

## Amborski '43 Authors Book About Brother's Last Voyage

December 2002 marked the 61-year anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. The surprise assault drew the U.S. into World War II and claimed thousands of American lives, including several Canisius students. **Norbert Amborski** was among them.

The Merchant Marine training cadet, who would have graduated in 1943, was one of the first Canisius students to fall victim to the war. On September 13, 1942, a Wolfpack of 13 German U-boats (submarines) torpedoed his ship, the SS Stone Street, while it traveled through the north Atlantic. Little was publicly known or written about the circumstances surrounding the attack, until recently, when the National Archives made the information available. Those events are now chronicled in a new book entitled *The Last Voyage: Maritime Heroes of World War II*.

**Leonard Amborski '43**, Norbert's brother, is the author of the book.

"During World War II, the Merchant Marines were frequently in harms way, traveling between the home-front and the war-front to deliver food, clothing, military weapons, tanks,

airplanes and other equipment," explains Leonard.

"I wrote this book because it was important to me that people understand what these men sacrificed in order to give us what we have today."

Leonard adds that the government released very little information about the attack to his family because much of it was classified. Once the National Archives made the information public, Leonard spent nearly five years researching, interviewing and reviewing the ship's very detailed log to learn what led to the fate of the SS Stone Street and his brother, Norbert.

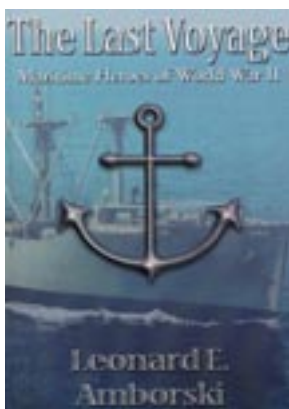
"Upon impact of the torpedo, the ship listed very quickly and the captain ordered the crew to abandon ship," states Leonard. "As Norbert attempted to exit onto the lifeboat, he fell in the water and the suction of the propeller pulled him under."

The SS Stone Street was traveling from England in a U.S. convoy of 33 ships, 13 of which were torpedoed. Of the 52 men aboard the Stone Street, 13 were killed.

Leonard Amborski's *Last Voyage* is available at [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) for \$14.95.



Norbert Amborski  
(photo taken from the 1943 *Azuwur*)



Leonard Amborski '43

## New Regional Chapter Initiated In Buffalo

Buffalo is the latest city to launch a new Regional Alumni Chapter. Although it is home to *alma mater* and 17,000 alumni, an official "chapter" had yet to be organized — until now!

The committee for the newly-formed Buffalo-Niagara Alumni Chapter will institute ideas, plan events and ultimately work to strengthen the local network of Canisius alumni.

If you live in the Western New York area and want to take advantage of this exciting opportunity, contact Tim Scharf '00 at [scharft@canisius.edu](mailto:scharft@canisius.edu).

For Canisius alumni living outside WNY, find out what is happening with your regional chapter by visiting the alumni Web site at [www.canisius.edu/alumni/regional\\_chapters.asp](http://www.canisius.edu/alumni/regional_chapters.asp).



## alumni calendar

### February 2003

**February 20**  
Alumni Board Meeting

**February 26**  
DC Alumni Outing — Sabres vs. Capitals

**February 27**  
Alumni Reception at West Palm Beach

**February 28**  
Demske Golf Tournament in Ft. Lauderdale

### March 2003

**March 1**  
Alumni Mass and Reception in Ft. Lauderdale

**March 10**  
Alumni Reception with prospective Canisius students in Cleveland

**March 15**  
DC Alumni Outing — Sabres vs. Thrashers

**March 18**  
Alumni Reception in Tampa

**March 19**  
Alumni Reception in Venice

**March 20**  
Alumni Board Meeting

**March 22**  
Alumni Reception in Naples

**March 29**  
Raleigh/Charlotte Outing — Sabres vs. Hurricanes (in Raleigh)

### April 2003

**April 17**  
Alumni Board Meeting

### May 2003

**May 1**  
Chicago Alumni Reception

**May 8**  
Alumnae Study Club Lunch and Mass

**May 15**  
Jubilarian Stag / Golf

**May 17**  
Jubilarian Reunion Dinner

**May 18**  
Golden Plus Dinner

**May 22**  
Alumni Board Meeting

### June 2003

**June 6**  
Alumni Weekend Tent Parties

**June 7**  
Alumni Weekend Picnic, Mass and Class Parties

For more details, visit [www.canisius.edu/alumni](http://www.canisius.edu/alumni) and click on "Calendar of Events."

## Distinguished Alumni Honored

More than 170 people attended November's Distinguished Alumni dinner to recognize Canisius alumni who have distinguished themselves in their professional careers. This year's six honorees included:



Frederick G. Attea '61, Esq.  
Partner, Phillips, Lytle,  
Hitchcock, Blaine &  
Huber LLP



Edward M. Cordasco '46, MD  
Emeritus Staff, Director,  
Respiratory Therapy  
Dept., Cleveland Clinic  
Foundation



Angelo Licata '66, MD, PhD  
Physician, Cleveland  
Clinic



John J. Hurley '78  
Vice President for  
College Relations,  
General Counsel,  
Canisius College



Gerald E. Murray '68  
Communications  
Consultant, Murray  
Communications Group



MaryLynn Ryan '84  
Managing Editor,  
CNN/USA

## Call for Nominations

The Alumni Association is now accepting nominations for the Distinguished Faculty and Distinguished Senior awards, as well as the LaSalle Medal. Nominations can be submitted on-line at [www.canisius.edu/alumni/alumni\\_awards.asp](http://www.canisius.edu/alumni/alumni_awards.asp) or by calling the Alumni Relations Office at 1-800-201-4952. The deadline for nominations is **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2003**.



Enjoying the post-game festivities after the Griffs played Syracuse at the Carrier Dome on December 30, 2002 are (l-r): Tim Regan '94, Chris Fox '95, Coach Mike MacDonald and Mike Jaquin '94.

## Alumni Job Opportunities Just A "Click Away"

Whether you live in Buffalo, Berkeley, Brazil or Beijing, or anywhere else in between, the Office of Alumni Relations and Canisius College Career Center want



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to ensure you receive the professional support needed to further your career.

The latest alumni service is now available at [CollegeCentral.com](http://CollegeCentral.com). This secure site includes more than 530 regis-

tered employers from across the United States and enables Canisius alumni to access job listings and post resumes. Alumni entrepreneurs are also invited to post company job openings.

To access this valuable resource, you must first register through the Career Center at 716-888-2475. Or, visit the Web site at [www.canisius.edu/careercenter](http://www.canisius.edu/careercenter), for more information on all the professional services available to Canisius alumni.

## DiGamma Inducts Eight Into Honor Society

The DiGamma Honor Society will induct eight new members on March 7, 2003. The honor society recognizes Canisius alumni, faculty and staff who

have distinguished themselves, over an extended period of time, by their exemplary service to the college. New inductees include:



Nelson D. Civello '67  
Canisius College Oishei  
Visiting Professor,  
Economics/Finance



Michael E. Hudson '73  
Confidential Law Clerk  
for the Hon. Edward Rath



Stephen T. LoVullo '74, CPA  
Partner, Lumsden &  
McCormick LLP



Robert P. McFarland '80  
District Sales Manager,  
Colonial Life Insurance  
Co. of America



Michael J. Stachowski '70  
Trial Lawyer,  
General Counsel,  
Town of Cheektowaga



Nancy W. Ware '78, MBA '85  
President, EduKids Inc.



Dr. Raymond J. Clough  
Associate Professor,  
Modern Languages  
Director, Faculty  
Development



Dr. Patricia A. Hutton  
Professor,  
Economics/Finance



## in memoriam

**Aaron Yasinow '33**  
died November 24, 2002

**Richard V. Pache '35**  
died September 23, 2002

**Richard A. Reagan Jr. '35**  
died November 20, 2002

**Loren W. Smith '35**  
died September 28, 2002

**Anthony R. Sciolino '39**  
died September 24, 2002

**Raphael F. Foltz '40**  
died August 27, 2002

**John T. Masterson '41**  
died November 8, 2002

**Charles F. Schintzius '41**  
died September 11, 2002

**Robert E. Stewart '41**  
died October 8, 2002

**Jack T. DiLorenzo '44**  
died September 27, 2002

**Charles J. Dulan '49**  
died September 17, 2002

**Joseph W. Pike '49**  
died September 1, 2002

**John P. Thomas '49**  
died October 4, 2002

**Jack T. Kobel Sr. '51**  
died September 27, 2002

**John T. Bertell '52**  
died November 29, 2002

**Donald F. Deinhart '53**  
died October 13, 2002

**Henry B. McWilliams '55**  
died September 20, 2002

**Col. Joseph E. Lippert '56**  
died November 2, 2002

**James R. English '57**  
died October 12, 2002

**Herbert T. McCleary '57**  
died September 16, 2002

**Sister Mary J. McLaughlin '57**  
died September 6, 2002

**Thomas M. Ferger Jr. '58**  
died October 23, 2002

**Ernest M. Macy '58**  
died December 2, 2002

**William B. Giambra '63**  
died September 26, 2002

**James A. Kelley Jr. '64**  
died October 26, 2002

**Robert A. Murphy '64**  
died September 13, 2002

**Joseph J. Yelich '65**  
died September 15, 2002

**Gerard J. Hassenfratz '65, MD**  
died September 12, 2002

**Elizabeth D. Cooper '69**  
died November 24, 2002

**Francis W. Rager '69**  
died October 13, 2002

**James E. Zygaj '69**  
died October 10, 2002

**Patrick J. Ryan Sr. '71, MBA '74**  
died September 4, 2002

**James M. Samotowka '73**  
died September 28, 2002

**Thomas F. Wilde '73**  
died on November 19, 2002

**Walter H. Brewer Jr. '75**  
died October 6, 2002

**Patricia A. Roberson '75**  
died November 18, 2002

**William G. Bilton '77, PhD**  
died November 5, 2002

**Shirley W. Rice '78**  
died October 22, 2002

**Anthony J. Zarbo '78**  
died October 27, 2002

**Patricia A. Hewner '92**  
died September 20, 2002

**Kathleen N. Wendling '97**  
died November 2, 2002

**Michael J. Perry '00**  
died October 27, 2002

### Dr. Bernard L. Martin | died November 30, 2002

Dean of the college's School of Business Administration from 1966-1978, **Dr. Bernard L. Martin** died November 30 at age 79. Martin helped Canisius build one of the finest business schools in the Northeast. He established the Marketing Department, developed a finance major and initiated one of the college's earliest computer technology programs.

### Albert F. Swierat '46 | died January 2, 2003

Professor *emeritus* of accounting Albert F. Swierat died January 2 at age 84. Swierat taught more than 25 years at Canisius (1959-1985). Following his retirement, he, his family and friends established the Albert F. Swierat '46, CPA, Endowed Scholarship Fund.

### Mary Lou Vogt HON '02 | died December 26, 2002



Canisius College lost a dear friend in December when **Mary Lou (Koessler) Vogt HON '02** passed away. The businesswoman and benefactor died December 26 at age 70 in Venice, FL.

A graduate of New Rochelle College, Vogt became the first director of marketing and corporate giving at Greater Buffalo Press Corp., the family business. She was later named vice president of the company. Vogt will be remembered most for her philanthropic work of funding high school

and college scholarships, endowments and educational programs. She and her husband, Peter, made a generous gift to the *Imagine Canisius* campaign for the construction of the Vogt Art Studio on the fourth floor of Lyons Hall. Mary Lou also opened her Florida home to Canisius to host the college's Venice alumni reception. The Vogts were awarded honorary degrees at the college's May 2002 commencement.

In addition to her husband, Vogt is survived by their four children, 10 grandchildren, and her brother Paul.

### Henry Reiser '53 | died January 8, 2003



Canisius College lost a loyal friend and supporter this winter. **Henry J. Reiser '53** died suddenly on January 8 at his home in Kenmore. A retired furniture salesman, Reiser was a regular on the Canisius campus, volunteering with several alumni organizations. For years, he served as an annual fund volunteer and chair of his class reunion committee. This year, Reiser was helping to plan his 50th class reunion.

A true Griff-fan, Reiser was a season-ticket holder for Golden Griffin basketball, and a member of the Blue & Gold and Cage Club. His exemplary service to the college earned him induction and a life-long membership into the college's DiGamma Honor Society.

Reiser is survived by his wife, Shirley, three daughters and nine-grandchildren.

### Mark E. Congdon '87 | died January 8, 2003



**Mark E. Congdon '87** was among 21 passengers and crew who died January 8, 2003, in the crash of a US Airways Express flight at North Carolina's Charlotte/Douglas International Airport. Congdon was the chief information officer for the corporate giving program at U.S. Foodservice in Maryland. He was traveling for business on the day of the crash.

Congdon is survived by his wife, Annemarie F. Falzone '86 and their four children.

babygriffs



think your baby ought to be in pictures? Send us a photo of your newborn with his/her name and date of birth. Each issue, we will draw from the entries. If your child's picture is chosen, he/she could be featured as the next "Baby Griffs." SEND ALL PHOTOS TO: *Canisius College Magazine Baby Pictures*; 2001 Main Street, Lyons Hall 209; Buffalo, NY 14208. **Photos will be returned if you provide a self-addressed stamped envelope.**

**Jennifer (Toth) Astalos '96** and her husband, Steven, a daughter, **Savannah**, born September 5, 2002

**Eric J. Belter '93** and his wife, Olivia, a son, **Tyler Eric**, born September 24, 2002

**Scott A. Blesy '92** and his wife, Onnalee, a daughter, **Madison Olivia**, born August 11, 2002

**Joanne M. (Heine) Bramer '92** and her husband, Daryl C., a son, **Elias Noah**, born August 6, 2002

**Dollene (Wagner) Christopher '97** and her husband, Sean, a son, **Nicholas Wagner**, born June 15, 2002

**Lori A. (Rambino) Clark '99** and her husband, **Brian '94, MS '95**, a son, **Colin Alexander**, born October 8, 2002

**Cheryl L. (Gorczyca) Conover '93** and her husband, Brett, a daughter, **Meghan Rachel**, born August 8, 2002

**Joel Damiani '91** and his wife, Lisa, a son, **Max Thomas**, born July 30, 2002

**Angela (Distefano) Deshaies '96** and her husband, **Kirk '95**, a daughter, **Aurora Ilena**, born September 25, 2001

**Leah A. (Zydowicz) Dukat '94** and her husband, **Christopher '96**, a daughter, **Peyton Ann**, born July 28, 2002

**Bridget (Power) Fitzpatrick '93, MSED '98** and her husband, **Ronald G. '92, MBA '99**, a son, **Ryan Scott**, born May 14, 2002

**Lisa (Wawrzyniak) Flannery '95** and her husband, **Will '95**, a daughter, **Natalie Marie**, born August 4, 2001

**Ellen (Burns) Gibson '86** and her husband, James, a daughter, **Fiona**, born May 28, 2002

**Joseph R. Greer '85** and his wife, Courtney Downs, a daughter, **Leighton**, born June 3, 2001

**Amy (Winnert) Hayes '91** and her husband, Dean, a daughter, **Nora Teresa**, born October 16, 2002

**Suzanne K. (Row) Lantzy '92, MSED '97**, and her husband, Jon, a daughter, **Katherine Elizabeth**, born June 11, 2002

**Daniel Lee '92** and his wife, Tracy, twins, a son, **Ryan Anthony** and a daughter, **Tori Elizabeth**, born September 17, 2002

**Debora L. (Klein) Monetti '96, MS '99**, and her husband, John, a daughter, **Gianna Faith**, born March 23, 2002

**Noreen A. (Wheeler) Murphy '85** and her husband, **James '83**, a daughter, **Grace Marjorie**, born July 13, 2001

**Jennifer (Jurek) Orlando '91** and her husband, George, twins, a daughter, **Lauren Marie** and a son, **Matthew David**, born March 23, 2002

**Dennis J. Quagliani '86** and his wife, Marcie, a daughter, **Emily Marie**, born October 7, 2002

**Colleen M. (Kraemer) Rebmann '99, MBA '00**, and her husband, Michael, a daughter, **Rebecca Catherine**, born May 4, 2002

**Karla (Arquette) Reighter '93**, and her husband, **Bill '95**, a son, **Evan Michael**, born March 17, 2002



this month's featured Baby Griff...

**Lila N. Ogle**

Born — June 21, 2001

Parents — Elizabeth M. (Chudzinski) '89 and Jeffrey Ogle

**Ronelle (Biondi) Stein '93** and her husband, **Joseph '99 MBA**, a son, **Matthew Tyler**, born August 29, 2002

**Christine M. (Pawlowski) Tudor '89, MSED '91**, and her husband, **Eric '90**, a daughter, **Hannah Elizabeth**, born September 18, 2002

**Cara (Scoville) Watts '96** and her husband, **Tom '96**, a son, **Connor** born November 26, 2002

**Mary Pat (Lazzaro) Werth '92** and her husband, **Dale R. '91**, a son, **Samuel Robert**, born May 17, 2002

**Valerie (DeMarie) Wilczek '94** and her husband, **Steven '95**, a daughter, **Alexandra Josephine**, born May 26, 2002

**Beth M. (Prohaska) Wilson '84** and her husband, Howard, a son, **Miles Fleetwood**, born November 8, 2001



weddings

\* INDICATES MARRIED AT CHRIST THE KING CHAPEL

**Margaret A. Atkins '99** and Wayne Blais on June 22, 2002

\***Thomas C. Bamrick '94** and Jamie Wyrozub on September 7, 2002

**Regina L. Banks '97** and Eric Wooten on August 31, 2002

**Julianne Bitterman '94** and Greg Urban on November 9, 2002

**Kimberly A. Bristol '98** and Robert Taft on June 15, 2002

\***Robert D. Chyka Jr. '92** and Michelle Seel on October 19, 2002

**Claire A. D'Addario '98** and Kurt McCarthy on October 19, 2002

**Deborah A. DiVencenzo '90** and **Daniel P. O'Neill '93** on October 12, 2002

**Jeffrey B. Frost '87** and Mary Anne Diaz on October 5, 2002

\***Julie M. Hanna '99, MSED '02** and Lawrence Zgoda on October 26, 2002

**Rosemary J. Sheehan '93** and Brian E. Hise on October 19, 2002

\***Rebecca A. Jones '95** and Jeffrey Bartle on October 5, 2002

\***Megan Kenline '01** and **Stephen Leising '01** on October 19, 2002

\***Mark A. Kirchberger '00 MBA** and Liane Raczkowski on September 28, 2002

\***Ronald H. Kotlik '97** and Kelly DiPaolo on October 26, 2002

\***Rebecca Long '02** and David Jordan on November 30, 2002

**Marisa S. Loffredo '00** and Eric L. Corser on November 16, 2002

\***Margaret A. Luisi '99** and **John R. Moscato '99** on October 12, 2002

\***Thomas F. McCarthy '97** and Sharon Keller on November 30, 2002

\***Mark A. Mineo '01** and Erica Szczublewski on October 12, 2002

**Tricia A. Oleksy '00** and **Jason R. Winnicki '98** on July 12, 2002

**Laryssa N. Palko '98** and Elijah J. Bremer on October 7, 2002

**Julie M. Przepiora '99, MSED '02** and **Arron Fisher '02** on August 3, 2002

\***Dave Reid '92** and Karen Forshay on November 9, 2002

\***Gail A. Rosnak '97** and Jon-Erik Hargesheimer on October 12, 2002

**Anthony J. Ruocco '95** and Rachel M. Calkins on July 6, 2002

\***Rebecca M. Russo '97** and Bryan Balk on September 21, 2002

**Julie A. Siebert '92** and Stephen Edmonds on August 31, 2002

\***Sarah E. Skorupa '00** and **Jeffrey L. Gilson Jr. '00** on November 2, 2002

**Senta A. VanBrunt '91** and Christopher J. Penvose on November 9, 2002

\***Amy J. Wojdyla '00** and George Cameron on September 21, 2002