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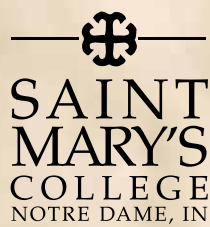
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Sarah Smith '07 works in a chemistry laboratory. Sarah graduated in May with a BS in nursing. She is one of many students who prove the chemistry and physics department's tenet that chemistry prepares you to do almost anything you desire.

Photo by Matt Cashore

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

Inside Saint Mary's

Chemistry Prepares You To Do What You Desire

by Deborah McCarthy



Chemistry has a long tradition at Saint Mary's College. I presented a paper "A Century of Science at Saint Mary's College" for a National Meeting of the American Chemical Society in 2000. The archives of the College for Saint Mary's Academy fifth Catalog and Commencement, June 26, 1860, has entries for three young women named as earning a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd "premium degree" in Chemistry. It also contains the description

of "The institution possessing a fine laboratory and philosophical apparatus, choice and extensive Herbarium of foreign and native plants." An award in Botany was added in 1863 and the Catalog notes, "The scientific departments receive most careful attention."

The current Department of Chemistry and Physics emerged in the 1950s with the hiring of Professor Lee Benton from the University of Notre Dame. Two of the current chemistry faculty members were hired by Professor Benton, including his "replacement," Professor Phil Bays and prior to Dr. Bays, Professor Dorothy Feigl. Professor Benton is credited with beginning a strong emphasis on undergraduate research as a method of engaging and developing student skills, long before the current emphasis on undergraduate research emerged in the field.

Graduating seniors find that their research experience qualifies them for lucrative entry-level positions that require a degree in chemistry. Those attending graduate school are getting into the best graduate programs in competitive

fields. They often attribute their success to the research opportunities at Saint Mary's. The reputation of the College and the high quality of our courses across the curriculum contribute to the individual success of every student. Our alumnae consistently report that they are the best writers and speakers in their cohort of entering graduate students. They also claim that their success in graduate programs, graduating at the top of their postgraduate classes, is because of the Saint Mary's experience overall. In many cases they write back and thank us for the advanced writing and comprehensive requirements that they now see made the difference in preparing them to succeed in the competitive environment of graduate and professional programs.

The hands-on experiences our students get in the classroom and in research labs prepare them for jobs in the field. They are physicians and dentists, top researchers in major chemical and pharmaceutical companies, and lawyers in patent and other areas of the legal profession. And many are succeeding in fields unrelated to chemistry. All of which, we think supports our claim that "chemistry will prepare you to do almost anything you desire."

Deborah McCarthy is Associate Dean of Academic Strategies and Professor of Chemistry at Saint Mary's.

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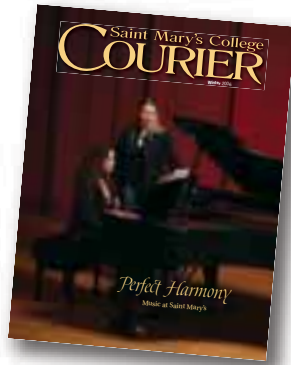
Letters

to the editor

Dear Editor,

I was so moved by the Winter issue of the *Courier* that I needed to finally reach out to you to let you know I read it cover to cover and was so proud of the past, present, and future for Saint Mary's College. As a student worker in O'Laughlin and now as a resident of New York City, I am so grateful for the impact of the arts in my life and for all students and South Bend residents as well, thanks to the wonderful programming of O'Laughlin.

Sincerely,
Mary Beth Anderson Fisher '91
New York, New York



Dear Editor,

I received my *Courier* in the mail yesterday and was happy to see news on the music and arts programs. I was one of the few at that time who majored in theatre at Saint Mary's and took many music classes over my years there. It wasn't my first choice; I wanted to go to Carnegie Mellon, but in retrospect, I probably got a better education.

Joan Curto '80
Naperville, Illinois

Dear Editor,

You are doing a wonderful job with *Courier*. Continue the good things.

Sincerely,
Virginia Gabriel Hinders '48
Celena, Ohio

Dear Editor,

Peace and all good. Thank you for sharing the goodness of Saint Mary's College and continuing the exceptional work of Cynthia Machamer. The arrival of the *Courier* is always a highlight. The articles are enlightening and refreshing and the photos bring to mind wonder-filled memories. All in all the *Courier* is excellent and holds me united to my days of study and life on campus and especially living in Le Mans Hall. God Bless you and all you do.

Gratefully,
Sister Maureen Dorr, OSF, '67
Tampa, Florida

Dear Editor,

I was so sorry to hear the news that Dr. Patrick White has left Saint Mary's College. While I want to congratulate Dr. White on his new position as president of Wabash College, I think this change is a huge loss for Saint Mary's. During my years at Saint Mary's, I first met him when I worked for the Multicultural Affairs Office, and later participated in the Play of the Mind Conferences he organized. Although I was not lucky enough to have him as a professor, I was fortunate enough to have him as a friend. He was always interested in my experience at Saint Mary's, especially interested in my point of view as an international student. Reading the articles in the *Courier* about him was like being back in Le Mans ten years ago and seeing him walk around with a big smile and an open heart. I thank God that He put Dr. White in my life's path and I am sure that like me, many other Saint Mary's alumnae, will truly feel his absence at the College....May God bless Dr. Patrick White and his family.

Maria Isabel Rivas '97
Managua, Nicaragua



Dear Editor,

I want to thank you for continually creating a wonderful alumnae magazine that keeps us in the loop and showcases the wonderful Saint Mary's community.

Cathy Schroeder Ward '01
Chicago, Illinois

Send us your letters!

Send your letters and e-mails as they pertain to material printed in the the magazine. The editor reserves the right to determine the suitability of letters for publication and to edit them for accuracy and length. E-mail: courier@saintmarys.edu; regular mail: Saint Mary's College, 307 Haggar College Center, Notre Dame, IN 46556-5001.

New Vice President Arrives

In February, Saint Mary's announced the appointment of Dr. Patricia Fleming to the position of vice president of academic affairs and dean of faculty. She will assume her duties on July 1.

Fleming comes to Saint Mary's from Creighton University, a Jesuit institution in Omaha, Neb., where she been a faculty member in the philosophy department since 1977, teaching environmental and medical ethics and the philosophies of science and social science. Since 2001, Fleming has also served as senior associate dean of Creighton's College of Arts and Sciences.

Balancing administrative duties with active scholarship, Fleming is nationally and internationally known for her research on the ethical implications of nuclear waste disposal. She recently served on a National Academy of Science committee on legislation related to radiation exposure, and maintains a White House-approved appointment on the Veterans Board on Dose Reconstruction, which deals with issues related to atomic veterans' exposure to radiation.

Saint Mary's President Carol Ann Mooney '72 spoke warmly of Fleming's appointment: "Her extensive involvement in Catholic higher education, her scholarly standing, and her administrative skills make her a perfect fit for leading the faculty at Saint Mary's, and I am excited about working with her."

Fleming says she is honored to continue her career at a women's college. She attributes her early formation as a scholar and as a leader in higher education to experiences at Catholic residential women's colleges. "There is an abundance of research that proves the value of a single-

gender education for women, especially in the greater access it gives women to develop their talents. I have met many impressive students and alumnae who demonstrate Saint Mary's extraordinary success in that arena," she said.

"It is clear to me, when standing outside Saint Mary's, that it is the number one Catholic residential college for women in the nation today. I am humbled by Saint Mary's choice in my candidacy and am proud, at the same time, to help the College continue to do its important work."

Fleming attended Holy Names University in Oakland, Calif., and earned her bachelor's degree in philosophy and sociology from Marygrove College in Detroit, Mich. She earned her master's and doctorate in philosophy from Washington University in St. Louis, Mo.

She will replace Professor Jill Vihtelic, who stepped in as acting vice president and dean of faculty following the departure of Patrick E. White, who is now president of Wabash College.



Dr. Patricia Fleming

Ann Plamondon Lecture Series Launched



Theresa (Tess) Guarino Lipo '86, Priscilla Karle Pilon '86, Professor Ann Plamondon, Jeanne Grammens Hidalgo '86, and Kelly Portolese Murphy '86

"We have troubling unanswered questions with the way we communicate in politics and it's up to a new generation of graduates to fix the system and make it work," concluded Dr. Kathleen Hall Jamieson in her lecture "Deception in Politics."

Jamieson, a noted author and political campaign expert, visited campus in February as the

inaugural speaker for the Ann Plamondon Endowed Fund in Communication Studies lecture series.

Jamieson is the director of the Annenberg Public Policy Center and the Elizabeth Ware Packard Professor of Communication at the Annenberg School of Communication. She has authored or co-authored ten books including *Everything You Think You Know About Politics...and Why You're Wrong*.

The lecture addressed the role of television in today's political environment using televised ads from the distant and recent past. Jamieson set forth a guide for citizens to use in protecting themselves from deceptive politics. She drew on survey data from the 2004 National Annenberg Election Study to show that these strategies mislead both Democratic and Republican voters.

The Ann Plamondon Endowed Fund in Communication Studies lecture series brings respected scholars and distinguished communications professionals to campus to share their experiences with the Saint Mary's community. Alumnae and friends of the program raised \$50,000 to endow the lectures in honor of Professor Plamondon, who retired this spring.



Indi Dieckgrafe, professor of dance, talks with Bob Hohl, librarian, at the reception that followed the lecture.

Madeleva Lecture Returns



Sister Kathleen Dolphin, PBVM; Shawn Copeland, Associate Professor of Theology at Boston College; and President Carol Ann Mooney

In April, Saint Mary's welcomed Shawn Copeland, associate professor of theology at Boston College, to campus for her lecture, "The Subversive Power of Love: The Vision of Henriette Delille M."

Henriette Delille, foundress of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Family, was a free woman of African descent. She established this African American religious order in New Orleans 20 years before the Emancipation Proclamation. Currently, Delille is a candidate for canonization. Shawn Copeland was one of the theologians on the commission to review and evaluate the orthodoxy of Delille's writing.

The Madeleva Lecture Series is named for Sister Madeleva Wolff, CSC, president of Saint Mary's College from 1934 to 1961. Some of the most influential women scholars of the past 20 years are past Madeleva Lecturers.



Charles Martin Youth Center Satellite Office Opens

In March, the Center for Women's InterCultural Leadership (CWIL) opened a satellite office in the Charles Martin Youth Center in South Bend. The partnership will engage Saint Mary's students in an intercultural environment with opportunities for learning and leadership, and provide extended learning opportunities to area youth to engage with the educators, scholars, and student leaders of the Saint Mary's College community.

Date Set for Moreau Beatification



September 15, 2007 is the date chosen for the beatification of the Venerable Basil Moreau, CSC, the Vatican Secretariat of State recently announced. The event will take place in Le Mans, France, where the founder of the Holy Cross Sisters, Priests, and Brothers ministered and died.

Father Moreau (1799–1873) received the title "venerable" from Pope John Paul II in 2003. After further study and the acceptance of a miraculous cure

attributed to Father Moreau's intercession, the Congregation for the Causes of Saints recommended his beatification to

Pope Benedict XVI last year. A person recognized as "blessed" or beatified by the Catholic Church takes a significant step toward canonization, that is, the status of being officially and solemnly proclaimed a saint.

Saint Mary's College will celebrate the beatification throughout the coming year. President Carol Ann Mooney '72 will attend the beatification ceremony in Le Mans, along with the presidents of other Holy Cross institutions. Locally, two special liturgies are planned in Father Moreau's honor—one on September 16 in the Church of Loretto and the other on September 30 in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

"The beatification of Father Basil Moreau is cause for rejoicing in the Church, the Congregations of Holy Cross, and their sponsored institutions," said Sister Rose Anne Schultz '66, CSC, vice president for mission. "The celebration also offers us an opportunity to rediscover our Holy Cross legacy. At Saint Mary's, this means pausing to learn about, appreciate, and interpret the timeless vision for educating the whole person that was essential for Moreau and for our mission as a College."

Further information and updates on the beatification are available at the Division for Mission Web site, <http://www.saintmarys.edu/~cfsdfm>.

Conference Addresses Diversity

More than 200 people from local colleges and high schools participated in the second annual Diverse Student Leadership Conference March 1–3, sponsored by the Saint Mary's Student Diversity Board. This year's keynote speaker was Peggy McIntosh, a professor at Wellesley College who is nationally known for her work placing the dimension of privilege in discussions of race, gender, and sexuality. McIntosh's address at Saint Mary's, entitled "How I Came to See I Had White Privilege and What I'm Learning I Can Do With It," drew nearly 300.

McIntosh has also been a pioneer in working with colleges around the country to develop gender-fair and multicultural curricula. "She exemplifies what the conference is about in every way," said Kimberly Hodges '08, student body president, Student Diversity Board vice president, and conference chair. "She is a catalyst in shaping society to a culturally competent environment."

President Carol Ann Mooney '72 opened the conference by speaking about the College's efforts to foster diversity, as well as her views on how to better prepare the campus for experiences of cultural competency.

The three-day event featured workshops and presentations by Saint Mary's faculty and guest speakers, including "How Are We Doing on Diversity?" with Assistant Professor Leslie Wang, "Immigration and Diversity" with Associate Professor Marc Belanger, "Diversity in Media" with Associate Professor Linda Berdayes, "Figuring Out the Cultural Shape You're In" with author Cathy Bao Bean, and "Hip Hop Leadership Styles" with consultant Bryant Smith. Alumnae and students led discussions on their workplace and college experiences.

The conference aimed to increase awareness of the benefits of diversity on campus, in the community, and in the



Kimberly Hodges '08, Santa Brink '07, and Sarita Fritzler '08

workplace. Hodges—who is the first African American student body president in College history—said the conference exceeded her personal goals. She expressed hope that participants would absorb what they learned and apply it to their own lives and leadership.

Next year's conference planning is already underway, said Adriana Lopez '08, who will take over as chair and Student Diversity Board vice president. Lopez has a few ideas of her own for the next event, including inviting women from the South Bend community. "I think that would personalize it," she said.

—Amanda Goetz '08



Heritage Honored

Students, the Sisters of the Holy Cross, and the Saint Mary's community celebrated the origins of Saint Mary's College at the Heritage Dinner in January, part of a weeklong celebration.



Trustees Approve Minimal Tuition Increase

At its February meeting, the Board of Trustees voted to increase tuition and fees by five percent for the 2007–08 academic year. Room and board will increase by three percent, making the average cost to attend Saint Mary's \$35,550 for a resident student.

"Tuition, room, and board are the primary source of the operating budget of the College, comprising 75 percent of net revenues. This revenue permits the College to sustain and enhance the quality of a Saint Mary's education," said Laurie Stickelmaier, vice president for finance and administration. "While the tuition and fee increase that the Trustees approved is significant, it is well under the average 6.4 percent increase among the nation's top 100 liberal arts colleges."

Tuition	\$26,285
Fees	\$590
Avg. room and board	\$8,676

An Award-Winning Year

In April, the athletic department hosted its end-of-year banquet to honor the 23 graduating student-athletes who have dedicated themselves to the Belles athletic program during their time at Saint Mary's.

The following nine awards recognized extraordinary performance. There was also one award given to one of the top supporters of the Belles program.

Improvement Award: Sarah Miesle, Softball

Presented in recognition of demonstrated improvement and special contribution to Saint Mary's Athletics over a four-year period

Miesle went from just one hit her freshman year to becoming the school's all-time leader in career homeruns, in addition to earning All-MIAA honors during her final three seasons.



Kelly McDavitt '07

Sportsmanship Award:

Kelly McDavitt, Tennis

Presented for sportsmanship, fellowship, and contribution to the College

McDavitt came to Saint Mary's from the linkage program with Holy Cross and earned three varsity letters. She was a captain in both her junior and senior years and earned First-Team MIAA accolades her senior season.

Competitive Spirit Award: Bridget Lipke, Basketball

Presented in recognition of that senior athlete who demonstrates passion for her sport, work ethic, desire to succeed, and commitment to her teammates

Lipke was a starter in each of her last three seasons for the Belles and served as a captain in both her junior and senior seasons. On two occasions she was named to the MIAA Second Team. She leaves Saint Mary's as the school leader in assists.



Bridget Lipke '07

Leadership Award: Kristen

Playko, Volleyball

Presented for outstanding leadership, commitment, and dedication

Playko served as tri-captain of the Belles squad in addition to organizing a handful of events, such as résumé and interviewing classes, which aided fellow student-athletes in their post-college endeavors.



Laura Heline '07

Dual Sport Student-Athlete Award: Laura Heline, Soccer and Softball

Presented for outstanding achievement in more than one varsity sport

Heline was a member of both teams during her four years at Saint Mary's. She earned MIAA honors four times in soccer while starting every game she played in at the goalie spot. Heline also earned MIAA recognition in softball on two occasions.

Academic and Athletic

Achievement Award:

Katie White, Cross-Country

Presented for outstanding academic and athletic achievement and future promise as a Saint Mary's graduate

White graduated with a 3.96 GPA while majoring in biochemistry and mathematics. She served as a team captain in 2006 and was a top-seven finisher for the Belles in every race she ran in during her four years with the Belles.



Katie White '07

Service Award: Sara Otto, Cross-Country

Presented for extraordinary service to Saint Mary's College and the local communities

Otto volunteered over 650 hours at local hospitals as a nurse while at Saint Mary's. She was also a key leader on the Student Athlete Advisory Committee. Otto earned MIAA Second-Team honors during her senior year.

Belles Varsity Club Award: Sara Budd, Soccer and Swimming

Presented to the senior athlete who best exemplifies the winning spirit of the College's athletic program

Budd graduated with a degree in elementary education and with a 3.87 GPA. She epitomized what it means to be a Division III athlete by constantly showing strong character and leadership at practice, during competitions, and off the playing field.



Anne Cusack '07

Marvin Wood Outstanding Senior Athlete Award: Anne Cusack, Volleyball

Presented to the outstanding senior athlete

Cusack graduated as the school's all-time leader in digs. She was named the league Defensive Player of the Year during her senior year. Cusack earned league honors on two occasions and was a tri-captain in 2006, helping the Belles to the MIAA Final Four her senior year.

Varsity Club Appreciation Award: Linda Hersman

Presented to students, faculty, staff or friends of Saint Mary's for extraordinary contribution to the Saint Mary's department of athletics

Hersman has been the Belles' biggest fan year in and year out. An employee in the Saint Mary's food service department, she has traveled with teams on numerous occasions and is often seen in the front row at almost all sports events.

Published and presented

Bonnie Bazata, associate director of the Center for Women's InterCultural Leadership (CWIL), **Joy Evans**, assistant director for scholarship and research of CWIL, **Erin Crawford Cressy**, lecturer in psychology, and **Razia Stanikzai '07** presented "Assessing Co-Curricular Programs" at Indiana Campus Compact's Networking Council, February 23. Joy Evans also presented "The Certificate in Women's Intercultural Leadership: Promoting Students' Engagement, Transformation, and Agency" at the American Association for Colleges and Universities conference, October 19, 2006, and "Assessing the Impact of the Catalyst Trip: What Does Transformation Look Like?" at the IUPUI Assessment Conference on October 30, 2006.

Kurt Buhring, assistant professor of religious studies, presented "Toward a Revised Humanocentric Theism: A Consideration of William R. Jones on Divine Power and Human Freedom and Suffering" at the Annual Academy of Religion meeting in Washington, DC, November 2006. The paper is a consideration of the thought of William R. Jones, a critic of black liberation theology, who advocated humanocentric theism, an understanding of God that represents a middle ground between theism and humanism.

Carolyn Call, director of the Office for Civic and Social Engagement, and **Olivia Barzydlo**, director of the College Academy of Tutoring (CAT) Program, presented "Letting the CAT Out of the Bag: Creating a College Academy of Tutoring Program" at the 11th Annual Institute on Service Learning and Civic Engagement, held at Schoolcraft College, Livonia, Mich., February 8-9, 2007. The presentation introduced the College Academy of Tutoring Program, which provides tutors, mentors, and staff assistance to local Title I schools and community agencies, focusing on how to create and sustain the program and match it to institutional mission and tradition.

Amy L. Cavender, CSC, assistant professor of political science, presented "Ecumenical Religious Dialogue: A Model for Ecumenical Political Dialogue?" at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association in Philadelphia, August 31-September 3, 2006.

Insook Chung, assistant professor of education, published "Not As Easy As It Looks: Korean Elementary Classroom Teacher Perceptions Of Mathematics Curriculum" in the *Journal of Korea Society of Educational Studies in Mathematics: School Mathematics*, a peer-reviewed journal is published by the major mathematics education professional organization in Korea, December 2006.

Nancy L. D'Antuono, professor of Italian, presented "Tra storicità e fantasia. La Historia de la conquista de Mexico (1684) di Antonio de Solís e il Motezuma del poeta Alvise Giusti, musica di Antonio Vivaldi (1733) con alcuni riferimenti al Concierto Barroco di Alejo Carpentier" at a conference on "L'esotismo nell'età moderna" in Naples, Italy. The paper treats an eighteenth-century operatic

interpretation of historical data on the conquest of Mexico. It was published in the volume *Le arti della scena e l'esotismo in età moderna* (Naples: Turchini Edizioni, 2007).

Dan Deeter, director of purchasing, presented "Outsourcing Printing Services? Process and Considerations" at the National Association of Educational Procurement Annual Meeting in San Jose, Calif., March 27.

Keith J. Egan, Aquinas Chair in Catholic Theology Emeritus, published "Eros, Friendship and Love: The Future of Bridal Mysticism" in *Studies in Spirituality* 16 (2006); "Eulogy for Ernest Larkin, O. Carm." in the *Carmelite Institute Newsletter* (2007); and a book review of *The Carmelites in Antiquity in Carmelus* 53 (2006). He also gave three lectures



Cavender



Hernández



Hoefle

on prayer to the faculty of St. Joseph's High School, South Bend, Ind., January 22; on "Carmelite Spirituality" at St. Francis Xavier Parish, Wilmette, Ill., February 5; and on "Risk Love, Friendship and Prayer," at the Holy Cross Sisters' Convent, Notre Dame, Ind., March 7.

Carrie Erlin, fellow in sociology and justice education, Center for Women's InterCultural Leadership, presented "Differential Applications of Laws: Consequences of Arrest and Ticketing" and "South Bend Arrest Rates: A Comparative Analysis" at the 4th Annual Criminal Justice Conference: "Race, Class, and Crime," South Bend, Ind., October 27, 2006.

Pablo Hernández, fellow in business administration and economics, Center for Women's InterCultural Leadership, presented "International Remittances and the Expenditure Composition of Households in Mexico: Recent Immigration and International Trade Effects" at the 8th National Meeting on Demographic Research in Mexico, Mexican Society of Demography, Guadalajara, Mexico, September 6-9, 2006.

Krista Hoefle, associate professor of art and director



Jensen

of the Moreau Art Galleries, screened a digital animation entitled “your adam’s apple is my synthetic port” as part of the Fourth Annual International Video Screening at the 2007 College Art Association Conference in New York, N.Y. Sponsored by the Women’s Caucus of Art and held at Barnard College, the screening was juried by Sheryl Mousley, film and video curator at the Walker Art Center in Minneapolis, Minn. Professor Hoefle was also awarded a residency at the Experimental Television Center, March 13–17.

Eva Mary Hooker, CSC, writer in residence in the department of English, gave a lecture at the University of Portland titled “What Soul Says: Invite Dark Night to Supper,” February 15. She published the following poems: “Outer Lands,” *Orion* (July/August 2006); “Great Gray” and “This Is A Melting Heart,” *Water-Stone Review* (Fall 2006); “Prayer: Candlemas Day” and “Irregularity: In Prayer,” *Spiritus* (Fall 2006); “The Letter I, that is, Small and Large,” *Agni Online* (November 2006).

Richard Jensen, professor of biology, published “Notes on *Quercus coccinea* Muench and *Quercus ellipsoidalis* Hill,” in *Oak News & Notes: 10* (2007). It was a response to an article that appeared in the journal *International Oaks* discussing the occurrence of these two species in Canada.

Carla Johnson, professional writing specialist and assistant director of the writing proficiency program, published with Monle Lee (in Indonesian) *Prinsip-Prinsip Pokok: Periklanan Dalam Perspektif Global* (Jakarta: Prenada Media Group) and *Principles of Advertising: A Global*

Counseling, in Potsdam, Germany, July 13, 2006.

Terri Kosik, executive director of the Early Childhood Development Center, presented “Navigating the Ups and Downs of Program Expansion” and “What Do You Mean You Are a Separate Not-For-Profit Organization? Making it Work!” at the annual conference of the National Coalition for Campus Children’s Centers (NCCCC) in St. Louis, Mo., March 14–17. She began her term as president of NCCCC at the conference, and served as co-chair for the annual regional early childhood conference on March 10. Attended by 700 early childhood professionals, the conference focused on healthy nutrition and its impact on development and learning, and on providing early care and education for children with special needs.

Michael Kramer, assistant professor of communication studies, presented “Temporal Ethos: A Shifting Rhetorical Resource in Discourse About War and Peace,” at the 2006 National Communication Association Convention in San Antonio, Tex., November 16–19, 2006.

Susan Latham, assistant professor and coordinator of the communicative disorders program, presented “Learning as a Function of Event Participation Among Children Diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)” at the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association National Convention in Miami Beach, November 16, 2006.

Kevin McDonnell, George and Edna McMahon Aquinas Chair in Philosophy, presented “Uchitelle’s Two Tales” on a panel with Louis Uchitelle, author of *The Disposable American*, at the meeting of the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics in Cincinnati, Ohio, February 23.

Jerry McElroy published “The Advantages of Political Affiliation: Dependent and Independent Small Island Profiles,” with Kara Pearce ’04 in *The Round Table* (September 2006) and “Why Diversity: The Academic Literature” in P. White (ed.), *Leaders of a New Indiana Project*, (Notre Dame: Saint Mary’s College, 2006). He recently published six of his poems including “All’s Well,” *Avocet* (Winter 2007); “Sacred Seams,” *Ancient Paths* (2007); “Fireflies,” *National Catholic Reporter* (October 13, 2006); “Madonna,” *Sunstone*; “Footwork,” *Tiger’s Eye* (Autumn 2006); and Transfiguration,” *National Catholic Reporter* (December 29, 2006).

Elaine Meyer-Lee, director of the Center for Women’s InterCultural Leadership, presented “Multidimensional Approaches to Assessing Global Competence and Intercultural Leadership” at the Association of International Education Administrators’ Annual Conference, February 19–21.

Edith Miguda, fellow in history, Center for Women’s InterCultural Leadership, presented “Obstacles and Facilitative Forces for Women’s Entry into Parliament” during a roundtable discussion with aspiring women politicians, Trattoria Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya, July 2006.

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Johnson



Miguda



McElroy

Perspective, second edition (New Delhi: Viva Books Private Limited).

Frances Bernard Kominkiewicz, associate professor, chair of the social work department, and director of the social work program, presented “Integrating Research into the BSW Curriculum” at the board-sponsored research session of the Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors’ Annual Meeting in Los Angeles, October 27, 2006. She also presented “Freeing Children to Tell Their Stories: The Utilization of Person-Centered and Experiential Psychotherapy in Child Welfare Investigations” at the 7th World Conference for Client-Centered and Experiential Psychotherapy and

Published and presented

Ewa Misiolek, assistant professor of mathematics, co-published “Shape Rectangularization Problems in Intensity-Modulated Radiation Therapy” with D.Z. Chen, X.S. Hu, S. Luan, and C. Wang. The article appeared in *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*, Proceedings of the 17th International Symposium on Algorithms and Computation, 2006.

Thomas Parisi, professor of psychology, published “Freud as Virgil: The Anthropologies of Psychoanalysis and the *Commedia*” in Richard Newhauser (ed.), *The Seven Deadly Sins: From Communities to Individuals*, a volume in the series Studies in Medieval and Reformation Traditions: History, Culture, Religion, Ideas (Leiden: Brill, 2007). On March 31 he presented “The Medieval and the Modern: Fictive Renderings of Sin in the Anthropologies of Dante and Freud” at the Sewanee Medieval Colloquium. Both were offshoots of an NEH Seminar on the seven deadly sins in which he participated in the summer of 2004.

Shannon Rose Riley, fellow in communication and performance studies and intercultural studies, Center for Women’s InterCultural Leadership, published “Racing the Archive: Will the Real William DuBois Please Stand Up?” in *English Language Notes* (Spring/Summer 2007). She presented “Miss Translation USA 2006 Goes to Cuba: Notes on Performance as Research” as part of the Seminar on Performance as Research at the American Society of Theatre Research Conference in Chicago, November 2006.

Jack Ruhe, professor of business administration and economics, co-presented “Can Ethics Be Taught In Business Schools? (Maybe, But Evidence Indicates That It Is Un-Taught)” with F. Ron Nahser, at the Institute on College Student Values, Tallahassee, Fla., February 8–10. He presented “Teaching Business Ethics in International Courses” with Monle Lee during Ethics Week at the University of Notre Dame, February 14.

Christopher A. Sallak, patron services and marketing manager in special events, hosted the 2007 Marketing and Advertising Club of Michiana’s ADDY Awards for over 160 advertising and marketing professionals at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, University of Notre Dame, February 16. Sallak is the current vice president of ADDYs for the club. The American Advertising Federation, a not-for-profit industry association, conducts the ADDY Awards—the world’s largest advertising competition—through its 200 member advertising clubs and 15 districts.

Inela Selimovic, assistant professor of modern languages, presented “Luisa Valenzuela’s *La travesía* and Female Self-Discovery in the City” at the Mid-America Conference on Hispanic Literatures, University of Missouri, November 2006. The paper focused on the city as a terrain for the female protagonist’s professional prosperity and personal fortitude.

Professor Selimovic also published reviews of João Biehl’s *Vita: Life in a Zone of Social Abandonment* in the *Arizona Journal of Hispanic Cultural Studies* 9 (2007) and of Mara García’s *Escritoras venezolanas de hoy* in *Letras Femeninas*, 2007.

Joanne Snow, professor of mathematics, presented “An Exploratory Approach to Mathematics” at the Joint Mathematics Meetings in New Orleans, January 5–8. The presentation focused on her work with a colleague to develop a sequence of lab exercises to improve student learning on the concepts of real analysis and derive conjectures about these concepts. The exercises also show students how mathematicians think and create mathematics.



Parisi



Snow



Ruhe



Misiolek

Answering the Call

Over 60 students spent four weeks in February contacting over 7,000 alumnae, parents, and friends of the College as part of the Annual Fund's Phonathon. In four weeks, student callers generated a total of



Ashley Oberst '07

\$173,791 in pledges, which was a new record. And, Phonathon 2007 is on course to raise \$175,000 in gifts, which will be a first as well.

Ashley Oberst '07 participated in Phonathon as a Phonathon caller. Ashley graduated in May as a mathematics and economics major. She will be working for Countrywide Financial as a financial analyst in Los Angeles. During her time at Saint Mary's, Ashley was active in many College clubs and during her senior year she co-

chaired the Class of 2007 Senior Gift Campaign. She shared her experience with *Courier* in a recent interview, saying, "To those who answered the call, thank you for your kindness and constant support. Even if you did not give monetarily,

staying in contact with the College and her students is support, the kind of support we constantly need. Thank you for your time."

Q: Why did you want to be a part of Phonathon?

A: "I have passion for people and for Saint Mary's. Phonathon was an ideal opportunity to connect with alumnae."

Q: What was most rewarding about Phonathon?

A: "Talking with alumnae was the most rewarding part of Phonathon. I met women from New York to California, a judge on the Supreme Court of New Mexico, a dean at the University of Arkansas, and an equally successful mother of eight. Talking with them made me realize, we are amazing women!"

Q: What will be your favorite memory about Phonathon?

A: "One of my most memorable moments was talking with an alumna from the graduating class of 1952. She was telling me all kinds of stories about her adventures with the Sisters! She asked me what I wanted to do with my education after graduation, and I told her. She told me she was proud—proud that Saint Mary's and women had come so far. I let her know that alumnae like her are the cornerstone—the foundation on which we build."

Reunion Gift Campaign Rocks!

Over \$1 million in gifts and pledges raised

52 Reunion Scholars named

The 2007 Reunion Gift Campaign is in full swing with 11 classes vying for three Reunion Gift Campaign awards. Currently \$1,186,746 has been raised for Saint Mary's College. And 28 percent of the reunion classes have contributed to the campaign so far.



2006 Reunion Scholars (left to right): Nicole Gawron '10, Kate Murray '09, Lauren McCalister '08, Sarah Baldwin '10, and Maggie Malone '10.

The Reunion Scholars Program has raised \$277,659 and named 52 Reunion Scholars. Every gift makes a difference in the lives of both current and future students. This fall alumnae will have a chance to meet their class' Reunion Scholars and learn how their

gift made a difference in the lives of these young women.

To make a gift to the Reunion Gift Campaign, go to www.saintmarys.edu/reuniongift.

"One of the reasons

I chose to attend Saint

Mary's was because

during my first visit

to the campus I was

drawn in by a certain

'something.' In

hindsight, I know that

came from the tradition

of the College and

the women of Saint

Mary's. I received so

much from the College and

the alumnae that came before me. Now as a graduate

of Saint Mary's, I feel great joy in being able to continue that

tradition of giving. Along with an outstanding education,

Saint Mary's instilled in me a great pride and responsibility to

know that I can give to the women currently at Saint Mary's

and those to come. It is an honor for me to serve as the

Reunion Gift Campaign Chair for the Class of 1997."

Sandy Lynn Staton '97

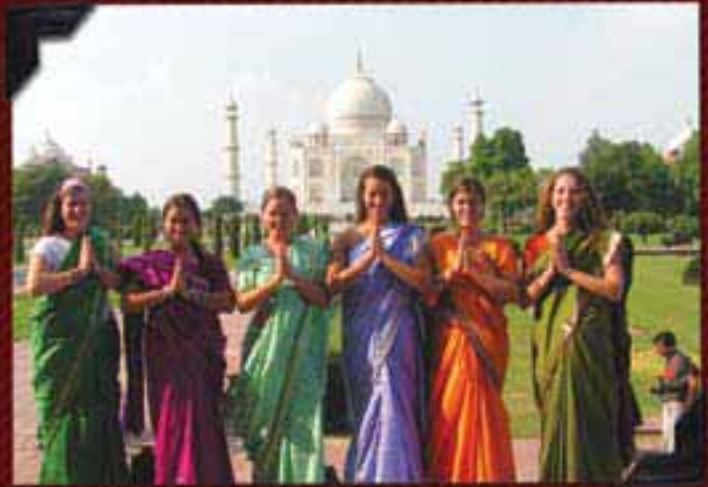
"I was delighted to accept the Saint Mary's invitation to chair our class reunion gift committee, and happy to have the chance to work with the development office to showcase the spirit and generosity of the Class of 1977! It was great fun to reconnect with so many of my classmates who have such warm memories of our time at Saint Mary's, and who now, 30 years later, remain committed to its vision. It's been a pleasure helping to raise the funds that will ensure that our daughters and their daughters will enjoy the benefit of an outstanding Saint Mary's education for many years to come."

Beth Lichtenfels Veihmeyer '77

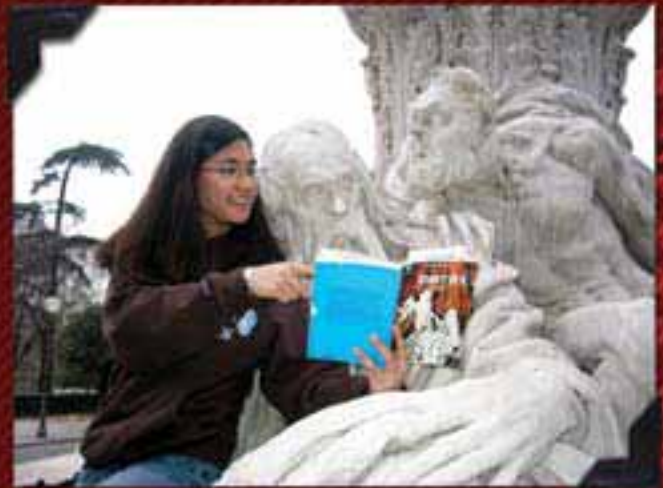
saint mary's students see the



Katie Cosimano • Pisa, Italy



Rocky Krivda • Agra, India



Michelle Sherman • Rome, Italy



Laura Lucci • Venice, Italy



Natalie E. Grasso • Florence, Italy

world

photo contest winners



Rocky Krivda • Beijing, China



Natalie E. Grasso • Rome, Italy



Laura Lucci • Pacentro, Italy



Rocky Krivda • Old Delhi, India

About 200 Saint Mary's students go abroad each year—close to half of all the women who enroll at the College. The Rome and Ireland programs draw the most participants. But students can also spend a semester or academic year in Austria, Australia, France, Spain, or South Africa, or travel to several countries through the Semester Around the World or the Women's Studies in Europe program.

Semester break study abroad options include the Jamaica, Mexico, and Poland to Prague programs. Summer destinations include Greece, Ecuador, South Korea, and Honduras, as well as the European Study Program and Business Internships in the European Union.

Photos by student winners of the 2006 Study Abroad Photo Contest, sponsored by the Center for Women's InterCultural Leadership (CWIL).

Alumnae for the record

Alumnae Deaths

Mary Leblanc Tillery '26, June 6, 2006.

Emilie Kuter Koslow '34, great aunt of Kelly Erin Koslow '02, December 8, 2006.

Sister Ruth Boylston Heaney OSB, '36, December 19, 2006.

Rita Bittorf Albert '37, aunt of Susan Sullivan Lane '63, Mary Sullivan '65, and Elizabeth Marie Albert '03, great aunt of Kristen Sullivan Lynch '91, November 3, 2006.

Mary Irene Hartigan McCauley '42, mother of Helen McCauley Cartledge '77, sister-in-law of Mary Kathryn Carroll Hartigan '57, aunt of Eileen M. Madigan '87, December 26, 2006.

Maxine Bennett Dawe '48, November 19, 2006.

Mary Lou Kelsch O'Brien '49, mother of Nora O'Brien Larkin '89, December 15, 2006.

Rosemarie Moore Lindahl '50, April 26, 2006.

Mary Fleming Strazicich '50, February 10, 2006.

Susan Twomey Jarret '51, September 9, 2006.

Patricia Anderson Jordan '52, July 25, 2006.

Mary "Terry" Dolan Murphy '52, December 22, 2006.

Mary Manion Walsh '53, mother of Mary Juliana Walsh Gustafson '78, Katherine S. Walsh '81, and Maggie Walsh Cobble '84, November 4, 2006.

Dorothy Lahey Brechensner '54, aunt of Melissa Wood Thatcher '97, December 9, 2006.

Mary Endress Minielli '54, aunt of Janet Endress Squires '72, December 5, 2006.

Sister Marjorie Fuchs SSJ, '58, aunt of Marjorie Fuchs Begin '75, November 17, 2006.

Patricia Davidson Maloney '58, mother of Mary Ellen Maloney '84, January 13, 2007.

Mecca Swanson Cranley '60, mother of M. Elizabeth Cranley '86 and Mary Anne Cranley Higgins '90, November 20, 2006.

Jerry Irvin Oberly '67, husband of Norma Jean Bell Oberly '69, February 23, 2006.

Sister M. Eymardine Lengerich CSC, '68, January 29, 2007.

Joyce E. Dunham '69, November 17, 2006.

Kelly M. Donovan '73, November 6, 2006.

Anne Hooper Spataro '94, December 23, 2006.

Family Deaths

A. LeRoy Baker, father of Cheryl Lyn Baker '90, February 28, 2006.

Barbara Birmingham, mother of Elizabeth Birmingham Lacy '66, December 2, 2006.

Arthur Borris, father of Rosemary Borris Hughes '80, December 23, 2005.

Arthur M. Burgess, husband of Mary Maley Burgess '61, August 10, 2006.

Geraldine Carroll, mother of Laura Carroll DeBolt '00, and sister-in-law of Nancy Carroll Miller '80, May 11, 2006.

Angelina DiCerto, mother of Gaetana DiCerto Lenox '57, August 16, 2006.

Robert W. Frost Jr., husband of Lynn McCarthy Frost '84, and brother-in-law of Erin McCarthy Sheridan '90, November 3, 2006.

Lawrence Werner Galloway, father of Ann Galloway-Egge '71, September 19, 2006.

John Robert Grant, husband of the late Diane Donovan Grant '57, father of Deirdra Grant Gahant '83, the late Patrice Grant Bellew '86, Marijane Grant Brangle '90, Jennifer Grant Prendeville '93, and Diane Grant '97, January 14, 2007.

Gladys Cooper Hodges, mother of Janet Hodges Ansary '62, December 7, 2006.

Ronald George Horn, husband of Mary Ann Katovsich Horn '66, January 28, 2007.

Joseph B. Hubert, husband of Anne Feldpausch Hubert '54, and brother-in-law of Janet Feldpausch Cavanaugh '57, December 16, 2006.

Patricia A. Huyvaert, grandmother of Jennifer Huyvaert '02, February 10, 2007.

Helen Kelley Jacobs, mother of Barbara Jacobs Mueller '74, December 8, 2006.

Jeffrey Marvin Jones ND '78, father of Jennifer Kaye Jones '02, January 15, 2007.

Sharon O'Neil Kahn, mother of Maura O'Neil Kahn '83, Maureen Kahn Alexander '87, and Sharon Marie Kahn '90, December 21, 2006.

Charles L. Kern, grandfather of Breeyan Creevey '02, January 25, 2007.

Robert John Lamb, son of Ann Goldkamp Lamb '85, grandson of Colleen Taffee Goldkamp Harmon '59, and nephew of Barbara Goldkamp Henry '86, February 10, 2007.

Eileen Kronenwetter, mother of Mary Kay Kronenwetter Jeselnick '72, Judith Kronenwetter Krick '76, and Amy Kronenwetter Gruis '81, grandmother of Kimberly Jeselnick Gray '98, Elizabeth Krick '99, and Jo Ellen Jeselnick '00, May 5, 2006.

Laura L. McEvoy, grandmother of Jill Butt Sawtelle '94, February 10, 2007.

Marian C. Moran, mother of Patricia Moran Fagan '69 and Catherine Moran '73 and grandmother of Bridget Weizer '97, November 22, 2006.

Patricia T. Scubelek O'Connor, mother of Eileen Scubelek Dimino '02, November 22, 2006.

Mary Helen Organ, mother of Joan Ellen "Punky" Organ '73, and Mary Patricia "Patti" Organ Dunn '76, November 24, 2006.

Kenneth L. Patterson, father of Tammy Patterson Lundy '84, February 12, 2007.

Estelle Perri, mother of Genevieve Perri Swendeman '57, January 31, 2007.

Carmella Simeri Rappelli, mother of Rosemary Rappelli Mandrici '78 and aunt of Gina Ameduri Loebach '81, December 24, 2006.

Margaret "Peg" Scales, mother of Sarah Scales Mulcahy '59, January 30, 2007.

Mark D. Schmitt, father of Michelle Schmitt Watson '90 and Tamara Schmitt Uphold '93, January 29, 2007.

MaryJo Sprague, grandmother of Catherine Burns '89, December 27, 2006.

Virginia A. Szymczak, sister of Monica Torzewski Peak '67 and mother-in-law of Holly Urbanski Szymczak '96, January 21, 2007.

Uletine "Mickie" Shutrump, mother of Laurel Shutrump Campbell '79, November 10, 2006.

Anthony P. Vellucci, father of Christina Siglinde Vellucci '93, January 20, 2007.

Betty J. Wilson, aunt of Hailey Sheets '04, November 4, 2006.

Robert F. Waldvogel, M.D., brother of Lisa Waldvogel '88, September 17, 2006.

John M. Wolf ND '40, husband of Mary Louise Pfaff Wolf '44, and father of Mary Wolf Loiselle '83, December 20, 2006.

Marriages

Mary Jane Belfie Boles '52 and William E., December 10, 2006.

Jane Gardner '79 and Rick Kash, October 18, 2006.

Kathleen Mary Moran '88 and Greg Feeney, October 28, 2006.

Jeanne Hawkins Beaupre '93 and Brant, May 20, 2006.

Kim Didriksen Jowers '93 and Chad, December 8, 2006.

Ann Aubuchon Mueller '96 and Marc, December 30, 2006.

Courtney Reagan Crawford '98 and William ND '98, May 26, 2006.

Rebecca Jacobs Dempsey '98 and Brad, September 30, 2006.

Kelly Jennings Mahoney '98 and Ryan, July 22, 2006.

Christine Skripka Nitz '98 and Michael, November 11, 2006.

Lori Allen Remington '98 and Alexander, October 14, 2006.

Kate Dolezal Schmidt '00 and Ryan, June 17, 2005.

Crystal Aguilar-McMillan Miro '01 and Adrian, December 23, 2006.

Adriana Garces Petty '01 and Joseph, October 28, 2006.

Courtne Takata-Lee '01 and Grant Lee ND '00, August 19, 2006.

Colleen McCarthy Turrentine '01 and Daniel, November 18, 2006.

Jodi Ewing Westhaser '01 and Andrew, February 17, 2007.

Riley O'Connor Alverson '02 and Matt ND '01, October 14, 2006.

Elizabeth Cusick Garver '02 and Philip, September 2, 2006.

Michelle Houser '02 and George Ndungu, August 12, 2006.

Janelle Picciano Jankowski '02 and Ryan, August 5, 2006.

Bethany Chatten Man '02 and Florin, November 11, 2006.

Amy Lazzarotto Nelson '02 and Mike "Stu", September 2, 2006.

Megan McCoy Parker '02 and Gregory, August 12, 2006.

Emily O'Brien Stults '02 and Jason, July 29, 2006.

Kristin Ricchiute Summe '02 and Chad, June 24, 2006.

Christina "CC" Cronley Sumner '02 and Gregory, April 1, 2006.

Jessica McKasy Tipescu '02 and Mircea, September 30, 2006.

Nicole Pratte Walter '02 and Todd, June 11, 2005.

Caitlin Duffey Abramson '03 and Kevin, July 29, 2006.

Adrienne Potoma Brummet '03 and Dean, November 18, 2006.

Alexandra Parilli Cosse '03 and Clay, November 11, 2006.

Katie Phelan Giganti '03 and Brian, October 7, 2006.

Becky Lindemann Miedema '03 and Marc, November 15, 2006.

Kristen Konopinski DeDario '04 and Vincent, August 7, 2004.

Mandy Alexander Schneider '04 and Phil, August 1, 2006.

Holly Eckert Beizowski '05 and Keith, May 20, 2006.

Julia Taylor Critser '05 and Paul, July 29, 2006.

Risa Zander Josias '05 and Brian, October 28, 2006.

Catherine Harthen Leonard '05 and Kyle, November 4, 2006.

Michelle Eggers Lagos '05 and Christopher ND '05, September 23, 2006.

Jacqueline Wright Moore '06 and David, August 5, 2006.

Clare Condon Engling '84 and Timothy: Ambrose Condon, January 13, 2006.

Carrie DeLany Wayne '86 and Richard: Timothy, December 12, 2005.

Sarah Cook '88 and Kevin Byers: David Sanjar Byers, born, June 23, 2005, adopted June 29, 2006, Ust-Kamenogorsk, Kazakhstan.

Mary Luehrs Masel '88 and Marty: Stephanie Grace, November 27, 2006.

Michelle Morfin Wilson '88 and Edward: Natalie Michelle, December 19, 2006.

Lisa Lavelle Burke '89 and Tom: Timothy Patrick, November 15, 2006.

Carrie Deane Corcoran '89 and John: Christopher Deane, November 11, 2006.

Trish Ruth Erickson '89 and John: Jacqueline Sophia, May 18, 2006.

Mary Beth Blajda Green '90 and Mike: Matthew William, June 20, 2006.

Susan Luranc Kurtz '90 and Robert ND '93: Andrew John, March 24, 2006.

Maira Dempsey McManus '90 and Stephen: Niamh Joy, October 26, 2006.

Lynn Pfeffer Backner '92 and James: Brady Samuel, November 2, 2006.

Shannon Blair-Olsen '92 and David Olsen ND '90: Caden Blair, March 26, 2006.

Jennifer Burke Britt '92 and Derrick: Riley Anne, October 5, 2006.

Shannon May DeRubertis '92 and Steve: Madeleine Grace, October 25, 2006.

Kara Lindeman Erker '92 and Christopher: Henry August, March 7, 2006.

Nancy Jones Fallon '92 and Luke ND '92: Benjamin Lee, September 8, 2006.

Lisa Ward Kojis '92 and Jeremy: Katarina Marley, May 29, 2006.

Tasha Tight Wallace '92 and Christopher ND '92: Matthew Christopher, June 29, 2006.

Lisa Claussen Kommers '93 and Adam: Violet Jane, May 22, 2006.

Angela Gregory Devlin '94 and Denis: Conor Gregory, March 30, 2006.

Jeanne Schloegel Laszewski '95 and Tad: Madison Ray, May 22, 2006.

Cora Sandberg Murphy '94 and Brennan: Charles Patrick, November 5, 2006.

Kathleen Gisch Ogilvie '95 and Don: Madeline Grace, November 26, 2006.

Bryn Umhofer Schmitt '95 and Kevin ND '95: Triplets, Brendan Richard, Ryan Richard, and Katherine Elizabeth, July 14, 2006.

Tracy Emery Bailey '96 and Clint: Marcus Ryan, July 30, 2006.

Susan Hodapp Deakos '96 and Peter: Grace Caroline, February 6, 2006.

Kelly McDevitt Rikansrud '96 and Chad: Nora Anne, December 31, 2005.

Amy Mertz Staunton '96 and Kevin: Brendan Thomas, November 24, 2006.

Jennifer Green Brackney '97 and Christopher: Samuel Gunnar, September 26, 2006.

Petrina Lenart Proctor '97 and Jason: Brendan Jason, October 8, 2006.

Mia Rinehold Datena '98 and Tony: Christien George, May 8, 2006.

Kimberly Jeselnick Gray '98 and Timothy: Anne Kathryn, November 28, 2006.

Elaine Tsiumas Kaznessis '98 and Yiannis PhD ND '99: Serafeim Nikolaos, November 2, 2006.

Meg Winkler Kniskern '98 and Matt: Chloe Elizabeth, November 27, 2006.

Andrea Dominello Remke '98 and Matthew ND '98, MBA '06: Brayden Matthew, January 31, 2007.

Jennifer Schreck Solloway '98 and Jay: Thomas Joseph, October 16, 2005.

Brenda Hoban Morehead '98 and Phil: Emma Catherine, June 7, 2006.

Marisa Buchanan Weisskopf '98 and Andrew: Caitlin Virginia, April 29, 2006.

Maura O'Brien Houseworth '99 and Ben: Twins, Hannah Jane and Henry Robert, June 20, 2006.

Lisa Ward Kojis '00 and Jeremy: Katarina Marley, May 29, 2006.

Alice Fox Fasula '01 and Adam: Katherine Ann, October 15, 2006.

Shanae Tate Randolph '01 and Russell: Nathan Gregory, September 24, 2006.

Callie Kuhen Hamilton '02 and Jack: Dylan Kate, December 30, 2006.

Robin Hunter Mikolajczak '02 and Kevin: Alexandra Jean, July 28, 2006.

Kelly Roberts Panzer '02 and Matthew ND '02: Brien Patrick, January 11, 2007.

Kimberly Pitsch Williams '02 and Brandon: Allison Joy, July 7, 2006.

Lisa Cesak '03: Kylie Scott, June 1, 2004 and Kaleb Scott, August 14, 2006.

Mary Greedan Heintzleman '03 and Paul: Emma Claire, September 21, 2006.

Amanda Grashoff Keister '03 and David: Dylan, November 1, 2004.

Births & Adoptions

Anne Archibald Deutsch '84 and Douglas: Grace Anne "Gracie", January 30, 2006.

Alumnae club news

Arizona

Alumnae in the Tucson and Phoenix areas were excited to host President Carol Mooney '72 while she was in Arizona for a conference. She visited with Tucson alumnae on Jan. 4 during a reception at Soleil Tucson. Many thanks to Kate Dolezal Schmidt '00 for planning the lovely evening.

Phoenix alumnae had the opportunity to hear President Mooney on Jan. 6. Alumnae, spouses, and other guests celebrated Mass at Old Adobe Mission, then gathered for dinner at Pasta Brioni in Scottsdale. Everyone had a wonderful time and enjoyed hearing an update about Saint Mary's. Lisa Coury '98 did a great job planning the event. Thanks to all who helped make the evening a special one!

For more information, contact: Lisa Coury, lisacoury@global.tbird.edu or (602) 796-8587.

Buffalo

The Buffalo/Western New York Club celebrated Founders' Day on Nov. 19 (postponed from the original Oct. date due to the massive snow storm!) with Mass at Nativity R.C. Church in Orchard Park. A lovely brunch followed at Orchard Park Country Club.

Members of the book club gathered on Jan. 18 at Transit Valley Country Club to discuss *Without Reservations* by Alice Steinbach. Kathy Reeves O'Donnell '74 hosted the event. The book club met again on Apr. 26 to discuss *Lazy B*, an autobiography of Sandra Day O'Connor.

The club will sponsor a trip to see a play at the Shaw Festival in Niagara-on-the-Lake in Ontario on May 5.

For more information, contact Mary Cosgrove '94 at mccosgrove@excite.com or (716) 662-7761.

Carolinas

Thanks to all who came to the Happy & Social Hour at Rira's Irish Restaurant & Pub in Uptown Charlotte on Feb. 15. The group had fun watching the ND basketball team beat Providence!

The Carolinas Club is looking for club officers. Please contact Kara Pearce '04 at kara.pearce@cbre.com if you are interested in one of the following positions: Community Service, and Membership.

Dues are being collected. They are \$15, and will keep you on the mailing list for 2007 and help fund future events. Please send them to Kara Pearce at 824 W. 5th Street, Apt. 348, Charlotte, NC, 28202.

There are many events planned for the rest of the year. Here is a quick list: Book Club—a coordinator is needed. Community Service Event in April or May—send your ideas for a charity to sponsor, Care Packages/Luncheon for Area SMC Students—August, Founders'

Day Dinner—October, ND Football Game Day—November, and SMC/ND Christmas Party—December. The club would love to see you at an event soon!

For more information, contact Kara Pearce at kara.pearce@cbre.com or (704) 526-7574.

Chicago East

The Chicago East Club is ready to celebrate its 110th year with a plethora of exciting events. Committees are being formed now; please contact the chairwomen below to get involved. Spring Fundraising Event Chairwomen: Sarah Stegmaier '03 at sarahstegmaier@hotmail.com and Sarah Siefert Barney '99 at sarbar@niles-hs.k12.il.us. First Year Send-off Chairwomen: Kelly Walsh '01 at kelly.walsh@cna.com and Megan Bennett '03 at bennettm@staff.abanet.org.

Founders' Day 2007: Chiara Marcheschi Wrocinski '98 at chiara104@aol.com, Genevieve Morrill '98 at gcmorrill@yahoo.com, and Amanda C. Shock '01 at amandacshock@hotmail.com. As always, please contact Genevieve Morrill with suggestions for events and to get signed up to receive the club's e-mail information.

For more information, contact Genevieve Morrill '98 at gcmorrill@yahoo.com or (773) 384-4967.

Chicago West

The Chicago West Club pushed into 2007 with a full-house book club at the home of Julie Griffin Murphy '74 in Downers Grove. Spear-heading the club's service efforts, Kristin Simono Newell '91 rallied the group to build a themed gift basket to donate for a People's Resource Center fundraiser in March. Members chose a cookie theme and incorporated children's books about making cookies, aprons, cookie cutters, and sweet treat gift certificates. The items were gathered during the February book discussion at the home of Laura Harris Walsh '81 in LaGrange. The book group really enjoyed the project. Everyone contributed a little, and the rewards were great! Thank you to Kristin and her hard work to put it all together.

In early February the annual newsletter was mailed to all alumnae. Thanks to Carrie Cummins Mueller '92 for designing it. It included a list of events for the year. Hopefully everyone found it helpful to have the club's calendar at their fingertips. A contest was held for early payment of dues, and there was a wonderful response. The book, *Madeleva: A Biography*, by SMC Humanistic Studies Professor Gail Mandell, was the prize and was handed out at the March Book Club at the home of JoAnne Tracy Marsh '69 in Naperville. Thanks to everyone for hosting the book clubs. They are always fun and well-attended!

In March members gathered for a Dinner Out, coordinated by Patty Piercy Cushing '90. Alumnae joined together in April for Holy Thursday Mass at SS. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Naperville. For those in town, it was nice to take a few reflective moments to share the evening with other special Catholic women.

Thanks to the board members for their continued development of new activities for the group to enjoy. To find out about club activities, check out the Web site, where you can also download the book club reading list and the newsletter with calendar of events.

For more information, contact Alison Spohn '93 at irishannie93@yahoo.com.

Columbus

Thanks to Lisa Blair Weaver '92 who hosted club members at her new business, Touch of Gourmet, in Hilliard on Feb. 24. Everyone made some delicious custom made meals to bring home and freeze. Lisa donated a portion of the proceeds to the club's scholarship fund.

On Apr. 4, Peggy McDaniel '80 hosted a call-in phone session with local alumnae and Adriana Trigiani '81 to discuss Adriana's new book *Home to Big Stone Gap*.

A BagDaddy Purse Party will be hosted at the home of Lisa McConnell Orsinelli '92 house on May 10 at 7 p.m. You will be able to design your own unique handbag from dozens of fabric choices and trims. Attendees were asked to donate \$5 toward the club's scholarship fund.

Ruth Towell King '71 will host, in her New Albany home, another SMC author, Mary Beth Ellis '99, on June 21. The group will discuss Mary Beth's new book *Drink to the Lasses*. This book is a memoir of her years at Saint Mary's. A collection will be taken at the event for CHOICES, the local domestic violence shelter.

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

Dallas/Fort Worth

The weather is fine in Dallas-Fort Worth and the club has been enjoying several spring activities, namely a concert performed by the Saint Mary's Women's Choir during their spring break tour in March. The evening concert was phenomenal and well attended by several local alumnae. Many thanks to Dr. Nancy Menk and the choir for coming all this way!

For more information, check out the club's Web site: <http://www.saintmarys.edu/~alumnae/clubpages/TEXAS/dfw.html>. Or contact Andrea Sondag Schweitzer '00 at andreasondag@yahoo.com or (214) 497-6993.

Des Moines

In February, members of the Des Moines Club provided a meal for homeless citizens in collaboration with The Bridge, a project of Des Moines' downtown churches. Katie Moreland Brown '95 chaired the project.

The club will sponsor its annual open house and student send-off in early August.

For more information, contact Aimee Beckmann-Collier '75 at aimee.beckmann-collier@drake.edu or (515) 222-1516.

Georgia

The club was honored to host Mary Beth Ellis '99, author of *Drink to the Lasses*, a comical memoir about her time at Saint Mary's College. The club hosted an author meet & greet event at Coffee Buy the Book in downtown historic Roswell on Jan. 27. Mary Beth read excerpts from her book which had the audience members in tears from laughter, and then followed up with a discussion, Q&A, and book-signing. The event boasted a spectacular turn-out with nearly 30 alumnae and friends in attendance.

In honor of the Georgia Alumnae Club's 75th anniversary, the club has announced a scholarship campaign, which would provide financial aid to need-based students who wish to attend Saint Mary's College from the great state of Georgia. Please consider making a donation to this worthy cause. The club hopes to have 100% alumnae participation.

The book club has been going strong now for over a year, and meets every other month at Winans Chocolates and Coffees in Dunwoody. If you are interested in joining the book club, please contact Julie Wall '00 at jwallst@hotmail.com.

If you are an alumna residing in Georgia, the club wants to hear from you! Please e-mail the club at smcalumsga@gmail.com so that your e-mail address will be included in communications regarding future events! The majority of communications are done through e-mail, so if the club does not have a current e-mail address for you, you may be left off of invitations.

For more information, contact Veronica Kessenich '01 at verbug@aol.com or (770) 828-0802.

Idaho

The Saint Mary's/Notre Dame Club of Idaho hosted an ND Celebration Night on Feb. 24 at Crane Creek Country Club. The guest speaker was Brian Boulac, assistant athletic director and the general manager of the Joyce Center at Notre Dame.

The annual summer picnic is scheduled for July 14. Any Idaho visitors are welcome!

For more information, contact Jacquie Jablonski Halgerson '83 at jhalge@msn.com or (208) 386-9613.

Kansas City

The year is off to a great start! The SMC and ND clubs arranged a Professional Development Seminar Series for 2007. Kelly Tyler '87, club president, facilitates the training and networking, and a local guest speaker shares as well. A portion of the proceeds is going to each club and to a local charity. All are welcome. Please contact Kelly Tyler '87 for more information or visit the Web site: www.KellyTylerTrainingServices.com. Club members receive a steep discount.

The Saint Mary's Women's Choir came to Kansas City in March. Several club members hosted the students and enjoyed getting to know them. What a talented group!

The club is working on a community service project this spring, so give the club a call to help out.

Join fellow alumnae on June 10 for a wine & cheese cocktail hour (or two!) at Maura's downtown loft. Please visit the club's Web site for more information. The club is excited about another successful year and looks forward to even more alumnae and friends joining in the fun!

For more information, contact Kelly Tyler at KellyTylerTrainingServices.com.

Milwaukee

The first book club was held on Apr. 25. Readers discussed *Home to Big Stone Gap* by Adriana Trigiani '81.

Join fellow alumnae in putting together care packages for current Saint Mary's students that are from the Milwaukee area. If you'd like to participate, please e-mail Kristi Brandon Butman '03 at smcmkeclub@gmail.com.

In May there will be an outing to the zoo. All family and friends are invited, so watch the club's Web site for further details!

Currently, the club is collecting dues for 2007. They are \$20 and offset costs for newsletters, invitations, events, mailings, and postage. Please send your dues checks (payable to SMC Alumnae Club of Milwaukee) to club treasurer Mary Ellen Blumreich Krueger '00, 327 Kristin Court East, Brookfield, WI, 53045.

If you have not been receiving e-mails from the club and you have an e-mail address, please send your contact information to SMCMKECLUB@gmail.com. Being able to communicate with alumnae via e-mail drastically decreases mailing costs and will allow the club to plan more events in the future.

The club continues to be in the early stages of reorganization and is looking for people to join committees! If you are interested in coordinating the Book Club, the Social Committee, or the Moms group, please send Missy Lind '98 and Kristi Butman an e-mail at smcmkeclub@gmail.com.

For more information, contact Missy Lind at MAL515@sbcglobal.net or (414) 288-6774, or Kristi Butman at Kristi.Butman@marquette.edu or (414) 288-6777.

New Jersey

The Tall Ship is coming! The Tall Ship is coming! Last summer, while sailing the Great Lakes, Tallship Unicorn brought aboard over 200 Saint Mary's alumnae. This summer, the New Jersey Club will be hosting a number of events aboard the Unicorn down the Jersey Shore and in New York City. On Saturday, June 16, in conjunction with alumnae from the Philadelphia area, there will be a Women's Leadership Sail program aboard the Unicorn in Atlantic City from 1–5 p.m. Afterwards, the South Jersey Notre Dame Club will be invited to come aboard for a dockside cocktail reception.

On Thursday, June 28, working with the SMC New York City Club, there will be another Women's Leadership Sail program down the Hudson and around the southern tip of Manhattan for the afternoon. That evening, the club's New York City Notre Dame Club friends will be invited to join in a dockside cocktail reception.

If you haven't already, check out the Tallship Unicorn Web site to see the Saint Mary's Partnership details for these exciting events (www.tallshipunicorn.com). Hope to see lots of new faces!

The club continues to grow! Thanks to all of you for keeping in touch, sending in dues, and attending the events. The club is excited about teaming up with some of the Notre Dame alumni clubs from around the Garden State this summer. The more the merrier!

For more information, contact Dawn Parker Santamaria '81 at dawn@tallshipunicorn.com or (908) 713-1808. Or, visit the club's Web site at www.saintmarys.edu.

Pittsburgh

The Board of Directors of the Pittsburgh Alumnae Club met on Jan. 8 to discuss the club's exciting future. The meeting was held at Atria's in Mt. Lebanon, and was well attended by 12 alumnae. Topics such as fundraising, reaching out to current Saint Mary's students, and upcoming events were discussed.

The Young Alumnae Club met on Feb. 8 for a happy hour/meet and greet. Look for more event announcements in your email in-box!

The club's first official event was held on Apr. 21 at Lidia's of Pittsburgh. Alumnae had lunch, heard the latest news of Saint Mary's from Michelle Poeppe Egan '93, assistant director of Alumnae Relations, and participated in a silent auction. The monies collected will be donated to the College.

The next official meeting of the Board of Directors will be on Thursday, May 3, at 7:00 p.m. at Atria's Restaurant in Mt. Lebanon. Any alumna who is interested in helping with the club is welcome to attend. E-mail the club at smcpittsburgh@hotmail.com for more details.

For more information, contact Colleen Miles '03 at cbmiles@hotmail.com.

South Bend

The South Bend Alumnae Club had a busy start to 2007. To kick-off the new year, SMC's in the City met at Bonefish Grill on Jan. 11. Martinis and appetizers were enjoyed by all in a relaxed and casual atmosphere.

On Jan. 30 the club cooked dinner for the residents of Hannah's House. Hannah's House provides a home for young women who are deciding whether to parent or place their babies for adoption. Each month a support group is held for unwed mothers. The club provided a Mexican themed dinner for mothers attending the group and provided child care after dinner, during the group meeting.

On Mar. 4 the club met for Mass at The Church of Our Lady of Loretto on Saint Mary's campus. Afterward, the group enjoyed a hearty brunch in the Noble Family Dining Hall.

The book club has been busy so far this year. On Jan. 16 readers discussed the *The Notebook* by Nicholas Sparks. They also watched clips from the award-winning movie. The book club met again in February to discuss *The Namesake* by Jhumpa Lahiri.

Please plan on joining fellow alumnae for the annual spring luncheon on May 5. Also, look for other exciting SMC's in the City and book club events!

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

Twin Cities

The Twin Cities Alumnae Club is currently in the process of finalizing the calendar for the 2007–2008 club year. The club is happy to announce that this June, the club year will kick off with a Social Hour (which will then continue to be held monthly). Also, a Student Send-off is planned for the end of summer. Students, their parents, and alumnae and family will be invited. The club will also implement a Mommies & Tots group, a Fitness Group, and a Student Support Committee. More information will be provided in the May newsletter. Finally, the club is working with the ND Alumni Club to provide area alumni with Game Watches. If you want to become involved with the club, please send an e-mail to smctcalumnaeclub@gmail.com.

The club wants to thank Sharon Scheckel Madigan '80 for being the president for the club. This past February,

Charmaine Samaraweera Torma '99 took over as president. Sharon will still be an active member of the club and will continue to work with the Planning Committee. Thanks again Sharon for your hard work and dedication!

For more information, contact Charmaine Torma at smctcalumnaeclub@gmail.com.

A l u m n a e class news

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These are challenging years for members of our class. As our interest in the world at large seems to lessen, we zero in more on our family, friends, and the memories that warm our hearts. Many of our adventures of the past bring a smile, especially those of our years at Saint Mary's College. We were held down by rigid rules then, but we always found ways for adventure. Fortunately, the careful supervision of the nuns taught us respect and gave us a firm moral base for the temptations we were to meet later in life. Saint Mary's College's beacon of love still shines for many of us.

Blessings on **Anne Bodle Schuknecht** and **Patsy O'Neil Stewart**, who want this column to continue to live. Anne continues to live in her home in Massachusetts. Judge and Patsy are in St. Louis, and all three headed to California at Christmas to be with their children.

Rightfully so, Patsy Stewart claims, "Old age is not for sissies." Their oldest son died recently from lung cancer. It might help the Stewarts if they would connect with **Marty Abberger Daly '41**, who suffered the death of her son, Michael, 45, on Marty's 87th birthday in 2006. As Michael was leaving the birthday celebration in a car with his wife and two small children, a drug-crazed stranger shot through the window, killing Michael. Losing a child under any circumstances is the heaviest of crosses. Please remember these two families prayerfully.

Marty's special bravery now is shown in her desire to give service to others. Even though this March, at age 88, she must relive last year's tragedy, Marty continues to help others. Her days are filled with activities: lots of bridge and volunteering, keeping books and minutes for organizations, playing her keyboard for various groups and parties, taking a creative writing course to organize her lessons in bridge and chord playing, plus her life's story. Like the Energizer Bunny, Marty keeps going, never stopping. This is an example for all of us.

Anne Schuknecht is Marty's angel. Seven decades ago, Anne and Marty lived in Mishawaka. Anne, recognizing Marty's scholastic ability, her zest to serve others, and her multiple talents, recommended Marty for scholarship at Saint Mary's College. Marty was too poor to even buy a text. Thanks to Saint Mary's College and Anne, Marty joyfully worked her way to high honors. After her graduation, my special friend, Father John Cavanaugh, CSC spied Marty's record, and she became the first female secretary to a president of Notre Dame. Father John had

to work his way through Notre Dame, so he understood Marty's challenges well. A few years later, Marty married Bill Daly ND '41. Together they raised seven children. Bill, who was the class reporter for the Class of '41, passed away four years ago. They were married 57 years.

These days, I think of us as "ladies in waiting" for God's signal to come to Him. I only hope that there will be a Class of '40 reunion that will match our 50th celebration in 1990. Keep faith, and let us pray for each other!

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In June, the Night Queen's Daughters' Bridge Marathon had a pot luck supper and bridge at my house. There are 32 in the group. As always, it was lots of fun.

My daughter Esther Mc Nerney and husband Rod's daughter, Lauren, and her two adorable little ones, Tyler and Samantha, came from Philadelphia for a visit in August. They stayed with me about a week and then with Esther for a week. **Ashley Clark Bass '98** came to town with her two handsome sons, Collin and Evan; so we had all my great-grandchildren here for a wonderful get-together. We celebrated Collin's 5th birthday at one of our family dinners.

My son, Kenny, and his wife, Mary, are still living in Redlands, Calif. They both ran in the Boston Marathon in the spring—quite an accomplishment. They also took a trip to Quebec. In the fall, Kenny went to South Carolina for a business seminar. En route he stopped in Atlanta to visit his son, Kenneth Barker IV. Mary has just retired from teaching in high school for many years and is enjoying every minute of it.

Esther and Rod are kept busy trying to keep pace with their Gavin, 7, who is in the second grade at Summit Academy in Middletown. Esther discovered she had a bad tear in her right shoulder rotator cuff. She was operated on in September and stayed with me the first couple of weeks in order to dedicate her time to her important physical therapy five times a day. Since she couldn't drive for two months, I became her "chauffeur." It gave us the opportunity to spend a great deal of time together and we had lots of fun. I also helped in picking up Gavin after school at 2:45 pm.

My daughter, Madonna Gordon, continues to work at The Bob Ray Company. Madonna relishes the time she spends with her precious grandsons, Collin and Evan, who, in turn, love to spend time with their Grams.

Ashley and Rod Bass with their two cute sons, Collin and Evan, live in St. Louis. They come to Louisville frequently

for delightful visits. Ashley participated in the Lake St. Louis Triathlon (an Olympic distance triathlon consisting of 0.92 mile swim, 24.8 mile bike and 6.2 mile run) in the fall and did very well. Rod's job takes him out of town quite often. Ashley's Dad, Tom Clark, has traditionally taken all his family to meet with his brother and family in Chicago to stay at The Ritz Carlton Hotel the weekend before Thanksgiving to celebrate the holiday. They did this again in 2006. Ashley and Rod and their boys visited my granddaughter, Bethany Ronchetta, and her new husband, Jose, while in Chicago.

What is Bunny doing? Each morning I attend Mass. Jeroid, the gardener, comes four days a week at 6 a.m. and does a fantastic job of manicuring the yard and decorating the house inside and out with seasonal lights, etc. Jeroid's mother, Edith Fawbush, now 75, continues to do my laundry and to keep the house in order. I work in the garden when the weather permits. Bridge is my favorite recreation, and I play in several marathons. Because my partner, Edith Bruning Pitzer, and I won the game at Holy Spirit last year, we became chairmen of the event the next eight months, beginning with September and going through April. Every Saturday morning I take small vases of flowers to 18 patients in several nursing homes. I visit with the people and try to give them a bit of cheer. Entertaining is one of my beloved hobbies. I have a wonderful caterer who helps me with the food. I love to set the table for a dinner party. Planning the color scheme, making place cards, arranging a floral centerpiece—these are a few of my favorite things! With wonderful friends as guests—they make the party.

During December 2006 there were many holiday parties, and I hosted several so my friends could see the six-foot lace Christmas tree Ken built for me 46 years ago. I even took time out to go to the Kentucky Center for the Arts to see the Opera "Lucia di Lammermoor." It was a fabulous production.

I am taking physical therapy three times a week because of difficulty with my hands. The neurosurgeon I visited fears my hands may become paralyzed. I'm praying for relief. I MUST be raring to go reunion time, June 1!

I was very disappointed not to have had more news from my classmates at Christmas time. I had cards from **Marg Kotte O'Hara**, Ann Sheets Butler, **Gert Daley Moran** and hubby Rock, **Amy Nardine Ryan** and hubby Jerry. It was so good to have the greeting card from Amy with the beautiful "High Flight" poem in it. On **Mary Mayle Hickey's** card, she added a note that she continued to be a Eucharistic Minister and was hoping to make it back for reunion.

Mary Lucia Wolff Stevenson (Pinkie) reported the following via e-mail: "I'm doing quite well and still playing golf. I went to Ft. Lauderdale in November for

the 9th birthday of great-grandson, Bryan, and was joined by my four daughters. We do this trip every year. Bryan has a little sister, Emily, 2, who is already a beauty. They are the grandchildren of my oldest daughter, Peggy, who has recovered, thank God, from lung surgery, performed at the Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale, Ariz., last Christmas. Peggy went through chemotherapy as a follow up at her home in Durango, Colo., and is doing fine. Her three sisters, **Sissy Stevenson Tate '66**, **Dede Stevenson Cable '73**, and Michele Hegenwald (who also lives in Durango), all had a hand in her recuperation and care. This year, I will have all my family together in Durango for Christmas. In the last *Courier*, I read of **June Hoene Petersen's '30** death. June's parents were my godparents, being old friends of my parents. I grew up near them in Duluth and can still name all 12 of the children, two girls and 10 boys. I went to June's wedding when I was 9 years old. **Jo Ann Grima MacKenzie '69** was kind enough to send me the program for June's funeral. I'm still in touch with **Miriam Marshall Hemphill** and **Cleo Gherna Young**."

I did receive a delightful Christmas letter from **Kay Houser Sanford**. She reports: "Our year started out with the Notre Dame defeat here in Arizona, but the game afforded us the pleasure of seeing Ron Sarazine and George Schlotterer. We picked them up at the hotel and had a very pleasant evening with them. We expected to see Jerry and Pat here in early January as they helped Megan move to San Diego. Pat had to help make the move on her own as Jerry had work commitments. Pat had some auto complications in San Diego, so we never saw her. However, Megan was settled in San Diego and is working at a hospital. She likes it there very much. Margie and Art Huber were in the area for the months of January and February, so we went out to dinner with them a few times. Then Mary and Rolly Bernhold came to Scottsdale so we were able to have many Notre Dame talks with them."

"We assumed this would be a rather uneventful year for us as our annual physical exams in March went well, and we were feeling very good. We did not plan on going to Notre Dame for any games this year as we feel unable to make that trip any more. However, in June after a CAT scan, our Dr. Stone determined that Bob's old aneurysm had enlarged slightly. That was not good at all, and so, after many subsequent tests it was determined to go to surgery to correct the problem. Bob was feeling fine, and so we made a trip up to visit Jerry and Pat in Santa Fe in July. It was a pleasant trip and a great visit with the two of them, but we were unable to see Brian because he was involved with work and school and also had trouble with his truck. He is doing well and enjoying the classes he is taking towards getting a

Excelsior

Margaret M. Hill '61 received the Fordham Law Alumni Association's Medal of Achievement, New York, N.Y., March 2007. The award, the highest honor given by Fordham Law to its alumni, honors those who exemplify the outstanding qualities of a career lived in the service of others.

Kate Pastore Miller '70 illustrated and published "Poems in Black & White," Wordsong, Honesdale, Pa., January 2007.

Jan Bickel '72 received the 2006 Saint Xavier University Award at the University's Founders' Day celebration, Chicago, Ill., December 2006. The award is given annually to a faculty member who makes a significant contribution to teaching or a substantial advancement in scholarship and research, or helps improve the local community. Bickel is director of vocal studies and professor of music at Saint Xavier.

Nora Barry Fischer '73 was confirmed as a U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania in February 2007. Fischer currently serves on the Saint Mary's College Alumnae Board, and is a partner with the law firm Pietragallo Bosick & Gordon and group leader of its litigation defense practice.

Kathleen Flynn Fox '74 was elected to the national board of Catholic Charities, USA, Washington, D.C., January 2007.

Rosemary Rappelli Mandrici '78 was elected to the Office of Portage Township Assessor, South Bend, Ind., November 2006.

Tricia Burke '81 was a Salute Honoree at the Catholic Education Foundation's 17th annual Salute to Catholic School Alumni, Louisville, Ky., March 2007. Burke is president of Office Environment Company.

nursing degree. Eventually, in late August, we headed to the Mayo Clinic for the surgery. I will skip most of the details but comment that Bob's heart stopped beating for about a minute during the operation. The purpose was to place a second stent inside the original stent to correct any problems that existed. That was accomplished. There were some problems after surgery, so Bob now has a pace maker/defibrillator installed to watch over him. Thank goodness, Jerry was able to come down to be with me during these surgeries and was a very great help and consolation. It turns out that we all have been blessed once again and all appears to be going well. We both have follow-up visits to Mayo Clinic to make sure all is right."

"God has been so good to us through the years and we are thankful for the very happy and full life we have had together all this time."

"Let's hope we can have a goodly group for Reunion."

In **Miriam Hemphill's** card, she included the following in a lovely note: "My granddaughter's wedding is scheduled for

June 2, so (sob) I have to miss reunion. Do you think we could get some of us together in '08 at reunion? I think I've told you about all my news, the two weddings, the Notre Dame-Stanford game, etc. I'll try to do something exciting soon so that I can tell you all about it. You are doing such a great job as our class reporter, and I want to thank you for keeping all of us in touch."

Mary Irene Hartigan McCauley (Biz) died in Chicago on Dec. 26, 2006. She had been in the hospital for some time. Gert Moran kept in close contact with Biz, talked to her most every day, and kept me informed of the progress of her illness. Biz was such a remarkable lady, and did so many wonderful things for our class when we were at Saint Mary's College. She will truly be missed, especially at reunion time.

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Mary Alice O'Laughlin is traveling a great deal. As I write my report, she is on her annual winter holiday in Mexico!

Another Mary Alyce, **Mary Alyce Nevins Sasso**, has closed her big house, but is happy; she still can call Wilmette home, which leaves her close to her children.

In November, **Mary Jane Cullinan Murphy** and her husband, John, observed their 85th birthdays with a surprise celebration arranged by their children. They received messages from many friends and enjoyed a special dinner with all the children. M.J. says it was wonderful and hilarious. In fact, she was "exhausted from laughing."

I enjoyed a great phone visit with **Carol Murray Powley**. She resides in Illinois in Moorings. Carol's health is very good, but she has had double pneumonia and is very careful not to get it again. We compared our lives and our experiences in closing the big house—thus disposing of a lifetime of things. We both said how difficult that was and how grateful we are for wonderful, understanding daughters who are able to help us as we move to the next step.

Also about daughters, I received a beautiful letter from the daughter of **Mary Demling Heinz**, telling me about her mother's death and about her loyal devotion to Saint Mary's College. It was so kind of her daughter to write and to share with me her personal loss. Our class sends blessings to all Mary's family.

In November, I spoke with **Louise Peterman Prosser**. Weesie is such an interesting and delightful person. She is looking forward to a trip in the spring to Provence with a group from Tulane University. Way to go, Weesie! Enjoy!

Jerry Roche Fahey and I talk occasionally, but not nearly often enough. She always makes me laugh. She and I agreed when she said, "The only place I go is to the doctor!" It seems to be true for many of us.

Speaking of doctors, our friend, **Almarie Sackley Mathews**, is having serious issues. She has severe arthritis, trouble with rotator cuffs, and as if that weren't enough, she now has sciatica. Having had some of those maladies myself, I say, "Hang in there, Almarie. God loves you and so do we! Your perseverance is remarkable."

Speaking of laughing, I called **Jeanne Yuncker Klem**. She always tells me something to make my spirits soar. We often talk about the old days and wonder about the girls in our class. In the last few years we have often wondered about "Weedie"—**Mary Louise Pfaff Wolf**. Jeanne had news, but sad news. Weedie's husband, John Wolf, died Dec. 20, and was buried Dec. 23 in Grand Rapids. Then Jeanne told me the rest of the story. More sadness. I learned that Weedie developed the flu virus at the time of John's death and, because of the illness, was unable to attend his funeral. We all send our hearts

and our prayers to you Weedie...much, much love.

Our friend, **Jeanne Sohm Thyberg** and I have lunch monthly, when I am home limping around Des Moines. We talk about Saint Mary's, and we laugh a lot, too. We are often joined by **Pat Nolan McLaughlin '42**, and it is pretty certain where our loyalties remain!

I wish you could see me. The arthritis in my right hand is so debilitating that I can hardly write. I have notes stuck on everything in the room, because some of my Saint Mary's information is here in Florida and some is in Iowa. My cane is in the corner, my walker in the doorway, my pills are on the table, my glasses on a book, my hearing aid—whoops—I'll probably get that next month! I miss each of you, and I truly love you.

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Happy 2007 to everyone; but by the time you read this, it will be five months into the new year. I hope you are all doing great. Right now, I have a miserable cold. Once again, I am without news from you. You all say you like hearing about our class. It would be nice if you would send me a note.

I had a busy November and December. I went to New Jersey for Thanksgiving with my daughter, Kathy, and grandson, D.J. We were visiting my daughter (also a Renie), **Renie Monaghan '73**. Renie was retiring from her job at Telcordia. She had been with AT&T and their subsidiaries since she interviewed with them at Saint Mary's College at the end of her senior year.

After Thanksgiving, Renie and I drove from New Jersey to California—3300 miles. We were very lucky that we had good weather all the way. We stopped in Cedarburg, Wis., to visit my brother, Al ND '45, and his wife, **Eleanor Toffenetti Vodicka '45**. While we were there, it snowed nine inches; however, the roads were clear when we left. The only mishap was the two falls that I took in icy parking lots. I was lucky not to break any bones. We also stopped two days at the Grand Canyon, which was beautiful. I was home six days and then left with my other daughter, Kathy, and grandson for a week at the Lawrence Welk's Resort in Cathedral City. A good time was had by all. Got home on the 22nd of December. Thank goodness my niece, Elizabeth Houghton, and husband Patrick were doing the Christmas dinner. Now, we have four Saint Mary's College graduates and one Notre Dame graduate at all our family gatherings in California.

I still hear frequently from **Helen**

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Lynch Griffith. Helen keeps busy with her church work. I also received a nice note from **Eileen Leonard Belina**. Eileen and her daughter, Marleen, travel a lot together. This year they are going to Italy. She can't believe that we graduated 60 years ago. That makes us old; but, of course, we don't feel it.

Fran Jambrick Aanstoots always stays in touch. I just gave her a call. She reported that she spent several weeks in the hospital in 2006 but is on the mend now. She hosted her family for Christmas dinner—all 24 of them—with everyone pitching in to help. She sounded great.

I also heard from **Pat Dieckelman**, so I gave her a call. She keeps busy doing volunteer work and takes it one day at a time, which is what most of us do. She talks to **Marianne Van Drisse** frequently and says that she is doing fine. Pat had some surgery on her arm, and it is much better. Pat has three nephews who graduated from Notre Dame as well as a niece from Saint Mary's College.

Mary Weber Krysl, of Northbrook, Ill., sent me a card. (I lived in Northbrook for 12 years. It is one of my favorite towns. Everything is like new and the schools were great.)

Liz Stang Drinkworth and yours truly still do a lot of things together. We took a trip to Las Vegas and stayed at the Grand Desert, a beautiful time share. We are not big gamblers, but we love to see the shows. Liz is doing great and stays very active. She has a granddaughter who is a terrific baseball player, and Liz goes to most of her games.

I nearly forgot to mention that during my cross-country trip, we stopped at Saint Mary's College. It was great seeing all the new buildings and going to the bookstore. We had planned to go back the next day and take lots of pictures of the College and Notre Dame, but it was raining hard. I was lucky to get two visits to Saint Mary's College in one year. If you have a chance, go see our campus. It is beautiful and makes you so proud to be an alumna.

I received a picture Christmas card from **Mary Lee Durbin Ball**. She is holding her great-grandson, Owen. She and the baby look happy.

My niece, **Susan Casey D'Amico '65**, and her husband, Dick ND '64, went to New Orleans for the Notre Dame game. They had a wonderful time even though Notre Dame lost.

Just remember to send me your news. It would be nice to hear from all of you. Have a good year.

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From the Courier Office: **Carrie Powers Powell** sent the following: "Classmates have been disappointed by the lack of news for our class. I

shall start the ball rolling by sharing the latest from Ohio. **Harriet Enneking Moster** and I are signed up for the Saint Mary's College-sponsored trip "A Villa in Tuscany" in November 2007, at about the time our next class column is due to appear. We may turn out to be the most senior alumnae on the tour, but we haven't lost our wanderlust yet!"

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Good news from **Sister Geneal Kramer**. In June, she will go to Adrian, Mich., to the Dominican Mother House, to celebrate 50 years of vows. Usually, she travels from Albuquerque to Africa, so this is a welcome change. Cookie and I hope to see her at the Mother House. After her anniversary celebration, she plans to see family in Cincinnati.

Walt and **Peggy Gardner Haaser** now live in an assisted living apartment, still in Simsbury, Conn. It has been a good move for Walt, and Peg doesn't have to cook! Their third grandchild went off to the University of Michigan last fall.

Bob and **Louise Amati Riddle** are enjoying living in Bakersfield, Calif., near several of their children and grandchildren. All but one son were able to gather at son Richard's home in Thousand Oaks for Christmas. Richard ran the 26-mile marathon in New York for the second time last fall. Daughter Maria, her husband, and two children came from Seal Beach, Calif. Another daughter, **Yolanda Riddle McConnell '81**, brought her three daughters from Barrington, Ill. Another son from Bakersfield joined the fun with his wife and baby.

Joanne Fink McLaughlin has moved from Pittsburgh to Arnold, Md., near Annapolis. She writes that she is fairly well settled now and would like to hear from alumnae nearby.

Sister Ramona Oppenheim writes about San Diego's wonderful climate, four universities, and beautiful beaches. Monie says, "It also happens to be the biggest border crossing in the world. With that comes a host of problems. San Ysidro is right on the border! On the other side is Tijuana. I live close enough to the border to walk to it. San Ysidro is 96% Spanish speaking. My Spanish comes in handy working with Mexican women who have crossed the border, have three or four children, don't speak English, may or may not be documented, and are generally exploited. Through a parish organization and legal services, I try to help." Thanks for the update, Monie.

Joe and **Mary Cucchi Depman** and Johnny and I drove to Flint recently to attend a wonderful 80th birthday party for Bud Bigelow, **Rosie Foley Bigelow's** husband. The invitation showed a picture

of Bud and asked, "What do you do for a man who has everything and is turning 80? You thank God and celebrate!" All the Bigelow family was there from near and far, including **Julie Bigelow VanCura '78** and **Patty Bigelow '90** from Stanford, Conn., and her college roommate, **Meg Lakatos Basker '90** from Mishawaka. The party even included a great Irish band and a sing-a-long.

My granddaughter, **Honore O'Brien '08**, is spending her junior year with the Saint Mary's College program in Ireland and loving it. She is near Dublin at Maynooth College. The person in charge of the Saint Mary's College students there is **Roberta Hines '95**, who married an Irishman. They have three children who all have red hair—just like Honore O'Brien.

REUNION May 31–June 3, 2007

'52

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Dear Classmates: 2007, another reunion year—our 55th! Hope to see you May 31–June 3 at the Inn at Saint Mary's.

Our sympathies go to **Nancy Hutchinson Newton**, who lost her husband in 2006. "Norman was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer the first of June and died in less than two months. I understand now that this is a difficult cancer to diagnose until it's gone too far, which was the case with Norman. We did have 49 good years, for which I am thankful."

Many of us know from e-mails that **Mary Jane Belfie** became engaged in 2006 to a friend from high school. **Mary Jean Wallace Paxton**, her roommate freshman year, passed on the news: "His name is Bill Boles, and he is a retired engineer and a widower with five children. They dated in high school but lost touch after Mary Jane went away to Saint Mary's College. He has sold his home in Moline, Ill., and moved to Alexandria, La." They plan to marry in 2007.

Mary Jo Struett Bowman had surgery for lung cancer in San Francisco in October and followed with radiation. She and Dee had gone to Verona in June last year to celebrate Dee's birthday. "Aida and Carmen under the stars in the arena—he is fond of opera so it will be a special treat. Then on to Vicenza for the architecture. . . I'm always looking for an excuse to go to Italy."

Beverly Miller Skoniecke wrote that as she celebrated her 54th wedding anniversary, she counted her blessings—"good health, the greatest husband, four loving children, eight beautiful grandchildren, four Papal Blessings" . . . 27 trips, including 20 European countries, Australia, New Zealand, Jordan, Egypt, Israel, Costa Rica, Canada, and, her favorite, Hawaii. She is

planning to attend reunion.

Julie Skelly Fries made a 2006 New Year's resolution to keep in touch with the class, so she wrote us a wonderful letter. She lives in Beverly Hills, Mich., and has two children living within two miles of her in either direction, and each child has two children! But that doesn't mean Julie stays home. No, indeed. She spent November 2004 touring South America with **Sally Teppert '58**. "Sally and I had teamed up together to travel to Australia, New Zealand, and Fiji in 2003, so we decided to do South America in November [2005]. It was a fantastic trip, spending about a week each in Peru, Chile, Argentina, and Brazil. The highlight of the trip was the trip from Lima to Cuzco and on to Machu Picchu. We climbed to the top of Machu Picchu." As an afterthought she added, "We also traveled to Eastern Europe . . . in '04." More traveling in the U.S.—she spent a week each in Boca Raton, Fla., Winter Park, Colo., skiing; and at Edisto Beach in the Carolinas. When she is not traveling, during the winter, Julie skis every weekend in northern Michigan, where she often runs into another Saint Mary's College alumna, **Joan Thibodeau Frear**, on the slopes. Joan's husband is on the ski patrol at the Otsego Ski Club. Another skiing buddy is **Mary Spencer O'Sullivan Latimer Williams**. Around Detroit, Julie sees **Jody Morris O'Brien '50** and **Mary Cucchi Depman '50** "frequently." She writes that "**Mitzi Wiggins Forester** was in town for a few days in August 2005. She looked fantastic and was as peppy as ever." Julie says that now "it's about time to stay home and try to get some organization in my house."

Joey Bryan MacDonald enjoyed five months of near-perfect weather on the Gulf coast of Florida in the 2006 winter, before returning to Wisconsin for the summer. "We're in a risky area for hurricanes so hope we escape damage once again. Our key is very narrow and Gulf waters could easily end up in our living room, but we're staying calm with hopes the weather will do the same. . . I am now a great-grandmother to two boys and am expecting my third great-grandchild (a girl) in October. I think I might be getting old! My health is quite good with the exception of vision problems from macular degeneration, but I'm fortunate to have renowned retina specialists at University of Wisconsin and in Sarasota. I started a new treatment yesterday with hopes my vision can actually improve! My family is doing well. My immediate family numbers 39, and we continue to grow! Family members live from Boston to Boise, but I usually am able to see them once a year on their turf or mine. I attended two stimulating lectures this past winter. Eugene Kennedy, author of *The Unhealed Wound*, spoke about the hierarchical structure of the Church and the role that plays in domination, control, and abuse. I also heard Thomas Keating talk on centering

prayer. Both experiences were very nurturing and stimulating."

Betty Foley McGlynn attended an Elderhostel in Vienna and Salzburg in May 2006, a "Mozart's Birthday Tour" that included musical performances, lectures and sightseeing, for five days in each of the cities. "Our trip included attending two operas, three concerts, a private voice recital in the home of a university professor in Salzburg, and Sunday Mass in the Salzburg Cathedral, for which the choir sang Mozart's *Missa Brevis*. We had many tours and lectures that were excellent, and the group leader and two site coordinators were just superb. I now see why Elderhostel has the reputation it does."

Lynn Dargis Ambrose had a busy year, as usual. In March 2006, she joined with the Disser sisters, **Sally Disser Weigand** and **Jo Disser Barger '53** and their husbands, celebrating St. Pat's Day in Palm Desert—"even went swimming in the pool and spa." In May, she hosted a luncheon in her sunset garden in Leucadia, with guests of honor, **Liz Werres Ravenscroft** and Ian. Also attending lunch at Lynn's were Mary Jo Bowman and Dee, MaryJean Paxton, **Mary Dvilaitis Blanford**, **Mary Musante Kraemer**, and **Janet Rowe**.

In July, Lynn headed to Costa Rica—"my annual grandchild trip—this time with Lily (12 years old, Westport, Conn.) with an intergenerational Elderhostel trip." In August, she was in Long Beach, Ind., for a family gathering. In October, she went to Connecticut to take care of her grandchildren while daughter Patrice and husband house-hunted. Lynn actually sold Patrice's house while she was child-sitting in Connecticut.

Long Beach, as you recall, is where **Joanne Hickey Frazel** and Jerry spend their summers. Jo and Jerry made a spring trip to Minnesota for a grandchild's First Communion, but after that spent as much of the summer as possible at Long Beach. They are going to spend the winter in Florida, where Jerry's brother and his wife are celebrating their 50th. Joanne is definitely coming to reunion.

Liz Ravenscroft wrote, "The Ravenscrofts, who as you recall from earlier *Couriers*, alternate between Seattle and the East (including a family reunion in Capon Springs W.V.), had only one requirement for 2006: to "be back in Maryland for the November ballots! Our official residence is still there, so we need to be there; then west for the holidays."

Mary Jean Paxton has always got something going on in southern California. She was a volunteer tutor in chemistry until May at Oceanside High School, and then team-taught microbiology at Palomar College, San Marcos, Calif., in the summer. She also met **Carol Ann Denison Dyer, M.D. '69** in Anaheim, Calif., for lunch and news sharing. They were friends and tennis partners when she taught biology at Saint Mary's College. "I

will visit my son, Jan Haagens, in Orlando at the end of July, and probably will see my childhood friend, Martha Rauh Sassen, niece of Sister Miriam Joseph. August will find me in Washington, D.C., with my sister, Ruth Ann Wallace, Ph. D., professor emeritus, George Washington University. My husband, Dave, will not be able to accompany me on these trips, because he has to stay home and run the family business."

Toni DiSalle Watkins wrote that she stays in touch with **Maureen Carroll Muller**, and last Christmas her daughter, Maureen, met Maureen's daughter. Toni also saw Mary Jo Bowman and **Nancy Ahlforth Steele** in the summer of 2006.

Here in Chicago we like to get together for lunch at any excuse. Several opportunities presented themselves in 2006. One was the closing of Berghoff's Restaurant in downtown Chicago, one of our favorite gathering places. Commiserating (and toasting the fact that we had outlasted Berghoff's) were Joanne Frazel, **Faith Kilburg McNamara**, **Marie Galoney**, **Helen Wade O'Brien**, **Jo Brazaitis Ebert**, and me. Another chance came along when **Dorothy Murnane McMahon** was in town from Naples, Fla. Dor has since retired, after many years. She still teaches privately. Since Berghoff's was closed, we dined at the Walnut Room at Marshall Field's. **Pat Egan Skudnig**, Jo Ebert, Faith McNamara, Helen O'Brien, Dor McMahon, Marie Galoney, and I gathered to toast the passing of another landmark—Field's becoming Macy's. In November we tried the Italian Village. Betty McGlynn and **Ann Schwertley Seeler** joined the regulars.

I did some traveling in 2006: Mexico over Christmas 2005, Croatia in September, and Christmas 2006 on a cruise through the Panama Canal. I'm hoping to go on another cruise through the Chilean Fjords in March. I'm looking

forward to reunion. I hope you all come.

If you do attend reunion, you may have a chance to see **Eleanor Fails** pull up at the Inn in her new red convertible. That's right! Eleanor had always dreamed of having a red convertible, and the amazing **Mary Stoeckinger '57** gave her one for her 75th birthday. What more incentive do you need to come?

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Our prayers and sympathy are with the family of **Mary Endress Minielli**, who died on Dec. 5. Her big sister, **Emmy Lou Roach Majewski '52**, kindly e-mailed me—saying that Mary's death was quite sudden and, therefore, a shock to all. Mary had been on campus for the last three years—at our 50th reunion in 2004; then in 2005 to hear her niece, **Dr. Janet Endress Squires '72**, as Commencement speaker; and at Reunion 2006 to attend our class's "interim reunion."

Sister Jo Luckner sent Christmas greetings from El Paso, where for the past two years she and Sister Lori Beinkafner have worked with migrant women on the Mexico/El Paso border. She told a happy story about Angelica who, after 12 years of struggle, had received her residency card, allowing her 11- and 10-year-old children to finally meet their grandmother, aunt, and uncles across the border.

At Christmas, **Jane Flynn Carroll** wrote that she hasn't tried to sell her home, as the family all love it and visit often. If I recall correctly, daughters **Mary Rose Carroll-Campobasso '81** and Nancy live in the Chicago area.

Jane wrote that son Patrick and his wife, Monica, (California) welcomed a daughter in February; Chuck and family (Phoenix) had visited in October, and John and Jodie (California) for Thanksgiving. **Lucy Carroll Landwehr '84** and family (Texas) and Tom, Jr. came for Christmas.

Aggie Majewski Kinnucan spent Thanksgiving with daughter Karen and family in New York, in their recently-completed new home, and was planning two weeks in Arizona, partly with daughter Molly and family, and some time with **Mary Ann Fellingner Ryan, '49**. Aggie had spoken recently with **Jean Zimmerer Thomas**, whose brother, Bob, is in the final stages of brain cancer. However, Jean "sounded good, and so pleased with the care" he was receiving.

This is the first Christmas letter I'd received from **Rody Oppenheim Dilenschneider** in quite a while; hope she continues. Rody and Jack are fine, and aside from Literary Council volunteering and ESL work, mainly, they travel with grandchildren-sit. "Between the two of us, we make one fairly good Mary Poppins!" In 2004, they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the Stratford Festival in Stratford, Ontario, with all their children and spouses, including banquets at the Festival Theatre.

In October, Dick and I joined some of my Jones cousins who gather annually for a Notre Dame home-game weekend (Stanford in '06). We arrived two days ahead, to visit **Ann Korb** in South Bend. Ann hosted us one evening at Notre Dame's University Club, along with John and **Marlene Gaubinger McGinn** and Tom and **Mary Ann Kramer Campbell**—a nice evening and visit. A Campbell family reunion in Michigan in August included a day trip to Notre Dame, "which ended with all 19 of our clan at a 'session' with Coach Charlie Weis, (daughter) Kathleen's friend from college days."

class clips



A group from the Class of 1970 met in Las Vegas to catch up and have some fun! Pictured left to right: Chris Turkal Dutmers, Mary Beth Tetlow Deniro, Sue Gudgeon Reilly, Liz Casey, Margie Goodwin Harrison, Lucy Collins Fitch, Jessica Rinna Beling, Liz McGuire Fleming, and Cathy Linnehan Cronin.

A l u m n a e class news

Our finally-retired teacher and forever artist **Patt Gannon Scully** had to give up working with clay for all of 2006 due to a cyst on her left thumb bone. Surgery aided to the point of her resuming classes in January and exploring the possibility of a wheel at home. She really enjoys "the frustration of working in clay," and wants to pursue her studies in it. However, she has been able to work in soft pastels and completed three paintings based on photos she took in Assisi a few years ago. Wish I lived closer to Phoenix so I could see some of this wonderful art!

Mike and **Patti Denholm Connor's** Christmas greetings came from Ohio, whence they would return to Florida until late May. Two grandchildren are at Ohio State, four at Walsh Jesuit High School, and two are in elementary school. In Florida, Patti plays tennis three days a week, and Mike, four. Her friends have prevailed upon her to "try golf (again)... Supposedly these old bones will tolerate golf a lot longer than tennis."

Faithful **Christa Czeydner Pichler** wrote at Christmas with greetings also from her son and her friend Father Wanko. (You may recall that Dick and I spent a very pleasant day with her and Fr. Wanko when in Salzburg in summer '04.) She, however, reported a medical evaluation of a "cerebral condition," which is very painful and asks for our prayers.

A lovely family Christmas photo from Lionel and **Kathleen Flanagan Baldwin** was accompanied by her news that they took everyone on a cruise up the Inland Passage to Alaska to celebrate their 51st wedding anniversary. "Wonderful...no one fell over...fun and games for all, and I didn't have to cook or do dishes." (YES!)

"Unaccustomed as I am to sending news," wrote **Mary Beth Adler Wilhelmi**, "I couldn't not want to praise God and shout to the housetops that Art and I have survived 50 years of marriage, Art's ongoing heart disease from age 42 to now, and that he will celebrate his 80th birthday in March." They also celebrate "...seven children (one in heaven), 18 grandchildren, and an Illinois senatorial campaign. A.J. was elected with 70% of vote." A photo sheet included a darling picture of Mary Beth and Art, and one of each family: Tucson; Connecticut; Pennsylvania; Cary, Ill.; and two families (oldest and youngest) in Joliet, Ill.

Jim and **Marilyn Austgen Thompson's** most exciting news of '06 was the May marriage of Kate Landis and their last-bachelor son Tom—a wonderful outdoor family wedding with several relatives joining them from the Midwest. Jim and Marilyn do a lot of back-and-forth from widely-spaced parts of the San Francisco area for various events of their grands, and "exercise daily so that we can keep up with them." Granddaughter Lauren hasn't "let her diabetes keep her from anything." In 2006 she spent her third week at a diabetes camp in Sequoia National Park; in '07, she will add a

second week in the Santa Cruz Mountains.

In February in Mesa, Ariz., Paul and **Bev Bierbusse Campbell** celebrated with her mother, Mamie Ritz, Mamie's 102nd birthday. Grandson John Bierbusse attended from Chicago. Easter was a "bittersweet day," when Bev and Paul took Mamie to her favorite restaurant for dinner. She enjoyed her dinner with a glass of wine, commenting on current fashions and affairs, "a memorable meal together." Unfortunately, she broke her femur above a prosthetic knee, just by putting weight on it getting into the car. After three days in the hospital, she was moved to a lovely Hospice Center, where she died peacefully in late April. "God granted her wish—no nursing home."

Tom and **Mary Fran Koehnemann Nolan's** Christmas greetings reported that two of her Louisiana sons are back in their homes, post-Katrina. David's New Orleans home, four miles west of the business district and on a pocket of land that sits four feet above sea level, had no water. Paul lives north of Lake Pontchartrain, where "M" used to live—many trees down, but no water." One summer Sunday, "M" came out of Mass in Daniels, W.V., "and there stood **Ann Murray O'Neill!**" She and John were staying at the resort (with a large contingent of people from Florida) where the Nolans live for a week of golf. Mary Fran picked Ann up Monday, showed her around the area, and they had lunch.

Joan Rossi wrote that recently Aggie had arranged "a beautiful dinner/opera-aria" evening at the Hinsdale Club for Joan and **Liz Kiley Wilson** and Jim. Liz "looked beautiful, as usual...in her wheelchair, but seems especially determined for 2007."

Liz's Christmas letter is a précis of her progress: 18 months since the injury to her spinal cord rendered her paralyzed from the neck down...a difficult journey, but greatly blessed...she calls Jim and Alba, her other caregiver, her guardian angels...and her wonderful family and friends, so supportive. She's come a long way...has feeling in her limbs except for several fingers...can't yet bend her left knee, but can walk short distances with a walker. She does exercises daily, including riding a recumbent bike...determined to walk eventually with a cane. Finally, Liz commented that she can't travel until her left knee bends... "....and how I miss it." More and more prayers from all of us, Liz and Jim.

Sue Whalen Heyer said her holidays are hard without George, but daughter Ann and family live in Maggie Valley, plus "good friends and lots to do, and that helps." And, she went to Ft. Lauderdale in September for her oldest daughter's 50th birthday party—given by her brothers. Despite a small stroke that Sue had just before George died (affecting only her right hand), she finished a needlework piece that she'd been working on for two years, and won first place at the county fair. Way to go, Sue! I bet you'll get lots of calls, e-mails, and postcards when the

classmates read this!

Jim and **Marie Mertes Hertig's** Christmas letter from South Carolina was in her usual newsy, droll, understated style. In April, they did a bus tour in Ireland—Blarney Stone, making Waterford Crystal, Book of Kells, and "crowned Lord and Lady of one of those medieval castle banquets." In May, a son-in-law and Jim, as a gift from the Hertigs' son, attended Jim's first Indy 500. They enjoyed it immensely, "but used sign language to communicate for about three days." In August, they flew to Ottawa, Canada, then on First Air to Iqaluit, Nunavut. Marie: "See if you can find it on a map. Jim and the U.S. Army Engineers helped build the airstrip there in 1954. Back then it was Frobisher Bay, Baffin Island, NWT. Today it's a new Canadian provincial capital." Scheduled to fly another 450 miles north, they went home instead, as a blizzard cancelled their flight. "We'd love to show you our pictures and tell you our stories some time. Ask us about the red light districts."

I had good January chats with both **Marianna Marcucci Hassett** and **Mary O'Shea Judd**. Marianna and Jim are in good health in Clearwater, Fla.—Jim the busy-as-ever deacon (ordained 20 years ago) at Light of Christ parish; Marianna volunteering at church, gardening, and playing bridge. Their oldest grandson is a college freshman. I called "Mary O" in Dallas on her birthday, Jan. 15. (We were roommates freshman year, after which she left me/us for the University of Tulsa.) Husband Jerry is retired from IBM ("I'll be moving")—and, luckily, one of their homes was here in the San Francisco area for a few years (too few) in the early '70s. Their twin daughters (Old Miss alums) work for IBM in Dallas now (Susan for 22 years, Lisa 20) and currently were volunteering with the All-Star hockey games being held in Dallas. The Judds' older daughter, **Julie Judd Liesenfelt**, '78, her husband, Kevin, and K.J., 11, are also in Dallas—Julie at 28 years with IBM. Recently, she sent us several nice family snapshots taken at her parents' 50th anniversary party in December '05.

I hope you all saw our own **Midge Myler Russo** pictured on page 19 of the winter '06 *Courier*—with the Westchester/Fairfield (New York) Alumnae Club at its Founders' Day event in November '06. And—**Sister Terese Fabbri** and **Mary Fran Koehnemann Nolan** in a 1954 photo on the outside back cover of the fall '06 *Courier*?

News of the Sullivan family: grandson Anthony (still dark and handsome), 14, in teen theatre; granddaughter Chloe, almost 3, still adorable and great! Dick and I, since last column, lots of houseguests, some travel.

N.B. Due to the very generous amount of news received from many of you (some of it during June through November, and of course much of it via Christmas mail), this column as first submitted was (way)

too long for the space available, and I was asked to "prune" it (my word). So, news from probably a half-dozen of you will appear in our fall '07 column rather than here. I'm very sorry I couldn't include all your news and plan to be in touch with each of you individually.

Happy summer, and do write, phone, or e-mail.

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The Christmas mail didn't bring much news from classmates. Perhaps we are still basking in the glow of reunion. However, some of you have taken the time to write and send cards, and for this I am grateful.

Anne Thiede Crete and Roy sent a picture of themselves in front of their new townhouse in Bay City, Mich. They look wonderful after what had to be a hectic move from their home in Essexville, where they had lived for many years. Anne assured me that there was room for all the children and grandchildren to visit in their new digs.

Loret Coverley Miller is a faithful Christmas correspondent. Unfortunately, some minor health problems kept her from reunion. She is still in her apartment in Bethesda, Md. Another card came from **Mary Jo West Mason** in Bloomfield Hills, Mich., who added her thanks for a great reunion.

Most of the responsibility for our wonderful weekend at Saint Mary's College was on the shoulders of **Bunni Hennessy Griffin**. And she just won't quit!!! In September, Bunni organized a luncheon reunion for some of the Chicago area classmates. Due to the death of Tom's brother, I was unable to attend but heard from some of the ladies who were there. **Mary Alice Parsons**, **Rita Conley Bourjaily**, **Sheila Siebert Gallagher**, **Mary Kay Shanahan Cesarone**, **Maryjeanne Ryan Burke**, and **Sheila Conlin Brown** reported that a great time was had by all. Bunni repeated this event a few weeks ago. Again, a successful gathering. Hopefully, Bunni will continue organizing these lunches—we need to keep up with our classmates!

Winter in Arizona has been pleasant, as usual. In March, Rita and Lou Bourjaily come down for a few weeks and, hopefully, **Pat Garvey McCann** and Dave will be able to come over from Palm Springs for a day or two as they have in the past. My husband's health has not been too good, but our proximity to good hospitals and doctors here has made life a bit easier.

During the summer, I had a nice letter from **Pat O'Leary Ring** in North East, Pa. Pat was a most enthusiastic reunion attendee. I had mentioned to a few, Pat

club clips



The Chicago West Book Club met with special guest Adriana Trigiani '81 on Nov. 17, 2006, while she was in town for a book signing. Front row, pictured left to right: Debbie Hale Soldato '76, Alison Spohn '93 and Kim Reiken LeDoux '77. Back row, pictured left to right: Adriana Trigiani, Tina Jaskowiak, Julie Griffin Murphy '74, Laura Harris Walsh '87, Bridget Murphy Cahill '89, Kristin Simono Newell '91, Patty Piercy Cushing '90, Maria Smeriglio Mulhair '91, and Anne Murray McDermott '85.

included, that we should plan definitely on an "off year" reunion at Saint Mary's College. This idea has been well received for the most part, and I ask you all to send me any ideas you might have for this.

Something else I have neglected to mention is our Class Scholarship Fund. In the past, we have discussed what to do in the event of the death of a classmate or her spouse or child. I discussed this with the Development Office and was told that a contribution to our Class Fund would be appropriate. What more fitting memorial than to help a deserving student attend the college that means so much to us.

Please stay in touch. As I finish this column I am looking at a card just received from **Joanne Griffith McGrath** in San Francisco. Joanne included some snapshots taken in the hospitality room during reunion. There is one of yours truly that could equal the blackmail photo that I have of Sheila Gallagher at our 45th.

Thanks, Joanne!
Bless you all!

'58

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Early December found me in Raleigh, N.C., tending to a grandson named Jack and his sister Nora, 3. My daughter, **Ellen Willson Hoover '90**, needed help recovering from birth and extra surgery. I came back very happy and very tired for a rather quiet Christmas—which was fine.

These past days have been filled

with nostalgia with the death of President Gerald R. Ford. He represented Grand Rapids for 25 years, and I ran a precinct for him for one election. As the funeral at Grace Episcopal was going on—a stone's throw from my family home—my sister e-mailed a copy of a December 1942 magazine with a portrait of our family, and one below it of Gerry and his three brothers just before Gerry entered an intensive training course at Annapolis. What a fine looking young man he was.

The services at the Capitol and National Cathedral were beautiful, but the liturgy in Grand Rapids was more religious and deeply moving. Fox carried a good deal of that service and then the burial at the Gerald R. Ford Museum.

Christian Culture, which has morphed into Humanistic Studies, is 50 years old. Graduates of the program came from all over to celebrate at Saint Mary's College Sept. 17-18. Since the class of 1958 produced the first graduates in the program, it was especially important that the class and Professor Bruno Schlesinger were represented. Bruno was not present at the College, but as many as could dropped over to see him, and Alice as well, during the celebration.

Class members attending were: **Paula Lawton Bevington** from Atlanta, **Jane Eyerly Kozuszek** from St. Louis, **Rosemary Corcoran Donnelly** from Homer, N.Y., and **Genny Meade Plamondon** from Telluride, Colo., which is now her permanent home.

Professor Miri Rubin of the University of London gave a lecture on the Virgin Mary Sunday evening, and President **Carol Ann Mooney '72** spoke at the luncheon on Monday. Participants had the

choice of several colloquia in the morning.

The afternoon sessions included alumnae panels, one of which featured Paula, a slide presentation by Professor Gail Mandell, and a question-and-answer session. Paula is a member of a newly formed Christian Culture Lecture Series Advisory Council.

Friday, Sept. 29, **Hannah Grasberger Storen Kreps**, her husband, Bill, and two of Bill's grandchildren came to town for the Purdue game and for tours of Saint Mary's College and Notre Dame. Bill had meetings with other members of the Senior Alumni Council. Unfortunately, Hannah and I could not meet, because when I was free, she was busy. Hopefully, next time. Her daughter, Hannah Storm, has written a book titled *Notre Dame Inspirations*.

On Oct. 26, **Martie Slavin Fogarty** organized a group dinner in Chicago because **Pat Kinney Doyle** was there with husband Tommy before going to South Bend for the UCLA game. I drove to Munster, then **Patti Rogan Beckman** and I drove into the city for dinner with Martie, **Sistie Doherty McEnery**, Pat, **Kay Duffy O'Leary**, and **Marilyn Miller Lyon**.

Martie and Mike have their house in Chicago on the market and plan to move permanently to their house in Jacksonville, Fla. I am so sorry to see them leave.

Pat Doyle circulated a picture of Paula, **Honey Hurley Gfroerer**, **Pat Lacour Pinado**, **Pat Hurley McMahon**, **Betty Drey Woodward**, and herself after a brunch at Paula's when Notre Dame played Georgia Tech. It looked like a good time was had by all.

Mary Hustead Bottum came for the UCLA game, too, and Bob and I had the best time with Mary Friday night at dinner. Saturday night, after the game, Sistie and Gene's daughter, **Mary McEnery Harding '84** (and her husband, Al), had Mary Bottum, Sistie and Gene, and Bob and me for a wonderful supper in their beautiful home—about five minutes from me. It proved to be the perfect opportunity for talk and laughter and recapping the amazing win by Notre Dame. To add to the excitement, Mary Harding and Al had a houseful of other guests from St. Louis and Grosse Pointe, Mich., (Detroit)—all at the time of the opening game of the World Series featuring the St. Louis Cardinals and the Detroit Tigers!

Teddi Reid Murray and husband George have moved from South Bend. With three of their children and seven grandchildren in the Phoenix area, Teddi and George thought they would move to the area. Teddi writes from her new home in Surprise, Ariz., that she and George have signed up to be Eucharistic Ministers in their parish, Saint Clare of Assisi. The Murrays' new address is 15459 W. Cortez St., Surprise, AZ 85379; phone is (623) 256-6852. Teddi assured me that she would be back for our 50th.

I received a lovely card from Pat McMahon, who said our classmates in Italy had a fabulous time. Hannah Kreps sent a wonderful collage with all of their combined families. She and Bill are planning to come to South Bend in late January; we are hoping to get together. Paula Bevington sent news of her son, Christian's, marriage in Maui to Tracy Kovacs this past May. Also, her son, Justin, and his wife, Tracy East, welcomed a baby girl in October.

Sistie McEnery sent a great card with all her family. Wow! What a happy group!

Jody Vetter Olson sent a particularly beautiful Christmas card of the Flight into Egypt taken from a Beuronese mural from the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Conception, Mo. She regretted missing the Humanistic Studies reunion.

I just had a call from Hannah Kreps inviting me to a Jan. 26th lunch at the Morris Inn sponsored by the Notre Dame Alumni Board of Directors. Young Hannah will receive the Rev. Arthur Harvey, C.S.C. Award for Excellence in the Performing Arts. Hannah reminded me that Fr. Harvey had directed her in *Finian's Rainbow*, and she has remained in touch with him.

Joan Renahan Thompson wrote to say that **Kay O'Meara Walper**, **Barbara Shimanski Leahy**, **Roberta Massey Platten**, and **Maggie Casey Phillips** went out to visit with her in October. **Sue Corcoran Griffin** was supposed to join the group, but she fell and injured her shoulder the night before the trip. Joan had lots of fun showing off Pasadena, the new Disney Hall, and the new and controversial Catholic Cathedral in Los Angeles. She writes that she is so addicted to Sudoku that her husband, Frank, is looking for a Sudoku Anonymous group for her.

Pat O'Shea Dorfmeister and husband Max enjoyed a golf trip to Hilton Head last April. She loved relaxing on the beach and watching dolphins and sunsets. These gray January days make that sound like paradise.

I wish one and all a grace-filled New Year!

'60

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From Maureen: The Chicago Luncheon Committee met in October for fun and feasting—more fun than feasting, as most of us are on the salad brigade. **Suzanne Shay Saletta**, **Nancy Prawdzik Kidder**, **Barbara Graham Stotzer**, **Elaine Van Etten Cassidy**,

A l u m n a e class news

Diane Zarantonello Sullivan, Marilyn Morrissey Sparacino, Jane Simpson Kiep, Mary Jo O'Callaghan Martin, and I provided the agenda, which included 50th high school reunion events, the joy of grandparenthood (and lack thereof), travel, lack of travel, and of course, the inevitable aches and pains.

Diane and Jim traveled to upper New York State to see the gorgeous colors. Diane also has been in touch with **Karen Wilke Galvin**, who recently moved, but is still in Munster. Elaine and Emmet dined in Michigan with **Nancy Madigan Schlacks** and Paul. Later, when visiting their only grandson in Philadelphia, Elaine and Emmet lunched with **Trish Cunningham Murphy** and Bob.

Yes, that was Mary Jo and Larry ND '60 you saw in *Flags of Our Fathers*, produced by none other than Mary Jo's son Robert Lorenz (with Clint Eastwood and Steven Spielberg along for the ride). Rob even brought the shoot to Chicago for the convenience of Mary Jo, Larry, and three of their daughters, who are also in the film. Next spring, Mary Jo and **Mary Ann Prejean Antrobus** will go to a mission in Nicaragua to teach sewing and quilting. Their goal is to create an economic development project to market the work of the students.

Marilynn and Julius visited northern California and Oregon and highly recommend this stunning, unspoiled spot in our country. Suzanne Saletta and Jack travel to and from Arizona as if going to the Loop. Nancy is Western Springs' most commonly seen grandmother, even though she lives across town in Lake Forest. **Patricia Donovan Dowd** and Ed, with Maureen Lang and Bob, enjoyed the Fourth of July weekend in Three Rivers, Michigan, where we celebrated the birth of Pat and Ed's new granddaughters. What bikers they are! **Barbara Graham Stotzer** is becoming quite a water colorist.

Founders' Day in Chicago was a beautiful day. Mass was celebrated at St. Xavier High School, followed by brunch in the library. The gathering was enjoyed by Nancy Kidder, **Nancy O'Toole Doppke**, and Maureen Lang. President **Carol Ann Mooney '72** spoke about happenings on campus now and views for the future. Saint Mary's College's excellence is recognized not only by U.S. *News and World Report* but also by *Golf Digest*. Wouldn't Sister Katherine Reichert be pleased with that news? Maybe the ranking is due to Kathy's influence!

From Peggy: I received news from some classmates this Christmas. **Dolores Cernota Dvorak** wrote that she babysits two granddaughters. **Gerri Karnafel Schlabach** wrote that she and her husband, Chuck, just adopted their 11-year-old granddaughter. They are having a bit of trouble, she said, getting back in the routine of raising a child.

Two of our daughters came home on the 27th to hang new draperies they gave

us for Christmas. They look lovely, and we had a nice visit.

'64

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Ladies of the Class of '64, I ask for your support and news! It was such a disappointment to open up the fall *Courier* to the even-year news and have nothing there. Let's not allow that to happen again. Please share your news, thoughts, and suggestions, or even books that you have enjoyed.

In August, **Jinx Hack Ring**, her sister, **Mardi Hack '62**, and I had brunch at **Marie Flynn Bernhard's** home. Her house is the oldest surviving home in Newport, R.I., and has fabulous views of the water. **Karen Mortimer Williams, Margie Carroll Flynn**, and I celebrated Founders' Day brunch at St. Ignatius High School in Chicago. **Roberta Limarzi Weinsheimer** and I have golfed and dined; now we are off to the Galapagos Islands with our husbands.

Bobbie Borchers Flecker sends cute and newsy e-mail updates. **Angie Braunstein Maher** hosted a group of Saint Mary's College ladies at her Pennsylvania mountain cabin. This spring, **Mary Whealan Burd** offered a retreat: "A Gift from the Sea" in Michigan. **Ellen Brown McBride, Sis Reynolds McBride**, and Roberta Weinsheimer attended and thought it was outstanding and quite worthwhile. **Nancy Drew Sheehan** is looking forward to retiring as "the Judge" and spending more time in Naples, Fla., at her condo. **Marty Thompson Coe** has spent this last year recovering from meningitis.

I did not receive many Christmas cards and notes, so please feel compelled to "fill me in." Next deadline is June 1.

'66

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In the last column for the Class of 1966, I wrote about classmates who attended the reunion. For this writing, I wish to share some updates from classmates unable to be in South Bend that weekend. Unfortunately, the news is close to a year old; but, hey, we don't change, just get better.

Susan Klover Martin listed her occupation as "retired" in Sugarland, Texas, but totally available to visit her daughter, Michelle, in Washington, son Rick in Texas, and son Bryan in Utah. She proudly listed the names of her grandchildren as Haley, Hannah, Taylor, and Zachary.

While in Washington State, Susan

should visit **Ann Bergen Osten**, also retired. Ann lives in Spokane with her husband, Tom, a retired family physician. Ann has two sons, Edward and Robert. Ann stayed in the South Bend area after graduation to receive her MAT from Notre Dame in 1968.

Barbara Jean Olsen Schmidt, at this writing in early January, is shoveling out from one of the biggest snowfalls Denver has ever experienced. She resides there with her husband, Steve Meitus, MD.

Roberta Schnaus McCarthy, known to most of us as "Bobbie," manages a Talbots in Paoli, Pa. Many classmates probably remember Lee McCarthy, her husband.

Pat Smith Ragone who resides in Arlington Heights, Ill., is owner/manager of Suburban Metalcraft, Inc. in Franklin Park.

Shirley Yancey Kloefer lived her dream when she, with her husband, visited Machu Pichu, Santiago, Valparaiso, Viña del Mar (Chile), Buenos Aires, and many other places in South America. To Shirley, this was a unique experience, as she earned her PhD in Spanish from Indiana University in 2000. When not traveling Shirley works as coordinator of La Casa Amiga (Hispanic Center in Madison, Ind.). Her daughter, **Natalie Kloefer Hill '93**, graduated from Saint Mary's College with a degree in biology, only to follow with a degree in nursing in 1996 from the University of Cincinnati.

Mary Sue Watson Gillan missed reunion for her son, Joe's, wedding in Boulder, Colo., on June 4, 2006....which is better than a note from Mom. Mary Sue keeps busy as a nurse in a thriving obstetrics practice in Evanston.

Edie Collins Smith signs in as a retired teacher. She now divides her time between Palm City, Fla., and Shelbourne, Vt. Both addresses sound absolutely beautiful, as Chicago is cold and rainy today.

Cindy Brown Scott completed two higher degrees in early childhood education and counseling from Seattle University. At present, Cindy is a counselor at Snohomish County Human Services in Everett, Wash.

Ann Tritschler Fellrath works as a volunteer for Hospice and at a nursing home in Monroe, Mich. At present, she is pursuing a master's degree in pastoral ministry from Marygrove College. Her three sons graduated from Notre Dame, and her daughter, Carolyn, graduated from Duke University.

Fran Sullivan Raniere is studying for a certificate in TESL (Teaching English as a Second Language) from Webster University in St. Louis. Fran has volunteered in this field for six or seven years.

Kathy Fehlig is developing her skills as a graphic designer/artist in Helena, Mont. Kathy has a Web site displaying her work...see www.fehligdesign.com.

Jane O'Boyle Donovan continues to teach at The Latin School of Chicago. Jane received one of the first three fellowships ever awarded at The Latin School. Also, her name will appear in *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*.

Also in 1966, Saint Mary's College graduated the first Master of Education students. Listed in our ranks are also graduates of the Master of Theology.

Janice Felix wrote that she and several other teachers from Elkhart were the first

class clips



Here's a wonderful looking group from the Class of 1978 in Chicago! Pictured are Mary "Sophie" Garrett, Rosanne Pecora McManus, Peg Bailey, Julie Thomas Skolnick, Claire Hatch, Anne McGrath Clinton, Katie O'Donnell, Mary Beth Leisle Hanifan and Sue "Barney" Barnes.

to graduate from the education program. After 40 years of teaching, Janice is retired in New Mexico. **Sister Mary Ann Seeker, CCVI**, finished her theology degree in 1966. **Sister Rose Edward Goodrow, CSC** is area coordinator for retired sisters. Sister Alice Lamping is living at the convent at Saint Mary's. **Sister Lillian Sullivan, CSC** works as the seminary librarian in Fort Portal, Uganda.

We are continuing to design programs to unite the class of 1966. **Mary Dunn Finneran** set up a mass e-mailing. **Liz Birmingham Lacy**, our representative to the Alumnae Board, forwarded news from the College to those of us registered to the e-mail. We would like to hear from more classmates. Personally, I loved reading the updates from the reunion surveys. Please take a minute to write me at marykgott@aol.com.

'70

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From the *Courier* Office: **Patrici Schenkelberg Ruzicka** reported that her daughter, Sara, married Gregory Holmes on Sept. 24, 2006. They reside in Sugarhill, Ga.

Jessica Rinna Beling sent the following: "Las Vegas was the site of an extended weekend get-together for the 'queens' of Queen's Court, Class of 1970. Those attending were **Cathy Linnehan Cronin**, **Mary Beth Tetlow Deniro**, **Lucy Collins Fitch**, myself, **Sue Gudgeon Reilly**, **Margie Goodwin Harrison**, **Chris Turkal Dutmers**, **Liz Casey**, and **Liz McGuire Fleming**. The group stayed at the Mirage Hotel on the strip and enjoyed sightseeing, shows, shopping, dining at wonderful restaurants, sitting by the pool, and just catching up on the last 36 years. Everyone brought photos from college days and family and friends—including children and grandchildren. The 'queens' had such a good time that we decided to make this a standing event every two years. We are currently planning the 2008 get-together, probably on the East Coast this time."

Marie L. Henley sent news of her move in November to Oakland, Calif., and her new job with the IRS as a contact representative. She also was diagnosed and successfully treated for stage 1 breast cancer. She started teaching CCD to children at St. Jarlath Parish in Oakland and really loves it. "I taught CCD in New Orleans for a while at St. Andrew's, and I didn't realize how much I missed it until this opportunity came my way." She is looking forward to the next chapter in her life and thanks all of the Saint Mary's College community for their support and prayers in her relocation and recovery.

'74

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Hello, Class of '74! Can you believe it's been 33 years? Wow...let's hear from you so that we can share in your joys, news, and family events of those many years.

I received a lovely note from **Diane Brown Green**, who received her master's in special education from the University of South Alabama in 1976, followed by several years of teaching. She then changed course by earning a degree in accounting and spent 13 years with the IRS as a revenue agent. Diane and her Texan hubby, who live in Mobile, have been blessed with four children. Brian, the oldest, 21, is at the University of West Florida; next comes Bridget, 19, at the University of South Alabama; Shannon, 17, is a high school senior; and Kevin, 14, is a freshman. Brian has made Diane a grandmother of a lovely little boy named Chandler! Diane has gone back to teaching and is with the Mobile County public schools. Hurricane Ivan drove several trees into the family's garage and roof, and the backlog in tree removal meant a seven-month wait, during which time Diane's kids put Christmas tree lights on the crashed trees to decorate them! Schools were closed for two weeks, but they got through it all. Both Diane and **Jan Gabler Cranfield** have kept in touch over the years, and they shared their Katrina stories—involving extended relatives and friends—with each other over the last year and a half. Diane noted, sadly, that her parents and sister have passed away, making it more difficult to get the extended families (hers and her husband's) together in Texas. Knowing Diane's Texas roots and heart, though, I know she'll make it work out some time in the future.

Patricia Olvany Hodson wrote me over the holidays to say that her family is doing well. Her son, Michael, now works for Fox Sports, and daughter Molly is getting into the "look-at-colleges" mindset, with Pat giving a shove to Saint Mary's College and Notre Dame as possibilities.

Jeannelle Naquin Brady sent a lovely holiday photo introducing me to her new granddaughter, Ely. Jeannelle and Brian ND '74 have had delays in their new home in Florida due to post-hurricane construction woes, but it all seems on track now. (We have a condo in Florida, too, so I know that building supplies have been slow to come by, with such great demand there for the last year and a half).

During the Thanksgiving time period, I managed to sneak in a quick trip to Chicago, where I enjoyed the company of several fellow classmates. Among the guests at our night on the town were

Julie Griffin Murphy, **Judie Moore Green**, **Barb McKiernan Davis**, **Ann O'Boyle Nash**, **Bobbi Kuhn Riconosciuto**, **Mary Ellen Raphael**, **Jackie Schimizzi Ehler**, and **Dede Lohle Simon**. We had a great evening, and I so enjoyed seeing everyone again.... we "closed the bars in Chicago"...and it's been a while since that happened! Barb had very recently moved to downtown Chicago (literally—she's living with packed boxes), so it was also a way to welcome her to downtown living. Anne took her first big city bus ride to the event (don't ask)...and told us a hilarious story about it, true to Anne's nature! Anne told me she had been in touch with a buddy I haven't seen in years, **Kris Kerrigan**, whom I always greatly enjoyed. (I would love to hear from if you're reading this, Kris.) Remember the time **Colleen O'Brien Carey** and I suddenly decided one Friday afternoon, in a bar in Connecticut the year after graduation, that we simply must drive to Youngstown, Ohio, that night to see you, Kris? Got there, went to sleep, got up and partied again with you...and left for Connecticut to home and work the next day. Ah, the folly and stamina of youth...how I miss it.

Here's to youth and those great years....and many more full of good health for all of you and your families. Please email me at jbirkettct@yahoo.com while you are thinking of it.

'78

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Hello, Class of '78—welcome to the Big Five-O!! Hurrah!! We made it! So let me get the nagging part over with early—email me at mroberge@csulb.edu with your news—believe me, everyone DOES want to hear what you are doing, where you live and work, if you have kids and spouses, and if you've won the lottery recently (especially that!). I report on everyone who sends me their scoop!

From **Donna DeCrane Panzica**, who lives just outside Cleveland with husband Tim ND '77: Donna was thrilled to have all her children sleeping under her roof this Christmas (That IS so wonderful, isn't it?). Donna reports that all three have graduated and are happily employed. I bet that last tuition check was a pleasure to write, no?

Joan Miller-Campbell and husband Joe are at the beginning of that process. I met them in Santa Monica on New Year's Eve, before the big Michigan/USC game. Their oldest, Mary Elizabeth, is a sophomore at Saint Mary's College, and twins, Stuart and Meggie, will be heading off to college next September. Stuart is "definitely" going to Michigan, but Meggie was still deciding. And, all three of them

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are just gorgeous. (I warned them I would say that in the article!)

I heard from **Loretta Grady Leffin**, who is also in college tuition-land, with both daughters attending the University of Wisconsin next year. Loretta was worried about the empty-nest syndrome—anyone have advice for her? I love coming home from work and the house hasn't been destroyed during the day—what a treat!

Chrissy Fridrich Higgins and Ralph ND '77 are also on the other side of tuition payments. Son Patrick is in law school at Ohio State, and daughter Katie (Yes, both of Chrissy's kids are Notre Dame grads!) is working, married, and living in Cleveland—relatively near her parents!

Susie Allemon Clarke and Steve ND '77 wrote from Carmel, Ind., that both of their sons will be attending Notre Dame come fall—and both will be playing in the band—wow!

Laurie O'Dell Rollinson tells me that her daughter, Caroline, will go to Saint Mary's College in the fall as well!

My daughter, **Eva Polizzi '05**, is living in Corsica for a year and getting ready to attend grad school in the fall. (Where, she hasn't made up her mind yet!) When this article goes to print, my son, AJ, will be a recent grad of Tulane, in the last electrical engineering class of the university. He's heading off to grad school as well. (No, as I write this in January, we don't know where!) So my days of supporting college educations are not quite over.

So, come on now, send me an e-mail and let me know what you are doing!

From the Courier Office: Rosanne Pecora McManus writes: "Isn't it nifty, we're all turning fifty! A fun-loving group from the Class of '78 (with one honorary member) all got together in Chicago to

celebrate turning 50! No tears, just all fun. We walked Michigan Avenue, went to Navy Pier, and enjoyed a few good meals! The group included **Mary "Sophie" Garrett**, myself, **Peg Bailey**, **Julie Thomas Skolnick**, **Claire Hatch**, **Anne McGrath Clinton**, **Katie O'Donnell**, **Mary Beth Leisle Hanifin**, and **Sue "Barney" Barnes '77**. No husbands, partners, or children were invited. Everyone was entertained with stories by Barney and Claire. Claire, an elementary school principal, had just finished her last day of school for the summer. Julie and Mary Beth had stories of their college kids' year at school. We decided that no one has as much fun at school as we did. We were sad that **Jane Skelly Kinsella** and **Susan 'ROTC' Jackson Naramore** were unable to join us—because of their kids of all things. Sophie and Mary Beth traveled from the west coast, and Rosanne and Peg traveled from Connecticut. We try to get together every other year for a fun weekend, and this sure fit the bill!"

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Congrats to **M.J. Murray Vachon**, who identified the Madeleva quote in Madeleva Hall. She updates us with the following: "I live in Mishawaka and am a licensed clinical social worker with a private practice that specializes in teens and families. I also have a life-skills program that I created and facilitate in a local Catholic junior high. It is a blast. I have a son, 16, and a daughter, 14. My husband graduated from Notre Dame

and is a psychologist. I hope to make the reunion even though I have missed the last two, which is pathetic since I live so close. Life is good."

I am happy to report that **Marijean Moran Boueri** and family have relocated back to the states from the country of Lebanon. They are in Wayne, Pa.

Due to the submission deadline, all of the reunion updates will be in the next issue. If for some reason you are unable to attend, please drop a quick e-mail and update us all on your life. This column is nothing without your input!

'84

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Hi, everyone! Hope all is well. I have some new news and some old news! Thanks to everyone who sent me their e-mails!

Anne Archibald Deutsch and husband Doug, Sr. celebrated the birth of their sixth child, Grace Anne "Gracie" Deutch on Jan. 30, 2005. They now are parents to three boys and three girls and one busy household! They also moved this past November to a new home two blocks from their old one in Naperville, Ill. This move occurred in one of Chicago's early winter snowstorms!

Rosie Crowe Rowland wrote me this past spring. She says that her two oldest children are attending Notre Dame: Meredith is a sophomore, and Ben is a junior. Her youngest is in second grade. The other three are Bridget in 10th grade, Elise, in eighth, and Alex, in third. Rosie is also working part-time in the ICU at their community hospital.

Rosie keeps in touch with **Sheila Lamb Lennon**, who has seven children spanning in age from 1 to 14. Sheila has four girls and three boys. Three of her girls are in Irish dance and are busy in various dance competitions. Sheila and husband Tim make parenting look easy as they are so calm and easy going.

Rosie also writes that **Julie Bidzinski Wang** also has a daughter who is in Irish dance as well as two other children. She and husband Art are doing well and as busy as ever. **Kathy Bice Brown** sent me a graduation announcement for her eldest son, Tom. She is working part-time in nursing.

Rosie meets with **Laura Pfeil Elliott** for lunch and a quick catch-up on their lives. Laura and husband Todd are busy with their two children, James, 8, and Katie, 5. Laura is also working part-time and volunteering part-time as an art teacher. **Beth Bradley Couch** and her husband, Brian, and family have been moving around the United States in the last seven years but returned to the South Bend area two years ago. They have five children. The oldest is a sophomore at the University of Minnesota and the youngest is five. Thanks for the e-mail, Rosie!

Clare Condon Engling writes of their latest blessing, Ambrose Condon Engling, born on Friday the 13th of January 2006. He is definitely their good luck charm! They also moved to Northfield, Ill.

Kathleen Murphy writes that she has been in touch with **Denise Drake Lawless**. Denise, her husband, Tim, and their two little girls live in Phoenix, Ariz. Denise works in sales for Glaxo and keeps very busy with her family and other community activities. Murph also stays in touch with **Jennifer Tio**. Jenny lives the jet-setting life, flying between

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club clips



The Des Moines Club gathered on Nov. 19, 2006 for a Founders' Day Brunch. Pictured left to right: Katie Moreland Brown '95, Debbie Tirsway Hubbell '74, special guest speaker Debbie Johnson Schwiebert '74, Chair of the Board of Trustees, Loral Baker Kirke '57, Michelle Nagle '02, Cindy Jones Helgason '81, Aimee Beckmann-Collier '75.

downtown Chicago and her Naples pad. Her marketing firm continues to thrive and she's often seen running around town with **Mary Bowler**. Mary has a successful real estate business in the city and enjoys her cute dog, Sushi.

Murph's also chatted with **Elaine Hocter Moore**, suburban maven extraordinaire! Elaine keeps very busy with her three children, her husband, Scott, and her many service activities. **Ann von Wahlde Fink** lives with her husband, Gary, in the beautiful state of Missouri on a large estate with several dogs. Ann has her own business while Gary continues to work as an engineer. They welcome visitors to their abode...tell 'em Murph sent you!

Murph is doing well and spends a lot of time at work for Hollister in recruiting. She enjoys golf, travel, and visiting friends and family. "Life is good!" Thanks, Murph!

Angie Helmstetter writes this past summer of her news! Thanks for the letter, Angie! Her oldest daughter, Mary, is attending the University of Illinois. Kathleen, eighth grade, is busy with school, soccer, and church. Bridget, 5, is busy with being a 5-year-old! Angie also was a great help to her mother, who broke her hip last April. Her mom is doing well. They make frequent trips to see her.

Thanks for your e-mails! All my info is the same! Have a great spring! God bless.

From the Courier Office: **Susie Coccia Mack** sent the following: "On Oct. 22, 2006, classmates and their families gathered on campus in memory of **Julia Kraft Matisko**, who lost her battle with breast cancer Sept. 16, 2005. Attending were **Barb Neroni Murphy**, **Clare Condon Engling**, **Cathy Conway Metzler**, **Carol Dillon Berglund**, **Marianne Camenzind Woods**, and me. After a Mass at the Church of Loretto, a tree on the Alumnae Green was dedicated to Julie, followed by a reception on campus. Special thanks to **Addie Stefanac Cashore '70**, director of donor relations, for coordinating that event. Donations in Julia's memory may be made to Saint Mary's College, The Alumnae Memorial Scholarship Fund, 110 Le Mans Hall, Notre Dame, IN 46556."

'86

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Hello, classmates! Here are more updates from the 2006 Reunion surveys.

Ellie Brett Ryan is a registered nurse at Little Company of Mary Hospital in Evergreen Park, Ill. Ellie and husband Michael have six children: Meghan, Catherine, Patrick, Claire, Moira, and Bridget. Ellie writes that she is a two-time breast cancer survivor. She helped raise money to support breast cancer research and participated in the three-day walk

with three other Saint Mary's College friends: **Angela La Barbara Mehalek**, **Vicky Zarod Brennan**, and **Jody Friel Flaherty**. Ellie writes, "This year, in November, I will be participating in my second three-day event with my five sisters, including **Sue Brett Enright '83**, in San Diego." We wish you well, Ellie! God bless!

Julie Stackpoole Viar is an attorney and also the mother of Kaitlyn, Sara, and Danny. Julie and kids reside in Rochester Hills, Mich.

Susan Mulvihill Rossiter is a registered nurse at The Toledo Hospital. Susie and husband Bill ND '86 have four children: Andrew, Zachary, Mitchell, and Samantha. Susie writes, "Bill and I will celebrate our 20th wedding anniversary in August. Our oldest son will be attending DePaul in the fall." As for a personal triumph, she writes that her sister, **Christine Mulvihill Roy '88**, and she ran a marathon in 2001. Great job!

Michelle Spinosa Minutella is a manager at Direct Mail Service in Allentown, Pa. Michelle and husband John are the parents of Thomas, 8, and Lauren, 6.

Also in Pennsylvania is **Amy Bertucci De Santi**. Amy married John DeSanti on July 2, 2005. Amy writes that she started a new job with Medtronic and moved to a new home in New Castle in May 2006. Amy shares that her personal triumph is "managing to be a working, single mom for seven years (to sons Nicholas and John), then meeting and marrying a wonderful man! Also, I have my dream job with Medtronic working as a clinical specialist with insulin pumps." We're happy for you, Amy!

As for the Chicago-area scene, **Michelle Devlin** is vice president of Rushmore Properties in Chicago.

Anne-Marie Boblick Maida is a registered nurse at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago. Anne-Marie earned her master's in public health in nursing in May 2005. She and husband Joseph have a son, Anthony.

Therese Ryan Rooney is an attorney and mom to Meghan, Nora, and Michael. Therese, husband Michael, and family reside in Hinsdale, Ill.

Catherine Callahan Rixie is a homemaker in Naperville. She and husband Gerald are parents to Claire, Jimmy, and Jay.

Kathleen McNeeley Welker is a high school mathematics teacher and lives in Frankfort, Ill., with her husband, Scott. As a personal triumph, Kathleen writes that hers is "caring for my very ill mother for the last year and a half of her life. She had multiple sclerosis for the last 40 years. She came to live with us and recently passed away. It was the most trying time and the most wonderful time. I was able to spend quality time with my mom and got to know her better before she died. I would not have traded this experience for anything." Our prayers are

with you, Kathleen.

Robin Rodi Creevy is very involved with son Ryan and helping at his preschool. Robin, husband James, and Ryan live in Evergreen Park, Ill. Robin notes that she sees many Saint Mary's College alumnae at dinners and at the annual Christmas cookie exchange.

Katherine "KC" McGrath

Wollenberg lives in Lemont, Ill., with husband Daniel. KC writes that she "found her vocation" as the mother of three young boys: Daniel, Gavin, and Luke.

Janice Bradley Gislason is also the mother of three young boys. Janice and husband James are the parents of Kevin, Michael, and Mark in Flossmoor, Ill.

Mary Feeley Nugent lives in Mount Prospect, Ill., with husband John and their two sons, Joseph and Timothy.

Mary Pat Callanan Touhy lives in Palos Heights, Ill., with husband Edward and their children, Patrick, Mariclare, and Moira. Mary Pat is first vice president of ABN AMRO LaSalle National Bank, Chicago.

Colleen O'Brien Benjamin is a registered nurse in Kalamazoo, Mich. Colleen and husband Robert have three young children: Margaret, John, and Michael. Colleen writes, "I have been working full time as an RN since graduation. I work on a post-surgical floor at a local hospital." Colleen notes that she and Bob celebrated their tenth anniversary by going on an Alaskan cruise. Sounds great!

Julie Harmon Ferrucci lives in Fishers, Ind., with husband Stephan and sons Vincent, Dominic, and Anthony. Julie runs her own business: Hands on Design, LLC.

Kimberly Tychsen DeCelles resides

in Granger, Ind., with husband John and their five children: Paul, Jane Frances, Mary Lisa, Johnny, and Ryan. Kimberly writes, "I greatly enjoyed the more than nine years I spent teaching junior high and high school students before staying home full time to raise my children. Several of my former students have returned to become teachers at our school, which I find very encouraging. Also, some of my former students are now personal friends of mine." What a cool teacher!

Teresa Bruns Boldrey is the project manager/estimator for Force Construction Co, Inc. in Columbus, Ind. Tess and husband John have two children: Sarah and Matthew. Tess writes, "I will celebrate 20 years with Force Construction in June. I love my job!"

Betsy Van Devere Grosser and I had a great visit this summer after reunion. Betsy flew in from Germany for her annual visit with her parents in Akron, Ohio. Betsy had her younger three children, John, 8, Annie, 5, and Mary, 2, with her. Betsy's husband, Juergen, and oldest daughter, Katie, flew over later and all spent time in Florida. Betsy writes that Katie, 16, spent a semester at Walsh Jesuit High School in Ohio and was writing a weekly blog in German for the newspaper in her hometown. What a neat experience!

As for us, Mike ND '86 and I moved into our new home in August 2006 and are enjoying our new school and parish, St. Joseph, in Downers Grove, Ill. Our kids are adjusting well. Living near my three sisters and my parents is a real blessing!

That wraps things up for now. More updates next time! God bless you.

'88

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It's New Year's Eve and I'm writing from Honolulu, where Scott and our two sons, Robert, 6, and Peter, 1, and I are visiting relatives for the holidays. By the time you read this, we all should be enjoying warm spring sunshine across the mainland.

Our class updates begin on a sad note—our sympathy and prayers are with **Nikki Bonacci Pugliese**, whose husband died in November.

Also included in our prayers is **Christine Holz Emerson**, who writes, "After graduation, I married Mike Emerson. We lived in Chicago for seven years and then moved back to our hometown, Des Moines, Iowa, for a new job opportunity for him. I kept my job in Chicago and became a telecommuter before most people had ever heard of it. I still work for the same company—12 years out of my home and two years in Chicago. I am the vice president of communications for the Illinois Academy of Family Physicians (a professional association for family docs) and the executive director of their foundation. It's nice to have the quiet life in Des Moines to raise the kids and lots of opportunities for me to go to Chicago on my own to 'work,' or more accurately, shop and eat! Mike and I have been married for 18 years and have two children, Alexandra 'Alex,' 15, and Tommy, 12.

"I spent my 40th birthday preparing for a kidney transplant (although my friends did surprise me with a big surprise party—it was the furthest thing from my mind!). I found out I was in complete kidney failure Nov. 2, 2005, after a year of searching for an answer as to why I felt so terrible all the time. This was the last thing anyone expected. Shockingly, I didn't fit the profile. I was diagnosed with IGA nephropathy, which is supposed to be a very slow-moving disease. When diagnosed, I had 30% total function; by May, I was down to 6% and dropping rapidly. The race was on. I was blessed to find out that my sister was a close enough match to try a living donor transplant. My sister and I went into surgery at the Mayo Clinic on Aug. 9. The surgery was successful, but by August 14, I had begun to reject the kidney (it was a cross-match—only 18 were done in all of 2005). They began plasma apheresis, and on Aug. 17, I went back into surgery to have my spleen removed. By Labor Day weekend, my Mayo physicians let me go home to recuperate, with twice weekly visits to my family physician at home. I've been on short-term disability while recovering, but I hope to be returning to work soon. I have been working very part

time just to keep a few projects moving along, but I am eager to get back to my normal schedule. We have a CarePage online if anyone is interested in our adventures at Mayo throughout the kidney transplant process. That address is: www.carepages.com. Our page is entitled ChristiandKimKidneyCapers. I'd love to hear from any fellow 'SMCers' and a big 'Ciao, Bellas' to all those who were on the Rome program. Hope to hear from some of you!"

Angie LeJeune Puetz writes, "My husband, John 'Pitter' Puetz ND '88, and I are still living in Traverse City, Mich. We are active in the Notre Dame Club here and have met lots of other 'Domers' and 'SMC Chicks' at club events. I turned 40 at the end of May and celebrated by having our fourth child four days later! We had a girl, Margaret Marie; we call her Maggie. That evens the score for us—two boys and two girls. Maggie is well loved and taken care of by her older brothers and sister, Jack, 10, Bridget, 8, and Tommy, 2. The kids attend Catholic school, and we are kept quite busy with their various activities. Maybe we'll all make it back for a football game next fall!"

Brigid Burke Gilmore shared her 40th birthday celebration: "**Mary Kennedy** suggested that we all get together for the ND-UCLA game in South Bend on Oct. 21. Given that the date was just two days after my 40th birthday and the day after **Terry Classen Pripusich**'s birthday, it was the perfect time to celebrate. For those who couldn't make the game, we met in Chicago for dinner—**Suellen Englehardt Murphy**, **Jen Veselik Bourjail**, **Terry Pripusich**, **Mary Kennedy**, and me with huddies and some kids. Jen missed the game to run in the Chicago Marathon with her sisters on the 21st. That Friday, **Mary Kennedy**, newly married **Katie O'Brien Kumler**, and their families came up to our cottage in Union Pier, Mich., for a Mexican fiesta and to make tailgating plans. On Saturday, we headed to South Bend and met up with **Anne Farrell McKay** and **Suzie Fiffick Harness** and their families, and then we cheered the Irish on to an awesome victory. We called **Sarah Rau Cole** from the game so that she could share in the celebration. It was amazing to see so many Saint Mary's College pals over a few days. We promised that we would book an event every year and make sure we bring all of our kids!"

Brigid also reports, "**Mary Luehrs Masel**, her husband, Marty, and daughter, Caroline, welcomed the birth of Stephanie Grace on Nov. 27, 2006. They reside in Deerfield, Ill."

From Cleveland, Ohio, **Michelle "Mitzi" Morfin Wilson** writes, "My husband of four years, Edward, and I welcomed our second daughter, Natalie Michelle, on Dec 19, 2006. She joins her big sister Emily Rose, 2. I am a pediatric nurse practitioner at Akron Children's Hospital in the pediatric intensive care

unit. I have been at Akron Children's for five years now. I work part-time and love it. I recently passed my pediatric acute care exam in November (in addition to being certified in pediatric primary care). I graduated from Rush University in Chicago, Ill., in 1997, in their master's in nursing program. **Molly Stanton Witt** keeps me up-to-date on many other 1988 Saint Mary's College grads. Molly said there was a fall reunion in Los Angeles hosted by **Moir Michiels** and everyone enjoyed themselves." [See From the Courier Office, below]

Kara Murphy writes, "I turned 40 this past summer and celebrated with a big bash! I had 40 women friends over for a dinner party and belly dancing lessons! It was a blast. And, to make it even more special, I invited over 40 women to write a page for my book, *If She's Not Sweaty, She's Not Ready: And Other Pearls of Womanly Wisdom*. I gave the books out as party favors to those who attended and to far-away friends and family. Feel free to e-mail me if you want to do something like this for yourself or a friend—it is something I will treasure forever."

Congratulations to **Katie O'Brien**, who was married June 17, 2006, to Bryan Kumler in Indianapolis. Classmates in attendance included **Suellen Murphy**, **Suzie Harness**, **Sarah Cole**, **Patty Hatfield Hagen**, **Brigid Gilmore**, **Terry Pripusich**, and **Katie Thursby Kelly**.

Lisa Yee also writes, "On Oct. 28, 2006, many Saint Mary's College alumnae gathered for **Kathleen Moran**'s wedding in Jay, Vt. Kathleen is a teacher of autistic children with the Chicago Public Schools. She lives with her husband, Greg Feeney, in Chicago. Attendees included: Lisa

Yee, a health care attorney with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs residing in Chicago; **Kelly Wool**, senior analyst with AON Corporation residing in Chicago; **Christine DiDonato, PhD**, molecular geneticist for Children's Memorial Hospital residing in Chicago, with her husband, Paul Lavigne; **Heidi Traxler**, nurse with the education department of Little Company of Mary Hospitals and married to Jim, with two children, residing in Lomita, Calif.; **Lisa Waldvogel**, an attorney residing in Grosse Pointe, Mich.; **Holly Gorczynski Galus**, mother of two children residing in Rancho Santa Margarita, Calif., with her husband, Steve; **Liz Wrobel Falco**, e-commerce senior product manager for CDW Corporation residing in Kenosha, Wis., with her husband, Bill; **Katy Kronenberg Penna**, mother of three and married to Jerome ND '88 residing in Coto de Caza, Calif.; **Heather Hypes O'Bryan**, mother of three and residing in Hinsdale, Ill., with husband Dave ND '88; sister **Kiley Moran '85**, branch manager for Gentiva Health Services residing in Albuquerque, N.M.; and cousin **Maureen Fitzpatrick McFadden '80**, working mother of four residing in Burlington, Vt., with husband Jim ND '78."

Once again, thank you to all who sent updates or helped to forward news via e-mail. Aloha, Jamie.

From the Courier Office: Moira Michiels sent the following: "Moira Michiels hosted a 40th birthday weekend at the Roosevelt Hotel in Hollywood, Calif. These 'very young' beautiful ladies enjoyed taking in the sites, manicures/pedicures, the Runyon Canon hike, a cheesy Hollywood tour

club clips



A group from the Class of 1988 met in Hollywood, Calif., to celebrate their 40th birthdays. Pictured left to right: Kristen Johansen Kilguss, Moira Michiels, Eve Jasiek Postula, Ann Austria Bockrath, Elena Mowiser Murphy, Natalie Prud'homme Otto and Molly Stanton Witt.

(we saw Dr. Phil at his house and he waved to us!), pool-time, Mass at Good Shepherd, drinks at the Four Seasons, and dinner at Ago, complete with tiaras as our first course. We had a blast! Our next plan is our 20th reunion in 2008."

'90

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Happy New Year!

As I write my report, I am knee-deep in laundry after a great weekend with **Beth Bowman Zuhosky** and her family. We met for the Navy-Boston College bowl game in Charlotte, N.C. It was a lot of fun for our seven boys (her four and my three). We were disappointed at Navy's loss, but we had a great tailgater!

Mary Beth Blajda Green and her husband, Mike, welcomed Matthew William, born on June 20, 2006. He joins big brother Christopher, 3.

That's all for now. Sorry for the short report! Please keep in touch and e-mail me with more of your news!

From the Courier Office: Moira Dempsey McManus and Stephen welcomed the birth of Niamh Joy McManus on Oct. 26, 2006. Niamh joins her siblings Kaileigh, 8, Darby, 7, Taidgh, 5, Aisling, 4, and Brenna, 1. Moira lives in Wauwatosa, Wis., where she home-schools her three oldest and teaches the pre-natal classes to expectant parents at St. Joseph's Hospital.

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Thank you all for the many responses to my e-mails. If you didn't receive an e-mail, please drop me a note with your correct e-mail address when you have a chance.

As for me, my days are busy with Jack, 1, and Shannon, 5, while Jim works at the Mayo Clinic. We travel often to Chicago and Ohio and escape our cold winter every spring with a trip to Florida. Here in Rochester, I get together with **Jan Campbell Borgmeier** and, recently, ran into **Annie Hartzell Olsen**, who is in pharmaceutical sales. When in Chicago, I visit often with **Annie Martin Flynn**, **Betsy Zeller Weier**, **Lori Corirossi Hazen**, and **Heather Pflanz**. Annie and Betsy came to Minnesota to visit in August 2006. It was a great weekend, and Shannon was totally entertained with Annie's four daughters, ages 2-7. Betsy, who transferred to Notre Dame after our sophomore year, recently welcomed her third baby, Hannah Christine. Lori and

Scott ND '92 vacationed in Spain and Italy in the fall of 2006. At home, Lori is busy with Courtney, 9, Emily, 7, and Brennan, 3. Lori also speaks with **Eileen Isleib Schaffler** and **Natalie Hultz Aubry**. Lori passes on more news of baby booties: **Shannon May DeRubertis** and Steve welcomed Madeleine Grace on Oct. 25, 2006, and **Lynn Pfeffer Backner** and Jim welcomed Brady Samuel on Nov. 2, 2006. Finally, I had a great chance to catch up over the holidays with **Alysann Sieren**. She and **Lynn Doppke Torning** get together regularly in Charlotte, N.C.

Nancy Jones Fallon and Luke ND '92 welcomed Benjamin Lee on Sept. 6, 2006. Ben joins big brother Liam, 2. The Fallon family lives in Lexington, Ky. Nancy passed along loads of news: **Beth Caponigro Buckley** and Neil live in Hoboken, N.J., with their son, Shay, 2, and Nicholas, born in December 2006. Beth works for Accenture in New York City. **Sarah Burke Man** is also in Hoboken and visits often with Beth. Sarah's husband, Gabe, is a TV editor in New York City. She stays home with their kids, Henry and Zoe. **Missy Palm Capobianco** lives in Easton, N.J., with Faustie ND '94 and daughters Luisa Grace and Ellie. Dr. **Marni Cross Foley** and husband Matt are living in Portland, Ore., with their two daughters. Marni practices internal medicine. **Frannie Cappelleri Besztery** and Mark live in Chicago with their son, Sam, 2, and new baby Benjamin Martin, born in November 2006. Frannie works for Morning Star. **Katie Sullivan Ahern** lives in Elmhurst, Ill., with Pat and their three boys. Katie works for Accenture as well. **Tasha Tight Wallace** and Chris ND '92 live in Wilmette, Ill., with their four children. **Wendy Kemp Molotky** and Myron just built a new house in Spring Lake, Mich. Wendy keeps busy at home with sons Dominik, 5, Danton, 3, and stepson Dante, 15. Proving that the world is small, Dante's English teacher at Spring Lake High School is **Jennifer Gustafson '94**. All the Molotky boys are busy playing hockey, and Myron is busy with their new car dealership in Holland, Mich., called, Lincoln-Mercury of Holland. Both Wendy and **Mikel-Ann Murray Scott** visited Tasha and her family in August 2006. Mikel-Ann transferred after her freshman year at Saint Mary's College and is living in Greenville, S.C., with her husband, Drew, and their two children.

Lisa Ward Kojis married Jeremy on Sept. 4, 1999. On May 29, they welcomed their first daughter, Katarina Marley. The Kojis live in Austin, Texas, where they met. Lisa has spent the last twelve years with PrincetonOne, an affiliate of Management Recruiters International, as managing partner. Jeremy is a mortgage account executive for America Home Key. Lisa stays in close touch with **Amy Gentile Russell**, who was a bridesmaid in her wedding. In their free time, the Kojis enjoy traveling, casinos, horseracing, watching sports,

and their four cats.

Kara Lindeman Erker and Christopher welcomed their second child, Henry August Erker, on March 7, 2006. Henry and brother Ian, 2, have a great time together. Kara keeps in touch with **Marguerite Stechschulte Westfall**, also a mother to two boys very close in age. **Karen Curley** stopped in St. Louis in the summer of 2005 to visit the Erker family as she was driving out west for a little vacation.

After dealing with ongoing knee problems and surgery, **Leigh Voyt Schultz** had to give up her goal of running a marathon in all 50 states. She has instead decided to run all seven continents. Lee completed the Boston and Easter Island marathons in 2006, marathons #6 and #7 respectively. She has officially begun training for the Antarctica marathon in February 2007. Despite scheduling conflicts with a full-time work schedule, the responsibilities that come with being a mother and wife, and her husband's triathlon training, Leigh finds a way to make it all work. Their son, 6, and daughter, 3, ran their first "fun run" in the 2006 holiday season. The kids want to run like Mommy, and Leigh "not so secretly" hopes her daughter will attend Saint Mary's College and her son Notre Dame.

Jenny Burke Britt and Derrick welcomed their second girl, Riley Anne, on Oct. 5, 2006. Big sister Ellie is 2. The Britt family live in Redwood City, Cal.

Cathy Olenec Pellegrino, her husband, and three children visited **Gina Esposito** and her husband in Hudson, Ohio, to help welcome their new daughter, Maria Lucia. Maria was four months old in December, 2006, and happy mom Gina reports that she is thriving. Gina is a business manager for Merck in Ohio. In addition to work, she and her husband are involved with their church youth ministry. Gina also serves as Democratic precinct committeeperson for the Summit County Democrats. Every summer, **Laura Jeffers Krueyer** comes to Cleveland with her three children, and they celebrate old times. Laura lives in Plymouth, Ind., with her husband and children.

Kristin Schultz Short and Dave ND '92 recently celebrated their tenth anniversary with a trip. Kristin stays at home in Glen Ellyn, Ill., with their four children: Maddie, Katie, Ellie, and Michael. She stays busy with the kids and volunteering at their schools—serving on the Parents Organization and teaching Sunday school.

Beth Hamilton McGlenn passed along the news that **Maureen Schneeberger McDaniel** and her husband recently celebrated their tenth anniversary with a wonderful trip to Italy.

Moira Lydon Miller saw **Peggy Schmid Dunham** and her family in July. They got together for a fun summer day at the Dunham lake house in Wisconsin. Peggy and husband Patrick were there

with their three boys, Jake 5, Peter, 3, and Jimmy, 7 months. The Dunhams enjoy living in St. Paul, Minn. Moira also passed along lots of news: **Kristin Ausman Thiel** had her second baby girl, Hailey Elizabeth, in November 2006. Big sister Alyssa is 2. Kristin and her family recently moved to Wexford, Pa., after living in Chicago for ten years. **Patty Ryan Knox** and Billy welcomed Michael Upshaw in October. Michael joins Charlie, 4, and Andrew, 3. The Knox family lives in Chicago. Moira keeps in touch regularly with **Michelle Lia** and **Beth Harvey Weissman**, who are both living in Chicago. Beth just left the legal world to join Spencer Stuart. Michelle and Beth visited **Kathy Benz Jackboice** in Grand Rapids in the summer of 2006, and **Meg Whitty Molloy** was there in Michigan as well for a family vacation. Moira was sorry to miss the mini-reunion. They all had a great time reminiscing about their days at Saint Mary's College. Moira also sees **Susie Tobin Cernugel** often—Susie and Jim just moved from Darien to Westmont within the Chicago suburbs. After having her third child, Billy, in September of 2004, Susie enjoyed staying at home for two years with him and big sisters Katie 6, and Sarah, 4. Just recently, Susie went back to work as the facilities manager for Mid-America Bank. **Lisa Reading Folkers** and her family—husband John, Evan, 5, and Ellie, 2—visited the Miller family for dinner in November 2006. Lisa and John live in Palatine, Ill. It was great to see Lisa, and the kids had fun playing together.

That's all the news for now! Please attend Reunion this June and remember how special Saint Mary's College is to all of us. It is hard to believe it has been 15 years!

From the Courier Office: Laura Proto Campise, husband Vince, and children Jack and Anna visited **Carrie Cummins Mueller**, her husband, Mark ND '92, and their children, Matthew and Nathan, at the Muellers' home in Naperville, Ill., this summer. Carrie and Laura took Anna, 5, to the American Girl store for lunch and shopping, while the boys enjoyed the museums. Laura and family live in Upper Arlington, Ohio, and she works part-time as an educator for Children's Hospital.

'94

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From the Courier Office: Lauren Siragusa Maloney writes, "After a heartbreaking eight-year battle with brain cancer, **Anne Hooper Spataro** passed away peacefully at home on Dec. 23, 2006. She is survived by her husband, Chris ND Law '96, and her daughter, Rebecca Anne Spataro. Everyone who met Anne knew of her love for all things

Italian. Because of her enthusiasm for the year she spent in the Saint Mary's Rome Program in 1991-92, Anne's 'alumnae bridesmaids'—**Jody Matousek Padar, Sarah Miyata, Amy Lomonaco-Bercich**, and I—established the Anne Hooper Spataro Rome Program Award as a memorial opportunity at Saint Mary's College. Gifts to the fund will provide an annual monetary award to be given at the end-of-the-year banquet in Rome to the outstanding student in the Rome Program. Donations to the memorial award may be sent to the attention of **Adaline Stefanac Cashore '70**, Director of Donor Relations, Saint Mary's College, 110 Le Mans Hall, Notre Dame, IN, 46556. Donations may also be made online. The strength, courage, and resolve with which Anne faced her battle with cancer are an inspiration to us all. The creation of this award is our way of keeping Anne in our thoughts and hearts and paying tribute to all the ways she exemplified what it means to be a Saint Mary's College woman. Please keep Anne's family in your prayers."

From **Anne Frederick Heroman Jeanmard**: "On July 1, 2006, I married Mark Edward Jeanmard in Baton Rouge, La. **Marie DeLucia Terieden** of McLean, Va., and Dr. **Jacquelyn Buckley** of Bethesda, Md., were attendants in the wedding.

Tiffany Bailey Armas wrote that she and Jim welcomed Tara Elizabeth Armas, born Aug. 14, 2005 in Rochester Hills, Mich. She joins brother Joel Sterling Armas (Aug. 18, 2003).

'96

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Although it's hard to imagine, this time I'm writing about our 10th reunion at Saint Mary's College. I'm sure everyone who attended shared my excitement to return to campus to see the many familiar faces that were once a daily sight, not to mention the changes that have occurred—to the campus, of course, because I don't think any of us looked a day older than we did in May of 1996! It really was an enjoyable time, filled with lots of stories and fun events. You'll find it amusing to know that there was even a group who made a last-second dash for the shuttle one night, just like old times (you know who you are)! I've really enjoyed reading the survey responses that many of you sent in and will include as many of them as possible in these updates until I run out of room! Let's begin!

Holly Sullivan Mulvenna writes: "I received a master's degree in speech-language pathology from Northwestern University and, since then, have been working at an elementary school in a Chicago suburb for almost seven years.

I was married Dec. 17, 2004, to Brian Mulvenna, and we currently live on the north side of Chicago. The wedding was a mini-reunion of sorts with many Saint Mary's College friends in attendance: **Dena Emmons Cicali, Allie Putman Sabo, Lisa Ostrowski Michaels, Tricia Foster Monahan, Meg Murphy Armstrong, Amy McIntyre Herman, Heidi Fritz Staff, Megan Reilly, Beth Nessner Urbut, Claire Gibson Perschbacher, Mary Flynn, Cammie Coscarelli, Erin Harty, Jill Broemmell Lewis, and Susan Osinski Weems.** Beth Nessner Urbut married Daniel on Aug. 27, 2005. I stood up as a bridesmaid along with Claire, Cammie, and **Katie Baal '94.**"

Classmate **Ann Aubuchon** was looking forward to winter of 2006, as she married her fiancé, Marc Mueller of Viersen, Germany, on Dec. 30. Ann and Marc decided on that date after meeting on New Year's Eve in 2000 and also getting engaged on New Year's Eve this past year. For the festivities, **Melissa Caughlin** was Ann's maid of honor.

Stephanie Johnson Ouellette is currently living in Woodbridge, Va., with her husband, Jim ND '94, and three girls, Ashley, Alyssa and, just born Dec. 10, Nicole Anne Ouellette. Jim is currently working at the Washington Naval Yards as an attorney in the JAG Corps. Last year, Stephanie taught sixth grade at St. Thomas Aquinas School but has since taken on the role of stay-at-home mom. They were not able to make the reunion because they went on a trip to Bermuda to celebrate their 10th wedding anniversary!

Mitzi McAndrews Neighbor and husband Matthew welcomed Daschel Joseph to their family on April 11. Big brother Dominic, 3, and big sister Emeline, 2, love him to pieces...almost too much at times!! Mitzi has also changed careers and has been working as a registered nurse in the maternity department at the local hospital. She loves the change and says that it is a wonderful to see the miracle of new life on a daily basis!

We have several other classmates who would have loved to attend reunion but, unfortunately, had other commitments. **Katie Rose Hulett's** husband's brother was married June 3 in Rome, and Kevin was the best man. Although she missed us at reunion, the good news is that they are moving back to Chicago! He is joining a private practice in the suburbs, and they are very excited. Both of Katie's sisters are at Notre Dame right now, so they'll have even more reasons to come back to town. **Kelly Kowalski** is another classmate who wishes to tell everyone "hello" since she could not make it back for reunion either. It seems that every time I hear from Kelly she is in the middle of a different country—her job keeps her very busy these days! She recently bought a new

club clips



The Dallas Club's book group had a lively conversation in February 2007 as they discussed *The Memory Keeper's Daughter*. Pictured left to right: Monica Cannon '03 (kneeling), Hayley Dawson-Owens '02, Patty Scully LaValle '93, Jean Bradley '84, Theresa Causa Major '95, Nicole Haddad Santos '03, Lettie Albright Muckley '83, Barbara Geelan Wareham '94, and Jennifer Kacarab Holloran '92 (kneeling).

home in Milwaukee, Wis., as well for those days she's not jet-setting around the world. **Kelly Kilmer Mullagh** is working as a sales representative for Unilever Foodsolutions Canada in Ontario. Although she couldn't attend reunion due to a family wedding in Ireland, she wrote to reminisce about her favorite memories from living in Queen's Court freshman year.

Mary Pence Walsh is currently living in Eden Prairie, Minn., with her husband, Kevin. They have two daughters: Abby, 4, and Lilian, 3. Mary has stayed home with them all along but will soon be going back to work part-time as a personal trainer.

Susan Osinski Weems is working as a physical therapist at the California Pacific Medical Center in San Francisco, Calif. In 2002, she completed her master's degree at Columbia University. She also married Nathan Weems, whom she has known since she was 12!

Anna Hendricks Buboltz is an apparel buyer for ShopKo Stores, Inc., a Midwest regional retailer. In 1999, she married Chad, and together they have Gabriella (Ella) Louisa, born July 9, 2000, and Charles (Charlie) Terrance, born March 26, 2003. Some of her favorite memories from Saint Mary's College include "227" on the front porch at LaFayette Square and the snow day when we were freshmen.

Molly Sweeney lives in Bethesda, Md., and, after completing a graduate degree in exercise physiology at George Washington University, now works as a massage therapist and fitness trainer at Marriott International Headquarters. Fond memories of the Rome Program make her smile when she thinks of Saint Mary's College.

Last but not least, in January 2006 **Clare Heekin Lynch** married Tomás, of Ireland. The wedding was held in Pittsburgh, where the couple now resides. It was a beautiful wedding and I, along with **Simone Barber Vecchio, Beth Luedtke Petrie, Madeline Wahl '97, and Lisa Siefert**, joined in the festivities and started the new year off right. Clare's sister-in-law, **Michelle Roch Heekin '94**, was also a member of the bridal party, as was her brother Chris ND '95.

Well, that it's for the post-reunion update, although I still have lots of news to tell you, just not enough space! If you couldn't attend, make sure we know what you are up to! Happy 10th anniversary!

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Hello again, 1998 Belles! Another great year behind us! I was able to see some classmates in the fall of 2006. On Sept. 30, **Rebecca Jacobs** married Brad Dempsey in the Chicagoland area. **Kate Votruba** was a bridesmaid, and **Katie Drew** and **Maureen Monahan-Dehond '97** were readers. Also in attendance were **Kathleen Finke, Mary Jones Dalzell, and Julie Fetch.** Rebecca also just completed the BSN program at Loyola University, Chicago, in June 2006, and is now working as a nurse at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago.

On Oct. 14, **Lori Allen** married Alexander Remington ND '97 in West

Hartford, Conn. I was honored to be one of Lori's bridesmaids, as was **Stephanie Pasas-Farmer**. Many Belles and Domers were in attendance, including **Aimee Heimann Allison '97**, Katie Drew, **Sara Pluta Gibson**, **Lisa Gutilla**, **Kendra Hensch O'Connor '97**, Kate Votruba, and **Anne Werring Eddins**.

Another Belle wedding ... **Sara Pluta Gibson** was married to Josh Gibson in May 2006. **Kim Jeselnick Gray** and **Anne Poore Keith '97** were in the wedding party, and many Belles were in attendance, including Katie Drew, Kathleen Finke, **Meg Winkler Kniskern**, **Meg Kelly Fuentes**, **Betsy Connolly** (who won the furthest-traveled award coming in from Sydney, Australia), **Kelly Curtis '99**, **Kristi Dawson Flaherty**, **Eileen Newell**, **Nan Kavanagh Poore**, and **Mary Kay Kronenwetter Jeselnick '72**. Sara and Josh are spending 2007 in Paris and will return to the District of Columbia in early 2008.

And the Baby Belles continue to arrive ... **Julie Barbour Burno** and her husband, Eric, welcomed their baby girl, Grace Kennedy, on March 21, 2005. **Meg Fuentes** and her husband, Will ND '96, welcomed Madeline Ann on April 10, 2005. **Brenda Hoban Morehead** and her husband, Phil, welcomed their new baby girl, Emma Catherine, on June 7, 2006. **Ivonne Grantham Smith** and her husband, Baron, welcomed their first baby, Grantham William, on Sept. 26, 2006. Ivonne also completed the Boston Marathon on April 18, 2005. **Meg Kniskern** and her husband, Matt, welcomed the newest member of the Saint Mary's College Class of 2028, Chloe Elizabeth, on Nov. 27, 2006. Chloe joins big brothers Benjamin and Aidan. Katie Drew will be Chloe's godmother. **Kim Gray** and her husband, Tim, welcomed their second baby, Anne Kathryn, on Nov. 28, 2006. She joins big sister, Abby.

Other news... **Rachel Torres Bell** has been teaching composition to college freshmen and doing freelance writing/consulting. Her husband, Dave, is an Army physician deployed to Iraq (stationed in Baghdad) to run an intensive care unit. He is scheduled to return by the end of March.

Mia Rinehold Datena was married in Nov. 2001 to Tony Datena. She boasts her three-year-old daughter, Ava Kay, as well as her newborn son, Christien George, born May 8, 2006. Mia and her family are living in Granger, Ind., and Tony partnered in his family business, Frank Datena Construction, Inc., which specializes in home and business renovations. They've been in business for 29 years. Mia stays home with her two children, continuing to take pictures, do Web work, and help others with business promotion.

Mary Dini is marking her third year of teaching elementary music full time in the Fairfax County Public School system. In addition to teaching general

music and chorus, she is directing and choreographing the sixth grade production of *Honk Jr.* Though, as always, Mary's love of performing still remains. In the past two years, she has performed in Copland's *The Tender Land* and Rachmaninoff's *Aleko*, as well as in chorus performances with the Maryland Choral Society. She even had one solo opportunity with the Choral Society in Schubert's *Mass in G* in the fall. Most importantly, however, Mary's journey through grad school finally came to an end in May 2006. She graduated with an MM in vocal performance from the Shenandoah Conservatory in Winchester, Va. She gave two full recitals for her degree and enjoyed them and her classes so much that she is actually now considering continuing on for a DMA.

Stephanie Pasas-Farmer is now a research investigator at Bristol-Myers Squibb in Princeton, N.J.

Rachael Sederberg Ferrell and her husband, Dustin ND '00, moved from North Carolina to Chicago in September of 2005. They had their first baby, Emma Catherine, on Nov. 30, 2005. Rachael is now enjoying being a stay-at-home mom.

Kristi Flaherty began a new job at Notre Dame in January 2007. It will be her re-entry to work since her daughter, Megan, was born over one year ago.

Lisa Gutilla has moved to San Jose, Calif.

Anne Marie Joseph is living in Chicago and teaching fourth-grade boys at Sacred Heart, where **Maureen Monahan-Dehond '97** teaches as well. Anne Marie is also training and performing improvisation at The Second City. In January 2007, she will graduate from the Conservatory Program and become a Second City alum. Anne Marie started a drama club at her school last year and enjoys giving the children a taste of the acting "bug."

Stephanie Lancaster is living in Indianapolis, Ind., and teaching elementary art. On July 3, 2004, Stephanie married Kevin McCarty. Stephanie reports that one of the best parts of marrying Kevin was becoming a step-mom, or "Steph-Mom" as Kennedy, 5, and Logan, 4, like to call her. Three other Saint Mary's College graduates were at the wedding: **Maureen Kobza Sitzman**, **Jessi Lentych Lloyd**, and **Shannon Perry Limjuco**.

Joya Mukerjee Logue and her husband were blessed with their second son, Rohan Kipling Logue, in 2005, who joins brother, Raj, 3. In 2006, Joya retired from her position at Abbott Laboratories, after seven years, to stay at home with her children. She also decided to start her own business, joyababy (www.joyababy.com), a designer baby brand, and has received an outstanding show of support from many fellow Saint Mary's College grads. Her husband, Aaron, continues his work at Procter and Gamble in Cincinnati and is earning his MBA through the I.U. Kelley School of Business.

Kelly Jennings Mahoney is living

in the Chicago area (Orland Park) and teaching first grade in Crete, Ill. She completed her master's in reading in the summer of 2006. Kelly married Ryan Mahoney in Chicago on July 22, 2006. **Christine Skripka Nitz** was the maid of honor. **Beth Nordby Shashikant**, **Michele Jarosick Smith**, **Katie Schropp**, and **Kelley Paprocki Patterson** were bridesmaids.

Sarah Looney Marshall and her husband, Steve ND '98, have moved back to Boston. They are living in the city and having a great time. Sarah continues to work in the internal audit department at Boston Scientific, while Steve is working for a law firm in Boston.

Christine Nitz is living in Hoffman Estates, Pa. While she continues her career at Hewitt Associates, she is very active with the local church. She's into her fourth year volunteering as a youth minister—working with high school teens—and absolutely loves it. Christine is also active with the young adult program. In August 2005, she attended World Youth Day in Cologne, Germany, with millions of other young adults to celebrate God and to meet the new pope. This is also where she met her husband, Michael Nitz (who was there with another Chicago group). Christine and Michael were married on Nov. 11, 2006, at St. Mary of Veron Catholic Church in Vernon Hills, Ill. Among those standing up were Kelly Mahoney and Kelley Patterson. The couple traveled to French Polynesia for their honeymoon. In April 2004, Christine began her third term on the Parish Pastoral Counsel at her parish.

Katie Schropp is living in Trenton, Mich., where she continues to teach at a bilingual preschool in Dearborn. She is also working towards her ESL endorsement.

Beth Shashikant is living in Boston, where her husband is completing his residency in general and plastic surgery. She received her PhD in physiology in 2004, and is currently staying at home with their daughter, Katharine Priya, 3, and Mary Jaya, 9 months. She is also working on publishing data from her dissertation. Her first paper has just been published in the journal *Critical Care Medicine*.

Michele Smith was married on April 16, 2005, to Jeffrey. Beth Shashikant was the matron of honor. Kelley Patterson, Christine Skripka, Kelly Jennings, and Katie Schropp also attended the ceremony. It was a beautiful day and just like some of our days at Saint Mary's College, they were the only ones on the dance floor at the reception. Michele gave birth to their first son, Jacob Alexander, on Oct. 11, 2003. Michele is still working at Lancaster Laboratories in Lancaster, Pa., and was promoted to group leader in July of 2004.

Jenny Schreck Solloway married Jay Solloway on May 22, 2004, in Fort Wayne, Ind. **Bridget Murphy Tennes**

was a bridesmaid, and Kim Jeselnick Gray, Kristi Dawson Flaherty, Katie Drew, Kathleen Finke, and Eileen Newell were in attendance. They were married by Father Thomas Eckert ND '94. On Oct. 16, 2005 they welcomed their son, Thomas Joseph, into the world. They are now enjoying their life on Winona Lake in Warsaw, Ind.

Julie Kochman Soose and her husband, Ryan ND '98, are excited to announce the arrival of their second son, Tristan Sorin, on Sept. 29, 2005. He joined big brother Aidan Morrissey, 3, at home. Julie recently switched jobs and is now a senior sourcing agent with the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC). Ryan has started the fourth year of his otolaryngology residency at UPMC as well. They live in the North Hills of Pittsburgh.

Jeannine DeMarco Sur is working part-time as an accountant and spending the rest of her time with her beautiful baby girl, Natalie Grace, born May 2, 2005. Jeannine is also the co-chair/founder of the Wrigleyville Crawl for Cancer Fundraiser Organization. The 8th Annual Crawl occurred in October 2006, and \$10,000 was raised for the American Cancer Society. Her husband, Jim ND '98, is in his second year of cardiology fellowship.

From the Courier Office: **Teresa Wyncott Manis** writes, "I graduated from Valparaiso University School of Law in May 2001. I married Michael Manis, whom I met in law school, on May 29, 2004, and gave birth to our daughter, Kiersten Lawrence, on June 12, 2005. I am now a stay-at-home mom full-time and loving it."

Elaine Tsiumas Kaznessis and Yiannis Kaznessis PhD ND '99 were blessed with the arrival of their second child and son, Serafeim Nikolaos Kaznessis, on Nov. 2, 2006. Big sister Evie (born May 14, 2003) loves her little brother.

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From Katie R.: Eileen Scubelek Dimino and husband Michael ND '02 are the proud parents of Jacob Michael and the owners of Traditions Photography, located in South Bend. The Traditions Photography storefront opened in March 2006 and is located on Douglas Road. Take a peek at www.traditionsphotography.com and be sure to stop by next time you're in the Bend!
Adrian Kirby Reither married

A l u m n a e class news

Jonathon ND '02 in May 2005. In 2004, she earned her master's in teaching through Notre Dame's ACE program. She is currently a graduate student at Wayne State University and working on her master's in molecular biology. Jonathon is in medical school at the University of Michigan.

Amy Kocis Weatherhead married Steve Weatherhead in August 2005. She was delighted that classmate **Kathleen Nickson D'Avria** could be in her bridal party. Amy and Steve have made their home in Traverse City, Mich., where she works for Northwestern Bank. The couple recently built their first home and hope to fill it with children in the near future.

Ellie Billmeier Mitchell married Mark Mitchell ND '01, '06 PhD on Dec. 3, 2005, at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Saint Mary's College bridesmaids included **Alicia Lesneskie Dombkowski** and **Brooke Wagner**. Ellie and Mark now live in Saginaw, Mich., where Mark is an economics professor and Ellie performs audits for a regional accounting firm.

Mary K. Schmaltz Combs married Brian Combs, whom she met on a volunteer project the summer after graduation. The couple wed on Jan. 14, 2006, on the beach in Monterey, Calif. Mary is in the army and is currently training in the Arabic language at Goodfellow Air Force Base in Texas. She will soon reach her permanent duty station in Georgia, where she will be posted for the next three years.

Katie Quiroz Tate married her Notre Dame sweetheart, Matt ND '01, in 2004. They have since moved to Louisville, Ky., to allow Matt to finish his radiation oncology residency. Katie landed a great nursing job at Norton Suburban Hospital.

Annie Niemier Brock married Matthew on March 25, 2006. Saint Mary's College bridesmaids included **Robyn Niemier '01**, **Rachelle Rountree Rokos**, and **Beth Miller**. Annie and Matthew have made their home in South Bend, where Annie is enrolled in a master's program in speech language pathology.

Muffy Grant Linnane moved back to Raleigh, N.C., from Ireland last summer and then to Chicago this summer! She married John Linnane (whom she met on the Maynooth program) on Oct. 7, 2005. **Kate Lapinski** served as her maid of honor; **Tracey Quinn**, **Nicole Pratte Walter**, and **Amanda Terry** were bridesmaids. Muffy received her master's degree in liberal studies with an emphasis in international affairs from Georgetown University in December 2005. (Amanda Terry graduated from the same program!)

Jane Kulm Krivickas married Dr. Paul J. Krivickas ND '02 on May 27, 2006, in Arlington Heights, Ill. She had been working as a registered nurse and patient placement coordinator at Alexian Brothers Medical Center in Elk Grove Village, Ill., before the wedding. The newlyweds moved to the Detroit, Mich.,

metro area this past summer so that Paul could begin his residency. **Liz Cenova Betts** traveled the longest distance to their wedding—from Monterey Bay, Calif., where she was living with her husband, Ryan, who is in the Air Force. Since then, Liz and Ryan moved back to the Midwest and are now stationed in Dayton, Ohio. **Jessica Spry Fortunak** and her husband, Paul ND '03, drove in for the wedding from their new home in the Indianapolis, Ind., area. Jessica is working the night shift at Riley Children's Hospital in the PICU and is taking classes toward becoming a pediatric nurse practitioner.

Christina Holdvogt and **Beth Gervain** have both been living in Chicago's Lakeview neighborhood. Beth graduated with her master's of fine arts from the University of Virginia. She is currently acting and performing in theaters throughout Chicago. Christina works for the Institute of International Education, administering the Foreign Fulbright student program. She moved to Boston this fall to pursue a master's in higher education.

Julia Fletcher Lee and Shawn ND MBA '02 welcomed a new baby boy into the world! The Lees live in Phoenix, Ariz., where Julia works as a progressive care certified nurse on a cardiac telemetry unit.

Christine Walker Gresik married Jim on Nov. 26, 2005. Saint Mary's College bridesmaids included **Mary Regan**, who resides in Lexington, Ky., **Shannon Veit**, who moved to Seattle from Washington, D.C., this summer in the hopes of attending graduate school, **Sandy Lonick**, who works for the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C., and **Denise Rasch Eiswirth**. Christine graduated from medical school in June 2006 and was matched to do her residency in general surgery at Loyola University Medical Center for the next five years with plans to specialize in breast surgery. Christine passes on the news that **Anne Conrad** lives in Chicago and is an accountant with PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Annie Knish Muir married Jon on July 30, 2005, in downtown Chicago. Jon is the director of U.S. sales and marketing for Wilson Sporting Goods in Chicago. The couple enjoys traveling together to the Grand Slams for business, so tennis is very much still a part of Annie's life! Annie and Jon live in the Lincoln Park neighborhood, very near the zoo. Annie completed her master's in speech language pathology from Governors State University this past August and started work with the Chicago public schools near her home.

Jolie LeBeau Fair and her husband, Josh, welcomed their second child into the world on Jan. 10, 2006: Jude Abrams Fair. Jackson is a wonderful big brother, and everyone is happy and healthy. The Fair family is living in Baltimore, Md., as Josh has two years of dental school remaining.

Brianne Duncan-Milligan, husband

Ryan, and big sister Ella welcomed Camille Renee to their family on Feb. 3, 2006. Brianna celebrated her two-year anniversary at National City Bank's private client group and is working hard in the northern part of Indiana. She and her family plan on staying in the area as her husband, Ryan, begins law school.

Aimee DeGrauwe Williams gave birth to a beautiful baby boy, Ian James, on Feb. 8, 2006. Big sister Emma is a wonderful helper, and daddy Sean couldn't be happier.

Carri Cuellar Gibson and her husband, Jeremy, welcomed baby Alexandra to their lives in February 2006. The Gibsons reside in South Carolina.

The Clark family announces another few ounces! **Maria Pilar Paulick Clark** and her husband, Jeff, welcomed 10 pound, 1 ounce William Mateo on April 11, 2006.

Colleen Collins Marrs and her husband, Dahx Marrs ND '02, are living in Wheaton, Ill., with their beautiful son, Jason Wayne Marrs, born on Aug. 30, 2005. Colleen is beginning her fourth year as the retail supervisor for Kiefer Swim Shops.

Abeer Zayed graduated from John Marshall Law School in May of 2005. She took the Illinois bar exam in July of 2005 and passed the first time. She now works for a solo practitioner in downtown Chicago specializing in civil litigation.

Brooke Verbosky Steines writes: "I can't believe we are so close to our five-year reunion! Let me know if anyone is bringing their husbands or children. I'll have to decide. I've been keeping busy with my job and trying to get our Saint Mary's College alumnae club going in the Warren/Youngstown, Ohio, area. I was inducted as the club president in August 2005. If anyone is interested in becoming involved, drop me a line at: brooke_allyson@hotmail.com. My son, Anthony, is growing up so fast! He turned 4 in October. We just registered him for Catholic preschool class. I recently caught up with **Jen Wyatt** in Chicago while on a business trip. She is enjoying her job at PricewaterhouseCoopers and is planning a vacation to India soon."

Erin McGarry continues to live in Chicago and to work as a speech language pathologist at Gottlieb Memorial Hospital in Melrose Park, Ill. She enjoyed traveling to Ireland this past summer with her mother and sisters. She also completed the Chicago Marathon this fall. Erin enjoyed visiting **Sarah Chaudior Alden** and her husband, Travis, over the Labor Day weekend. The Aldens welcomed a baby girl, Natalie Jan, in June. Sarah deserves an award after graduating from University of Iowa Law, giving birth, taking and passing the bar, and starting a new job in a matter of months!

Tiffany Mayerhofer continues to live in Washington, D.C. and enjoys not working for a political party.

April Schmitz works as a speech pathologist in upstate New York.

Christina Holdvogt moved from Chicago to Boston to begin a master's program this past August.

Kathleen D'Avria continues to teach in North Carolina.

Annie Solis lives in Chicago and works downtown at Bandera.

Amy Lazzarotto Nelson married Mike "Stu" Nelson on Sept. 2, 2006, in her hometown of Frankfort, Ill. The couple met while both were in graduate school at Marquette University, playing on the same co-ed kickball team! Several classmates served as bridesmaids, including **Tricia Eggebrecht**, **Kelly Leonard**, **Mandy Schomas**, and **Meghan Meyer**. **Kelly Armbrecht Perry** and **Amy Modic Schmauder** were also in attendance. Amy and Mike live in the south suburbs of Chicago. Amy works as a speech language pathologist at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago in Homewood, Ill. Mike is a CPA currently working at RSM McCladrey.

Megan McCoy Parker married her high school sweetheart, Greg Parker, in a beautiful South Bend ceremony on Aug. 12, 2006. Several 2002 Saint Mary's College classmates were in attendance. The couple now resides in Noblesville, Ind. Megan works as a medical photographer for Dr. Turkle and Associates in nearby Carmel.

Kathleen Harter Harris married her college sweetheart from Notre Dame, Brendan Harris ND '02. They were married on Oct. 21, 2006, in Cincinnati, Ohio, and were surrounded by their Saint Mary's College and Notre Dame families. **Lisa Campbell** was the maid of honor. Bridesmaids were: her sister, **Liz Harter '09**, **Colleen Weigel**, and **Laura Porto '03**. One of the groomsmen was also one of their best friends from Notre Dame, Nick Linstroth ND '02. Also in attendance were: **Lissy Driscoll '03** all the way in from London, England, and **Sarah Rykowski '03** from far-away Fairbanks, Alaska. **Denise McGuire** and **Lea Esposito '03** from Chicago, Ill., and **Melanie Burke '03** from Fairfax, Va., were also in attendance and helped the reception last all night! After the wedding, the couple flew to Hawaii for their honeymoon. They currently reside in Alexandria, Va., where they continue to work and get settled into their new home.

From Katie C.: Merry New Year, Class of 2002! Hope 2007 has brought all of you happiness and health so far. Lots of updates to report from 2006, starting on the other side of the globe. **Akmaral Omarova** has permanently moved to Moscow, Russia, to join Boston Consulting Group as one of their consultants. That name should bring back lots of memories for all the business majors – B-Policy, BGC Matrix, Cash Cows, Stars, Question Marks and Dogs – ah! Akmaral lives 500 feet from the Kremlin, right in the heart of the city. She says it's very noisy but also

very exciting!

Brianna Duncan-Mulligan is still working at National City and taking care of her two beautiful girls, Ella and Camille. Her husband, Ryan, will finish his first year of law school at Valpo School of Law this year. She and Ryan flew to New Orleans to watch Notre Dame in the Sugar Bowl, and she says it's the first time she had seen her husband in four months!

Newlyweds **Meghan Sirotek Miller** and her husband, Greg, celebrated their first anniversary in 2006 in South Beach. Meghan completed her master's of education in reading at National-Louis University. She is now certified as a reading specialist and continues to teach kindergarten at The Lane School in Hinsdale. She is enjoying living with her husband in their Bucktown condominium. The Lane School was also fortunate to have **Erin Weldon** join their teaching staff in 2006. Erin is The Lane's newest fifth-grade teacher. She's thoroughly enjoying her position at The Lane and loves working with Meghan.

Lindsay Clark writes that her "interior design education at the Harrington College of Design finally paid off!" She accepted a position as a junior designer at an interior design firm in Chicago. In June, Lindsay visited Saint Mary's College with her aunt, **Paula Martin Roveda '75**, and **Jo Ann Grima MacKenzie '69**. Together they made a special visit to the bench across from Haggard that is dedicated to her late mother, **Drucilla Martin Clark '69**. Lindsay finished out 2006 in Cabo San Lucas with her family.

There are lots of weddings to report this time, starting with 2005 weddings!! **Lindsey Cotter Mackenzie** married James Brent Mackenzie ND MBA '02 at Holy Name Cathedral in July of 2005. Her bridesmaids included **Lauren Macchia**, **CC Cronley Sumner**, **Mary Kate Driscoll**, **Sara Duffy**, **Marie Sordelet Lytle**, **Brooke May Stanley**, **Erin Weldon**, and **Jennifer Hamdorf**. Lindsey is continuing her career as a nurse at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in

downtown Chicago.

In June of 2006, **Mary Crawford Nolan** married Bill Nolan ND '01, '02 at Saint Mary's Church of Loretto. Mary's bridal party included matron of honor **Colleen Carey Passolt '01** and bridesmaids **Mary Hermes** and **Callie Kuhen Hamilton**. After their wedding, the couple moved to Chicago. Mary's husband, Bill, works for PricewaterhouseCoopers and Mary works as a registered nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital in Lincoln Park.

Lauren Macchia and Brian Solberg married in December of 2006. Lauren's wedding party included **Sara Lally**, **CC Sumner**, and **Lindsey McKenzie**. Also, **Jessica McKasy** wed Mircea Tipescu on Sept. 30, 2006, in Jessica's hometown of Saint Paul, Minn. Her bridesmaids included **Jessica Hickey**, **Mary Kate Driscoll**, and **Katie O'Connell**. Jessica continues to work as a marketing coordinator for the law firm Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP. Her husband, Mircea, is a Princeton University alum and a lawyer at the firm Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione. Jessica Hickey has set off on an adventure of her own, as she recently moved to Hilo, Hawaii. When she is not teaching high school, she will be enjoying the tropical weather!

Sara Seggerson Peace was married to Joe Peace ND '02 on Sept. 2, 2006 in Lima, Ohio. Sara's maid of honor was **Anne Conrad**. **Danielle Clayton** was a bridesmaid. Other Saint Mary's College graduates to attend include **Mary Regan**, **Christine Walker Gresik**, **Sandy Lonick '03**, and **Shannon Veit**. In June, Sara graduated from Ohio State with her doctor of pharmacy degree. She currently works for Walgreen's in Columbus, Ohio.

Janelle Picciano Jankowski and Ryan Jankowski married on Aug. 5, 2006, in Janelle's hometown of Youngstown, Ohio. Ryan is a graduate of Miami University and is from Toledo, Ohio. **Katherine Deane** was a bridesmaid in their wedding. Janelle and Ryan live in Chicago, where both work for Deloitte—Janelle is the corporate tax

consulting division since her internship there in the summer of 2001. Ryan is a manager for Deloitte's audit practice. However, Janelle says they "did not meet at work!"

As for me, I was promoted to manager at Davis & Hosfield Consulting LLC, and continue to teach studio cycling at Equinox on the side. In the spring of last year, I traveled to Europe with **Alaina Indriolo '03** to visit my sister, **Kim Corsentino Keyworth '03**, and her husband, Brad. We visited Frankfurt, Munich, Vienna, and Paris before finishing out our vacation lounging in the French Rivera. The South of France was by far our favorite spot!

I spent the second half of 2006 traveling to and from New York City to visit **Liz Kocourek**. Other Saint Mary's College visitors Liz has been entertaining include Mary Hermes, Katie O'Connell, **Jessica Klink**, **Katie DeCoste**, and **Kristen Wojtas Berg**. While in New York City, Mary, Liz, and I had the opportunity to watch a live taping of Fox News' "Hannity and Colmes," thanks to **Marnie Cavanaugh**, who works for Fox News. On the set that day was conservative columnist and author Ann Coulter. We had the opportunity to meet and take photos with Sean Hannity, Alan Colmes, and Ann Coulter.

Mary Hermes recently took a position as a media buyer at the Chicago boutique advertising firm of Michael Walters Advertising. She is buying TV, radio, and print advertising space for her Chicago clients. Her roommate, Jessica Klink, took a fifth grade teaching position at Louisa May Alcott Elementary School in Lincoln Park. Also working at Louisa May Alcott is Sara Duffy. Katie O'Connell was promoted to manager at Huron Consulting Group in their Supply Chain & Strategic Sourcing practice. **Lauren Bossy** spent 2006 working as a general contractor on a house in Clarendon Hills, Ill. She was doing interior decorating for this home while it was on the market.

The final announcement comes from **Callie Hamilton**. Callie and her husband, Jack, welcomed their baby girl, Dylan Kate, on Dec. 30, 2006. She and Jack will be twice as busy in 2007 raising Dylan and keeping up with their son, Kuhen, 3. Callie continues to build her California boutique, 5 Seas, adding new lines, such as Tory Burch and Diane von Furstenberg, to her merchandise selection. If anyone is in the Newport Beach area, please stop into her Balboa Island store to say hello!

From the Courier Office: Elizabeth Anne Cusick Garver married Philip S. Garver in her hometown of Lima, Ohio, on September 2, 2006. The bridal party consisted of: maid of honor **Erin Flynn '05** and bridesmaids **Drusilla FitzGerald Mowl** and **Colleen Marrs**. Also attending were **Aimee DeGrauwe Williams**, **Michele Oliverio Grabenstein**, and **Jamie Norton**. Elizabeth graduated from Ohio State in March 2006 with a master's

in statistics. She is now living in Cincinnati and working in Research and Development for Procter and Gamble.

Kara Kotynek Cullen wrote that she and her husband are being relocated to McHenry, Ill.

Kelly Roberts Panzer and Matt ND '02 welcomed their first child, son Brien Patrick Panzer, on Jan. 11, 2007. Everyone is healthy and doing well!

CC Cronley married Charles Sumner on April 1, 2006, in Charlotte, N.C.

Lauren Macchia Solberg and **Lindsey Cotter Mackenzie** were the matrons of honor. **Sara Duffy** and **Marie Sordelet Lytle** were honorary bridesmaids. CC and Charles live in Durham, N.C.

'04

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From the Courier Office: Laura Kathryn Ward Short married Jason Wayne Short on May 20, 2006. The nuptial mass took place at St. Helen Catholic Church in Vero Beach, Fla., with a reception following at Orchid Island Beach Club. Guests included **Leah Baxter Kinney**. The happy couple met while Laura was in the Accelerated BSN Program at Saint Mary's College. Laura is currently an RN on the orthopedic unit at Indian River Memorial Hospital in Vero. Jason, originally from Niles, Mich., graduated from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Terre Haute, Ind., in 2003 with a BS in mechanical engineering. He is currently the general manager and engineer for Central Window, Inc. in Vero and is pursuing his Florida P.E. license. After a honeymoon in Maui, Hawaii, the couple resides in Vero Beach, Fla. Laura can be contacted through e-mail at laura.k.short@comcast.net.

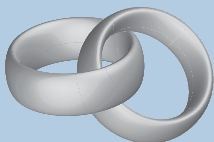
'06

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Greetings to the Class of 2006! I can't believe that it has almost been one year since we graduated from Saint Mary's College. Thank you to everyone who has sent in updates. I love hearing about the exciting news everyone has to share. I am hoping to receive even more good news for the fall issue, and I can't wait to hear about the exciting events that will take place during 2007.

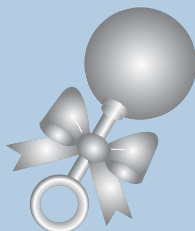
I moved to Chicago last August and started my career in public accounting at PricewaterhouseCoopers. I passed the CPA exam in December and just completed my first "busy season." I have enjoyed adjusting to life in the city with my three roommates, fellow Saint Mary's College graduates **Julie Boris**,

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.



Alumnae class news

Jessica Eaton, and **Sarah Nowak**. Julie is working for Deloitte and Touche and loved picking out her first real Christmas tree this past year. Jess and Sarah are both working for the Chicago Public Schools. Jess is teaching second grade at Nicholson Specialty School, and Sarah is teaching fifth grade at Parker Community Academy. Both are experiencing the joys and challenges of being first-year teachers on the south side of Chicago.

Erin McQueen just completed her first semester of medical school at Michigan State University College of Human Medicine. She has been blessed to have fellow classmate and friend **Jill Funnell** as her roommate in East Lansing. Jill is a medical student in the College of Osteopathic Medicine. Erin and Jill reunited with classmates **Courtney Odelson**, **Heather Menchen**, and **Kristen Palombo**, who all came for weekend visits. **Nicole Thaner** is also in graduate school at Michigan State.

Leah Kimper is living in Washington, D.C., and is pursuing her master's in forensic science at the George Washington University. She is currently an intern with the Arlington County Police Department.

Ellen Riley is living in Olney, Md., (right near Washington, D.C.) and is applying to graduate schools for creative writing. She is also teaching pre-school to two and three year olds at the Academy Hills Center for Child Development in Rockville, Md. Ellen recently became a godmother for the son of her cousin-in-law, **Ellen Wright Riley '01**.

Amy Rohm is currently living in Denver, Colo. where she is attending the Graduate School of Social Work at the University of Denver. She will graduate in

June 2007. Amy is also happily interning with the National Conference of State Legislatures, working specifically on health policy issues.

Laura Layden married Mike Heilman ND '05 in July at the Church of Loretto. They reside in Pittsburgh, Pa., and are attending graduate schools. Saint Mary's College alumnae in attendance included: **Colleen Bruen**, **Molly Ritter**, **Clare Hoyt**, **Catherine Bradley**, **Rachel Trinkley**, and **Jennifer Warfel**. Colleen is an interior designer with Walter E. Smithe Furniture in the Chicago suburbs. Rachel is working on her master's in art history from the Ohio State University and living in Columbus.

Brianne Bibbs moved from Anchorage, Alaska, to Chicago, Ill., and is working for Accenture.

Anna Bauer married Jared Schreff ND '05 in June 2006. Bridesmaids included **Anna Gilsinger**, **Allison Gordon**, and **Kelly Nelis**. **Annie Bouse** also attended the wedding. Anna and Jared live in Chicago and both work for accounting firms. Anna Gilsinger is back in South Bend and is pursuing her master's in accountancy at Notre Dame. Allie is working for PricewaterhouseCoopers in Chicago and is living with fellow Saint Mary's College graduate **Nichole McCloud**. Annie also began her career in public accounting in Chicago, where she works for Ernst and Young. Kelly is living in Grand Rapids, Mich. and is working for Crowe Chizek.

From the Courier Office: **Amelia Marie Oliva Campos** was married on July 1, 2006, to Roberto Arturo Campos ND '06 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Lexington, Ky. Amelia started medical school at the University of

Louisville School of Medicine last August.

Danielle Taylor wrote: "I was accepted for an internship at the Smithsonian's American History Museum in Washington, D.C. I will be spending the next several months working in the music department alongside the head curator, Dr. John Hasse. Dr. Hasse is one of the leading scholars in jazz history, and I will be doing research for him on controversies in jazz history, as well as work on projects related to exhibits and Jazz Appreciation Month. My research skills acquired while doing my senior comp in history have really paid off!" Danielle is interested in getting in touch with other District of Columbia area alumnae and would like to join the local alumnae club.

Alumnae Board seeks nominations for 2008–11 term

The Saint Mary's Alumnae Association Board of Directors will select two new directors for a three-year term beginning June 2008 at the September meeting. All alumnae are invited to submit nominations (self-nominations are welcome) by August 7, 2007. Please contact the Alumnae Relations Office at (574) 284-4578 or e-mail alumnae@saintmarys.edu or visit www.saintmarys.edu/alumnae to obtain a candidate profile form.

Preference will be given to the decade and geographic criteria listed, thus maintaining a Board that is representative of the alumnae population. Nominations from other states and class years will be accepted and considered.

Criteria for 2008–2011 Term

Geographic:

Vacancies may be filled from the following:

Northeast—Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont

South—Alabama, Arkansas, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia

West—All states west of the Mississippi excluding Missouri, Iowa, Arkansas, and Louisiana

Class decade:

Vacancies may be filled from the 1960s and 1970s

Among the selection criteria:

Demonstrated involvement and/or service to the College
Demonstrated leadership skills through professional and/or personal endeavors

For more information, please visit our website, www.saintmarys.edu/alumnae, then click on Volunteer Opportunities.



New Road–No Rules Weekend Seminar

July 13-15, 2007

A re-energizing weekend seminar for alumnae in the “bonus years” after 50

Sponsored by the

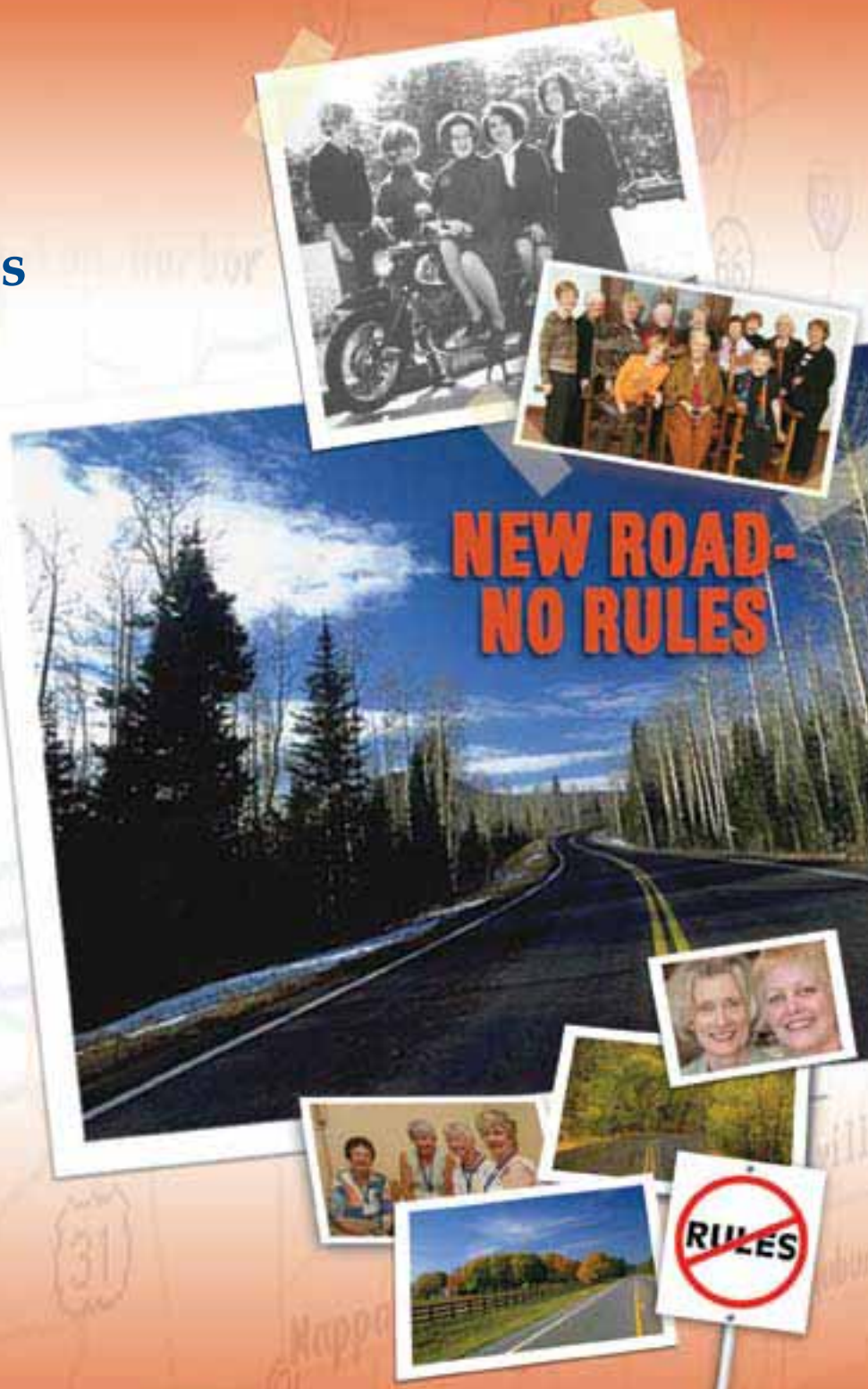
**Saint Mary's College
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Keynote Speaker:

Abigail Trafford, health columnist for the *Washington Post* and author of the book, *My Time: Making the Most of the Bonus Decades After 50*

Seminar presenters include:

Lynn Dargis Ambrose '52
Janine Renaud Burns '65
Helenmarie Anderson Corcoran '61
Sister Kathleen Dolphin, PBVM
Anne Sheehan Garbarino '66
Ann Hagan '66
Sharon Scully Harig, M.D. '77
Gay DiCerto Lenox '57
Kathy Wiedl Mettler, M.D. '63
Patricia Cutter Reynolds '55
Sue Shalgos Wolsfeld '64



Mark your calendars now for this re-energizing weekend!

Alumnae who are turning 50 and older are moving into uncharted territory. With hard work and good luck, you've established a career, raised the children, attained some financial security, and are enjoying good health. You may have experienced a few bumps along the way...but you've made it to the “bonus years.” So now what?

Join fellow Saint Mary's alumnae and discover the “new roads” available to you at this vital stage in life!

This energizing weekend will feature panel discussions and expert sessions on health and wellness,

finances, “encore” careers, finding meaningful activity, nurturing your inner self, and more. Alumnae will share their own “bonus years” stories, with time built in for conversation, celebration, and enjoying the campus.

For a detailed weekend schedule or to register online, go to www.saintmarys.edu/~alumnae.

Brochure and information also available from the Alumnae Relations Office (574) 284-4578; or e-mail alumnae@saintmarys.edu.

Sara Nielsen '08 is a chemistry and secondary education double major, a literary buff, and a self-proclaimed “science geek.” Nielsen reviewed the books she read for fun this semester for *Courier*.

The Science of Harry Potter by Roger Highfield

Invisibility cloaks and flying broomsticks: can they really be had? In this book, Roger Highfield examines the most exciting artifacts of Harry Potter's world and explains how we, too, could possess such exciting treasures. Cloaks with miniature cameras that can be used to produce the effect of invisibility are possible. Big enough magnets, or even “exotic matter,” can be used to produce the antigravity effect required to make a broomstick fly. And, in my favorite chapter, Highfield explains how chemistry is the basis for any magic potion. This book is great fun for anyone who loves Harry Potter or magic in general.



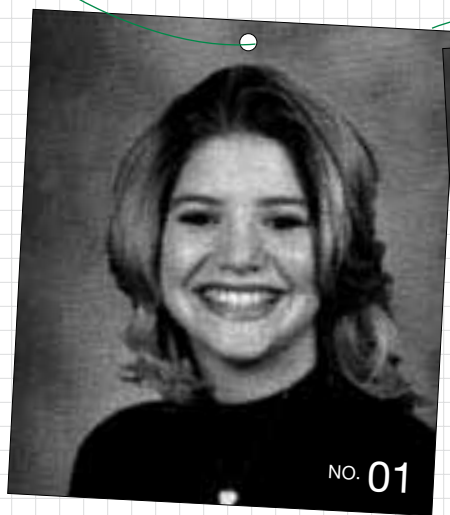
The Science of Star Wars by Jeanne Cavelos

In *The Science of Star Wars*, Jeanne Cavelos discusses alien life, lightsabers, and much, much more. This easy-to-read book explains how the twin suns over Tatooine are possible, and how Luke can use the Force. Jabba the Hut could be real, though, in my opinion, the universe is definitely better off without him. Of course, no book on *Star Wars* would be complete without discussing lightsabers, and Cavelos gives us hope for such amazing weapons in the future. Because of Cavelos, *Star Wars* doesn't have to be ripped apart as bad science any longer. This book is perfect for fans both young and old.



The Joy of Chemistry by Cathy Cobb and Monty L. Fetterolf

For all those afraid of science, fear no more! Cobb and Fetterolf have written an amazing book to explain real-life chemistry to anyone who is interested in how things work, but never wanted to take a chemistry class. Topics ranging from household chemicals to food and even forensic chemistry are covered. Fun experiments that help demonstrate the contents of each chapter are outlined. Even science majors will find this book interesting and informative. Presented in a format that makes the concepts easy to understand, the authors do a wonderful job of making chemistry accessible to anyone who wants to learn.



ElementalSuccess

The chemistry class of 2001 proves the chemistry department's motto that *chemistry prepares you to do what you desire.*

By Scot Erin Briggs



Elemental Success

These eight bright students took their Saint Mary's chemistry degrees and became **three chemists, three doctors, a lawyer, and a marketing professional**. The eight became close at Saint Mary's, nicknaming themselves the "Chembelles," and they keep in touch today.

Courier recently caught up with these alumnae to ask them what they're doing now, what their plans are for the future, and their thoughts on how Saint Mary's prepared them to do whatever they desired.

NO. 01

Mm

Molly Kathleen McVoy

"At Saint Mary's, you get an individual education. Your professors know you, you can combine all sorts of interests without difficulty, and you cannot get lost in the shuffle. That sort of solid foundation was, undoubtedly, an advantage. Exactly how Saint Mary's creates that educational atmosphere, I don't know. But I'm grateful!"

- Graduated with a BS in chemistry from Saint Mary's College in 2001
- Earned an MD from University of Cincinnati in 2005
- Currently a second-year resident at University Hospitals of Cleveland/Case Medical Center

"Medical school moves at a very rapid pace, but I felt completely ready to take my education to the next level. Saint Mary's taught me the basics

in science that I needed, but, more importantly, taught me how to learn."



NO. 02

Er

Emily Koelsch Rebori

"I felt very prepared for biochemistry, physiology, and especially microbiology coming out of college. Beyond the first academics, I think the confidence, public speaking skills, and interpersonal skills that I gained while at Saint Mary's made me an excellent clinical medical student and have continued into my residency."

- Graduated with a BS in chemistry from Saint Mary's College in 2001
- Earned an MD from the Medical College of Ohio in 2005
- Currently a second-year pediatric resident at the Maria Fareri Children's Hospital in the Westchester Medical Center

NO. 03

Me

Molly Banahan Edwards

"Dr. [Kathleen] Antol made a huge impact in my life. I quit being a science major my sophomore year because I was discouraged and did not think that I was smart enough to make it through the chemistry program. Dr. Antol, through her biochemistry classes, restored my confidence."

- Graduated with a BS in chemistry from Saint Mary's College in 2001
- Earned a JD from Washington University in St. Louis, Mo.
- Currently a third-year associate at Harness, Dickey & Pierce, PLC

NO. 04

As

Anne Benedict Senger



"I was surrounded by so many strong, independent, intelligent women. I was never afraid to speak my mind during a discussion in class or ask a question of my professor or classmates. I was taught by amazingly intelligent, successful people, many of them women. My classmates and I were really able to see that anything was possible for women in any field of study."

- Graduated with a BS in chemistry from Saint Mary's College in 2001
- Earned an MS in biological chemistry from the University of Toledo in 2004
- Currently a research associate at Handylab in the biochemistry group

"I always said that after I finished college, I wanted to have a job where the work I did would have a positive effect on society. The analysis systems we are developing will eventually be used in hospitals and clinics all over the world to test for various infectious diseases. It's exciting to be in a field that is constantly changing and to work for a company that is able to make a difference. I am a research associate in the biochemistry group. It's very interesting work and I really enjoy my job!"

NO. 05

Ms

Megan Kosel Shaughnessy

"The chemistry department surrounded me with encouragement. When applying to medical school, I knew many of my professors very well and that really showed in my letters of recommendation."

- Graduated with a BS in chemistry from Saint Mary's College in 2001
- Earned an MD from the University of Minnesota in 2005
- Second-year resident at University of Michigan Medical School and Health System

"Everyone in the chemistry department had an impact, but particularly Dr. Toni Barstis. She has been a friend, mentor, and role model. Also influential was Dr. Nancy Nekvasil, who helped lay the foundation for my medical knowledge and gave endless support and encouragement. They both played a large role in instilling confidence and helping me get where I am today."



NO. 06

Kw

KrisAnne Josetta Wilson

"I know that attending Saint Mary's has given me an advantage. Because of the small class sizes and the type of professors, Saint Mary's provided me a better opportunity to learn and to gain confidence in myself and my abilities. The close-knit community gave you a sense of belonging and the opportunity to be involved and gain leadership abilities. I truly believe that Saint Mary's has given me the advantage and the opportunities to succeed."

- Graduated with a BS in chemistry from Saint Mary's College in 2001
- Currently an analytical chemist for Eli Lilly and Company
- Madeleva Society Steering Committee member



NO. 07

Mw

Melissa Angela Wheeler

"I remember the day I told Dr. Barstis and Dr. [Philip] Bays that I wanted to become a chemistry major and the reason: 'because I like it, and because I think I am good at it.' I also remember the fun that my lab partner Anne Senger and I had struggling through our organic chemistry lab. And I often remember the zany times we Chembelles had on our special trip out to San Diego for the ACS Convention in 2001."

- Graduated with a BS in chemistry from Saint Mary's College in 2001
- Earned an MS in chemistry from the University of California, Berkeley, in 2002
- After three years working as a forensic chemist for the DEA in San Francisco, Melissa is pursuing a career in pharmacy

NO. 08

At

Amy Dooms Taylor

"When I work with or compete against a male colleague I never view myself as being anything but equal to him in skill and ability. My time at Saint Mary's taught me to be confident in myself."

- Graduated with a BS in chemistry from Saint Mary's College in 2001
- Currently the market manager in the Food Enzyme Division at Valley Research
- President of the South Bend Alumnae Club



Good Chemistry

By Elizabeth Station



Ardis Copenhagen '07 and Associate Professor Christopher Dunlap, who worked closely together on chemistry research.

Stroll the corridors of Saint Mary's Science Hall and you realize that these people are passionate about what they study, whether it's global warming, soil chemistry, or the causes of cancer.

When you reach the department of chemistry and physics, a poster on the wall proclaims, "Chemistry is Women's Work at Saint Mary's College."

The chemistry program is small, but strong. Currently, 23 Saint Mary's students are pursuing BA or BS degrees in chemistry. Over the last five years, the department has graduated an average of nine students each year. Yet the relative number of chemistry majors is high when you

compare the College to other institutions, says Toni Barstis, associate professor and department chair. "In terms of percentage, we have a large number of chemistry majors," she says.

Barstis and her colleagues are interested in quality over quantity. They are proud of the fact that Saint Mary's chemistry and biochemistry programs are approved by the American Chemical Society (ACS), a status that indicates a

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rigorous curriculum, top-notch faculty, and high-quality laboratory facilities. “This is the gold standard for chemistry education in the United States,” says Professor Deborah McCarthy, who chaired the department from 2000 to 2006.

Innovative teaching methods add to the quality of the chemistry program. “We try to motivate students not only in the way we teach but in the way they learn,” says Assistant Professor of Chemistry Isabel Sanchez. “We want them to be engaged, and we know that it’s better to focus on how they learn new knowledge rather than what they learn as new knowledge.”

That means designing lectures and experiments that help young investigators understand processes. It means encouraging them to ask questions rather than memorize answers. Students enjoy this guided inquiry approach, Sanchez says, and research shows a positive correlation between their feelings of accomplishment and a desire to pursue science careers.

“They say that the rush of discovery is addictive,” Sanchez explains. “I think that’s probably why most scientists are scientists,” adds her colleague, Associate Professor Christopher Dunlap.

Frequent research opportunities also kindle student interest and success. According to McCarthy, 80 percent of Saint Mary’s chemistry students undertake summer research, often through paid summer internships in industry or work at other university chemistry labs. “We put them out there,” says McCarthy.

When chemistry major Erin Heck ’08 performed research in a state-of-the-art regulatory lab at Dow AgroSciences last summer, she wasn’t the only Saint Mary’s scientist on the job. Biology major Kelly Barnett ’08 also spent the summer at Dow. So did Staci Van Lue ’06 who, like Heck, enrolled in Saint Mary’s dual-degree engineering program with the University of Notre Dame. “The internship was an amazing opportunity,” Heck says.

On campus, Saint Mary’s students use instrumentation and laboratory facilities that, at larger schools, might only be accessible to graduate students. “That is one of the great things about being at a small school—you get to put your fingers on the instrumentation,” says Dunlap. That includes a gas chromatograph mass spectrometer, a nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometer, a high-performance liquid chromatograph, and more.

And since we’re talking about Saint Mary’s, chemistry majors don’t just do research; they stand up and give presentations about it. Every year, juniors and seniors raise funds to travel to the national meeting of the American Chemical Society with their professors. Many of them present original work. “It really gives them the opportunity to see the breadth of chemistry,” says Dunlap.

Students say small, single-sex classes help them gain the preparation and attention they need to succeed as women scientists. The chemistry and physics department brims with female role models like Barstis, McCarthy, Sanchez, Professor

Dorothy Feigl, and Assistant Professor Kathleen Antol. But male professors (including Dunlap, Philip Bays, Joseph Bellina, and Richard Tarara) are equally strong advocates for their students.

“At Saint Mary’s being a woman scientist is not unusual,” says Dunlap. “And there’s nothing quite so satisfying, at least to me, as sitting down with a student and being able to talk chemistry with her as a peer.”

If college is a laboratory, the broader world is the place where the results of the experiment take shape. Roughly one-third of Saint Mary’s chemistry graduates go on to professional school, preparing for careers in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, law, or other fields. Another third attend graduate school—many with fellowships in hand—to pursue PhDs in fields like organic or physical chemistry. The rest land jobs in industry or teaching.

“We’re producing an awesome product,” says Barstis. “I’m really proud of our alumnae.”

Senior Ardis Copenhaver joined the ranks of alumnae in May. At Saint Mary’s she worked closely with Dunlap, and discovered her passion for environmental chemistry through summer research. She’s been accepted

to PhD programs around the country and hopes to study ecology, evolution, and behavior. Her quiet confidence is emblematic of many Saint Mary’s chemistry majors.

“Through all my research experience so far, I’ve gained a greater depth for the field and the kind of scientist I want to become,” Copenhaver says. “Faculty are a big part of that. They encourage us to not only look at just one area of science but to broaden our horizons. Here, I feel that we are never limited.”

Whether they study chemistry, biology, or nursing, many of the women who earn their bachelor of science degree at Saint Mary’s go on to make a difference in the health professions. Since 1996, 90% of the Saint Mary’s students who have applied to graduate level health profession programs have been accepted. Below is a breakdown of this acceptance rate by program.

Medical	80%
Dental	95%
Optometry	100%
Podiatry	100%
Doctor of Pharmacy	100%
Veterinary	100%
Physical Therapy	90%
Occupational Therapy	100%
Physician Assistant	100%
Public Health	100%
Nursing	100%
Genetic Counseling	100%
Medical Illustration	100%
Law	100%

A photograph of several glass Erlenmeyer flasks arranged in a row on a dark surface. The central flask is in sharp focus, showing its label which includes '250ml', 'KIMAX', 'USA', and a hexagonal logo. The other flasks in the background are blurred, creating a sense of depth. The lighting is soft, highlighting the glass texture.

The Science Behind

By Scot Erin Briggs

A protein is like a pearl necklace,” Katie White ’07 explains, “and different interactions between the pearls cause it to wrap around itself and fold into a globular protein ... a lot of genetic diseases are traced back to the folding of proteins.”

While she hasn’t decided where she’s going yet, White knows she wants to research protein chemistry at one of the biochemistry PhD programs that have accepted her: MIT, Johns Hopkins, UCSF, University of Wisconsin at Madison, Emory, and University of Chicago.

White is one of more than 70 students graduating this year with a bachelor of science degree from Saint Mary’s. They will enter the work force and graduate programs the same year that experts forecast that the US may soon fall behind other countries in science and technology. In their

faculty and students. We’re both women in fields dominated by men, and we’re both passionate about teaching. We connected on a personal and professional level.”

Together, Snow and Barstis began exploring the use of a computer algebra system, software that creates a symbolic representation of mathematic expressions. The project was bolstered by a Collaborative Study and Research (COSTAR) grant, a program at Saint Mary’s designed to foster faculty collaboration.

Barstis soon found herself with two students, Katie White and Megan Boyle ’07, enrolled in her physical chemistry class—both double majoring in chemistry and mathematics. Barstis took that opportunity to get Boyle and White involved in her project.

“I’m good at math and I enjoy it,” says Boyle. “I loved seeing the connection between the math and the chemistry.” Boyle says she was sure about what she wanted early on.

“Since high school, my goal has been to do research. We have so many opportunities to treat diseases.” After graduation Boyle will enter the PhD program at Northwestern. She says she’s known she wanted to go back since she worked at Northwestern on a National Science Foundation internship, focusing on DNA detection methods.

For White, the project was a natural outgrowth of her interests and Boyle’s. “The project tries to meld math and chemistry because there’s a close connection between the

two, which was obvious to us because we are both math and chemistry double majors.” The research that Barstis, White, Snow, and Boyle pursued together resulted in a presentation entitled “Inquiry-based Exercise for Physical Chemistry: Hydrogenic Mode.”

Boyle and White first presented at an American Chemical Society meeting and were so well received that Snow and Barstis encouraged them to submit an abstract to the 2007 Joint Mathematics Meetings in New Orleans.

White says she never expected what came next: they were asked to present. “Megan and I were shocked because we are undergraduates and undergraduates aren’t usually asked to present.”

The breadth of their education at Saint Mary’s factored heavily into the students being asked to present, according to Boyle. “The communication skills you learn at Saint Mary’s are critical. Science is all about communicating your research.”

For Snow and Barstis, one secret ingredient in the environment Saint Mary’s provides is a place where family and career are not at odds for women. Snow cites working on the original project with Barstis as a perfect example. “Toni came to my house one time to work,” says Snow. “She brought her son. My kids were playing basketball with him while Toni and I struggled over orbitals in the kitchen.”

Boyle, sees this aspect of Saint Mary’s as significant. “As a woman, I intend to have a family some day. At another school, I think I would have faced resistance to the idea that I could do both. At Saint Mary’s the faculty members help you navigate those life decisions.”

Creating Women Scientists

report, *Rising Above The Gathering Storm: Energizing and Employing America for a Brighter Economic Future*, the National Academies identify a trend where women and minorities, who enter higher education interested in and adept at science and math, are discouraged from these career paths before they even begin, just when the country needs them most.

“Undergraduates who opt out of those programs by switching majors are often among the most highly qualified college entrants, and they are disproportionately women and students of color,” say the authors. “The implication is that potential science or engineering majors become discouraged well before they can join the workforce.”

A different trend is afoot at Saint Mary’s, however. While students and alumnae describe the science programs here as challenging, they describe the faculty as encouraging. For a college like Saint Mary’s, the report is a call to uncover what leads to this success.

“I know we are doing a great job at Saint Mary’s,” says chemistry professor Toni Barstis. “It’s exciting for these women to see themselves in a different light. They need to see themselves as really good at science and math, and say to themselves, ‘I’m really good at this.’”

Students believing that they are good at science may be, in part, a result of Saint Mary’s all-women environment. “You’re around a lot of other smart women so you have confidence in your own abilities,” says White.

The secret to science students’ success at Saint Mary’s may be as simple as providing an environment that encourages women to pursue what fascinates them. Saint Mary’s provides opportunities for students to do hands-on research side by side with accomplished faculty who are dedicated to seeing their students succeed. Barstis and White were part of such a project just this year.

It all started when Barstis wanted a visual aid for her physical chemistry students to help them understand the math behind the science. She turned to Joanne Snow, professor of mathematics.

“Toni is a human dynamo,” says Snow. “She’s like a loose electron that excites anyone who comes near her—other



All in a Day's Work

By Elizabeth Station

8:30 a.m.



On a February morning, Christin gathers with fellow seniors Lauren Sullivan, Maggie Walker, and Heidi Goeppinger for breakfast in the dining hall. As the snow falls outside, the friends reminisce about their four years together. All four declared their biology majors freshman year and stuck with it through demanding labs and coursework. "It's survival of the fittest," says Heidi. "Survival of the craziest," laughs Maggie.

9:30 a.m.



Physiology class with Professor Nancy Nekvasil. "She's so great," says Christin. "The class is interesting—you learn how everything works." Today's lesson focuses on the sympathetic nervous system. Nekvasil leads students through the material the old-fashioned way, writing on the blackboard (with chalk!) and dissecting a diagram. Christin prefers that approach to PowerPoint presentations: "It helps you absorb the material better."

For a change of pace—and to keep her foreign language muscles toned—Christin pursues an Italian minor. She also studied in Rome for a summer. In Italian Cultural Studies with Assistant Professor Umberto Tacchieri, students take a quiz, discuss postwar Italy, and watch campy videos of 1950s Italian commercials (called *caroselli*) on YouTube. *Va bene.*

1:15 p.m.



After a quick lunch at the Cyber Café, Christin heads back to Science Hall to check in with Assistant Professor Don Paetkau on their joint research. The two are studying the genes that cause inherited retinal degeneration in fruit flies. They have financial support for their work from the College's Student Independent Study and Research (SISTAR) grant program.

"I really like research," says Christin. That's good, since she's logged countless hours cloning the gene needed for the project, injecting hundreds of tiny fruit fly embryos with the DNA, and checking to see which traits appear in their progeny. In three weeks, she and Paetkau will present their results at an international conference. They still have data to gather. Will they be ready? "Absolutely," says Christin. "It's amazing what fear will do," jokes Paetkau.

Courier spent a day with biology major Christin Molnar '07 to find out what life is like for a science major at Saint Mary's College.

2:00 p.m.



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Down the hall in a classroom lab, Paetkau leads first-year biology students through a series of experiments on the properties of enzymes. Christin works as his teaching assistant, helping students record and interpret results.

Christin heads home to her apartment to cook dinner, do physics homework, and watch *Grey's Anatomy*. She spends more time on campus on Mondays, when she attends Board of Governance meetings as election commissioner.

Christin meets up again with Lauren and Maggie at a local hangout. They talk about their plans for the fall: Christin will enroll in pharmacy school; Lauren will begin a master's program in biology and apply to med schools; Maggie has been accepted to a PhD program at Northwestern University. Ordinarily they would stay out much later (remember when midnight wasn't late?). But Maggie and Lauren are presenting their senior comp research on Saturday, and getting enough sleep seems like a good idea.

"It's hard for women in the workplace anywhere, but to get that Saint Mary's education and to get that confidence—and then go to medical school or graduate school—is invaluable. I know that had I gone to another college, I wouldn't have pursued biology as far."



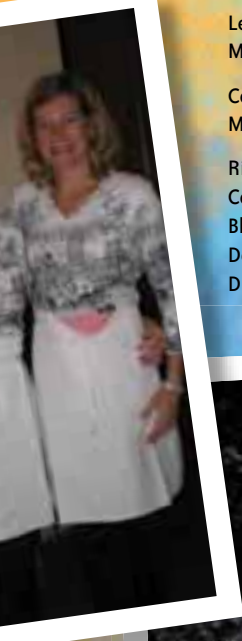
By Jessica Zigmond '97

In November, more than 90 alumnae and friends of Saint Mary's traveled to Tuscany, where they toured Florence and had the option of taking additional excursions to Rome, Pisa, Vinci, Lucca, Siena, and San Gimignano. Bringing together alumnae from a wide range of class years ranging from 1948 to 2004, the trip provided opportunities to meet friends, new and old, enjoy the local fare and the region's wine, explore both city and country, and, at times, enjoy *dolce far niente*, or "the sweetness for doing nothing."

During their stay, home was the charming Villa Casagrande in the 12th-century Italian village of Figline Valdarno. Built in 1352 for the Serristori family of Florence, the villa was once a meeting place for philosophers, artists, popes, and princes. Today it includes a hotel and farm that produces olive oil and wine.

In her travel journal, Carolyn (Carrie) Powers Powell '48 described the Villa Casagrande's surroundings: "The gardens have roses and neat boxwood hedge with very tall, dark green cypress trees in the background. In fact, cypresses must be the national tree, because they are everywhere as are the umbrella-shaped Roman pines."

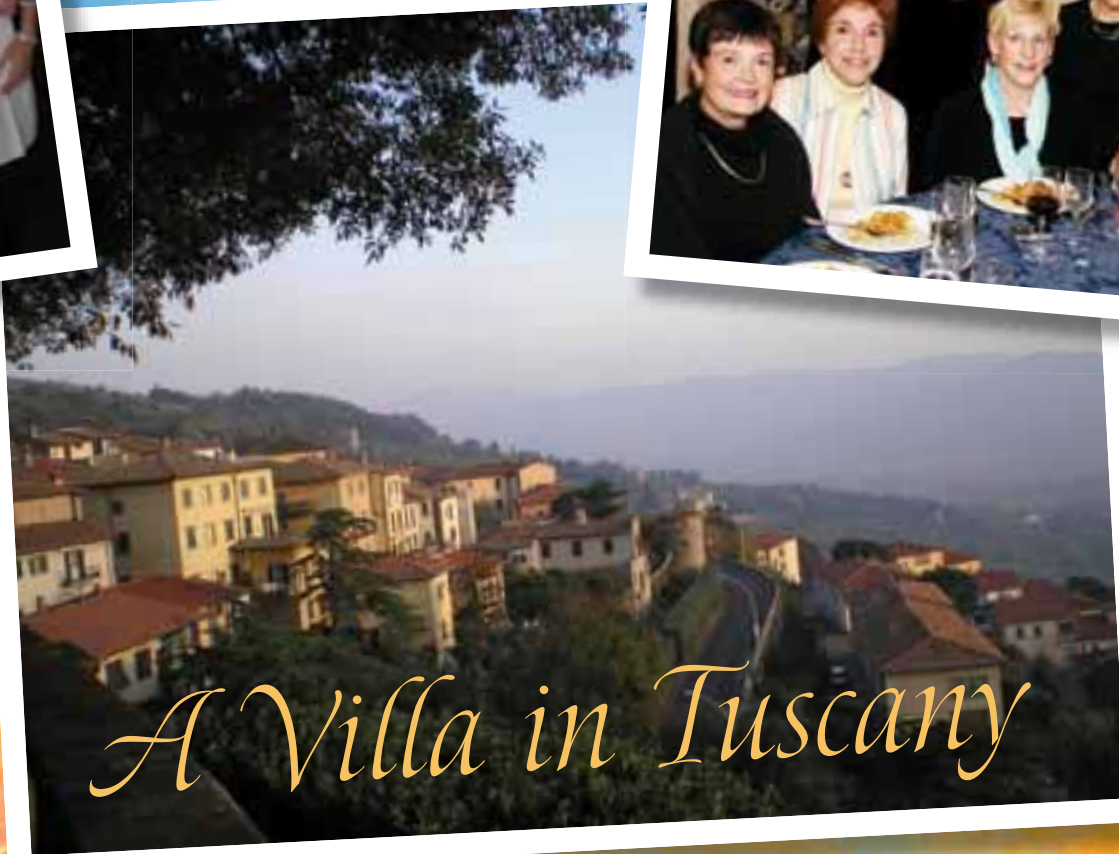
Powell and her good friend Harriet Enneking Moster, also a 1948 alumna (as well as Powell's neighbor in the Le Mans annex), made the trip together. As students, they took two semesters of Sr. Marie Rosaire's Survey of Fine Arts class, where they met three days a week in the basement of Holy Cross Hall to view slides of art from ancient Greece to the 20th century. Powell said they have shared this love of the arts since then and are "museum trekkies" when they visit each other in their hometowns of Cleveland and Cincinnati. On their first trip to Europe together, they were able to see in person what they had learned nearly 60 years ago as students



Left: Nancy Grewe, Larry Maranette, Lauren Mariola Maranette '00, and Tara Marie Grewe '97

Center: Clare McEnergy Napleton '87, Sistie Doherty McEnergy '58, and Mary McEnergy Harding '84

Right (seated, left to right): Margo Lawrence Ludwig '65, Cecilia Sorrentino Bucolo '65, Sheila Flynn Boone '65, Marcia Black McMahon '65, (standing) Paula Draper, Director of Development Kay Ball, Theresa Lapenta Silio '65, and Patricia Divine McCarthy '65



at Saint Mary's. They enjoyed the experience so much that they were planning to tour Holland and Belgium by riverboat next.

The alumnae tour was the first for Tara Grewe '97 of West Bloomfield, Mich., whose mother joined her on the trip. Grewe, who said she loved the ambiance of Siena and would have liked spending more time there, said she "absolutely" would take another Saint Mary's trip in the future. Because of the tour, she became friends with Lauren Mariola Maranette '00, who lives in nearby Novi, Mich., and traveled with her husband, Larry. They all met at the airport when they recognized their trip folders. A favorite memory for Grewe was a dinner one evening at a restaurant big enough for only about six tables. The space was overtaken by Saint Mary's alumnae.

"They opened a bottle of wine and talked about Saint Mary's—past, present, and future," Grewe said. "These are people I don't even know, and I have a ridiculous amount in common with."

For 12 members of the class of 1958, the trip provided an opportunity to celebrate the year they all turned 70. Pat Costello, known in school as "Ricky" to her friends (of the 135 incoming freshman in the Class of 1958, 35 had the name

Patricia), said she especially enjoyed the cooking classes and the town of Lucca, where Italian composer Giacomo Puccini—known for his operas *La Bohème*, *Madama Butterfly*, *Tosca*, and *Turandot*—was born. The town was "enchanting" with its tranquil landscaping, Costello said. But she said the conversations she had with other alumnae are her favorite memories of the trip.

"No one talked about kids, grandkids, houses," Costello said. Instead, they focused on current events and social issues. Costello's roommate on this trip was friend and former classmate Joan Drymalski Heuel. In 1959, just a year out of school, the two traveled to Europe on the Queen Elizabeth and returned home on the Queen Mary. And Costello, who has traveled extensively both in Europe and the Far East, says she has a trip planned that will keep her stateside in 2008 when she and her friends will celebrate a milestone anniversary.

"For the 50th?" she said. "Back to South Bend!"

To view pictures of the Tuscany trip, please visit the Alumnae Relations Web site at www.saintmarys.edu.

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