

## FEATURES



### 10 Conflict Zone

As the war in Iraq enters its sixth year, we hear from six Johnnies who have served or are serving now in the Middle East in the military, government and non-governmental organizations. Their insights on the conflict come from hard-earned experience.



### 20 Smith Nears 700 Wins

Coach Jim Smith has won 685 games. With the new season approaching, he looks forward to increasing that to 700 – and to playing on the new Jim and Adrienne Smith Basketball Court in Sexton Arena.



### 28 The Storyteller

Jon Hassler '55 was called “a storyteller good enough to restore your faith in fiction.” The former writer-in-residence and Regents Professor is remembered at Saint John’s.

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Fr. Wilfred Theisen '52, OSB, professor emeritus of physics, was minding his own business one sunny May morning when this indigo bunting hopped onto his hand. The little fellow had stunned himself on a window on campus and needed a quiet spot to recover. He found one! (Photo by John Biasi)

Cover: Capt. Jack Moore '04 in Iraq, where he served as a member of a field artillery platoon division. He is one of six alumni featured in "Conflict Zone" (page 10).