminary.

The *Brown and White* reflected these changes that occurred following the dawn of the new decade and what was to come with it. The infiltration of the outside world's influence, like the sunlight peering through the buckeye branches, started as a gentle hint that change was in the making. Later, it seems that this outward influence was to be more bold.

The 1960's proved to be a decade of revolution in the social fabric of America, the Catholic Church, and the heretofore insulated lives at St. Francis Seminary. The Vietnam War, the Assassination of a President, and the upheaval that ensued following Vatican II were all catalysts to these attitudinal changes in American society. Seminarians were no exception. Television became more readily available to families. Seminarians matriculated armed with a broader sense of world events and a need to know more. The world was speeding up. Jet travel was becoming more routine. By the time I entered my freshman year in the fall of 1968, trains and buses were the exception for seminarian travel to home and back for distances more than 500 miles.



The last vestiges of piety and naiveté remained from the years 1960 through 1964. Articles in the *Brown and White* during the first four years of the decade could have been penned a decade before. There were the typical descriptions of the "day in the life of the seminarian." There were articles about the special celebrations of the death of St. Francis, special visits by the Minister Provincial, and discussions about the growing seminary populations. The poetry was prayerful, internal and pious. Stories continued to focus on the internal world of the seminarian. However, even as early as the fall of 1959, the first hints appeared that the sensibilities and focus of the seminarians were somewhat shaped by outside influences. Grover Walker, '60, won the English essay contest with what the *Brown and White* stated was a "...clear cut exposition on the racial problem in the United States today and its causes."

Pride in the election of John F. Kennedy was reflected in a short article in the fall 1960 edition entitled, *The American Spirit*. "After breakfast on November

eight any one entering the recreation room was stunned by a profusion of campaign posters plastered all over the walls. It was election day at the Seminary, and competition ran hot and heavy." A straw poll of seminarians proved to be reflective of Mr. Kennedy's support nationally, winning 68 of the 124 students. Already, the modernism of the time proved to infiltrate where such was not previously possible. It would have been unheard of in Fray Angélico (Manuel) Chavez' world to see political campaign posters inside his high adobe walls that he wrote about decades before. This already was a different world. The qualities of joy and piety seemed to be making their last stand as reflected on the pages of the *Brown and White* even through the 1963-64 year. The following excerpt by Dan Kroger '64 seems a little apologetic for the joy and piety of the insulated life that was quickly fading as seminarians returned from summer vacation that year. Kroger writes, "We want to enjoy ourselves and be happy. At the Seminary, life is on a different plane. The individual must yield his own selfish will in order that the community might run smoothly and efficiently. The warm welcome of our classmates and faculty is very joyous indeed. The peace and happiness of seminary life are beyond compare; for man cannot be happy unless he lives God. Where in the world is there a better place to do so than among God's chosen?"

By the 1962-1963 school year, already it was evident that there was to be internal change at St. Francis Seminary as well. Assignments of younger faculty including Fr. Dean Pellman (Bill), Fr. Orlando Jaquez, Fr. Aubert Grieser, Fr. Laurian Rausch, and Bro. Kenan Hozie. Bro. Kenan was to prove himself a powerhouse as an advisor and as an agent of change for the *Brown and White*. Over at least a decade, the *Brown and White* had been under the advisorship of Fr. Placid

Doyle. Bro. Kenan brought new ideas to both format and substance for the Brown and White that resulted in several awards by the National Catholic Press Association among others over the years. His influence lived on past his years of convalescence following the onset of serious illness in 1970. But the force of Bro. Kenan's influence lived on even during my editorship years (1971-1972).

By the 1963-64 year even more new assignments were to reshape the seminary from the inside. Under the guidance of Rector Fr. Aldric Heidlage, talent such as Fr. Clair Bourdereaux, Fr. Valentine Young, and Fr. Dismas (David) Turnbull, were assigned to St. Francis Seminary. Between the years 1964 and 1966, Fr. Aldric was to recruit Seminary graduates from the early 1950's who were recently ordained. These included Fr. Gil Wohler, Fr. Theodoric Schneider, Fr. Berard Doerger, and former editors Fr. Murray Bodo and Fr. Tom Richstatter. Recalling their own insulation from the outside world during their time at St. Francis Seminary, many of these faculty members wanted to breathe into the halls and classrooms a newness reminiscent of Blessed Pope John the XXIII's opening the windows of Holy Mother Church.

The first strong imprint of the seminarians' changed focus from an internal to an external world is noted in the final edition of the 63-64 year. Under the editorship of Joseph Gonzales, the Brown and White published a story entitled "Prejudice, How long till it ends?" with a 3/4 page photograph of a close up of a black man with saddened eyes that tell the future. This was the icon of the world at the window of St. Francis Seminary. This was the benchmark article that confirmed that Fray Angélico's adobe walls were no more. Not even the buckeye trees surrounding the yellow brick building could protect the walls of St. Francis Seminary

from the ravages of a modern world. The article by Henry Guinn '64 of Waxahatchie, Texas, states: "Today, in this country, we have witnessed and are witnessing a revolt by the American Negro against this disease (of prejudice); a revolt that would have been almost unthinkable as little as ten years ago. Shameful incidents have plagued our country. The recent bombing in Alabama of a Negro Sunday School which killed several Negro children, the murder of Medgar Evers, and many such similar but perhaps not as harsh incidents throughout this great land of ours should awaken the American people to the ugly fact that we have failed to carry out the Declaration of Independence." Articles that once spoke of love of God, piety, and scholasticism were now being replaced with those that began to call for social action by anyone who received the message. The message was certainly not limited to seminarians and their families. The Brown and White had become a voice for social action.

1964 was a banner year with the Brown and White celebrating its 40th anniversary. Writer Robert Schroeder writes: "Many things have happened in the past forty years. St. Francis Seminary has in this space of time seen many a dreamy boy become a young man who achieved his goal. Yes, many young men have passed through St. Francis Seminary and have gone on to reach the dignity of the Franciscan priesthood. There are many factors that go together in making the big steps toward the priesthood. The Brown and White has proven to be one important factor. During the functioning years of the publication, its aim has been

to bring into a clearer light the real 'inside story' of the Seminary. Its purpose is to direct the expression of our school spirit and our literary efforts into journalistic channels so that the learning and wit of the inspired few might write itself out to the enlightenment and the diversion of all our readers." Editor Richard Bisio writes: "During those years, change and progress went hand in hand. From mimeographed reproductions, to letter press, to offset printing: a long way, a long time. And there was progress. Progress in the form of prestige and size: From a student publication to a magazine with a circulation of over four thousand, to a magazine awarded the highest scholastic award possible by the Catholic School Press Association -- 'All Catholic.'"

It seems the piety of the previous age seemed to continue to call young men, even though they were transitioning into a more modern world. The success of Fr. Paul Scales' recruitment efforts and his effective use of the Brown and White was proving itself fruitful during the early 1960's. Remember, although Vatican II had just started and the Vietnam War was just heating up, the perception of the Catholic world remained unmoved. The fruits of Fr. Paul's recruitment effort translated into a booming population at St. Francis Seminary of more than 200. In



1964, the population was 207, and in 1965 it peaked at 225. These were exciting times of growth, but catching up in hot pursuit were the realities that had already been reflected in pages of the *Brown and White* as noted earlier. The population crunch at St. Francis Seminary was plaguing the logistics of keeping everyone comfortable. Plans were put into place to expand the physical plant of St. Francis Seminary to accommodate a total of 270 students. Fr. Maynard Tetreault O.F.M., an architect and Provincial Building Coordinator, was commissioned to design renovations. These plans were depicted on the pages of the *Brown and White* in 1966.

The full force of the tidal wave we know of as Vatican II had not yet reached the shores of America in the fullest sense by 1965. The significant documents of Vatican II had just been translated into English and the American Bishops were yet in discussions regarding modes of implementation of the called for liturgical changes. Photographs in the *Brown and White* of liturgical ceremonies up through 1965 continued to show liturgical celebrants facing the altar, back to the assembly, and the communion rail firmly in place dividing the congregation from the sanctuary.

Nevertheless, as noted earlier, the tone and substance of the magazine was changing to reflect an external perspective or outlook. Editor Richard Biso writes: "The world's future is in our hands, just as much as it is in the hands of those who hold the guns and fight the wars. We can start to bring peace to every person we meet every day, so that the generations that follow us may live in a world that doesn't know the fear and mistrust of today's world." Bingo! It is as though this "fear and mistrust" had matriculated into the very walls of the once sequestered atmosphere of St. Francis

Seminary. Students were coming back or entering with a different mindset than previously. An apologetic article in defense of the American teen, by Thomas Siemers '66, entitled, "Who is to Blame?" is indicative of this sense of cynicism that seemed to remain in place through the early 1970s. He writes: "Most adults speak of robberies, riots, stabbings, rape, malicious destruction, drunken brawls, and numerous other immoralities when they speak of teenagers. Because of these outbursts against our growing society, many teenagers are looked upon with suspicion, distrust, and sometimes even hate."

The poetry of the *Brown and White* beginning in the mid 1960's changed tone and focus as well. What a far cry from the thoughtful meditative lines, almost hymns, to God and our blessed Mother from authors Louis (Murray) Bodo '55 and even in the early years, Manuel (Angélico) Chavez. Now the lines were stark testaments to the cynicism of the age. A poem entitled "Nothingness" by Richard Fraher cries out the influence of existentialist philosophers Jean Paul Sartre and Albert Camus stating: "The sun is gone and I feel...nothing ...and am hollow. ...my day is full and I walk empty back and I feel nothing." This was the time of songs like Eleanor Rigby by the Beatles, and In the Year 2525.

It is at this point that we see a crash in the populations at St. Francis Seminary which would lead to its eventual closure 15 years later. Editor Stephen Findley '67 writes in fall of 1966: Last September the freshman enrollment was eighty two. This September the freshman enrollment was fifty two. This may sound like a tooth-paste commercial; but many people, including myself, are very concerned about this drop. St. Francis Seminary isn't the only seminary with a decline in freshman enrollment; unfortunately no one is cer-

tain of the answer." This was to be a dilemma facing St. Francis Seminary and other minor seminaries throughout the United States.

But the *Brown and White* continued to serve in its role as troubadour of who seminarians were and who they were becoming. A benchmark issue in 1966 was the issue dedicated to the entry of one freshman by the name of Henry Beck. I remember receiving this issue at home in Gallup and relishing someday following in Henry's footsteps. There was no question after meeting Henry Beck upon my entry into St. Francis, that he was to be one who would remain unfettered by the cynicism of the world and thus would achieve the goal of the Franciscan priesthood. He did. But the *Brown and White* could not have picked a finer role model to show the world what it was like for a 13 year old to leave home and arrive and get situated at St. Francis Seminary. The issue of the *Brown and White* is remarkably one of the best in its history. The photography and writing superbly described the news and the happenings of the time. In my opinion, this issue of the *Brown and White* is evidence of it having achieved full maturity. It is for this reason that Editor Findlay should be recognized as the finest editor since Angélico Chavez. Obviously, the great guidance and leadership of Br. Kenan Hozie O.F.M., was evident. That year, for the third straight year, writer Luke Dober reports that the *Brown and White* was awarded the rating, "All Catholic" by the Catholic School Press Association at Marquette University for the 1965 and 1966 school year. The *Brown and White* was also awarded a First Place Certificate from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association at Columbia University. Dober writes: "These awards show that the *Brown and White* is among the top notch school magazines of the country; and we, the staff, intend to keep it up there with

the best of them.” From 1960 through 1964, the Brown and White had a very simple straight forward layout with long paragraphs and a photograph or two interspersed among the print. It wasn’t until Bro. Kenan Hozie began taking the lead as faculty advisor that we began to see more of a modern journalistic quality that remained in place through the middle 1970’s. Eventually, Bro. Kenan and astute editor Robert Buescher ‘69, were to convert the size of the Brown and White to a larger 8 1/2 x 11 magazine format, allowing more freedom in the use of white space, newer layout techniques and overall artistic design.

The personality of St. Francis Seminary changed drastically during the 1960’s as seminarians were trying to find a place in the modern world. The Brown and White reflected this change. It is difficult to separate the history of St. Francis Seminary from the history of the Brown and White. Somehow, as I alluded to earlier, the thick adobe walls that Manuel (Angélico) Chavez wrote poetically about in the 1920’s had decayed, and the modern world was peering wide-eyed through the glass windows of the seminarians’ minds. The large buckeye trees no longer provided shelter against the tenaciousness of the march of modern time. Poverty, war, political deceit, assassination, sex, drugs, and an increasing tension in the Church regarding the solutions to these issues were all factors. The seminarians were caught up in this whirlwind.

But the road to Emmaus is what it is. A whirlwind of doubt was present to disciples who walked that dusty road, even as the whisperings of Christ’s resurrection were being spread by word of mouth. It was then, and continues to be now, a journey in which the witnesses to the truth, by their own fear, cannot see a truth so self-

evident. So, too, the journey of seminarians at St. Francis Seminary during the 1960’s and 1970’s, as reflected on the pages of the Brown and White, was one in which a whirlwind of modernism, doubt, turmoil, and fear seemed to cloud the truth and purity of our individual love for each other as brothers. Only now this truth is so evident. Our Alumni reunions bring this truth forward. And certainly upon the death of one of our brothers, we feel the reality of our love for them -- more now than we did during our time at St. Francis Seminary. But we really did love each other then. I simply don’t think we knew how to recognize such love. Since that time, we have each taken our own roads in our quest to recognize our Savior by what we have chosen to do with our lives. For some, the priesthood was their calling, for others, not. But the Brown and White continued and continues to be a reflecting pond allowing us to peer into a span of colorful seasons, some before our time, some in our time, and some after our time. It is a looking glass of sorts. I encourage you to take a peek into your past as prologue.

This series is filled with one former editor’s thoughts and opinions. Therefore, I apologize for any misstatements, errors, omissions, any lack of clarity in presentation, and certainly for my lack of brevity. This task continues to be a challenge. I know that I have fallen far short; but perhaps these thoughts have given some cause to consider that we who walked the hallowed halls of St. Francis Seminary were, are, and will continue to be, brothers in flesh and spirit.

In the next installment, I will conclude the third phase of this series with Brown and White: Finding a Place in the Modern World, discussing the years 1968 through 1972.

The Sawmill Man

Yesterday Dave Snyder came
With his portable sawmill
And hewed beautiful planks from fallen logs.
The gruff, gray-black bark
Revealed fine, smooth, light-red oak;
The smooth sinuous ash so like oak,
The cherry with it pale aroma.
The inner side of so much time passing
Is the fine grain
Your life has formed
Evolving into something permanent—
Becoming the wood-rich home so many desire,
Your wealth now enhancing and enchanting,
As everything ages into
Heaven’s revelation, where we share so much.

Joris Heise ‘54



Second Class '54 (Joris and his classmates)

Answers to riddles:
1. Corn 2. A cold 3. Nose
4. A stamp 5. A sponge
6. Shoes 7. A river
8. Silence 9. A splinter

Brothers' Briefs



Friar Averts Suicide Attempt

It was December 1st, 2003. Father Bryant Hausfeld had just finished participating in a lengthy meeting of the Presbyterial Council in Las Cruces, New Mexico. As he was driving home to Alamogordo, his thoughts were on a quiet evening at home. As he neared the outskirts of the city, he noticed that traffic was "thickening." Up ahead was a commotion, the type of commotion that usually indicates the presence of an emergency. At the "eye" of the commotion was a "skinny, scruffy, sandy-haired kid, maybe 15 years old" standing on the ledge of an overpass, obviously intent on taking his own life. Father Bryant's arrival on the scene was the first of a dramatic series of events that led to the successful rescue of the boy. Through on-site counseling, Father managed to convince him that, because he worked with a lot of young people, he understood about the problems that young people experience, and would like to help him if he would come on in. Father Bryant said, "I'm Fr. Bryant from, Immaculate Conception. I've worked with a lot of young people and I know it's tough being young. I know you feel alone. I know you have to deal with a lot. I'd like to help you but you have to trust me. Please come on in." Father went on: "Whatever your problem is, you're thinking about a permanent solution and one day this problem will go away. There are people who love you and care about you. I know a lot people who can help. I'd love to help you, but you have to come in." At first the boy did not speak, but he did listen. In less than hour after Father first spoke to the young man, the crisis had ended. As emergency workers closed in, a policeman waved them away and said, "Everyone stay back! Father Bryant's got it under control!" **FATHER BRYANT'S GOT IT UNDER CONTROL!** That sentence says it all. (The full account of this event is in the St. John the Baptist Province newsletter account by Communications Director Toni Cashnelli at www.franciscan.org/newslett/main.htm).

Alum Participates in Cancer Awareness Program

Dr. Larry Schulte ('73) is a clinical health psychologist. In 1990, he completed a fellowship at Yale School of Medicine. He is very active in his parish in South Pasadena where he has run groups, e.g., a divorced support group and a bereavement support group. He has also facilitated Alzheimer's support groups and Parents of Murdered Children groups in his private practice for 15 years. The seeds that have taken root and grown into a life of service were planted years earlier at St. Francis Seminary. Larry writes: "When I was sixteen, I felt committed to a simple life. During my years at the 'farm,' there were people like Murray Bodo, Aldric Heidlage, and Aubert Grieser, who showed me what giving was all about. Gil Wohler and Ric Schneider taught me about work and putting my heart and soul into everything I did. We seminarians learned to give our all!" In spite of the fact that Larry didn't care for intramural sports while in high school, he is now preparing to take part in a team sport project called *Triathlon for Team in Training*. The aim of this program is to raise consciousness and funds for blood-related cancers. Besides his professional interest in the disease, he also cites very personal reasons for participating in this Triathlon - especially because "...my sister Sue is a breast cancer survivor." Dr. Larry's goal is to raise \$4400.00 for research and aid to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. To reach this goal, he has committed himself to swim a mile in the ocean, run 6 miles, and cycle 25 miles. He is being mentored for the Triathlon by trainers from the *Team in Training* program. More information about blood-related cancers and *Team in Training* is available at www.teamintraining.org/personalpages.

Let us pray for our friends who recently passed on to their glory in heaven, including:

Charlie Miller (93) of SJB Province, died on December 7, 2003 in Cincinnati.

Francisco Meyer (80) of SJB Province died on December 25, 2003 in Cincinnati.

Mother Mary Veronica (84), one of the founders of the Roswell Poor Clares in 1948, died on November 30, 2003 in Roswell, NM.

Francis Evans (91) of OLG province died peacefully at Valle Norte Caring Center in suburban Albuquerque on February 16th. The provincial had spent about an hour with Francis earlier in the day after the staff at Valle Norte alerted him that Brother Francis had declined rapidly over the weekend. He told his care givers that the Lord had told him it was "time to come home." He had made his solemn profession in 1943 and subsequently worked in Oklahoma and at St. Francis Seminary in Ohio. In 1947, "Speedy" was sent to St. Michaels Mission, Arizona. For the remainder of his religious life he served on the Navajo reservation at Chinle, Houck and Lukachukai, Arizona and Tohatchi, New Mexico. Francis was a heavy equipment operator and worked in various construction projects in the missions in the 1970's. He loved the outdoors and was an avid hiker into his early 80's. He was also a tinkerer and enjoyed fixing things to the delight of parishioners and friends. He was a motorcycle enthusiast who journeyed across country many times on his annual vacations, sleeping along side parked big rigs on I-40 on his way to the Midwest. In all those travels he never met a stranger and spun many a tale of the road. He was always ready to relate a memory from his childhood and had a way of telling a story that make you feel you had been transported back to a less hectic time, when family and good friends and deep religious convictions were treasured commodities and there were more than enough hours in a day to enjoy it all. Kindly keep Brother Francis and his family in your prayers as they adjust to their loss.

This article on Francis Evans was beautifully written by Br. Duane Torisky, OFM, Secretary of OLG Province.

Jokes

A boy was taking care of his baby sister while his parents went to town shopping. He decided to go fishing and he had to take her along. "I'll never do that again!" he told his mother that evening. "I didn't catch a thing!" "Oh, next time I'm sure she'll be quiet and not scare the fish away," his mother said. The boy said, "It wasn't that. She ate all the bait."

For weeks a six-year old lad kept telling his first-grade teacher about the baby brother or sister that was expected at his house. One day the mother allowed the boy to feel the movements of the unborn child. The six-year old was obviously impressed, but made no comment. Furthermore, he stopped telling his teacher about the impending event. The teacher finally sat the boy on her lap and said, "Tommy, whatever has become of that baby brother or sister you were expecting at home?" Tommy burst into tears and exclaimed, "I think Mommy ate it!"

A travel agent looked up from his desk to see an older lady and an older gentleman peering in the shop window at the posters showing the glamorous destinations around the world. The agent had had a good week and the dejected couple looking in the window gave him a rare feeling of generosity. He called them into his shop, "I know that on your pension you could never hope to have a holiday, so I am sending you off to a fabulous resort at my expense, and I won't take no for an answer." He took them inside and asked his secretary to write two flight tickets and book a room in a five star hotel. They, as can be expected, gladly accepted, and were off! About a month later the little lady came in to his shop. "And how did you like your holiday?" he asked eagerly. "The flight was exciting and the room was lovely," she said. "I've come to thank you. But, one thing puzzled me. Who was that old guy I had to share the room with?"

Hmmm...

Where in the nursery rhyme does it say
Humpty Dumpty is an egg?
Why does Goofy stand erect while Pluto remains on all fours? They're both dogs.

Why are they called stairs inside but steps outside?

If Jimmy cracks corn and no one cares, why is there a song about him?

If Wile E. Coyote had enough money for all the ACME products, why didn't he just buy dinner?

Did Adam and Eve have navels?

Who opened that first oyster and said, "My, my, now doesn't this look yummy!"

What do you call male ballerinas?

Do one-legged ducks swim in circles?

Why do fat chance and slim chance mean the same thing?

Who was the first person to look at a cow and say, "I think I'll squeeze these dangly things here and drink whatever comes out?"

A few sayings we'd like to see on office inspirational posters:

1. Rome did not create a great empire by having meetings...they did it by killing all those who opposed them.
2. If you can stay calm, while all around you is chaos...then you probably haven't completely understood the seriousness of the situation.
3. Doing a job right the first time gets the job done. Doing the job wrong fourteen times gives you job security.
4. Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines.
5. Artificial Intelligence is no match for Natural Stupidity.
6. A person who smiles in the face of adversity probably has a scapegoat.
7. Plagiarism saves time.
8. If at first you don't succeed, try management.
9. Never put off until tomorrow what you can avoid altogether.
10. "Teamwork" means never having to take all the blame yourself.
11. Never underestimate the power of stupid people in large groups.
12. Hang in there—retirement is only thirty years away!
13. Go the extra mile. It makes your boss look like an incompetent slacker.
14. Indecision is the key to flexibility.
15. Aim low, reach your goals, avoid disappointment.

How to clean a cat:

1. Thoroughly clean the toilet.
2. Add the required amount of shampoo to the toilet water.
3. Obtain the cat and carry him to the bathroom.
4. In one smooth movement, put the cat in the toilet and close both lids (you may need to stand on the lid so that he cannot escape). CAUTION: Do not get any part of your body too close to the edge, as his paws will be reaching out.
5. Flush the toilet three or four times. This provides a "power wash and rinse" which I have found to be quite effective.
6. Have someone open the door to the outside and ensure that there are no people between the toilet and the outside door.
7. Stand behind the toilet as far as you can, and quickly lift both lids.
8. The now-clean cat will rocket out of the toilet, and run outside where he will dry himself.

Sincerely,

The Dog

Riddles (answers on page 10):

1. You throw away the outside and cook the inside. Then you eat the outside and throw away the inside. What did you eat?
2. What can you catch but not throw?
3. I can run but not walk. Wherever I go, thought follows close behind. What am I?
4. What goes around the world but stays in a corner?
5. I have holes in my top and bottom, my left and right, and in the middle, but I still hold water. What am I?
6. I run over fields and woods all day. Under the bed at night I sit not alone. My tongue hangs out, up and to the rear, awaiting to be filled in the morning. What am I?
7. What can run but never walks, has a mouth but never talks, has a head but never weeps, has a bed but never sleeps?
8. No sooner spoken than broken. What is it?
9. I went into the woods and got it. I sat down to seek it. I brought it home with me because I couldn't find it. What is it?

Registration Form for June 25-27 Franciscan Alumni Association Chapter (Reunion) in Bloomington, Illinois

Please send this registration form, along with a check made payable to "Franciscan Alumni Association," by May 31, 2004, to:
Franciscan Alumni Association, St. Anthony Friary, 5000 Colerain Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45223

Your Name _____

Address _____

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Please list additional attendees on the reverse side of this form.

Hotel Reservations must be made separately. Please see page 4 for more information on lodging.

Activities, Meals and Fees

	<u>No.</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Total</u>
Reunion Registration Fee	1	@ \$25	= \$25
Thursday Evening, June 24, Cookout:	_____		
Friday Evening Dinner:			
Adults	_____	@ \$23	= _____
Children 10 and under	_____	@ \$11.50	= _____
Saturday Lunch			
Adults	_____	@ \$10 /	= _____
(Picnic Lunch @		\$12 with zoo admission	
Miller Park)			
Children 10 and under	_____	@ \$5 /	= _____
		\$7 with zoo admission	
Saturday Evening Dinner:			
Adults	_____	@ \$23	= _____
Children 10 and under	_____	@ \$11.50	= _____

Activity Reservations

Friday afternoon:	Golf @ Prairie Vista	_____	@ \$40	= _____
	Museums	_____	@ \$5	= _____
	Paradice Casino in Peoria	_____		
	Lavender Farm & Winery	_____		
Saturday morning :	Model plane flying with Fr. Ric	_____		
	Golf @ Highland Park	_____	@ \$26	= _____
	Museums	_____	@ \$5	= _____
	Paradice Casino in Peoria	_____		
	Lavender Farm & Winery	_____		
Saturday afternoon:	Tour of St. Mary's @ 3pm	_____		
	Mass @ St. Mary's @ 4pm	_____		
Sunday morning:	Breakfast with Fr. Ric	_____	Pay at Restaurant	
	Donation to Franciscan Alumni Association			_____

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

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Do you have any comments or special requests regarding the upcoming Chapter?

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