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Father John Melnick, S.S.A.
Director of Campus Ministry
Religious Studies Faculty Member

Alumni and Friends,

Once again we find ourselves in the season of Advent; the beginning of a new Church year and the Christian time of preparation for Christmas.

In the midst of examinations, holiday plans, etc., we make great effort to focus on the true meaning of the incarnation of Christ that we celebrate each Christmas. This is also a time of year when we reflect on our Catholic Christian values and appreciate our strong community of students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends.

And while we celebrate Donnelly's Catholic distinctiveness, we also recognize the rich tapestry of the Donnelly Family, made up of many colors and textures. The College is as culturally, racially, ethnically and religiously diverse as it comes. Far from dividing us, we see these diversities uniting the Donnelly community in a common search for truth, peace and mercy as global citizens.

Over the next few weeks you will be inundated with the symbols, sounds and smells of the "secular" Christmas. It can be easy to overlook the deep spiritual meaning of this very "Christian" season. Likewise, it can be easy to forget the fact that millions of Americans do not celebrate the feast of Christmas and many of us tend to forget the depth of diversity present in our world.

In the midst of your preparations for this holy time of the year, I encourage you to spend some time learning about other cultures' celebrations, such as Judaism's Festival of Lights: Hanukkah (a Jewish holiday commemorating the rededication of the Holy Temple), Kwanzaa (an African American celebration of family, community and culture), and Diwali (the Hindu Festival of Lights). A "Google search," short trip to the library, or just asking the people around you about their holiday traditions will yield a wonderful sense of humanity's common search for peace, mercy, dignity and hope. Don't stop there though, share your learning with others.

By understanding what makes each of our holiday celebrations special, you will open up a fascinating new world of appreciation for your neighbor. In a wonderful sense, Advent can be a season which unites people of various cultures and traditions, because each of us, from every cultural background, shares the very human and very "Christian" yearning for peace, hope, mercy and dignity for every person.

As we Christians look to Christmas, and the birth of the Christ Child, the words of the Book of Micah resonate with our deepest human longings: "He shall stand firm and shepherd his flock by the strength of the Lord, in the majestic name of the Lord, his God; And they shall remain, for now his greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth; he shall be peace" (Micah 5:3-4). May God bless you, your families and friends throughout this joyous season.

Sincerely,

Father John Melnick, S.S.A.



▲ Current Donnelly student Victor Williams completes the Donnelly Dash 5K in just over 21 minutes, giving him the first-place finish!

ON THE COVER: Father John Melnick, S.S.A., Director of Campus Ministry and Religious Studies faculty member (far right), greets students as they leave the Convocation Day Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral and head back to the DC campus for a celebratory luncheon on Thursday, Sept. 16.



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RECENT *events*

STUDENTS, STAFF, FRIENDS PARTICIPATE IN KICKFALL CLASSIC

On Saturday, Sept. 11, a group of Donnelly students, staff and friends of the College participated as a team in the 2010 KickFall Classic – a charity kickball tournament. Unlike other tournaments, the top three finishing teams receive a check toward their organization. Donnelly's team took sixth place overall, but had a lot of fun at the all-day event!



DC COMMUNITY GATHERS TO CELEBRATE 2010 CONVOCATION DAY

Nearly 200 students, alumni, faculty, staff and friends of Donnelly came together in celebration of the College's 2010 Convocation Day with a Mass and luncheon. The Mass, held at the nearby St. Peter's Cathedral, was said by Most Reverend Joseph F. Naumann, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas, along with Father John Melnick, S.S.A., Director of Spirituality & Mission and faculty member at Donnelly, Father Harry Schneider, pastor at St. Peter's Cathedral, Father Peter Jaramillo, '75, pastor at St. Mary-St. Anthony parish in Kansas City, Kan., Father Dennis Wait, '66, Spiritual Director at Sanctuary of Hope, and current student Father Ciro Gonzalez Lopez of All Saints parish in Kansas City, Kan. A luncheon at Donnelly followed the Mass.



CAMPUS LEADERS EAGER TO EXPAND STUDENT LIFE OPPORTUNITIES ON CAMPUS

In mid-September, 25 of Donnelly's most active student leaders came together to plan and communicate organization goals with each other. Led by Donnelly alumna and new Program Coordinator, Paola Zapata, '10, these students more clearly defined each on-campus organization and strategized new ways to recruit fellow students into joining the extracurricular groups.



DONNELLY SUPPORTERS HONORED AT ANNUAL GRATIA CELEBRATION

Donors, alumni, students, volunteers, faculty and staff gathered at Donnelly's annual Gratia celebration on Thursday, Nov. 18, to be honored for their support throughout the last year. Attendees enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and wine, and had a chance to interact with students, faculty, staff, trustees and other supporters. Donnelly also revived the tradition of recognizing several special supporters this year. Awards were given to honor the College's Volunteer of the Year (Joan Horan), Donor of the Year (Father Frank Horvat/'52) and Partner of the Year (Rory Reilly & Cavan Corp.). Congratulations to these award winners!



FOURTH ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP DINNER RAISES A RECORD \$143,000

Donnelly's Fourth Annual Scholarship Dinner, held Thursday, Sept. 30, at the Jack Reardon Convention Center, raised a record \$143,000 in student scholarships. View photos and learn more on page 12!

CALLING ALL ARTISTS!

We invite you (or any artists you know) to take part in our on-campus Art Exhibit throughout April 2011! A large component of Donnelly's Arts in the Heart celebration each April is the month-long visual arts exhibition.

To submit work, send a high-quality, .jpeg image to: Kory Twaddle, Visual Arts Coordinator, at ktwaddle@donnelly.edu.

For more details, visit donnelly.edu/artsintheheart.



INTERDISCIPLINARY FOCUS FOR FIRST-YEAR SEMINAR

In Donnelly's ongoing effort to prepare students for the transition into college, the liberal arts and sciences faculty has restructured the first-year seminar course.

Beyond addressing important college success strategies such as time management, test-taking, and goal-setting skills, the seminar program now has an interdisciplinary focus, integrating several different humanities-centered themes.

"With these themes, students begin to develop critical-thinking skills and learn how to better recognize and comprehend the complexities of college studies," said Sister Marie Kathleen Daugherty, SCL, Donnelly Associate Dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

The course requires students to critically analyze a common text and common humanistic themes throughout the semester. Because the humanities are often the place where students ask big, tough questions about themselves and their place in the world, the introductory seminar is a perfect place to start tackling these issues.

This year the faculty elected to focus attention on the complex issues surrounding Haiti, both before and after the tragic earthquake of last year.

"We carefully examine the challenges faced by the Haitians, the history behind today's problems, and the implications for society now and in the future. All of this is explored through the lens of many different disciplines," said Susan Keim, faculty member within the baccalaureate program and seminar instructor.

"This enables students to see connections among different fields of study. The faculty have emphasized the

development of interdisciplinary critical thinking because it is a vital component of college success."

To further promote connections, students are also required to attend lectures outside of class, part of DC's new PowerHour Speaker Series in which community leaders speak to students about local issues each Tuesday during a free period built into the schedule. These lectures are designed to complement in-class activities.

"The speaker series is an effective way to familiarize students with real-life challenges at the local level, and connect these issues to the national and international challenges discussed in class," added Keim.

In addition to applying this framework to the first-year seminar, the College is in the early stages of integrating more interdisciplinary humanities themes throughout its general education curriculum, and recently applied for additional funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities to continue these efforts and support faculty development.

"On top of building this foundation for critical thinking, we want first-year students to feel comfortable in their new college environment," said Daugherty. "We want them to be aware of and able to take advantage of all the resources and opportunities available on campus.

"The interdisciplinary approach introduces students to all of our dedicated faculty because instructors are asked to participate and engage in class discussions."

Contact Daugherty at (913) 621-8773 or daugherty@donnelly.edu to learn more.

Donnelly brings community together at Fifth Annual Dash 5K



▲ From top to bottom: Donnelly Dash participants gather near the starting line in the front parking lot of the main building before the race begins; (Left to right) Nicole Lee, Evan Hall, Scott Dau and Victor Williams were this year's top four runners; Sister Marie Kathleen Daugherty, SCL, cheers on all of the participants as they start the race.

Congratulations to this year's Top 10 runners!

1. Victor Williams, 21:09
2. Scott Dau, 22:19
3. Evan Hall, 24:05
4. Nicole Lee, 24:09
5. Judge Tom Clark, 25:03
6. Steve Fuller, 25:04
7. Marina Friedlund, 24:29
8. Wen Li Shu, 26:01
9. Andrea Kolkmeier, 27:04
10. Henne Fuller, 29:24

Download a complete list of Top 30 runners and finishing times at donnelly.edu/dash/

The College's Fifth Annual Donnelly Dash 5K Run/Walk took place Saturday, Nov. 6, on campus with more than 100 participants and volunteers taking part in the event.

"We had a great turnout for such a brisk, fall morning," said Laura Bryon, DC's Annual Fund Coordinator. "It was great to see so many alumni, current students and Donnelly faculty and staff at the event. Participants even had neighbors cheering them on from their front porches as they went by!"

The Dash started and ended on campus, winding through the surrounding neighborhoods in the heart of historic KCK, including the College's original location on Sandusky Avenue.

The event brought local KCK participants as well as those from outside the area.

"Donnelly is growing, which means our on-campus event opportunities are growing, too," said Bryon. "Events like the Dash bring new faces not only to the College, but the KCK area as well. We want others to see the beautiful neighborhoods and friendly people that make up our proud community."

Following the 5K, participants enjoyed a healthy breakfast of hot oatmeal, fruit and coffee.

Free chair massages were also offered, courtesy of Neita Collins, Donnelly's Coordinator of College Readiness and Preparatory Education instructor, as well as licensed massage therapist.

Special thanks to alumnus Don Wolf, '56, for taking so many great photos at this year's event! More thanks to Donnelly's Healthy Student Organization and the Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City.

To view more photos and see a list of Top 30 finishing times, visit donnelly.edu/dash/.

Are you a dedicated runner or proud KCK supporter? Help us plan and promote next year's Donnelly Dash! Contact Annual Fund Coordinator Laura Bryon at (913) 621-8752 or lbryon@donnelly.edu.



From left to right: Participants Gabriel Hernandez, Isabella Márquez and Gracie Hernandez race toward the finish line. Photo by Don Wolf



SPOTLIGHT ON MICHAEL FASONE, '66

Fasone & Partners, Inc.
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“Donnelly was the first place my mind was really challenged. It was the first time my ‘think-power’ had ever really been channeled...”



▲ Fasone & Partners, Inc., is located in the historic Westport district at 4003 Pennsylvania Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

For Michael Fasone, college wasn't always in the plans. After graduating from DeLaSalle High School, Fasone took a job on Central Avenue in Kansas City, Kansas. He quickly learned about nearby Donnelly College and was encouraged to give it a try.

“Donnelly was the first place my mind was really challenged. It was the first time my ‘think-power’ had ever really been channeled,” said Fasone. “Prior to my experience at Donnelly, I was kind of a punk,” he laughed.

“Specifically, the logic course I took at Donnelly with Father Wickcy changed everything for me,” he said. “The information I learned in that course alone helped get me through my years of college. Father Wickcy made me a better writer. I still think of him as the smartest man I've ever known.”

Fasone graduated from Donnelly in 1966 with an Associate of Arts degree, and then went on to Central Missouri State University (now University of Central Missouri) in Warrensburg, Mo., where he earned a bachelor's in public relations and business.

“After searching for a job for more than a year, I decided to dabble in sales and then stumbled into advertising,” said Fasone. “It was then that I found my calling as a copywriter.”

Fasone's first copywriting job was writing television commercials for The Jones Store and Kitty Clover Potato Chips. After working in the business for four years he decided to become a freelance writer.

“I quickly realized I wanted to start my own advertising agency,” he said. Fasone & Partners, Inc., was officially founded on January 1, 1975.

“The agency began with two people – my partner and myself,” Fasone said. “Now it has grown to 24.”

“Today, we are a full-service, non-corporate, employee-focused agency that specializes in marketing, media, creative and public relations.”

In terms of Kansas City-owned businesses, Fasone & Partners, Inc., was recently ranked in the top 25 by the Kansas City Business Journal and #16 among area advertising agencies by Ingram's magazine.

“Our agency is different than others because we focus on locally-owned businesses,” he said. “We do work for KC-based companies such as Price Chopper, The Country Club Plaza, various automotive dealers, retailers and more.”

On top of owning his own business, Fasone also teaches a Principles of Advertising course at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

CHECK OUT THESE OTHER ALUMNI-OWNED BUSINESSES...



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413 Division, Kansas City, KS 66103

(913) 722-0228, dcrikc.com



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Hideout Bar and Grill

Owner: Frank Gabel, '67

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(816) 468-0550, myspace.com/frankgabel



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2700 E. 18th Street, Suite 261, Kansas City, MO 64127

(816) 256-4105, ladyoffreedom.org



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1900 Central Ave, Kansas City, KS 66102

(800) 231-2129, michaelsheritageflorist.com



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3001 Merriam Lane, Kansas City, KS 66106

(913) 362-8000, woodyardbbq.com

SAVE
the **DATE**

2011 ALUMNI HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY

Donnelly will celebrate its second Alumni Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on Thursday, May 12, at 5 p.m. in the College's Meeting Room.

All alumni and friends are encouraged to attend this free event and join us for appetizers and refreshments as we honor this year's inductees.

Inductees will be announced on the Alumni Hall of Fame Web site, donnelly.edu/halloffame, on or before Friday, Feb. 18.

RSVP for the event to mary@donnelly.edu or (913) 621-8746.

ARE YOU AN ALUMNI BUSINESS OWNER?

Send us your company information and we will include it in our future online alumni-owned businesses directory!

Send information to Roger Berg, Alumni Relations & Volunteer Coordinator, at rberg@donnelly.edu.

State farm awards Donnelly \$10,000 toward service-learning program



classroom learning and real-world issues,” said Donnelly President Dr. Steve LaNasa. “As a Catholic, liberal arts college, Donnelly is always looking for new ways to incorporate Catholic values into the student experience.

“Service learning is just another way Donnelly provides students with an opportunity to live these values, transform themselves into service-minded individuals and contribute to the ultimate sustainability of the community. This program, specifically, strengthens community

State Farm awarded Donnelly \$10,000 on Wednesday, Oct. 6, to help advance the College’s service-learning program.

The program was officially launched in the fall of 2009 and is currently in the pilot phase. Its purpose is to provide students with an opportunity to apply and reflect on course content and personal growth through service work that simultaneously meets a real community need. The pilot phase focuses on service that combats high school drop-out rates.

Throughout its pilot year, 30 DC students in two different classes were given the option of mentoring high-school students at two local, urban schools through a Wednesday afternoon Adopt-a-School program, or serving as electronic mentors through the MentorMail program at another local high school.

Through these experiences, Donnelly students served as positive role models by encouraging the high-school students to consider college. Their work at the high schools was then tied back to students’ coursework at Donnelly in areas such as leadership and writing.

“By tying these service experiences into the curriculum, we build stronger connections between

sustainability by focusing on educational achievement of high school youth.”

These funds will be used to support curriculum development and campus-wide service events, as well as provide salary support for a Service-Learning Coordinator position and finance equipment needed for the program.

“State Farm believes strong communities are built from our youth up,” said Tamara O’Connor, State Farm Director of Public Affairs. “We actively support programs that are committed to improving education and the future of our youth. The experiences students gain from Donnelly’s service-learning program will help prepare them to be active and contributing participants in their communities.”

To learn more about the program, contact Dean of Student Affairs Donette Alonzo at (913) 621-8762 or dalonzo@donnelly.edu.

▲ From left to right: Emily Buckley, Donnelly Director of Advancement, Lonnie Hill, State Farm Agency Field Executive, Alfonso Zarate, DC Board member, David Chavez, State Farm Agent, Dr. Steve LaNasa, President of Donnelly, and DC Dean of Student Affairs Donette Alonzo.

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Donnelly's merchandise looks better than ever, and can be ordered online or on campus at our bookstore, located in Room 122!

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A Donnelly Red lanyard with the DC logo is perfect for holding keys, ID's or badges.



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Contact the Advancement Office for more information at (913) 621-8731.

DONNELLY RAISES \$143,000 AT ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP DINNER, HONORS JE DUNN FAMILY

Donnelly's Fourth Annual Scholarship Dinner was held Thursday, Sept. 30, at the Jack Reardon Convention Center in Kansas City, Kan. On top of raising essential scholarship dollars, the dinner honored the leadership of the JE Dunn Family and their steadfast contributions to the College throughout its 60-year history.

The event was DC's largest to date, drawing nearly 475 guests and raising more than \$143,000 to support annual scholarships as well as the creation of the J. Ernest Dunn Endowed Scholarship.

A new component of the event was a live Fund-A-Scholar Drive which successfully raised nearly \$15,000!

Many Donnelly students were present at the event, including three students who were featured in a special Scholarship Dinner video: Tabitha Carter, '10, Crystal Sudduth and Ivan Medrano.

"I have been to several colleges and I can feel the difference at Donnelly," said Sudduth. "To

receive an education is a gift, but to be able to attend a private, Catholic college where my instructors know me, care about me and are invested in my development gives me a new kind of self-confidence..."

Donnelly President Dr. Steve LaNasa introduced the event's honored guests – the JE Dunn Family.

"The Dunn's have advanced Donnelly through

decades of philanthropy, helping us sustain our unique mission," said LaNasa. "In 2001, the family also took a special interest and commitment to helping the College expand in a new direction by providing education programming to the underserved population of inmates at Lansing Correctional Facility. The Dunn's continue to play a vital role in the success of this program.

"As Donnelly prepares for our next 60 years, JE Dunn has also been incredibly supportive through a recent master planning process."

LaNasa also announced that Bill Dunn, Jr., will serve on the College's Campaign Leadership Committee, and Bill Dunn, Sr., has agreed to serve as the honorary co-chair for the campaign along with Henry Bloch.

Attendees also heard from Ted Garcia, '93, and his wife Leticia. "Donnelly changed my life in countless ways," said Ted. "Growing up, I saw many of my cousins and family members begin to get tied up in gangs. Somehow I found Donnelly and, with that, found self-worth. I learned that I could be successful and that I had the power to impact future generations."

Four drawing prize packages were awarded. Package details are available at donnelly.edu/dinner, along with a list of prize donors and event sponsors.

The College is already planning next year's event, set for September 22, 2011! The 2011 dinner will honor Henry W. Bloch and the Bloch Scholars Program. For information on sponsorship or volunteer opportunities, contact Annual Fund Coordinator Laura Bryon at (913) 621-8752.



VISIT DONNELLY.EDU/DINNER
TO VIEW THE VIDEO SHOWN
AT THE EVENT!

◀ Dr. Steve LaNasa presents honorary award to Bill Dunn, Sr. and Bill Dunn, Jr.



▲ Top Left: President Emeritus Dr. John and Mary Margaret Murray with current president, Dr. Steve LaNasa. Top Right: Henry & Mary Corona with Student Ambassador Ada Garcia. Top Center: Mike & Rosemary Smoot with Steve & Patti Brownback. Left Center: Students Jose Bañuelas, Mouretha Williams & Jennifer Ryan. Right Center: Bill Reardon/61. Bottom Left: Fr. George Seufferling, Sr. Mary Elizabeth Schweiger, Fr. John Riley, and Rose Hammes. Bottom Right: Paola Zapata, Program Coordinator, and Dr. Brenda Harris, Director of Teacher Education.



ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR BRINGS CREATIVITY AND EXPERTISE TO CAMPUS

On top of being a student he also taught writing courses at UMKC, one of which earned him one of the university's most prestigious awards – the Sosland Teaching Award.

“After earning my master’s, I continued to teach part-time at UMKC,” said Workman. “But, I decided to look around and see if there were any other adjunct instructor positions open in the Kansas City area. That’s when I stumbled upon Donnelly College.

“It was exactly what I was looking for,” he said. “Right away I felt appreciated and knew my opinion was valued. Most of all, the students are extraordinary. They are truly invested in their education, and their ambition to succeed and have a stake in their learning is something I witness daily.”

Despite being a new face at Donnelly, English instructor Craig Workman has already made an impact on many Donnelly students.

“When you’re in his class, you just feel inspired to write and be as creative as you can be,” said Steve Blew, a student in one of Workman’s Introduction to Creative Writing classes. “He doesn’t just teach you how to write, he helps you develop your creativity which makes you look at your writing in a very different way.”

A Kansas native, Workman went to the University of Kansas where he earned his Bachelor of General Studies, with a focus on literature, language and writing.

Following his time at KU he continued his education at UMKC, receiving a Master of Fine Arts degree in creative writing and media arts with an emphasis in fiction last May.

“When you’re in his class, you just feel inspired to be as creative as you can be...”

Workman is also a published author. Most recently, his story “Last Letters to the Chief” appeared in Midwest Literary Magazine’s Spring 2010 Anthology. In February 2011, three of his stories will be published in Kerouac’s Dog – a British journal distributed throughout more than 30 countries.

“I specialize in short fiction,” said Workman. “I’m currently working to get a piece I call a ‘novel-in-stories’ published. It is a series of stories that can each stand alone, but are also connected to each other so that when you read them from start to finish, there is one larger story.”

FACULTY *memories*

In recent issues of the Digest, we asked you to submit your favorite faculty memories and photos. Please continue sending your stories to jprice@donnelly.edu! Here are a few we'd like to share...



“Sister Virginia Minton, OSB, was one of the most important people in my entire life.

My mother passed away when I was ten years old and my dad traveled a lot, so there was not a lot of supervision at home. Sister Virginia filled some of the resulting void.

I first met her when she was my homeroom teacher at Bishop Lillis

High School in Kansas City, Mo. Not many students at Lillis planned to go to college, including me. One Sunday afternoon, Sister Virginia called me and asked me to come to the school and meet someone. When I arrived she introduced me to the Registrar from St. Benedict's College (now Benedictine College) and told him I wanted to continue my education but that I had no way to pay for it. She asked what could be done. The Registrar smiled and said he would take care of it. I went to Benedict's, then to Donnelly where I earned my associate degree, then back to St. Benedict's for my bachelor's degree, and finally to the University of Kansas for graduate school. Sister Virginia continued to be a major source of inspiration throughout my life and was a lifelong friend. We even named one of our daughters after her! I'm happy to say that she continues to help students go to college today through the Sister Virginia Minton Endowed Scholarship fund I set up in her honor. It is truly amazing how much influence one person can make on another person's life – she was that major influence for me. I often wonder what my life would have been like had she not made that call on that Sunday afternoon...”

– DESMOND POWERS, '57

▲ Sister Virginia Minton visits Desmond Powers and his family.

Sister Virginia Minton and her namesake, Desmond's daughter Virginia Powers. ▶



“Like many other Donnelly alumni, the faculty member I remember most is Sister Mary Faith Schuster, OSB. She was a sensational English instructor and a magnificent person. I remember how much I learned from her and how she always called on me in class to read aloud. Sister Faith loved a few of my short stories so much, she submitted them for publishing in Fordham University's *Journal of Short Stories and Poems*. They were accepted and published! I couldn't believe how she went out of her way to do something like that for me. I was thrilled.”

– DANIEL OGAN, '66

“I attended Donnelly from 1953-55 and remember how impactful all the faculty were on my life. Sister Jerome Keeler, OSB, was incredible. I remember how intelligent she was – she taught French classes out of the book she had written herself! Most of all, I remember Sister Irma Wagner, OSB, who was Donnelly's librarian. She changed my life without even knowing it. I used to do my homework in the library, and one day Sister Irma asked me if I wanted to be the library's afternoon volunteer since I was there so often. I sat behind the circulation desk while I studied each day, and believe it or not that ended up being my career! I became a librarian.”

– HAROLD BECK, '55



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- JAN 10: Spring 2011 semester begins
- JAN 13: Coffee on Campus, 8:30 a.m.
Held the second Thursday of each month, this is an opportunity to learn about all the exciting advancements at Donnelly! E-mail ebuckley@donnelly.edu to RSVP.
- APR 1-30: Arts in the Heart celebration
A month-long series of events celebrating the arts and humanities
- APR 30: Multicultural Festival
- MAY 12: 2011 Alumni Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, 5 p.m.
- MAY 14: 2011 Commencement Ceremony

ALUMNI, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US AT ANY OF THESE EVENTS!

◀ President LaNasa, Allied Health Retention Coordinator Kerry Manning, RN, Charlie LaNasa, and Allied Health Recruiter/Advisor Theresa Kolbeck take part in the 2010 Donnelly Dash 5K.