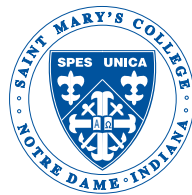


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"God wanted to crown his creation, so on the last day he created the Croatian Adriatic from his tears, the stars and sea breeze."

— George Bernard Shaw



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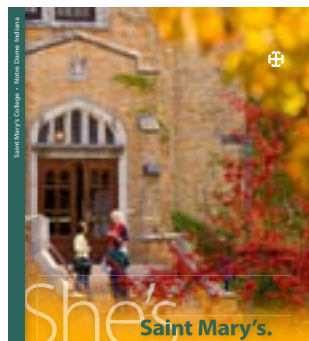
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The Mission
Saint Mary's College is a Catholic, residential, women's college in the liberal arts tradition. A pioneer in the education of women, the College is an academic community where women develop their talents and prepare to make a difference 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.

Milestones

"Life is a journey, not a destination," Ralph Waldo Emerson told us. It is a metaphor that resonates at Saint Mary's, where the Avenue marks a milestone in an alumna's journey. The life of a college is also marked by its own turning points and watersheds. This year, in particular, has been a year of milestone events and accomplishments at Saint Mary's.

This fall we celebrated the beatification of Blessed Basil Anthony Moreau, the founder of the Congregations of Holy Cross. We also approved a new strategic plan, launched a new marketing campaign, and achieved a new national ranking. This Special Report is dedicated to informing alumnae about these landmark achievements.

Much of what we are reporting in this Special Report of *Courier* is possible because of our alumnae. A year and a half ago, when the College began to develop a new marketing position, we sent Web surveys to alumnae, hoping that they would candidly share information about their perceptions of the College. And share they did; within 12 hours of launching the survey we had over 20 percent of the alumnae responding. As President Mooney was developing the College's Strategic Plan, she asked alumnae serving on the Board of Trustees, Madeleva Society Steering Committee, and Alumnae Association Board to share their feedback. These comments helped to mold the final plan.

Our alumnae not only helped us plan for the future, they joined the entire college community as we celebrated the beatification of Moreau on campus, in LeMans, and in our communities. This time has given us all an opportunity to reflect on what is unique to a Holy Cross education. And alumnae played an important role in how Saint Mary's is ranked among its peer colleges.

With this issue we note our progress along many paths—the spiritual journey, the path to leadership, and the road to distinction. Yet, we do so with an eye to what lies ahead.



Shari Rodriguez
Vice President for College Relations



standingout

You're seventeen. In front of you are brochures from half a dozen colleges, each making you promises. You visit their Web sites and find even more information, *lots* of information. You face one of the most important and influential decisions of your life. But how will you recognize the place where you belong amidst the chaos? What will make the college that's right for you stand out from the others?

Standing out is no easy task, even for a unique school. Our namesake, Saint Mary, has been the inspiration for so many endeavors over the years that her name has been attached to institutional monikers everywhere. An internet search for "Saint Mary's" will return between half a million to two million results. It is in this cacophonous atmosphere that Saint Mary's College must distinguish itself. Add to that a Catholic heritage and a community that esteems humility as a virtue, and the challenge becomes even greater.



Cover of admission booklet for high school seniors featuring (left to right) Kristy King '08, Kim Hodges '08, and Julia Malone '07

It was with this challenge in mind that Saint Mary's embarked on the Identity Initiative. The first task was to understand the existing perceptions of Saint Mary's. This was done by surveying over 3000 alumnae, faculty, staff, administration, current students, and prospective students and their parents.

Based on survey feedback about the core values of our community, the brand promise—what Saint Mary's stands for—was developed: "Saint Mary's is an academically excellent Catholic college for women who seek to challenge themselves and their world." That's not new. In fact, that's been true since 1844.

But what became apparent was that the characteristics most important to prospective students and their parents corresponded with the College's strengths. Three strengths stood out, Saint Mary's best-kept secrets, if you will:

The Strength of our Majors: Saint Mary's academic programs have always been distinctive in their comprehensive approach. The woman who graduates from Saint Mary's, whether she enters a profession or goes on to graduate school, never doubts her preparation.

Outstanding Faculty: Classes at Saint Mary's are taught by experts in their fields of study. That expertise



Developing Leaders.

The strength of community at Saint Mary's College extends from origin and to individual efforts, as the faculty, administrators, and alumni set up the standards for students. This sets the tone for the standards for students, developing lasting relationships in the faculty, administrators, and to the students.

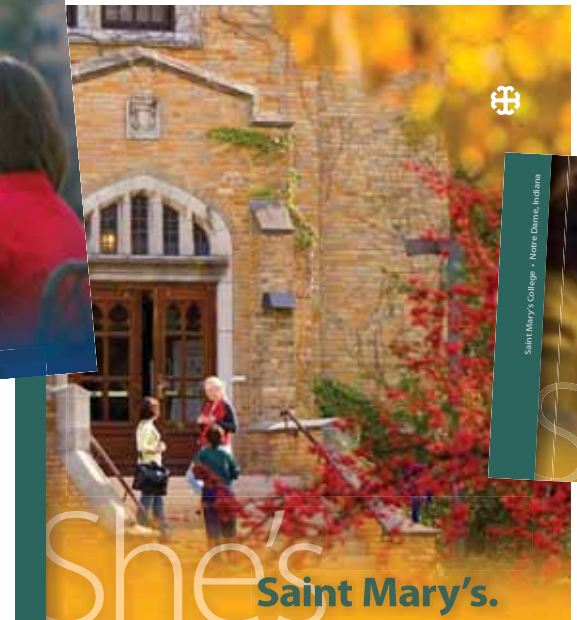
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New admission communication materials mailed in fall 2007



combined with small class sizes and the faculty members' shared passion for teaching mean that students don't get lost here. Students work directly with faculty members on research projects, an experience usually reserved for graduate studies. At Saint Mary's, the faculty members are mentors.

Career Preparation: Options are limitless. Saint Mary's alumnae include among their ranks entrepreneurs, a best-selling author, a retired state Supreme Court justice, a country director for Save the Children, a Broadway producer, a Congressional representative, and the president of a small Catholic college in the Midwest dedicated to preparing women who seek to challenge themselves and their world.

In the past, when trying to convey what's great about this College, we have tended, whether in formal communication materials or as individuals, to emphasize the supportiveness you feel when you're part of this community, the life-long relationships that develop over the course of four years, and the genuinely unique journey that takes a young woman from her first trip down the Avenue to receiving her diploma on Le Mans Green. We have tried to communicate that intangible quality of the Saint Mary's experience.

Back to our seventeen-year-old, bombarded with communication from many schools and in search of the tangible benefits of attending one school over another, we found we were leaving out something important. We were not emphasizing how the Saint Mary's experience comes about. And we left out the "what happens after college?" part of the story.

As the College moves forward, communications are placing new emphasis on the tangible benefits of attending Saint Mary's. This was illustrated in new brochures that allowed prospective students to "meet" three current students of Saint Mary's.

She's Saint Mary's

They met Kristy King '08, a business and humanistic studies double major from Green Bay, Wisconsin. King credits her experience at Saint Mary's with helping her choose her majors and her career path. In 2006, she studied abroad in Rome for a semester and, while there, she took a marketing class. Seeing commerce and culture from different perspectives drew out her interest in business. But King also has a passion for reading great books and saw humanistic studies as a great fit, too. "I find so many ties between my humanistic studies classes and business practices and theories," she says. In addition to her studies, she works as a resident assistant and a photographer for *The Observer*. King is a perfect example of how Saint Mary's encourages a student to pursue her interests.

They also met Kim Hodges '08, a social work major from South Holland, Illinois. Hodges has emerged as a leader at Saint Mary's. She co-founded the Diverse Student's Leadership Conference and is vice president of the Student Diversity Board and president of the Board of Governance. Hodges also recently interned with the Wm. Wrigley Jr. Company. Hodges' story is a great example of a student finding that good fit. "I like the small classroom settings and very intimate environments," she says. "The campus is

standing out



MICHELLE SHERMAN

"The dynamic classroom experience at Saint Mary's is one where questioning is encouraged, a diversity of opinions is welcomed, people's opinions are challenged, and faith is cultivated. Saint Mary's professors take their roles as educators seriously and create an atmosphere of personalized attention where every voice is heard."

Studio Art
Woodward, Missouri



She's an innovator.

KIM HODGES

Student body president Kim Hodges immersed herself in Saint Mary's culture from the moment she arrived, joining the first-year class Board of Governance and elevating her level of involvement each subsequent semester, including co-founding the Diverse Students' Leadership Conference. Kim says the attention given to her by the university became more creative and innovative. "You have to find a way to get things done when people may not be on your side... It requires a lot of marketing of yourself and your ideas, and also trying to get people to be on board with you. To not only say, 'Oh, that's a good idea,' but then to put action behind those ideas. I've learned to go behind closed doors and find out who the key players are to help me do what's necessary to get my job done."

Social work major
South Holland, Illinois

Saint Mary's.



Several first-years of Saint Mary's students perform some type of community service, making social justice a way of life. The Office for Civic and Social Engagement provides opportunities for students to work at the Center for the Homeless, tutor children after school, sponsor a house in the Building Together Project, and participate in many other service activities.



KIM HODGES

Kim keeps busy with a wide variety of activities, from her involvement with the Wm. Winfrey Co. Company to her position as vice president of the Student Diversity Board and student body president.

absolutely beautiful. Everyone is extremely friendly, with random people smiling and offering to help. I like the atmosphere."

And they met Julia Malone '07, a biology major from Indianapolis, Indiana. Attending Saint Mary's, Malone found confidence and chutzpah she didn't know she had. "It's contagious to be around people who are so excited about learning," says Malone who, inspired by the challenge of the senior comprehensive at Saint Mary's, decided she wanted to do hands-on dental research and then made it happen. Malone called the Oral Health Research Institute in Indianapolis and said, "I'll scrub teeth. I'll do anything to be a part of dental research." It worked and she had the opportunity to present her research at a state conference for undergraduate research and again at the national undergraduate conference in San Francisco. That tenacity has also inspired Malone to serve as the student trustee for Saint Mary's Board of Trustees and as a student ambassador.

Reading these students' stories, our hypothetical seventeen-year-old has an opportunity to see herself in their shoes. She gets a glimpse of that intangible Saint Mary's experience through the very tangible experiences of current students. And, hopefully, she begins to see her own potential and how Saint Mary's can help her reach it.



that expands intellect.



THE PATH TO BEATIFICATION

Blessed Blessed Blessed

BASIL ANTHONY MOREAU



In September, a group of modern-day pilgrims from Saint Mary's College, the University of Notre Dame, and Holy Cross College traveled to Le Mans, France, to celebrate the beatification of Father Basil Anthony Moreau. These groups—an assembly of students, faculty, and staff—joined CSC religious and lay people from around the world for this historical gathering. Moreau founded the Congregations of Holy Cross, including the Sisters of the Holy Cross who founded and sponsor Saint Mary's College still today.

President Carol Ann Mooney, Chair of the Board of Trustees John O'Conner, and Holy Cross Sisters Agnes Anne Roberts, Rose Anne Shultz, and Louisita Welsh were among the college community members who made the journey. Three made the trip following their selection as College representatives—a professor, an alumna, and a student.

Professor Joanne Snow, Director of Donor Relations Adaline Cashore '70, and current student Haley Nickell '08, joined the group as representatives of the College. The trio was selected based on essays they wrote detailing why attending the ceremony would be significant to them.

"I feel an obligation to Father Moreau to not let go of the experience," says Snow. "It's so easy to come back and get into your normal life and lose it—especially as busy as it is around campus for everyone. I simply don't want to lose this feeling."

Trying to name that feeling, Snow says she felt the "holiness" of Father Moreau during the prayer services in France. All three women say they felt a personal connection to Moreau after listening to stories of his life during the ceremony, a ceremony they say at times resembled a festive memorial service normally reserved for the patriarch of a large family. That would seem appropriate for Moreau, the father of the Holy Cross family.

Photos, left to right: the Sisters of the Holy Cross who traveled from all over the world to Le Mans to celebrate Moreau's beatification; Assistant Vice President of Mission Sister Louisita Welsh, Haley Nickell '08, Professor Joanne Snow, and Director of Special Events Richard Baxter; The Saint Julien Cathedral where the Mass of Thanksgiving was held after the beatification.



Blessed Blessed Blessed

Snow, Cashore, and Nickell say that part of what they enjoyed most about the trip was meeting the members of Moreau's family—Holy Cross priests, brothers, and sisters from the four corners of the world who came together in celebration.

"It was wonderful to see all the members of the Congregation so excited and joyful," says Snow. "In turn, we felt like a part of the family of Holy Cross. It was very apparent that the lay people were very important to the Congregation as well."

For Cashore, the trip to Le Mans held personal significance. She is a third-generation legacy, has worked for the College for 18 years, and has attended church with the Sisters of the Holy Cross at the Church of Our Lady of Loretto for the last 13 years. "Through my music ministry with the choir at the Church of Loretto, I enjoy a rich faith life and an intimate relationship with the Sisters of the Holy Cross," says Cashore. "I celebrate their Jubilees, Chapters, final professions, funerals, and everyday life. It was a privilege and an honor to stand in solidarity with my religious family in Le Mans, France, for the beatification of the founder of Holy Cross. It deepened my connection to the Sisters and gave me a new perspective of the global family of Holy Cross and the incredible legacy the alumnae of Saint Mary's share with Holy Cross."

The trip resonated spiritually for Nickell. "God was shared with me in a way like I have never experienced in my life. The Congregation in attendance was so eager to share their passion for God with me and with others. Their message seemed to be that God is always there and he will never abandon us. No matter how bad our lives may seem he will always be there to comfort and help us through."

All three say that now that they're back, they hope to integrate the spirit of Moreau's teachings into their everyday lives. Cashore recalls the close of the ceremonies in France, where all present were issued a "spiritual challenge" to emulate Father Moreau during a prayer vigil with these words:

We are all part of this global ministry called forth by the life of our founder. That each of us take a moment to reflect: What does that life mean to me today. In what ways do I give life to the legacy of Father Moreau?

"We were challenged to find that relevance in our lives today," says Cashore.

Nickell is speaking in residence halls to her fellow students about the relevance of Moreau's mission in the 21st century, and says she's been pleasantly surprised by the response.

"The students here are really into learning more about Father Moreau," says Nickell, who has also joined Cashore and Snow for other presentations to the campus community including the Chicago East Alumnae Club.

"It's been great being able to share this experience with my classmates," said Nickell. "A lot of the students really wanted to know about Father Moreau and the life he led. Most students only know we have a building named after him, but I've had a lot of girls ask me why exactly that is. I'm happy that I can share with them exactly who he was and how he is responsible for us being at Saint Mary's."

Beatification is the second step in the canonization process. The process can take centuries, but there are three major steps toward canonization.

First is the declaration of a person's virtues, after which the church gives him or her the title "Venerable." Second is beatification, after which they are given the title "Blessed."

Photos, left to right: President Carol Ann Mooney '72 and Rev. John Jenkins, CSC, president of The University of Notre Dame; Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, Archbishop emeritus of Washington D.C., said the Mass of Thanksgiving; The altar of Saint Julien Cathedral in Le Mans, France.



- 1799 Moreau is born in Laigné-en-Belin, a small French village in the Diocese of Le Mans.
- 1814 Moreau enters the seminary college of Château Gontier.
- 1817 Moreau continues his studies at the diocesan seminary of Le Mans.
- 1821 Moreau is ordained a priest.
- 1823 Moreau teaches philosophy, dogma, and Sacred Scripture at the seminary in Le Mans.
- 1835 Moreau organizes a group of auxiliary priests to tend to the educational and spiritual needs of neighboring rural parishes. Moreau is asked to oversee the Brothers of St. Joseph, a newly founded community of religious educators.
- 1837 Moreau combines the priests and brothers into the Holy Cross order named for its hometown Sainte-Croix.
- 1842 Moreau sends seven young religious to the United States, among them Father Edward Sorin, CSC. They establish a school for boys and young men that will later become the University of Notre Dame.
- 1843 Sorin writes to Moreau requesting that he send sisters, "to look after the laundry and the infirmary...and also to conduct a school, perhaps even a boarding school."
- 1844 Four Holy Cross Sisters answer Sorin's call and found Saint Mary's Academy in Bertrand, Michigan.
- 1854 Mother Angela Gillespie relocates St. Mary's to its present site in northern Indiana.
- 1857 Pope Pius IX officially declares Moreau's community to be a religious congregation, the Congregation of Holy Cross.
- 1867 The Marianites of Holy Cross are granted papal approbation.
- 1873 Moreau dies in Le Mans.
- 1946 The cause for beatification is introduced in the diocese of Le Mans.
- 1994 The study of the virtues of Moreau is presented to the Vatican Congregation for the Cause of the Saints.
- 2003 Pope John Paul II declares Moreau's practice of virtue to be heroic and Moreau is declared Venerable.
- 2007 Moreau is beatified and declared Blessed.

Blessed

The third step is canonization, or declaration of sainthood.

At various steps in the canonization process, evidence of alleged miracles is presented to church authorities. In general, two miracles need to be accepted by the Church as having occurred through the intercession of the prospective saint.

Moreau's beatification celebrated the culmination of over 60 years of review of the promulgation of the miracle attributed to the intercession of Father Moreau. Pope Benedict XVI approved the cause in April.

Father Moreau's cause for beatification was first introduced on the diocesan level in Le Mans in 1946. However, it was not until 1955 that it was presented for consideration by the Congregation for the Causes of Saints in Rome. This congregation studied the life, the writings, and the spirituality of Basil Moreau and, after a definitive presentation of the study on the founder's virtues in 1994, the congregation recommended to Pope John Paul II in 2003, that he declare Basil Moreau's practice of the theological and cardinal virtues to be heroic in nature.

Pope John Paul II issued the declaration and bestowed upon Basil Moreau the title Venerable. After further study and the unanimous acceptance of a miraculous cure attributed to Father Basil Moreau's intercession, the Congregation for the Causes of Saints recommended to Pope Benedict XVI in 2005 that Basil Moreau be declared Blessed.

As a priest of the diocese of Le Mans and a seminary professor, Moreau established the Association of Holy Cross consisting of two societies, one of men (brothers and priests) and the other of women, both having as principal ministries the education of youth and evangelization.

Photos, left to right: Director of Special Events Richard Baxter, George Efta and Carol Ann Mooney '72, Chair of the Board of Trustees John O'Conner, Professor Joanne Snow, Director of Donor Relations Adaline Cashore '70, and current student Haley Nickell '08; Moreau's tomb in the church of Notre-Dame de Sainte-Croix in Le Mans; People from all over the world gathered for the opening ceremony of the beatification at the church in Laigne-en-Belin.



Blessed Blessed Blessed

Since their inception, the congregations that make up the Holy Cross family have grown and spread throughout the world. The men and women of Holy Cross have begun and still maintain educational institutions, as well as important social and pastoral ministries in North and South America, Africa, and Asia. It is through their commitment to the vowed life, their zeal for the mission, and the diversity of ministry that the priests, sisters, and brothers of Holy Cross continue to live out the vision of Father Basil Moreau, who saw his religious family as a "a mighty tree that constantly shoots forth new limbs and branches and is nourished by the same life-giving sap" and as a visible manifestation of the union and interdependence of both the Holy Trinity and the Holy Family.

PROCLAMATION OF THE APOSTOLIC LETTER

*By our Apostolic Authority,
In agreement with the desire of Our Brother,
Jacques Maurice Faivre, Bishop of Le Mans,
And that of many brother Bishops
And of many of the faithful,
And after having heard the opinion
Of the Congregation for the Causes of saints,
We declare that from this day forward
The Venerable Basile-Antoine-Marie Moreau,
Priest,
And founder of the Family of Holy Cross,
Who served the pastoral and educational needs of the Church,
May be called Blessed
And that on January 20,
The day of his birth into eternal life,
His feast may be celebrated each year
In accordance with the regulations
And in the places determined by canon law.
In the name of the Father,
And of the Son,
And of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.*

Given at Saint Peter's in Rome,
The year of Our Lord 2007,
The third of our pontificate.
His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI

Photos, left to right: A plaque dedicated the beatification on the church in Laigne-en-Belin; Saint Julien Cathedral in Le Mans; Sister Kathleen Reilly, CSC, and Sister Rose Anne Schultz, CSC, at the beatification celebration at the Centre Antares.



Blessed BEING Blessed Blessed

*By Sister Rose Anne Schultz, CSC
Vice President for Mission*

What was the most memorable part of the pilgrimage to Le Mans, France?

Was it the gathering of townspeople of Le Mans with the Family of Holy Cross from all corners of the world in front of the parish church in Laigne-en-Belin to hear the gong of the bell (ordered in 1842 by Father Basil Moreau) that signaled that the beatification celebration had begun and church bells could resound throughout the diocese of Le Mans?

Or was it The Life and Legacy of Father Moreau prayer service at Our Lady of Holy Cross Church that included variations on Scripture themes that related to the life and work of Basil Moreau: a tiny mustard seed that grows into a big tree and the grain of wheat that must fall into the ground and die in order to bear fruit?

For me, one most touching experience was being present in the Le Mans Centre Antares with 4,500 people to hear the solemn proclamation that inscribed the name of the Venerable Servant of God, Basile-Antoine-Marie Moreau, on the list of Blessed. Immediately after the proclamation, the tapestry portrait of the newly declared Blessed was unfurled and the people burst into loud and long applause while joyous song rang out. There seemed to be a new sense of appreciation for this man, Moreau, whose vision, mission, and legacy are still alive today through the Family of Holy Cross throughout our world. Indeed, one man, Blessed Basil Anthony Moreau, did have the faith and courage to make a difference beyond his imagining!

*"A mustard seed! What could be smaller!
Yet all will unfold from this tiny seed:
A human story and a divine will.
The seed was sown,
Impossibly fragile,
An irresistible challenge."*

In Recognition of Excellence

For the first time this year, *U.S. News & World Report* gave Saint Mary's College a national, rather than regional, ranking in its *America's Best Colleges* guide. Saint Mary's ranks among the top 100 liberal arts colleges in the nation, of which there are 266. Saint Mary's breaks into the best of the nation at 91.

For 12 of the previous 13 years, Saint Mary's had ranked first among the nation's Midwest Comprehensive Colleges, receiving an overall score of 100, the highest number possible.

Also this year, *The Princeton Review* named Saint Mary's College a Best Midwestern College for 2008.

Within academia, the rankings have stirred some controversy, attempting to measure what some would argue can't be measured, or at least not with the same yardstick. Whether the rankings are ultimately fair or not, they are something all institutions of higher education wrangle with since they are so influential.

President Carol Ann Mooney set a goal early in her presidency to move the College into the national rankings. "We've long known we can compete on a national level and it is gratifying to see our quality recognized. While many of my peers in higher education would like to see ranking systems change, there is no doubt that students and their parents rely heavily on these rankings when making their decisions about college."

President Mooney's ultimate goal is to move Saint Mary's into the top 50 liberal arts colleges in the nation. And, she's

confident that the College belongs there. The *U.S. News & World Report* ranking is based on a number of factors: graduation and retention, percentage of small versus large classes, student to faculty ratio, admission selectivity, the financial resources of the college, and the percentage of alumnae giving, which is considered an indicator of satisfaction. Saint Mary's already receives high marks in many of these areas, and the ones that need improvement are within reach.

The percentage of alumnae giving is one factor that all alumnae have the power to influence. The ranking considers, not how much alumnae give, but simply if they give. Every gift to the College positively impacts how Saint Mary's fares in future rankings.

For instance, for the 2006 fiscal year, the percentage of alumnae giving was 30%. Compare that to Bryn Mawr College with a rate of 43%, Mount Holyoke College at 44%, or Scripps College at 57%, a discrepancy that in the president's mind doesn't make sense, given the strong attachment felt by alumnae. This is why increasing the rate

of alumnae giving to 45% is part of the president's Strategic Plan. Achieving that goal gives prospective students a more accurate idea of how much alumnae value their experience at Saint Mary's.

See the full article on the Strategic Plan on page 12.



The Strategic Plan

An interview with President Carol Ann Mooney

In October, President Mooney released her Strategic Plan for Saint Mary's, *The Path to Leadership 2012*, her plan for the College's next five years. *Courier* recently sat down with the President to bring you an insider's view of the plan, and, with it, a glimpse of the future of Saint Mary's.



we stop doing? What should we start doing? We recorded all responses and it helped us to frame our discussion and begin our work.

The next step was to form a committee that included my Cabinet, four faculty members, a member of the Board of Trustees, the Director of Institutional Research, the Chief Information Officer, a representative of the hourly employees, and a student. This core group broke into three main areas of focus: Academic Initiatives, Student Initiatives, and Resource Planning.

The committee began by articulating a vision for the College and defining our fundamental principles—those things upon which our plan for the future of the College must be built. Those principles are what I would term “the non-negotiables.” They are that:

1. Saint Mary's is committed to providing students with an excellent intellectual and academic experience.
2. Saint Mary's is unwavering in its commitment to being a Catholic and Holy Cross college.
3. Saint Mary's is committed to being a women's college.
4. Saint Mary's is committed to being a residential college.

The plan has a vision statement—can you explain what that is?

I think of the vision statement as a snapshot of what we hope Saint Mary's will be after we accomplish the goals of the Strategic Plan. We may not achieve this vision in five years, but I do think that within a five year time frame we can move aggressively toward our vision, which is:

Saint Mary's College is recognized as a leading liberal arts college. Intellectually ambitious women receive a residentially based liberal arts education complemented by strong professional and pre-professional programs. Successfully grounded in its Catholic and Holy Cross identity,

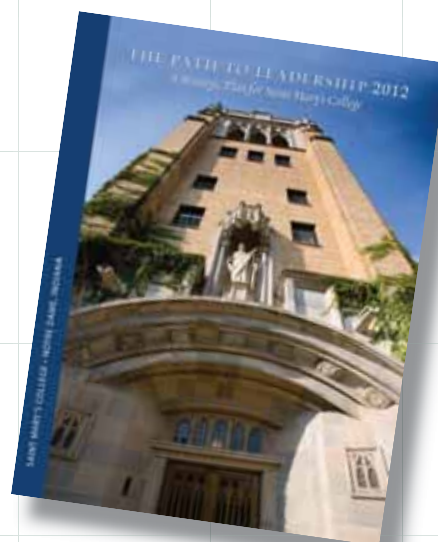
Why did you decide that Saint Mary's needs a Strategic Plan at this time?

I firmly believe that Saint Mary's, like all institutions, must plan its future. Planning must become an ongoing part of what we do. A strategic plan is really a work plan; it helps us to focus our energies and use our resources (both human and financial) to achieve what is most important. It is a way to articulate strategic goals for the next several years. I am pleased to announce that after a year of work, the Board of Trustees approved the final draft of the plan at their October 2007 meeting.

How did you start the Strategic Planning process?

I began by listening. I personally hosted a series of listening sessions with all full-time employees of the College. All students were also invited to these sessions. We met in groups of no more than 40 people. I asked each group the same four questions: What does Saint Mary's do really well? In what ways could we improve? What, if anything, should

Read the full Strategic Plan,
The Path to Leadership 2012, online at
saintmarys.edu/strategic-plan.



Saint Mary's is diverse, welcoming the wider articulation of the truth that diversity makes possible.

After defining the fundamental principles and the Vision Statement, what were the next steps?

The committee, with a great deal of input from the college community and from the Board of Trustees, defined seven goals. Under each goal are listed the recommendations for actions to accomplish each of the goals. We also developed a grid-like structure that lays out who is responsible for the various actions, and when we expect the goals to be accomplished. The final step is to determine the financial implications.

The seven goals are to:

1. provide educational excellence equal to that of the best colleges in the country,
2. sharpen our focus as a Catholic and women-centered community,
3. diversify the campus,
4. stabilize and grow the enrollment,

5. recruit and retain the best employees,
6. improve the physical campus and its environmental impact, and
7. increase financial resources.

Now that the plan has been approved by the Board of Trustees, what are the next steps?

Now the real work begins. This plan will help us sort through the many demands on the time, energy, and efforts of everyone who works at Saint Mary's College. If we use the Plan to help us focus our efforts and prioritize our work, I believe that our goals are achievable. Of course, like everything else in life, the plan will need to change as circumstances change. It will be reviewed annually by the original Strategic Planning Committee in consultation with the College community. After each annual review, we will assess our progress and the continuing importance of the tasks not yet completed. Like the Saint Mary's community, I want this plan to be responsive and open to the many possibilities that lie ahead in the next five years.

I want to thank everyone who contributed to the formation of this Strategic Plan either through serving on committees or reacting to drafts. Without the insights and suggestions that came from many, many people the Plan would not be as strong as it is.

The title of the Plan is "The Path to Leadership 2012." I believe this Plan will indeed help us to focus our work on the bright future that lies ahead for Saint Mary's College. I have been energized by the year of work on the Plan and hope that the rest of the College community shares my enthusiasm. I do know that the various College boards that have seen the Plan are excited about it. Stay tuned....I think the next five years for Saint Mary's College will show that we are truly on a "Path to Leadership."

—Carol Ann Mooney '72



Alumnae Deaths

Elise Linfert Zanetti '25, May 7, 2007.
Georgeanna Rusin Wallen '33, July 27, 2006.

Dorothy Dugan McKeivitt '34, September 10, 2007.

Louise Bromann Lewis '35, mother of Joan Frances Lewis '62, sister of Doris Bromann Fox '31, mother-in-law of Anne Harvey Lewis '65, and aunt of Luanne C. Fox '61, and Mary Kathleen Mints '76, June 10, 2007.

Mary Weir Veeneman '36, June 27, 2007.

Virginia Leahy Geary '37, June 9, 2007.

Sister Alicia Marie "Hilda Elizabeth" Maloney, CSC '37, July 1, 2007.

Margery Guillaume Belanger '40, mother of Sarah Belanger Earley '71, September 5, 2007.

Ruth Bixby Covington '41, July 31, 2007.

Judith Shearer '43, July 1, 2007.

Shirley Burdick Hamilton '46, July 15, 2007.

Nancy Doyle McCabe '46, April 9, 2007.

Margaret Dempsey Crotty '47, aunt of Patricia Lehmann Crotty '61 and Patricia Crotty Misrach '61, August 26, 2007.

Sister Margaret Gloria, FDC '47, May 31, 2007.

Margaret J. Kalmar '48, May 2, 2007.

Lorraine Vanetti Shannon '49, mother of Mary Shannon Kurtz '79, May 29, 2007.

Vivien Leonard McNaughton '50, January 30, 2007.

Sister M. Dolata "Genevieve Elizabeth" Vennekamp, CSC '50, May 10, 2007.

Catherine "Mitzi" Wiggins Forester '52, May 4, 2007.

Barbara A. Mudd '54, June 29, 2007.

Marilyn Loy Clauser '55, August 7, 2007.

Barbara Fox Steimle '56, May 10, 2007.

Eleanor Sue Flynn Stuhldreher '59, sister of Carolyn Flynn Fay '56 and Mary Kay Flynn Bowling '64, and aunt of Kristin Bowling Vesely '92 and Mary Kate Bowling-Bushey '01, July 14, 2007.

Anne Casey Slone '62, July 28, 2007.

Margaret Schmitz Greene '64, April 18, 2007.

Carolyn Kimmel Brennan '65, August 3, 2007.

Jill Murphy Hall '67, sister of Andrea Murphy Brown '71, July 5, 2007.

Susan Way-Smith '72, June 3, 2007.

Mary Beth O'Reilly Etter '73, June 11, 2007.

Mary Margaret Sonneborn '75, August 27, 2007.

Anne K. Demarais '76, August 21, 2007.

Jeanne Leonard McGarry '77, March 16, 2007.

Julie Herrmann Sweet '79, April 29, 2007.

Family Deaths

Dr. John S. Argue, husband of Mary Peck Argue '50, February 4, 2007.

Andrew Bacevich, brother of Amy Bacevich '97, nephew of Mary Bacevich Bobos '72, Iraq, May 13, 2007.

Robert J. Basney, grandfather of Kathleen Basney McGowan '92, June 5, 2007.

Earl Arthur Berry, Sr., father of Mary Ellen Berry Malone '61, April 2, 2007.

Peg Burke, mother of Mary Ellen Burke '71 and Margaret Burke Varty '73, August 3, 2007.

Edward C. Carlson, husband of Elizabeth O'Connell Carlson '46, August 25, 2007.

John F. Cavanaugh ND '48, husband of Dorothy Ritter Cavanaugh '48, brother of Julaine Cavanaugh Stovall '47, Dorothy Cavanaugh Stack '51, Helen Cavanaugh Walsh '57, and Carol Cavanaugh Ryan '60, brother-in-law of Janet Feldpausch Cavanaugh '57, grandfather of Kelly Dugan Prina '01 and Mary Dugan '03, uncle of Maureen Ryan Lyons '88 and Kathleen M. Ryan '85, January 22, 2007.

Walter S. Clinton, father-in-law of Anne McGrath Clinton '78, May 2007.

Anthony DeBaggis Jr., husband of Julia Simari DeBaggis '54, September 7, 2007.

Jonathan Diebels, young grandson of Kay Willett Diebels '55, July 9, 2007.

William W. Dominic, father Mary Dominic Benkie '81, August 13, 2007.

Joseph S. Durkin, husband of Marynoel Gubbins Durkin '51, July 16, 2007.

James C. Felder, father of Janine Felder Kahn '93, June 23, 2007.

Dorothy Poss Fitzgerald, mother of Susan Fitzgerald Rice '61, September 10, 2007.

Catherine M. Flynn, mother of Kathleen Flynn Fox '74 and Mary Flynn Boener '87, mother-in-law of Barbara Brems Flynn '76 and Laura Brems Flynn '79, grandmother of Kathryn Flynn '05, July 1, 2007.

Violet J. Glick, aunt of Carol Braunsdorf '57, July 15, 2007.

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

Vincenzo "Jim" Indriolo, grandfather of Johna Indriolo '00, and Alaine Indriolo '03, June 2007.

Edward Michael Jarabek, husband of Leona T. Kulka Jarabek '42, father of Christine Jarabek Evers '68, and brother-in-law of Louise Kulka Merkel '42, May 8, 2007.

Joseph D. Judge, Jr., husband of Mary Hudson Thornton '49, father of Mary Ann Judge Thornton '74, July 1, 2007.

Arthur George Koch, father of Margaret Koch Scharf '74, Patricia Koch Corn '81, and Christine Koch Kehoe '90, July 4, 2007.

Mary V. Koczwar, mother of Victoria Koczwara Rodrigues '67, July 6, 2007.

Geraldine Leavitt, grandmother of Sara Arlene Leavitt-Turner '96, April 8, 2007.

Alice M. Litznerski, grandmother of Melanie Teghon Houle '90, August 12, 2007.

Helen O. Madigan, mother of Maureen C. Madigan '60, May 19, 2007.

Rose Marie Mannion, mother of Cynthia Mannion Monaco '80, Annemarie A. Mannion '81, and Margaret M. Mannion '87, August 14, 2007.

John H. McGinn ND '54, husband of Marlene Gaubinger McGinn '54, father of Frances L. McGinn '80 and Shannon McGinn Alfele '93, uncle of Theresa E. McGinn '86, April 26, 2007.

Edwin P. Meiners Jr., husband of Mary Margaret Schultz Meiners '44, June 24, 2007.

Mary L. Mignanelli, mother of Maria-Lisa Mignanelli Brown '78, June 17, 2007.

Joseph D. "Joe" O'Keefe, husband of the late Patricia Daley O'Keefe '45, father of Mary Beth O'Keefe Buescher '71, brother-in-law of Elizabeth Daley Marsh '41, Gertrude Daley Moran '42, Jane Daley Clark '46, and Claire Daley Archibald '49, June 17, 2007.

Mark D. Paluszak, father of Jennifer Paluszak Hadden '96, May 14, 2007.

Joyce C. Payton, mother-in-law of Karen Hosinski Payton '84, July 17, 2007.

Richard Poyser, father of Karen Poyser Gerbasich '80, May 19, 2007.

Mary Kay Renshaw, grandmother of Allyson Renshaw Subia '93, December 12, 2006.

Molly Elizabeth Ridenour, young granddaughter of Susan Horvath Mazurkiewicz '70, May 30, 2007.

Frances H. Rossman, father Susan Rossman Hall '71, April 23, 2007.

Luigi Saccheri, father of Janice L. Saccheri '83, February 21, 2007.

Frank G. Schroer Jr., father of Rita Schroer-Haskins '78 and Carol Teresa Schroer Clifton '80, May 27, 2007.

Florence Alice "Dolly" Schultz, mother of Karen Schultz Goodyear '71, September 12, 2007.

Helen Boehnlein Shaheen, mother of Christine Shaheen Broussard '74 and Paula Shaheen Eide '76, grandmother of Emily Broussard Nash '98, September 17, 2007.

Alphonse J. "Al" Spahn, father of Mary Spahn Londergan '79, July 23, 2007.

Joan C. Spiel, mother of Sheila Spiel Simmerman '80 and Susan Spiel Habenicht '78 and grandmother of Stefanie Simmerman '05, July 22, 2007.

Paul B. Strasser, husband of Mary Haney Strasser '38, June 12, 2007.

Edward M. Szczesniak, father of Diane Szczesniak '77, September 9, 2007.

Roman C. Szymczak, father-in-law of Holly Urbanski Szymczak '96, May 1, 2007.

Ceaser Tordi, grandfather of Mia Novak '05, May 6, 2007.

Judith Welde, mother of Karey L. Welde '98, June 16, 2007.

Mary Colnon Wild, mother of Ann Wild (Stickley) '67, May 30, 2007.

John Brophy Ward, son of Jule DeJager Ward '64, nephew of Maureen Ward O'Brien '66 and Patricia Ward '75, May 23, 2007.

Mary Frances Ward, mother of Patricia Kathleen Ward '75 and Maureen Ward O'Brien '66, mother-in-law of Jule DeJager Ward '64, May 2007.

John J. Witous ND '44, husband of Rose Donovan Witous '53, stepfather of

Theresa Gildner Mosser '76 and Laura Gildner Phipps '85, July 7, 2007.

Julius Frederick Wolff Jr., ND '40, brother of Mary Lucia Wolff Stevenson '42, and uncle of Mary Stevenson Tate '66 and Elizabeth Stevenson Cable '73, July 13, 2007.

Marriages

Suzanne M. Turcotte '80 and Fred Colson, June 30, 2007.

Kelly Ivcevic Noga '92 and Andrew, September 3, 2006.

Laura Stach Miller '95 and Robert, March 24, 2007.

Rachel Luke Giannini '96 and Brian, February 10, 2007.

Shane Kaniecki Palumbo '96 and Robert, March 25, 2006.

Marian Kelly Mangoubi '97 and Dave, December 16, 2006.

Paige Funk Cherven '98 and David, September 8, 2007.

Jennifer Nelson Bojarski '98 and Theodore, November 4, 2006.

Mary Beth Ellis Hunter '99 and Josh, July 14, 2007.

Michelle Janko Meade '99 and Richard, August 11, 2007.

Janet Gay Horvath '00 and Leon Bogucki, February 24, 2007.

Kathleen Barger Klaber '00 and Shane, April 8, 2006.

Shanna Conner Cronin '02 and Brendan, December 2, 2006.

Jennifer Marie Martell '02 and Clint Brown, July 28, 2007.

Abeer Zayed Zanayed '02 and Diab, June 17, 2007.

Christin Yesnik Fairchild '04 and Michael ND '00, July 14, 2007.

Jennifer Bartalino Fey '04 and Eric, May 12, 2007.

Vanessa Hetrick Friedman '04 and Matthew ND '04, June 23, 2007.

Michelle Biersmith Hennings '04 and Daniel ND '04, August 11, 2007.

Erika Kozlowski Leeper '04 and Christopher, September 30, 2006.

Linda Janke Ruszkowski '04 and Thaddeus, April 21, 2007.

Meghan Scallen Welch '05 and Eric, April 14, 2007.

Camille Johnston Horan '06 and Scott ND '06, April 21, 2007.

Sarah Molnar McKay '06 and Steven, July 15, 2006.

Jennifer Hegberg Carapia '07 and Miguel, July 21, 2007.

Dana Dreher Schrader '07 and Ben, July 7, 2007.

Births & Adoptions

Sarah Bransfield Kelley '86 and Kip: Ferrill Sarah, June 15, 2007.

Kathryn O'Brien Kumler '88 and Bryan: Reiley O'Brien, April 28, 2007.

Natalie Prud'homme Otto '88 and Greg ND '88: Anna Marie, February 12, 2007.

Margaret Cox Petrucelli '88 and Michael: Keria Grace, February 6, 2007.

Mary Shine Huffman '90 and Mark: Lauren Elizabeth, May 28, 2006.

Julie Barger Arends '91 and Thomas ND '91: Sophia Marie, August 11, 2006.

Amy Cunningham Goodwine '91 and J. William ND '88: Kathleen Anna, April 30, 2007.

Barbara Rittinger Rigo '91 and Stephen: Grace Ann, February 15, 2007.

Beth Caponigro Buckley '92 and Neil: Nicholas Eamonn, December 18, 2006.

Patricia McGowan Donahue '92 and James ND '92: Meghan Maureen, June 21, 2007.

Ellen McQuillan Drake '92 and Scott: Lila Juliette, July 19, 2006.

Ann Martin Flynn '92 and John ND '92: John "Jack" Hurley, April 5, 2007.

Laura Jeffris Kruyer '92 and James: Elizabeth Grace, April 23, 2007.

Sarah Burke Man '92 and Gabriel: Ryan Gabriel, February 22, 2007.

Mary Morrissey McGowan '92 and Tim: Declan James, August 2, 2006.

Maria Dominello Panowicz '92 and Tom: Leah Mary, May 15, 2007.

Mary Ann Leitten Rietveld '92 and Robert: Rachel Clare, May 19, 2006.

Maria Alvarez Ruiz '92 and Raphael: Gabriela, August 21, 2006.

Traci Zerbenski Sembrot '92 and James ND '91: Meghan, December 8, 2006.

Amy Lowery Shannon '92 and Brian ND '91: William Thomas, January 15, 2007.

Claire Shafer Shely '92 and Leon: Lydia Anne, February 28, 2007.

Alyssa Moehle Wilcox '92 and Michael: Catherine Sophia, November 30, 2006.

Teresa Welch Blahoski '93 and Roman: Molly Therese, July 9, 2007.

Margaret Malone Bonvechio '93 and Brian: John Xavier, August 7, 2007.

Mary Beth Barger Dirksen '93 and David: Benjamin David, April 4, 2007.

Kelley O'Rourke Jensen '93 and Owen: Kayla, August 1, 2007.

Amy Persin Linnert '93 and Michael ND '92: Calvin Michael, March 10, 2007.

Michaela Joyce Macchiarola '93 and Joe ND '93: Mary Kate, April 30, 2007.

Christina Carrara Mortillaro '93 and Christopher: Julia Grace, August 27, 2007.

Diane Florin O'Donnell '93 and Jim: Sean Eamonn, September 10, 2007.

Allyson Renshaw Subia '93 and Dominic: Arianna Renae, June 4, 2007.

Rebecca Sullivan Hary '94 and Dirk: Brendan Michael, June 12, 2007.

Carla Novak Whittier '94 and George: George August "Gus", October 20, 2006.

Amita Mukerjee Frawley '95 and Andrew: Katherine Susanne, April 23, 2007.

Robin Clanin Minson '95 and Jack ND '95: Bobbie, June 15, 2007.

Molly Flood Schreck '95 and Michael ND '95: Grant Michael, May 17, 2007.

Julie Govorko Collins '96 and Matthew: Michael Timothy, August 3, 2006.

Kelly Kilmer-Mullagh '96 and Kelly Mullagh: Benjamin Troyer, January 20, 2007.

Sara Arlene Leavitt-Turner '96 and Aaron Turner: Victoria Catherine, June 1, 2007.

Clare Heekin Lynch '96 and Tomas: Gavin John, April 28, 2007.

Meghan Maloney O'Sullivan '96 and John: James McKenna, April 3, 2007.

Mary Good Palmer '96 and Mike ND '94: Anne Rita, May 7, 2007.

Jennifer Myers Wiseman '96 and Brian: Twin girls, Lindsey Morgan and Cassidy Paige, January 12, 2007.

Christy FitzGerald Craig '97 and Jeff: Corbin Michael, August 25, 2007.

Mary Sanford Dodd '97 and Alexander: Catherine Cormick, August 14, 2007.

Kristen Buraczewski Jones '97 and Chris: Mallory Anne, June 6, 2007.

Kristin Wisniewski McMinn '97 and Todd: Alexander Jeremy, March 8, 2007.

Jessica Flynn Riehle '97 and Joe ND '98: Henry David, May 19, 2007.

Lori McKeough Bohan '98 and Scott: Meg McKeough, February 4, 2007.

Katie Narbone Justak '98 and Mel: Emily Claire, April 24, 2007.

Hollis Janowak Mertens '98 and James ND '98: Lucia Louise, April 5, 2007.

Stephanie Pasas-Farmer '98 and Shawn: Landon Terry, April 9, 2007.

Cicely Campo Siepka '98 and Dennis: Sophie Marie, April 16, 2007.

Cynthia Dietz Skalicky '98 and Aaron: Paul Aaron, April 6, 2007.

Kristin Liptak Williams '98 and Ryan: Katie Marie, August 20, 2004 and Jacob Ryan, April 21, 2007.

Colleen Thomas Dewan '99 and Kevin ND '99: Patrick Donald, March 27, 2007.

Sarah Gallagher Dvorak '99 and Todd: Oliver Brady, October 17, 2006.

Lisa Maxbauer Price '99 and Matt: Jackson Edward, July 24, 2006.

Angela Little Berg '00 and Peyton ND Law '02: Leah Elizabeth, November 29, 2006.

Kelly Dawson Archambeault '01 and Brian: Emily Claire, February 28, 2007.

Elizabeth Stark Pardue '01 and Glen: Brady Thomas, October 26, 2005.

Kelly Dugan Prina '01 and Peter: Margaret Mary, March 30, 2007.

Patricia Knauss Sage '01 and James: Peyton Rose, February 20, 2007.

Stefanie Kitta Bent '02 and Daniel: Eva Grace, September 26, 2006.

Kathryn Robinson Burfield '02 and Douglas: Audrey Karstin, May 16, 2006.

Janel Miller Coppens '02 and Brett: Molly Rae, April 4, 2007.

Kathleen Nickson D'Avria '02 and Steven: Nicholas Thomas, March 29, 2007.

Maureen "Mo" MacDonald Dettler '02 and Justin ND '02: Tess Noelle, November 8, 2006.

Allison T. Doherty McSherry '02 and Jason: Madelynn Claire, July 18, 2006.

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

Gillian Dukes Schultz '04 and Mike ND '04: Keira Meade, September 29, 2006.

Jillian Roth Gill '06 and Brittan: Austin James, May 6, 2007.

Sarah Molnar McKay '06 and Steven: Elizabeth Irene, April 5, 2007.

Carolinas

The Carolinas Club gathered at the home of Christina Vellucci '93 in South Charlotte to stuff care packages for the new and returning Carolinas students. Guests donated money for supplies and shipping, as well as school items. The group stuffed a total of eight packages. The students loved them!

For more information, contact: Kara Pearce '04, kara.pearce@cbre.com.

Chicago East

The summer was a busy time for the Chicago East Club. On June 24, the Club co-hosted a scholarship fundraiser with the Chicago Northwest Club. The "Day at the Races" at Arlington Park allowed alumnae and friends the chance to make a wager that has life long returns--helping a young woman from the Chicago area attend Saint Mary's College! The event was chaired by Kelly Walsh '01 and Louanne Scanlon Mauro '70 along with much help from Marguerite Chenal Jans '48. Seventy-two people attended, including alumnae, family, and friends. There was also a raffle and a live auction in support of the Chicago Club's endowed scholarship. Thank you to Jan Dunkin Brenzel '78 for serving as the auctioneer for the afternoon. The day raised just under \$6,000 in scholarship money. Many thanks to all who graciously donated a raffle prize, and to the chairwomen and Marguerite for their enthusiastic stewardship of this event.

The 2007 Chicago East and Chicago Northwest Clubs' New

Student Send-off was held on July 22 at the home of Mary Jo Schramm Howard '82 in Hawthorne Woods. Over sixty were in attendance. Eight new students and their families came for the dinner and dessert reception. Four sets of current parents and several current students were on hand to answer the new students' questions and concerns. The evening was a huge success! Alumnae shared their stories and sent off the new students in style with new SMC key chain/ID holders. In addition, the clubs compiled The South Bend Helpful Hints Booklet which was distributed to all first year and transfer students on campus. Many thanks to the wonderful chairwomen for organizing this event: Kelly Walsh '01 (East), Megan Bennett '03 (East), Julie Marsh Deischer '93 (Northwest), and Louanne Mauro '70 (Northwest). If you are interested in joining the Send-off Committee, please contact the club at smcchicagoeast@yahoo.com.

Founders' Day was Nov. 4 at St. Ignatius College Prep on Chicago's near south side. The Club celebrated with a private Mass, followed by lunch. Members heard about the beatification of Father Moreau CSC, founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross, which occurred in Le Mans, France, this past September. The Club also raised money for the Chicago Endowed Scholarship Fund with the annual scholarship raffle.

The Club is looking for volunteers to join the Send-off, Founders' Day, Spring Tea and Arts Programming Committees. Are you interested in learning more about the Club,

connecting with fellow alumnae and helping to plan these annual events? Please contact the Club at smcchicagoeast@yahoo.com or communications chair Genevieve Morrill '98 at gcmorrill@yahoo.com to learn more.

Chicago Northwest

Once again, the Chicago Northwest Club partnered with the Chicago East Club for the annual Student Send-off. Thank you to all who provided food and attended the event. Mary Jo Schramm Howard '82 again opened her beautiful home for the event, and Louanne Scanlon Mauro '70 was a terrific help as well. Also, thanks to the parents and current students who gave helpful suggestions to the new students and their families. Their perspective was invaluable!

This past June the Club worked with the Chicago East Club on their spring scholarship event. Kelly Walsh '01 and Louanne Mauro co-chaired the event at Arlington Park with food, an auction, and plenty of horse races. At last count, the event had raised almost \$6,000, which will support the Chicago Endowed Scholarship Fund.

Halane Young '88 and Renee Young '93 planned the annual Mother-Daughter Tea for the Club. It was held at the Seasons in Long Grove on Oct. 27. This is always a wonderful afternoon!

The Networking Group is back due to a good amount of interest by fellow alumnae. If you are interested in getting information on the group or have an idea for a program, contact

Janet Quattrini Aldred '84 at Janet@JQDesigns.com.

The Book Club continues to meet monthly. Members met on Sept. 24 to discuss *Mockingbird: A Portrait of Harper Lee* by Charles J. Shields, and on Oct. 29 to talk about *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen. All meetings are held at Hackney's on Milwaukee Avenue in Wheeling. Please join the group whenever you can. Contact Mary Chaput McKeown '75, mary@mckeown.us, with any questions.

For more information, contact: Julie Marsh Deischer '93, (847) 462-9033 or ddjd95@msn.com.

Chicago West

For a fun activity in July, the Chicago West Club enjoyed an evening at Potter Bayou in Naperville to decorate pottery. There were some new faces, including current parent Kathy Reddington and her daughter Shawn. Shawn is a senior living in the new Opus apartments. She was excited to start her final year and enjoy this new housing experience.

Summer faded, but the book club discussions did not! At the August meeting, members gave book reports and shared the many good books each had read during the summer. Thanks to the evening's hostess, Kristin Simono Newell '91, for writing them all down.

August was also Student Send-off time, and the Club thanks Julie Griffin Murphy '74 for hosting the event this year. With the help of her daughter Caitlin '09, the young ladies from the club area learned many valuable hints for surviving their first year. Those in attendance received 2007-2008 Academic Planners. In September alumnae enjoyed a Dinner Out at Brio Tuscan Grill in Lombard, organized by Patty Piercy Cushing '90, and finished the month with another book club discussion at the home of Alison Spohn '93.

The final book club of the year was held in October and hosted by Carrie Cummins Mueller '92. Along with the book discussion, book ideas were gathered for 2008. Many thanks to Anne Murray McDermott '85, who compiled the 2008 book list (with reviews and hostess locations). This information will be published on the web site as soon as available, and emailed to the group. If you are not receiving emails, please consider sending in your club dues to be added to the club's email distribution list.

Club members enjoyed a Founders' Day Potluck Dinner at the home of

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Alumnae from the Kansas City Alumnae Club "sent off" its students with a celebration hosted by Mary Jo Anderson Coughlin '72. The group had fun recalling memories from their freshman year.

Patty Cushing in the fall to celebrate Saint Mary's new national ranking. The Christmas gathering was on Thursday, Dec. 6. The group follows the annual tradition of bringing gifts to donate to the People's Resource Center and treats to send to a lucky freshman at SMC who will be enduring her first set of exams.

Thank you for everyone's continued club support, especially the Board for their leadership. The Club looks forward to 2008 and supporting Saint Mary's College!

For more information, contact: Alison Spohn, irishannie93@yahoo.com or (630) 820-6711.

Cleveland

The Cleveland Club hosted the Student Send-off on Aug. 2 at the home of Cheri Petride Miller '79 in Brecksville. Kristen Ciofani '99 and Nicole Longar Lieber '00 chaired the event. Current students answered questions and provided much insight into life at Saint Mary's College for the nine first year students who attended the event. The Send-off was a wonderful event for welcoming future alumnae into the Saint Mary's community.

Founders' Day was celebrated on Oct. 11 at the Nicholson House in Lakewood. Thanks to all who attended!

Don't forget to send in your \$25 club dues. Dues help defray costs for newsletters, invitations, and other event expenses. Checks, made out to Saint Mary's Club of Cleveland, should be mailed to Treasurer Kristen Ciofani, 2179 Murray Hill #4, Cleveland, Ohio 44106.

For more information, contact: Cheri Miller, cdmiller8457@earthlink.net or (440) 526-8966.

Columbus

At her home in New Albany, Lisa McConnell Orsinelli '92 hosted a "Bag Daddy" party in May for alumnae, where you could design your own purse. The proceeds from this party were used to purchase additional purses for the Club's Founders' Day raffle.

Ruth Anne Towell King '71 hosted a reception in her New Albany home for SMC author, Mary Beth Ellis '99. Members discussed with Mary Beth her book, *Drink to the Lasses*, a memoir about her time at Saint Mary's.

Erin Peter Wolf '94 hosted the Freshmen Send-off Reception at her home in Dublin in July. The club had a record number of incoming students this year and had a large group attend.

Current students from the Columbus area were on hand to lead the Q & A session.

Erin Gibbons '86 organized a movie night in August. Alumnae and some of their older kids met to see "Hairspray" and then had coffee afterward.

SMC/ND Christmas Mass and Brunch will be held in December.

For more information, contact: Laura Proto Campise '92, (614) 488-8443 or lccampise@sbcglobal.net.

Dallas/Fort Worth

With August came the Dallas/Fort Worth Club's annual Student Send-off. The club was fortunate to have ten first year students in the area who joined the six returning students. The Send-off was graciously hosted by Nancy Rix Kraft '77, whose daughter, Megan, headed off to Saint Mary's for her first year of college. Several alumnae were in attendance to see off these young ladies. Thanks to all who came! The Club's annual Christmas party was on Saturday, Dec. 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. All local alumnae were invited, and came for a lovely Mass and dinner which was hosted by Jan Clements Miller '80 at her home in Plano.

For more news and information on upcoming events, check out the Club's web site: <http://www.saintmarys.edu/~alumnae/clubpages/TEXAS/dfw.html> or contact Andrea Sondag Schweitzer '00 (andrea.schweitzer@yahoo.com).

Des Moines

The Des Moines Club hosted a Founders' Day Brunch on Nov. 3, at the home of Aimee Beckmann-Collier '75. Sister Carola Broderick BVM spoke to the group about spiritual growth and, in the spirit of the Feast of All Saints, led alumnae in a discussion of their mentors/saints, intertwined with a simple ritual celebration of these saints from their personal lives.

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

Fairfield/Westchester

Lynn Van Wassenhove Smierciak '82, Amy Kramer Broghammer '97, and Sally Georgen Archer '83 had a lovely lunch with two of the three incoming students from the Club's area. The discussions about how the young women selected Saint Mary's reminded the alumnae of how important it is for all to share their

club clips



In August the Twin Cities Alumnae Club welcomed a large group of first-year students into the Saint Mary's family at its student send-off. They were a delightful group of young women!

experiences about Saint Mary's with friends, family, neighbors, etc. One of the students learned of Saint Mary's through her mother's friend. The student told her friend (also attending) and so on.

For more information, contact: Sally Archer, ctarcher@optonline.net or (203) 544-7150.

Houston

The Houston Club had a very successful Student Send-off! It was hosted on Aug. 7 by Bronwyn McAuliffe Azzarello '97. Several alumnae as well as current students were able to attend. Students were given a gift to help them start off their year.

The Club is always looking for more Houston ladies! If you are not receiving emails or have ideas for the Club, contact: Bronwyn Azzarello, bronellm@yahoo.com or (713) 973-1195.

Indianapolis

Indianapolis alumnae celebrated Founders' Day on Sept. 26 with a visit from special guest President Carol Ann Mooney '72. The Club hosted a wonderful dinner at Meridian Hills Country Club. Members enjoyed talking with Dr. Mooney and hearing the latest news from campus.

A small group of Indianapolis alumnae volunteered their time at Second Helpings. Second Helpings rescues food that restaurants would throw away and makes a meal out of it. Indianapolis alumnae spent a Saturday

helping to prepare these meals.

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Kansas City

The Kansas City Club excitedly welcomed three first year students to the SMC family this fall. The Send-off Celebration, hosted by Mary Jo Anderson Coughlin '72, brought the new students together with Lauren Towle, a current senior. The Club shared fond memories and a few survival tips as members wished the girls well on their journey to their beloved Saint Mary's. The KC Club volunteered at the Rose Brooks Center, attended the local ND Night, and raffled ND football tickets—it's been a busy fall!

The Christmas Tea was scheduled for Dec. 2.

London

On the evening of June 4, Alex and Cynthia McKiel Hunt '80 hosted a dinner for the European Summer Study Program faculty at the Oxford and Cambridge Club in London's Pall Mall, where Alex is a member.

All five faculty members attended: Program Director David Stefancic from History, Krista Hoefle from Art, Karen and Tom Van Meter from Education, and Pablo Hernandez from Business. The group relaxed over champagne, then enjoyed a lovely three-course dinner.

Thirty-five Saint Mary's students

signed up for this year's program, touring Paris, London, Edinburgh and Dublin. While students can enjoy local attractions and leisure time at each destination, Dave and the faculty arranged tours as varied as the OECD (Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development), the Bank of England, inner-city schools, and museums.

Cynthia Hunt recommends that parents seriously consider sending their children on the European Summer Study Program. It is open to students from colleges around the nation, not just Saint Mary's. Hunt says, "The quality of the courses and faculty has remained high throughout the lifetime of the program, which has been in existence for 30 years. The tour destinations vary from year to year, the teaching is of a standard we have come to expect from Saint Mary's, and the students enjoy a truly unforgettable three weeks in Europe. I can't think of a better gift parents could give an undergraduate." For more details on the European Summer Study Program, visit <http://www.saintmarys.edu/~history/Eurosummer/>

For more information on the London Alumnae Club, contact: Cynthia Hunt, cynthiamhunt@ukgateway.net.

Louisville

The Louisville Alumnae Club of hosted a coffee last fall to reinvigorate the group. There were graduates in attendance from the Class of '42 to the Class of '06! Everyone had a wonderful time and it seems the generations melt away when there are so many Saint Mary's women together in one place.

In August the Club hosted, in conjunction with the Notre Dame Louisville Club, a back to school Mass and luncheon at St. Xavier. All new and returning students received a back to school monogrammed bag in the College's colors of light blue and white.

The Club hopes to build on this momentum and continue to host activities throughout this year. If anyone is interested in joining or contact the group, contact Rachel Lamb Schrepferman, '92, (502) 897-0044 or rachelshp@bellsouth.net or Julie Raque Adams, '91, (502) 426-6930 or julie.adams@louisvilleky.gov.

New Jersey

The New Jersey Club partnered with the ND South Jersey Club,

SMC New York City Club, the SMC Philadelphia Club, and ND New York City Club to host a number of summertime events aboard the Tallship Unicorn. They were all a lot of fun and everyone enjoyed meeting new friends and seeing familiar faces. Please visit the Club's web page on the SMC web site to view photos from the events. These are summer events that the Club hopes to offer again next year.

Thanks to Elizabeth Christopher Elmore '68 for generously donating a pair of ND vs. Air Force tickets as a starter for the Club's scholarship fund. If you find that you have extra football tickets next season that you'd like to donate, please contact the Club. It is a win-win for everyone...except for maybe the Irish this season.

Club dues are due, ladies! Once again, the Club will send out the very popular Christmas Care Packages to all of the New Jersey students. So, please help support the Club and make your \$25 check out to SMC NJ Club and send to: Dawn Santamaria, 2 Gravel Hill Road, Asbury, NJ 08802.

For more information, contact: Dawn Parker Santamaria '81 dawn@tallshipunicorn.com or (908) 735-6716.

Philadelphia

Hello Philadelphia alumnae! After ten years of leadership from Carol Hastings Bradbeer '86 and Lynn Uritis Smith '89, the Club has a new president, Katie Smith '93, who took on the role in the spring. Katie invites all local alumnae to get in touch with updated contact information and thoughts about club activities. Anyone interested in a leadership role or in planning events should also contact her.

Five women from the Philly area headed to South Bend as first year students this fall, as well as eight current students. The tradition continues!

An informal "end of summer" gathering was held at Katie's home in August. Ideas were exchanged about future events and ways to draw out more participation from all age groups. Thanks to each of you who attended, especially current junior, Katie Chmelko.

For more information, contact: Katie Smith, Ksmith1014@yahoo.com or (215) 280-1122.

Pittsburgh

The Pittsburgh Club continues to grow! In recent months the

club clips



The Youngstown/Warren Alumnae Club hosted a student send-off in August. Pictured left to right (back row): Colleen Masternick '79, Erica Antonucci '07, Kareen Reese Klier '69, and Cara Dunbar Kalogerov '02. Front row: Brooke Verbosky Steines '02 and Kim Simons Filipowicz '93.

Club's Board of Directors has been brainstorming ideas for upcoming events. On Oct. 28, a celebration in honor of Founders' Day was held. Included in the day's events was a community Mass held at St. Bernard's Church in Mt. Lebanon, followed by a luncheon at Atria's Restaurant.

The Young Alumnae Club continues its programming for graduates of Saint Mary's from 1997 to the present. Among the many programs are ND football game watches, held in conjunction with the Notre Dame Young Alumni Club, a SMC/ND Pirate Night at PNC Park, and other evening activities.

The Club encourages all local alumnae to become involved in the revitalized Pittsburgh Alumnae Club. The Club would love to hear from you, letting them know whether or not you are interested in participating in Club events. To contact the Club with information, please email smcpittsburgh@hotmail.com.

For more information, contact: Colleen Miles '03, (412) 400-8536.

Quad Cities

The IA/IL Quad Cities Club hosted their annual Student Send-off Luncheon on Aug. 12 at The Abbey Hotel in Bettendorf. Those in attendance included Sarah Kautz '04, hostess Cathy Lemon Treacy '72, Patricia Guccione Conway '66, and Debbie Johnson Schwiebert '74. Students in attendance included Calli Davison '09, Sarah Davenport '09 with

her grandmother, Emily Goebel '08 and first year student Liz Adams '11 and her mother. The Abbey is owned by alumna Joan Landfried Lemon '66 and her husband Joe, ND '66.

As a gift from the Club, students were given a Saint Mary's planner and well wishes for happiness and success throughout the 2007-2008 school year.

For information, contact: acting president Debbie Schwiebert, (309) 786-2958, or treasurer Susan Johnson Karlix '80, (515) 359-4150.

San Francisco

The San Francisco Bay Area Club met on Aug. 5 at the home of Katherine Klimisch Arst '94. Fifteen alumnae attended the first meeting since the revitalization of the Club this past summer. The Club co-hosted a Founders' Day event with the San Jose Alumnae Club on Oct. 14. Thank you to all who attended this event!

For more information, contact: Michelle Eggers Lagos '05, michellelagos@gmail.com.

South Bend

The South Bend Club had a busy start to the club year. The first event of the year was the annual Student Send-off, held on Aug. 12. This year the Club held a picnic for the new students from the South Bend area. Twenty-five first year students attended with over 60 people total at the event. The Club's two scholarship students, Emily Stillson '09 and Lesley Chan '10, also

came. After enjoying a delicious picnic potluck in Haggar Parlor, the students were given the opportunity to ask alumnae questions about life at Saint Mary's. It was a wonderful afternoon enjoyed by everyone in attendance.

The club celebrated Founders' Day on Oct. 18 in the Noble Family Dining Hall on Saint Mary's campus. The guest speaker was Addie Stefanac Cashore '70. She described her experiences attending the beatification of Fr. Moreau in Le Mans, France, this past September. Also in October the Young Alum co-chairs held a game watch at Between the Buns.

On Nov. 11 a group of alumnae met at the Church of Our Lady of Loretto to attend Mass. They then had brunch together in the Noble Family Dining Hall.

The Book Club also continues to meet. On Oct. 3 they discussed *Dreams from My Father* by Barak Obama. A big thank you goes to Mary Ellen Rusinek Koepfle '78, who was the book club host. In November they read *Audrey Hepburn, An Elegant Spirit* by Sean Hepburn Ferrer. Thanks also to Linda Brothers Diltz '81 for hosting the November meeting.

Many other great events are planned for the remainder of the club year. To stay current on upcoming events, check out the Club's Web site at <http://www.saintmarys.edu/~alumnae/clubpages/INDIANA/southbend.html>

For more information, contact: Amy Dooms Taylor '01, doomsamy@netscape.net or (574) 299-7344.

Toledo

The Toledo Club joined the Notre Dame Club of Toledo for a Send-off Picnic on Aug. 7. The Club welcomed two new students to the SMC Class of 2011. Also, a Founders' Day Dinner was held in the fall at a local restaurant.

For more information, contact: Paulette Raczkowski-Baz '96, paulettebaz@bex.net.

Twin Cities

The Twin Cities Alumnae Club has been busy this past summer and early fall. In May, the first Mommies & Tots Meet and Greet was held at the home of Charmaine Samaraweera Torma '99. It was a low key gathering where the mommies and tots were able to socialize and play with each other. The group met on Sept. 5 at the home of Ann Spiess Clark '97 for a Pool Time play date. Boy, did the little ones (and even some of the mommies)

enjoy cooling off in the pool! If you would like to be placed on the email distribution list for the monthly daytime/weekday playgroups and/or the monthly family gatherings on the weekends, please email the co-chairs at smctcmommiesandtots@gmail.com

On Aug. 12, the Club held a Mother and Daughter Student Send-off Tea at the home of Mary Beth Dornbach Snyder '80. The Club was pleased to send to the College 18 new students with a total of 30 students from the Twin Cities area. Thank you to Mary Beth for her hard work in putting together a lovely event for the young women. This year, the Club has formed the Student Support Committee to assist its students for the next 4 years. If you are interested in joining the committee, please email the chair at smctcstudentsupport@gmail.com

The Club also kicked off their '07-'08 Book Club with a discussion of Jeannette Walls' *The Glass Castle*. The Aug. 21 discussion was held at Marilou Eldred's home. Twelve alumnae, including some new faces, gathered to discuss this riveting, well-written, and shocking memoir. The discussion was concluded by sharing titles of books people read that others may enjoy.

The Book Club will be meeting more frequently, and in various locations this year: St Paul, Richfield, Minnetonka and Roseville. If you'd like to join the email list for notices, please send an email to smctcbookclub@gmail.com, or call Sharon Scheckel Madigan '80, at (651) 698-7982.

Finally, the Club has teamed up with the ND of MN Alumni Club in a ND/SMC Kickball league...the team lost their first game, but hopes to end the season on a winning streak!

If you would like to learn more about the SMC TC Alumnae Club, contact the club officers at smctcalumnaeclub@gmail.com

Youngstown/Warren

The Youngstown/Warren Club met on Aug. 11 at the Olive Garden Restaurant in Boardman, Ohio for an annual meeting and Student Send-off. There was a great turnout! The club has eight incoming first year students and seven were able to attend the luncheon, along with their mothers. There were also six alumnae and six current students in attendance. Special thanks to Kim Simons-Filipowicz '93 and Stefanie Popovec Schiavone '02 for helping club president Brooke Verbosky Steines '02 with the planning and mailing for the event. The club will be sending care packages to

the students for Christmas during their finals week in December. Please contact Brooke for further details at brooke_allyson@hotmail.com. The Club also plans to participate in the Relay for Life in Boardman in May 2008. Please join the team if you are in the area!

For more information, contact: Brooke Steines, (330) 372-9975.

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Here is an item for the Saint Mary's history books: As a class, we numbered approximately 70 students; yet, throughout our four years at the College, we were never able to associate with two of our members. We were not allowed to talk to them, walk with them, or even transfer thoughts to them. How can this be? These two classmates were in the novitiate of the Sisters of the Holy Cross. They were progressing towards becoming nuns; thus, they were instructed not to look at us or even speak to us. Perhaps there was a fear that we might contaminate these novices with our lively spirit, our inventive ideas, or our tricks and so pull them away from their true vocation. This sounds like a tall tale, but even today, I had it verified by current Holy Cross sisters.

Today, Holy Cross sisters are active in the world at large in every positive way. They are impressive as administrators, teachers, nurses, and in many other fields in which they serve to correct the ills of the world.

This is not meant to diminish our remembrances of the brilliant, sterling nuns of our day. It only indicates that the world has changed, and the complex world we live in today needs the solid guidance of women devoted to God. More power to them!

Here is a formal report on the fascinating classmates whose wisdom and friendship we missed.

Sr. M. Francis Rose Ruppert, CSC received her MA at the University of Notre Dame in 1958 after receiving her BA from Saint Mary's. She also received an MA from Catholic University in 1967. From 1940-70, she served as a teacher/principal in Holy Cross schools. From 1970-97, she was involved in religious education and retreat work in various parishes and at Saint Mary's, in addition to doing volunteer work for her local community. Presently, Sr. Francis Rose lives at Saint Mary's and serves in the ministry of the Sisters of the Holy Cross.

Though I never had the pleasure of meeting **Sr. M. Dorothy Anne Cahill, CSC**, I had the pleasure of corresponding with her almost a decade. Sr. Dorothy Anne felt she was a part of our class, so much so that she kept praying for us. She seemed lively, adventurous, yet always moving forward with God in a positive way.

She loved writing poetry. She wrote a book or two and the Sisters of the Holy Cross has made use of her verse often, even after her death. Sr. Dorothy Anne taught high school from 1935-63. She added guidance to her teaching ministry from 1963-1978. In 1978, she received her certification as a practical nurse and continued in that field until her death. Her body rests in peace at the Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Silver Spring, Md. Her interest in us was very real.

Maggie Waltman Smith, daughter of **Max Trompeter Waltman**, deserves not only a long-distance hug but a gold star for sharing her appreciation of us as well as of her mom. If only other class children would connect their mother's worth to us.

Maggie wrote as follows: "I was delighted to see your class notes in the current issue of *Courier*. I always look forward to reading about the Class of 1940 (and thereabouts). Although fewer respond, you continue to be an inspiration. My mother, Maxine Trompeter Waltman, will be gone 10 years this July, but every issue of *Courier* reminds me of her love for Saint Mary's.

"Our son, Christopher, who some of you met in 1980 at the Reunion picnic, is now 24 and working in Chicago after graduating from Indiana University. My husband, Mike, and I will celebrate our 30th anniversary in September. My sister, Jan ND '74 (after two years at Saint Mary's), celebrated her 32nd anniversary in August. Mom would be so proud!

"Best wishes to you, and may you continue to enjoy good health. I am looking forward to several more years of Class of '40 notes. Blessings." Signed Maggie Waltman Smith.

Maggie lives in Granger, Ind. Call her and send remembrances of her mother. Max was quiet, elegant, and wise—a fine friend.

'42

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Another glorious reunion at Saint Mary's College! How I wish all of you could have been there with us!

The representatives of the Class of 1942 were: **Amy Nadine Ryan** and her daughter, **Mary Pat Ryan Poskon '70**; **Pat Rogers Tyrrell** and her daughter, **Pattie Duniec** (husband Brian was inducted into the Chicago Catholic League Hall of Fame and

was on the Illinois team that won the Rose Bowl some time ago); **Marg Kotte O'Hara** (her daughter, **Patricia O'Hara Gable '70**, and granddaughter **Margaret Gable '00**, who was to be married June 16 stopped by to say hello); **Gert Daley Moran** and daughter **Pattie Lilis** (who is a nurse), and **Bunny Wagner Barker** and granddaughter **Ashley Clark Bass '98**. We were so happy to have our younger generation with us—they had a great time together.

As always, the Alumnae Relations Office did a fabulous job of organizing events that were interesting to us all. We congratulate **Barb Butler Henry '85** and her staff for everything they did to make our stay so enjoyable. There was something to do every minute! The food at the dinner on Friday night and at the banquet Saturday was delectable.

Ann Sheets Butler and Mary

Mayle Hickey had planned to come, but at the last minute they had to cancel because of health problems. They plan to visit Marg O'Hara this summer and will get together with the Chicago group.

Kay Houser Sanford had sent a letter at Christmastime to all of our class stating that she and her husband, Bob Sanford ND '40, would host a dinner for our class at the Notre Dame University Club on Friday night of Reunion. She received many responses, which she was kind to share by sending them to Marg Kotte, who brought them to the picnic Saturday at noon (attended by 800!). Then, after all had looked at these notes from classmates, I asked if I could bring them home so as to put their comments in our column—a new broom sweeps clean—thank you, Kay! One rather sad statistic: out of the class that entered Saint Mary's in September 1938, there are now 50 deceased members.

For those of you who could not be with us, you will be interested to learn that Hilton is building a hotel next to the Inn at Saint Mary's. It will be open for football enthusiasts in fall 2007. It will also have a conference center that will be the largest in the South Bend area (although its opening will be later than the hotel's). And, on the Saint Mary's campus itself, the new classroom building is scheduled for opening in 2008. How our campus has grown!

At the Reunion banquet, the table for the Class of 1942 was situated right in front of the podium: Amy Ryan, Pat Tyrrell, Marg O'Hara, Gert Daley Moran, and yours truly were present. We had

the pleasure of sitting with **Sister M. Basil Anthony '46**. I was very flattered when Barb Henry announced from the platform that I had been writing for *Courier* ever since August 1942—65 years! I received a nice ovation, which pleased me!

We were all grieved at the death of **Mary Irene Hartigan McCauley**, who passed away in December of 2006. Mary Irene was such a wonderful member of our class. 'Tis no wonder her nickname was "Biz"—she was always busy. Until this past year, Mary Irene spent most of her winters in their lovely condo at the Banyan in Delray, Fla., and her summers in River Forest, Ill. We all will miss her. Gert Moran, who was Mary Irene's roommate at Saint Mary's, sent Kay a note saying that Mary Irene's funeral was beautiful. The funeral Mass was at St. Luke's Church in River Forest, Ill., with interment in Holy Sepulcher Cemetery, Alsip, Ill.

The first note that came to my hands was from **Phyllis Schroeder Lutwack**, Buffalo, N.Y., saying she had a cousin who was a Christian brother and lived on campus at Notre Dame. She also said she had spent a large part of the year in the south of France and Italy.

Helen Whitaker Meyer, who lived with **Marie Bornwasser Aubrey**, **Betty Desloge Beckman**, and me in Riedinger House our last semester of senior year, wrote that she had suffered a second small stroke in April and had great difficulty walking. She was hoping to be able to attend her granddaughter's wedding in Florida this past April. Helen lives in St. Louis, Mo.

Miriam Marshall Hemphill wrote that her granddaughter was being married the same weekend as reunion. Miriam travels to her hometown of Apalachicola, Fla., at least once a year. She told Kay that **Pinkie Wolff Stevenson** was not going to be able to attend reunion. (The two of them keep in touch with each other.)

Mardianne Benedick Wilson, now Mrs. Charles P. Wilson of Danville, Cal., wrote a nice letter saying that she had three graduations to attend this month—all of grandchildren. (Mardi has eight children and Chuck two.) Mardi said her beloved husband, who had celebrated his 95th birthday with 101 guests two weeks before his death, was surrounded by all the children. Mardi travels a good deal now but lives in the Bay area.

Although she was not able to attend the event, **Louise Kulka Merkel** of Sedona, Ariz., gave Kay much credit, as do I, for advising all our

class about reunion.

Eileen Clifford Reed of Salem, Ohio, wrote Kay a nice note commending her efforts in organizing us for reunion. She also gave me applause for writing for the *Courier* every six months—I appreciate her thanks.

A few notes about yours truly: Early in January I had the pleasure of hosting a dinner for my nephew, Fr. Walter Wagner (a Dominican master of novices at St. Gertrude's Priory), and his eight novices—all visiting Louisville from Cincinnati. They are a delightful group of young men.

In February, I enjoyed the company of my granddaughter, Lauren Stinnett, from Philadelphia and her two children, Tyler, 2, and Samantha, 1. They were my houseguests for several weeks—what fun we had! Then I began preparing a DVD for a show at my 85th birthday party on April 13, 2007. My nephew, Fr. Walter, came to offer Mass here in my home for 50 dinner guests. For entertainment I showed "This is Bunny's Life for 85 years." Many enjoyed it, although some fell asleep! It was a most joyous night for me. Father's homily was beautiful and the liturgy pleased all. My garden even cooperated with a gorgeous showing of some 3000 spring flowering bulbs. As a surprise to me immediately after Mass, daughter Esther announced "Lauren, Tyler, Samantha, come wish BunBun a Happy Birthday," and in they walked! I was totally astounded!

Even before that surprise, on Good Friday, when I returned home late afternoon, I walked into my family room to find my son, Kenny, his wife, Mary, their daughter, Bethany, and her husband, José, sitting on the couch. Kenny and Mary had flown in from Chicago and landed ten minutes before Bethany and José! Their arrival started a week of birthday celebrations—I never have been so fêted! Turning 85 was truly fun!

The last weekend in April, my friend, Betty Ann Broecker, and I joined a group from the Woman's Club of Louisville and took a chartered bus to Cincinnati for a horticultural show. It was a very interesting and pleasant experience! My "watering can" purse brought comments from over 50 persons. 'Tis quite a conversation piece! I must give my sister-in-law the credit—she gave it to me!

This year I was chairman of the bridge marathon at Holy Spirit Church. We had our closing luncheon at Big Spring Country Club on May 9, which was a very pleasant affair.

The month of May I dedicated myself to planting 3000 annuals in my garden. Jeroid, my faithful gardener for over 30 years, and grandson Shane Gordon, Madonna's son, helped me. The planting was a great deal of work, but I enjoyed every minute of it!

Then came reunion. My granddaughter, Ashley Clark Bass, and I had a wonderful weekend together. Ashley and her two sons, Collin, 5, and Evan, 3, stayed in Louisville for a week following our return home. As always it's fun having the great-grandchildren in Louisville. They went back to St. Louis Friday—the house is so quiet!

Have a great autumn, and please write!

'44

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Dorothy Able Purcell wins the award for calling to give me news from Saint Mary's College. Dorothy really wanted me to know about the Notre Dame Reunion, June 1. She had hoped I would be attending so that we could have a Saint Mary's College mini-reunion with some South Bend friends also. No such luck...I am tethered to my easy chair, nursing my new knee replacement.

I have spoken with several of you but discovered very little news. We speak of our families, but there is almost no news of Saint Mary's College or our friends from there.

Mary Alice O'Laughlin did have one piece of news. In April, she went to Saint Mary's to attend a speaking engagement of Shrin Ebadi, an Iranian activist/lawyer and a former winner of the Nobel Peace Prize. She spoke on "The Role of Women in World Peace" at the Angela Athletic Facility. After this speaking engagement, Mary Alice and her friend, Helen Karrehr, met **Jeanne Yuncker Klem** for lunch and to tour Niles. It was a good time for all! Mary Alice also was looking forward to an end-of-year fundraiser for the Chicago Club's scholarship to Saint Mary's College.

Jeanne had good news to report about her grandson, a physician, who had been working in Afghanistan. He has returned to the United States and she, of course, is delighted—as are we!

I also visited with **Louise Peterman Prosser**, who was looking forward to leaving behind the hot climate of Louisiana. Heading toward South Carolina, she hoped to meet with **Marguerite Shaughnessy Wittebort**.

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Sister Crispin Kalathil S.D. '66 published "Thirst for the Divine" Carmel International Publishing House, Trivandrum, India, 2007.

Kathleen Kelly '70 was named the 2007 Walter H. Carpenter Prize winner for exceptional contributions to Babson College, Wellesley, Mass., May 2007. The Carpenter Prize is the highest honor an employee at Babson can receive. Kelly is Professor of English and chairs the Arts and Humanities Division.

Debbie Tirsway Hubbell '74 was named a "Woman of Influence" by the Des Moines Business Record, Des Moines, Iowa, August 2007. Hubbell was honored for her work with the Women's Leadership Connection and raising money and awareness for early childhood education.

Monica Stallworth '74 MA, MD, MPH, MM was appointed chief of staff at Western Maryland Hospital Center, Hagerstown, Md, September 2007. Stallworth remains on faculty at Harvard Medical School in Boston, Mass.

Patricia Jones Mullin '77 was appointed vice president and cash management manager at Cambridge Trust Company, Cambridge, Mass., June 2007.

Jane Gardner '79 published her doctoral research in the Nephrology Nursing Journal, August 2007. Gardner received her Doctorate of Nursing Practice degree from Rush University in August 2004.

Muriel Hughes '80 was appointed judge of the 3rd Judicial Circuit Court of the State of Michigan by Governor Jennifer Granholm, December 2006.

Jonelle Fabian '94 was awarded the prestigious Sigma Delta Chi Award for excellence in journalism by the Society of Professional Journalists, Washington, D.C., July 2007. Fabian was recognized for producing the documentary, "Alex Scott: A Stand for Hope." She is a producer at KYW-TV in Philadelphia.

Angela S. Kelter '97 joined Bakers & Daniels LLP as an associate, South Bend, Ind., July 2007. Kelter's focus is business litigation.

Elizabeth Wisniewski Ramos '99 received the St. Theodora Guerin Excellence in Teaching Award from the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, Indianapolis, Ind., March 2007. Ramos serves as English Department Chair at Cardinal Ritter High School.

Mary Alyce Nevins Sasso has a new link to South Bend. Her oldest granddaughter is attending law school at Notre Dame.

I had a delightful visit with **Carol Murray Powley**. She was just wonderful. We talked just as we did 63 years ago. She is in assisted living in Moorings in Arlington Heights. While Carol has had serious health problems, she is better at this time. God bless you, Carol!

I still see **Jeanne Sohm Thyberg** once a month...a friendship we started in grade school. Last month, we were joined by **Pat Nolan McLaughlin '42**. We always laugh and have a great time, especially when we visit about our Saint Mary's College antics! Like the time some of our classmates tied sheets from door to door of the annex and made Sister Francis Jerome late for daily Mass.... sorry, Mary Alice O!

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Now available to Indiana residents for the year 2008, Saint Mary's College plates can be issued for passenger cars, recreational vehicles, and trucks weighing less than 11,000 pounds.

A \$25 tax deductible donation to Saint Mary's College qualifies you to obtain a Saint Mary's license plate. The Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles will collect a \$15 special recognition plate fee along with your annual vehicle registration fee.

Please note that both an application form and a \$25 donation are required for each vehicle you register with a Saint Mary's College plate. For more information and to download the form, please visit www.saintmarys.edu/alumnae.

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I love you...whether you call, or write or not!

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No class reporter

From the Courier Office: Lila Chenal Milford continues pursuing her lifelong interest in art—and to much acclaim! In the last few years, Lila has been awarded "best in show" twice by the Grant County Art Association. She has also won several ribbons for her entries in mixed media as well as for those in other categories. Her pictures are now in collections in Washington, D.C., Indian Wells, Cal., Denver, Colo., and Chicago, Ill. Lila's first one-woman show was held at the Hostess House in Marion, Ind., from March 15 to April 13, 2007.

'50

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Rita Moliski Goth has received an outstanding award from the National Fraternal Congress of America (NFCA), an organization that promotes volunteerism and is similar in its aims to the Knights of Columbus. Rita's

mother encouraged her to join this organization when she was 16 years old. She was chosen for the award because she best represents "the spirit of fraternalism and volunteerism." Rita has been president of the local branch of the NFCA since 2001. She is very active in her parish, school, and youth ministry. In addition to all this, she raised 11 children—three boys and eight girls. Every August, the Goths have a big family get-together over three weekends! All the girls gather to help with the canning of the family's large crop of tomatoes.

This week my granddaughter, **Honore O'Brien '08**, returned from her junior year in Ireland with the Saint Mary's program. This fall, as a senior, she plans to live in the new hall of apartments with three other roommates.

My grandson, Patrick MacKenzie, will be a junior at Notre Dame this fall. When school ended this spring, he went to London for six weeks with the Notre Dame program of study and travel. Patrick is from Cincinnati and Honore is from Los Angeles, so it is extra nice for the cousins to see each other in South Bend.

Mary Cucchi Depman reports that her son, David, will be home from Prague in August. His sisters and their families will gather up north.

Joanne McCabe Schmitz's husband, Dale, is traveling to Luxembourg with nine of his family to research his "roots." They have been in touch with **Honey Kennedy Ryan's** daughter, who teaches there

and with whom they hope to make a connection.

Jean Malooly Molnar and Bob are celebrating their 56th anniversary this June. They are expecting a new grandchild this summer. Cookie says Jeanne is certain it will be born on the feast of Saint Anne, to whom she prayed for the Depmans until Mary asked her to stop.

We send our prayers and sympathy to **Mary Elliott Peck Argue**, whose husband, John, died last January. She has 12 children and lives on a lake in New Hampshire. Her son, Dan, married the daughter of a friend of mine and now lives with her in Michigan.

It is always sad to report the news of the death of our classmates.

Vivien Leonard McNaughton died in January in Troy, N.Y. After graduating from Saint Mary's, Vivien attended Columbia University, where she received a master's degree in English Literature and a Ph.D. in American Literature. Early in her career, she taught at the College of Mt. St. Vincent in Riverdale, N.Y.; more recently, she was a professor at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy. Through her parish, Vivien had an active concern for social justice and co-chaired many programs. She also enjoyed tracing her family ancestry and was proud to be a great grandchild of Irish immigrants who settled in the area of Kingston, N.Y. in 1847.

As a fellow English major, I remember Vivien's soft voice, her southern accent, and her brilliant

mind. She was a joy to Sister Miriam Joseph.

Kay Motta Hart sent me a report of **Rita Wilson Porter's** death in Saint Louis. Rita was very active with the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, of which she was the national executive director of the U.S. Council. She was the first woman ever to serve on the organization's national board.

We will all remember both of these fellow graduates and will keep them and their families in our prayers.

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Twenty-six classmates came for our 55th reunion in June 2007—staying at the Inn, breakfasting together, and reconnecting with our stories. Together we rode in golf carts from the Inn to Le Mans, the Noble Family Dining Hall, or the Cyber Café for lunches and dinners. Together we celebrated a Memorial Mass in Regina Hall Chapel for our deceased classmates. We were wine and dined with President Mooney and the other Golden Olders and Older than Golden Olders in Stapleton Lounge Friday night, and we banqueted in style (seated close to the podium!) with the other alumnae Saturday night. Some of us made pilgrimages to Notre Dame, to the Grotto, Sacred Heart Church, and the new Notre Dame Bookstore. The

time flew by, and before we knew it, we were heading in our golf carts to Sunday morning Mass in the Church of Loretto and then were sitting down for a last champagne brunch together, before saying goodbye and heading home.

At Saturday night's banquet we were surprised to hear that our class's total gift was \$529,966—topping all the others, even the contributions of the 50-year class—all without a committee. All told, there were 54 donors from our class: 46.55% participation! Of course, we knew that this splendid record was achieved by the very large donation of one classmate: **Joyce McMahon Hank**, who humbly declined to be identified and delegated **Lynn Dargis Ambrose** to receive the honor for our class. Joyce could not stay for the banquet ceremony.

Friday morning brought us together in Room 117 at the Inn. Of course, we all wanted to hear from **Mary Jane Belfie Boles**, the class newlywed. She told us the romantic tale of how Bill Boles, her high school boyfriend, had not forgotten her after 50 years. A widower with five children, he searched via Google and found her again (through my Web site) and, delighted to find her still single and still as beautiful as she was at 17, called, then visited her in Alexandria, La., bringing prom pictures of the two of them. He had kept them all those years. How could she resist? They became engaged (he gave her a lovely marquise diamond) and were married in December 2006. She regaled us with pictures of her bachelorette party, displaying the embarrassing items she received. When we asked why she hadn't brought him along, she said, "Oh, he's home remodeling the kitchen." After that, a standard question was: "Is your husband home remodeling the kitchen?"

Mary Dvilaitis Blanford came to her first reunion ever. Her curiosity was piqued by her granddaughter, an entering first-year student who raved about the campus and all the new buildings. "Can this be the same Saint Mary's College where I spent my freshman year?" She was amazed at seeing Cushwa Library, Madeleva Hall, the student center and dining hall, Opus Hall, etc., etc., etc.—none of which were there back in 1949. And now, another new academic building is going up north of Madeleva Hall. Mary felt at home because she has kept in touch with so many classmates in California—especially with Lynn Ambrose and **Jo Brazaitis Ebert**, high

school classmates.

Betty Foley McGlynn's husband died in 2003 of colon cancer, just seven months short of their 50th wedding anniversary. She has retired "numerous times" from human resources. Now, truly retired, she continues her personnel work in the parish. "Old human resources people don't retire, they just keep rewriting policies." She is secretary of her parish council, as well as lector coordinator and trainer. She has stayed in the same two-story house with yard. Her daughter was married for the first time, and Betty acquired some more grandchildren. "Life is good. In April, my sister, **Mary Foley Gundling '60**, and I took a superb Elderhostel trip to Holland for the tulip season, which was eye- and mind-boggling. Also included in the 11-day program were day tours of five cities and visits to five museums. Shortly after reunion, I will be traveling to Los Angeles for a graduation in my daughter Beth's family and a visit with Mary and my other Saint Mary's College sister, **Martha Foley Leachman '57.'**

When **Jeanne Johnson Desmond's** husband, Corky (who was with her at reunion), retired at 56, they moved back to South Bend from New York—two sons had settled in Chicago, two daughters in South Bend, and the other daughter in Pittsburgh. They have now lived in South Bend for 21 years. "I love every minute of it." Her husband is active in her parish; she is active in the local Christ Child Society (one of 65 chapters in the country), which clothes needy children.

We were all happy to see **Mary Berners Kishler** looking so hale and fit. At our 50th reunion, she had just finished chemo for breast cancer. Now, she has received the good news that she is cancer-free after five years. Her oncologist is a "Domer who happens to have taken Shakespeare class with Mickey Jo," hence Mary's complete trust in him. She is an avid traveler and has been to New Zealand, Australia, Antarctica, and many other places. Her son has a job in London, so after reunion, she was heading for Milwaukee to sit with his two children. She will visit them often, she hopes.

Mary Caryl Cash Straub holds the record for children—14, and still lives in Whittemore, Iowa, where her husband, Joe, is a circuit court judge. He has come regularly to reunion with her and has become part of our class.

Sherry Palmer Rompf has remained active in many groups in Louisville, including the Bellarmine Women's Council. She suffered

a stroke in 2001 but has no side effects. I couldn't take my eyes off her horse jewelry, which you can see if you look at this slide show of reunion at <http://picasaweb.google.com/maryroseshaughnessy/1952ClassAtSaintMarySReunion2007>.

Sally Disser Weigand has been married 54 years. Like Mary Kishchler, she is a breast cancer survivor. She stays physically active and plays tennis. At home in Fort Wayne, she volunteers at a facility, Vincent Village, which takes intact homeless families and gives them skills, etc. Fifteen families have gone from homelessness to homeownership through their help. She has 15 grandchildren, but only five in Fort Wayne, so she travels to visit them all—or they visit her in Palm Desert for a week or two in March.

Pat Egan Skudnig, who goes to Marco Island every February, reports that while there this year, she received a call from her youngest daughter, 40-year-old Sue, saying that she was in Key West and had eloped! Pat was delighted and asked how she managed to organize it all. Simple, Sue said; she had used "www.easymarriage.com."

Joey Bryan MacDonald has eight children, 19 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. Years ago, she and Richard, or "Mac," who was with her at reunion, moved from northern Wisconsin to be near their son, Mike, in Madison, who had a rare disorder. Although Mike has died since our last reunion, he survived many years—living to 43 on his own, driving, and maintaining his independence, beloved by everyone. Joey and Mac now live on a 600-acre conservancy in Middleton, Wis., and go to Englewood, Fla., every year, praying that the hurricanes or the red algae don't destroy their life there. Joey still kayaks.

After reunion Joey wrote: "Wasn't reunion a wonder-filled time? To me, it's a very nourishing experience and somehow seems to pull my life together with past times being a part of the present. I walked to the cemetery on Saturday afternoon when the rains stopped. Being there was such a peaceful experience. I stopped at the graves of many of our teachers...Madeleva, Sophia, Verda Claire, Miriam Joseph, Marie Rosaire, Immaculata, Pieta, Rita Claire, Laurita, and more. Most of them lived well into their 80's. I couldn't help but feel a sense of gratitude for all they gave to us. My reunion tradition has been to walk through the tunnel from Holy Cross to Le Mans, but I couldn't do it this time because the tunnel has been

permanently closed. (There's concern that a steam pipe might burst and injure people. When I was down there five years ago, they were all hissing madly!)"

Beverly Miller Skoniecke's husband was with her at reunion. He has become friends with other regulars, including Ian Ravenscroft and Joe Straub. When he retired in 1990, they moved from Homewood, Ill., to Lake Minocqua, Wis., near Lac de Flameau, a missionary church. Three of their children live around Chicago—in Carey, Schaumburg, and Lakewood, and one daughter lives in Hawaii. Beverly says that she does NOT NEED a computer, as she has a wonderful memory.

Faith Kilburg McNamara still lives in her two-story home. She has two daughters, one married and one single, but, alas, no grandchildren. She volunteers in several groups and has been on the alumnae board for Longwood Academy (now closed) since 1991.

Gloria Gazarra Eppler also lamented having no grandchildren. "I'm Italian; can you imagine, no grandchildren?" She has two boys—one adopted and a biological son, who arrived exactly a year later. Both are biomedical engineers. Gloria's husband has been with the same company 48 years, "but he doesn't come home for lunch." She is active with the growing diocese of San Jose, in Saratoga, Cal., and also does fundraising with the nuns in Los Gatos.

Jo Ebert has three children. One son has given her all the grandchildren; her daughter just married last year; and her oldest son (a TV director) remains unmarried. Jo's brother has been like a father to her children. Jo is a director of human resources and, outside of work, is involved in the liturgy at her parish. She planned the liturgy for our Memorial Mass, for which we thank her. It was lovely.

Lynn Ambrose's many volunteer activities (Peace Corps, Habitat for Humanity) got her an invitation to speak about volunteering at the New Road—No Rules conference in July at Saint Mary's College. When not involved with her family or her volunteer activities, she likes to work in her garden and to read.

Joyce Hank's husband, Jerry, retired, sold the company, and then their son died (of Lou Gehrig's disease)—all within seven months. She recommended that if we visit Notre Dame, we stop by and see his tombstone, with a copy of a letter

about death that he wrote to Notre Dame when he was a student there. Joyce has three daughters living in Minnesota. The family attended Father Hesburgh's Mass on his 90th birthday at the Notre Dame property in Minnesota. Joyce has maintained her interest in painting portraits; now, she is painting her grandchildren, in natural poses, using available light, and has taught them to arrange themselves so there's good light.

Liz Werres Ravenscroft and Ian are "bicoastal and bionic." Having twin girls on the West coast and twin boys on the East coast keeps them flying between the two coasts. They have made their home in Seattle.

Thelma Hausman Dunleavy has 12 grandchildren. In February she took the ninth, 12-year-old Tricia, to Epcot Center. "We went to all 12 Epcot countries to get Tricia's passport signed." With so many grandchildren, Thelma found herself with three graduations in one week: the oldest graduated *summa cum laude* from college; a second from high school; and Audrey from the 8th grade. One year ago, Thelma found out her oldest daughter, who had finished college long ago, is high-level autistic. The only advantage of knowing that now, is that, at 51, Laurie is "entitled to some government support."

Mary Jean Wallace Paxton has been tutoring high school students in Oceanside. When she retired this year, her students all wrote down things they admired in her. Her husband, Dave, continues to go to the office every day, and Mary Jean accompanies him around the country to visit his reps. Her son, Jan, manages his plant in Orlando, a trip Mary Jean is always happy to make.

Jean Wade Bestler brought her oldest son, Michael, to reunion with her. He said that all their lives, all her children heard was "Saint Mary's this, and Saint Mary's that," so he wanted to see the campus for himself—and had to admit that his mother was right to extol it as she did. Her youngest son adopted a boy from Mexico four years ago and then recently heard from the biological mother that she is pregnant again and wants him to adopt her second child. Jean lives in Greensboro, N.C.

Emma Lou Roach Majewski has finally welcomed a grandson. Her daughter had surgery for colon cancer last week—please keep her in your prayers. Emmy Lou has had minor health problems; she has a sleep apnea machine, takes thyroid

medicine, and now feels much better.

Marie Balfe Richardson's sister, **Margaret M. Balfe '57**, told us that Marie has moved to Arizona, to an assisted living facility.

Mary Barnet Large still teaches and does watercolor at the Kalamazoo Institute of Art and was having a group show in Grand Rapids.

Julie Skelly Fries gave us updates on the fascinating life of **Mary Spencer** (who left after freshman year). After marrying and divorcing Art, Mary put all her worldly possessions on her sailboat and went down the Mississippi. On the way down the river, she met Harry Williams, whom she married. He had a stroke, and she cared for him in their home in New Orleans. After Katrina destroyed their house, Mary took Harry back to Harbor Springs, Mich., near Gaylord, where Julie has a house. Julie sees her once a month. (To be continued at next reunion). When asked, "What about you, Julie?" she said, "Oh, yes, I've been to Australia and New Zealand, China, etc."

Pat Cain Murray came to the picnic and class picture. They live in Niles now. **Marie Galoney** and **Joanne Hickey Frazel** also joined us for the picnic. Those who couldn't come and sent good wishes were **Dor Murnane McMahon**, **Toni DiSalle Watkins**, **Nancy Hutchison Newton**, and **Sr. Grace Shonk, CSC**, who sent love and prayers via Julie. She has been a beloved teacher at the Academy of Holy Cross in Kensington, Md., for many years. Toni also couldn't make it to reunion. Her son, Doug, is in Afghanistan, so she felt it doubly important to attend his daughter's high school graduation in Alabama. Her oldest grandson graduated from UC-San Bernardino. She sent her love to everyone.

Your class secretary wants to join the cruising community rather than a retirement community. Over the Christmas and New Year's holidays, I went on a Panama Canal cruise that began in Miami and ended in San Diego. Dor McMahon drove over from Naples and spent the day with me in Miami. Dor has retired, but now tutors adult students in French and English (for Spanish speakers) at home. Lynn Ambrose drove down from Leucadia to meet my cruise ship in San Diego. We had lunch together at Anthony's, between the cruise terminal and the San Diego Maritime Museum, which I explored after she left. In March I went on another two-week cruise, from Santiago to Buenos Aires, around

Cape Horn—thrilling and beautiful. You can see my cruises at my website: www.shaugnessy.us. Betty McGlynn joined me in Milwaukee for dinner and Tartuffe, part of an elderhostel I was attending in Lake Geneva, Wis., on French music, literature and theatre.

We missed **Eleanor Fails**, whose Uncle Ralph chose to make his not unexpected exit the week of reunion. She sent this message: "Sorry I couldn't make at least one event but I did appreciate the phone calls. Mary and I came home from the two trips to Youngstown in two weeks absolutely wiped out. All went well and it was a blessing he died as quickly as he did. He was so weak and so sick. In his whole life he never wanted to be out of control, so he accepted death beautifully as a release from that situation. The real sadness is that he was the last of my immediate family. As difficult as he could be at times, we will miss him." We will have to wait till another reunion to see Eleanor's red convertible.

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Our prayers and sympathy are with **Jean Zimmerer Thomas** and **Marlene Gaubinger McGinn**. Jean's brother, Bob Zimmerer, died in April of brain cancer. After a long battle with colon cancer, John McGinn died, also in April.

As I mentioned in closing our spring 2007 column, your very generous news to me in mid-to-late 2006 became "too much of a good thing." So, I had to shrink some of your news and hold over some items for our fall 2007 column.

In July '06, Jim and **Bernice Boucher Hopp** did six weeks touring. Driving from Indianapolis to Vancouver, B.C., and back, they visited some family as well as many national parks and other interesting sites. A Holland-America cruise took them along the Inland Passage to Ketchikan, Juneau, and Skagway, including Glacier Bay and other marvelous sights. Their land travel included Denali National Park and Anchorage. They were among only 20 per cent of tourists able to see Mt. McKinley (North America's highest peak at 20,320 feet), due to frequent cloud cover. In and around Anchorage, their "best tour guide" was Jim's son, Mike, who teaches in the Excel program at

the University of Alaska, Kenai, and maintains its computer systems. In June, Bernice and Jim celebrated their 25th anniversary at the Greenbrier in West Virginia, writing that "We are following the Queen to Williamsburg and Jamestown." She also reported having recruited a first-year student for Fall '07, Class of 2011. Good job, Bernice!

In September 2006, **Mary Wieland Scheetz** and **Nancy Gibbon Ross** cruised from Rome to New York, "with many wonderful ports of call." In January, I had a phone chat with Nancy, who reported that Mary would soon be taking a cruise with a daughter and granddaughter down the Mexican Riviera. Nancy was planning to visit a son living in Wyoming during the summer.

(A request from your reporter ... a postcard from home or away, with news of whatever's going on with you, family, etc., would be a great idea. Keep it in mind, please?)

In November, I received a book and note from **Peg Tiernan Sheehan** explaining that she'd seen it mentioned in The Chicago Tribune and, as it was set in my hometown of Dixon, Ill., she bought it for me and read it. Her critique was adverse ("Not very well written...kind of dumb"), but she thought I'd like to see it for descriptions of Dixon, which I did. As always, it was fun hearing from Peg. She was then starting to cook for Thanksgiving—having 14 guests—"If it can't be fixed ahead, I don't do it." A few excerpts from the Sheehans' Christmas letter, which even out of context provide chuckles: "Have you noticed that Christmas letters are getting shorter and print getting bigger?" Re oldest grandson, "...so tall I don't reach his arm pits...looks like very long legs with head on top, probably weighs less than me!" And, "I'm not one who meditates. I'm more into lists." In June, Peg wrote that to celebrate their 50th anniversary in July, she and Jerry would be taken to Colorado (her "favorite state") by all their kids and grandkids—16 total.

Margaret Keller Howells wrote from Maryland, "...after having lived in Virginia since 1965 except for the eight years in Washington, D.C., at the Dorothy Day Catholic Worker House." In July, she moved to Riderwood Retirement Community, north of Silver Spring, Md., and reports that it was a good move, with life being simpler after downsizing. She is closer to son Bill and family, and also to many friends from her prayer group.

Through Ignatian Volunteer Corps ("retirees wanting to give of their time and skills to the poor"), she works with children in a development program twice weekly, "...somewhat different from my nursing and working with the homeless but not different from being a mom and grandmother!" Margaret's two oldest grands are in Virginia and New York City, and the next two at George Mason University and Boston College. She also has two high school seniors and several younger ones.

Ed and **Mary Schmitz Bartley's** '06 Christmas letter may have announced a class record: a great-great-great-grandniece born in '06. (Any challengers please let me know.) The Bartleys feel fortunate in their health and ability to enjoy travel, tennis, golf, and gardening. Travel-wise (which they certainly are), in late winter they cruised from Buenos Aires around Cape Horn up to Santiago, enjoying "spectacular scenery in the Chilean Fjords." In spring, it was Japan—enjoying the cherry blossoms as they cruised the Inland Sea up the west coast to ports seldom visited by American tourists. In late September, they joined "thousands of tourists touring Italy" (highlight: Tuscany). In 2006, instead of the traditional Bartley get-together at a resort, they gathered in Indianapolis for a summer weekend. And in July, they joined Mary's family in Green Bay, Wis., for their annual reunion. Mary's daughter, Jeanne Ann, was with them for Thanksgiving weekend, while her children skied in Colorado with their other grandparents—and joined Mary and Ed for Christmas.

Beth O'Hanlon Ruden and I connect a couple of times a year in San Francisco (she lives about 50 miles south of the city, and I about 20 miles north). Beth looks wonderful and has done some Elderhostel and international travel in recent years. Additionally, she enjoys visiting her New York and Colorado daughters and their families. All came for Christmas '06 with Beth, along with her California son and daughter and their families. When last we talked, she was hoping that all or most of them would gather this summer at Whitefish Lake in Montana. You recall that Beth came to Saint Mary's College from the University of Montana, returning there to graduate and also for graduate work.

In January, a *South Bend Tribune* article featured **Ann Korb's** reading preferences, under the subhead "Retired English Teacher Prefers Novels

in Mystery Genre." Illustrated with a color photo of Ann and her adorable (my adjective!) dog, McDuff, it also covers her current life in South Bend, as well as her travels. On the phone in April, she said that she continues her weekly work with fourth-graders (in Shakespeare and grammar), as a Madeleva Society member at Saint Mary's College, doing newsletters for the organizations to which she belongs, and playing bridge regularly. She was looking forward to a Vantage trip in May, beginning in Rio and including a trip down the Amazon.

Tom and **Mary Ann Kramer Campbell** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in Florida in April. Also in April, Dick and I spent a very enjoyable evening with **Joan Rossi, Midge Myler Russo**, and Midge's brother and sister-in-law, Chuck and Karen Myler. They sailed out of San Francisco on a Celebrity Cruise to Monterey and Carmel, then up the coast to include a wine country cruise, Portland, Seattle, and Vancouver, British Columbia. The night before their cruise, we met for dinner at a Fisherman's Wharf restaurant—beautiful weather, good views of the city's hills, the fishing boats, the Bay—and, of course, lots of good visiting.

Erin White Schaeffer wrote that they would be celebrating Jerry's 80th birthday in July with a block of 25 seats at Petco Park—"kids all coming, and we'll have a ball."

Marilyn Beck, our tireless thespian classmate, wrote in June that she recently finished a production of "State Fair" at the Brooklyn Heights (N.Y.) Theatre. At a fundraiser (at the same theatre) based on "Dancing with the Stars," she and her partner placed first with the salsa. And, she volunteers by reading to first graders through Book Pals, a Screen Actors Guild project, and recording books for the blind. A grandniece, **Brittany Pangburn**, is at Saint Mary's College now, and "loves it there." Marilyn closes with, "I'm glad that the Class of 1954 is so positive in their lives. . . A thank-you to our wonderful education at SMC."

Finally, Sullivan news: Anthony, our 14-year-old grandson, currently serves on Marin Theatre Company's Teen Board (matters pertaining to MTC's summer theatre camp for several age groups), enjoying it a lot. Granddaughter Chloe is almost 3—a real charmer who's cuter, brighter, and more fun every week. In May, Dick and I and two couples with whom we've traveled frequently will visit Peru

(including Machu Picchu) and Ecuador (including the Galapagos Islands). For about two weeks in June, Dick and two hiking buddies will walk across England—about 190 miles, day packs only, other bags transported from inn to inn. In October-November, we and friends will comprise a 16-person tour to Bhutan and India.

Happy autumn and happy holidays. Please do write, phone, or e-mail your news! And remember, deadlines for our column are Jan. 1 for spring and June 1 for fall!

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I hope that the scarcity of news from classmates means that people are busy living their lives and enjoying their families.

On Jan. 26, 2007, **Hannah Storen Kreps** invited me and **Patti Rogan Beckman** to a lovely luncheon at the Morris Inn honoring her daughter, Hannah Storm ND '83, as the recipient of the Rev. Arthur S. Harvey, CSC Award for a Notre Dame alumnus in the field of broadcast journalism. Hannah Storm has co-anchored CBS's *The Early Show* since 2002, and her book, *Notre Dame Inspirations*, had just been published.

Patti sent me an e-mail the next day telling me that her high school quarterly had an article about Sister Alma Peter, CSC celebrating her 75th anniversary as a Sister of the Holy Cross.

In March, **Pat Griffith Buch** called to ask me for **Ann Harris Mohun's** e-mail and phone number because her granddaughter would be attending Notre Dame's Perth, Australia program this summer. If my failing memory is at all correct, Pat told me that her daughter, Christine, graduated from SMC in 1996 and taught in Australia.

I continue with my weekly column in the *South Bend Tribune*. Borders Books gave a reception for me, along with people I have interviewed. We had a great time and, as a consequence, the store displays copies of my column along with copies of books I recommend or that are mentioned in that week's column.

My next column will feature **Mary McEnery Harding '84, Sistie Doherty McEnery's** daughter, who lives here with her husband, Al, and their four children. Mary did a great job as co-

chairperson of Saint Mary's fundraiser "Down the Avenue" early in June. She is not only gifted and an avid reader, but she is lots of fun as well.

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Greetings to each and every smiling face in the class of 1960. How great it is to be able to smile...at our past...at our present...at our future...at each other...and to overcome the tears of our shared grief...over those we have lost...over our aches and pains...and to share the joy of our memories, which continue no matter when we last met and will continue at the instant we meet again...which we hope will be soon.

From here in Chicago we have news of that luncheon group again. You must be tired of hearing about us, but we do have fun! On April 12, **Jane Simpson Kiep, Diane Zarantonello Sullivan, Nancy O'Toole Doppke, Arlene Lagona Feldmeier, Maureen C. Madigan, Mary Jo O'Callaghan Martin, Nancy Prawdzik Kidder**, and **Maureen Hogan Lang** met in Oakbrook, where they solved most of the world's problems in the first hour of being together and then laughed so hard for the rest of the time that...well, suffice it to say, those around us were happy to see us leave.

News flashes from the winter: Nancy Kidder was in Naples, Diane Sullivan was in Fort Meyers, Maureen Lang was in Tierra Verde, and Mary Jo Martin and **Mary Ann Prejean Antrobus** were in Nicaragua teaching quilting, and what a terrific trip they had. They brought materials and sewing machines and not only taught how to quilt, but each student completed a quilting project. How proud are we of Mary Jo and Mary Ann! Maybe some of us can help them with materials and/or sewing machines for next year.

News flashes from spring and summer: Early in the summer **Patricia Donovan Dowd** and Ed headed for a bicycle venture in Idaho. The success of Ed's ankle replacement has spurred them on to adventurous cycling. In

early August, they gathered with all their offspring in Long Beach and then hung out with the Midwestern part of their family for the rest of August and September. Although **Elaine Van Etten Cassidy** and Emmet are frequent flyers to Philadelphia to visit their grandson, they did manage to spend some time in Stevensville, Mich. **Cecile Hudson Grant** is living in Raleigh and works for the diocesan office there. Her daughter, **Mary "Muff" Grant Linnane '02**, works in Chicago. We hope Cecile will call when she is visiting Muff. **Molly Bolster Frawley** was tracked down via the internet by her fifth grade class '64-'65 from St. Joseph's School in Mountain View, Cal., and attended their class reunion in June. **Marilyn Wallace Cusick** and Tom had a wonderful trip to Spain and Portugal. Maureen Lang and Bob headed for Three Rivers, Mich., as often as they could find pleasant weather. Note: their cottage is on Pleasant Lake.

Please add to our saga by sending news...anything will do. Remember: just three years until reunion. Keep smiling!

'62

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The Class of 1962 may have been small in number at Reunion 2007—only 10 of us registered on campus, although several stayed off campus or came only for the picnic—but the 18 pictured in our class photo were full of spirit and enthusiasm as we renewed friendships and caught up on family news.

First, congratulations to **Mary Ellen Norris Durbin**, who received the Humanitas Award for her work as executive director of the People's Resource Center in Wheaton, Ill. Second, if you haven't returned your class survey, it isn't too late. Send it to my address or the Alumnae Relations Office, Saint Mary's College, Room 109 Le Mans Hall, Notre Dame, IN 46556-5001. I'm always looking for class news!

Kaye Jamieson Armstrong and her husband, Tom, have two daughters: Jana lives in Geneva, Switzerland, and Dyan lives in Fort Wayne, Ind. Kaye and Tom live in Butler, Ind., and are very involved in the Rotary Youth Exchange, having hosted 13 students from around the world and sent one of their daughters out for a year. Because of this program, they have traveled internationally a

great deal.

Sharon Mattes Bacon and Peter have begun winter traveling since retiring: three cruises, trips to New Zealand, Australia, the Southwest U.S., and Hawaii, where they spent a week on Molokai, highlighted by trek down the world's tallest sea cliffs by mule. Summers are spent at a family cottage on Elk Lake, Mich. Four daughters are scattered in New York, Knoxville, and Dayton, with their youngest, Abby, receiving her master's degree at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, and then will head off to Salt Lake City. Five grandchildren range in age from eight months to 16, and in height from 28 inches to 6 foot and 5 inches! After decades of intense volunteer service and board responsibilities, Sharon has retired from these and limits involvement to her church (RCIA and lector) and her garden club—which leaves time to enjoy travel, a literary club, two book clubs, and the development of a golf game. She says, "Life is good here in Dayton."

I found out that **Barbara Piedmo Barnes** and David live in my home town, Mansfield, Ohio, where they are involved in the music program at St. Peter's (my former parish) and deliver meals on wheels. Bonnie also belongs to a garden club, an antique club, and the Catholic Women's Club. When they lived in Cleveland, she was the music director at their parish and the vocal music teacher at Holy Name High School, and gave private lessons in piano and voice. They lived in Florida for a while, but when David retired from Ford Motor Co., they moved back to Ohio and are raising Morgan horses near Mansfield. Their six children are scattered over the country—Florida, Georgia, Texas, and Ohio. They have seven grandchildren and enjoy making a trek through all these states enjoying all the lovely places they live. Special memories of our college days for Barbara are the liturgies, being in the Schola, and the wonderful retreats we attended. Sister Franzita English was one of her favorite teachers. The drama productions in which she performed were also highlights. Barbara also notes that Saint Mary's is so beautiful through all four seasons that she was really uplifted by the campus. (I think that many of us at reunion were amazed at the changes to campus in June 2007!)

Sister Angeline Benz is a retired math teacher in Long Beach, Ind. She is presently involved in a meditation group, "Angel Workshops," creative imaging sessions, Meals on Wheels, and tutoring. She gave an address for

class clips



Some members of the class of 1965 met for a spring mini-reunion at the home of E.J. Caluwaert McFadden in Glen Ellyn, Ill. Pictured left to right: Cille Sorrentino Bucolo, Rosann Goman Conroy, Sara Johnson Walz, Colleen Leahy, E.J. Caluwaert McFadden, Mary Delaney Willer, and Sheila Kelly Ames.

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Michael and **Diane Dickerson Bird**, along with their son Eric, manage a 9-hole golf course (Lakeview Golf Course) in Loogotee, Ind. Two of their grandchildren work there also. They have five grandchildren, ages 18 to 6. Diane visited her sister, **Vicki Dickerson '63**, in the fall of 2006 in Aptos, Cal. She stays in touch with many of her classmates and fellow "staff girls," who hope to have a staff reunion in 2008. Memories of Diane's days on campus are singing her way through the tunnel to early-morning Mass in Holy Cross Hall, wonderful summer schools when the work schedule and class schedule were easier, serious study sessions in the library, sitting by the lake, and running across the highway—trying to make it in time for the Notre Dame football kickoff. She remembers her terror at taking both comps and the GRE the same week, and Sister Franzita telling her she needed to adopt a cavalier attitude about it. (Diane says that she needed to look up the meaning of "cavalier"!)

Mary Anne Balles Bland and Herbert are in Berkeley, Cal. They saw **Carolyn Dunlay Hamilton** and Bernard a few months ago, when they visited grandchildren in the Bay area and also saw **Judy Tarnawski Eckrich** and Dave ND when they attended a

wedding in the wine country. On a personal note...in the past year, Mary Anne has had two hip replacement surgeries, the latest on Feb. 6, so mobility has been difficult and painful at times. She hopes to make our 50th reunion!

From Little Silver, N.J. **Claudia Touhey Bruno** writes that Tony retired as an administrative law judge for the state of New Jersey on Sept. 30, 2005. Their son, Christopher ND '93, ND J.D.'96, and wife Dawn have a son, Taylor Jaden Bruno, 2, and a new baby expected in May 2007. Claudia babysits two days a week so that Christopher and Dawn can work. Her daughter, Bernadette, and husband Eddie have no children yet. Claudia volunteers as a sacristan, on her parish council, the liturgy committee, and the fund council for the chapel community.

My husband, Jean, and I love retirement and have particularly enjoyed our travel across the U.S., Canada, Mexico (Elderhostel 2006), and Oregon (Elderhostel 2004). Our four children are in Madison, Wis., Hawthorne Woods, Ill., Brookfield, and Milwaukee, Wis.; and our seven grandchildren, ages 5 months to 13 years, keep us busy, as do parish activities, symphony concerts, and theater productions. I saw **Mary Margaret Boesen** in May 2007 while at ND High School in Niles, Ill., to present a memorial scholarship in

memory of my brother, Bill Casey ND '59. She is recovering from mouth/jaw cancer last December 2006. I also saw **Sheila Burke Vollman** at Milwaukee ND night June 7, 2007, and enjoyed a quick visit with my "little sister," **Louise Habeeb Anella '64** while at Reunion. More news—next time.

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Deadlines make me panic, but I do have some news to share.

Maria Mazza Kompare began with, "Well, life just does go on; thank God for that!" Her seventh grandchild arrived on their 42nd anniversary, and her name is Rose Aileen. (Do you biology students remember Sister Rosaleen, who still resides at Saint Mary's Convent?) Ed, Maria's husband, has nicknamed her "Grandma-a-go-go" because she travels from New Mexico to see her grandchildren in Virginia, Texas, Nevada, and Arizona. Her youngest daughter, **Diane Kompare '01**, married Andrew Wagemaker, a Notre Dame grad. Maria received an honorable mention in a national juried art show, which helps her ego if not her sales!

I see **Margie Carroll Flynn** at Founders' Day events and the Illinois Club for Catholic Women. Her new passion is golf! **Judy Hamilton-Godfrey** and Margie lunched with Rita Petretti in Kenosha, where Rita is very involved with real estate and civic affairs.

Jinx Hack Ring is globetrotting with her professor husband, Peter. She lives in Irvine, Cal., and was able to rendezvous there with **Kathy Podesta Mehigan**, **Roberta Limarzi Weinsheimer**, **Kathy Menzie Lesko**, and **Molly Follis Tuton**. When I was in Newport, R.I., I had lunch with Jinx and her sister, **Mardi Hack '62**, as well as with **Marie Flynn Bernhard**, at a spot with a fabulous view—right on the water, in the oldest remaining historical house in Newport! Jinx is spending the summer in Italy while Peter is researching and teaching.

Bobbye Borchers Flecker writes that after 29 years of teaching (20 years as a school librarian), she is retiring. She is excited to embrace this new freedom so that she can travel for longer periods of time—visiting her seven children and their families. Bobbye's son, Michael, and his wife just had twins! This summer, Bobbye

is a volunteer at the U.S. Open Golf Tournament at the Oakmont Country Club. She's hoping that Tiger will ask her for some tips!

Becky Borchers Brown is also retiring—after 18 years with J.C. Penney's in Joliet. She is the older of the two by 13 minutes, so she wants to retire before Bobbye! Becky and Bobby's father passed away in April, just a week before his 91st birthday.

Mary Whealan Burd has conducted some wonderful spiritual retreats in conjunction with the Carmelites. **Karen Mortimer Williams** is painting between trips to see grandchildren in California. **Marty Thompson Coe** has had a long recovery from meningitis and is beginning to think about some travel. Roberta Weinsheimer and her husband, Bill, joined Kent, my husband, and me on a Lindblad Expedition group to explore the Galapagos Islands—great promotions for the picture-taking industry!

My news is that I signed up for Medicare, am celebrating my 40th wedding anniversary, and on May 31, after three grandsons, my first granddaughter, Katie O'Brien, made her debut.

Please write or e-mail your news.

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A harried work schedule upon my return from sabbatical after the idyllic year on campus and intermittent illness kept me from meeting the January 1 deadline; thus, this report goes back to June 2006. In July, I visited with **Sharon O'Connell Gultinan** at her home in South Haven on Lake Michigan. She and Joe ND '66 were looking forward to their year in London with the Mendoza School of Business program there.

I was at a conference, but Richard Elmore saw **Sherry Raff Kelly** (Gerry ND '67) and **Donna McManus Conjar** (Larry ND '67) at the 40th reunion of the 1967 Fighting Irish championship team.

Michele Magazzu Pflum '71, sister of **Andrea Magazzu Johnson '69** and mother of **Maryce Pflum Naman '95**, and Barry Pflum ND '71 came to the Michigan home game. Although we are neighbors in New Jersey, we have been able to get

together only once since the time the Pflums hosted a Super Bowl 2007 party at their Linwood home.

My most regular Belles correspondent remains **Kathy Huisking Sullivan**, who had some news about fellow members of the Madeleva Board: **Maggie Sullivan Slankas**, **Marne Roark Roche**, Kathy, and her sister, **Karen Huisking Coffey**, are all board members and were in attendance at the meeting. Kathy may be in Ireland at this writing. She was heading there for a two-week vacation with her husband, Steven, and friends.

I had another wonderful visit with **Sally Blackley Clemmer** and her husband, Dayne, for the North Carolina game that began with the Friday night pep rally. Sally and Dayne continue their "retirement" from their former work lives but continue active lives as volunteers—Sally as a consultant for a local utility company—and enjoy frequent travel. A Panama Canal cruise, the Mexican Riviera, and Toronto for an international reading convention were all their list. We are looking forward to another home game weekend visit—after the Florida hurricane season.

I want to end this report with a call for any suggestions for a class event at Reunion 2008. During our book discussion at Reunion 2007, the conversation kept returning to our roles on the "New Road with No Rules" we are now traveling as adult children of aging parents. Possible topics include: eldercare law, care-giving, and assisting through the maze of state and federal benefits available to our parents. I look forward to hearing from everyone.

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The only word to describe our 35th reunion is "WOW"! Those of you who did not attend were missed—and YOU missed out on a terrific weekend. Of course, it is still amazing to see our classmate **Carol Ann Mooney** addressing the reunion functions as Dr. Mooney, College President. Those of us who heard Carol Ann speak on Saturday morning could not help but be impressed by her knowledge and vision for Saint Mary's College—whether it is building new classrooms, or implementing new programs, or recruiting a blockbuster of a first-year class (400+ students, I

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believe). We celebrated her presidency with a private party after Saturday's banquet complete with pictures and remarks by **Peggy Thompson** and **Terrie McLaughlin Patterson**.

Two other classmates were honored at reunion. **Lydia Haggard Novakov** received the Distinguished Alumna Award for her generous service to Saint Mary's College—service that includes chairing the Madeleva Society for three years—and to her Dallas community. The Alumna Achievement Award was given to **Lucia Rodarte Madrid** and recognized her personal, professional, and community accomplishments as a major force in Latina broadcasting in Arizona. Many thanks from all of us to **Beth Culligan**, who headed up our class gift campaign, and to her hard-working committee, who donated additional funds for a scholarship honoring the memory of Carol Ann Mooney's parents.

As part of the Reunion Gift Committee, I was able to catch up with several classmates. One was **Christina Ames DeCarlo**. Chris's husband, Ray, is a professor at Purdue University, so they live in West Lafayette, Ind. They have three children—one, a daughter, to be married this summer.

Before Reunion, I received an e-mail from **Linda Buergler Bodnar**, who lives in Livonia, Mich. Her

husband, John, has "retired," although he keeps busy with a consulting business. She has resisted retiring from her work in a hospital laboratory but is tempted by the lure of granddaughter Elinore Rose and the arrival of grandchild number two in February, both children of her oldest daughter, Jill. There are three other daughters in the Bodnar clan: Anne (#2) is married; Lynn (#3) graduated with a degree in psychology and is pursuing a master's in counseling, and Amy (#4) is studying physical education with a minor in English. Linda and John have enjoyed traveling, with favorite trips including cruises through the Panama Canal and the Galapagos Islands.

Linda received a Christmas letter from **Marilyn Graves Steele** featuring some of her art work. She and husband Springs love to visit their two grandsons.

On to reunion notes! **Priscilla Louris O'Shaughnessy** gave me an update on her very busy life in Wichita, Kan., as the mother of six! Michael, Clare, and Timothy (a Program of Liberal Studies and Chinese major who is now working in Shanghai) all have graduated from Notre Dame. She has one daughter who is a senior at Notre Dame this year, and another daughter, Kate, who will begin her first year there. Her son, Connor, is a graduate of the University of Kansas.

Beth Culligan has "retired" from the corporate world—and is just as busy as a volunteer and serving on several boards. She commutes between Spring Lake, N.J., and the Upper West Side in New York City. She says that she is "playing a lot of golf, and enjoying life." Beth was the only woman good enough to play with "the boys" this reunion over at Notre Dame, and she was proud that she held her own!

Anne Kersten lives in Fort Dodge, Iowa. For the past 15 years she has been the editor of *Twist & Shout*, a monthly newspaper. Two issues featured presidential hopefuls John Edwards and Barack Obama holding a copy of the paper! [Editor's note: Anne is now owner, editor, and publisher of her own newspaper, the Ogden Newspaper.] Her children have moved away to California and Chicago. Anne and husband Brett ride motorcycles for fun!

I had several opportunities to visit with **Marie Perunko Sheckels**. We were on the same floor of Le Mans sophomore year and shared many a Dainty Maid birthday cake! Marie is a professor at the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, Va., teaching mathematics and education. During my college search, my mom and I visited Mary Washington—it is a beautiful school in a lovely city. Marie's husband, Ted, teaches English and communication at Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, Va. Their older daughter just graduated with a master's degree and will teach first grade in the fall. Their younger daughter is a senior biology major at the University of Mary Washington.

Martha Coyne was just promoted to the position of sales manager-major accounts high end with AT&T, effective June 1. She proceeded to take the first day on the job as vacation so that she could attend reunion! She lives in Park Ridge, Ill.

Now for a little fun. Several women (who wish to remain anonymous!) came up with some of the highlights of our years at Saint Mary's College. They began with some grievances: the tunnels are closed, the gazebo is gone, and so is the slanted ball court in Angela. As to highlights, one thing that was mentioned by several former Holy Cross residents was putting the statue of the Little Flower in various beds and rooms—once with a cigarette taped to her mouth (courtesy of a curly-haired blonde). The maintenance men were called many times to find the statue and return her to her rightful place. Hmmm...more of this later!

I have news of other class

members, but I will give it to you in several columns so that I need not "solicit" information for a bit.

We truly have an amazing class. Many of us were stopped by women from other class years who commented on how much fun we were having. (Maybe that was a subtle hint that we were loud and rowdy??? Never!!!) We have such a wide assortment of careers, hobbies, and lifestyles but still have the wonderful connection of Saint Mary's College. So, another reunion has passed and we returned to our homes with great memories and tired bones—especially those of us who were delayed out of O'Hare (I returned home at 1:30 AM!) Start planning for NEXT reunion—in five years.

My love and good wishes to all.

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We need your news...while you are thinking if it...e-mail me at jbirkettct@yahoo.com.

I received a great update from **Diane Brown Green**. Diane began teaching after graduation and received her master's from the University of South Alabama in 1976. After six years, she made a career change and became a revenue agent for the IRS, which kept her gainfully employed for the next 13 years. In 1983, she married her Spring Hill college sweetheart, Jon, who is an attorney, and they have been blessed with four children. Their oldest, Brian, just graduated from the University of West Florida; next comes Bridget, who is a junior at the University of South Alabama. Shannon is a senior in high school, and the "baby" is Kevin, going into his sophomore year of high school. Diane is also a grandmother of adorable little Chandler. All those darn college bills brought Diane back into the fold as a teacher, where she is employed by the Mobile (Alabama) school system. She works in special education and feels it is truly where her heart is happiest—working to help these children succeed and be happy. After hurricane Ivan, Diane's family had a tree fall through their roof. It remained there for seven months because of the area's massive cleanup needs; and true to good spirit, her family actually decorated it with Christmas lights for the holiday! Diane and her family are real troopers, although hurricane

class clips



Laura Beth Berkshire '69, Barb Dowd Arkedis '69, and Cheryl Corsaro '69 dined together at a lunch sponsored by the American Women's Group at the Paris Hilton Hotel.

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Friends and family gathered during Reunion 2007 for the dedication of a memorial bench honoring Florence Hammer '82. Pictured left to right: Rosemary Hammer Lanco '79, Steve Houk (Florence's husband), Suzanne Hammer Ferencak '87, Bernie Ferencak, and George Hammer ND '52.

weary. Diane always had the most marvelous laugh...I can still hear it all these years later, so I am hoping that great sense of humor got you through those times, Diane.

One person in the hurricane-weary South with whom Diane keeps in touch is **Jan Gabler Cranfield**. Jan invited me to her daughter, Brooke's, graduation from LSU this past May, but I was unable to attend. Brooke will be busy this fall in medical school.

Teree How Castanias was kind enough to drop a line in response to my plea for news. She transferred to Notre Dame in 1972, then married Rick in 1974 and moved to Pittsburgh with him. She is with KPMG, where she is a tax partner. They now reside outside of Sacramento on a 40-acre farm with horses, cats, and dogs. Sounds idyllic to me!

Last week I had the good fortune to sneak in a business trip to Chicago for one day, so I had a mini-slumber party with old buddy **Dede Lohle Simon**. We enjoyed catching up and reminiscing about Thanksgiving at school. Dede is the class news reporter for the Class of 1974 at Notre Dame, so we share that bond of TRYING TO GET ALUMS TO WRITE AN E-MAIL NOW AND THEN. (Clearly this trash-talk is not intended for Diane Brown.)

I hear that **Ann O'Boyle Nash** and her husband, Tom, celebrated their daughter's wedding with a great event attended by a large group of Notre

Dame and Saint Mary's College alumni. Send us the goods, Ann: what's the news? And congratulations and best wishes to the happy bride and groom!

Best wishes to all my former classmates and their families.

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Lisa Weiss VenVertloh's trip to Chicago to pick up her eldest daughter from college was the catalyst for a wonderful get-together at my home in northeastern Illinois in May. **Cathy Heisler Anhut** from Minnesota, **Mary Jane Zabel Baumgartner** from Wisconsin, **Jackie Flicker Frye** from Illinois, **Sara McDonald** from New Jersey, and I met for dinner and a slumber party! **Sara McDonald** surprised us all by flying into Chicago for a 24-hour visit! What a terrific surprise! There was a lot of reminiscing about our days at Saint Mary's College—fueled by Saint Mary's College and Notre Dame yearbooks and directories as well as a few glasses of wine. We had a lot of laughs! It was wonderful to get together again and catch up after so many years. It felt as though we had never been apart. We

missed **Patti Frings Warmenhoven** (now in Wisconsin), who had a previous commitment. The bonds we formed while students at Saint Mary's College are strong. We hope to be able to get together annually from now on.

I just returned from a stunning trip to China and Tibet—the highlight being the 1,000-year-old hillside carvings in Dazu (a place off-the-beaten-tourist track), and the villages and scenery along the Yangtze River, which will disappear under water when the biggest dam in the world is put into operation in 2009. And Tibet was quite interesting—a real frontier, with cowboys and Budweiser beer along with Buddhist pilgrims and beautiful Tibetan faces. Write to me about your last trip—or your next one!—and your family news. Be well!

'82

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We all had a great time back on campus for the June reunion. It was fun to stay in the new Opus Hall Apartments. **Colleen Rooney Danaher** supplied the iPod and the Bose speakers for our room, shared as well by **Kathleen Galligan**, **Marie Blasko McCabe**, and me. In memory of Campus View, we kept only one head of wilted lettuce in the fridge.

There was a lovely Mass for our class at Holy Spirit Chapel in Le Mans on Saturday afternoon. Fr. Pearson presided and a choir of 40+ from the St. Joseph's High School Choir made it very special. **Laura Potts**, **Deirdre Dalton Toole**, **Maggie McFarland**, **Ali Wood**, and **Mary Ellen Shanley Whalen** did the readings and serving. We remembered the seven members of our class who are now deceased.

Later, there was a touching bench dedication at Lake Marion for **Flo Hammer**. Her family and friends gathered and paid tribute to her indomitable spirit in fighting the cancer that ultimately took her life. **Diane Demasi Meagher** did a reading, and her older sister shared some touching stories.

Diane Fitzmyer Murphy is keeping busy with her now six-year-old daughter, Lilly Marie. Diane and husband Joe live in Hoboken, N.J., and have a second home in the country. Diane is working on an environmental education degree from NYU.

Patty Gallagher has been with Joe for 13 years and keeps busy with

two jobs in Philly.

Jeannie Liberatore Coyne and husband Terry ND '82 looked great. They were at the reunion and left their four handsome sons and a daughter at home in Illinois.

Bridget Geegan Blanton

published her debut historical fiction novel, *Whispers on the Wind*. It is available online at www.desertrosebooks.com. Bridget and husband Christopher ND '82, are in Temecula, Calif. She has a son Robert ND '05, a second son, Lee, and a daughter, Rosie.

Lisa Karpowicz Barfuss started her own business designing and manufacturing women's clothing. Check out www.skirtinaround.com. She and Andy ND '80 have four children: Courtney, Christopher, Molly, and Jack and live in New Canaan, Conn.

Jane Simpson Schwab also started her own business: RG Perioperative Services, PC. She receives praise from surgeons and patients. "The healing ministry of Jesus is alive and well," says Jane. She and husband Paul live in Wilmette with their three: Neil, Andrew, and Elizabeth.

Therese Bolotin Wilson has her master's of divinity from Emory. She is a clinical pastoral educator for chaplaincy with the Carolinas Healthcare System. Therese and husband Chip have bravely triumphed in helping their son, Christopher Joshua, overcome leukemia. He is now seven and will be in all of our prayers.

Julie Ann Stachler Shaffer is a registered nurse with the Mercer County Health Dept. in Celina, Ohio. She has six children, with the oldest, **Katie Shaffer '07**, graduating in May from her mother's alma mater—and in the nursing class to boot! Jared, Joseph, Jenna, Kara, and Jonathan are her younger children. "When our son Jonathon was 24 months old, he had not made any sound besides 'e.' We started on our journey to teach him to speak and discovered the road of autism. Jonathan is talking up a storm now and will be in regular kindergarten this fall. He continues to make progress, and we continue our journey of learning."

Suzanne Sulentic Heffron has her MS in early childhood education from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. She opened a preschool named the Littlest Angels Catholic Preschool and now serves as its director. Suzanne is a high school ELL teacher in the Millard Public Schools. Did I mention that she has six kids? Maria Teresa, Anna Siobhan, Kaitlyn Antonia, John

Cyril, Lucas Stephen, and Samuel Padraig. She calls husband Matthew a wonderful husband, but we all know that he is the lucky one.

Thanks to all of you who completed the information requests. I finally have more news to report that I can mention here, so some will need to wait until the next issue. Stay tuned! Note my new email address moljero@comcast.net.

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From Jamie: My husband, Scott, and I continue to enjoy life here in Chicago with our two boys. R.L., 6, who starts first grade this fall and Peter, 2, who keeps us physically active in ways only a fearless toddler can. Scott works in the film/video industry. I stay busy at home with R.L. and Peter.

As class reporter, I just want to say how much I've enjoyed reading the e-mails you've sent and catching up personally with some of you. I've also felt I had an unfair advantage (a privilege, actually!) as point-person to know in advance what everyone would read months later. However, I'm pleased now to pass the baton to **Mary Kay Scheid**, a dear friend since our junior year as R.A.s in McCandless. It has been great to reconnect with her in the past couple of years.

Last, but not least, I received an e-mail from **Colleen Harty Taricani**, now living in my previous home state, who writes, "My family and I have moved to Southlake, Texas (outside of Dallas), and we love it! Joey, 3, is starting preschool next week and is majoring in trains and cars. Kate, 2, has been spending most of her time practicing her 'Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star' rendition. I ran into **Colleen Maciszewski Fischer** at the park with her children. Turns out she lives around the corner from me. We were introduced by a mutual friend and then recognized each other from Saint Mary's College!"

From Mary Kay: As I am writing my class news column, I am just

finishing my eighth year of teaching for the Ontario-Montclair School District in Southern California. As you are reading, you are likely beginning yet another school year. For those of us in education, and for those of us with children, fall really signals the beginning of the year.

I want to thank Jamie for writing about our class so well and for so long. I know it will be hard to fill her shoes; but I am happy to try, because it gives me an excuse to catch up with friends I have neglected.

As part of my research, I took part in a four-way conference call—not facilitated by me—with all four of the theatre majors from our class. It was the first time that **Anne Borgman**, **Rachel Durkin Drga**, **Elizabeth Murphy**, and I had spoken all together since graduation. Anne is living and working in Los Angeles. Elizabeth is still working for the American Liver Foundation. She lives in Philadelphia. Rachel works in the theatre department at The University of Texas, Austin. Her husband, also working in theatre, travels quite a bit. Their daughter, Maddie, turned 6 last Easter. According to Rachel, "She was expecting the Easter Bunny and a small avalanche of birthday presents." All four of us have agreed to make it to our 20th reunion next summer. It's not too early to begin making plans!

I was thrilled to reach several classmates via telephone. I managed to connect with **Sherry Green Antonetti**. She and her husband, Mark ND '88, just had their eighth child! **Kathryn Kronenberg Penna**, in southern California, is busy with her three children and teaching religious education classes. **Maggie Devine** is a teacher on the east coast.

Patty Hoffman Towler sent me an e-mail in April to fill me in on her life: "I attended St. Louis University and earned a Ph.D. in cell and molecular biology, then published some research as a grad student and as a post-doc at the Wistar Institute in Philadelphia. Eric and I married in 1993 and now have five children (Sylvia, 11; Adam, 9; Ben Zion, 7; Shayna Rochel, 2; and Eitan Ilan, 8 months). We settled in New Jersey four years ago so that the kids would be able to attend an excellent yeshiva. I am currently at home but will resume part-time teaching at a community college when Eitan is ready."

Kara Murphy wrote that she is "still living in Seattle with my husband, Glenn Kempf ND '84, and my three

kids, McKinley, 10, Landry, 7, and Sorin, 5." Working part-time as a lawyer, she focuses on victims of domestic violence. She is also "leading the effort to implement a teen dating violence program" in her area.

Regina Rudser Hoyt wrote that she "just returned from a weekend at Saint Mary's College for my sister's 25th reunion. It was such a delight to be re-inspired by our beautiful campus and by **Dr. Carol Ann Mooney '72**, who had nothing but great news about how wonderfully well our alma mater is faring these 20 years after our graduation! I wanted to write in the *Courier* a plea to get everyone thinking about our 20th reunion next June. Please start thinking about and planning on attending. My love for Saint Mary's College has been rekindled, and I want to share this joy with my 1988 classmates. Let's not miss the opportunity to experience our 20th together." Regina's only news "is the promise that I will be at reunion next year!"

I was blessed not to be teaching during the summer. Instead, I traveled for six weeks with my son, Michael. An only child, he has traveled extensively. Our summer plans included: Chicago, Philadelphia (where we visited Elizabeth Murphy), Boston, Washington, D.C., and Ireland. Next year, our travel plans will certainly include South Bend!

Please share any news you have with me by e-mailing me at scheid@marykay.com or by calling (909) 592-7737 (Pacific time).

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Things have been very quiet for a while so my apologies for a unintended absence from the column.

I was thrilled to hear from **Ellen Willson Hoover**. Ellen and her husband welcomed Jack Pius in November to join his older sister, Nora Frances, 3. Ellen is pursuing a freelance writing career. The Hoovers live in Raleigh, NC. Ellen keeps in touch with a few other SMCers. Ellen saw **Peggy Sullivan Monahan** and Jon ND '90 over last summer at Lake Michigan. **Kristin Tines Miranda** had her second baby in 2006—a beautiful girl named Chloe. **Kathryn Harrigan Sullivan** welcomed a daughter, Mary Beth, last year as well.

On a personal note, we expanded our brood to four with the arrival of Bridget Rose in October. Life continues to be hectic and wonderful.

Hope all my classmates are doing well. Please keep in touch.

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It is hard to believe that our 15-year reunion has come and gone. Here is the latest news from the reunion surveys.

Margherita DeBlasio Hoffmann and Mark welcomed Mara Emma on March 31, 2005. Margherita received her M.B.A. from the University of Chicago in 1997. She and her family recently relocated to the Tampa area.

Janis Burford Petro and Jeff live in Mentor, Ohio, with their daughters, Emma, 6, and Megan, 4. Janis is a stay-at-home mom involved in their church, the girls' schools, art class, playgroup, and all of their daughters' activities. Janis and Jeff are celebrating their tenth anniversary in the summer of 2007.

Susan Donalds is a teacher at Gill St. Bernard's School in Gladstone, N.J. She graduated with a degree in education from St. Mary's College of California in 2000.

Jennifer Fuhrmann Heusler and Chip live in Crosswicks, N.J., with their daughters, Anna Helen, 7, and Mary Balla, 3. Jennifer graduated with her M.Ed. from DePaul University in 1995 and worked as a middle-school teacher before deciding to become a stay-at-home mom.

Peggy Meiering Graham and Kevin live in Topeka, Kan., with their children: Katie, 8, Emily, 6, and Joey, 2. Peggy received her law degree from Washburn University School of Law in May 1995. She is an attorney with the State of Kansas, Office of Administrative Hearings.

Anne Marie Finn Collins and Ryan ND '92 live in Columbia, Md., with their children: Hannah, 7, Sean, 5, and Lucy, 2. Ann received her M.A. in applied anthropology in 1994 from American University.

Jennifer Otto Harbaugh and Matthew live in Chesterfield, Ohio, with their son, Patrick, 2.

Michelle Darnell Manoguerra and Paul ND '92 live in Athens, Ga., with their children: Isabella, 11,

Anthony, 6, and Jolina, 5. Michelle graduated from the Medical College of Georgia on May 11, 2007 with her B.S.N. After passing her nursing boards in June 2007, she will be an RN at Athens Regional Medical Center. Michelle works on the urology/gynecology post-surgical floor. Her social work degree from Saint Mary's College will certainly complement her new position nicely.

Laura Proto Campise and Vincent live in Columbus, Ohio, with their children: Jack, 10, and Anna 7. Laura graduated from the University of Cincinnati with a master's in women's studies in 1994.

Margaret Meagher O'Brien and Michael live in Arlington Heights, Ill., with their children: Katie, 5, Jack, 5, and Maggie, 3. After graduating with an education degree in curriculum and instruction from Northern Illinois University in 1996, she now is a stay-at-home mother.

Barb Young Gerdenich and Kurt ND '92 live in Mason, Ohio, with their children: Scott, 11, Mary Grace, 9, and Matthew, 5.

Caroline Dey is a human resources employee relations specialist with Accenture HR Services at Best Buy in Richfield, Minn. She is currently earning her M.B.A. from St. Thomas and will graduate in 2008.

Lori Nagy Harrington and David live in Elkhart, Ind. She is an executive director with Mental Health America of Michiana, which covers Elkhart and St. Joseph Counties. Lori received her M.S.W. from Western Michigan University in 1996.

Mary Anne Wisinski Rosely is in commercial real estate with SJ Wisinski & Company in Grand Rapids, Mich. She and Brad live in Ada, Mich., with their children: Brandon, 7, and Brittany, 4.

Amy Lowery Shannon is an OB/GYN physician in Ohio. Amy and Brian ND '91 welcomed William Thomas on Jan. 15, 2007. William was born prematurely at 31 weeks—weighing 4 pounds, 2 ounces. After spending six weeks in the neonatal intensive care unit, he is now thriving at 10 pounds. Amy and Brian took him for his first visit to South Bend to attend the 2007 Blue/Gold game and events for former Notre Dame football players. Amy and Brian were married August 6, 2005, outside the Inn at Saint Mary's. **Tamara Lowery Soehnlen '93** was the maid of honor. Brian is an orthopedic surgeon.

Tara Abbott is the vice president, taxes at Dodi Management Group, Inc. in Chicago. She received her master's

of science in taxation from DePaul University.

Lisa Reading Folkers lives in Palatine, Ill. She is a stay-at-home mom to Evan, 6, and Elizabeth (Ellie), 3.

Laura Kouri Consolazio and Robert are relocating from Sterling, Va., to Atlanta in August 2007 with their children: Anna, 7, Zachary, 4, and Bridget, 2.

Carol Kloc Browning is the marketing director of Spread the Word Nevada, Kids to Kids. She and David live in Las Vegas.

Melissa Petersmarck Cleary and John live in Raleigh, N.C., with their children: Susan, 8, and William, 11. Melissa graduated from the University of North Carolina with her law degree in 1995. She is an attorney with Teague Campbell Dennis & Gorham in Raleigh.

Jennifer Eiswirth Christy and James live in Valley Park, Mo., with their three daughters: Camryn, 7, Kyndal, 4, and Kyla, 1. Jennifer received her M.A. in counseling from St. Louis University in 2000. She is a licensed counselor with the Volunteer Interdistrict Coordinating Council in Clayton, Mo.

Jennifer Kacarab Holloran and John live in Allen, Texas, with their daughters: Meghan, 5, and Madison, 2. Jennifer is a stay-at-home mom.

Sarah Burke Man and Gabe ND '93 welcomed their son, Ryan Gabriel, on Feb. 22, 2007. Big brother Henry and big sister Zoe were thrilled with the newest family member. Sarah received her masters in early education from Bank Street College in New York, N.Y., in 2000. She is a stay-at-home mom in Maplewood, N.J.

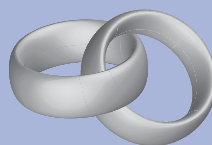
Victoria Chudzynski Gits is a stay-at-home mom in Brentwood, Cal. She and Michael are the proud parents of Madison, 10, Michaela, 9, and Mitchell, 6. Victoria graduated from Northwestern with an education degree in 1997.

Catie Carmouche Calderhead teaches first grade at Duchesne Academy of the Sacred Heart in Houston, Texas. She and Dac ND '88 have two children: Ally, 8, and Will, 6. Both Catie and Dac are completing their master's degrees, so their lives are quite hectic. Catie attends the University of Houston and will graduate in July 2008 with a master's in curriculum instruction.

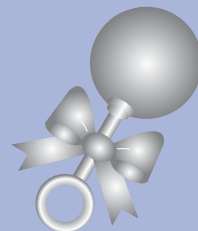
Shannon May DeRubertis and Stephen live in Chicago with their lovely daughter Madeleine, 1. Shannon is a C.P.A. with Franczek Sullivan P.C.

Erin Murray Berardi is a second-grade teacher at St. Bernard

Getting Married? Expecting?



We'd like to help you celebrate, but we can't print news about future 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.

Elementary in Pittsburgh, Pa. Erin graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a degree as a reading specialist in 1998. She and Matthew have two children: Aislinn, 15, and Declan, 9.

Leslie Tedrow McGuire and Michael live in Decatur, Ga., with their children: Nicholas, 7, and Sophie, 4. Leslie graduated from the University of Georgia with a master's of public administration in 1994. She is a performance auditing and evaluation-audit manager with the Georgia Department of Audits.

Ellen Shimp Fritz and Jeffrey live in Minneapolis with their children: Carolyn, 7, Megan, 5, and William, 2. Ellen graduated with her M.A. in speech and language pathology. She is a part-time speech and language pathologist.

Lori Marucut Clark and Edward ND '93 live in Lisle, Ill., with their children: Cameron, 4, and Dillon, 2. After graduating with a master's in education from North Central College in 2001, Lori has worked as a Spanish teacher at Naperville North High School in Naperville.

Jennifer Smith has been in her family's business, Tile Mart and Carpet Unlimited (Stevensville, Mich.), since graduation. She enjoys the design work and the international shows with the latest trends. Jennifer also stays active playing in a beach volleyball league and a tennis league.

Kelly O'Connell Mangel and Dave live in Kenilworth, Ill., with their children, William, 4, and Michael, 3.

Michele Nawotka is a training consultant with RWD Technologies. She lives in Round Rock, Texas.

Katrina Lentych Brennan and Thomas live in Chicago with their son,

Alexander, 4. Katrina is a self-employed consultant.

Mary Failor Kennard and Jay live in Shawano, Wis., with their children: Andrew, 5, and Christopher, 3. Mary graduated with her graduate degree in Nursing/M.S.W. from the Medical University of South Carolina in 2001. The Kennard family is in the process of adopting a girl internationally from China.

Maria Alvarez Ruiz is the communications director, Latin America, for Lexmark International, Inc. in Coral Gables, Fla. She graduated from the University of Miami with her M.B.A. in 1996. She and Raphael have two children: Raphael, 3, and Gabriela, 1. The Ruiz family lives in Miami.

Meg Whitty Molloy and James live in Washington, D.C., with their children: Margaret, 10, James, 8, Meredith, 6, and William 2.

Ellen McQuillan Drake and Scott live in Dallas, Texas, with their children: Sophie, 3, and Lila, 1. Ellen stays home with the kids after retiring from PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Peggy Abood graduated from John Marshall Law School in 1995. She is an attorney with Accenture and lives in Chicago.

Ann Balint Davidson lives in Granger, Ind., with her children: Sophia, 7, and Lucy, 2. Ann is realtor with Re/Max Corporation.

Traci Zerbenski Sembrot and James ND '91 live in Marietta, Ga., with their children: Alex, 7, Kevin, 5, Josephine, 3, and Meghan, 4 months.

Peggy Schmid Dunham and Patrick live in St. Paul, Minn., with their three sons: Jacob, 5, Peter, 4, and James, 1. Peggy graduated in 1998 with her masters in industrial relations from the University of Minnesota.

Katherine Graham Rosswurm is a development administrator at the University of Notre Dame. She graduated in 2000 from Notre Dame with an M.S.A. and lives in South Bend with daughters Caitlin, 11, and Grace, 8.

Kara Lindeman Erker and Christopher live in University City, Mo., with their children: Ian, 3, and Henry, 1. Kara completed a post graduate fellowship in public affairs and public policy through the Coro Midwestern Center.

Rena Guarnieri Sauer is an attorney after graduating from Ohio State University School of Law in 1995. She and William have three children: Gabrielle, 8, Kenley, 6, and Max, 5. The family lives in Springboro, Ohio, just outside of Dayton. Rena works part-time doing employment and business litigation. William works in Cincinnati doing international tax work.

Bridget Boyle Saxton and Neil live in Milwaukee. Bridget graduated from Marquette University Law School and works at Boyle, Boyle & Boyle S.C. Bridget and Neil welcomed their son, Patrick, on Oct. 25, 2003. Patrick joins his stepbrothers Micah, 13, Daniel, 15, Jacob, 16, and Zachary, 21.

Amy Wolpert Larkin and Ed ND '92 live in Hamilton, Ohio, with their children: Kathleen, 11, Zachary, 10, Pamela, 7, and Andrew, 5. After Amy's father passed away, she and Ed have been busy running his restaurant and bar, Wolpert's Café.

Anna Sobotincic Dieteman and David live in Erie, Pa. Anna graduated in 1993 with a degree in library science from Kent State University. She now stays home with their children: Katie, 7, Moira, 5, and Ellen, 2.

Elizabeth Hamilton McGlinn is a stay-at-home mom in Kansas City, Mo. She and Michael have three children: Charles, 4, John, 3, and Molly, born Feb. 1, 2007.

Claire Shafer Shely and Leon welcomed daughter Lydia Anne on Feb. 28, 2007. Lydia joins Austin, 18, Gabrielle, 16, Hannah, 5, and Dylan, 4. In addition to juggling five children, Claire works as an administrative assistant for the University of Notre Dame. Leon works for Universal Forest Products, which is a wood-treating facility in Granger, Ind.

Mary Morrissey McGowan and Tim live in Oak Brook, Ill. They welcomed their son, Declan James, on Aug. 2, 2006. Mary graduated from the DePaul College of Law and is now a relationship manager at The Northern Trust Company.

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Boy, where to begin?! Thanks go out to everyone who submitted an update for this issue of the *Courier*! We have lots of exciting news to report, as well as more information from reunion surveys even though our 10th reunion was over a year ago!

Shane Kaniecki Palumbo married Robert Palumbo on March 25, 2006, in Pittsburgh, Pa. Shane moved back to Pittsburgh a few years back and is a business architect at Federated Investors. **Amanda Weppeler Gibson** was a bridesmaid at Shane's wedding. Amanda and her husband are currently working in Indianapolis and taking care of their soon-to-be-two-year-old son, Cody Craig. **Shu-Fen "Fannie" Wu** was also a bridesmaid. Fannie flew in from her home in China, where she is a senior manager at PWC. Shane's sister, **Jennifer Kaniecki MacNeil '93**, was maid of honor, and everyone had a blast catching up on old times.

Leanne Jones O'Callaghan married Michael O'Callaghan of Dublin in Ireland on April 30, 2005. The happy couple is now living in St. Louis. Leanne isn't the only classmate to marry an Irishman; **Clare Heekin Lynch** married her husband, Tomás Lynch, of County Cavan, Ireland, in January of 2006 with many fellow classmates in attendance. I can personally attest to the good times celebrated at Clare and Tomás' wedding as I was in attendance, along with **Lisa Siefert**, **Beth Luedtke Petrie**, **Simone Barber Vecchio** and **Madeline Wahl '97**. Since the wedding, the newlyweds bought a home outside of Pittsburgh just in time to welcome their son, Gavin John, on April 28, 2007. Clare's life is continuing to go well as she was also recently promoted within the public relations department of UPMC Passavant Hospital and she continues to love both motherhood and her job. As if getting together for the wedding wasn't enough, Simone, Beth, Maddie, Clare, and I also met up for Bellepalooza 2007 in Pittsburgh for a fabulous weekend of great times, great memories, and great friends. We are already looking forward to the 2008 festivities!

Mary Good Palmer and husband

Mike Palmer ND '94 welcomed Anne Rita Palmer to their family on May 7, 2007. She joins siblings Ruthie, 4, and Jacob, 21 months. **Julie Powell Eastwood** gave birth to her daughter, Aidan Olivia, on Sept. 9, 2006. She joins her older brother, Logan, 4. **Rita Juster Reefer** is Aidan's godmother and came to the baptism last December. Other than that, Julie is still doing contract-recruiting work from home that allows her to spend time with the latest addition to the family. As I write this update, Julie is preparing for a trip to Las Vegas in June for a girls' getaway with Claudia Tudisco. In May of 2005 **Danielle Burton Lish** and her husband, Matt Lish ND '96, moved from Chicago to Atlanta. Danielle then gave birth to Katherine Cecilia Lish on Nov. 15, 2005. Danielle is currently staying home with Katherine and loving it! She also plans on becoming more involved with the Atlanta Saint Mary's College Alumnae Club and is looking forward to seeing old friends and making new ones. In additional happy baby news, **Vicki Palk Cassidy** and husband Pat welcomed their daughter, Caitlyn Rose Cassidy, on Feb. 12, 2007. Little Caitlyn is the light of their lives, and Vicki is hoping she attends Saint Mary's College in the future! In fact, **Angie Blair Wagley** sent the cutest little Saint Mary's College socks and sweatshirt to help Caitlyn move in the right direction.

Barbara Howells Boukater has been promoted to director of summer programs at Pace Academy, which runs about 24 programs in the summer as well as a winter camp and other activities throughout the year. Aside from the busy activities of a new position, her son, Bryce, (eight months old as of May) is adding to the excitement. Barbara also passes on the good news that **Jen Owens Passini** had a baby last winter. **Julie Govorko Collins** and her U.S. Navy Pilot husband still live in California and welcomed their second son, Michael Timothy Collins, on Aug. 3, 2006.

Born this past spring on April 3, 2007, was James McKenna, who joins big brothers Nyhan, 4, and Ian, 2, and proud parents John and **Meghan Maloney O'Sullivan**.

Petrina Lenart Proctor and husband Jason welcomed a new son, Brendan, on Oct. 8, 2006. He is much loved by older sisters Lauren and Elizabeth. Little Jason was baptized at the Basilica last November, and Petrina's brother, Joel, and **Patricia Osan '97** were named godparents.

Classmate **Rachel Luke Giannini** married Brian Giannini on Feb. 10, 2007. **Ellen Sanders Reed** and **Gretchen Weigel** were in attendance. **Johnna Skyles** and **Ann Zielonka Wallin** attended the event in spirit due to the recent births of their children. Rachel also finished her M.B.A. in December.

The following updates come from reunion surveys: **Michelle Limb** currently lives in Santa Barbara, Cal., and works as a kindergarten teacher at the Peabody Charter School. Her favorite memories include playing basketball and softball at Saint Mary's College; she continues to cheer on the Belles from the West Coast. **Molly Brewer Velasco** lives in Highlands Ranch, Colo., with her husband, Robert, and two children, Benjamin Andrew (born in November 2002) and Olivia Grace (born in February 2005). **Kimberly Dehner Davis** wrote that she is living in Glenview, Ill., with husband Scott and daughter Lily Kathryn, born on Sept. 24, 2004. I think Kimberly speaks for everyone when she wrote "I have so many wonderful memories from my years at Saint Mary's College. But what is consistent with all these memories are the wonderful friends I made. These are women who are each unique and beautiful in their own way and have had such an impact on my life. We are all still close today and I cherish their friendship."

Michelle Wenner Chestovich is a family medicine physician with the Gorman Clinic and lives in West Saint Paul, Minn., with her husband, Paul, and children, Andrew, born July of 2003, and Katherine (Katie), born in September of 2005. **Heather Reynolds Stone** and family continue to move around, as her husband, Benjamin, is an F-18 pilot in the Navy. Mom and Dad, along with children Matthew, 10, Jack, 7, and Annie, 5, are all doing well. **Jeana Niklas Blier** continues to work as a dialysis nurse while raising two children, Benjamin Niklas, 5, and Isabelle Regina, 3, and expecting baby number three in August. **Jessica Johnson '01** continues to work towards her M.B.A. after graduating from Rutgers Law School.

Thanks again to everyone for submitting such great news and keeping us posted on your lives! If it's been awhile since you updated everyone, drop me a line and let us know what you are up to. Until next time, I wish all of you much love and happiness!

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Some exciting 1998 baby news ... **Meg Winkler Kniskern** and her husband, Matt, welcomed their third child, Chloe Elizabeth, on Nov. 27, 2006. Chloe was baptized in Ballston Lake, N.Y., with **Katie Drew** as godmother. **Lori McKeough Bohan** and her husband had their second child, Meg McKeough Bohan, born Feb. 4, 2007. Meg's big brother, Conley, just loves her to pieces! **Stephanie Pasas-Farmer** and her husband, Shawn, welcome Landon Terry Farmer on April 9, 2007. Finally, **Cicely Campo Siepka** and her husband, Dennis, welcomed their first baby, Sophie Marie, on April 16, 2007.

Jeannine DeMarco Sur, her husband, Jim ND '98, and daughter, Natalie, are moving to Ann Arbor, Mich., where Jim will be doing a two-year interventional cardiologist fellowship.

Sara Pluta Gibson is taking a sabbatical from life in Washington, D.C.'s, nonprofit community and spending a year in Paris with her husband, Josh. Sara and Josh were married in May 2006 in Chesterton, Ind. **Anne Poore Keith '97** and **Kimberly Jeselnick Gray** were members of the bridal party, and other Belles joined the celebration.

Catherine Bohan Opel married Jonathon Opel at St. Martin of Tours

Church in Vicksburg, Mich., on Aug. 27, 2005. Since Catherine's dad had recently become a deacon, he performed the wedding ceremony. The maid of honor was Catherine's sister, **Barbara Bohan Carroll '99**. She was unable to attend, however, as her daughter, Gabriella Rose Carroll, was being born six weeks prematurely—just three days before the wedding! (Barbara was married in December of 2004 to Christopher Carroll.) Catherine's bridesmaids also included **Peggy Lenczewski Miller '97** and **Melanie Canter Wolters '99**. On August 20, 2006, Catherine and Jonathon welcomed a son, Nathon Alexander Opel. Catherine is staying at home with Nathon now, and loving every minute of it.

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Hello, Class of 2000! I must apologize for not getting an update out for our last issue. I hope that you are enjoying your summer and are getting ready for the fall. I urge you to e-mail, write and/or call me with updates. I would love to hear from you and I know that our class would like to hear what you have been up to over the past seven years!

Kathy Heron sent me an update on herself and several classmates. Kathy is living in Dublin, Ohio, and has completed her sixth year of teaching in an inclusive school for typically

developing children and children with mild disabilities and Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). On Aug. 27, 2006, Kathy graduated from Ohio State University with a master's in early childhood special education. She also continues to coach cheerleading at her high school alma mater.

Kathryn Goolsby Flavin is living in Bolingbrook, Ill., with her husband, Eddie, and their daughter, Haley Rose. Kathryn began her second year as an adjunct professor at St. Francis University in 2006. Her daughter turned one in July 2006, and she and Kathryn visited Kathy in September 2006.

Marcy Wojan lives in Chicago, Ill., where her sister, Jenny Wojan '04, joined her in 2006. Jenny graduated from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, in 2006 with her master's in speech pathology. In August 2006, Marcy began her seventh year of teaching fifth grade in Oak Park, Ill. She attends graduate school at DePaul University and is earning her master's in reading and learning disabilities.

Vanessa Quatman Damschroder and her husband, Dr. Richard Damschroder, Jr., celebrated their second wedding anniversary in May 2007. They currently reside in Lima, Ohio.

Libby Forkin Kopec also sent me updates on herself and other classmates: "I have been married for one year now to Daniel Andrew Kopec from Centerville, Ohio. We became engaged at Saint Mary's College in March 2005 on the bridge near the island. We were married on July 9, 2005, in Lima, Ohio (my home town). **Tara Lunneen Mabry** was the matron

of honor and **Andrea Klee Daly ND '00** was a bridesmaid. In attendance were **Katie Cousino**, **Claire Burke Garcia Scalici**, **Leslie Ortiz**, **Vanessa Kliemchen Froman**, **Melissa Barber**, and **Missy Moyer '02**. Dan and I are living in Columbus, Ohio, where we just bought our first home!" She goes on to discuss all of the ladies and a couple more: "**Vanessa Kliemchen** married John Froman ND '00 in August of 2004. They are residing in Chicago, Ill. Vanessa is keeping busy raising and showing her horses. **Tara Lunneen** was married in October 2004 to Chad Mabry of Galien, Mich. They are residing in Buchanan, Mich. **Katie Cousino** is working for New Balance in Chicago, Ill. **Melissa Barber** is teaching in Sarasota, Fla., and working on her Ph.D. **Claire Burke** was married in June 2002 to Demian Garcia Scalici and is teaching in Connecticut. **Kim Jozwiak Depke** was married in June 2002 to Eric Depke ND '00 in St. Louis, Mo. Kim is a teacher. **Krista Eastburn '99** was married in July 2000 to Wes Heroman ND '00. They reside in Louisville, Ky." Thanks, Libby, for the updates and best of luck to all of you!

Mary Kay Schultz told me that after one year of living in the Big Apple she moved back to Atlanta in July 2005. She bought a townhouse in the suburbs at the end of February 2006 and started as a marketing associate for the Novare Group, a real estate developer in midtown Atlanta.

In baby news, Peyton Berg ND J.D.'02 told me that he and his wife, **Angela Little Berg**, welcomed a baby girl into the world. Leah Elizabeth Berg was born on Nov. 29, 2006. **Lindsay Richardson Bigler** and her husband, Cameron, also welcomed a baby girl: Madeleine Marie Bigler was born on Oct. 17, 2006, at Central DuPage Hospital. Congratulations and good luck to all!

Christine Farrell Diederich married Anthony Diederich on Sept. 16, 2006, in Fort Wayne, Ind. I was a bridesmaid along with **Jennifer Hanichak Farrell**. **Molly A. McHugh** was in attendance for the beautiful day. Christine and Tony currently reside in Garrett, Ind. Jennifer and her husband, Brian, reside in South Bend, Ind., with their one-year-old son, Braden. Jennifer was able to stay at home from her teaching job this past school year to care for Braden. Molly changed jobs and is currently working for Deloitte in Chicago, Ill.

Last but not least, even though we are about ten minutes away from each

classclips



Young Alumnae from the Pittsburgh area enjoyed an evening out at a local restaurant. Pictured left to right: Christina Reitano '03, Emily Welsh '04, Carolyn Batz '05, Christina Scalo '01, Julie Scheib Martin '01, and Kathryn Harrison '04.

other, I ran into **Johna Indriolo** in April and May 2007 for a mutual high school friend's wedding. I think this is one of the first times I have seen her since our reunion. It was great to catch up! She is in her seventh year of teaching and has tenure in the Chagrin Falls school district.

I look forward to catching up with all of you! As always, feel free to contact me any time; and if you are ever in the Cleveland area, I would love to get together! I need some adult time away from my three kids! Good luck in all you do and remember to keep smiling! Until next time.

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From Katie R.: It was so great to see everyone at our first Saint Mary's College reunion! Since many of us got the chance to catch up on campus, there are only a few notes this time around.

Maureen "Mo" MacDonald Dettner married her Justin ND '04 on Dec. 18, 2004. They welcomed a daughter, Tess Noelle, on Nov. 8, 2006.

Kara Kotynek Cullen and her husband, Chris ND '02, welcomed a son, Thomas, on Feb. 2, 2007. The family also relocated to McHenry, Ill.

Kathleen Nickson D'Avria and her husband, Steve ND '01, welcomed a son, Nicholas Thomas, on March 29, 2007. The family lives outside Charlotte, N.C. Kathleen plans on returning to her job as a high school history teacher in the fall after taking a nice long maternity leave. In November 2006, she was named Teacher of the Year.

Lori Sichtermann and James Seidler ND '02 tied the knot this past June in South Bend, Ind. Several Domers and Saint Mary's College alumnae were in attendance, including **Tessie Howland Pollock**, Lori's former Saint Mary's College roommate turned matron of honor. The Seidler newlyweds honeymooned in Germany before returning to their Wrigleyville home in Chicago.

Meanwhile, Tessie recently started a new career outside of the TV newsroom. After nearly five years as a producer at ABC6/FOX28 in Columbus, Ohio, she is now the marketing coordinator for the Mall at Tuttle Crossing—a change she's excited about as she'll no longer be keeping vampire hours!

From Katie C.: Hello, Class of 2002!

As you'll notice in our class header, I have finally moved back downtown just in time for the Chicago summer! My new apartment is only a short walk to Davis & Hosfield Consulting, my firm for the past four years, and to Equinox, where I continue to teach studio cycling.

In May, my family and I headed back to South Bend for the graduation of my youngest sister, **Terri Corsentino '07**. At commencement, my sister, **Kim Corsentino Keyworth '03**, and I had a blast staying in McCandless Hall and visiting with Professors Renshaw and McElroy. Kim has been working on the Phillip Morris account at Leo Burnett since the fall of 2006 and is having a lot of fun learning the world of advertising. Terri will be spending the early part of her summer studying for her nursing boards. She accepted a position as a nurse in the pediatric intensive care unit at Children's Memorial Hospital, where she will begin in late summer.

Also enjoying her nursing career, and her first year as a newlywed in Chicago, is **Mary Crawford Nolan**. Mary recently accepted an RN position at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago and loves her new workplace (just steps from the Magnificent Mile!). She also completed her first sprint triathlon in June.

Lindsey Cotter Mackenzie also finished her first sprint triathlon this summer. Lindsey traveled to Wisconsin to race in the Danskin Women's sprint triathlon. In addition to racing, Lindsey is enjoying living in her new condo in Lincoln Park and working at Northwestern Memorial Hospital.

In February of this year, **Mary Hermes** packed her bags (more like a U-Haul!) and headed for the Big Apple with the help and driving company of **Katie O'Connell**. The two arrived in Manhattan 17 hours, six states, and one bathroom stop in the lobby of Holy Cross dorm after their departure from the Windy City. Mary now lives in the Murray Hill neighborhood of New York City, which happens to be steps away from her new job at her former Chicago employer, Mediaedge. Mary

Send us your stories!

Saint Mary's is looking for stories about parents and grandparents who are helping their children and grandchildren volunteer their time and/or contribute their donations to causes of interest to them. If you have stories you can share, please send them today to Director of Development Kay Ball at kball@saintmarys.edu. Thank you!

was promoted to a senior media buyer at Mediaedge NYC. She's enjoying the daily challenges her new position presents in the fast pace environment of New York City.

Following in her big sister's footsteps, **Frannie Hermes** will be heading to South Bend as part of Saint Mary's College's incoming Class of 2011. Frannie plans to major in special education. Mary is keeping her fingers crossed for a Holy Cross dorm assignment!

Last but not least, **Kelly Roberts Panzer** and her husband, Matt ND '02, welcomed their first child, Brien Patrick, into the world on Jan. 11, 2007. Congrats to the proud new parents!

That's all for this issue. I hope everyone who made it to our five-year reunion had a blast! I hope to receive updates from more of the Class of 2002 next time!

'04

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Hello, Class of 2004! Can you believe that it's been three years since we've graduated? Keep in touch and share how life is treating you! We would all love to hear your latest news, so e-mail me at kdunlap1@att.net for our next Courier submission.

Maureen Russell has been in Washington, D.C. since May of 2006. She graduated with her masters in international relations from the Maxwell School, Syracuse University this past May. Congratulations, Maureen! She currently works in the Office of National Drug Control Policy in the Office of Supply Reduction, specifically on European Union and United Nations issues on drug control, which falls under the Executive Office of the President. Wow! Maureen definitely has her plate full these days!

Another warm congratulations goes to **Gillian Dukes Schultz** and her husband, Mike ND '04, who welcomed

their daughter, Keira Meade, into the world on Sept. 29, 2006. The growing family resides in Frederick, MD. Gillian is a second-grade teacher at a nearby Catholic school, but is taking a part-time reading support position next year to stay home with her new bundle of joy!

As for me, I transitioned into the public accounting world at Plante & Moran, the nation's 11th-largest certified public accounting and business advisory firm. I never thought in a million years that I would love working at an accounting firm, but it's been my best career move thus far. I absolutely love my job as an enterprise risk services consultant. I love it so much that I'm studying to become a certified internal auditor. In the meantime, I also showed my spirit in the Detroit Race for the Cure with my family, and I just returned from a Fourth of July vacation with my wonderful boyfriend, Darin, in Nantucket. Please remember to keep in touch! Life is too short not to.

Michelle Biersmith married Daniel Hennings (ND - MSActt, 04) August 11, 2007 in Santa Barbara, CA. SMC and ND alumni in the wedding party include: the maid of honor, **Annie Basinski** (SMC 04), bridesmaid, **McGee Cook** (SMC 04) and groomsman, **Kris Allen** (ND - MSActt, 04). Dan and Michelle will reside in Chicago.

'06

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Lindsey Lozmack moved to the Lincoln Square neighborhood of Chicago and is currently working for the Association Management Center in Glenview, where she serves as the business development manager for the Christian Management Association. **Alicia Heimann** is working as a nurse at an orthopedic hospital in Fort

Wayne, Ind. **Sarah Brown** completed Bethel College's Transition to Teaching Program in May 2007 to become an elementary school teacher. She is currently applying for jobs in the South Bend and Pittsburgh areas.

Sarah Molnar married Steven McKay on July 15, 2006, at the Church of Loretto. Sarah is working as a nurse in the intensive care unit at Memorial Hospital of South Bend. She and her husband, Steven, welcomed their daughter, Elizabeth Irene McKay, on April 5, 2007.

Jenny Mayer has spent her first year since graduation in the United States Air Force. She had six weeks of Air and Space Basic Course training in Alabama, then four months of technical training for Security Forces. Currently, Jenny is stationed at Al Udeid Air Base in Qatar and has been on port missions and convoys that provide security to aircraft going to Iraq and Afghanistan as well as to the Horn of Africa.

Amy Rohm graduated in June from the University of Denver Graduate School of Social Work with a master's in social work. She plans to stay in Denver for work. **Jessica Landgraf** was accepted to the University of Michigan's Graduate School of Education, where she will begin work on her master's in early childhood education.

Angela Kelly lives in Bethesda, Md., and is working as a mother/baby nurse at the National Naval Medical Center. She is an officer in the United States Navy and will likely be traveling overseas soon. **Angie Osmanski** is working with the Peace Corps in Cameroon, Africa, teaching about HIV/AIDS as well as English. **Erin McQueen** has completed her first year as a medical student at Michigan State University College of Human Medicine. Erin lives with **Jill Funnell**, who completed her first year at the Michigan State College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Clare Hoyt is working at Seyfarth Shaw LLP in Chicago and is attending DePaul University College of Law part-time in the evening. **Jillian Roth Gill** was married to Brittan Gill on Aug. 5, 2006. Their son, Austin James, was born on May 6, 2007. Jill reports that everyone is healthy and doing great! **Amy Oliva Campos** was married on July 1, 2006, to Roberto Campos ND '06 and just finished her first year at the University of Louisville School of Medicine. **Heather Mosny** is living in Chicago and working for the Chicago

Mercantile Exchange.

From the Courier Office: It was reported by **Irene O'Leary Van Beckum '57**, grandmother of **Meghan Cassidy**, that Meghan gave the commencement address at her sister's elementary school, the Prairie Hill Waldorf School in Pewaukee, Wis., on June 2.

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The senior stateswomen at Reunion, Mary Cunningham Deitle '34 (left) and Sister Miriam Eckenrode '34 CSC (right), with President Carol Ann Mooney '72

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Members of the class of 1942 came for their 65th!
Left to right: Alma Nardine Ryan, Bunny Wagner Barker, Gert Daley Moran, Margaret Kotte O'Hara, and Pat Rogers Tyrrell



I947

Left to right: Mina Costin '47, Terry Finske McDonough '47, and Sister M. Jeanne Finske '53 CSC

From May 31 to June 3, alumnae and friends returned to campus from as close as South Bend and as far away as England, Kazakhstan, and Afghanistan. They renewed friendships, marveled at new campus construction, participated in seminars and discussions, reveled in perfect spring weather, and reminisced with much laughter and some tears. For many, Reunion 2007 rekindled a dedication to the College that both educated and transformed them, preparing them to make a difference in the world.

1952 1957 1962



1952 Left to right: Faith Kilburg McNamara, Mary Berners Kischler, Julie Skelly Fries, and Pat Egan Skudnig had fond memories of the spring of '51 when they all lived in Reidinger House together (except for the liver ball soup which they remembered less fondly).

1962

Left to right: Phyllis Sullivan Van Hersett, Betsy Patterson Sentowski, Mary Ellen Norris Durbin, Marie Hank McKellar, and Anna Rose Kearney



1957

The Golden Jubilee Class

2007



1967 1972 1977



1967

Left to right: Patty Dalton Caolo, Judie Gabler Tidwell, and Mary Mortimer Meany

1972

Left to right: Eileen Sauvain Maguire, Lucia Rodarte Madrid, Anne Kersten, Barbara Kozak Lindemann



1977



*"I am a Class of 1957 member and have attended every Reunion since graduation.
It renews and refreshes my spirit anytime I come 'home' to Saint Mary's!"*

– Class of 1957

1982 1987 1992



1982 Left to right: Kathleen Galligan, Maggie McFarland Rousseau, Molly O'Neill O'Leary, Colleen Rooney Danaher, Deidre Dalton Toole, Marie Blasko McCabe



1987 Left to right: Margaret Calacci Edwards, Terri Kammerer Meyer, Suzanne Ritger, Mary Dilenschneider Condon

1992 Left to right: Lori Corirossi Hazen, Amy Carlisle Keating, Laura Kouri Consolazio, and Maria Alvarez Ruiz



2007

REUNION

"It was our 35th reunion and it was a fantastic, memorable weekend! Friendships were renewed. I'm proud to be a member of the Class of '72 and thoroughly enjoy all Reunions at Saint Mary's."

– Class of 1972

1997 2002



1997

Friends from the class of 1997



2002

Left to right: Shannon Meyer O'Rourke, Tim O'Rourke, Brian Keeler, and Ann Marie Dennany Keeler

2007 ALUMNAE AWARD RECIPIENTS

The **Outstanding Young Alumna Award** was presented to **Sarah Sullivan Bigelow '96**. Currently the senior manager of planning and support at the pharmaceutical company Merck, Sarah has been active in alumnae club activities in South Bend as well as in Chicago, St. Louis, Des Moines, and Kansas City. Her club work has included book groups, send-offs, care packages, Founders' Day celebrations, and hosting a reception for the touring Women's Choir.

Elected to the Alumnae Association's Board of Directors in 2000, Sarah became one of its youngest presidents in 2004. Under her leadership, the Association developed a revised mission statement, increased the diversity of its membership, and launched the first Alumnae Leadership Conference.

Two **Humanitas Awards** were presented this year, to **Suzanne Seidl Griffin '67** and to **Mary Ellen Norris Durbin '62**.

A Peace Corps volunteer in Afghanistan immediately after her graduation from Saint Mary's, Suzanne was active in the English as a Second Language movement and held a variety of academic positions on the West Coast until 1999, when, after the death of her husband, Michael, she returned to Afghanistan as a consultant and volunteer with the International Rescue Committee. Since then, assignments with international agencies have taken Suzanne to Afghanistan and six other central and south Asian countries. Her focus on each assignment has been literacy, and women's and children's health. She currently serves as senior project manager of education with Save the Children USA.

After leaving Saint Mary's, Mary Ellen earned a master's degree in counseling, raised three children, and worked with Catholic Charities in Joliet, Illinois, in the 1980s, helping parishes develop programs to respond to hunger and homelessness. She and her husband, Ron, founded Daybreak of Lisle, a volunteer ministry providing transitional housing for homeless families.

In 1995, Mary Ellen was named executive director of the People's Resource Center in Wheaton, Illinois, where she led a successful \$2.5 million capital campaign. The Center provides food, clothing, emergency housing assistance, job training, and other services to more than 2,000 families a month, many of them immigrants.

The **Alumna Achievement Award** was presented to **Lucia Rodarte Madrid '72**, who began her broadcasting career in 1982, when she joined KTAR radio as its community service director. Lucia became one of the first Latinas to produce and host a weekly television program in Arizona and held positions of increasing responsibility at Madrid Communications and KAET before joining KPNX-TV in Phoenix, where she became vice president of community relations. Acting as a liaison between the station and the community, she served on several nonprofit boards and lent support to community concerns, particularly those related to minority populations.

Lydia Haggar Novakov '72 was presented with the **Distinguished Alumna Award** in recognition of her generous service to Saint Mary's College and to worthy causes in her community. Lydia has served on the Alumnae Association's Board of Directors, the College's Board of Regents, the Board of Trustees, and as national chair of the Madeleva Society.

Lydia has chaired numerous campaigns and raised millions of dollars for worthy organizations in the Dallas area. Among the beneficiaries of her energy are the Dallas Crystal Charity Ball, which, under her leadership, raised an unprecedented amount for children's causes; the Catholic Foundation of Dallas, which supports philanthropic Catholic causes; the Old Red Courthouse and the Old Red Museum; and most recently, the Texas High School Project.



Left to right: Barbara Butler Henry '85, Sarah Sullivan Bigelow '96, and Assistant Director of Alumnae Relations Michelle Poeppé Egan '93

Photos, top to bottom: Lucia Rodarte Madrid '72, Suzanne Seidl Griffin '67, Mary Ellen Norris Durbin '62, and Lydia Haggar Novakov '72.



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