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### The Mission

Saint Mary's College is a Catholic, residential, women's college in the liberal arts tradition. A pioneer in the education of women, the College is an academic community where women develop their talents and prepare to make a difference in the world. Founded by the Sisters of the Holy Cross in 1844, Saint Mary's promotes a life of intellectual vigor, aesthetic appreciation, religious sensibility, and social responsibility. All members of the College remain faithful to this mission and continually assess their response to the complex needs and challenges of the contemporary world.

# Inside Saint Mary's

## High Energy, High Ambitions

by Carol Ann Mooney '72, President



Photo by Matt Cashore

When I was a student at Saint Mary's in the late sixties, I seldom left campus. None of my friends had a car and an adventure into the city of South Bend was a rare treat. Things have changed. These days our students not only drive to shops and restaurants, but their commitment to social justice and experiential learning finds them hard at work in homeless shelters, tutoring children in inner-city schools, and painting and repairing homes for Habitat for Humanity and Rebuilding Together in South Bend.

With more than half of our students involved in some form of community service, it was no surprise that our accrediting organization, the Higher Learning Commission, singled out a healthy, productive relationship with the surrounding community as one of Saint Mary's strengths. This issue of *Courier* will describe the strengths listed in the commission's recent evaluation, which serves as a 10-year "report card" for our institution.

Many things contribute to Saint Mary's excellent reputation, but one you may not be aware of is that the College is home to six nationally accredited academic programs. In this issue, we begin a six-part series on these outstanding programs by focusing on our Social Work Department. The article shares details about this vibrant program—its growing local and international connections and what social work majors do before and after they leave Saint Mary's.

One of the qualities that I find most invigorating about Saint Mary's is that it is a place of aspiration, a place that hungers to be better. I sat down to write this letter to you on the first day of class for the 2006-07 academic year. As I listened to our students' excited voices in the halls of Le Mans, I realized that it is these young women who bring the place back to its intended state of high energy and high ambitions.

When our new, first-year students and their parents arrived this fall, the vitality they brought with them was—and still is—palpable. As our largest incoming class in many years, they are beginning a four-year journey that will change them, and us, forever. I hope *Courier* helps you to feel that you are accompanying them on their journey. These are wonderful times for Saint Mary's College. Thank you for the part you play in our success.

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# Letters

to the editor

## ***"My beloved Saint Mary's"***

Dear Editor,

In July, my mother, my two sons, and I visited the Saint Mary's campus. My mom recollected how confident she was in my decision to attend such a beautiful and welcoming place of higher learning. I remembered our first class picnic, meeting my lifelong friends and taking pictures on the grass after graduation, eyes filled with tears and happy anticipation on our young, wrinkle-free faces.

My sons had a much different view. They thought the Saint Mary's lake, with its ducks and fountain, was "cool." They climbed on benches and crossed the bridge onto the island where the statue of the Blessed Mother oversees the miracle of nature's perfection. As we walked past Le Mans Hall, my 7-year-old son, Patrick, equated it to a castle and we even found a mural of knights sculpted into a wall at the front entrance of Le Mans. Small treasures carved into the walls of the corridor were made known to me through Patrick's and Kevin's (age 4) eyes.

My sons have heard me talk on the phone to my Saint Mary's friends, seen pictures of Mommy at a Notre Dame football game and been sent to their rooms to play while I pore over the latest edition of the *Courier*. But this time, at least, Patrick understood why I talk about Saint Mary's as a special place.

He and I walked together through the new dining hall and peeked in the library. I could see an appreciation for the buildings, new and old, in his eyes, and his mind was taking it all in. It was a full circle moment for me to be back at the place that instilled confidence in me as a woman. The circle was completed by a memory that my sons and I can share together. I was so proud to show them my beloved Saint Mary's on a quiet morning where we could walk and tell stories and chase a few ducks in the process!

Jeannie Sabin Barry '91  
Atlanta, Ga.

## ***Alumna remembers Professor Balka***

Dear Editor,

I was saddened to read that Saint Mary's will be losing such a great asset upon Don Balka's retirement (Summer 2006 *Courier*), though I am, of course, happy for Professor Balka. While mathematics will never be my strong suit, I survived Calculus 131 only because of Don Balka's patience and clarity as a teacher and person. I was a frequent visitor in his office that semester, and I was not the only one. Professor Balka never lost patience with those of us who needed a little extra help in mathematics and encouraged our questions both inside and outside of class. Assigning us to write our "math autobiographies" near the start of the semester, Professor Balka changed my perception of what a math class



The Barry boys: Kevin, on the left, and Patrick enjoyed their visit to Mom's *alma mater*.

could be. Though I went on to major in English, I left math on a positive note, thanks to him. I certainly wish Dr. Balka all the best in his retirement and am grateful for the opportunity to have learned from him.

Sincerely,  
Melissa Whalen '02  
Bronx, N.Y.

## ***Loving tolerance of difference***

Dear Editor,

I've lived abroad for the past 40 years and have kept up with SMC news, thanks to the arrival of *Courier*. I appreciate the College staff's efforts to improve women's education continually, and your role in accurately reporting the highlights.

In the spring 2006 issue, however, there was a letter to the editor that I find dismaying. The author chose the subject of the student diversity board's mission to express her negative and judgmental views on homosexuals, or "non-heterosexual behaviour," to be exact. These views were personal, granted, but they hardly stem from a loving tolerance of others' differences. Nor do they reflect the general trend among Christians today to go beyond the strict interpretation of church precepts.

Moreover, you chose to publish this letter. For me, it is a highly questionable decision, one that does not enhance the image of Saint Mary's as a modern, open-minded college. Nor does your decision extend a welcoming, compassionate message to those homosexual persons attending or having attended Saint Mary's, or to the family and friends of homosexuals.

Sincerely,  
Mary Schubert Maury '62  
Gif-sur-Yvette, France

## ***College headed in right direction with athletics***

Dear Editor,

I am sorry that I will not be able to attend this year's Alumnae-Athlete Reunion. I do, however, want to say how pleased I was to see the latest issue of the *Courier*. I think that Saint Mary's is certainly headed in the right direction with its athletic program. The benefits that can be attained by playing at the collegiate level are numerous. I'm glad that Saint Mary's is recognizing that and putting forth effort to expand and improve in athletics. Saint Mary's is a leader in so many fields—now they will be able to add one more field. Keep up the terrific work!

Sincerely,  
Rachel Bir Stroop '88  
Howe, Ind.



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## Newest Class has Highest GPA Since 1996



Photo by Matt Cashore

Walk this way: In August, Saint Mary's orientation counselors welcomed 426 first-year students to campus—the largest incoming class since 2001.

Most of them were born in 1988, in the waning days of the Reagan administration. The Berlin Wall came down the year they learned to walk, and they've never known a world without the Internet.

Yes, they are young—but most remarkably, the Class of 2010 at Saint Mary's is a big group. This fall, the College welcomed 426 first-year students, the largest incoming class since 2001.

The new arrivals are bright; their average GPA of 3.7 is the highest of any entering class since 1996. The group is also the College's most diverse ever, with 10 percent belonging to historically underrepresented groups. The class hails from 41 states and four countries including the United States. And 26 percent are daughters or granddaughters of alumnae.

Two years ago, the first-year class numbered 350 and last year, 379. To what does Saint Mary's owe this year's 13 percent jump in freshman enrollment?

According to Mona Bowe, director of admission, recruiting efforts focused on targeted high schools and an inquiry pool of high school seniors considered most likely to apply to Saint Mary's. Admission counselors and current students

spent much more time on follow-up with prospective Belles, which also helped attract diverse students.

Gracie Eyk '10 says she chose Saint Mary's for its nursing program—but the College's offer of both need-based aid and a merit scholarship sweetened the deal. Small classes and personal attention from professors were another draw. "We've been here for a week and most of my teachers know my name already," Eyk said.

When the initial glow fades, will she be happy with her choice? Research shows that once students arrive at Saint Mary's, they tend to stay. Last spring the College saw its lowest attrition rate between fall and spring semesters in at least 10 years.

More work lies ahead. Though the robust freshmen class has brought total enrollment to 1,527, residence halls are not at capacity. According to Daniel Meyer, vice president for enrollment management, Saint Mary's aims to reach a total enrollment of 1,700 within five years.

"Growth is something the College can reasonably handle," says Meyer.

# Saint Mary's and Notre Dame Formalize Dual-Degree Program

Signed, sealed and delivered. Saint Mary's College and the University of Notre Dame formalized a five-year, dual-degree engineering program for Saint Mary's students, which takes effect immediately. The benefits are mutual, as Saint Mary's does not offer an engineering major, and Notre Dame's program seeks to attract more women.

For nearly 30 years, Saint Mary's College students have enjoyed the opportunity to earn an engineering degree from Notre Dame in addition to their Saint Mary's degree. This agreement, which was previously adhered to but never formally adopted as policy, spells out important considerations and processes.

- The dual-degree program was populated by chemistry majors interested in chemical engineering. Now, the program allows participation to expand to include all science and mathematics majors.
- Previously, Saint Mary's students could not receive housing at Saint Mary's during their fifth year of the program while an engineering student at Notre Dame. Those students

may now extend their housing option at Saint Mary's through that fifth year.

Toni Barstis, the pre-engineering advisor and chemistry department chair and professor at Saint Mary's, says the dual-degree program broadens professional and post-graduate opportunities by enhancing students' technical skills with the values and problem-solving skills developed through a women's liberal arts education. "This is a strenuous program that will demand the best effort of well-prepared and highly motivated students," says Barstis.



Jill Vihtelic

Photo by Eileen Dimino

## Professor Steps Into VP, Dean of Faculty Role

Jill Vihtelic, a longtime business professor, became acting vice president and dean of faculty at the College on June 1. She fills the vacancy left by Patrick White, who became president of Wabash College in Wabash, Ind.

In her role as acting vice president and dean of faculty, Vihtelic is responsible for leading the faculty in continuing professional development, directing the review and improvement of academic programs, and serving as the chief executive officer of the College in the absence of the president, among other duties.

Vihtelic says she hopes to make particular progress on moving diversity goals forward. She has praised her new team of associate deans for "stepping up" to assist her in administrative work (on Page 7) and lauded the College for reaching and exceeding enrollment goals this fall. "We are ready," she says of the coming year. "The ship has been turned around. We're at the dock right now, and we're loading with wonderful new people."

It isn't the first time Vihtelic has taken a leadership role at Saint Mary's. She began her career at the College in 1987 in the business administration and economics department, and later served as its chair. For many years, she was a faculty representative on the Board of Trustees and chaired the Faculty Assembly. In 2000, she received the Spes Unica Award for outstanding service to the College.

## New Vice President Leads Student Affairs Division



Photo by Eileen Dimino

Karen Johnson

Karen Johnson is the new vice president for student affairs. She fills the vacancy left by Linda Timm, who recently became president of Mount Mary College in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Johnson comes to Saint Mary's College from St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas, where she held several positions, including director of residence life, interim vice president for student development and, most recently, dean of students.

"I'm very excited to be here," Johnson told her new Saint Mary's colleagues at the College Forum opening the academic year, which fell on her second day of work. "I told everybody when I left San Antonio that the reason I was coming here was that I wouldn't have to buy new t-shirts," she quipped. On a more serious note, Johnson explained, "What drew me to Saint Mary's was the opportunity to provide leadership in student affairs at a Catholic institution—that's very important to me. I also wanted to work with students at an all-women's college. It's important to be able to mentor women into strong leadership roles. I had good women mentors, and I want to pass that on."

Johnson holds a master's degree in human resource development from Webster University. She has received additional training and education from Harvard University and Texas A&M University. Johnson has longstanding affiliations with numerous professional organizations, including the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators, the Association of Student Affairs at Catholic Colleges and Universities, and the Center for Academic Integrity.

In her role as student affairs vice president, Johnson is responsible for administering and supervising numerous departments, including athletics and recreation, counseling services, health and wellness services, residence life, student activities, and multicultural affairs.

## Saint Mary's Tops U.S. News Rankings for 12th Time

*U.S. News & World Report* ranked Saint Mary's College first among the nation's 107 Midwest Comprehensive Colleges. The College has earned the number-one spot in its category 12 of the past 13 years. Saint Mary's received an overall score of 100, the highest number possible in the rankings.

The College's consistent ranking at the top of its category is a result of student selectivity, strong performance in areas such as student graduation and retention rates, and commitment to instruction. Two-thirds of Saint Mary's first-year students are in the top 25 percent of their class, and the retention rate for those students is high at 85 percent. A large percentage of the College's faculty is

full time, and with a student-faculty ratio of 12-to-1, only two-percent of classes have 50 or more students. Most classes have fewer than 20 students.

"I am honored to lead such a talented, dedicated, and successful group of faculty, students, and staff," says Carol Ann Mooney '72, president. "Research continues to show that women's colleges are in a league of their own in terms of the education and success of their students. This ranking is one reflection of that."

The magazine's annual "America's Best Colleges" guidebook appears on *U.S. News Online* ([www.usnews.com](http://www.usnews.com)) and hit newsstands on Aug. 21.





## Focusing on Fundamentals

In her annual address to the College community before students arrived on campus, President Carol Ann Mooney '72 congratulated faculty and staff on past successes—while suggesting that Saint Mary's future be built on five fundamentals.

"First, Saint Mary's long-term health requires that we build a stronger national academic reputation," she said in remarks to a packed Carroll Auditorium audience on August 16. "Second, ...our commitment to Holy Cross values and to being a Catholic College must be unwavering."

"Third, it is imperative that this community become more racially and ethnically diverse," Mooney said. Both to follow the call of Catholic social teachings and increase student learning, she announced that she and Vice President for Enrollment Management Daniel Meyer had set an initial goal of having 15 percent of the student body be from racial and ethnic minorities within five years.

"Fourth, enrollment must increase and stabilize. We should aim for total student enrollment of 1700 within five years," Mooney said, obtaining resources to improve financial aid for students. Fifth, to underwrite this growth, Saint Mary's should boost alumnae giving to match other women's colleges and increase the size of its \$112 million endowment to \$200 million.

Planning will be an important part of the process, and to kick off the process the president said she would hold a series of "listening sessions" with all full-time Saint Mary's employees during the fall. "I want to hear your dreams for the College," Mooney told faculty and staff.

Among the recent accomplishments worth celebrating, Mooney cited the Higher Learning Commission's strong evaluation of the College, a successful fundraising year, an academically talented and large first-year class, and healthy budget projections for the year ahead.

## Two Longtime Faculty Members Appointed



Joseph Incandela

Joseph Incandela and Deborah McCarthy have been appointed as associate deans in two new positions. Incandela, a religious studies professor, is associate dean of faculty. McCarthy, a chemistry professor, is associate dean of academic strategies. Both report to acting vice president and dean of faculty Jill Vihtelic (on Page 5).

As associate dean of faculty, Incandela is charged with reviewing the effectiveness of the general education program and its faculty, ensuring the registration and advising of students in the general education program, and promoting quality instruction, among other duties. Incandela, who received his Ph.D. from Princeton University, has taught religious studies at Saint Mary's since 1987.

In her role as associate dean of academic strategies, McCarthy serves as the director of the Center for Academic Innovation at Saint Mary's, facilitates new curriculum and academic program development, and writes grant

proposals to fund new faculty development and academic program initiatives. McCarthy has been teaching chemistry at Saint Mary's College since 1992.

The appointments are for three years and may be extended for one successive term.



Deborah McCarthy

## Fundraising Sets Records

With gifts totaling more than \$11.1 million, the College recently wrapped up a record-breaking fundraising year. “This level of support insures a strong future for Saint Mary’s College,” said Shari Rodriguez, vice president for college relations. “Saint Mary’s women are creating opportunities for the next generation of students.”

Several other major fundraising milestones were reached in the 2006 fiscal year:

- More than \$5.3 million in gifts, pledge payments, and matching grants was raised for the College’s new academic building. Over \$17 million was in hand for the ground-breaking in October.

- Saint Mary’s endowment—already the largest of any Catholic women’s college in the nation—passed the \$100 million mark, reaching \$112 million.

- Within the first six months of the 18-month challenge period, Saint Mary’s completed phase two of the Lilly Challenge. This initiative generated an additional \$4.5 million in matching funds for the new academic building and the scholarship endowment fund.

All told, restricted gifts of more than \$8.8 million for endowed scholarships, athletics,

the new academic building, and other donor designations will enhance Saint Mary’s efforts to recruit and retain academically ambitious students.

Scholarships and financial aid—a pressing need for the College—experienced a significant boost. The College raised twice its original goal of \$300,000 for endowed scholarships, bringing in \$600,000 to support eight new, and two existing, named scholarships.

“All gifts, large and small, add up to make a difference for Saint Mary’s and our students,” said Rodriguez. For example, more than 330 donors—whose gifts range in size from \$5 to \$4.5 million—have joined together to fund the new academic building.

In recent months, donors who contributed to the new building helped the College reach another major milestone. Clayton and MaryAnn Mathile, parents of Jennifer Mathile ’95, generously offered to match up to \$3 million in gifts received for the new building. Saint Mary’s met the Mathile match in full. The gifts received represent an investment in a facility designed to educate and nurture Saint Mary’s students well into the future.



## Reunion Gift Campaign: The Impact is Now

What raised \$1.1 million, drew 37 percent class participation, and is already helping students to thrive at Saint Mary’s? The 2006 Reunion Gift Campaign, one of the most successful in recent history.

Over \$433,000 of this year’s reunion gifts and pledges—which added up to \$1,193,556 in all—was invested in the Reunion Scholars Program. Now in its third year, the program provides scholarships for women who might not otherwise have access to a Saint Mary’s education. For every \$5,000 raised by a class in the year preceding its reunion, one current student is designated as a reunion scholar the following fall.

That means the generosity of alumnae has a direct, immediate impact. Says Ashley Obserst ’07, one of 84 students to earn a reunion scholarship, “That money has helped me to live. They say if you don’t try something you have never done before, then you will never grow. Education is everything, and the scholarships I have received have allowed me to challenge myself.”

This fall, each reunion class will have a chance to “meet” its reunion scholars through a special mailing that lists scholarship recipients.

Saint Mary’s witnessed one of the closest contests between classes for the Reunion Gift Campaign awards this year. The classes of 1956 and 1961 ran a neck-and-neck race for the highest participation award, while two classes competed with friendly ferocity for the highest average gift award. Based on gifts from June 1, 2005, to May 31, 2006, the results were:

### The Highest Average Gift Award

Class of 1961, with an average gift of \$390

### The Highest Class Gift Award

Class of 1961, with total gifts and pledges of \$237,335

### The Highest Participation Award

Classes of 1956 and 1961, both with 54% participation

“All 11 classes deserve congratulations for their role in helping to educate women and transform lives at Saint Mary’s,” says JudeAnne Wilson ’96, director of the Annual Fund. A final tally of 2006 Reunion Gift Campaign results is available at [www.saintmarys.edu/reuniongift](http://www.saintmarys.edu/reuniongift).

Dear Sister Rosaleen,  
Through my experience at Saint Mary's, I have been developing from the young lady that I was three years ago to the woman that I am today. I know that I am very blessed to have the opportunity to be a student at Saint Mary's College. Furthermore, I'm blessed to receive such a generous gift from you.

Being a student at Saint Mary's has helped me grow as an intellectual, as a person of faith, and as a leader in the community. The academic rigor here at Saint Mary's has challenged me to work hard to achieve academic success. The strong Catholic community of Saint Mary's College has helped me to strengthen my faith and to serve God in ways that I have never done before. Life at Saint Mary's, being a student and active member in the community, has allowed me to develop into a well-rounded woman, which gives me the confidence to be a leader in the community.

I am confident that my Saint Mary's education will give me the financial security to help other women to receive an education at Saint Mary's College.

Saint Mary's holds a special place in my heart, and I am grateful to you for your donation which is helping me continue my education here.

Sincerely,  
Andrea L. Hipskind '07



Photo by Sister Agnes Anne Roberts, CSC

Andrea Hipskind '07, the recipient of the Sister Rosaleen Dunleavy Scholarship, thanked her benefactress, Sister Rosaleen Dunleavy, CSC, for helping her pursue an education at Saint Mary's.

## Scholarships Show Import of Giving

Saint Mary's raised \$600,000 for its scholarship endowment in the fiscal year that ended in June. The generosity of the donors listed here will support eight new endowed scholarships and two that previously existed.

**Trustey Family Scholarship** by Kristine Anderson Trustey '86

**Dorothy M. Feigl Scholarship** in Chemistry by Sister Mary Elizabeth Imler '75, OSF

**Sister Rosaleen Dunleavy, CSC, Scholarship** by Sister Rosaleen Dunleavy '47, CSC

**Bittorf, Albert, Sullivan Scholarship** by family members in honor of the seven alumnae in the family who attended Saint Mary's over a span of three generations: Virginia M. Bittorf '34; Louise Bittorf Sullivan '35; Rita Bittorf Albert '37; Anne Bittorf Cox '57; Susan Sullivan Lane '63; Mary Sullivan '65; and Kristen Sullivan Lynch '91. Nearly \$82,000 was received from 25 family members to initiate the fund.

**Carolyn Dunlay Hamilton Scholarship** by Carolyn Dunlay Hamilton '62

**Mother Kathryn Marie Gibbons, CSC, Memorial Scholarship** by Mary Ann Heaton Spitters '49. This is Mary Ann Spitter's third endowed scholarship in honor of a Sister of the Holy Cross.

**Carol Ann Mooney Scholarship** by Robert and Mary Kelly McLaughlin '42. This is the McLaughlin's eighth scholarship at Saint Mary's and the third honoring a Saint Mary's president.

**Kuhn, Lehmann, Carey Scholarship** by Helen Kuhn Carey '51.

**The endowed Holy Cross Grant Fund** for disadvantaged students receive additional funds from an anonymous donor.

**Mike and Judith Ames Ehlerman '61** received additional funds from the Ames/Roark/Ehlerman Scholarship established in 2000.



How can people build healthy relationships? Common projects and commitment are important—but sometimes a good book can provide a blueprint, too. *Courier* shares recommendations from Saint Mary's faculty and staff members here.

## **Better Together: Restoring the American Community by Robert D. Putnam**

*Better Together* is a book rich with research and practical examples of the power of “social capital”—the way scholars describe social networks of trust and relationship that create and sustain community. Bonnie Bazata, associate director of the Center for Women's InterCultural Leadership (CWIL), uses the book in her interdisciplinary Communities of Michiana course, where students learn the “whys” and “how-tos” of community building.

“We stress the importance of ‘bridging’ social capital, where community is built across differences that divide us,” says Bazata. “This is different from ‘bonding’ social capital, which reinforces the social ties among people who are like us. Bridging capital is more difficult to create, but essential to the long-term sustainability of our communities.”

According to author Putnam, who also wrote the influential *Bowling Alone*, bridging social capital is “especially important for reconciling democracy and diversity.” Says Bazata, “that is what our Community Connections program at CWIL is all about, so this book gives students a framework to distinguish these important differences and feel empowered to bridge and bond on their own.”



## **Let Your Life Speak: Listening for the Voice of Vocation**

**by Parker J. Palmer**

What does the Quaker saying “let your life speak” really mean? As a young man, Parker Palmer thought it involved setting and achieving noble goals. Over the years, he learned it meant taking the time to think and pray about one's gifts and limitations, to discern a vocation that fit.

An academic and community organizer, Palmer is also the author of *The Courage to Teach*, a spiritually inspirational book for teachers. Many of the essays in *Let Your Life Speak*, which is a brief book, have appeared in other venues.

“*Let Your Life Speak* is excellent for helping people to think through the meaning of ‘vocation’ or ‘calling’ and how they can make a difference in the world. It's thought-provoking and encourages some excellent reflection,” says Carolyn Call, director of the Office for Civil and Social Engagement.

## **Race Manners: Navigating the Minefield Between Black and White Americans by Bruce A. Jacobs**

Hailed as an honest, intelligent guide to race relations for black and white Americans, *Race Manners* has generated wide discussion since its publication in 1999. Jacobs, an African American poet and essayist, grew up in largely white, middle-class Rochester, N.Y., and graduated from Harvard. He intends the book to be “the ultimate weapon of good will” for those wanting to understand, survive, and defeat racial prejudice. An updated edition will be released in late 2006.

According to the author's Web site, “*Race Manners* is the book you wished you had when your co-worker made yet another idiotic racial remark, or when you struggled to keep a stranger's racism from getting under your skin, or when you wondered about your own biases.”

Associate Professor Catherine Pittman assigns it in her upper-level clinical psychology class to raise students' awareness of the biases they may bring to their work with people of different cultures. Both sides make mistakes when they form relationships with each other, says Pittman. “But the message of the book is that you've got to take risks in relationships.”

## **The Spiritual Apprenticeship of a Curious Catholic by Jerry Hurtubise**

“Uplifting” is how Frances Kominkiewicz, associate professor of social work, describes this memoir by her high school friend and San Francisco attorney Hurtubise. “It's a very short book, but it's packed with one person's stories of how he got through difficult times in his life—like the loss of a father—through his Catholic experience,” she says. “I recommend this book to students to demonstrate how an individual's interactions with the community can have an impact on his growth and development.”

Endorsed by Sister Helen Prejean and Father Theodore Hesburgh, the success of *The Spiritual Apprenticeship of a Curious Catholic* is “a mystery” to the author. “Upon some reflection, I think it may help some to anchor themselves in the truths and integrity of their own youth,” Hurtubise says.

Published by ACTA Publications in 2005, the book is the first volume in The American Catholic Experience series, which gives lay Catholics a venue to reflect on how they live their faith at work, with family and friends, and in their communities.



## ***Golf Program Ranked with Ivy League***

Women of high achievement in academics who want to play competitive golf in college were probably smart enough to realize this already, but *Golf Digest* confirmed it.

Saint Mary's is one of the best places in the nation to pursue both priorities.

In the *Golf Digest* poll, Saint Mary's finished third behind only Princeton and Yale. "For juniors who are excellent students first, golfers second, these schools provide the absolute best education and an opportunity to play."

It's not hard to understand why Saint Mary's golf program made such an impression. Four consecutive MIAA championships and NCAA tournament appearances prove the consistent excellence coach Mark Hamilton sought to establish. Saint Mary's golfer Stephanie Simmerman highlighted that when she won an individual national championship in 2003.

"Saint Mary's has continued to progress to the point that the combination of athletics and academics available is virtually one of the finest offerings in the country," Hamilton said. "I am glad our program has been able to bring that fact into the national spotlight."



## ***Dombkowskis Head Swimming Program***

Saint Mary's new swimming and diving coach Ryan Dombkowski doesn't want his wife to know this, so try to keep it a secret.

Alicia (Lesneskie) Dombkowski '02, who swam for the Belles and now works as her husband's assistant coach, swims better than he does.

"Male-female comparatively, she is probably better than me," Ryan said, "but don't tell her I said that."

They will be a relay team of sorts now, sharing the responsibilities of building the Saint Mary's program.

Ryan Dombkowski, a 2000 graduate of



Swimming and diving coach Ryan Dombkowski

Photo by Matt Gashore

Wasbash College with a Ph.D. in biology from the University of Notre Dame, is an assistant professor of biology and anatomy at Saint Mary's. A swimmer at Michigan City (Ind.) High School and Wabash College, Dombkowski coached the South Bend Clay High girls swim team in 2001-02.

His passion for the sport runs in the family and he hopes to translate that to the Belles. The team struggled to an 0-7 record in the MIAA last year due in large part to a lack of depth. Dombkowski sees the foundation for a team that can dominate not just the conference, but over time, succeed on a national basis as well.

"I hope to bring an enthusiasm for swimming that filters into the program," Dombkowski said. "Saint Mary's has the tools right now to be successful in this conference. In the long run, I hope to prove that we can be successful at the national level."

## ***Her Heart is in Hoops***

Jennifer Henley spent last year as an inner-city fourth grade teacher in Tampa, Fla. This year she returns to higher education to teach a subject close to her heart—basketball.

Henley's playing career ended with a knee injury suffered at Ohio Northern University, but her connection to the game continued through coaching. In three years she rose to the position of head coach at Mount Union College in Ohio, where she spent five seasons in charge of the program.

She takes over at Saint Mary's this season with a mission to build on last year's 9-7 record and fourth-place conference finish that gives the Belles hope with several key players returning.

A new coach adds another element of excitement to the season, and Henley hopes to infuse the program with her own enthusiasm for basketball. Drawing on the traits that made her a successful player, Henley says she focuses on discipline, effort, fundamentals, and fun playing the game.



Basketball coach, Jennifer Henley

Photo by Nick Farmer

*Written by Kara Kelly '96*

### ***Correction***

In the Belles athletics section on tennis in the summer 2006 issue, we neglected to include Caile Mulcahy '07 as the other member of the doubles team that earned a runner-up finish in the MIAA Championship along with Kelly McDavitt '07. *Courier* regrets the error.

# Published and presented

**Marc Belanger**, assistant professor of political science, participated as an instructor in the Global Leadership Program at Universidad Blas Pascal in Cordoba, Argentina, from July 17-August 20. He taught "Global Political Issues" to students from Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Peru, Nigeria, Kyrgyzstan, and the United States.

**Linda Berdayes**, associate professor in the Department of Communication and Performance Studies, presented her paper, "UFO Conspiracy Stories: Narrative Foundations of a Call-in Radio Talk Show," at the Narrative Matters international conference in Wolfville, Nova Scotia, Canada, on May 24.

**Insook Chung**, assistant professor of education, delivered an invited presentation based on her research: "A Day in a Korean Kindergarten." The presentation was held by the Early Childhood Professionals of Northern Indiana on March 27. She delivered an invited special lecture on mathematics education in the U.S. at the Korea National University of Education, Choongchung-book-do, Korea, on May 30. Chung has been appointed a member of "Navigations Series Project" in Korea, in which two groups will work collaboratively for elementary and secondary education and publish two books within a year.

**Kathleen Dolphin**, PBVM, director of the Center for Spirituality, participated as an invited respondent at the annual meeting of the Catholic Theological Society of America in San Antonio, Texas, in June. Her paper explored the value and possibilities of collaboration between social science and theology. Dolphin also taught a five-day intensive course on the theological foundations of spirituality, at the Institute for Adult Spiritual Renewal at Loyola University Chicago, in July.

**Ryan Dombkowski**, assistant professor of biology, published his articles "Effect of pH on trout blood vessels and gill vascular resistance" and "Hydrogen sulfide mediates hypoxia-induced relaxation of trout urinary bladder smooth muscle" in the *Journal of Experimental Biology*. Additionally, he was invited to serve as a featured topic chair at a symposium titled "Functions of Gasotransmitters in the Cardiovascular System" sponsored by a grant from the American Physiological Society, Comparative and Evolutionary Biology Section at the Experimental Biology Conference, San Francisco, Calif., in April.

**John Fotopoulos**, assistant professor of religious studies, published a Greek translation of his earlier book, *Food Offered to Idols in Roman Corinth: A Social-Rhetorical Reconsideration of 1 Corinthians 8:1-11:1*, which now appears in the Biblioteca Biblica series of Pounaras Press (Thessaloniki, Greece, 2006). He has also published a Festschrift titled *The New Testament and Early Christian Literature in Greco-Roman Context: Studies in Honor of David E. Aune* (Supplements to Novum Testamentum 122; Leiden:

Brill Academic Publishers, 2006) of which Fotopoulos is the sole editor. Fotopoulos traveled to the international meeting of the Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas held this year at the University of Aberdeen, Scotland, with the assistance of a Saint Mary's Center for Academic Innovation faculty travel grant to make a presentation of the Festschrift to the honoree.



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**Keith Fowlkes**, director of Information Technology and chief information officer for the Indiana Higher Education Telecommunications System, has been appointed to its state finance committee for 2006-07. Fowlkes will be helping to plan and implement the new I-Light2 statewide data network financial structure and assess ongoing operational funding.

**Peter Gardner**, adjunct instructor in literature for the Rome Program, presented his paper, "Race to the Top: Ethnic Writers' Transliteration of the American Ascent Narrative," at the Fifth MESEA conference: Ethnic Life Writing and Histories at the University of Navarra in Pamplona, Spain, from May 18-20.

**Kelly Harrington**, lecturer in art, received an Indiana Arts Commission Individual Artist Program grant to renovate her detached garage into a painting studio, in June. She was one of 84 artists around the state to be funded this year.

**Pablo Hernández**, visiting professor of economics and fellow in the Center for Women's InterCultural Leadership (CWIL), made two presentations: "International Remittances and the Expenditure Composition of Households in Mexico: Recent Immigration and International Trade Effects," at the 80th annual Midwest Economic Association conference in Chicago, Ill., on March 24, and during a CWIL colloquium at the College on March 29; and "Evolving Perceptions Concerning the Structures of the Local Economy: How Short



Jensen



Study-abroad Programs Can Impact Businesses' Conduct," at the 17th annual conference of the Association of Academic Programs in Latin America and the Caribbean, in Cuetzalan, Mexico, Feb. 22-24.

**Richard Jensen**, professor of biology, attended the Botany 2006 conference held at the University of California, Chico, July 29-August 3. As president of the American Society of Plant Taxonomists (ASPT), he chaired its day-long council meeting and the annual business meeting. His term ended on August 31.

**Phyllis H. Kaminski**, professor of religious studies and chair of the department, moderated a panel, "Undomestic Conversations: Women Talking Across Borders," sponsored by the Women's Seminar in Constructive Theology, and moderated a panel, "Theological Anthropology in Dialogue with Racial and National Identity," in the Theological Anthropology: Developing Group, both at the Catholic Theological Society of America annual meeting in San Antonio, Texas, June 8-10. Kaminski also spoke on Mary Magdalene and *The Da Vinci Code* at the Culver Public Library, Culver, Ind., May 23.

**Mary Ann Kanieski**, assistant professor of sociology, presented her paper "Best Be the Ties That Bind: Discourse

The course will be offered again in the summer of 2007.

**Ewa Misiolek**, assistant professor of mathematics, had "Two flow network simplification algorithms" co-published in *Information Processing Letters* and "Efficient Algorithms for Simplifying Flow Networks" in *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*, results from the 11th annual International Computing and Combinatorics Conference in Kunming, China, in August 2005.

**Tom Platt**, professor of biology and chair of the department, and Lindsey Stillson '06 presented papers at the annual Midwest Conference of Parasitologists at Winona State University, Winona, Minn., from June 8-10.

**Catherine A. Shoupe**, professor of anthropology, attended the North Atlantic Fiddle Convention 2006 sponsored by the Elphinstone Institute, University of Aberdeen, in Aberdeen, Scotland, from July 26-30, where she presented her paper, "The 'Problem' with Dance Music: Aesthetics and Identity in Scottish Social Dance." She also chaired the session "Tradition and Authenticity" and participated in a roundtable conversation on traditional dance. Shoupe had "The Fiddle and the Dance in Fife: The Legacy of 'Fiddley' Adamson, Father and Son" printed in the volume *Play It Like It Is: Fiddle and Dance Studies from Around the North Atlantic*, Aberdeen: University of Aberdeen, Elphinstone Institute, 2006.

**Julie Tourtillotte**, professor of art and chair of the department, presented her work in the "Sir Real Show" at Kent State University in Kent, Ohio, and in "Crosscurrents" at Xavier College Preparatory in Phoenix, Ariz., where she and her husband, Bill, presented lectures on their current artwork, in January. In April, her work appeared in "Equinox" at Elmira College in Elmira, N.Y. Her solo exhibition, "Near and Far: Looking at Patterns," opened at the Indianapolis Museum of Art on August 6 and continues through December 31.

**Joni Warner**, director of research for development, received a \$1,500 scholarship from the Indiana chapter of the Association of Professional Researchers for Advancement (APRA) to attend the APRA International Conference, "Donor-focused and Data-driven Strengthening Fundraising Success" in Orlando, Fla., August 9-12.

**Mary Wcisel**, assistant professor of nursing, presented two papers at the Drexel University Nursing Education Institute in Providence R.I., June 9-12: "Developing Collegiality Between Beginning and Graduating Nursing Students" and "Putting the Clinical Pieces Together: Two Strategies that Promote the Student's Acquisition of Knowledge." She also presented "Easing the Learning Curve: Students Mentoring Students," at the 17th annual International Nurse Educators Conference in the Rockies, Breckenridge, Colo., July 20-22.

Photos by Eileen Dimino



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and Discipline in Bonding Research," which she presented at the 56th annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Montreal, Canada, on August 12. She organized and presided over an informal roundtable: "The Risk Society: Avenues for Research" at the 101st annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, in Montreal on August 13.

**Gail Mandell**, professor of humanistic studies, helped organize "Radical Encounters: Finding and Forming Community in the 21st Century," a summer program for undergraduates that involved a two-week residency, from May 30-June 10 at Mount Saviour Monastery in Elmira, N.Y. Four Saint Mary's students joined students from other colleges and universities to study and experience community. They visited a variety of intentional communities, including a monastery of Tibetan monks founded by the Dalai Lama, an ecological community based on Native American spirituality, and a number of social justice communities in Ithaca, N.Y.

# Faculty

profile

*By Elizabeth Station  
Photo by Matt Cashore*



*You've said that your Catholic upbringing was important in shaping your sense of responsibility to others. What other life experiences led you to social work?*

My family instilled a basic understanding in me that I had to find out what was happening with other people and not make judgments. If I had a concern about someone—if I even made any statement about another person—my family would challenge me and say, “Now tell us about how you formed that idea. Tell us what you think that other person is going through, what his or her experiences have been, and then you can better understand how to work with him or her.”

child-abuse policy. I'd like to do cross-cultural comparisons, so we're looking at expanding our research together. And they're also very interested in doing student exchanges.

Another project involved a student, Megan Kennedy '06, who came to me last year with the idea of looking at mental health counseling at colleges in the United States and making comparisons to China. We presented our research together at the Pan Asian Mental Health conference in Shanghai, and were able to interact with psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, and professors there. It was a wonderful experience, and our collaboration with the Shanghai Mental Health Center will continue.

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## Frances Bernard Kominkiewicz—whom students call

“Dr. K”—is associate professor and chair of the Department of Social Work. Raised in South Bend, she was a licensed social worker and educator in the community for many years. She joined the Saint Mary's faculty and began directing the social work program in 1998. Kominkiewicz holds a Ph.D. and M.S.A. from the University of Notre Dame, and Master and Bachelor of Social Work degrees from Indiana University.

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*Were there other clues that you were interested in people?*

In high school, my nickname was Mom. I am still very close to my high school friends, and that was because I tended to be the person that individuals would come to for advice.

*You played a major role in helping the social work program gain national accreditation in 2003. What has this status meant for the program?*

Having that national expertise in social work to guide us and assist in achieving learning goals for students has, I believe, made us a better program academically. Accreditation is difficult because it takes a great deal of time; it means being able to attend national conferences, being able to learn what is new, what is coming, and what we have to be prepared for. We always have to be on our toes, but our knowledge base has increased, and it's made us so in tune with the students. We're lifelong learners just as the students are lifelong learners.

*Your research recently took you to Germany and China—what kind of connections did you make there?*

I interviewed German social workers and professors for my child welfare research, looking at differences in

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*Your daughter Lauren is a first-year student at Saint Mary's, planning to major in biology. How did she make that choice?*

I let her make her own decision about this. She has always felt that Saint Mary's feels like home. In grade school, she came to fine arts camps and worked with (professors) Kara Eberly and Tom Fogle on biology projects. They treated her as if she were already a Saint Mary's student. There is something about this campus that just brings out the best in everybody—faculty, students, and even young students like that. We are still small enough to take time for each other.

*When you look at Saint Mary's social work graduates, how do you measure success? What qualities or skills do they have?*

An understanding of diversity and cultures; a desire to help individuals, families, groups, and communities achieve self-fulfillment and well being. When I look at each of these young women, I can see that they've gained experience and confidence from being here at Saint Mary's, from having the opportunities to go out and become leaders to really make a difference in the lives of others. When I see them on graduation day it's as if I know they are, at that point, colleagues. They will be working with us to make changes in society and help others.



# Alumnae for the record

## Alumnae Deaths

June Hoene Petersen '30, mother of Mary Petersen Bowman '64 and grandmother of Beth Bowman Zuhosky '90, April 30, 2006.

Sister M. Monica (Mary Margaret) Wagner '32, CSC, June 3, 2006.

Frances Fuller Richards '36, sister of Patricia Fuller King '44, May 16, 2006.

Mary E. Hess '37, May 21, 2005.

Rita Dunigan Gibbs '39, grandmother of Amy Gibbs McPartlin '91 and sister of Agnes Dunigan Lavelle '38, May 5, 2006.

Helen Francis Lyons '39, May 23, 2006.

Mary McNally Sullivan '39, grandmother of Jean O'Connor Sanders '95, and Mary Elizabeth O'Connor '00, May 18, 2006.

Kathleen Breed Knobloch '42, January 29, 2006.

Elizabeth "Betty" Wink Kilgore '43, mother-in-law of Harriett Hillebrand Cronin '68 and grandmother of Moira Cronin '06, June 11, 2006.

Mary Demling Heinz '44, sister-in-law of Gertrude Heinz Clifford '39, May 27, 2006.

Rita Schriener Mikolay '44, mother of Marita Nolan Tulisak '74, December 11, 2005.

Patricia Burns Kenyon '46, February 11, 2006.

Mary Louise Mulvihill Carter '47, September 26, 2005.

Marilyn Rathel Dowell '47, June 4, 2006.

Suzanne Nicely Keene '47, April 22, 2006.

Mary Katharine O'Keefe Langan '48, mother of Mary Jane Van Dyke Herdman '76, grandmother of Jennifer Dolan Herdman '05, and Christine Anne Herdman '08, April 15, 2006.

Martha A. Horvath '51, April 16, 2006.

Sister Janelle Cahoon '54, OSB, April 20, 2006.

Sister Marie Emile (Irene Therese) DuBois '54, CSC, July 2, 2006.

Madonna Mayer Hodges '54, July 9, 2006.

Joan Hemingway Wolf '55, sister of Bernadette Hemingway Martin '52, and Sister M. Bernadette Hemingway '61, SS, July 13, 2006.

Patricia Moore Walle '57, April 17, 2006.

Mary Pat Moty Hoffman '61, June 24, 2006.

Edwarda "Bunny" Jachim Keough '62, July 20, 2006.

Sister M. Alvina (Lillian) Traeger '63, CSC, April 22, 2006.

Sister M. Catherine Dolores Dietzen '64, CSC, May 12, 2006.

Rebecca Graves Trammel '64, mother of Kathleen Meeker Buccolier '94, January 1, 2006.

Sister John Bosco Johnson '66, IWSB, June 11, 2006.

Sister M. Laurus Slee '67, CSC, aunt of Mary Bonte Kopko '80, July 21, 2006.

Cynthia Limarzi Regan '68, sister of Roberta Limarzi Weinsheimer '64, February 1, 2006.

Marilyn Fisher Graham '70, May 9, 2005.

Cathleen Coyne Lane '77, May 27, 2006.

Florence M. Hammer Houk '82, sister of Rosemary Hammer Lancos '79, Suzanne Hammer Ferencak '87, and sister-in-law of Mary Helen Kenny Hammer '82, July 19, 2006.

## Family Deaths

Beatrice H. Andrew, mother of Rosemary T. Andrew '58, and Maureen Andrew Latimer '64, June 6, 2006.

Marcella S. Battle, mother of Lynne Battle Davis '70, Joan Battle Benson '72, and Margaret "Peggy" Battle Burns '81, April 30, 2006.

Kim W. Bennett, stepfather of Shannon Hasse '02, July 20, 2006.

Robert P. Brooks Jr., husband of Margaret Kerrigan Brooks '48, father of Kathleen Brooks Eaton '86, December 29, 2005.

Lucy Marie Bush, daughter of Rita DeLaFuenta Bush '84 and John: Stillborn June 24, 2005.

John T. Clark ND '48, husband of Jane Daley Clark '46, March 20, 2006.

Joseph C. Daly, husband of Jeanette Tyrrell Daly '58, November 22, 2005.

Peter W. Donahoo, brother of Karen Donahoo Clark '89, March 7, 2006.

Andrew and Elsie Doychak, parents of Denise R. Doychak '62, Andrew, September 4, 2005, and Elsie, October 29, 2005.

John N. Dubenetzky, husband of Elizabeth Mortell Dubenetzky '77, brother-in-law of Linda Mortell Bunda '73, and Sheila Mortell Finan '82, July 1, 2006.

Mary Reilly Foley, mother of Mary Jane Foley Brisbane '64 and Anne Foley '75, June 4, 2006.

Stanley A. Fras, grandfather of Jennifer Brubaker Hammons '97 and Lyndsey Brubaker Callan '03, July 17, 2006.

James L. Fullin, husband of Kathleen Carbine Fullin '70, March 29, 2006.

Thomas Rudolph Herman, husband of Ruth Keefe Herman '57, brother of Alice Herman Rice '71, and uncle of Theresa Herman '90, November 10, 2005.

Eleanor Herrington, mother of Linda M. Herrington '69, May 8, 2006.

George F. Heyer Jr., husband of Susan Whalen Heyer '54, March 30, 2006.

Rosario Ingallinera, father of Laura Ingallinera Cody '86, November 17, 2005.

Mary E. Janney, mother of Susan Janney Ballard '69, March 28, 2006.

Irene M. Kruyer, mother of Deborah Joan Kruyer '75, July 24, 2006.

Jane Bevan Lacey, mother of Joan Lacey Egan '62, Anne Lacey Hoffman '63, and Carol Lacey Foley '72, and aunt of Sara Johnson Walz '65, October 12, 2005.

Urban Alexander Lester II, husband of Juliette Noone Lester '55, May 22, 2006.

Mary Lahey, mother of Deborah Lahey Degnan '71, February 12, 2005.

Arnold F. Ludwig, father of Wendy Lou Ludwig '90, July 25, 2006.

Thelma Bufano Magazzu, mother of Andrea Magazzu Johnson '69 and Michele Magazzu Pflum '71, grandmother of Maryse Pflum Naman '95, January 29, 2006.

Francis E. "Bud" Malone, ND '45, husband of Sheila Donovan Malone '47, and father of Pamela Malone Reed '70, May 16, 2006.

Robert E. McGuire Sr., husband of Mary Donovan McGuire '57, May 17, 2006.

Dorothy R. Nagy, grandmother of Tara Nagy Vrdolyak '95 and Jennifer Nagy Ryan '97, July 31, 2006.

Shawn Newburg, husband of Amy Downs Newburg '04, July 18, 2006.

Norman L. Newton, husband of Nancy Hutchison Newton '52, July 24, 2006.

Joshua James Northup, son of Anne Meagher Northup '70, brother of Katherine McCrystal Northup '95, grandson of Floy Terstegge Meagher '43, and nephew of Mary Meagher Bradbury '69, Virginia Murnane Meagher '71, Alice Meagher Lord '73, Jane M. Meagher '76, Katherine Meagher Hepler '80, Patricia Meagher Clare '81, and Maureen Meagher Orsini '85, July 11, 2006.

Harry Thomas O'Barski, husband of Janell Wenzel O'Barski '54, July 12, 2006.

Mary Elizabeth Pater, grandmother of Laurie Pater Roettker '99, May 15, 2006.

Elizabeth "Libby" Piers, mother of Judith Piers Locher '65, May 25, 2006.

Julia Saylor Plumhoff, daughter of Annette Fontana Saylor '59, and niece of M. Denise Fontana Hoover '69, April 21, 2006.

William R. Ragen, husband of Mary Carey Ragen '45, father of Mary Ragen O'Rourke '69, Therese Ragen '71, and Anne Ragen McNulty '73, April 18, 2005.

Mamie Ritz, mother of Beverly Bierbusse Campbell '54, April 22, 2006.

Russell J. Ryan ND '39, grandfather of Molly Ryan Carson '95, Maggie Ryan Allen '97, and Kate Christine Ryan '00, February 10, 2006.

Thelma I. Schultz, grandmother of Dorothy E. Schultz '05, August 13, 2006.

Thomas L. and Alfreda T. Seymour, parents of Linda Seymour D'Arcy '76, and grandparents of Kristen D'Arcy McAloon '02, Thomas, July 1, 2005, and Alfreda, January 11, 2006.

Joseph L. Shiits ND '60, husband of Gretchen Daschbach Shiits '56, father of Teresa Shiits '86, uncle of Emily Daschbach '00, and brother-in-law of Martha Daschbach Dougherty '53, May 18, 2006.

Rita Tramelli, mother of Mary Tramelli Guyol '80, February 13, 2006.

Robert Vrancken ND '58, brother of Kate Vrancken-Kelley '62, January 5, 2006.

James E. Weger, father of Julia Weger Chismar '69, Katharine Weger Dabbelt '74, and Sara Weger Reisinger '82, and brother-in-law of Dr. Mary Carole Conaughton '56, July 9, 2006.

Kenneth M. Westland, husband of Jean Murphy Westland '49, August 22, 2005.

## Marriages

Mary Case Patchen '82 and Gregory, January 20, 2006.

Pamela Bethel LeDuff '88 and Dennis, March 18, 2006.

Shannon Welcome Martin '91 and Ken, May 9, 2006.

Jennifer Ott Fausto '92 and Sean, September 17, 2005.

Janice Weiers Lake '99 and Brian ND '98, April 22, 2006.

Alison Buysee West '99 and Benjamin, July 1, 2006.

Jamie Humbert Sweis '00 and Issa, October 16, 2005.

Elizabeth Sprague Monico '01 and Chris, June 24, 2006.

Colleen Carey Passolt '01 and Brian, May 6, 2006.

Amy Dooms Taylor '01 and John, June 10, 2006.

Diane Kompare Wagemaker '01 and Andrew, May 13, 2006.

Andrea Herek Wetters '01 and Keith, July 8, 2006.

Anne Niemier Brock '02 and Matthew, March 25, 2006.

Mary Schmaltz Combs '02 and Brian, January 14, 2006.

Carri Cuellar Gibson '02 and Jeremy, February 5, 2005.

Christine Walker Gresik '02 and Jim, November 26, 2005.

Jane Kulm Krivickas '02 and Paul ND '02, May 27, 2006.

Mary Grant Linnane '02 and John, October 7, 2005.

Elyse Billmeier Mitchell '02 and Mark ND '01, December 3, 2005.

Mary Crawford Nolan '02 and William ND '02, May 27, 2006.

Margaret DeLuca Wright '02 and Kevin, April 22, 2006.

Meghan Harrass Roche '03 and John, March 25, 2006.

Jill Maxbauer Niemi '03 and Sam, February 25, 2006.

Amber Taylor O'Rourke '03 and Howard ND '02, May 6, 2006.

Kristina Robinson Paluszkiwicz '03 and Michael, July 2, 2006.

Kelly McMahon Sarb '03 and Kevin ND '02, July 8, 2006.

Danielle Lemmon Hickey '04 and Keith ND '04, October 1, 2005.

Amy Kleinfehn Knab '04 and Brian, July 29, 2006.

Laura Ward Short '04 and Jason, May 20, 2006.

Amelia Marie Oliva Campos '06 and Roberto ND '06, July 1, 2006.

## Births & Adoptions

Judith Gibbons Riordon '86 and John: Matthew, January 4, 2005.

Elizabeth Hughes Boice '87 and Don: Zachary Liam, February 28, 2005.

Kelly Ryan Hillery '88 and Michael: Seamus Quinn, December 9, 2005.

Heather Miller Moriconi '88 and Michael: Silvano Angelo Wren, May 3, 2006.

Mary Ann White-Goode '88 and Richard Goode ND '88: Ann Regina, May 12, 2006.

Penney Falaschetti Dolan '89 and Dennis ND '89: Maggie Colleen, May 29, 2006.

Sheila Dooley Evans '90 and Jeffrey: Connor Patrick, May 10, 2006.

Mary Kathryn Sullivan McGrath '91 and Peter: Henry Brendan, April 5, 2006.

Anna Sobotincic Dieteman '92 and

David: Ellen Margaret, March 6, 2005.

Peggy Schmid Dunham '92 and Patrick: James Michael, May 7, 2006.

Jill-Noelle Hulbert Fay '92 and Michael: Patrick John, February 25, 2005.

Amy E. Rushin Kolar '92 and Michael: Molly Elizabeth, November 29, 2005.

Moir Ann Lydon Miller '92 and James: Margaret Antoinette, March 8, 2006.

Miechelle Plesco O'Brien '92 and Bill ND '92: Thomas Joseph, May 21, 2006.

P. Michele Delaney Peterson '92 and Brendan: John "Jack" Finnian, May 15, 2005.

Beth McGie Robertson '92 and Michael: Bridget Anne, March 18, 2006.

Lynn Doppke Torning '92 and Anders: Twins, Lukas Bengt and Patrick Thomas, March 17, 2006.

Julie Lynch Asher '93 and Matt: Twins, Patrick Leo and Cullen Bray, June 15, 2006.

Suzanne Schaffler Bautch '93 and Dan ND '92: Austin James, June 13, 2006.

Lisa Alexander Lally '93 and Terry ND '93: Colin Alexander, November 16, 2005.

Diane A. Calta '94 and Bradric T. Bryan: Madeline Chelsea, January 24, 2005.

Nicole LeBeau Gavin '94 and Thomas: Gracie, December 31, 2005.

Sandra Eads Lapps '94 and Greg ND '94: Elizabeth Emma, September 15, 2005.

Kathleen Hall O'Rourke '94 and John: Phoebe Patricia, March 30, 2006.

Tracie Porter Silva '94 and Robert ND '95: Andrew, January 12, 2006.

Andrea Cox Sullivan '94 and Jim ND '94: Eamon Joseph, April 11, 2006.

Maureen Buckley Everling '95 and Lawrence: Lauren Buckley, May 6, 2006.

Kathleen Nugent Shean '95 and William: Carolyn Quinn, March 28, 2006.

Rebecca Dlouhy Burrell '96 and Richard: Theodore "Theo" Charles, July 9, 2006.

Allison Gagliani Cherry '96 and Mike ND MSA '00: Sean Emmett, May 29,

2006.

Mitzi McAndrews Neighbor '96 and Matthew ND '00: Daschel Joseph, April 11, 2006.

Stephanie Johnson Ouellette '96 and James ND '94: Nicole Anne, December 10, 2005.

Marianne Banko Luken '97 and David: Clare Marie, April 3, 2006.

Monica Lizarraga Porchas '97 and Gabriel: Thomas Manuel, May 30, 2005.

Sarah Mullen Schwab '98 and Carl, ND '98: Anna Katherine, April 17, 2006.

Staci Perez Veldt '98 and Andrew: Maya Ann, March 14, 2006.

Sarah Siefert Barney '99 and Charles: Matthew Charles, June 29, 2006.

Jill Moore Clouse '99 and Michael: Sean Allen, May 9, 2006.

Emily Bailey Quiney '99 and Colin: Bailey Jane, March 31, 2006.

Laurie Pater Roettker '99 and Brian: Natalie Laurel, March 22, 2006.

Adrienne Sharp Zarn '99 and Michael: Christopher Adam, February 28, 2006.

Jennifer Hanichak Farrell '00 and Brian: Braden Anthony, February 11, 2006.

Molly Burns Michalski '00 and Matthew ND '99: William Terrence, May 10, 2006.

Kelly Dawson Archambeault '01 and Brian: Evan Robert, October 11, 2004.

Maria Pilar Paulick Clark '02 and Jeffery: William Mateo, April 11, 2006.

Brianne Duncan-Milligan '02 and Ryan Milligan: Camille Renee, February 3, 2006.

Jolie LeBeau Fair '02 and Joshua: Jude Abrams, January 10, 2006.

Carri Cuellar Gibson '02 and Jeremy: Alexandra Ann, January 15, 2006.

Colleen Collins Marrs '02 and Dahx: Jason Wayne, August 30, 2005.

Aimee DeGrauwe Williams '02 and Sean: Ian James, February 8, 2006.

Teresa Niemeier Dwyer '04 and Jim: Clara Elizabeth, February 25, 2006.

# Alumnae club news

## Carolinas

The Carolinas Club was ready for an active fall/winter. After a low-key summer, the Charlotte alumnae met one evening in August for a night out filled with fun conversation and good food. Once again, with the start of ND football, the Charlotte Notre Dame alumni group invited the club to join them for the game watches. A loyal following plans to meet every game at a local bar to cheer on the Irish. Founders' Day brought together Saint Mary's alumnae for a cheerful lunch and a great chance to catch up. More details about the annual SMC/ND Christmas party will be coming soon.

For more information about the club, contact Kathleen Nickson D'Avria '02 at kath2098@hotmail.com.

## Chicago East

On June 28, Chicago East alumnae and friends gathered at the Winnetka home of Judy Nelson Burke '62 for the club's annual scholarship fundraising tea. Nearly 50 alumnae and friends caught up on each other's news, heard the latest campus goings-on, and explored Judy's gorgeous home. Over \$4,000 was raised through ticket sales, donations, and the first-ever scholarship raffle.

Thanks to our hostess and to Barbara Patrick O'Toole '59 for donating raffle prizes. Mary Kay Carroll Hartigan '57 and Clairese Thibaudeau Huennekens, aunt of Laura Meyers Malec '98 and mother of Amy Huennekens St. Hilaire '92, were the winners of a gift certificate to Froggy's and White Sox tickets, respectively.

Thank you to Judy Burke for hosting this event. The club extends thanks to Genevieve Morrill '98 and Sarah Stegmaier '03, the tea co-chairs for their hard work, and to Michelle Poepe Egan '93 in the Alumnae Relations Office for her invaluable assistance. The club is looking for alumnae interested in planning the 2007 Scholarship Tea. Please e-mail smcchicagoeast@yahoo.com if you would like to join the committee.

On Aug. 5, the Chicago East Club, along with friends and family, gathered on board the Tallship Unicorn, a beautiful 118' schooner owned by Dawn Parker Santamaria '81 and her husband Jay. It was a great opportunity to view the largest Tall Ship Festival in the Great Lakes, to tour the ship, enjoy light refreshments, and view the Navy Pier Saturday Fireworks. An exciting note on this event—it sold out in three days and was a successful test of the club's new registration program. Thank you all for your excitement, interest, and patience.

Founders' Day 2006, with special guest President Carol Ann Mooney '72, will take place Sunday, Nov. 12, at St. Ignatius College Prep on the city's near southside. The favor of your response is requested by Nov. 1. Please contact

Chiara Marcheschi Wrocinski '98 at Chiara.Wrocinski@ignatius.org for details regarding the event.

For more information, contact Genevieve Morrill at gcmorrill@yahoo.com or (773) 384-4967.

## Chicago Northwest

The Chicago Northwest Club took it relatively easy this summer, but did have several fun events. Don't forget about the Membership Drive. The club needs you to help keep the group growing. If you have questions, contact Julie Marsh Deischer '93, (847) 462-9033 at ddjd95@msn.com or Jennifer Durot Andrew '78 at jandrew@dls.net.

For the third year in a row, the club co-sponsored the student send-off with the Chicago East Club. This year, the event was hosted by Mary Jo Schramm Howard '82 and her husband Mike ND '81 on Aug. 6 at their beautiful home in the Hawthorne Woods Country Club development. Both clubs were thrilled to host 13 of the 34 new first-year students and their families—almost 70 people. Kelly Walsh '01, chair from the Chicago East Club, and Louanne Scanlon Mauro '72, co-chair from the Chicago Northwest Club, once again put together their fantastic book explaining the ins and outs of South Bend life. The young women are truly lucky to have such a great resource when they start. A big thanks to the many club members who repeatedly asked "what else" they could do. The co-chairs can't explain how nice it is to plan an event when offers of help keep coming their way. Many, many thanks to the Howards, the current parents and students who came to explain life at SMC to the guests, and to all of the members who helped out. Once again, it was a fun event.

On Aug. 12, members from both the Chicago Northwest and Chicago West clubs joined for a day at the ball park with family and friends. They spent the evening at Alexian Field watching the Schaumburg Flyers host the Joliet Jackhammers. There was also a special performance by the lovable and outrageous "zooperstars." The kids loved them! Many thanks to Stacie Stam-Gaffaney '89 for once again planning the event.

The book club met on Sept. 28 at Hackney's Restaurant in Wheeling. The book for discussion was *The Finer Points of Sausage Dogs* by Alexander McCall Smith. For any questions on future book club meetings, email Jennifer Andrew at jandrew@dls.net. Be sure to pass on information about your favorite new books and authors.

Finally, the club is looking for a volunteer to be the new membership coordinator. Founding coordinator Jennifer Andrew has done a great job the past two years—many thanks for her hard work. The position requires the volunteer to send out a membership solicitation letter

in late spring/early summer, update the membership database, and produce a membership directory. Both the letter and the directory are produced with the assistance of the Alumnae Relations Office. You also serve as a contact for alumnae and members during the year. If you are interested in assuming these duties, please contact Julie Deischer as soon as you can.

Keep on the lookout for information regarding the upcoming mother-daughter tea this fall and the cookie exchange in December. Don't forget to check out the club's Yahoo! group page for updates as well.

For more information, contact Julie Deischer at ddjd95@msn.com or (847) 462-9033.

## Chicago West

Chicago West had the benefit of many events this summer; the book discussion group continued as the club's core activity. In May, the club visited the People's Resource Center (PRC) in Wheaton. Executive Director Mary Ellen Norris Durbin '62 greeted fellow SMC alumnae. Kristin Simono Newell '91 and Carrie Cummins Mueller '92 organized this successful event where the group enjoyed a tour of the facility that included a well-stocked food pantry and impressive computer training center. With the event, the club was able to provide cash and gift donations in excess of \$600. Thanks to all who attended or supported the event

—you made SMC and the PRC very proud.

July found members enjoying a free concert in the park, performed by the Naperville Municipal Band. At the end of the month Patty Piercy Cushing '90 opened her home to host the Student Send-off where alumnae enjoyed meeting many of the area's 24 young women choosing to enter SMC this year. Thanks to Patty for this lovely evening. In August, the Chicago Northwest Alumnae Club included the club for their outing to a Schaumburg Flyers baseball game. The club appreciates the efforts of Stacie Stam Gaffaney '89 for coordinating a day at the ball park.

The book club continues to enjoy seeing new members each month and in October will set the books and dates for 2007. If you are interested in contributing some information, book ideas, or be a hostess, please contact Anne Murray McDermott '85 at stmcdermott@sbcglobal.net.

The club is looking forward to Founders' Day and the annual evening of sharing around the holidays. If you are interested in club activities in the area, please contact Alison Spohn at irishanie93@yahoo.com or (630) 922-6902. As always, check out the Chicago West page on the Alumnae Relations Web site for more up-to-date information.

## Cincinnati

The Cincinnati Alumnae Club hosted its annual Student Send-off at the home of Kyla Weber Hemler '98 on Aug. 13.

## club clips



The Chicago East Alumnae Club hosted a reception on board the Tallship Unicorn on Aug. 5. Pictured from left: Laura Meyers Malec '98, Kerry Long '70, Bridget Myers '03, Barb Butler Henry '85, director of Alumnae Relations, and Dawn Parker Santamaria '81, owner of the tall ship.



# club clips



Alumnae, current students, first-year students, and parents from the Dayton Alumnae Club area met in June for a "Ladies Night Out" at Figlios. There was lots of reminiscing about Saint Mary's, which the students really enjoyed.

The club is excited to now have 12 area women attending Saint Mary's. It's always fun keeping in touch with area students and reminiscing about the wonderful college years alumnae spent at Saint Mary's. The annual Founders' Day dinner will be held this fall. Alumnae should be on the lookout for more details. The club is always in need of more volunteer and active members! Anyone interested in helping plan events should contact Maureen Sullivan Zachary '94 at (859) 586-2722 or Kyla Weber Hemler at (513) 272-2292.

## Cleveland

The Cleveland Club held its second book club meeting on Sept. 8, at the home of Roseann Enyedy Cyngier '81 in Strongsville. The club read and discussed *The Winter Duke* by Louise Enyedy Bergin '80 and enjoyed tea party refreshments.

The club also held its annual Founders' Day Mass and Reception at St. Ann's Church in Cleveland Heights on Oct. 15. Club members and their families were welcomed into the rectory following Mass by Father Jim Singler, who graciously invited the club to return for another year.

In December, the club will again be sending annual exam care packages to current students. If interested in donating or helping to assemble the packages, please contact club president Kathleen Policy '98.

For more information, contact Kathleen Policy at [kpolicy@hotmail.com](mailto:kpolicy@hotmail.com) or (440) 887-1844.

## Columbus

The Student Send-off event was held on July 30 at Peggy McDaniel's '80 home in Dublin. Current students and board members welcomed incoming students and parents during this reception and question-and-answer event.

The book club continued to meet during the summer. On Aug. 23, the book *The Other Boleyn Girl* was discussed at the home of Erin Gibbons '86.

For more information about the club, contact Laura Proto Campise '92 at [lccampise@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lccampise@sbcglobal.net) or (614) 488-8443.

## Dallas/Fort Worth

It's been hot in Texas, but that hasn't prevented the DFW Club from getting together for its annual Student Send-off, book club meetings and happy hour throughout the past couple of months. The club is excited to have eight local students attending Saint Mary's this year, and members enjoyed meeting several of them at the send-off graciously hosted by Jennifer Danahy Stewart '93 in August. The book club met on Oct. 15 to discuss *Teacher Man* by Frank McCourt. It will not meet again until after the holidays, starting back up in January.

Be sure to save the date for the annual Christmas party, which will be held on its traditional date of Dec. 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Tia Barrett Bisignano '70 and her husband have kindly offered to open up their Dallas home to us for this year-end gathering, with Mass and a traditional holiday meal. Formal invitations will be sent out to all area alumnae in November. Other DFW Club news, upcoming events, photos, and contact information can be found at

our Web site: <http://www.saintmarys.edu/%7Ealumnae/clubpages/TEXAS/dfw.html>.

For more information, contact Andrea Sondag Schweitzer '00 at [andreasondag@yahoo.com](mailto:andreasondag@yahoo.com).

## Dayton

On June 6, the Dayton Club held a Ladies Night Out for alumnae, current students, first-year students, and their mothers at Figlios. There was an excellent turnout. It was an evening of Italian cuisine and many SMC stories and remembrances from current students and alumnae. Those who attended included Susan Stout Redmond '67, Bernadette Volpe Mitsch '71, Ellen Hansman Geron '71, Michelle Letizia-Beery '80, Mary Ann Potter Ruthmeyer '85, Claire Gilvary Chick '84, Nancy Orr Taylor '84, Meg Molinsky '87, Rena Sauer '92, Ellen Mayer Vaughn '92, Tracy Wick Heffernan '92, Julie Steinke '96 and her mother, Sarah Budd '07, Mary Yingling '09, Frances Broderick '10, and her mother, Erin, Catherine Meadors '10 and her mother Rita.

On Aug. 6, the current students and first-year students were invited to the ND-SMC Send-off at the home of Ray ND '70 and Cathy Lane.

For more information, contact Ellen Geron at [ellen.geron@thompsonhine.com](mailto:ellen.geron@thompsonhine.com) or (937) 443-6835.

## Des Moines

In August the Des Moines Club hosted a club open house to send off new Saint Mary's student Sarah Nesbit, to encourage interest in SMC on the part of 40 area prospective students, and to re-glue the ties that bind Des Moines-area alumnae.

Plans for the year included a Founders' Day event on Oct. 15, 11:30 a.m. at the home of Aimee Beckmann-Collier '75 and a service project in February. The featured speaker for the Founders' Day celebration was to be Debbie Johnson Schwiebert '74, chair of the Board of Trustees and former president of the Alumnae Association.

For more information, contact Aimee Beckmann-Collier at [aimee.beckmann-collier@drake.edu](mailto:aimee.beckmann-collier@drake.edu) or (515) 222-1516.

## Detroit

The Detroit Club held its annual Tigers game outing on June 3; thank you to Amy O'Brien Mundt '88 for chairing this event. The 2006 Student Send-off was hosted by chair Carolyn Solomon Wujek '02 on Aug. 10. Fellow alumnae shared survival secrets and helped the incoming first-year students decide what they really needed to pack for college.

A cocktail party was held aboard the Tallship Unicorn at the Detroit Yacht Club on Aug. 27. The party was well attended and all enjoyed a pleasant evening aboard the Unicorn. All proceeds went to the Detroit SMC Scholarship Fund.

The 2006-07 club year planning meeting was held in September—look on the Web site for details of upcoming events for the year.

For more information, contact Heather Jackson Martin '93 at [hamartin2005@yahoo.com](mailto:hamartin2005@yahoo.com) or (313) 647-0678.

## Idaho

The Saint Mary's/Notre Dame Club of Idaho held its summer picnic on July 15. Two new students were welcomed to the Saint Mary's community, Justine Debelius '10 and Jennie Hiatt '10. Both girls received an SMC key chain and a bumper sticker for their cars as they made their way to South Bend. Meredith Lierz '10 was unable to attend the picnic, but is excited to start her college career at SMC as well.

Jacquie Jablonski Hageron '83 won the grand prize raffle, which included two tickets to the Michigan game as well as two nights at a local bed and breakfast. She also attended the 50th anniversary of the Humanistic Studies Program that same weekend.

Upcoming events in Idaho include "Rake Up Boise" and the annual Christmas party.

For more information about joining the SMC/ND Club of Idaho or if you are moving to the Boise area, contact Jacquie Hageron at (208) 386-9613.

## Indianapolis

The Indianapolis Alumnae Club had a busy summer with numerous events around the city. The club walked the Monon Trail in June and August, giving members the opportunity to get out and

enjoy the great weather. The club also attended Mass at Saint Mary's Catholic Church downtown followed by brunch at Scholar's Inn.

The Student Send-off was a huge success. There are 19 students from the Indianapolis area attending Saint Mary's as first-year students. The club wishes them the best of luck and much success. The send-off was a great opportunity for them to meet each other and to interact with current students. Thanks to all alumnae who attended and pitched in, and a big thank you to Mary Kay Conaty Leicht '74 and her husband, Jack, for hosting the event. They were such wonderful hosts.

An end-of-summer bash was held at Easley Winery. Members tasted wines and listened to great music.

Please remember that club meetings are held the first Wednesday of every other month (which started in July) at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Betsie Sprague Monico '01 (5343 Brianna Lane). Contact the club co-presidents if you are interested in being a part of the Indianapolis Alumnae Club. New faces and new ideas are always welcome. As always, check the club Web site for up-to-date information.

For more information, contact KrisAnne Wilson '01 at krisanne.wilson@sbsglobal.net or Betsie Monico at smcchic79@yahoo.com.

## Kansas City

The Kansas City Club held two events and a board meeting in August. The first event was a wine, cheese, and art party at the downtown loft of Maura Martin Smith '73. Thanks, Maura, for hosting everyone. A dozen alumnae enjoyed Maura's hospitality and then walked through the art district, along with hundreds of fellow Kansas Citians. It was a lovely night out, and everyone had a great time.

A Student Send-off also was held in August. The club was thrilled to welcome two gals from the local region to Saint Mary's, including a legacy. Mary Jo Anderson Coughlin '72 hosted the gathering of 15 alumnae—thanks Mary Jo. Each alumna shared stories of the camaraderie, support, football weekends, and lifelong friendships enjoyed during their years at SMC.

Fall events planned include football game watches and yoga. Come to Paddy O'Quigley's off Roe to join the ND and SMC Clubs for the football games. All are welcome—including the kids. Amy Laws '97 hosted a yoga fundraiser for the club in October. For the most up-to-date information, check the club's Web site for more details about activities, news, and events.

The club is thriving, and there's room for everyone. Connect with the club by contacting Kelly Tyler '87 if you would like to be added to the e-mail list or for more information at Kelly@KellyTylerTrainingServices.com or (816) 353-8786.

## London

On June 6, Cynthia McKiel Hunt '80 and her husband, Alex, hosted the European Summer Study Program faculty for dinner at the Oxford and Cambridge Club in Pall Mall, London.

The Hunts hosted David Stefancic, who heads the program, and this year's accompanying faculty in London, which included Kitty Green (Education), Melissa Bialko (Theatre), and Mike Sanders (Business).

Over a three-week period, the faculty toured Paris, London, Scotland, and Ireland with 32 students, mostly from Saint Mary's. While in London, the group saw the major places of interest: Westminster Abbey, the Houses of Parliament, Trafalgar Square, the National Gallery, the Tate Gallery, Hyde Park and its Speaker's Corner, Saint Paul's Cathedral, the Bank of England, and Westminster Cathedral. The group also made a day trip to Bath and Stonehenge.

Kitty Green's students taking the Education in Great Britain and Ireland course toured what are known in the UK as city academies, comparable to U.S. magnet schools. Melissa's class, The History of Theatre and Costume, had the opportunity to tour theatres such as the late Sam Wanamaker's reconstructed Globe on the South Bank of the Thames further enhancing their appreciation of European theatre.

Mike and his business students visited the Bank of England and the Bank of America offices, among other financial institutions, while in London. From these, the students could compare and contrast European and American ways of doing business.

Dave is an experienced European Summer Study Program leader, having taken over from the late Tony Black a decade ago. He tirelessly invites Saint Mary's faculty to participate, finalizes the itinerary, liaises with students, and contacts places of interest. He also presents his own course each time, which this year was titled The City of Modern European History.

The European Summer Study Program isn't just for students, however. Alumnae and friends are also welcome to participate. For more information on the program, please visit the History Department pages of the Saint Mary's Web site.

For more information on the Saint Mary's Alumnae Club of London, please contact Cynthia Hunt at cynthiamhunt@ukgateway.net.

## Milwaukee

The Milwaukee Club is reorganizing. A letter and survey were sent in August to area alumnae and alumnae met to plan the future of the club in September. If you haven't sent your survey in, please do so.

## club clips



On May 27, the New Jersey Alumnae Club hosted a happy hour at Dublin Pub in Morristown. They had a great turnout and welcomed some new alumnae to the Garden State and a few new 2006 alumnae.

For more information, contact Missy Lind '98, (414) 288-6774 or Kristi Brandon Butman '03, (414) 288-6777, or e-mail the club at smcmkeclub@gmail.com.

## Northwest Indiana

The club invited all alumnae, current students, incoming students, and their parents to the Class of 2010 Student Send-off celebration. The event was held at the picturesque Deep River Park. Incoming students had the opportunity to dialog with current students about a variety of topics from abroad programs to campus culture. Incoming students also participated in a SMC trivia contest for a prize.

Please note that dues renewal is currently in progress. Because of the dwindling number of paying members and funds, the club must secure 20 paying members in order to keep active. If you plan on renewing your membership or joining the club this year, please submit your dues promptly. Remember, your dues help support the activities of the club throughout the year and assist in communicating those activities. For membership information, please contact Jackie Brody Tavitas '91, at jackie\_brody30@yahoo.com or (219) 670-3363.

## Quad Cities

The Quad Cities Iowa/Illinois Alumnae Club hosted its annual Student Send-off Luncheon on July 29. Susan Johnson Karlix '80 hosted the event at the Crow Valley Country Club in Davenport, Iowa. The club welcomed two first-year students, Becky Meade and Val Kommer, along with returning students Emily Goebel '08, Calli Davison '09, Sarah Davenport '09, and Kristin Hingstrum '09.

Alumnae in attendance included Susan Johnson Karlix, Cathy Lemon Treacy '72, Debbie Johnson Schwiebert '74, and past-parent Ruth Cronin. The club wishes all students a safe, productive, and fun-filled academic year.

For more information, contact Debbie Schwiebert at (309) 786-2958.

## Washington, D.C.

In the spring, the club hosted the annual Student Send-off reception. Ten prospective students from the area attended the event at the house of Beth Lichtenfels Veihmeyer '77. The young alumnae broke off in smaller groups with prospective students, and older alumnae helped in a special parents' session given by admission counselor Tanya Frank.

The club continues to have monthly happy hours. New faces are always welcome!

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# A l u m n a e class news

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## From the Courier Office:

The following letter was written March 4, 2006, by Art Petersen, Jr. ND '54, son of the late **June Hoene Petersen**, the last *Courier* reporter for the Class of 1930. Sadly, June passed away April 30, 2006, almost two months after her son wrote. Please remember the Petersen family in your prayers.

"While looking through the winter *Courier* for articles to read to my mother, June Hoene '30, I came across the alumnae news notes and found there was no news from any class prior to 1947. This letter is to bring readers up to date on a member of the Class of '30.

"June has just returned to Wilmette (a Chicago suburb) after spending six weeks in California at the home of another son (and my brother), actor William Petersen of C.S.I. TV and the movies. Bill flew June and her full-time caretaker, Lodi, out to his home on a private jet because the hassle of flying out of O'Hare would have been too much for her.

"June remembers Le Mans Hall being brand new when she attended Saint Mary's. Her daughter, **Mary Kay Bowman Petersen '64**, lived in Le Mans, as well as two granddaughters: **Catherine Petersen Zell '78** and **Beth Bowman Zuhosky '90**.

"June was active in the Chicago Alumnae Club for many years, and had a 'sewing' group on the North Shore when she was older. Alas, she is the last remaining member. In fact, these days, she has a difficult time remembering the names of fellow sewing group members; she will be 97 in June. She wonders if there are any others from the Class of '30.

"June met her future husband, Art Petersen ND '30, at the Senior Ball—by chance since they were not there together. It must have been love at first sight, because he drove all the way to Duluth, Minn., that summer to court her. Now, there are somewhere in the neighborhood of 27 grandchildren, about the same number of great-grandchildren, and, God willing, she will be a great, great, grandmother come September."

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## Mary Fran Shaff Meekison

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This is a story about legends. **Marty Abberger Daly '41** is a living legend. After working her way through Saint Mary's College, she gained attention by becoming the first female personal secretary for a Notre Dame president,

Father John Cavanaugh, CSC. When Father John introduced Marty to me, he mentioned her wisdom, grace, and multiple talents. Instantly we became friends.

Some time later, Marty married Bill Daly ND '41, and together, they raised four boys and three daughters in Sacramento, Calif. Marty has always claimed that her Saint Mary's College education has given her the courage to do and be anything. At 87, she still maintains a hearty zest for helping family, friends, and society in general. Following a tragedy in her own life, she went on to address a large group of alumnae at Saint Mary's College's Appreciation Luncheon for this spring's Donor Recognition Weekend. At that time, it was announced that Marty's daughter, **Diane Daly McGarry '70**, had endowed a scholarship in her mother's honor.

Tragedy struck Marty and her family as they were celebrating her birthday in Elk Grove, Calif, in March. Seven adults and two children were attending the party when an unknown, drug-crazed man shot Marty's 45-year-old son, Michael, through a restaurant window. This man then traveled further down the street and killed a news commentator and wounded another man.

Michael Daly ND '82 was the beloved husband of his wife, Roberta (from Rome, Italy) and father to William, 6, and Julia, 3. Beautiful children! Michael himself was a much-heralded musician, who had gained acclaim throughout Europe and the United States. Recently he held a position as a sales executive for the Xerox Corporation.

After courageously speaking at Saint Mary's College during Donor Recognition Weekend, Marty went back to her home in Sacramento, Calif., to give a commencement address to 3,000 graduates at St. Cosmes River Junior College. Marty has established a musical scholarship in memory of Michael at this college. His spirit will also live on through the generous donation by his family of his healthy organs. Because of this, several individuals will benefit. Let us all pray for the Daly family.

After intense detective work, I discovered that **Frances Unckrich Deibig** died Aug. 29, 2004. She was buried in Galion, Ohio, where she spent most of her life. She had one son, Peter, and two grandsons, Greg and Brian Deibig.

Following Fran's work as a dietician at Mt. Carmel Hospital in Columbus, Ohio, she married Bert Deibig, her hometown sweetheart. Both Fran and Bert were leaders in their community. Fran served many years on Galion's hospital board. While a student at Saint Mary's, she became a Catholic and then carried a fervor for her faith into her home parish. Even today, she is remembered as

having been very intelligent, joyful, and always ready to help someone in need. As couples, David and I teamed up with Fran and Bert not only during our student days but for decades afterwards. In fact, Fran and Bert were the godparents of our first born, Maureen. A large group of our classmates celebrated the Unckrich-Deibig union in Galion. It was a memorable event!

At Saint Mary's College, **Katie Haggerty Jose** and Fran were devoted roommates. Because they had a large corner room, plus a long bathroom in Le Mans Hall, we often partied in their room. We voted Fran's mother "Mom of the Year," as Mrs. Unckrich often sent huge boxes of her fried chicken and homemade cookies on the train from Galion to South Bend. Since we had "lights out" at 10:00 every night, we would hoist a heavy blanket over Fran and Katie's bathroom window and crowd into every available space in their spacious bathroom...there we partied with gusto on Mrs. Unckrich's great feast. We thought we were living dangerously! (And, compared to the permissiveness of today, perhaps we had more fun.) Showing respect for Fran's influence, she was voted vice president of the class her senior year. She is warmly remembered. Rest well, now, special friend.

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## Bunny Wagner Barker

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The last trip I took was in December 2005—to Opryland with the United Crescent Hill Ministries. **Betty Ann Broecker**, now 92 years old, was my roommate. When we registered, we were given electric scooters that enabled us to get around the enormous hotel with ease. It was decorated so beautifully for Christmas—they used miles of red ribbon to make seasonal bows everywhere. The atrium was aglow with holiday "hot air balloons." At night, millions of lights made the place look like a fairyland. During dinner in the ballroom, Mel Tillis's daughter, Pam, entertained us with a holiday program. Then we were taken by bus to the theater for the Rockettes' Christmas Show, which was fantastic! It ended with a beautiful Nativity scene. We visited an ice show, then came home—"twas a marvelous beginning to Christmastime.

My oldest granddaughter, Lauren Mc Nerney Stinnett, gave birth to her second child, Samantha, on Nov. 17. Lauren had a very difficult pregnancy, so we all thanked God for Samantha's safe arrival. Lauren, her two children, Tyler, 14

months, and baby Samantha spent the holidays in Louisville. They stayed at my house part of the time and at daughter Esther's the remainder of the vacation. Christmas Day, all the family congregated at my home. Granddaughter **Ashley Clark Bass '98** and her two sons, 4-year-old Collin and 20-month-old Evan, with hubby Rod Bass, came from St. Louis. Granddaughter Bethany Barker flew in from California. How wonderful it was to have us all together! (Ken Barker III and IV missing.)

The end of February, I entertained my dear friend, Mary Jean Corcoran, with a delightful dinner party, using a Mardi Gras theme to celebrate her birthday. The DVD of our trip to Opryland was the entertainment. All seemed to enjoy it. Just before Lent began, I did a repeat performance for 20 of the Ursuline Sisters with whom I attend Mass each morning.

The latter part of March, Esther and I flew to Philadelphia to visit Darin, Lauren, and their two young'uns. We went to the Children's Museum and did things both young and old would enjoy. 'Twas fascinating!

Easter came and we had more family get-togethers. This year, my birthday fell on Holy Thursday, as it did in 1922 when I was born. Lauren and her tiny ones came from Philadelphia; Ashley, Rod, and their two sons drove in from St. Louis. We went to the Boat Club for the Easter egg hunt and a delightful brunch.

Saint Mary's College held Donor Recognition Weekend this April 21-23. **Floy Terstegge Meagher '43** and I flew to Chicago, where we were met by Floy's daughter, **Jane Meagher Hemphill '76**. One of Jane's sons was performing in a play at their high school, and we watched it with great enthusiasm. Saturday morning, Jane drove Floy and me to South Bend. We registered for the events, which included an Appreciation Luncheon and a wonderful dinner program. After a visit to the Grotto at Notre Dame, we drove back to Chicago. **Patty Meagher Clare '81**, who also lives in the Windy City, came over to visit with us a while before we boarded the plane for our return to Louisville. It was a great weekend!

On May 13 at the Bellarmine University commencement exercises, I was awarded the Mrs. Horrigan medal for meritorious service. I was the first president of the Bellarmine's Women's Council in 1963. I was so thrilled with the honor. My son, Ken Barker III, and his wife, Mary, flew in from California as a surprise to me for the occasion. Needless to say, I was delighted to have all my children with me for the event.

My granddaughter, Bethany Barker ND '03, married Jose Ronchetta ND '03 at St. Clement's in Chicago on May 27. It was a beautiful wedding. All members of the Barker family (except Shane Gordon)



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were present for the Mass. Ashley's two boys, Evan and Collin, 2 and 4, were ring bearers and looked adorable in their tuxedos. Bethany did a fabulous job of master-minding the dinner for 200 after the wedding ceremony. I hadn't been to downtown Chicago in many years. I thoroughly enjoyed seeing the city from a boat on the Chicago River—it was a marvelous Architectural Design cruise.

Now, I am working like a "Trojan" to ready my garden for a tour the Women's Club is sponsoring June 10. I have employed extra help to assist Jeroid, my regular gardener, and me in the task of manicuring all 12 beds, planting 5,000 annuals, spreading a truckload of mulch, etc.

**Mary Irene Hartigan MacCauley** was not able to go to Florida this year. Before Christmas, she fell and broke her nose. Biz lives in Holley Court, a retirement center with many activities. She talks with **Gert Daley Moran** every day and keeps in touch with **Pat Rogers Tyrrell**, who fell recently while visiting her daughter and broke her right wrist. Biz has 20 great-grandchildren—number 21 is on the way. One of her granddaughters graduated from the University of Georgia, Atlanta; a grandson graduated from Wake Forest University.

**Amy Nardine Ryan** went to Palm Beach in the winter. She visited Jay, her 10th child, and Frances, the seventh. Amy reads a great deal, especially the

*Wall Street Journal*, and plays bridge frequently. One of her granddaughters, a 2006 graduate of the University of Virginia, is in London for the summer. Her daughter, Kathleen, went to Paris for Louis Vuitton. She has worked for him in Cincinnati for 12 years. Another daughter, **Mary Pat Ryan Poskon '70**, who is married to Dewey Poskon ND '70, has a daughter, Shannon, who works for Penske and is assistant director of nursing at Indiana University.

**Miriam Marshall Hemphill** traveled to Apalachicola in April. Her brother and his wife live there in the very house where Miriam was born. She went to Washington, D.C., in January for the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday of her brother, Travis. His

three daughters gave a wonderful party. Miriam's two brothers, Travis and Wib, were at Notre Dame for their reunion in June. Miriam plans to go to Portland, Ore., for a grandson's wedding in July. Then, in August, she will return to Eugene, Ore., for another grandson's wedding. **Helen Rauen Kristufek** called Miriam on her birthday. Miriam is still playing bridge, and is also a docent at the museum. She will travel to St. Louis to visit her daughter and to see an art exhibit.

**Ann Sheets Butler** and **Mary Mayle Hickey** will visit **Marg Kotte O'Hara** in July. In February, Marg's daughter, Pat, arranged a party in Chicago. Those attending were **Larrie Cahill Greenock '43**, Pat Rogers Tyrrell, Gert Moran, and

## Excelsior

**Mary Munsell Abroe '68** was elected to the Board of Trustees of the Civil War Preservation Trust, Washington, D.C., and Hagerstown, Md., April 2006.

**Angela Maynard Sewall '68** was voted the 2007-08 president-elect of the Teacher Education Council of State Colleges and Universities. This national organization is committed to providing an education of excellence for the youth of America. Sewall is dean of the College of Education at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

**Catherine Hicks '73** received the 2006 Padre Pio Award from the Capuchin-Franciscan Friars, Pittsburgh, Pa., September 2006. The award is presented each year to a person whose faith in action has made a difference in the world.

**Nancy R. Mogab '78** was elected the first woman lawyer from the Eastern District to serve on the Appellate Judicial Commission, Saint Louis, Mo. A partner at Mogab and Hughes, Mogab ran against three men from firms with over 100 lawyers each. Her firm employs five lawyers.

**Mary Beth Roitz Spore '79** was named dean of the Saint Vincent College School of Social Sciences, Communication, and Education, Latrobe, Pa., July 2006.

**Camille Kearns Rudy '80** was honored with the 2006 "Rookie of the Year" Award. Rudy is a sales associate at Prudential Preferred Properties, Winnetka, Ill., office. Each year, Prudential honors a new employee with the award, someone who has gone above and beyond and achieved great success.

**Barb Schmukal Benson '81** received the 2006 Athena Award, Traverse City, Mich., May 2006. Benson was honored by the Traverse City Chamber of Commerce for her commitment to promoting women's leadership and her advocacy for women and families throughout the community.

**Tricia Burke '81** and her company, Office Environment Company (OEC), won a 2006 Inc.credible Award in the woman-owned business category, Louisville, Ky., July 2006. The award recognizes small businesses that make significant

contributions in the greater Louisville community.

**Kathleen Engler Malone '82** was named one of the top 100 women financial advisors in the U.S., according to *Barron's* magazine, June 2006. Malone is senior vice president, investments at Wachovia Securities in Charlotte, N.C.

**Deidre Dalton Toole '82** was named Stonington School District's Teacher of the Year, Pawcatuck, R.I., May 2006. Toole is a special education teacher at Pawcatuck Middle School.

**Lynne Grontkowski Wright '82** was named director of the South Bend office of Crowe Group, LLP, South Bend, Ind., July 2006. Crowe Group is the holding company of top 10 U.S. public accounting and consulting firm Crowe Chizek and Company LLC.

**Nancy L. Samberg '83** was awarded an Archdiocesan Catechetical Ministries Award from Francis Cardinal George and the Archdiocese of Chicago, Oakbrook, Ill., May 2006.

**Jennifer A. Puplava '95** was elected to serve on the Board of Trustees of the Grand Rapids Bar Association, Grand Rapids, Mich., May 2006. Puplava is a member of the law firm of Mika Meyers Beckett & Jones PLC and practices in the areas of commercial litigation, information technology and Internet law, and trademark and copyright law.

**Heather Steinmiller '97** received a Pennsylvania Bar Association Pro Bono Award, Hershey, Pa., June 2006. Steinmiller was recognized for her exceptional contributions to improving civil legal aid in Pennsylvania. She is an attorney for Blank Rome LLP.

**Eileen Dimino '02**, a professional photographer, was featured in the *South Bend Tribune* for her work with the "Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep" program. At South Bend's Memorial Hospital, Dimino photographs terminally ill infants in their final hours (with the families' permission) to provide a keepsake for bereaved families. Volunteers in the nationwide program offer services and photographs at no charge.

# class clips

Mary MacCauley. Marg still plays bridge, as does her daughter.

Please, please, please won't you ladies send me a line now and then, and let me know what you're doing? I'm starved for information about you, and your classmates would love to hear news as well.

'44

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It seems my initial news is always sad. Last time, I reported the death of **Dorothy Green Lyman**. This time, I have received news of the death of **Mary Demling Heinz**.

**Gerry Roche Fahey** writes: "I just received a call from **B.C. McHugh Collins** that Mary Demling Heinz had moved to Boulder almost a year ago to live with her daughter. At that time, she had lost a son, her youngest child. I know her funeral was in Boulder the last week in May. Unfortunately, I know no other details."

I was pleased to talk to **Marguerite Shaughnessy Wittebort**. She is a confirmed southerner hoping that her sister, Anne, will soon move from Chicago to join her in residence in North Carolina. Marge also occasionally sees **Jane Zeman Protz** on her trips from Wisconsin to Florida. She also sees **Louise Peterman Prosser**.

I talked to Louise and she is coping with the death of her husband, Charlie, last year, and the deaths of her sister and daughter, Mary, this year. Too much grief for anyone, especially dear Weesie.

**M. J. Cullinan Murphy's** husband, John, has had a difficult time at home in Glenview, Ill. He has difficulty walking.

**Ginger Heinen Swoyer** and her husband, Len, also have ambulatory issues. Be sure to look for Ginger and Len the first weekend in August on television, though. They will have great backyard seats at the Buick Open, which will be held at the golf course that backs up to their home in Detroit, Mich. They will both be seated on the 15<sup>th</sup> green. Fore!

**Almarie Sackley Mathews** has terrible rheumatoid arthritis, which she keeps on top of by daily exercising. She is always cheerful regardless.

**Jeanne Yuncker Klem** always has a good joke and a happy thought to share. Her dear husband, Bill, is having some problems with carpal tunnel in both wrists. Bill and Jeanne are always so kind and gracious when we come to South Bend, their home.

**Mary Alice Nevins Sasso** has sold her home in Wilmette. She has moved into a care facility, luckily, in her hometown of Wilmette.

**Mary Alice O'Laughlin**, world

traveler, is on her way to Russia. She will be taking a boat trip down the Volga. I can just see her in her babushka, drinking her vodka martini, and dancing a traditional Russian folk dance.

**Jeanne Sohm Thyberg** lovingly looks after Stan as he fights Parkinson disease. Jeanne tools around Des Moines in her BMW as if it were the Daytona Speedway...picking up those of us who don't drive much anymore.

**Gerry Fahey** is a wonderful correspondent. She sends me all the latest information about friends in our class—those we see and those we rarely see.

About me, **Mary Alice Wright Connolly**, my illnesses are improving and my sense of humor is intact. It seems in our retirement we have all become the cared for, or caretakers. I ask you all to keep each of us in your daily prayers. I am also wondering if Mary Alice O'Laughlin will be giving dancing lessons when she returns from her trip down the Volga? I invite my classmates to please write me, e-mail me, or call me to share their news. I look forward to hearing from each of you.

'46

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I just returned from reunion, as I had a stop-over in Winfield, Ill., to visit my three nieces, the daughters of my deceased sister, **Frances Vodicka Hancock '35**. They treated me royally. I also was able to visit my niece, **Cynthia Vodicka O'Kelly '74**. A good time was had by all.

I am not too enthusiastic about writing this newsletter. Our Greater-than-Golden 60th anniversary class had such a poor showing at reunion, with only four representatives: **Kathleen Abel Curry McAndrews**, **Mary Rita Hellmich**, **Sister Basil Anthony, CSC**, and yours truly. What a disappointment. I did have a call from **Lucille Guarnieri McGuire** apologizing for not coming, as one of her grandchildren was graduating. (Lucille has remarried, but I am sorry that I don't know her new name.) I also had an e-mail from **Betty Barry Myers Lewis** that while she, too, had wanted to attend reunion, she had a graduation to attend as well.

**Mary Gavin Osmanski** phoned me to report that **Jane Daley Clark's** husband, John, had passed away. I sent Jane a note and Mass card for John. She wrote and thanked me and said that she misses him terribly.

I called **Marianne Van Drisse** when I returned home, as I was surprised that she wasn't at reunion. She had intended to go, but then went on a cruise and could not make it.



Thelma Hausman Dunlevy '52 and Lynn Dargis Ambrose '52 were dropping off their granddaughters for summer camp at Saint Mary's when they found out that the two girls were roommates. Pictured from left: Thelma, Meredith Dunlevy, Sophie Holsinger, and Lynn.

Despite the small number there, it was a nice reunion. It was wonderful to see all the new buildings and the new apartment residence hall for seniors. We should have been so lucky! The campus looked beautiful, as usual, with its many lovely trees and flowers. We were provided with golf-cart drivers, who took us where ever we wanted to go.

I had a nice time visiting with **Kay Able Curry McAndrews** and her lovely daughter, Kathleen Curry. They were good company. The Class of 1956 had over 50 at the reunion, and its members took me under their wing. We had some interesting speakers, and it was wonderful meeting our president, **Carol Ann Mooney '72**. She has great plans for Saint Mary's College. This fall, they will have the largest entering class in recent years: 429. Also, the qualifications of the members of the incoming class are higher than those of any previous class.

The new dining hall, student center, and bookstore are beautiful. The food is too good! It was a wonderful time, and I would do it again. I was a little leery about driving to Chicago and Winfield. The traffic in Chicago is as bad as that in California. Thanks to the Sacred Heart Auto Club, I made it without any trouble in my rented car.

One of the highlights of the reunion was seeing **Doris Bromann Fox '31**. She was presented with a diamond Saint Mary's College pin. I kept wondering, "Will I make my 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary?" I hope so.

This year, I had my first poem

published in The International Library of Poetry book, *Twilight Musings*. My poem was titled "80 Years Old and Still Celebrating." I will send a copy on demand. If you don't want to hear all about me, please send me your news. I wish you all well.

**From the Courier Office: Mary Catherine "Kitty" Velde Watson** wrote: "Sixty years since we graduated from Saint Mary's College! Unbelievable! But more importantly, how wonderful! For four years, Le Mans was my home during school. Times do change—no more lights out at 10:15 p.m., for example. Also, Sister Kathryn Marie made certain our rooms were neat and clean. Another change: Now there are officers for Le Mans residents. My granddaughter, **Gracie Guebert '07**, was recently elected president of Le Mans. (She was named after my roommate, **Mary Grace Chamberlain Sherer**.)

"I wish I could be at the College for reunion this year, but some health problems do not permit me to do so. Love to you all."

'50

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**Sister Ramona Oppenheim** is now settled in San Yudro, Calif., where she had hoped to be assigned. She writes, "When I first took up Spanish in

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1975, it was with the idea that as I grew older, I would return to the United States and assist Spanish communities here, especially women finding cultural changes difficult." (San Yudro is a section of San Diego about a mile north of the United States/Mexico border.) Monie would love to see or hear from any classmates who visit San Diego. She misses her frequent visits with **Honey Kennedy Ryan** and **Jo Hoelderle Zamorski** when she was in Rhode Island.

**Helen Johnson Frings** lives in Door County, Wis., a beautiful place, especially in the summer. She has had granddaughters staying with her during several summers while working and saving money for college. They call it "Granny Camp."

**Peg Gardner Haaser** sent an obituary for E. Robert Dalton ND '49, the husband of **Anne Dillon Curry Dalton**. Bob settled in West Hartford, Conn. He and Anne have nine children and 21 grandchildren, a wonderful family, highly thought of in Catholic circles in Connecticut. Our prayers and thoughts are with Anne. Bob was a great friend and always fun to be with. Johnny and I have happy memories of the times we spent with the Daltons.

Peg and Walt Haaser have moved to an apartment connected to a nursing center in Simsbury, Conn. Peg said that leaving her house was a big adjustment.

Joe and **Mary "Cookie" Cucchi Depman** enjoyed a quick breakfast with Bill and **Kate Motta Hart**, who were here for their grandson's graduation (with honors) from high school. He will attend the University of Michigan in the fall.

**Mary Ellen Molony Brady** and daughter Laura made a brief visit to Chicago from West Virginia to see daughter **Mary Clare Brady '80** and many of their old friends.

**Rosemary Treacy Eide** sent a wonderful, newsy letter. She loves living in Estes Park, Colo., and her children love to visit every summer. It is a beautiful place with plenty to do. Nevertheless, she and Paul do a lot of traveling. She writes, "Retirement has been great. We spend two months, March and April, in Arizona. Paul and I have been on a "mission" to visit missions in the Southwest. It is a neat hobby." They also love cruising in small ships—they have done about 10, including a Saint Mary's College trip to Machu Picchu, Peru.

The Eides have five children and 14 grandchildren. Their second son, Jed ND '76, lives in South Bend and is married to **Paula Shaheen Eide '76**. He is an architect who designed the Saint Mary's College dining hall and student center. He is now working on the new academic building, for which ground was broken recently.

Johnny and I have been extremely busy of late. We have attended the

graduation and accompanying events in Lansing, Mich., of Mark Bealin, Jr., son of **Bridget O'Brien Bealin '79**; another high school graduation in Los Angeles of Callagee O'Brien, sister of **Honore O'Brien '08**; and three 8th-grade graduations, plus three confirmations. These are all my grandchildren!

The class mini-reunion in Frankenmuth, Mich., has been postponed until the fall of 2007, making it almost halfway to our next on-campus reunion.

'54

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Our prayers and sympathy are with **Sue Whalen Heyer** on the death of her husband, George, in April. We also send condolences and prayers to **Mary Wieland Scheetz** and family on the death of her 18-year-old grandson, David Scheetz, in April. David died in an auto accident in St. Joseph, Mo., a few weeks before his high school graduation and a few months before he was to enter college.

**Jane Flynn Carroll** wrote in February that her youngest daughter, Nancy's, first baby would be baptized that month. Her Texas and Arizona daughter and son (Lucy and Chuck) and their families were planning to come for the special day. Jane also enclosed a clipping and picture about **Mary Alice George Lencioni's** February 2 death (reported in our last column), saying that she had been unable to attend the funeral as her car was being repaired. **Aggie Majewski Kinnucan** attended the wake and sent me a prayer card and booklet. She spoke with Dario and three of their four children and viewed a video of Mary Alice's life.

**Mary O'Shea Judd** wrote glowingly about the surprise 50th wedding anniversary celebration given for her and Jerry by their three daughters. Mary, Jerry, and their twin daughters, Lisa and Susan, were hoping to attend the Masters Golf Tournament in Atlanta.

As reported in our spring column, on June 27, 2005, **Liz Kiley Wilson** awoke paralyzed from the neck down after receiving an IV sedation for a steroid injection to relieve pain. Updates on her slow but continuing improvement from this tragic accident come from Liz herself (a Valentine's Day substitute for her usual Christmas letter, which some of you also received), her sister-in-law, **Cathy Wilson Oppen**, as well as Aggie and **Joan Rossi** (who also sent a picture, taken in front of the Wilsons' Christmas tree, of herself, **Rena Bianucci Sereno**, Aggie, and Liz in wheelchair). The first part of Liz's Valentine's Day letter reported her and

Jim's January 2005 visit to Guatemala—"...two old ruins from Burr Ridge going to see many old Mayan ruins." She described temples, jungle, museum, excavations, and staying in a hotel in Antigua built on the remains of a 16th-century monastery. (They also climbed a 150-foot ladder to the top of a temple pyramid for an impressive view of "other temple tops piercing the canopy of trees.")

To pick up on her condition where Jim's report in our spring column left off, Liz's letter told of countless hours of occupational and physical therapy, her right side coming back ahead of her left side, wheelchair use, and some walking with braces and a walker, evaluation for driving with hand controls, and praise and gratitude for her five-days-a-week, 9-to-4 caregiver, Vickie, and her all-other-times caregiver and "guardian angel," Jim. My most recent update is from Cathy Oppen: the braces are off Liz's legs, driving may be without hand controls, and on August 19, Liz, lifelong Chicago Cubs fan, is scheduled to throw out the opening ball against the St. Louis Cardinals at Wrigley Field! This was arranged by the Wilsons' daughter, Mary (who has connections, that's all I know). And—Cubs pitcher Mark Pryor wrote to Liz, to the effect that "...all of us need a goal, and yours now is August 19."

In mid-March, Ben and **Rose Marie**

**Murphy Foley**, Joan Rossi, and Aggie got some Arizona sun and connected with **Patt Gannon Scully** (year-round resident) and also with Paul and **Bev Bierbusse Campbell**. Joan also was able to see her good friend, the Dominican priest, Father Carmen Mele, who was once a 4th-grade student in Joan's first class in Chicago. (Coincidentally, Father Carmen was giving a Lenten talk in Scottsdale, and they were able to meet for a couple of hours.) Joan sent some good pictures, and Murph wrote that "Ben did quite well with three women" (as did Jim Wilson last year!). She also reported that they had attended the baptism in Sioux City, Iowa, of a new granddaughter, and had enjoyed an April to May cruise through the Panama Canal, ending with "a wonderful visit" in San Diego, where "eating places, history, and Balboa Park were great." Small-world item: May 5 was their cruise's shore day in Puerto Vallarta—the day that Dick and I flew home from a week there, at a friends' condo. I would have loved to have had lunch and shown them around a bit. Murph also reported that she and Ben would again attend the annual Shaw Festival in September, in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Canada, and would be joined this year by Aggie Kinnucan and Joan Rossi.

In late April, **Nancy Gibbon Ross** had scheduled her first Arizona visit—to be with Mary Scheetz, see the Grand Canyon,

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On Saturday, August 19, a little more than a year after she suffered a spinal cord injury, Liz Kiley Wilson '54 threw out the first pitch at the Cubs-Cardinals game in Wrigley Field. Her entire family and numerous friends witnessed this joyous event.



and lunch with Patt Scully, Bev Campbell, and **Margaret Griffith Howe**. However, Mary was then at home in Missouri after her grandson's tragic death.

Aggie asks prayers for her eldest, daughter Karen, who is undergoing chemotherapy after surgery for breast cancer. In late May, Aggie had planned to accompany Rena Sereno, as she did last May, on a trip to Greece—this time, Athens, surrounding areas, and the island of Crete. She needed to cancel, however, to be able to help Karen and family in New York during Karen's treatments. I imagine that some other classmates have received from Rena this year, as did I, an interesting/tempting write-up about the travel program presented by Prof. Dmitri Liakos of Northern Illinois University. (Rena has participated in 19 of his travel programs thus far!)

**Erin White Schaefer** and Jerry welcomed their second grandchild, Liliana Miel, born March 24, in Santa Rosa, Calif. They visited son Mark, Elsa, and big brother Mateo very soon after, of course! When we spoke in May, Jerry was recovering slowly from what his doctor termed "completely successful" back surgery—and after three months, Jerry was very glad to have had the surgery. Erin and San Diegoan classmate **Wutzie Leim O'Beirne** talk frequently. All is well with the O'Beirne family—Peggy had been home from Spokane for Mother's Day weekend. Brigid (for whom we were praying some years ago, when she had non-Hodgkins lymphoma) is doing fine now in Portland.

Via both **Sister Terese Fabbri** and Murph Foley, I received an article from the April *Maryknoll* magazine about **Sisters Jo Lucker** and **Lorraine Beinkafner**. Since September 2004, their mission has been at the Texas-Mexico border in El Paso. The article describes and praises their work "...out of the small office of Poder de la Mujer (translated loosely as Empowerment of Women)" helping abused wives of citizens or legal permanent residents in filling out forms to legalize their status. "More than (just) helping women through the bureaucracy, the Sisters are *de facto* counselors." Jo is quoted several times, including, "It's not just filling out papers; it's coming to grips with reality. That's part of the process of regaining (their) dignity. Working with women is mutually enabling."

During the spring, **Jean Zimmerer Thomas** traveled to Boston for the Harvard Law School graduation of a nephew.

**Mary Ann Kramer Campbell** and Tom were in South Bend in April for Donor Recognition Weekend (Madeleva Society meeting at Saint Mary's College and Sorin Society meeting at Notre Dame). The Campbells, **Ann Korb**, and **Bernice Boucher Hopp** and Jim were seated together at the Madeleva dinner, and Ann

and Mary Ann were among the eucharistic ministers at the Madeleva Mass.

I'm grateful to Mary Ann Campbell and Ann Korb for reporting to me on our "interim reunion" during 2006 reunion weekend, June 1-4. "Perfect weather, wonderful banquet and events," and of course happy to see each other—as well as their 1956 little sisters, who were celebrating their 50th reunion.

Ann had dinner Friday night with **Mary Endress Minielli** and **Gloria Kennedy Hermann**, while Mary Ann attended the "Older than Golden" dinner with **President Carol Ann Mooney '72**. This was Mary Minielli's third consecutive spring on the campus. After attending our 50th reunion in 2004, she then attended graduation last year, when (as you may recall from our fall '05 column) her niece, **Dr. Janet Endress Squires '72**, was commencement speaker.

**Suzanne Mulvihill Higdon** and **Lois Langford Berry** attended the Sunday liturgy at the Church of Loretto. **Rody Oppenheim Dilenschneider** sent a letter for our hospitality room at the Inn at Saint Mary's. (Rody and Jack had recently welcomed their 24th grandchild!)

Tom Campbell, ND '54, was at Notre Dame for the reunion weekend, and attended the Sunday brunch at Saint Mary's with Mary Ann and their daughter, **Maureen Campbell Lopina '81**, who was attending her 25th reunion.

You will know from the *Courier* report on reunion that one of our little sisters, **C.C. Shaughnessy Nessinger '56**, received the Distinguished Alumna Award for 2006. And you'll enjoy that **Mary Kay Shanahan Cesarone '56**, at the Golden class's Friday night activities, read a (supposed) letter from Sister Madeleva, "almost as good as Aggie," according to my sources. One of Sister's comments was that nowadays the students wear jeans to class, and jeans to church—and some times, they even have holes in them!

Tough act to follow, but, as usual, I'll close with some Sullivan news: For 10 days in February, we visited the French Polynesian islands of Tahiti, Bora Bora, Moorea, Huahine, and Raiatea—from a cruise ship that began at and returned to Papeete, Tahiti. We found them to be beautiful, mountainous, lush, colorful islands with very interesting history. Next up: renting a large house near Prague for a week with five other couples with whom we often travel, followed by driving with some of them through Poland (including visiting Pope John Paul II's home area of Krakow) and Germany. Also, we two will again visit our "German daughter" and her darling family near Nuremberg. (Sinje was an exchange student with us when she was 16 and our Erin and Amy were 15 and 13.)

Grandchildren.....remember, most of you have many more than we and have

had them longer! I will try to be brief, but... Amy's dark and handsome Anthony is 13, and his summer theatre group will do *The Sound of Music* this year. Twenty-one-month Chloe continues to be a joy to us all. Brought home from China in June 2005 by parents Erin and Ben, she is happy, bright, healthy, outgoing—such a blessing.

Do write, phone, e-mail—keep in touch. (For now, please use both e-mail addresses, as we're not sure which we'll keep.)

'56

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To those of our class who were unable to attend reunion, I hope this column can begin to convey the wonderful time we all had. To those of you who were there, I hope this helps keep the memory alive.

Perhaps the highlight of our gathering was the beautiful class Mass celebrated by Father Chuck Dahm, **Mary Dahm Kearney's** brother, on Friday evening in the magnificent chapel of Le Mans Hall. Father went to a lot of trouble researching just what life was like in 1956—he touched many a chord and brought more than a few chuckles to the class members in attendance. A beautiful ceremony accompanied the reading of the list of deceased class members, and a white rose was placed in a vase for each of the departed classmates. Members of the class formed a choir under the direction of **Gayle Baumer Foy**, and the liturgy was truly enhanced with this magnificent music. After Mass, a reception and dinner for our class were held in Stapleton Lounge. This was hosted for us by President **Carol Ann Mooney '72**. Those of our class who had never heard President Mooney speak were greatly impressed with this woman, the first lay alumna president of Saint Mary's College. All agreed that the future of the College is in very capable hands.

All of us stayed at the Inn at Saint Mary's and enjoyed the hospitality room provided for us. Thanks to **Bunni Griffin** and her committee, the room was decorated with pictures, yearbooks, and other 1956 memorabilia. **Mary Lee Wheeler Schuler** also provided CDs with music of the 1950s—and we knew all the songs! On Friday night, after our dinner, **Mary Kay Shanahan Cesarone** had a hilarious evening prepared for us with games and prizes and a surprise visit from, of all people, Helen Hayes! (She looked a lot like Gayle Foy.) **Carolyn Greives Kelley** again brought her grey wool uniform and, yes, it still fits her perfectly. Gayle Foy won the prize for the one in attendance who has the most

children (10), and many of us vied for the prize for the one who still has her own teeth! **Joanne Griffith McGrath** won for being the alumna who traveled the farthest—she came from San Francisco. Other California attendees were **Jean Kimmet Jackman**, Mary Kearney, and **Pat Garvey McCann**. We also had a few southern attendees: **Anne Tetaz Bloom** from Fort Lauderdale and **Jackie Smith St. Vincent** from Key West.

On Thursday night, before the festivities really started, those of us who were early arrivals all had dinner at Sunny Italy, better known to us as Rosie's. We had a private room for the 24 of us, and Saint Mary's College provided a bus for our convenience. The spaghetti tasted the same as it did 50 years ago—fantastic!

Some of the attendees hadn't been to the campus in many years and were amazed at the growth and the magnificence of the College today. A wonderful young woman from the Admission Office took us on a bus tour of the campus. Can you imagine living in an apartment on campus in senior year? And, the new student center/dining hall/bookstore is not to be believed.

Most of our classmates are now retired from various careers. However, it seems that not one of us is taking any rest! **Carolyn Flynn Fay** works with Hospice. Jackie St. Vincent works with a government-funded organization that supervises nutrition for women and children. Carolyn Kelly is a wine expert who actually teaches sommeliers! Many of us are hospital and clinic volunteers at Betty Ford Center and Mayo Clinic. **Maureen McCormack Slosar** still puts on dramatic productions in her community. It seems that each one of us is involved in community and/or church activities.

Who else was there? **Lambie Froats Jordan** from St. Paul, Minn., **Jane Doyle Burke** and **Marie Gillespie Egan** from the Chicago area, **Joan Mette Reddy** (who gave an inspirational invocation at our dinner on Friday night) and her former roommate, **Paula Rochon Egged**. Paula also kept our wine supply flowing—many thanks, Paula. Remember **Connie Kundert McDowell** from North Dakota? Connie has become a reunion regular. The Detroit area sent **Mary Jo West Mason**, **Carol Jasper Markley**, and **Joyce Dyckes Slavsky** and her husband, **Anne Thiede Crete** and her husband, who is now an honorary member of the class, came down from Essexville, Mich. Indianapolis was represented by **Peggy Brennan McNamara**, Carolyn Fay, and **Jane Harris Conley**. They also brought a request for prayers for **Ann Marbaugh**, also from Indianapolis, who is very ill.

**Julie Gibbons Revane** roomed with **Sheila Siebert Gallagher**. Sheila behaved beautifully this time, and I didn't have to resurrect the pictures

from our 45<sup>th</sup> reunion to keep her in line. **Maryjeanne Ryan Burke** roomed with **Sheila Conlin Brown**. Sheila Brown's husband, Dick, was at Notre Dame celebrating his 50<sup>th</sup>, as was Bill Brennan, husband of **Barb Schettig Brennan**. The ladies tried to divide up the time, but I know they spent most of the days at Saint Mary's.

I know I haven't named every one in attendance. If any of you need to know the whole list, please contact me, and I will send you a list of attendees.

The closing banquet was held on Saturday evening in the new dining hall. At this dinner, it was announced that our class tied for the highest participation in donations to the Reunion Fund. We tied with the Class of 1961, with 53 percent contributing to the fund. All in all, thanks to a very active and unselfish committee, we amassed over \$50,000 for our class scholarship. The Lilly Endowment added \$75,000 to our total, bringing our 1956 Scholarship Fund to \$125,000. This gift was presented to President Mooney on Friday night at our dinner. I am most grateful to all of you who donated time and treasure to make this astounding amount come to pass.

I am sorry that all of you weren't able to attend this truly memorable weekend. Again, if I neglected to mention you in this article, it was not done with any malice aforethought. Please write or e-mail me and express your anger—I would love to hear from you.

Love you all, C.C.

'58

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Early in March, I received a beautiful letter from **Carolyn Sidley Martin** telling of the death of her beloved husband, Ray, on Feb. 14, from multiple myeloma and myelo dysplastic syndrome, which he had battled for seven years. The newspaper article referred to Ray as a "gentleman's gentleman" with a great love of family and also a person who could just sit down and talk to people on any level—whether a corporate CEO or a truck driver. "He leaves our large extended families with a light transferred," wrote Carolyn. She went on to say, "with God's grace and the love that is pouring out from those who knew and loved Ray, we will go on in strength as he would want." But there is sadness and confusion, and grandson Eric, 4, asked his mother to "go get PaPa." On behalf of the class, I send condolences to Carolyn and her family.

**Ann Harris Mohun** arrived yesterday (June 20) for a week's stay. We, of course, have not stopped talking and laughing and don't intend to! Ann stopped

overnight in San Francisco for a visit with family and then came directly to South Bend to visit with Bruno and Alice Schlesinger. She and I plan to visit Bruno each afternoon for a couple of hours and compare notes on Christian Culture/Humanistic Studies—the old version and the new. I'll let you know how things go in my next column. From here, Ann goes to Geneva, Switzerland, for a visit with her son, Charlie. When she returns to Australia she will build her dream house—designed by her for her. Sounds like a wonderful project.

**Bert Massey Platten** sent a cheery note. The picture in this past *Courier* with Bert and cohorts at **Kay O'Meara Walper's** cottage was great. Bert has just returned from visiting her youngest daughter, son-in-law, and three grandchildren on their 800-acre stud farm in Australia. Between visiting oldest daughter and family in Atlanta, two children in Denver, and a daughter, son-in-law, and two grandchildren in Kansas City, Kan., as well as youngest son Peter and his wife in Los Angeles, Bert and husband Bill have a busy time. But Bert additionally manages to do volunteer work, play tennis, and garden.

**Martie Slavin Fogarty, Joannie Drymalski Heuel, Patti Rogan Beckman, Kay Duffy O'Leary**, and I had lunch in Chicago and discussed taking a trip together. **Pat Hurley McMahon** picked up on the idea and has gathered a group of 16 of our classmates who will take the Saint Mary's College trip to Tuscany in November. I'll get the scoop from Pat after the group returns and then pass it along. Happy summer and fall.

'60

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April 6 was the meeting of the Chicago Luncheon Club, and the roundtable discussion was invigorating. **Diane Zarantonello Sullivan, Suzanne Shay Saletta, Nancy O'Toole Doppke, Jane Simpson Kiep, Nancy Prawdzik Kidder**, and **Maureen Hogan Lang** hashed over the winter, which we had survived rather well. Nancy Kidder had spent time with **Mary Pat Cahill Bowers** in Naples, Fla., tooling around in Mary Pat's new VW convertible. **Pat Donovan Dowd** and Ed will spend some time in June near Maureen Lang and Bob in Three Rivers, Mich., as the central meeting point for three of Pat and Ed's Midwest daughters (two of whom are expecting babies). That's all, folks. Please send script!

## class clips



Members of the Class of 1970 gathered for a mini-reunion in April. They had lunch at the Walnut Room at Marshall Field's in Chicago. Front row: Sara Bateman Koehler. Second row: Donna Halbert Bachtel, Noralee Angeli Petrucelli, Marcia Frasor Blum, and Sue Strittmatter. Third row: Kathy Bernard Franzel and Rosie Rinella Stocky.

'66

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New energies swept through Saint Mary's College with the beginning of the presidency of **Carol Ann Mooney '72**. On Saturday of reunion weekend, many from the Class of 1966 attended a speech given by the new president, highlighting the past, present, and future of the College. We were inspired and thankful that our College continues to play an important role in the Catholic education of young women.

About forty 1966 classmates returned to campus to spend two nights in Le Mans Hall. **Kitchie Talbot Corbett** traveled from Canada. **Pinks Wilke London** came from the Big Apple. **Carrie Condran LaBriola** and **Carolyn Hart Irvine** left the sun of California to experience a fabulous weekend in South Bend.

**Barbara Borchers Bernath** and **Elaine Amann Mayeux** came on Friday and left Saturday morning so, with their husbands, they could attend a wedding reception in Central Park.

**Mary Beth Scheid West** and **Sharon Priester Lewert** arrived on Saturday to attend the Bruno Schlesinger forum. At the same time,

many classmates heard **Anne Sheehan Garbarino** speak on her volunteer work in the Dominican Republic. **Judy Spinner Johns** spoke on Friday about her position as CEO of the Holy Cross Sisters. **Marty Crikelair Wohlford** followed with a talk about her book and life experiences.

**Liz Bermingham Lacy** now represents the class on the Alumnae Board, so she listened all weekend to classmates' concerns and kudos.

Old roommates remembered old times. **Jane McCoach McKee** and **Mary Dunn Finneran** shared a room overlooking the little lake. **Mary Grieb** and **Diane Sulzbach Pexa** were just across the hall. **Sue Scanlan Eiben, Kay Casellini Wasinger**, and Carolyn Irvine bunked in a triple. Kay left a conference in upper Michigan to arrive on Saturday for the picnic. **Pinks London** returned to relive her life with **Louann Kennedy Keenan** and **Diane Connel Robinson** as roommates. Louann and Diane are neighbors in Hinsdale, Ill.

**Pat Harvey Howells** shared the weekend experience with her daughter, **Barbara Howells Boukater '96**. **Pat Hilger Zeigler** met with her sister, **Mimi Hilger Haerle '56**, throughout the weekend. Kay Wasinger visited with her older sister, **Claire Casellino Geil '61**, also.

**Jackie Gatz** brought old pictures that caused us to giggle at how young we

looked. **Ellen DeRaedt Hoover** passed around the pictures from past reunions. We chuckled at the way the clothes styles changed every year.

Before the big banquet, the southerners (mostly Atlanta residents) classmates posed for a group picture that included Pat Howell, Jane McKee, **Carol Smither Mansfield**, and **Carla Johnson Lewis**.

Many classmates signed in as retired. **Kate O'Hara Aubert** continues to work as a geriatric social worker. **Carol Senda Damaso** devotes her time to the Scottsdale Public Library. **Pat Guccione Conway** completed her run as an elementary teacher in a distant suburb of Chicago. **Ronnie Henahan Hagerty** is a director at the United Way of the Texas Gulf Coast. **Mary K. Roberts Nelson** recently sold her computer training and consulting business in Houston.

**Jeanne Konzen Rowe** told about her son, Paul, who took his final vows as a Trappist in Portland, Ore.

The reunion weekend was a pleasure from beginning to end. **Maureen Rodgers Budetti** shared her grand sense of humor. **Sheila Beirne Conry** captured her classmates' pictures on her cell phone. **Kathie Donovan Dur** styled totally the whole weekend. **Alana McGrattan** spoke of her life with the Indians. At the brunch on Sunday, I had the pleasure of sitting next to **Teresse Morton Krause**, who lives in Bloomfield Hills, Mich.

On Saturday night, after the grand banquet, the majority of our class gathered in the new student lounge to discuss Anne Lamott's *Traveling Mercies*. Mary Finneran led the discussion that featured Anne Lamott's thoughts on faith as well as the thoughts of those attending the session. The 40 classmates who attended the 40th reunion gathered in sunshine and camaraderie and left instilled with spirit for the class of 1966 and Saint Mary's College.

At an impromptu meeting at midnight on Saturday, our class decided to encourage greater attendance at the 45th or 50th reunion. We also promised to work for greater participation in donations to the future of our college. And we hope to begin that work now.

'68

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**Pat Sitlington** included on her promised "update" that she continues to "love my job, the university, and the town." As a professor in the department of special education at the University of

Northern Iowa, she works mainly with full-time and part-time graduate students currently teaching or preparing to teach adolescents and adults with disabilities. She is also involved in a major, state-wide research project related to transition to adult life. Her other passion is golf, for which she hoped the summer would give her more time. Pat should be celebrated for writing a college textbook (*Transition Education and Services for Students with Disabilities*) used in higher education courses and community programs to help students with disabilities prepare for transition to adult life.

It was ironic that after about a week after meeting and speaking with her sister, **Mary Caryl Condran LaBriola '66**, at the Thursday events for Reunion 2006, **Catie Condran Geist** contacted me for more information about **Sally Blackley Clemmer**. Here are updates on both. First, Catie: Her wedding to now Triple Domer John Geist BA ND '66, MA ND '68, and Ph.D. ND '70 was June 4, 1968, the Tuesday following our Saturday graduation and the Sunday master's degrees ceremony. They lived in South Bend while John finished his doctorate and she worked in the Hesburgh Library. They then moved to Monterey, Calif., while John taught EE at the naval postgraduate school. On Nov. 1, 1972, with son David, they moved to Palm Bay, Fla., where John worked for Radiation, Inc., now the Harris Corporation (by which he was named a 2003 Harris Fellow). More recently, David married Jenny Bergenzer (daughter of **Mary Jo Archer Bregenzer**) and lives in Inverness, Ill., with their three children. Daughter Amy (Jacksonville University 1998 MA Ball State 2000) works in Student Activities under the Golden Dome and lives in South Bend.

Catie has been living in Palm Bay, Fla., for 33 years, enjoying country dancing since January 1980, and now working as a substitute teacher as well as a proofreader for Graphics Art Center, producer of brochures and large-size displays and newsletters sent to a print shop.

Catie's love of dancing began as a student in a local adult education class. She took courses and exams in Florida to earn her certification to teach Scottish country dancing. Catie was also inspired to assist in forming an English country dancing group on a separate night, so she is performing as many as four nights a week. She teaches Scottish, English, and international dance at the Shepherd Center, a daytime venue for lifelong learning in a variety of classes serving area seniors. Her group also performs at many retirement homes, inviting seniors to join in some of the less complicated dances. The dancers range from age 30 to 80, with most students over age 50.

I was glad for the opportunity to learn Catie's reaction to a proposed panel

discussion for Reunion 2008 on topics related to health and wellness, family care-giving, and financial preparation for all alumnae of all ages. Catie would be happy to lead a dance session at our 40th reunion if you think women would like to learn some dances. Perhaps she can encourage **Mary Munsell Abroe** and **Mary Halpin**, with whom she had dinner in Chicago in May, to send their suggestions for reunion and news for the next *Courier*.

Now, Sally: Sally Blackley Clemmer wrote in May that she and Dayne had returned from their Mediterranean cruise. Perhaps she could contribute to a panel discussion with travel tips for all ages. I had forgotten to mention that she is still using her Saint Mary's College degree in elementary education—teaching school groups on trips to the local utility about how the company works to preserve turtles and their habitats. Sally had hoped they had left hurricanes behind when moving, but she and Dayne are still reluctant to travel during hurricane season. Classmates may want to contact Sally about her strategy for winning the first-prize trip to the Bahamas in the *Marin County Home News* contest last year.

Despite living in South Bend since September, I had only been able to exchange e-mails with **Sharon O'Connell Gultinan** (Joseph ND '67) in the fall, unable to venture to campus for her pre-game tailgates. Richard and I were finally able to reciprocate this hospitality during a delicious meal the Saturday of Madeleva Weekend. Sharon's daughter, **Jennifer Gultinan Urbach '91**, was coming home for Reunion 2006 and to run in the local marathon that weekend. (I also attended this at once energizing and exhausting 72 hours of reminiscing about the past, living in the present, and looking to our futures and that of Saint Mary's College, but there will not be space in this report for most of my remembrances from this sabbatical year.)

**Kathy Huisking Sullivan** and I have been exchanging e-mails more frequently since she called about the Madeleva Society in spring 2005. She and Steve have been traveling a good deal since he retired: Colorado for two weeks, Portugal for three, Florida for two, South Bend for my Madeleva Committee meeting and the Notre Dame/UT game, and back to Florida for Thanksgiving, then leaving for Denver on Dec. 15 for Christmas with her son and his girlfriend, who joined them at the Fiesta Bowl before her return home on Jan. 5.

At the College's Donor Recognition Weekend, I was able to speak briefly with **Margaret O'Connor** and a bit longer with **Ann McMahon Sutliff**. I was not able to speak with **Harriett Hillebrand Cronin** that weekend but did manage to do that before the honors convocation at the hooding ceremony for her daughter, **Moir Cronin '06** (business

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# A l u m n a e class news

administration), and our niece/godchild, **Elizabeth Christopher Palasky '06**, (BA economics, *magna cum laude*) both honors graduates from the Department of Business Administration and Economics. The week after graduation, the Cronins moved Moira to Memphis, where she will launch her career in banking.

A past e-mail response from **Stephanie "Stevie" Wernig** had reported: "As you know, I am at Creighton, Nebraska's Jesuit institution. After 18 years as an associate vice president in student services, I will become the director of institutional research on July 1. I am looking forward to new responsibilities, as well as a new view from the 'academic' side of the institution." Stevie and I were among alumnae attending the open discussion of current campus life and the session on philanthropy, both of which make clear that your support of Saint Mary's College is a wise investment in "Educating Women, Transforming Lives."

**Karen Huisking Coffey** wrote after her return from England for the retirement celebration of Steve ND '68, husband of her sister, Kathy Sullivan. She continues to teach middle school math and science in a Catholic school in Boston. Along with neighbor **Penny Wingeier Sullivan**, she keeps in touch with **Sue Deddish Mazilauskas**.

**Judy Miles** can add alumnae to her list of friends in Bahrain, Istanbul, Barbados, Puerto Rico, England, Martha's Vineyard, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Florida, Tacoma, New Jersey, Connecticut, and Illinois. She had written last spring before she and Bill began what had been their annual relocation (late June to late August) to the island of monkeys and mangos. Recovery from her two-stage podiatric surgery requires a convalescence, so Judy's next Bahamian class news must be deferred until 2007. The New York Metro Mass Choir had performed its spring concert at Town Hall in Manhattan on May 13 to a sold-out house of 1600, a phenomenal evening in all respects. Check www.NYC1 for CD availability. Unfortunately, this was the group's last performance, as the director decided to explore other options. "Singing with this group was an extraordinarily fulfilling experience for me in terms of the diversity of music we performed, the diversity of the membership, and the community service we undertook together." In only four years: four CD recordings, national and local TV appearances, and performances at numerous New York City benefits.

**Kathleen Bradley O'Bryan** wrote in fall 2005 that she continues as her parish director of religious education; Cliff continues in insurance. They are now proud grandparents of two girls with another on the way any day. The family all misses Kathy's mother, who died April 16,

2005, after an illness not diagnosed as terminal.

**Judy Leahey Lundin** wrote: "Our news is that we are finally grandparents! On April 14, our daughter, Christen, and her husband, Rick, had a baby boy: Dalton Montgomery Dunn. Last summer, we had two teenage boys from France come for a visit under a program called Nacel. We went to France in October and spent time with each of their families. After all the times we have visited as tourists, it was a great experience to actually have the opportunity to live (and eat!) with 'real' French families. This summer, one of the boys is coming back with his family and my worst fear is—what will I feed them?!"

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**From the Courier Office: Addie Stefanac Cashore** writes: "My heart aches for two members of our class who have recently suffered tragic losses. **Diane Daly McGarry's** brother, Michael Daly ND '82, age 45, was the victim of a shooting spree in Sacramento, Calif., in March. **Anne Meagher Northup's** son, Joshua, 30, died suddenly in Louisville, Ky., on July 11 from an undiagnosed heart ailment.

Michael Daly was shot while leaving a restaurant following a birthday celebration for his mother, **Martha Abberger Daly '41**. A drug-crazed gunman opened fire outside the restaurant, randomly hitting Michael and two other victims. Michael was declared brain-dead five days later on March 30. He was married and the father to a son, 6, and a daughter, 3.

After Joshua Northup failed to show up for work the second day in a row, co-workers became concerned and called his father, Woody ND '70, who discovered him. Although he had been taking medication for high blood pressure, there was nothing to indicate any related heart problems. Josh worked at Humana Inc. in Louisville and was not married. He is survived by three brothers and two sisters, including **Katie Northup '95**. He was the grandson of **Floy Terstegge Meagher '43** and the nephew of seven alumnae aunts, all sisters of Anne.

Please remember Diane and Anne in your prayers. If you would like to send condolences, please feel free to e-mail me at [acashore@saintmarys.edu](mailto:acashore@saintmarys.edu) and I will send you their addresses. During sad times, keeping in touch with the Saint Mary's family is a tremendous comfort.

Our class reporter, Patti Walters, and I would love to hear from you. Happy news such as grandchildren, travel, work, or retirement is preferred, but all news is important and appreciated. And don't

hesitate to visit me in my office in the east wing of Le Mans if you are on campus."

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Well, dear classmates—you almost had a blank column in this issue since I did not have any new news. Then, a chance meeting gave me a small item to report.

I was in the Palm City, Fla., post office packaging up two baby gifts when someone called my name. I looked up and there, in line, was **Gloria "Daisy" Duckworth Davis!** She and husband Carl purchased a winter home in a beautiful community that is only about 10 minutes from my home. Their home had hurricane damage, and they have not been able to spend any amount of time there—just flying in and out to supervise repairs and renovations. She and Carl will be back next winter to escape the New Jersey winter, and I hope to see her then. Daisy and I go way back—we went to grade school together in Akron, Ohio (along with **Maureen Walsh Fender**). Daisy moved away, and we lost contact until we all ended up at Saint Mary's College. Stranger still, I was visiting my mom in Ohio last month and saw a picture of Daisy—I think we were in our Brownie Scout uniforms. Maybe it was an omen! Daisy and I talked about our reunion next June—number 35 is coming up, ladies, so get ready.

I would love to hear from any of you with updates on your life. My usual sources (aka Claire, Katie, Frances, Martha, Chris, and Heather) failed me this time—so it is up to you! As always, I send you my love—Missy.

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We need your news...while you are thinking if it...e-mail me at [jbirkettct@yahoo.com](mailto:jbirkettct@yahoo.com). As I write this, I am off for a vacation with my family to visit my husband's family in England for several family events and then going to Ireland to visit my brother, Kevin, who recently moved to Dublin. My stepson will be on an exchange program in Australia by the time you read this, and I hope to also have visited my sister-in-law in Verona, Italy, where she lives. The world seems smaller when you have family and friends spread across it, doesn't it? Do we have international residents from our freshmen class of September 1970? We'd love to hear from you.

**Jan Gabler Cranfield** called recently and told me several stories of her work at school where she continues to shine in special education in Lafayette, La. Fortunately, Jan is a person with a big heart who can laugh through the tears, as she shares some of the stories of her day-to-day trials and tribulations at this school for challenged children.

Recently, **Judie Moore Green** was honored with a "Patron of the Arts Award" for the work she has done with the Mount Carmel Academy in Chicago. Over the years, she has created an annual Broadway show that not only is enjoyed by the entire community but also raises money for the school. Here's a big "well done" cheer for Judie from her Saint Mary's College classmates. Attending this special event were several of Judie's classmates, including **Mary Ellen Raphael, Jackie Schimizzi Ehlert, Eileen Lynch Fahey '79**, and many local friends and family. Jackie also noted that her son, Michael, 6<sup>th</sup> grade, and Judie's son, Michael, 8<sup>th</sup> grade, both participated in this year's Broadway Melodies program. Jackie herself was the "Yearbook Queen" (not to be confused with actually working on one in 1974) in that she was the editor of the Mount Carmel Academy yearbook this year and last year.

**Vanessa Gerwels Heimgartner** recently wrote to note that, after 14 years in real estate, she purchased a franchise called Assist2sell and is very, very busy with the resultant success. She employs five people in this endeavor, and feels Saint Mary's College helped in grooming her to run her own business. Her husband, Gary, is a pharmacist, and by the time you read this her stepson should have made her a grandmother. She doesn't feel old enough to have that title, however. She enjoys golf, travel, and karate when she finds the time.

**Natalie Dwyer-Haller** has been elected president of the board of trustees of her *alma mater*, Mercyhurst Preparatory School, in Erie, Pa. Her daughter Kate graduated from the school this spring and is now a freshman at Marquette, while her younger daughters, twins Carolyn and Colleen, are freshmen at Mercyhurst. Natalie is an attorney with the Pennsylvania Superior Court, the state's intermediate appellate court. She also serves as chair of the board of directors at the Community Blood Bank of Northwest Pennsylvania and Western New York, and as a trustee of the Saint Vincent Health Center Foundation Board. Although she has not had as much time for non-work-related writing as she would like, she did have an essay included in the 2005 publication, *Saint Mary's College: Her Memories Beyond the Avenue*. The essay, which is a brief reminiscence of our four years at Saint Mary's College, was divided into three sections for inclusion in the book, and appears on pages 36, 75, and 125.

# class clips



Nancy L. Samberg '83 was one of four catechists recognized in May by Francis Cardinal George and the Archdiocese of Chicago for her outstanding ministry at the Archdiocesan Catechetical Ministries. Pictured from left: Kate O'Keefe Flores '83, Cardinal George, Nancy Samberg, and Jim Brault, a colleague of Nancy's in the Religious Education Program at Saints Faith, Hope & Charity in Winnetka, Ill.

The Florida hurricanes drove one of our own, **Jacqueline Leskovec**, to a decision to move back to Chicago in the past year. She and her partner, JoAnne, have relocated to the Windy City (but I imagine, considerably less windy than Florida!) where they are both employed as librarians. Jackie is outreach and evaluation coordinator for the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Greater Midwest Region at the University of Illinois at Chicago. They are enjoying the cultural activities that Chicago can offer now that they've made the move back to becoming urbanites vs. suburbanites. I know a few other classmates of ours are making the same decisions...packing up the suburbs and moving back to real life. (I'm just kidding...I'm still stuck in the 'burbs myself...but watchfully eyeing New York City condos every single Sunday in the real estate section.)

**Judy Rauenhorst Mahoney** wrote to let us know that her daughter, **Anne Mahoney '05**, graduated last May from Saint Mary's College and is working for Hill and Knolton in Chicago. As for the rest of the brood, Joe graduated from the University of St. Thomas last May. Peter is a junior at the University of Portland in Oregon and just returned from a year of study in Salzburg. Charlie is a freshman at Notre Dame. Her sister-in-law, Karen Rauenhorst, received an honorary degree from Notre Dame on May 21.

Judy's company, Teach Me..., celebrated 21 years of publishing foreign language books and audios for kids. Visit [www.teachmetapes.com](http://www.teachmetapes.com) for more information. Judy enjoys seeing Saint Mary's College alumnae at the Twin Cities Book Club meetings hosted by former President Marilou Eldred.

## REUNION May 31-June 3, 2007

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Hello, all you '82ers. Our big, fat 25<sup>th</sup> reunion is coming up. Are you in? Come on, this is your opportunity to re-live, re-vive, re-new...plus re-acquaint yourselves with the dynamic women you met 28 autumns ago. How can you not go? What else do you have to do? The laundry? A meeting? A school function for your kids? Really. This opportunity will not come again. You owe it to yourself, your parents, and your freshmen roomies who had to put up with you. You owe it to those women who are no longer with us. Get out the dog books, the photo albums, the glass mugs, and what ever else you have squirreled away. We want a large number of our classmates to attend.

Last one there has to run a lap around Lake Marian. Your name will be

on the blackboard in Le Mans....and not for flowers! "Take your college and its teachings with you to your world, with its bewildered, battered and beaten queries. Answer them with your faith, your hope. Best of all, answer them with your love."

First one to e-mail me with the name of the author of the above quote will receive a prize. Bonus: Where on campus can you find this saying?

P.S.: '82 in '07.

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**From the Courier Office: Cordulla Arunga** sent the following from Africa: "I moved back to my hometown: Hoima. I am teaching French and English at a public secondary school, the Kitara Secondary School. I like my job, and as a teacher of French, I received a scholarship for one month in France last year. I had a great and enriching experience there. Also, I adopted a little girl who is now 7 years old. She is a darling and doing well at school."

'86

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Our 20-year reunion was wonderful. We had perfect weather and enjoyed the company of about 86 women from the class of '86. Great turnout. It was a treat to visit with so many of you.

**Francie White Quigley** traveled from Atlanta for the reunion. Francie finished six years of service on the Alumnae Board—flying in twice a year for meetings. Francie said she was frequently either pregnant or had a new baby with her, but (next to) never missed a meeting. That is quite a feat, Francie! Thanks for your years of service, and thanks to her husband, Christopher, for his support. Francie writes that her occupation is "M.O.M.—Molder of Men," since she is the mother of five boys: Patrick, Andrew, Phillip, Kevin, and Paul, ages 17 through 4. Francie also mentioned that she likes "competing in sprint triathlons," and listed "walking on the high wire in a circus tent" as a personal triumph.

**Michaeleen Green** was also at reunion. Michaeleen has been promoted to the position of director of medical management and patient safety at Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago. Michaeleen really enjoys her career and living in Chicago.

**Suzanne Saletta Hogarty** also works at Children's Memorial in Chicago,

as the director of major gifts. Suzanne writes that she enjoys seeing Saint Mary's College alums Michaeleen and **Jill Winterhallen Fraggos '88** at work. Suzanne and Michael have two darling boys (I saw photos), Sean, 5, and Stephen, 3. Suzanne writes, "I am thrilled to be coming to our 20<sup>th</sup> reunion. I remember being a sophomore in high school when my mom, **Suzanne Shay Saletta '60**, attended her 20<sup>th</sup> reunion at Saint Mary's College. She came home on Sunday talking about how much fun she had renewing those friendships again." I'm sure Suzanne went home from her reunion saying the same thing!

**Linda DiDomenico** enjoyed the reunion as well. Linda is a podiatrist in Austintown, Ohio.

**Jacquelyn Kinney Monte** came from St Joseph, Mich., to attend reunion. Jackie is married to Anthony and they have three children: Samuel, 16, Sarah, 14, and Hannah, 12.

**Kathi Hartweger Mimplitz** enjoyed the reunion and seeing many friends. Kathi has her law degree from Saint Louis University but is home with Jack, 12, Michael, 11, and Mary Kate, 6. Kathi, John, and family live in Ballwin, Mo.

Another classmate attending reunion was **Anne Karnatz Manno**. Having earned her master's at The Ohio State University, Anne is an instructor in the English department at Cuyahoga Community College, in Parma, Ohio. Anne and Joe ND '86 are busy with Michael, 14, twins Elizabeth and Thomas, 10, and John, 7, in Rocky River, Ohio.

**Lisa DiNero Sampson** came from Aurora, Ohio, for the reunion. Lisa is a banker at National City Bank. Lisa and Bill

have a daughter, Hannah, age 12.

**Lora Devery Cogliani** journeyed from Winchester, Mass., for reunion. Lora notes that she, husband Nicholas, and children Andrew, 10, and Caroline, 12, will be moving to Arizona this summer.

**Debra Bryant Tetzloff** came to reunion with her husband. Debra has her master's degree in counseling from Xavier University. Debra worked in social work for six years and is now home in Cincinnati with sons Alex, 10, and Adam, 5.

**Carmella Traffcanda Hurlbut** flew in from West Hills, Calif., to attend the reunion. Cami is a teacher at Saint Bernadine's Catholic School in Woodland Hills. For her personal triumph, Cami writes, "I earned my master's degree while teaching and raising five kids at the same time. Graduation was May 7. Yeah!" Great job! Cami attended Loyola Marymount University. Cami and Phillip's children are Rita, Ned, Toby, Gus, and Lucy.

**Tess Guarino Lipo** attended reunion. Tess and Frank ND '87 live in Oak Park, Ill., with their three girls, ages 12, 10, and 7. Tess continues to work as a fundraising consultant for Columbia College in Chicago.

**Lisa Wozneak To** came to reunion from Warren, Pa. Lisa is a registered nurse at Hospice of Warren County. Lisa, who is married to Peter To, earned her M.B.A. through Gannon University.

**Susan Miller Schilling** came to reunion from Kansas City, Mo. Susie, Nick ND '86 and their five children, Katherine, Patrick, Nicholas, Megan, and Christopher, were at the reunion picnic. Susie has taken on a new challenge and has recently earned her real estate license. The family celebrated high school

# Alumnae class news

and grade school graduations and even a First Communion this spring. They are excited that their daughter Katherine will attend Notre Dame this fall.

**Cynthia Janus Kloc** is a compensation consultant for St. Vincent Health Center in Indianapolis. Cindy and Daniel have two children, Megan, 16, and Collin, 12. Cindy lists her personal triumph as "being blessed with a wonderful husband and two children, while balancing a successful and rewarding career."

**Carolyn Reppa Blocher** attended reunion. Carolyn is a teacher in Munster, Ind. She and David have two children, Matthew, 12, and Mary Elizabeth, 10.

**Joyce Tadevich Newhall** caught the tail end of reunion. Joyce, who lives in Mishawaka, writes that she is "loving my latest adventure—being back to work about 30 hours per week after 16 and a half years at home. The bonus is working with Scott" (her husband). "The rest of my hours are spent transporting kids to and from sporting events and piano lessons." Joyce and Scott have four children: Michael, Katie, Stephen, and Jonathan. Joyce listed a personal triumph as "teaching a weekly ladies' Bible Study class to 200 women for the past two years. God gets all the credit for that one!"

**Lauren Bundschuh Buerger** is a publisher for *Fitness Magazine* in New York City. Lauren lists her personal triumph as having triplets. Stephen and Lauren and triplets John, August, and Grace live in Brooklyn.

**Caroline Wittenberg Donohoe** got her Ed.M. at Harvard Graduate School of Education. Caroline works as a project director at Sundance Publishing, Northborough, Mass. Caroline and husband Raymond live in Shrewsbury, Mass.

**Corinne Flores DeTrempe** writes that she and husband Christopher have been living in Fort Worth, Texas, for about nine years. "Chris is director of operations for McDonald's Corp, Southwest Region. Our youngest child just made his First Communion, and our oldest was just confirmed. Our kids are in a variety of sports, piano lessons, and volunteer activities. I volunteer at our schools, church, and food pantry and occasionally substitute teach." Corinne and Chris have five children: Benjamin, Molly, Sam, Louis, and Will.

**Laura Ingallinera Cody** writes a long list for her occupation: "wife, mother, volunteer, chauffeur, therapist, diplomat-at-large, friend, grassroots activist, chef, mender of all things, personal shopper, tutor, personal secretary, cheerleader, and woman of faith!" That covers it all, Laura! Laura and Bill have three children—William, Thomas, and Lauren—and live in Wilton, Conn. Laura shares that she suffered the loss of her father, Rosario Ingallinera, on Nov. 17, 2005. She writes, "It was a wonderful life." Our prayers are with you, Laura.

**Melissa Murata Mash** writes that she is a lawyer working for the Labor Appeals Board for the State of Hawaii. Missy and Bob have a daughter, Jacqueline Halia, 8. Missy writes, "Bob and I have been working as attorneys for the past 14 years. My area of law is workers' compensation, and Bob has done litigation. Bob made a happy career move to real estate and developing. We are busy with Halia's activities (including ballet, swimming, and hula)." The family visits her parents in Honolulu and his family in California, and all get together for a Notre Dame football game each year. Missy says they "work on

their historic home, and volunteer for the American Cancer Society as both president and director." They are active in their parish as well.

**Theresa Hardy Gaffney** writes that she is home with her five kids: Michael, Megan, Marie, Maeve, and Matthew. Therese, Ted, and family live in Wakefield, Mass. Therese writes, "Lori Janko Wilke and I attended Liz Meehan's wedding to Tom Finocchio in the Philadelphia area on Nov. 11, 2005. Liz was a beautiful bride, and their wedding was wonderful."

I enjoyed rooming in Le Mans with **Jeanne Grammens Hidalgo**, dining in the new dining hall with **Janice Bradley Gislason**, Tess Lipo, **Priscilla Karle Pilon**, and **Kristine Anderson Trustey**, our '86 class gift chair. Thanks, and well done, Kristine!

I enjoyed the picnic with Susie Schilling, **Elizabeth Spraul Rogers**, **Susie Avitable Huschke**, **Susie Antonini Affinito**, **Kathleen Juckniess**, **Anne Cushing La Valle**, **Anne-Marie Boblick Maida**, and **Susan Raab Kloberdanz**. Thanks for the ride back from the Notre Dame beer tents, **Stephanie Callendar Frey**!

I enjoyed attending Mass at the Church of Loretto with **KC McGrath Wollenberg**, **Amy Bertucci De Santi**, **Anne Manno**, **Kelly Portolese Murphy**, and Jeanne. The new dining hall and student center are beautiful! It was an awesome reunion.

Mike ND '84 and I are in the middle of a move to Downers Grove, Ill., during July. Hope to see some Chicago area alumnae soon.

If you haven't sent in our reunion update, please do, so we can hear your news. More updates next time. I'm out of room. God bless.

summer and was welcomed into several Saint Mary's College alumnae homes along the way. **Kathy Fugate Yonker** showed my son and me around St. Louis; **Elizabeth Murphy** let us crash in her very swank Philadelphia apartment."

Elizabeth Murphy sends this update, "Last April I moved to Philadelphia from northern New Jersey. Single and loving it. Changed careers after 18 years! Since graduation I had been working in the professional theatre and, for the past 10 years, as a producer of new plays (mostly for nonprofit theatres in New York and New Jersey), but I did a year or so working on a couple of Broadway shows as well. Anyway, I am now the executive director of the American Liver Foundation's Delaware Valley Chapter, based in Philadelphia. I changed careers after my dad passed away from his battle with liver disease, and the experience of caring for him had a profound change on me. I had to come here and do this work."

"In June 2004, I was accepted into the Stanford University Graduate School of Business' Executive Education Program for Nonprofit Leaders in the Arts. They took only 54 people from around the world. It was an amazing experience."

"Anne Borgman and I recently saw each other after 10 long years. That was heaven! And she still looks the same! We have kept in touch but hadn't seen each other. Mary Kay Scheid and I saw each other last summer, and we keep in touch regularly. She's terrific."

"This June I turn 40 and I'm going into the Grand Canyon. Yes, on a mule, eight miles down. I'll be staying at the Havasupai Indian Reservation, which has three waterfalls. Can't wait to hike the Canyon and swim in the waterfalls. Last summer, as a goodbye to my 30s, I went skydiving in Sedona, Ariz.,...jumped 14,000 feet out of a plane. It was fantastic."

From Zionsville, Ind., **Anne Farrell McKay** writes, "I celebrated my 40th by running a half marathon in Kiawah Island, S.C., Dec. 10th (day after my 40th) with girlfriends, spouses, and my family. We had a big party afterwards—it was a blast, no kids. I am still working at Riley Hospital and now Clarian North Hospitals as pediatric cardiologist. I have four children ages 8, 6, 4, and 3. Looking forward to the summer."

Congratulations to **Kelly Ryan Hillery** on the birth of another boy. From East Amherst, N.Y., she writes, "On Dec. 9, 2005, our fifth son was born. Seamus Quinn was 11 pounds, 2 ounces. His big brothers, Michael, 11, Ryan, 10, Peter, 8, and Aidan, 4, are thrilled with their new brother. Although I continue to stay at home with my family, we are very involved in our school and church. I work part time in the religious education office, and we will run the Home School Association at St. Gregory the Great next year."

Congratulations, also, to **Mary Ann**

## Do you home-school your children?

» Tell your story!

**Theresa Thomas '85** will be working with the editors at Ascension Press on a new book *Amazing Grace for Homeschoolers*. She requests your inspirational stories that show God's grace in daily life. The stories may be previously published. Previous *Amazing Grace* books have become national Catholic bestsellers. For more details, visit: [http://www.amazinggraceonline.net/submit\\_story.asp?id=6](http://www.amazinggraceonline.net/submit_story.asp?id=6).



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Happy 40<sup>th</sup> birthday, classmates! Thank you to all who sent news and forwarded e-mail requests for class updates. Thanks, also, to those of you who have alerted me to upcoming newsworthy events, some scheduled to take place only days after deadline. Look for details to come in the next *Courier*.

**Mary Kay Scheid** writes, "I will be walking in the Avon Breast Cancer Marathon in Los Angeles this year; anyone interested in sponsoring me should drop me a line (if I don't get to you first)! I bumped into **Anne Borgman** at a local Saint Mary's College event. It was only the second such event that I attended. I went alone, and I was thrilled to see Anne there. We hadn't seen one another since graduation. I drove across country last



**White-Goodie**, in Chicago, and husband Rich on the birth of their fourth child. Poised, even when facing the challenges of a newborn (you are amazing!), Mary Ann had a moment to send this news, "We are so lucky to live in the same neighborhood as **Mary Huffman McCormick** and **Ann Wilson Newcorn**, and we all see each other on an almost-daily basis. Our kids are all good friends—Mary has Billy, 6, Anna, 3, and John, almost 1; Ann has Kathleen, 8, Julia, 6, and Anna, 3. We were just blessed with our fourth child, Ann Regina, born May 12. Annie joins Billy, 6, Maggie, 5, and Kate, 2. **Liz Neill Steiner** and husband David welcomed Mary Elizabeth last November. Mary joins big sisters Katie, 2, and Lucy, 5."

Ann Wilson adds, "In February, **Beth Whelpley Bennett**, **Kathleen Bock Roche**, **Moirá Cronan-Vogt**, Anne Borgman, **Angie Leahy Esteve**, **Stephanie Leahy Trujillo '91**, and I visited **Amy Appleby-Hubbard** in St. Louis. In November 2005, Amy gave birth to twin girls, Ellie and Tess, her fourth and fifth girls. A good time was had by all."

**Elizabeth Wrobel Falco** writes, "**Kathleen Moran** is doing well and living in Chicago. **Angela Kowalski Huff** and her husband, Scott, and two sons, Liam and Sean, have moved to China. They all arrived safely and look forward to a few years of adventure living in the Asia Pacific region. She welcomes Saint Mary's College visitors."

Sharing her love for dance, **Clare Van Hecke Korte** presented the first year-end recital in May, for Studio C, her dance studio in Lemont, Ill. Dancers ranged in age from preschoolers to teens, performing ballet to hip-hop. Clare's daughters, Abbie and Aidan, were among the performers.

Please send updates and/or new e-mail addresses if yours has changed. Deadline for the spring 2007 *Courier* is January 1, so please send news by December 27. Also, if anyone would like to be a class reporter, feel free to drop me a line, or contact the *Courier* office.

**From the Courier Office:** **Heather Miller Moriconi** says: "I wanted to let the Saint Mary's College community know about our happy news! Silvano Angelo Wren was born May 3. We are calling him Wren. He is so sweet. (You can view photos of the new addition to the Moriconi family by going to the Web at: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/mamorico/sets/72057594128542841/>.)

"Mike and I are so happy. I am still the assistant director of admissions at the Notre Dame Law School...I have been there 10 years as of October. Mike is a reference librarian at the St. Joseph County Public Library and is working on his master's in library science now."

A quick update via e-mail from **Jen Palm Napierkowski**: "My husband, Mark Napierkowski ND '88 and I live with our

two children, Sara, 14, and David, 8, in Bethlehem, Pa. We love it here, and we're here to stay.

"Mark works in the commercial insurance industry, and I have continued in college administration as a full-time academic advisor and career counselor at Northampton Community College.

"I'm active in the National Academic Advising Association, and my travels take me to other parts of the country. I miss my classmates, though. Let's get back in touch!"

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**From Shannon:** I have always considered myself fortunate to have attended Saint Mary's College. My life is fuller for those four brief years I spent on the campus in South Bend. I relish the opportunity to visit or to meet other alumnae. There is something special about the experience that we all had and its effect on our lives. So, I am fortunate to run into—literally and figuratively—Saint Mary's College grads all over the place, even when I least expect it. For the rest of you, please send updates to my new e-mail address.

CS (aka *The Chicago Social*) and *ducklings* magazine from Albertsons provided a quick glimpse into the lives of some of our classmates. While reading CS one day at lunch, I flipped to an article titled "The Radar Bridal." I glanced at the accompanying picture and immediately recognized our own **Ursula Garzia Guyer**. How delightful! Ursula recently opened White Chicago, an ultimate bridal oasis in the River North gallery district in Chicago. Her years as a talented corporate strategist and marketer combine with her vision, enthusiasm, sense of style, and eye for design in this unique new and once-wed designer wedding dress consignment shop. Très chic and bon chance to another wonderful entrepreneur in our class!

Then, in the other half of my life, I was reading *ducklings* magazine—scouring the family-oriented stories and trying to come up with some delicious summer recipes. And there...referenced and quoted in one of the articles was English-major and food-writer extraordinaire **Maureen Abood**. Perfect! A quick Google search led me to Maureen's Web site and tons of information about this amazing writer. Maureen writes about

her Lebanese family, food, and soul of the kitchen. Her work has appeared in *Saveur*, *Gastronomica*, *U.S. Catholic*, and *The Washington Post*. She was awarded the Greenbrier Scholarship from the Greenbrier Symposium for Professional Food Writers. She also was a winner in the Association of Food Journalists' Award Competition. Her work is outstanding. I also heard that she is working on a cookbook, so I will eagerly watch her Web site for updates.

My other news from correspondence is light but important. **Tracey Hayes Uruba** and her husband, Bill, welcomed William (Liam) Allen Uruba III this spring. The Urubas live in Chicago, and that Liam is just precious. Tracey is a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher in Lincolnwood.

**Deirdre Lyne** also continues to shape and form lives as the principal at Crow Island School in Winnetka. The school has over 400 students in grades K through 4.

On the old sod, **Chris Foley Carroll** married Fergus on April 30, 2005, in Mohill Co Leitrim, Ireland. **Pattie Bigelow** was maid of honor and **Meg Lakatos Basker** was a bridesmaid. **Kathy Bobear Lamonica** also made the trip to Ireland for the wedding. The Carrolls honeymooned in Marbella, Spain. They live in Stamford, Conn., where Chris is a clinical social worker at the local hospital. Sounds like an incredibly memorable experience.

**From Lisa:** Hello all! In June, we were transferred with the Navy to Arlington, Tenn., a suburb of Memphis. Graceland, here we come! James and I celebrated our 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary in October. I am continuing to keep busy with my three boys and their school and sports. Jimmy is 12, in middle school, and about as tall as I am. Steven is 10, and Joey is 2. If you're in the area, please let me know!

**Mary Beth Blajda Green** also sent some news. In February, **Colleen Mooney McGee's** daughter was christened in Allentown, Pa. Mary Beth, her husband, Mike, and son, Christopher, were able to visit with Colleen as well as **Patricia Bracken**. Patricia is busy working for the U.S. Coast Guard in the National Housing Office in Boston and travels a great deal. Colleen juggles working outside the home in events programming part time as well as her full-time motherhood responsibilities to son Seamus, 3, and new baby, Catie, who was born in December 2005. In March, Mary Beth and **Sheila Dooley Evans** were both vacationing in Florida. They had lunch and a "play date" with their sons, Christopher and Aidan.

In June, Charlotte, N.C., was the place to be! **Kathy Frederick Grashof**, **Patty Piercy Cushing**, **Deirdre Milon Ralph**, **Amy Heimberg**, and **Maria Telesca** got together at the home of **Beth Bowman Zuhosky** for a fun girls' weekend.

Sheila Dooley Evans was missing from the Charlotte weekend, but she had a good reason. Sheila and her husband, Jeff, welcomed Connor Patrick on May 10, 2006. He joins big brother Aidan, 3.

**Amy Heimberg** had big news on the career front. She writes, "After 16 years, I am leaving the comfort of my job (at Central States Funds) and taking the plunge into teaching. I have been officially accepted into Chicago Teaching Fellows, an alternative certification program for folks with non-education degrees. On June 19, I start my summer training, which will involve college course work, being paired with a summer school teacher, and other 'workshop' training. By September, I'll have a provisional certification, which will allow me to teach middle school math in a high-need Chicago public school with full salary and benefits as a CPS teacher. I will finish off the classes needed for full certification during the school year and, by this time next year, will have my regular certification with a year of teaching under my belt. I'm really excited about the change and think it is about time I jumped out of my comfort zone at work and did something I think I will love."

I received an e-mail from **Lynn Van Hersett Hemans**. She writes, "These past 12 months have been eventful in the Hemans (Van Hersett) household. Our second daughter was born on June 30, 2005. Two under the age of 3 has kept the family busy. I continue to work for Taco Bell as a director in marketing and have been able to keep involved in my community as the treasurer for the Junior League of Orange County. During the summer I am transitioning my volunteer work focus from the Junior League to my parish. With summer on the horizon, we plan to spend most of our free time on the water. Gray (our oldest, 3) was given her first boat....an 8-foot sabot. Hopefully, she has been blessed with her father's ability to sail. My sister, **Joan Van Hersett Elledge '93**, is still battling cancer, but her prognosis is much better than expected. She is constantly in our prayers. Hope all are happy and healthy."

**From the Courier Office:** **Sarah Morris Allen** said, "I moved back to my hometown after six years in Seattle, Wash., (where I met my husband, Nick Allen) and two years in Saint Louis where Nick earned a master's in physical therapy from Washington University. We have three children: Jack, 5, Maggie, 3, and Elizabeth, 1 1/2. We are expecting our fourth in December. The only other person from my class I have talked to recently is **Kathleen Shannon**. She is living in Pawtucket, R.I., and is married to David McConville. They have two girls: Beatrice, 4, and Caitlyn, 6 months (or so)."

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**Michele Delaney Peterson** and **Brendan** welcomed their first child, John "Jack" Finnian on May 15, 2005. Michele passed along the wonderful news that, thanks to the generosity of our class, a bench and tree were blessed and dedicated in memory of **Cathleen Roe Eagan** on April 2, 2006. The bench is located in front of Holy Cross Hall; the tree is on the Alumnae Green. Cathleen's family attended the dedication ceremony, as did several of her classmates and friends: **Peggy Abood, Kathryn Benz Jackboice** and her family, **Colleen Curnyn, Brenda Hull Cox, Moira Murphy Dargis, Jennifer Fuhrmann Heusler, Ellen Talaga Mikolay**, and Professor Gail Mandell. The bench inscription reads "In loving memory of Cathleen Roe Eagan (1969-2005) Class of 1992. Mother. Daughter. Wife. Sister. Friend. The world is a much better place having known her love, courage, strength and smile. She is an angel in heaven watching over us."

Congratulations to **Michelle Lia**, reading teacher at Western Trails School in Carol Stream, Ill. Michelle was honored on Oct. 5, as Illinois' 2005 American Star of Teaching. U.S. Department of Education's Carolyn Snowbarger presented the recognition to Michelle before the school's 500 students in a surprise ceremony. Michelle is the only teacher in Illinois to be so recognized. One teacher from every state and the District of Columbia was honored in the fall of 2005 as an American Star of Teaching, a No Child Left Behind initiative through the U. S. Department of Education. She was selected from a field of more than 2000 nominees nationwide. Michelle keeps in touch with **Moira Lydon Miller**. Moira and Jim live in West Town Chicago and welcomed their second child, daughter Margaret Antoinette, on March 8, 2006. Margaret's big brother Jimmy, will be 2 on March 17, 2007.

**Dawn Disbro Burke** and **Tim** welcomed Kellyn Campbell on Jan. 27, 2006. Kellyn was born on the 44th anniversary of the death of Dawn's grandfather, Thomas Donald Campbell, for whom she was named.

**Lynn Doppke Torning** and **Anders** welcomed their twin boys, Lukas Bengt and Patrick Thomas, on March 17, 2006. Big brother Erik and big sister Annika were thrilled! The Torning family lives in Charlotte, N.C., very close to **Alysann Sieren**. Alysann works in consumer marketing for Bank of America and does freelance interior design on the

side. Alysann also keeps in touch with **Annie Lopez Kiperman, Heidi Noble Drysdale, Amy Carlisle Keating**, and **Laura Kouri Consolazio**. Amy is in school earning her master's in physical therapy. Amy passed along news that **Maria Alvarez Ruiz** has a little baby boy named Rapheal. Amy also keeps in touch with **Debbie Wunder**. Debbie is in New York with Conan O'Brien's show and will be moving to Los Angeles when Conan takes Jay Leno's place in a few years.

**Meg Telesca Ramey** and **Russell** welcomed their first child, Grace Caroline, on Oct. 5, 2005. The Ramey family lives in Centerville, Va.

**Amy Rushin Kolar** and **Mike ND '91** welcomed Molly Elizabeth on Nov. 29, 2005. Her older siblings are Jane, 6, Luke, 5, and Joe, 2. Amy practices emergency medicine in the Minneapolis area.

**Shannon May DeRubertis** and **Stephen** live in Chicago near Wrigley Field. Shannon left Ernst & Young in 2001 and started working as the director of finance for Franczek Sullivan, a law firm in downtown Chicago.

**Barb Young-Gerdenich** and **Kurt ND '92** are building a home in Mason, Ohio, and will be moving at the end of summer 2006. Their three kids are ages 10, 7, and 4, and they are looking forward to the larger space. Their family and best friends went to the Blue-Gold game in the spring and enjoyed touring the beautiful Saint Mary's College campus. They even lunched in the Cyber Café next to the new bookstore.

**MK Larsen Moscardelli** lives in Sea Bright, N.J., and co-ops for her children's preschool.

**Sabina Russo Fitzgerald** is working with Printing Industry of Illinois-Indiana Association in Chicago. She started there two weeks after graduation and is now their chief operating officer. Sabina and Fritz celebrated eleven years of marriage in early 2006. They have an 8-year-old daughter. Sabina sees **Carrie Cummins Mueller** and **Emily Willett Kubaszak** a few times a year.

**Debbie Lohman Higgins** is beginning her ninth year in the communications office at Mary Institute and Country Day School, an independent school in St. Louis serving grades pre-K through 12. She will become director of publications in July 2006. Her son, John, is in the first grade. Debbie had a great time visiting with **Mary Anne Wisinski Rosely** and **Tanya Molitor Zubryd** at the September 2005 wedding of **Jennifer Ott** to Sean Fausto.

**Christine Penote Rogers** and **Tim ND '92** welcomed Estelle "Stella" Grace on Oct. 20, 2005. Her big brother Burke, 6, is ecstatic about the now-level adult/kid ratio in the Rogers home. Christine left her part-time post as director of communications for The Science Place

to apply her 14 years of marketing and communications experience to her own business: Roger That Communications. The Rogers family resides in Dallas.

**Sandra Keros** and her husband have been living in San Francisco for the past five years. After a debilitating running injury which left Sandra barely able to walk, work, or exercise for four years, she discovered that she has fibromyalgia and was able to heal herself by changing her diet and attitude. Sandra graduated in June from the Institute for Integrative Nutrition in New York City. She is a board-certified holistic health counselor by the American Association of Drugless Practitioners.

**Anna Sobotincic Dieteman** and **David ND '92** welcomed another addition to the family with daughter Ellen Margaret on March 6, 2005. Her two older sisters are Katie, 6, and Moira, 3.

**Shelly Plesco O'Brien** and **Bill ND '92** welcomed Thomas Joseph on May 21, 2006. Big brother Billy is excited to have a brother! Shelly finished her internal medicine residency in June and began her GI/hepatobiliary fellowship in July.

**Lisa Blair Weaver** and **Chuck ND '92** are living in Hilliard, Ohio, with their two sons, Blair, 5, and Bradley, 3. After five years, Lisa continues to work at Sterling Commerce managing their global education technology group. Chuck started working at T. Marzetti's last June after graduating from Franklin University with his M.B.A. Needless to say, the Weaver family never runs out of salad dressing!

**Ann Balint Davidson** and her family had a visit from **Cara Connor Kropewnicki** in May. Cara spent her freshman year at Saint Mary's College and finished her degree at Georgia State. She was in town to attend the graduation of her sister from Notre Dame.

**Jill-Noelle Hulbert Fay** and **Michael ND '93** welcomed Patrick John on Feb. 25, 2005. Patrick is adored by siblings

Josie, 8, Matthew, 7, Jacob, 4, and Anthony, 2. Jill is a stay-at-home mom in Edina, Minn., where the kids attend Our Lady of Grace Catholic School.

After years of living in Nashville, Tenn., **Beth Hamilton McGlinn** and **Mike ND '94** moved to Kansas City, Mo. She's now ten minutes from **Maureen Schneeberger McDaniel**. Beth stays at home with their boys: Charles, 3, and John, 1. Mozer and Shawn welcomed their third girl, Bridget, in August 2005. Beth and Mike are Bridget's godparents. Bridget just revels in her older sisters, Kathleen, 5, and Ellen, 3. Mozer is still with Sprint Nextel doing Web design. Shawn recently took a new position as the director of development for the Robert J. Dole Institute at the University of Kansas. Beth and Mozer have also joined the Saint Mary's Kansas City board. They visit often with **Julie Garden Drinane** and **Mike ND '92**. Julie is the senior vice-president of finance and human resources for Williams-Labadie in Chicago and spends lots of time with her kids: Grace, 6, Nick, 4, and Matt, 2.

In September 2005, **Lori Nagy Harrington** and **David** vacationed in Italy with **Ann-Marie Amicarelli-Peacock** and **Cory**. They spent two weeks exploring Rome and Ann-Marie's family home of Angone, Italy. Lori is the executive director of the Mental Health Association in Elkhart County. She also serves as vice president of the Elkhart Noon Kiwanis and the treasurer for the Elkhart Board of Aviation Commissioners. David keeps busy with his company, IVP Vent Company, Inc., which produces a patented vent for mobile homes that prevents the formation of black mold.

**Tracy Wick Hefferman, M.D.** and **Michael ND '89** recently moved their family back to Dayton, Ohio. Tracy is a full-time mom but hopes to return to her practice of pediatrics in the next few months.

**Shannon Blair-Olsen** and **Dave ND**

## Getting Married? Expecting?



We'd like to help you celebrate, but we can't print news about anticipated weddings or babies.

When your plans become reality, please let your class reporter or the *Courier* office know, and we'll gladly print your news after the fact.



'90 recently welcomed their baby, Cade, to the family. Siblings Mackenzie, 4, and Jack, 2, are thrilled with the new addition.

After eight years in New York, **Sharon Zint Marts** and **Bruce ND '92** are enjoying life in the Bay area. After taking a hiatus from work and doing volunteer work since moving west, Sharon welcomed their second child, Kira Erin, who has just turned 1. Big sister Erika, 5, keeps her in check. Sharon is interviewing for corporate jobs while doing freelance grant-writing on the side. She'd love to hear from any Saint Mary's College folks in the East Bay!

**Susanne Largura Benedict** took a leave from practicing dentistry to stay home with her boys: Mario, 6, Gavin, 6, and Oliver, 5. In early May, she ran the Indianapolis mini-marathon and is training for a run in June and for the Chicago half-marathon in October. Susanne keeps in touch with **Ellen McQuillan Drake**. Ellen is a stay-at-home mom in Dallas and has a daughter, Sophie, 2.

**Katherine Lafkas Mulligan** and **Mike ND '92** live in Cincinnati with their sons: Sean, 6, Patrick, 4, and Connor, 2. Katherine is at home with the boys but manages to do some accounting/finance for a couple of companies in her free time.

Since graduation, **Jill Rupert Schalm** and **Dave** have lived in California, Hawaii, Rhode Island, and Maryland, where they currently reside. Jill worked in human resources for about 10 years until deciding to stay home after the birth of their second daughter. Daughter Gabby is 4; Maile is 2. Jill's sister, **Lori Rupert Wood '95**, lives in the Cleveland area with her husband, Tim, and daughter, Ava, 2.

**Lisa McConnell Orsinelli** and **Augie** celebrated the birth of their fourth child, **Roman David**, in February 2005. Siblings **Abigail**, **Sophia**, and **Victor** love the little guy to pieces! Lisa met **Amy Rushin Kolar**, **Julie Scully Tucek**, and **Becky McMahon Ronan** for a fabulous weekend at the Kohler Waters Spa in Wisconsin in February 2006. They go every year—what could be better than good friends, good conversation, good sleep, and good pampering services! They have 12 children between them! Lisa is also in a wonderful monthly book club in Columbus with **Rena Guarnieri Sauer** and **Laura Proto Campise**.

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**From the Courier Office:** **Tracie Porter Silva** e-mailed: "We're still living in Jacksonville, Fla. My husband, **Rob ND '95**, is a Lieutenant Commander stationed at NS Mayport. We're waiting to see where his next set of orders will take us.

(We should be moving by the summer.)

"I'm a stay-at-home mom to two children: **Juliana**, 4, and **Andrew**, 8 weeks. Both keep me very busy—especially **Juliana** with her schooling and gymnastic classes. I'm hoping one day she'll be a Belle just like me! **Andrew** was born on January 12 of this year. He's a sweet baby, and we all adore him. Our two dogs, **Katie** and **Sam**, keep me busy as well.

"Last September we were fortunate to travel back home to South Bend to visit with my parents and to catch the **Notre Dame-MSU** game. I also met up with my former Saint Mary's College roommate, **Liz Holzemer Weed '96**, whom I hadn't seen in 10 years. We had a great time catching up. We also ran into some of my husband's old Notre Dame buddies. It was nice to be back in my favorite part of the world!"

And from **Jennifer Hughes Vartabedian**: "I have just started working as a nurse in the pediatric intensive care at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago. I am currently living in **Lemont, Ill.**, with my husband, **Matt**. We do not have any kids, yet! As for **Jennifer McGinnis Neville**, she just had another beautiful baby girl, **Allison Margaret**, on Nov. 2, 2005. She joins big sis, **Megan**. **Jen** is doing well. She and husband **Kevin** are great parents and are living in **Naperville, Ill.**"

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Happy fall and winter to the Class of 2000! I hope this finds you all well. The first thing I want to say is thank you to those of you who e-mail me with your updates and news. I appreciate it so much and love to hear all of the good news you have to tell. I'm sorry I may not respond in a timely manner, but know that I do think of you and thank you, as do all members of the Class of 2000 when they read about you in the class update.

**Jamie Humbert Sweis** married **Issa** on Oct. 16, 2005. Her maid of honor was her sister, **Kaley Humbert '04**, and her bridesmaids included **Taran Humbert Conyers '97**, **Julie Wall**, and **Michele Munier**. **Amy Wall '03**, **Elizabeth Derby**, **Helen Yearwood**, and **Erin O'Neill '96** were four of their 850 guests. **Jamie** and **Issa** live in the Chicago area and have a store called **The Cork** in **Riverside, Ill.**, which is about 10 minutes outside the city. They have free wine tasting every day, and I'm sure **Jamie** would love to see any Saint Mary's College grads, especially those from the Class of 2000!

In more marriage news, **Christine**

**Arzt-McGee** sent me a wonderful message from beautiful Hawaii: "After four amazing years as the **McCandless Hall** director, I left Saint Mary's College and the Midwest in May of 2004 and moved to northern Virginia. **Dennis** (a civil engineer in the United States Army) also returned from Iraq in May of 2004 and then, in September, was stationed on the island of Oahu, Hawaii. When I went to visit **Dennis** for Thanksgiving, he surprised me with a trip to **Kauai**, and we became engaged on Nov. 27, 2004.

"After leaving Saint Mary's College, I worked for a short time at the **Swiss Bakery** in **Burke, Va.** I then became employed as a contractor for **Northrop Grumman Mission Systems** working for the Pentagon at the **Air Force Real Property Agency**. In November 2005, I changed my status to an on-call employee for **Northrop** so that I could move to Hawaii to join **Dennis**. April was a busy month—**Dennis** learned that he had been promoted from captain to major, and just two weeks before our wedding, I had the honor of pinning on his new rank. Our families and many of our dearest friends flew out to join us for our wedding on Friday, April 21, 2006, at **St. Augustine's Church, Waikiki, Hawaii**. My sister, **Catherine Arzt '04**, was maid of honor, and **Krista Hildebrand Forker** and **Stacy Canter Ryan** were bridesmaids.

**Natalie Bailey '05** read the first reading; **Melissa Peters '95** was an usher and greeted each guest with a warm 'Aloha' and a beautiful lei at the reception. We were overjoyed to be joined by **Hayley Dawson-Owens '02**.

"I am ecstatic to be starting my new job this week (May 2, 2006) with our wedding coordinator. I will be working with **Beth Bowlen Harbottle** as an event planner with her company, **Social Butterfly Event Consultation**."

Along with my congratulations to **Christine** and **Jamie**, I am also sending a wedding congratulation out to **Erin Vartabedian Zick**. She married **Brandon ND '01** at **Holy Cross Church** in **Dewitt, N.Y.**, on Aug. 27, 2005.

**Jennifer Hanichak Farrell** and her husband, **Brian**, welcomed their first baby on Feb. 11, 2006. **Braden Anthony** was born in **South Bend, Ind.**, and all three are doing well. **Molly A. McHugh** and **Meghan Matthews** went out to visit the **Farrells** in April. **Molly** continues to live in **Chicago**; on May 1 she started her new job at **Deloitte and Touche**. **Meghan** is still living in **Boston** and teaching. She is enjoying her summer vacation. (I went to **South Bend** the weekend of May 19 to visit and enjoyed my time with baby **Braden**, **Jennifer**, and **Brian**.)

**Molly Burns-Michalski** and her husband, **Matt ND '99**, welcomed their first baby, **William Terrence**, on May 10, 2006, in the suburbs of **Chicago**. **Molly** is planning on tutoring and substitute

teaching during the 2006-07 school year so that she can stay home with **William**.

Finally, an e-mail update from **Katie Goolsby Flavin**, who provided this news on **Kathleen Heron**: "Kathy was a co-author on a 2006 publication in *Reading and Writing Quarterly*, a leading journal in special education. The article is titled 'Peer Tutoring Systems: Applications in Classroom and Specialized Environments.' This is such a great accomplishment for Kathy!"

As always, thank you for the updates. Please keep sending them. If you are ever in the **Cleveland** area, feel free to give me a call. I would love to get together. Our thoughts are with you and your families and the great news that you have to offer our class. Good luck to all in your many endeavors.

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Thanks to everyone for sending updates. Please note that the next deadline for submissions is **January 1, 2007**.

**Stefanie Roth** received her master's in teaching from **National Louis University** in **Chicago**. She has since completed her first year of teaching 8<sup>th</sup> grade science and enjoys reunions with her Saint Mary's College pals. **Stefanie** writes about her close-knit Saint Mary's College group:

"**Lauren O'Neil** has graduated from the University of Notre Dame's ACE teaching program. She has taught in **Los Angeles** and **Long Beach, Calif.**, for the past four years. Between teaching children to read and rubbing elbows with celebrities, **Lauren** has made plans to further her teaching career internationally. She plans to move to **Costa Rica** in July and will stay for up to three years. **Lauren** welcomes any Saint Mary's College alumnae who fly her way! **Erica Burket** completed an accelerated nursing program at **Johns Hopkins** in just 13 months. After working as an RN in an ICU for over a year at **Johns Hopkins**, she began a master's program in nurse anesthesia at **Duke University**. **Erica** is looking forward to graduating in 2007 and finally earning a paycheck. **Michelle Noto Titus** married **Scott** of **East Grand Rapids** on Sept. 3, 2005. **Michelle** loves working as a nurse in labor and delivery. Her husband is a 7<sup>th</sup> grade science teacher who coaches high school hockey and baseball. The couple resides in **Grand Rapids, Mich.**

**Meg DeLuca Wright** married **Kevin** on April 22, 2006, in **North Brunswick, N.J.** Since graduation, **Meg** has been a high school history teacher at her alma



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mater, North Brunswick Township High. The couple resides in Hightstown, N.J.

**Cara Dunbar** has completed medical school and is pursuing a residency in podiatric medicine at Forum Health in Youngstown, Ohio.

**Rachel Deer** is living in Charlotte, N.C., teaching 5<sup>th</sup> grade at a visual and performing arts magnet school. She is also a full-time graduate student at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte, earning her master's in school administration. Recently, Rachel became an assistant principal at a middle school.

Finally, **Jessica Coulter** has been working in the health field looking for her niche. Following graduation, she worked as a physician's scribe in St. James Hospital on the south side of Chicago. After two years there, she traveled in Spain as an *au pair* for half a year. During that time, she met up with **Akmaral Omarova** and returned with her to her home country, Kazakhstan, where Akmaral continues to work for Ernst & Young. After too short a visit, Jessica returned stateside, moved to San Francisco and is now working as a medical assistant for a hand surgeon."

**Erin Schenz** wrote updates about several Belles, too! "I am in Cincinnati, Ohio, where I work as a busy first-year associate at Helmer, Martins, Rice & Popham, Co., L.P.A. **Breighan Brown** recently joined me in Cincinnati. She has chosen to pursue her love of music and enter the College Conservatory of Music's Ph.D. program in music theory.

**Asra Ashraf** earned her master's in English literature from DePaul University in Chicago. She is working for United Airlines as the coordinator for corporate social investment. Teaching English in the New York public schools inspired **Melissa Whalen** to go back to school. Melissa is enrolled in a Ph.D. program at Fordham University with a focus in 19<sup>th</sup> century British literature."

**Mandy Schomas** was chosen as one of 20 American students to study at the National University of Ireland in Galway this summer. Mandy's studies included creative writing and modern Irish fiction.

**Jennifer Cech** graduated from Northern Illinois University College of Law in May 2006. She plans to live in Orland Park, Ill., for a year and later move to Chicago. Friends may contact her at jenniferech@yahoo.com.

**Vanessa Hogan** earned a master's in mental health counseling. Upon graduation, Vanessa moved to Indianapolis, Ind., and began working in the field of addictions and mental health.

**Bonnie Arends** is a physician. She writes: "I have officially graduated from medical school at Michigan State University. Since completing medical school, I have moved back to the west side of Michigan. I am living on my own in a house in the country and have the

pleasure of taking care of four acres of land. On July 1, 2006, my family medicine and obstetrical internship/residency will begin at Mercy General Health Partners in Muskegon, Mich. In celebration of my graduation, a fun-filled week in Las Vegas occurred over Memorial Day weekend with my girlfriends, including **Sarah Hoshaw**. Please feel free to contact me at aren1411@hotmail.com."

**Sarah Hoshaw** has accepted the position of strategic project manager for Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center in South Bend. She is excited that, through her work, she will be able to continue the health care mission established by the Sisters of the Holy Cross years ago.

**Shanna Conner** graduated from Marquette Law School in May 2005. She was admitted to the Wisconsin State Bar in May 2005 and entered active duty in the Army Judge Advocate General Corps (JAG) as a first lieutenant in September. She graduated from JAG OBC in December 2005. Shanna was promoted to captain and is stationed with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division at Fort Stewart. She is assigned to Hunter Army Airfield as an administrative law attorney.

**Sarah Rykowski** graduated from the University of Michigan Law School in December 2004, received her Army JAG commission in April 2005, was admitted to the state bar of Michigan in May 2005, and graduated from JAG OBC in December 2005. Soon afterwards, Sarah began her Army JAG career as a trial counsel (prosecutor) at Fort Wainwright, Alaska.

**Sarah Kofflin** received her law degree from DePaul College of Law in May 2005. After taking the Illinois bar exam and traveling around Europe for a month, Sarah began working as an intellectual property attorney at the McAndrews, Held & Malloy law firm in Chicago.

Since April 2005, **Elizabeth Linkous** has been the basketball operations coordinator for the WNBA Indiana Fever. She travels all over the country with the team and even spent a month in Russia.

**Anne Blair** spent two years playing basketball in France. Afterwards, she moved to Las Vegas to live with her older sister. Anne works for an engineering company.

During **Kristen D'Arcy McAlloon's** brief foray into the world of promotions, she was recruited by Tribal DDB, DDB Worldwide's interactive advertising agency, in sunny California. Based in San Francisco, Kristen is on the account management team focused on the Clorox business. Kristen and her husband are enjoying their time out West exploring California.

**Jaime Dineen Gleason** is living in Los Angeles, Calif., and works as a pharmaceutical sales representative for Sanofi-Aventis.

**Megan Knopick** spent nearly three

years in Arizona working for the Maricopa County Department of Public Health. She relocated to St. Louis Park, Minn., to be closer to family.

**Tracy Graf** returned to the Midwest after living in North Carolina for the past year. She is excited to be back in Chicago and continues to work for the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus.

**Emily Moberg Mogren** and her husband, Nathan ND '02, are relocating from Cleveland, Ohio, to Rockford, Ill., with their son, Gunnar Nathan. Emily is an occupational therapist; Nathan is a dentist.

**Courtney Beelaert** moved to Indianapolis, Ind., after graduation to work for Eli Lilly & Company. She started as a financial analyst in the U.S. Customs planning and compliance group. Recently she rotated to Lilly's internal audit group, where she has had the opportunity to perform audits in Hungary, France, Belgium, and China. Courtney is also part of Lilly's Notre Dame/Saint Mary's College recruiting team.

**Mary Claire Hathaway** spent three years at WDIV (NBC) in Detroit, Mich., working as an associate producer in news and sports. She also spent six months in sales before taking a job in familiar South Bend as WSJV FOX 28's general assignment reporter. After a short stay with FOX, she returned to Detroit for a job at the Caponigro Public Relations Firm, where she assists a diverse group of clients in media relations, media training, and everyday company needs. "It's an exciting job with something new on my plate every day. I live in the trendy city of Royal Oak and enjoy spending time with my family and friends."

**Angela Fox** completed a year with the Catholic Charities Volunteer Corps in Minnesota. She will stay there to continue working at Migration and Refugee Services in the Twin Cities, assisting newly-arrived refugees—primarily, refugees from East Africa.

**Amanda Spica Listen** and her husband, Bob, started a new business venture. Amanda opened Café on the Corner, a coffeehouse and ice cream shop, in her hometown of Kentwood, Mich., in mid-February 2006. If you're in the area, be sure to stop by for a quick bite to eat and a great cup of coffee!

**NOTE:** So many of you have written me with news of engagements and pregnancies...Congratulations! Please keep in mind that *Courier* policy is to publish updates *after* special events occur. The best time to e-mail me is when you return from your honeymoon or have gotten the baby down for a nap. I can't wait to hear your good news and to share it with our classmates. Unfortunately, I do not have enough room to print all the news. I will save the rest of the report for January.

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Hi, everyone! Thanks again for sending your updates. It's early June now, so I hope that by the time this comes out everyone has had a great summer. Because I'm still in school, I still get a summer break. It has been interesting so far. I'm spending a few days a week working with a law firm and the rest of the week working for a judge in Butler, Pa., my hometown.

I've had the chance to talk with **Natalie Hock**, and she gave me quite a few updates: Natalie is working in the manufacturing department of the Wright Group/McGraw-Hill, assisting the new product manager. She lives on the north side of Chicago and is in the process of applying to journalism schools, including Northwestern.

**Jessica Bland** lives in New Jersey and is in her last year of Seton Hall's master's in teaching program. In June, Natalie had lunch with **Lety Verduzco** when Lety was in Chicago for a diversity conference. **Megan Ramsey** is spending the summer in Alaska with friends after a long year of medical school, which Meg is really enjoying—and excelling at, we are sure.

**Annette Dolph** will be attending Ohio University, pursuing her Ph.D. in English. She recently finished her master's in English at Ball State and had a great time teaching entry-level classes. **Amelia Michalski** started at Ave Maria Press at Notre Dame but moved to New York City in January and is working for Penguin Publishing. She has dreams of starting her own publishing house some day.

**Andjela Subotic '05** just headed off to Rome with her opera program. She is pursuing a Ph.D. in music at the University of Arkansas. From Rome, she will head home to Serbia to record her newest CD.

**Liz Thomas Smith** and her husband, Micah, finished a mission trip in Central America. And, of course, Liz and Micah are the proud parents of baby Aiden.

**From the Courier Office:** **Annie Knish Muir '02** sent news of her sister, **Jeannie Knish**: "Jeannie is earning her master's degree in speech language pathology at Governors State University. She will be finished in the summer of 2007 and resides in Munster, Ind., our hometown."

**Correction:** **Rebecca Zwisler '06** and her mother, **Margaret M. Zwisler '71**, were inadvertently omitted from the Legacy Class 2006 listing in the summer 2006 magazine. *Courier* regrets the error.

# 2006-2007 SEASON events



**December 8, 2006**

## **Boys of the Lough: A Celtic Christmas**

Beautiful instrumentals and fascinating stories by legendary Celtic musicians.



**January 27, 2007**

## **Magbana Drum and Dance NYC**

The sheer power of the drumming and explosive energy of the dancers combined with innovative choreography and original costumes puts Magbana in a class by itself.



**February 9, 2007**

## **Bob Berky**

Theatrical clowning and mime combined with audience participation will make this a great evening of family entertainment.

**February 15, 2007**

## **The Hermit in New York**

A humorous and challenging window on the world of Thomas Merton—solitary, celebrity, and ordinary man.



**February 27, 2007**

## **Jane Eyre**

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**April 13, 2007**

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# Within Our

*Saint Mary's builds a healthy relationship with the South Bend community*

*By Elizabeth Station*

They've logged hundreds of hours as tutors and mentors at local schools. They've offered speech and language support to Latino families whose kids are struggling to learn English. They've helped tens of thousands of low-income residents prepare tax returns—for 35 years. They've volunteered at the Center for the Homeless, the YWCA, a west-side community clinic, and more.

Saint Mary's students, faculty, and staff give a lot to the South Bend community, but what they receive in return may be even greater. Future nurses and social workers test ideas they learned in class against real-life situations. Student teachers sharpen the skills they need to work in diverse settings. And faculty members find valuable collaborators for teaching and research—as well as allies in their efforts to create caring citizens.

Evaluators from the Higher Learning Commission recently praised Saint Mary's "healthy and productive relationship

with the community of South Bend and the surrounding area" as a unique strength of the College. And as the relationship grows, both sides benefit. "Students are learning from amazing people in the community, and they are so grateful to have it as a laboratory," says Associate Professor Catherine Pittman, whose clinical psychology students fan out into South Bend for practicum placements in legal services, hospice, rape crisis, and other programs. "I'm so proud of us, that we have this as a strength."

## *Deep connections*

The sheer number of Saint Mary's partnerships in the local community is impressive—yet it's the evolving quality of the relationships that excites those involved. As part of its mission, the College has always sought to cultivate a sense of social responsibility in students. But as outreach efforts blossom, so does a clearer sense of what kind of approaches best serve both sides.

One person shaping that approach is Dr. Carolyne Call, director of the Office for Civic and Social Engagement, who argues that the College has a "moral obligation" to build community relationships that are profound and long-term. As an example she cites Saint Mary's partnership with Marquette Primary Center, an elementary school just across the river in South Bend's ethnically diverse Marquette Park neighborhood.

At Marquette, Saint Mary's students serve as classroom volunteers and after-school tutors. They've raised funds for school supplies, purchased Christmas gifts for needy families, and organized a book drive. They've offered grant writing services to teachers, taught health education, and created what school principal Carla Killelea calls a "life transforming" leadership program for fourth-grade girls. In turn, Marquette students and teachers have come to Saint Mary's for academic programs.

Marquette is just one of 14 Title I schools in South Bend that serve children from high-poverty backgrounds. Call says that she could take a "scattershot approach" and send volunteers to many such schools, "and you assume and believe that they're touching lives out there. The other model—which I'm taking out of reading (Father Basil) Moreau's teachings on Christian education and Catholic social teaching—is to really focus and make a difference to one whole community, to do a lot for one place that's deep.

"I want to integrate Marquette into Saint Mary's and Saint Mary's into Marquette, so that we have deep connections,"



**Hands On:** Meghan MacKinnon '07, a psychology major in the communicative disorders program, gets practice interacting with youngsters at the Early Childhood Development Center (ECDC). Besides providing quality childcare for the South Bend community, ECDC serves as a learning laboratory for Saint Mary's students. "To be able to be so involved here has really, really helped," says MacKinnon, who hopes to be a speech pathologist. A clinical practicum and home visits also gave her opportunities to work with local children: "They teach you so much more than you can ever teach them," she says.



# Reach

adds Call, who holds a Ph.D. in educational psychology. “That means taking responsibility for that school, so when they’re in hardship we suffer with them and help them, and when they’re succeeding, we rejoice with them.” The partnership is now in its third year, and Call says she’ll judge it a success when former Marquette fourth-graders have the academic skills and confidence to apply to, and graduate from, Saint Mary’s. “It will take awhile to get there,” she admits.

## *Learning goes both ways*

Intentionality. Inclusiveness. Mutual benefits. Reciprocity. These are other crucial elements of healthy community relationships, says Bonnie Bazata, associate director of the Center for Women’s InterCultural Leadership (CWIL).

Bazata, who has a graduate degree in bilingual and multicultural education, spent 25 years working with community, school, and government organizations before coming to Saint Mary’s in 2002. The experience taught her that local residents are sometimes wary when universities step into their milieu, fearing they’ll take a top-down approach to problems or “plunder” the community for their research and walk away. CWIL and others at the College seek to overcome this in different ways. “There are many people who’ve lived in our community who have never been on our campus,” Bazata says. “You have to be intentional to break that down.”

That means inviting new people to the table when projects are planned and carried out, and “going out to tables that we’ve not been at before,” Bazata says. It means defining leadership broadly, so that CWIL engages diverse women who are “conduits” to their communities—whether they hold formal leadership positions or not. And it means connecting Saint Mary’s with the South Bend community in many ways and locations, or what Bazata says a professor of hers called “multiplying and thickening the strands of relationship.”

Several CWIL programs reflect this approach. One is Wellsprings of Wisdom, a three-day summer conference that brings women leaders from all walks of life to campus. CWIL also awards grants to “bridge College and community” by having students work with residents on mutually beneficial projects, and sponsors a program to strengthen women’s leadership at six local nonprofit agencies which, in turn, serve women.

Gladys Muhammad, associate director of the South Bend Heritage Foundation, collaborates with the College in many capacities. She supervises Saint Mary’s student interns at the Charles Martin Youth Center; she is president of the Department of Social Work’s advisory committee.



**Penpal Power:** Tyonna Cohn (left) got close to Katie Cahill ’09 through a penpal program that matched fourth-grade girls from Marquette Primary Center in South Bend with Saint Mary’s mentors. Although their school is less than ten minutes away, “a lot of the girls at Marquette had never heard of Saint Mary’s before the program,” Cahill said. After a lively exchange of letters during the spring semester, Tyonna and her classmates met their mentors in person on a visit to campus in May. The experience was an eye-opener for both sides—the youngsters began to imagine themselves in college, and the oldsters got a sense of what it’s like to grow up on the other side of the river. Says Cahill, who is an elementary education major, “I’d do it again in a minute.”

Muhammad agrees that reciprocity makes the South Bend community’s relationship with Saint Mary’s a healthy one.

“The interns do valuable things that we need—it’s always been that way with our organization,” Muhammad says. At the same time, by doing research on violence in the community or supervising after-school programs, students gain knowledge that changes them as people. “They can learn about the world by going into South Bend,” Muhammad says. “They’re assets to us—and they’re learning. The learning goes both ways.”

## *Breaking down barriers*

Often without recognition or fanfare, Saint Mary’s faculty members play a critical role in strengthening ties to the surrounding community. One in five professors has taught a service-learning course, and close to half have advised students’ service activities. Whether they teach nursing, education, religious studies, or math, many try to connect outreach activities to classroom learning.

Over the years, they’ve worked with staff and students to break down barriers that separated the College from the outside world. Before, some residents may have seen Saint Mary’s as a privileged outsider with little to offer its neighbors, but that perception has changed, according to Pittman. By working together on mutual goals, she says, “both sides get their stereotypes challenged and develop a depth of relationship that won’t allow those stereotypes to remain.”

“There’s a generosity of spirit that’s created a sense of hope,” agrees Marquette principal Carla Killelea. “We truly do welcome each other on each other’s turf.” Adds Gladys Muhammad, “Now the community really feels a part of Saint Mary’s College. It’s within our reach.”

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# Meeting Emerging Needs

By Elizabeth Station



Photo by Eileen Dimino

Like every social work major, Sophia Del Fabro '08 (right) must complete 480 hours of supervised training in a community setting before graduation. For her internship with the Visiting Nurses Association, she spends at least two days a week accompanying a professional social worker on home visits to chronically ill older adults. Here, she plans the day's visits with supervisor Sue Meyers. "I like it," Del Fabro says of the placement. "I think it's helpful for making that transition from college to the world."

The *Wall Street Journal* ranked it as one of the best careers in 2006. Nationally, jobs in the field are expected to increase faster than average through 2014. People who do the work say it's meaningful, varied, active, and satisfying.

Think we're talking about a career in high finance, computer science, or film? Guess again. Social work is hot—and the Social Work Department at Saint Mary's is preparing women to enter the profession with real advantages.

What do social workers do, exactly?

"We are not the people who are clerks handing out social welfare checks—and you can quote me on that," says JoAnn M. Burke, associate professor of social work. "We're working with enhancing social well being, and that takes many, many forms."

*“Social work is a people-centered field. But one look at the requirements for the major busts the myth that social workers are kind-hearted ‘do-gooders’ with little training or impact.”*

Social workers provide the majority of mental health services offered in the United States. They provide family and individual therapy, serve populations from the aging to school-aged, advocate for policy change, and lead organizations. Counter to popular perceptions, three-quarters work in private agencies rather than the public sector.

Twelve Saint Mary's women earned Bachelor of Arts degrees in social work in 2006. Recent grads travel many paths—helping families displaced by Hurricane Katrina in the South, representing abused and neglected children in juvenile court cases in Chicago, and working with immigrants on the U.S.-Mexico border.

When they leave Saint Mary's, about 85 percent pursue a master's degree in social work (MSW), giving the department the highest ratio on campus of students attending graduate school. Many receive scholarships and attend top-tier programs. Their training gives them a competitive (and salary) edge as they rise in the profession, Burke says. “Our students are in leadership positions ... and that's the strength of Saint Mary's.”

Social work is a people-centered field. But one look at the requirements for the major busts the myth that social workers are kind-hearted “do-gooders” with little training or impact.

Students at Saint Mary's take courses in human behavior, research methods, statistics, and policy. They study biology and psychology and often pursue second majors and minors in other disciplines. They are taught to approach problem solving from a “micro, mezzo, and macro” perspective—so they can make a difference to individuals, groups, and society.

Toughest of all, senior social work majors must complete a minimum 480-hour field placement that consists of a supervised internship in a community setting. This real-world experience is tied to a seminar that keeps them grounded in solid theory and practice.

Sophia Del Fabro '07 transferred to Saint Mary's from Bryn Mawr College for the social work major. She plans to attend medical school, but wanted to work with children and families before becoming a physician. Her field placement this fall is with the Visiting Nurses Association of Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, accompanying a professional social worker who is a registered nurse on home visits to chronically ill older adults—for two full days each week.

How does she feel about her choice? “Social work is a very good background for going into medicine because, obviously, people skills are vital,” Del Fabro says. “You can learn the science in med school, but learning how to interact with people and really listen to them and understand where they're coming from is really important.”

With three full-time faculty members and about 30 junior and senior majors, the social work department has a small but powerful presence on campus. It earned full accreditation in 2003, following a grueling evaluation by the national Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). That distinction means Saint Mary's students can gain state licensing as practicing social workers. They also enter graduate school with advanced standing, and can complete the MSW degree in one year instead of two—saving time and money.

Saint Mary's boasts six nationally accredited programs, which the Higher Learning Commission recently cited as “evidence of a commitment to academic and professional quality” at the College. Accreditation in social work measures how well the curriculum provides a knowledge base in eight major areas, including social work practice, research, social and economic justice, human behavior, diversity, ethics, and others. Having to meet those criteria improves the quality of the program, according to Director Frances Kominkiewicz, “because we are held up against a national standard ... and we have accountability.”

Both she and Burke are professional social workers with Ph.D.s who bring experience and academic rigor to their teaching. Burke is a recognized expert in gerontology; Kominkiewicz focuses on children and families. They've worked to build connections with the South Bend community and create a diverse advisory board that includes health professionals, alumnae, and community leaders. They're also connecting to international collaborators in China, Korea, and Germany.

What drives their efforts? Says Burke, “The charisma of the Sisters of the Holy Cross is to meet emerging needs. That very much fits with what we're about in social work.” Kominkiewicz's answer is simple, but heartfelt: “I cannot imagine a better occupation, a better career.”

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# Scoring High:

## Higher Learning Commission Affirms Saint Mary's Strengths

By Susan M. Guibert

Changes, challenges, and growth have marked the decade since the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) made its last accreditation site visit to Saint Mary's in 1996: the College named its first lay woman president and its first lay alumna president; the campus grew with the construction of several important buildings; new academic programs and centers were established; and, like many colleges, enrollment fluctuated.

Whether as an advancement or temporary growth pang, Saint Mary's embraced each of these changes while remaining mindful of and true to its mission and identity. This year, it once again earned high marks from the HLC, the evaluating arm of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, one of six regional bodies charged with accrediting educational institutions in the United States.

After an exhaustive self-study and site visit by HLC evaluators, Saint Mary's won praise for its success in meeting four of five major criteria: mission and integrity; preparing for the future; acquisitions, discovery, and application of knowledge; and engagement and service. The HLC lauded the College's efforts in a fifth area—student learning and effective teaching—but recommended that it implement a systematic process for assessing what students are learning. Finally, the evaluation team shared a list of strengths that affirmed what Saint Mary's is doing especially well.

*Courier* spoke recently with two key faculty members who were part of a self-study Saint Mary's conducted and prepared for the HLC earlier this year. Patrick Pierce, former associate dean of the faculty and director of the Center for Academic Innovation, chaired two of the five criterion groups and coordinated all five; he also helped write the self-study. Laurel Thomas, associate professor of music, played a major role in writing the report.

**Courier:** The strength and effectiveness of Saint Mary's mission is referred to several times throughout the self-study and the commission's response. When an institution's mission is often difficult to live out in practical terms, why does Saint Mary's stated mission resonate with each of its constituent groups so well? What makes it so effective?

**Pierce:** I think that both the mission statement and statement of philosophy have received a great deal of attention as the result of a couple of factors. Members of the College community spent a great deal of time and thought on drafting the statement of philosophy, meant to elaborate on the mission statement. Then, revisiting the mission statement and thinking about it in light of the statement of philosophy additionally focused attention on the college's mission. I think that members of the College community have long had a strong sense of the College's mission, but the

recent discussions have focused everyone's attention on the mission more explicitly.

**Thomas:** I think all members of the community resonate to the forward-looking nature of the mission statement. While it articulates the history of the College, the mission statement also challenges us all to respond to and improve the world we live in now, in this moment of history.

**Courier:** Among the many strengths listed in the study is the "healthy and productive relationship with the community of South Bend and surrounding area." With campus-community tensions so high at other colleges, how does Saint Mary's accomplish this?

**Thomas:** Since the Sisters volunteered as nurses in the American Civil War, our school has gone out of its way to make connections with the community and the broader world. Those connections only strengthen through the years.



Laurel Thomas

*"I think all members of the community resonate to the forward-looking nature of the mission statement."*

**Pierce:** I agree. I think that Saint Mary's College has long valued the contributions of its members to the South Bend/Mishawaka area. This may result from the strong sense of our mission that encourages people to see their lives and careers as involving more than their activities on campus. We live in the community and have an obligation to be responsible citizens in that community. Too often, colleges and universities only pay that obligation lip service.

**Courier:** Diversity in admissions and in student life is a topic that received some attention in the self-study and in the commission's response, and is tied closely to the College's emerging identity. Some strides have been made, and more work needs to be done. What are some steps being taken to broaden the student and faculty bodies?

**Pierce:** The College has taken three steps in this regard: First, President Mooney's 2006 College Forum address talked about the hiring policy that says it's the expectation that any group of final candidates brought to campus to interview will include at least one person from a historically underrepresented racial or ethnic group. Second, she and Daniel Meyer (vice president of enrollment management) have set an initial goal of having 15 percent of the student body be comprised of racial and ethnic minorities within five years. Third, she's begun conversations with the Posse Foundation with the hope that Saint Mary's can become a partner school with them. (The Posse Foundation recruits students from inner-city high schools in Boston, New York, Washington, D.C., Chicago, and Los Angeles. A college or university that partners with Posse commits to bringing 10 students a year from one of those cities to the campus).

**Courier:** What are you the most proud of in this study and the commission's response? What poses the most formidable challenge for the future?

**Pierce:** I was most proud of the cooperation of faculty, staff, administration, and students in putting the self-study report together. Not surprisingly, I think that the text of the report reflected that sense of community.

**Thomas:** I am most proud of the many members of this community giving countless, selfless hours to the work of the report and of the College.



Patrick Pierce

*"I think that the most formidable challenge for the future involves our attempt to become a college that reflects better the diversity of our society."*

**Courier:** The last self-study and commission report took place 10 years ago. What do you envision for the next report in 2016?

**Pierce:** I think that the most formidable challenge for the future involves our attempt to become a College that reflects better the diversity of our society. I think that it's very good news that the College has already taken significant steps in that direction.

**Thomas:** I think that in 2016 we will be reporting, with heads held high, that our efforts in the area of diversity have reaped many rewards. The class picture in 2016 will much more accurately represent the population of the world.

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STRENGTH	EXCELLENT	SATISFACTORY	NEEDS IMPROVEMENT
Commitment & articulation of mission	✓		
Healthy relationship with South Bend community	✓		
Engaged board of trustees, with confidence in president's leadership	✓		
Strong senior administrative team	✓		
Competent & dedicated faculty, staff and administration	✓		
Positive loyal & committed students	✓		
A spirit of trust & mutual respect among college constituencies	✓		



# A Calm in

*By Cynthia Machamer*

**A**lzheimer's patients. Drug addicts. Sexually abused and domestic-violence victims. The terminally ill. Maureen Donovan '00 brings hope to these and other forgotten people in inner-city Chicago.



*"At Saint Mary's, Professors Fran Kominkiewicz and JoAnn Burke pushed me past my comfort zone and taught me to think critically about issues facing underserved populations."*



Since 2005 she's been a cardiac intensive care and telemetry social worker at Chicago's Mercy Hospital and Medical Center. There, she meets patients with whom she seems to have nothing in common, except maybe the need for a little understanding—and a smile is nice once in a while, thank you.

Donovan seems called to take her place among the sick and dying. She says she was surrounded by strong women growing up, not the least of these her grandmother, Elizabeth "Betty Jo" Donahue Donovan '41. She started Birthright of Oklahoma, a social service organization to help single mothers in need. "She was an unofficial social worker," Maureen says. "I remember participating with her in drives for unwed mothers."

Maureen credits her physician father, too, for showing her that it is good to reach out to those less

"The professors are jewels of the school. They are Saint Mary's to me. They are my extended family."

Four months after she graduated from Saint Mary's, Donovan landed in Asumbi, Kenya to organize a residential substance abuse treatment program for villagers who had contracted HIV/AIDS. With no resources to start the program, she says she felt overwhelmed. She was in tears, but the first call she placed outside of the country was to Professor Kominkiewicz. "I had to call Fran," Donovan says. "I needed her encouragement."

The marks that Africa—and Saint Mary's—left on Donovan's life seem like a world away, she admits. Yet she knows that every day when she goes to work at Mercy and she's able to help a patient, like the Asian woman who couldn't understand English and thought her beloved husband was dying, that her experiences and her mentors and her educational resources are right there.

"I'm constantly evolving in this melting pot," says Donovan. She continues to find her destiny and use her education. When the beeper goes off as she walks through the hospital doors at 8:30 a.m., it could be someone needing to be placed in a nursing home. It could be a person dying who needs to be set up for hospice care. It's different every day, she says.

What doesn't change is that Donovan brings great hope to her

patients. "I am a tool, a bridge," she says. "I believe in divine intervention." She says she is constantly humbled by her patients, who teach her that they deserve no less than anyone else. "I am an educator and an advocate," she says. "The rest is up to God."

Donovan prefers not to posit a guess at where she'll be in five to ten years. She says she might be working for the International Red Cross or disaster relief here in the States. Or maybe she'll still be at Mercy. She doesn't know and doesn't need to know. For now, she is living her destiny and happy to be a calm in the storm, happy to use her professional training to make a difference.

# the Storm

blessed than you. But she says she wanted to learn not only to care for the body but for the pain you can't see. That's why she chose to major in social work at Saint Mary's.

She says she received an education at Saint Mary's that equaled or surpassed her master's degree preparation at Jane Addams College of Social Work at the University of Illinois in Chicago. At Saint Mary's, Professors Fran Kominkiewicz and JoAnn Burke pushed her past her comfort zone and taught her to think critically about issues facing underserved populations. "The Social Work program at Saint Mary's is one of the best in the country," she says.





The Golden Jubilee class of 1956.



Judith Ames Ehlerman '61, Marilyn Wolter Laboe '61, and Sarah Sullivan Bigelow '96 holding her daughter Suzanne.



The Silver Jubilee class of 1981 celebrated at the all-class party.

Friends from the class of 1971.

While every reunion is special, Reunion 2006 was remarkably so. A record number of alumnae converged on the Saint Mary's College campus from Thursday, June 1 through Sunday June 4 - to participate in an array of presentations and discussions, to reminisce with long-time friends and to strike up new friendships, and to enjoy four days of picture-perfect weather on an extraordinarily beautiful campus. Saint Mary's both nurtured and launched these alumnae. They returned to remember the young women they were and to celebrate the women they have become.

# Reunion 2006

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Karen Damaso '96 and her mom, Carol



Alumnae from the 15-year reunion class of 1991 had it "made in the shade" during the Saturday picnic.



Carol Damaso '66, N'ole Gonzales '01, Elsa Andromeda Romero '01



The "MACK" sisters of the class of 2001, from left: Chris Dania, Alice Fox Fasula, Kelly Sterritt Clancy, Andrea Herek, Molly Wald Duncan. Front row: Molly McVoy.



Just like old times: classmates from 1981 converse outside of Le Mans Hall.



Classmates from 1976 gathered at the reunion picnic.



# REUNION 2006: Alumnae Awards



Kelly Walsh '01, recipient of the Outstanding Young Alumna Award.



Director of Alumnae Relations Barbara Butler Henry '85, Distinguished Alumna Award recipient C.C. Shaughnessy Nessinger '56, and Michelle Poepe Egan '93, assistant director of Alumnae Relations.



John Reynolds (center) and sons Andrew, Daniel, and Brian accepted the Humanitas Award on behalf of Sheila Braun Reynolds '81, pictured at right.



**O**utstanding Young Alumna Award: Kelly Walsh '01: An underwriting specialist with the Chicago-based insurance company CNA, Walsh immersed herself in Chicago East Club activities soon after graduation. While active in Founders' Day celebrations, fundraising for the club's scholarship events, and send-off activities, Walsh's most valuable contribution to the club and the College has been her involvement with the club's *Helpful Hints* booklet, a primer on the campus and South Bend area that has been distributed to incoming Chicago students since 2001. In 2005, she spearheaded a campaign to sell advertising in the booklet and to cover printing costs. The past two years, an ever bigger and better *Helpful Hints* has been given to every entering Saint Mary's student.

Distinguished Alumna Award: Catherine "C.C." Shaughnessy Nessinger '56: In recognition of her many years of devotion, dedication, and service to Saint Mary's, C.C. Nessinger was presented with the Distinguished Alumna Award. A past president of the Alumnae Board, Nessinger

has chaired several reunion gift campaigns—including this year's campaign for the 50th reunion of her class, and served as a class agent development volunteer, an alumnae VISA volunteer, and a member of the Gift Planning Council and the Parents' Council. In addition, Nessinger was a charter member of the Madeleva Society and a national chair of the Mother Pauline Society. She has long kept the members of her class up to date with each other in her role as *Courier* reporter.

Humanitas Award: Leslie Wilson '76 and Sheila Braun Reynolds '81 (posthumously): This award, which recognizes outstanding work and concern for the interests and welfare of others, was shared by two alumnae. Wilson is director of Save the Children Federation, Inc., in Afghanistan. Leading a multi-location program stationed in Kabul, her focus is to implement education, health, and child protection initiatives for over 400,000 beneficiaries. Wilson was instrumental in establishing the Chicago Alumnae club's endowed scholarship, and has been a Peace Corps volunteer as well. As one of her



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Patti Lurel Cook '75  
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Achievement Award.

classmates said: "Leslie considers her humanitarian work a vocation. She credits the College both with shaping her moral values and giving her the confidence to do what she feels she must. She epitomizes compassionate leadership."

Sheila Braun Reynolds, who died in March 2005, was a certified oncology nurse and radiation therapy educator, an active volunteer in her community, and a loving wife and mother. As her sister, Teresa Braun Byrd '80, wrote: "Throughout a life in which the focus was always on helping others, Sheila illustrated how a very typical Saint Mary's graduate could apply extraordinary love to everyday life and end up making a real difference in this world."

Alumna Achievement Award: Patricia Lurel Cook '75 is the executive vice president of investments and capital markets for Freddie Mac, the corporation chartered by Congress to maintain the stability and liquidity of the nation's mortgage markets. She is responsible for managing the company's \$715 billion retained mortgage investment portfolio, debt issuance program, and mortgage-backed securitization programs. Previously, she held a variety of positions in Wall Street investment firms. Throughout her distinguished career, Cook has been extraordinarily generous with her *alma mater*. In 1993, as the College's first Shannon Alumna Executive Scholar, she returned to campus to share her business expertise with students and the community. Cook has also been a member of the College's Board of Trustees, the Alumnae Resource Network, an endowed scholarship donor, and a long-time member of the Madeleva Society.

## Alumnae and Faculty Presenters

In addition to President Carol Ann Mooney '72, Reunion 2006 showcased the talent of several presenters—alumnae, faculty, and friends:

Sister Gertrude Anne Otis '55, CSC  
Phyllis Kaminski, Ph.D.  
Judith Spinner Johns '66  
Mana Derakhshani, Ph.D.  
Marty Crikelair Wohlford '66  
Adriana Trigiani '81

Dawn Parker Santamaria '81  
Sondra Shaw-Hardy, J.D.  
Julie Schroeder-Biek '88  
John Reynolds ND '81  
Bruno Schlesinger, Ph.D.  
Sarah Sullivan Bigelow '96  
Peggy Hill '61  
Angeline Johnson '07  
Anne Sheehan Garbarino '66



The 55-year reunion Class of 1951 at the President's Dinner.



Alumnae staged a surprise tribute for Dr. Cy Pullapully, founder of the Semester Around the World program. Cy, pictured second from left, was joined by daughter Gita, President Carol Mooney '72, wife Elizabeth Pullapully '73, son Anand and daughter Kavita Pullapully.



## Circles of Trust

By Dawn Parker Santamaria '81

This past summer, I had the privilege of joining forces with Saint Mary's for a partnership aboard my 118-foot *Tallship Unicorn* as we sailed the Great Lakes. Briefly, *Unicorn* is a mission-driven, sail training topsail schooner. She is well known as "the women's boat" due to her owners' commitment to providing leadership development programs for women and teenage girls. As an alumna, knowing that our two-masted schooner would be participating in the Lakes' most high-profile summer tall ship festival tour in the College's strongest markets, I approached Saint Mary's with an idea for an on-board alumnae leadership initiative.

The concept was simple: to provide a leadership development program for both professional women and community leaders throughout the Great Lakes region who all shared the Saint Mary's experience. I wanted to bring alumnae together to set sails alongside each other, to take the helm of a working tall ship, and to climb the rigging. And as they did so, I wanted them to process the experience with a psychologist/executive coach who could help them "connect the dots" between the natural leadership metaphors aboard this floating learning lab and the lessons to be extracted about teamwork, confidence, comfort with taking risk, and strategic thinking. The College embraced the idea and the objectives: to support ongoing leadership initiatives in Alumnae Relations, to strengthen Saint Mary's brand in the marketplace, and to help drive enrollment within their target markets.

The partnership between the *Unicorn* and the College began its maiden voyage in July. We offered a three-day, on-board leadership development program for executive women titled "Chart Your Course™," six half-day leadership sail programs, and three dockside alumnae club receptions. With the support of the College, *Tallship Unicorn* also marketed her confidence-building program for teenage girls, "Sisters Under Sail," to the Saint Mary's alumnae community. These programs brought together nearly 250 alumnae, generated media attention in Chicago and other cities, and introduced the value of a Saint Mary's education to 30 young high-school-age women, four of whom are daughters of alumnae.

There is a genuine quality to Saint Mary's women. Not only does the College produce intelligent, articulate and thought-filled women, but there is an undeniable circle of trust that forms around our shared experience. I observed both brilliant and moving moments on board the boat this summer that could only have taken place if the women were willing to surrender to the process. One of these pivotal moments took place during our "Chart Your Course™" program from Green Bay to Chicago.

One evening as the sun was beginning to set and a thunderstorm was rumbling in the distance, presenting us with a light show to thrill even the most seasoned sailor, our sails were full of wind and the seas were calm. I noticed two of the participating executives sitting on one of the forward



Photo by Elizabeth Station

Smooth sailing: *Tallship Unicorn* owner Dawn Parker Santamaria '81 partnered with other alumnae to "connect the dots" between leadership and teamwork, confidence and comfort.

deck boxes sharing the experience together. After about 30 minutes of taking it all in, they came aft to speak quietly with me. Both women, with tears in their eyes, said that they were so moved by what they were seeing for the first time and grateful that they had decided to take the time out of their hectic schedules to come aboard for the experience. They had allowed themselves the opportunity to relax their tired spirits and open their minds to new learnings and relationships. In return, they renewed their sense of adventure both professionally and personally and were encouraged to stretch beyond what they thought they were capable of reaching. These shared moments touched my heart, and I realized how truly blessed I am to be in a place where I can provide an environment that enables women to gather together, bond, share, grow, and learn from each other. But the ship was simply the conduit. It is our life-connection to Saint Mary's that provided the inspiration.

Who benefited the most from this partnership? The College? Alumnae? The ship and its crew? My hope is that we all came away with something. I drew strength from the overwhelming support, generosity, enthusiasm for life, and spirit of adventure among the Saint Mary's women I encountered aboard the *Unicorn* this summer. They confirmed that my life's work, in some small way, is making a difference.





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# Community Connections—Back Then



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Saint Mary's relationship with the surrounding community—explored and celebrated in this issue of *Courier*—is as old as the College itself. As president in the 1950s, [Name] Wolff, CSC (left, top photo, [Name] with South Bend Mayor Edward Voorde, the city recognizer of [Name] Partnership office in a 1958 proclamation (left).

Saint Mary's students brought donations to a local nursery in 1954.



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