

Bob Conroy, Ideal Bonaventure Man

The late Robert C. Conroy was named the Ideal Bonaventure Man, St. Bonaventure University's highest student award, when he graduated in 1948.

He would forever remain a dedicated and loyal Bonaventure man, serving the University in a number of key administrative roles for some 35 years and becoming widely regarded as "a true son of St. Bonaventure" and the University's unofficial goodwill ambassador.

Conroy started working in the alumni office in 1957 and later became alumni director, then director of estate planning. He was also an assistant to the president for community relations, and after his 1992 retirement continued working as a consultant.

During his long tenure he founded the Devereux Society to recognize major donors, received national honors for the most improved annual fund drive from the American Alumni Council, and directed the University's first \$1 million fund drive.

He fashioned St. Bonaventure's successful alumni reunion program and was named alumnus of the year in 1960.

A familiar sight at reunions, basketball games and University gatherings throughout the Northeast, Conroy was known for his ever-present smile and his "good news" reports about the University and its alumni.

John and Carolyn Connors established the Robert C. Conroy Memorial Parish Internship Program in 2003, shortly after Conroy's death.

"Bob exuded what St. Bonaventure is all about," said John Connors. "He was a very humble person. He cared for others more than he did himself."

