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Endless Possibilities



By Julie Tourtillotte

As one of the first majors offered at the College, the art department has a long, rich history. The excellence of the program garnered the accreditation of the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD) beginning in 1974 and continuing today.

Our alumnae certainly will remember some of the more rigorous requirements for the art major: semester portfolio reviews, the Advanced “W” and, of course, the senior comprehensive. The “comp” is easily the most challenging and rewarding experience for our students. It demands their best artwork in terms of form and concept and refines their research, communication, and presentation skills. And, as many of our graduates have confirmed, this hallmark requirement of our program prepares them well for future success in graduate schools and their careers.

Art alumnae will be proud to know that the art department has continued our commitment to a fine arts curriculum while expanding the courses we offer in digital/new media to include digital photography, video, beyond object and special topic courses in installation/video, the Web, and cyberfeminism. As we move forward in the 21st century, we have embraced new technologies while maintaining strength in traditional areas of painting, sculpture, ceramics, and fibers. We believe that today’s successful artist requires flexibility and experience in multiple art disciplines and the support of a strong, core liberal arts education.

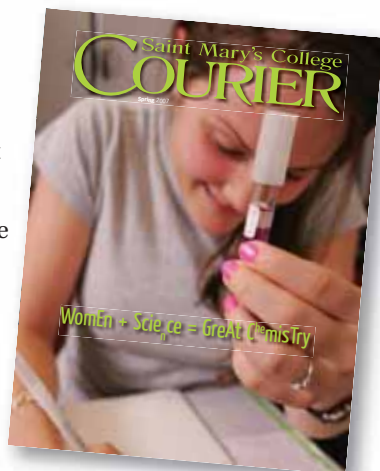
The art faculty is proudest of our students, both current and former. We love to celebrate the achievements of our alumnae and the diversity of our “art family” that includes K–12 teachers, college professors, museum curators and educators, graphic designers, medical illustrators, product designers, arts administrators, photographers, interior designers, gallerists, illustrators, studio artists, art directors, advertising executives, software trainers, Web designers, fashion designers, art therapists, event planners, muralists, business owners, book designers, buyers, marketers, consultants, and the list goes on. The possibilities prove endless with a Saint Mary’s art degree.

Julie Wroblewski Tourtillotte ’82 is a Professor of Art and Chair of the Art Department.

Dear Editor,

Thank you for the wonderful spring *Courier* focusing on science at Saint Mary's. I enjoyed reading how far science graduates have come and where future graduates are heading. As a 1999 biology BS graduate I feel that Saint Mary's prepared me for my career in academic medicine and allowed me to have confidence in my abilities. It was wonderful to read that so many young women are choosing science as their course of study. Times are changing and I am pleased to see that Saint Mary's is contributing to the scientific forefront!

Nicole Kraimer Strieter '99, MSN, APRN-BC
Boston, Mass.



Dear Editor,

What a thrill to see almost an entire *Courier* issue devoted to the sciences at Saint Mary's, specifically chemistry. Although I majored in biology (BS, 1980), I still have fond memories of Drs. Bambenek, Pilger, and Feigl. Qualitative, quantitative chemistry, biochemistry, and organic chemistry—the hours, the labs, the equations, the test tubes! But more importantly, the ability to walk into their respective offices for further explanation or a friendly chat. You cannot get that personal attention at just any college.

In the “old days” (1976–1980), there was no “new” Science Building. My senior immunology comp work was done in the building's basement. There was no animal facility and my guinea pigs were injected in a cramped stuffy dank corner. Regardless, I loved it.

I received a grant through Saint Mary's and Searle Pharmaceuticals and worked at Searle's Skokie, Ill., research and development laboratories for three summers, an opportunity unheard of in my circle of biology friends at other larger schools.

How wonderful to see so many young women entering scientific realms even unheard of in my time. Kudos to all of them, their dedicated professors and finally, the vision of Saint Mary's.

Mary Eileen Revord Schricker, MD, '80
Raleigh, N.C.

Dear Editor,

My daughter is a junior at Saint Mary's, a pre-med student who has remained, since day one, happy about her college choice. We both recently attended the Junior Moms' Weekend, including a Saturday morning breakfast featuring President Carol Ann Mooney as the main speaker. We were greeted at every turn by members of the development and alumnae department, and many of us assumed that we would be asked for a financial commitment.

The President gave an excellent speech. Naturally she talked about a vision for Saint Mary's; one would expect that. A vision is a fun thing to craft, and not always implemented. But she supported the vision by talking about what has actually been done, including, not just over the course of the rich history of Saint Mary's College, but also its remarkable and current achievements that could only have been accomplished by strategic mapping. We mothers were impressed and hoped our daughters were listening intently. This is your *alma mater*...be proud!

Still, I expected the pitch for gifts, or a financial commitment to the College. And indeed we were asked to make a contribution, but not financial. She asked all of us to be proud of Saint Mary's, and, if we were, then to broadcast that pride far and wide. Every college needs financial gifts to survive; but they also need student enrollment. With that, I was further impressed.

The career hats I have worn include high-end fundraising for non-profits. In-kind gifts (and for colleges, student enrollment) are important...but the reality remains it takes money to build programs, departments, and thus credibility and reputation. My Saint Mary's canvas bag goes with me everywhere and gives me that opportunity to talk about this fine college, far and wide. But Saint Mary's is also in my will. While we saved for our children's education, we could not have afforded the tuition that has allowed our daughter to attend this special place. By placing Saint Mary's in my will, this gives me an opportunity to say ‘thank you’ to Saint Mary's...and I have restricted this gift to financial scholarships in gratitude for the assistance that Eva has received.

Regardless of our current financial situation—and that may include having multiple children in college and at various other stages of their childhood—if we have a will, we can include Saint Mary's in our wills, and therefore make the financial contribution that is vital to the growth of this nationally respected and outstanding educational institution that is giving our daughters a first-class and rigorous education, and network that will benefit them their entire lives.

Betty K. Tonsing, PhD
Mishawaka, Ind.

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From Inspiration to Installation

By Scot Erin Briggs



2007 art graduate Beth Jolivet's senior comprehensive project.

“**A**rt is either plagiarism or revolution.” —Paul Gauguin

The art program at Saint Mary's has earned national accreditation from the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD) since 1974 for its revolutionary approach. Students learn techniques with new media, like digital photography and video art, while taking art history classes that examine everything from the societal impact of medieval cathedrals to the whimsy of the Impressionists.

That national accreditation gives graduates an advantage according to Professor Julie Tourtillotte '82, chair of the art department. “Students probably don't feel it tangibly until they leave and go to graduate school,” says Tourtillotte. “Their portfolio speaks volumes, but there's also that name recognition that goes with Saint Mary's being a nationally accredited school.”

The portfolio that graduates of the program leave with is the culmination of four years of work. How that portfolio is developed is a defining feature of the art program at Saint Mary's. The program guides students through the artistic process, from where to find inspiration to creation, and beyond that to presentation of the work.

For Shawna Rheume Hatton '91, who earned her BFA at Saint Mary's, it was that initiation to the artistic process that she has found most valuable. “It's one thing to sit down and create a pretty picture,” says Hatton, “but if you're trying to use your art to communicate an idea, the whole process is vital.” Hatton now runs her own photography and design business in southern California.

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INSPIRATION

Students in the art program glean inspiration from an array of fields, exploring ideas that bridge and blend disciplines—the fundamental benefit of studying art at a liberal arts school. “Many Saint Mary’s art majors are able to combine other interests and it strengthens their work, in my opinion,” says Hatton. “I found the philosophy and theology classes really added another dimension to my work.” Professor Tourtillotte sees it as an opportunity for students to grow as artists. “As soon as you can open that door in the student’s mind,” says Tourtillotte, “that all those classes she’s taking can feed her artwork—it really sets her free.”

“Studying art at a liberal arts school prepares students to be artists in today’s art world,” says Tourtillotte. “You need to be able to write well, to speak well. A liberal arts school like Saint Mary’s provides that foundation to you.”

CREATION AND COLLABORATION

Each semester, members of the art faculty review a student’s work, evaluating it within the context of her work from previous semesters. Students discuss more than technique with their professors; they talk about their ideas about the work and what they are trying to accomplish.



The strength of that mentoring relationship that students have with their professors is epitomized by the six Student Independent Study and Research (SISTAR) grants that have been awarded to the art department over the last 14 years. SISTAR grants



support student-faculty collaborative projects, and in the art department, that has meant projects that dealt with art history, ceramics, fibers, video, painting, and sculpture. The artwork produced by these student-faculty teams have been exhibited at the Snite Museum of Art at Notre Dame, the Indianapolis Museum of Art, the Urban Institute for Contemporary Art in Grand Rapids, and the Moreau Galleries at Saint Mary’s.

PRESENTATION

The student experience culminates with the senior comprehensive. “In the fall, seniors come to the senior comp with an idea of their own, a proposal, and a work in progress. They have to field questions from faculty,” says Tourtillotte. All of the art faculty members attend the senior comprehensive proposals, as do the rest of the senior class and many sophomore and junior art majors as well.

The senior comprehensive gives students an opportunity to do what Tourtillotte calls “independent comprehensive research,” very different from the distinct assignments where the parameters have been given to them. “The comprehensive is graduate-level work.”



1991 art graduate Shawna Rheaume Hatton (top) in her studio in southern California, and senior comprehensives by 2007 art graduates Maureen O’Connell (middle) and Michelle Lonnee (bottom).

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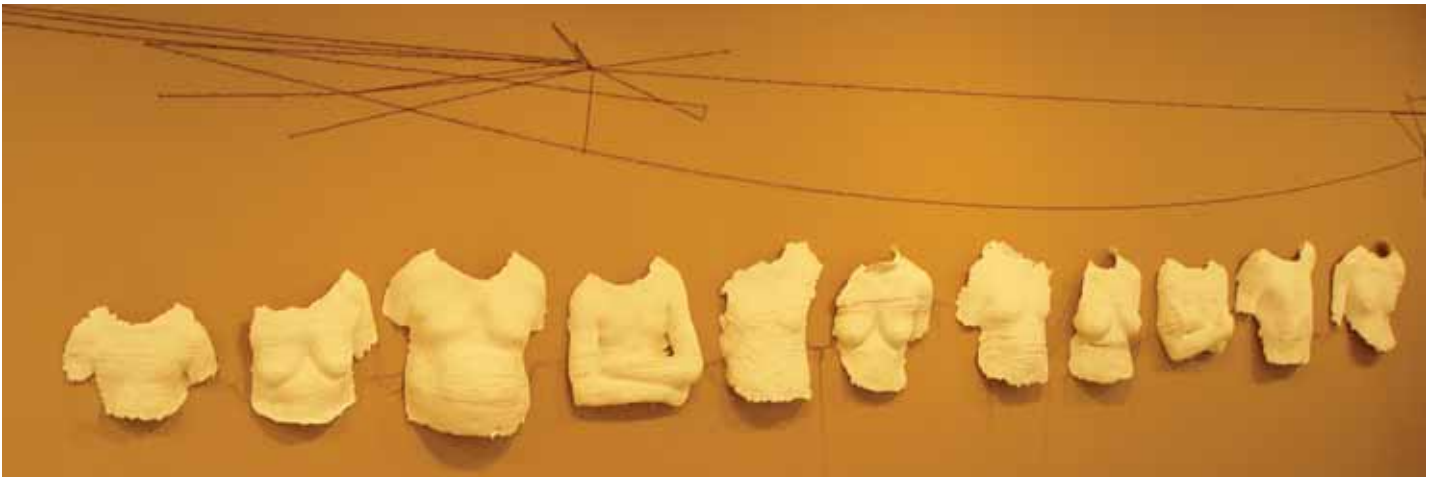


Professor Julie Tourtillotte's Top Ten Reasons to Study Art

1. Teaches you to see.
2. Develops your imagination, curiosity, creative intellect, and problem-solving skills.
3. Gives you an opportunity for self-expression and discovery.
4. Teaches you visual literacy.
5. Fosters an aesthetic understanding.
6. Exposes you to different cultures and traditions.
7. Develops research, communication, and presentation skills.
8. Gives you a variety of technical skills.
9. Builds your confidence.
10. Makes you flexible and adaptable.

Whether they have pursued graduate school or have begun working, alumnae of the art program have gone on to become professional artists, teachers, arts administrators, museum curators, art restorers, art therapists, interior designers, fashion designers, illustrators, graphic designers, media advisors, editors and book designers, medical illustrators, auction specialists, and furniture designers. Perhaps the most revolutionary aspect of the program is its well-roundedness. "I wanted a school that was excellent academically and had an exceptional art department," says Hatton. "Saint Mary's had both."

Scot Erin Briggs is editor of Courier.



2007 art graduate senior comprehensives: Catherine Wagner (top left), Beth Napoli (top right), and Kate Deitle (bottom).

Connecting at the Crossroads: CWIL Conference Finds Unity in Diversity

Women from five continents converged at Saint Mary's for the first major conference of the Center for Women's InterCultural Leadership (CWIL), held April 26–28. Faculty and staff spent much of the past year planning the event, called “Women as Intercultural Leaders: Collaboration at the Crossroads.” Financial support came from the Lilly Endowment Inc., which also provides major funding for CWIL.

Conference activities were as diverse as the 261 participants who registered, representing 25 U.S. states and nine countries. More than 100 presenters contributed to 30 concurrent sessions on women's leadership and international and multicultural education. “The conference succeeded beyond our highest hopes in bringing together a very diverse group of scholars, professionals, community activists, alumnae, and students,” said Elaine Meyer-Lee, CWIL director. “It was a unique opportunity for them to network, share best practices, and present cutting-edge work on women's experiences as intercultural leaders.”

The conference opened with a keynote address by Shirin Ebadi, an Iranian lawyer and human rights activist who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2003. Speaking in Farsi through a translator, Ebadi captivated her audience with remarks on the role of women in bringing about democracy. Another highlight was “Ran Away,” a dance performance featuring an international cast from the Ishar Multicultural Women's Health Centre in Perth, Australia. Sixteen women from Ishar—which has partnered with CWIL on various projects—spent the week at Saint Mary's preparing for the performance, which depicted the courage and suffering of migrant and refugee women.

With roundtable discussions, an interfaith prayer service, and art, photography, and poster displays, the conference offered many venues for formal and informal dialogue. At a well-attended session on “African-American Trailblazers in Post-War America,” Juanita Boozer Bay '52, Stephanie Capparell '77, Kim Hodges '08, and Business Professor Ujvala Rajadhyaksha examined diversity issues. Bay, who was Saint Mary's first African-American graduate, compared experiences with Hodges, the College's first African-American student body president. “My time at Saint Mary's was difficult, but the education I received here has stayed with me and instilled in me a love of learning,” said Bay. “It also taught me about leadership and how one person can make a difference.”

At the closing plenary session, a distinguished panel of scholars and professionals reflected on the importance of promoting women's intercultural leadership worldwide. Among them was U.S. Representative Eddie Bernice Johnson, who attended Saint Mary's in the 1960s and represents Texas' 30th Congressional district. Echoing themes heard throughout the three-day conference, Johnson reflected on how her work has brought her into contact with women living in societies torn by violence and war. “Women have the most important role to play as leaders, especially postwar,” she said. “It's going to take the leadership of women to bring about a culture of peace in this world.”



Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson



Saint Mary's students met Nobel Laureate Shirin Ebadi at a reception in Stapleton Lounge. From left: Ashley Ingram '07, Adriana Lopez '08, Shirin Ebadi, and Sarita Fritzler '08.



A scene from “Ran Away,” a dance performance focusing on the experiences of refugee women from around the world.



President Carol Ann Mooney (left) shared an informal conversation with Dr. Ebadi before her keynote address.

New Era Ahead for Communication and Performance Studies

"The moral obligation of the teacher is to ask inconvenient questions," reads a quote from sociologist Max Weber on Professor John Pauley's Web site. After 16 years of asking his students inconvenient questions, Pauley, professor and chair in the Department of Communication and Performance Studies, left Saint Mary's College in June. He has assumed a new position as chair of communication studies at Eastern University in St. Davids, Pa.

Along with Professor Ann Plamondon, who retired this spring after 25 years at Saint Mary's, Pauley was a popular teacher in communication studies. Faculty and administrators credit the two with transforming the department during their tenure. Reflecting on that legacy, Pauley said, "We have built this department and it now has a strong reputation



Professors Ann Plamondon and John Pauley transformed the Communication Studies program during their tenure at Saint Mary's.

as a rigorous academic unit within the College. Along those lines, we've also recruited and retained quality faculty. The department is in very strong shape, with strong leadership, and ready to move forward."

Associate Professor Vicente Berdayes, who succeeds Pauley as chair, said that the department will evolve in future directions that Plamondon and Pauley helped set. "The faculty will continue to update their courses in ways that offer students a broad range of opportunities after graduation," Berdayes said. "Communication studies will also evolve in ways that emphasize the role of communication and media literacy in a rapidly changing technological world."

The department will continue to strengthen links between its communication, dance, and theatre programs under the unifying concept of performance studies, an approach that focuses on how social life is reproduced through everyday practices, bodily movements, and various types of performances.

Besides teaching and publishing, both Plamondon and Pauley mentored countless Saint Mary's students. A philosopher and lawyer by training, Plamondon taught courses on argumentation, persuasion, and logic that prepared many students for law school and other careers. Pauley, who is best known for his courses in rhetoric and criticism, also created a newsletter that encouraged students and alumnae to build professional and personal networks beyond the campus. Assistant Professor Colleen Fitzpatrick will continue to direct the newsletter.

Pauley said he hopes that his former students will remember him as "tough but fair." Looking over the evaluations he received over the years, he said, "the comments that most touched my soul were when students said I challenged them, that they worked hard and did things they didn't think they were capable of doing ... At Saint Mary's, the interpersonal dimension of education is in the foreground, and I have so much enjoyed that. I think my departure has really reinforced to me how much I cherish relationships and believe they're important."

Trustees Elect New Officers

At its April meeting, the Saint Mary's College Board of Trustees unanimously elected two new officers. John J. O'Connor started a three-year term as chair and Mary Burke '85 began a two-year term as vice chair, effective June 1.

A 1976 graduate of the University of Notre Dame, O'Connor is vice chancellor and secretary of the State University of New York (SUNY) system. He is also president and chief executive officer of the State University's Research Foundation, which supports research, technology transfer, and university-government-corporate partnerships involved in scientific innovation and discovery. O'Connor said he joined the Saint Mary's Board of Trustees in 1998 to renew his ties to the South Bend community and Holy Cross institutions. He served previously as vice chair.

"It was a very special honor to be chosen by my colleagues to serve and to follow in the footsteps of Debbie Johnson Schwiebert '74, who has done an outstanding job as chair over the past three years," said O'Connor. "Having spent the past quarter century in higher education, I am pleased to have the opportunity to bring my experiences to bear in support of Saint Mary's continued advance into the front ranks of the country's finest four-year institutions."

Burke, a Chicago banking executive, was elected to the board in 2005. Now a principal in The Food Partners, an

investment banking firm for the food industry, she was previously chair of the board and interim chief executive officer at Associated Grocers, Inc., of Seattle. She has also served as the chief financial officer for Imperial Sugar Company and vice president for Harris Trust and Savings Bank in Chicago.

Commenting on the appointments, President Carol Ann Mooney said, "John's experience in higher education and Mary's financial background will ensure that the Board of Trustees will continue to move the College forward. Both are seasoned professionals with a deep commitment to Saint Mary's."

In other Board news, Sister Michelle Germanson, OP was elected to a three-year term as a new member. She is the president of Trinity High School, a Catholic college preparatory school for young women in River Forest, Ill. Catherine Cetta '08, a history and political science double major from Downers Grove, Ill., will serve as student trustee for the coming academic year. Cetta has been active with the Board of Governance, Campus Ministry, Political Science Club, and College Republicans. Her mother, Mary C. Stauder Keefe '83, also attended Saint Mary's.

Sarah Belanger Earley '71 will continue as Board secretary along with Raymond L. Kratzer, treasurer, until 2009.

A New Building, A Familiar Name

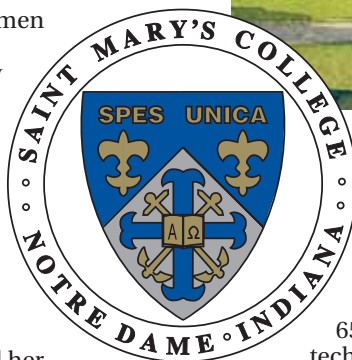
The foundation is poured and the walls are taking shape. A live Webcam tracks the minute-by-minute progress of construction. Adding to the excitement, in May Saint Mary's announced the name of the College's new academic building—Spes Unica Hall.

Latin for “our only hope,” Spes Unica is the motto for the College and the Congregation of Holy Cross. The words refer to the cross, which is included along with an anchor in the seals of the Holy Cross Sisters, Priests, and Brothers and also on the College seal.

“Saint Mary's women are women of hope, women who realize that the work of transforming their world is not easy but that it is their responsibility to use their best efforts to do so. Within the walls of this new building, it is our dream that the work of learning will generate hope,” said President Carol Ann Mooney after the Board of Trustees approved the choice.

More than 600 donors—including faculty, staff, alumnae, students, parents, and friends of the College—committed \$16.5 million to construct the building and underwrite its operating endowment. Trustee Jennifer Mathile Prikkel '95 donated \$3 million to the project, and her parents, Clayton and MaryAnn Mathile, agreed to match up to \$3 million in additional contributions raised by the College.

Given the significance of their contribution, the College invited Prikkel to suggest a name for the building. She says she chose Spes Unica Hall because the phrase is meaningful to every generation of Saint Mary's women—from the College's founders to older alumnae to present-day students—and to faculty and staff as well. “I learned so much about myself, as a woman and as a Catholic, in the classroom at Saint Mary's,” reflected Prikkel. “But I really wanted the building to have a name that was bigger than me, that would



be something every graduate could identify with and be a part of.”

Spes Unica Hall will include classroom, laboratory, and office space as well as common areas where students and faculty can gather. Designed by Ballinger Architects of Philadelphia and Architecture Design Group of South Bend, the 65,000-square-foot facility will incorporate updated technology and environmentally sustainable practices and materials. “It's going to be a world-class academic facility,” said Mooney. “We have worked hard to make the building beautiful, efficient, and environmentally friendly.”

For Prikkel, the building's name captures the essence of what Saint Mary's is all about. “Every time I look at my class ring and see those words—*spes unica*—it means so much to me,” she said. “To me, the name really says what will happen in that building. We all come to Saint Mary's with a hope, either to prepare for a career or to find God or find ourselves. That's the heart of what I feel about the College.”

For a live view of the Spes Unica Hall construction site, visit <http://constcam.saintmarys.edu>.

College Names New Multicultural Affairs Director



Larisa Olin Ortiz

For Larisa Olin Ortiz, the new director of the College's Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA), diversity means more than celebrating and embracing difference. “We need to recognize the responsibility that each of us has to build inclusive and equitable environments, especially in multicultural societies,” she says.

Olin Ortiz assumed the helm at OMA in May, after serving for 18 months as assistant director. One of her goals is to “increase the traffic” in

her office so that more students take advantage of the services and resources that OMA provides, as well as leadership opportunities available to them.

“For example, we'd like to create a formal support system where first-year multicultural students can meet upper-class women and share some of the experiences of transitioning to college,” says Olin Ortiz. “Obviously, this will help us in terms of retention, but it will also help our students to feel welcome

and part of the whole Saint Mary's community.”

Students from historically underrepresented groups comprise 10 percent of the first-year and sophomore classes at Saint Mary's this fall. Those numbers indicate progress. Even so, Olin Ortiz wants to help improve the coordination of existing diversity efforts while working with other departments to increase the number of diverse students over time. She's optimistic that this can happen. “Right now, we're seeing the implementation of many diversity initiatives at all levels. This certainly shows the College's commitment to increasing the racial and ethnic diversity of our community.”

A native of Monterrey, Mexico, Olin Ortiz also lived and worked in Germany. She holds a BA in international relations from Tecnológico de Monterrey and a master's in journalism from the University of Texas at Austin. She says the best part of her job at OMA is seeing students grow as leaders. “From the time they arrive at Saint Mary's to when they graduate, they become strong women who are really committed to making a difference in the world.”

The Artist's Way

By Elizabeth Station

Their graduation heralded the start of a brave new millennium and they entered it boldly—armed with their art degrees. Professor Julie Tourtillotte remembers the Art Department Class of 2000 as an exceptionally talented bunch, with many completing honors-level senior comprehensive projects. *Courier* recently caught up with these eight young artists. They had much to share about the joys and challenges of following the artist's way.

Making a Living

If the parents of these art majors fretted over whether their daughters would be able to pay the bills, they shouldn't have. Every 2000 graduate is working in her field. Kat Foley and Beth Parin are successful photographers, and Parin is also an assistant professor of art in suburban Chicago. Megan Stanley Uday is busy creating the Spunky Monkey Arts Association, a Detroit-area nonprofit that will encourage residents to "monkey around" with art. Cara Kotas, Katy Massey Lee, and Valerie Malecki Breun have worked as graphic designers or art directors for companies around the country. Sarah Martin manages teacher and school programs for the Indianapolis Museum of Art, and Kate Ryan Hegman teaches art to kids with learning disabilities at Groves Academy in Minneapolis.

Success didn't always come easily. "The biggest challenge of working in the art field is finding a paid job," claims Cara Kotas, a graphic designer with Thermo Fisher Scientific near Denver, Colo. After graduation, she found that most art jobs in the area were volunteer, so she accepted a position in her company's marketing department and trained herself in design software to transition into the job she holds today.



Megan Stanley Uday and Kat Foley, art alumnae from the Class of 2000 who have remained close since graduation.



Valerie Malecki Breun

Senior comprehensive and portfolio projects by the Art Department Class of 2000 expressed their passion for color, creativity, self-expression, and connection.

"To create a career in art is an interesting challenge," agrees Kat Foley, who learned new skills developing both the commercial and artistic sides of her portrait photography business in Ann Arbor, Mich. "You have to be inventive when it comes to making a paycheck. You become an entrepreneur, and sometimes you develop your career as you go."

Creating and Connecting

Most art graduates allege that both their incomes and their sanity depend on whether they can create and view art on a regular basis. After working all day as graphic designers, Kotas happily pays to use a pottery studio and Breun paints. Besides teaching ceramics, Hegman throws her own pots after-hours using the studio in her school. When Sarah Martin gets home from her museum job, she crochets scarves and creates three-dimensional pieces to give away to friends. "I definitely need to be around art," says Martin. "If I have a bad day at work, or too many meetings, or it's overwhelming, it's always nice to be able to go up into the galleries and look at some works of art or just sit in front of one of my favorite pieces and let everything else go away."

Besides creating, these alumnae value community and connection—a legacy of their student days. "For me, Saint Mary's was a wonderful community of women and men, and I really think I carry that with me in my career and seek it out," says Foley, who has fond memories of late-night painting sessions in Moreau Hall with her studio art classmates. She says she now tries to mentor and give work opportunities to younger photographers in the same way her professors supported her early efforts in college.

Uday—who is one of Foley's closest friends—is establishing an art nonprofit in the "down river" area of Detroit to bring art to new audiences and resources to professional artists. "One of my challenges after graduating with an art degree was that I no longer had that community to turn to," she says. "So I want to help create a community where professional artists feel supported and can easily find exhibition opportunities." She adds, "Saint Mary's just continues to foster the sense that there is something much



Kate Ryan Hegman



Beth Parin



Megan Stanley Uday

larger than yourself out in the world. Art is for everyone to share, and I think it's easier for artists to share it in a way that involves other people."

Saint Mary's Foundations

While their passion for art began in childhood, these alumnae say their Saint Mary's education, including studying abroad, profoundly shaped their artistic skills and sensibilities. Foley studied in Ireland, and Kotas says her time in the Rome program gave her a feeling for the centuries of artists that came before her: "I think that, more than anything, has influenced what I'm doing today."

For Martin, summer internships at the South Bend Regional Museum of Art, Chicago's ARC Gallery, and Fernwood Botanical Gardens opened a world of career possibilities. Her senior comp involved curating an exhibit by other artists, rather than pursuing a traditional focus in studio art or art history. "It was wonderful and it was really all due to the support of the faculty in the art department," she says. "They were incredibly supportive both professionally and emotionally, really treating us almost as peers, and not just as students."

Beth Parin, who teaches digital imaging and photography at Governor's State University, says she gained technical, aesthetic, and conceptual skills from her art studies. "As a professor, I try to teach students to think conceptually—to connect their work to other artists, writers, ideas, and events. This allows them to create art that means something to them," she says. "I got this from Saint Mary's. My foundation began there, and it grows upward and outward as I grow."

Breun says her art professors had a big impact on her approach to work. "We were all so unique in our talents and they were there to guide us each in our own personal 'right direction.' Probably the most important thing I learned was self-confidence—believe in who you are and believe in your talent, and others will take notice."



No Regrets

Most members of the Class of 2000 have pursued additional studies after college. Martin, who earned a master's degree in contemporary art history, theory, and criticism at the Art Institute of Chicago, says that investment paid off. "It seems like more and more, in any workplace environment, creativity is being valued. You see larger companies specifically hiring people with art backgrounds. They want that creative thinking process and they want people who are willing to take risks and be more adventurous. They're looking for people who think differently," she adds. "The world is a visual place—that's how we get our information. So someone who successfully navigates that needs to have a visual language they can tap into and use confidently."

Regardless of where they've landed, all eight alumnae of the Class of 2000 say they're happy they chose to pursue a life in art. Foley originally wanted to be a teacher, but turned to photography when her friends began to get married, have children, and commission portraits. Now, she says, "I can't imagine doing anything else. It's just amazing to be able to give people a gift they can hang on their walls. It's so rewarding, and I guess that's the link between teaching and photography for me."

"I don't think I'll ever be ready for a career change," affirms Uday. "I will always stay in the arts—that was my promise to myself in college. I want to stay around people who are creative and inspiring and work with them. It's the best."

By Elizabeth Station

On a bright summer morning, the note stuck to the door of Professor Billy Ray Sandusky's office in Moreau Hall says it all: *I'm upstairs in Room 326, painting.*

It's the artist's equivalent of a "gone fishing" sign. But Sandusky, who has taught painting, printmaking, drawing, and book arts at Saint Mary's since 1980, is far from checked out. He's hard at work on paintings for *The Brancacci Project: Phase Two*, his recreation of the 15th-century masterworks that adorn the Brancacci Chapel in the Church of Santa Maria del Carmine in Florence, Italy.

master and mentor

Three painters—Masaccio, Masolino, and Filippino Lippi—created the original frescoes of the life of St. Peter in the Brancacci Chapel. Their collective effort, sometimes referred to as the beginning of the Italian Renaissance, served as a guide for generations of artists to come. In that spirit, Sandusky enlisted two young Saint Mary's artists to help him complete Phase One of *The Brancacci Project*. The art they created, and their collaborative approach, are a 21st-century homage to the original work.

Completing the project will take months, perhaps years, but Sandusky seems energized by the prospect. Dwarfed by a roomful of giant, unfinished canvases that depict St.

Peter in modern surroundings, he is in his element.

Sandusky takes the same approach to art as he does to life, according to Jill Feller '99, his former student: "He has no fear."

Blown Away by Color

The first seeds for *The Brancacci Project* were planted in the 1970s when Sandusky, a recent graduate of Tulane University and the Herron School of Art, was living in Florence. Most days he was busy working as a printmaker, painter, and teacher, but he often stole away to the Brancacci Chapel to study the *Scenes from the Life of St. Peter* frescoes, which include Masaccio's *Expulsion from the Garden of Eden*. "It was kind of an out of the way church, and wasn't that frequented," Sandusky remembers. "The chapel is spectacular; it's one of the most important in the history of art ... I would spend the day there, doing drawings and sitting and reading."

Many years later, in 2002, Sandusky returned to the chapel with his son Marco and saw the frescoes again, for the first time after a major restoration.

"I just got blown away by it," Sandusky says. "These were dark, dingy paintings and when they got cleaned, the colors just jumped off the wall." He confessed to his son that as a young artist, he had contemplated recreating some of the Brancacci frescoes, introducing modern-day figures and surroundings.

"Marco thought it was a great idea and as we talked, it got to be bigger and bigger," Sandusky remembers. "And I started to think it might be nice to rebuild the whole chapel, to do the whole thing. He was saying, 'you gotta do it, you gotta do it' and I was saying, 'Nah, it's way too big of a job.' And then he said, 'Why don't you get some students to work with you?'"

The Apprentices

The rest, as they say, is art history. Back on campus in 2003, Sandusky landed a grant from Saint Mary's Student Independent Study and Research (SISTAR) program to launch *The Brancacci Project*. SISTAR grants allow a student and faculty member to work as partners in research or another creative activity for two months during the summer. With funds from the grant, Sandusky bought supplies and enlisted art major Jennifer Trachy Hake '04 and recent art graduate Jill Feller '99 to help recreate the frescoes of Masaccio, Masolino, and Lippi for the 21st century. "The original chapel was done by three painters, so we can be three painters," he told them. "And the size and scope of the project was so large that we needed three people."

For Feller, the collaboration was transformative. "The craziest part for me was painting on the same canvas as Billy Ray, because never in my wildest dreams would I have imagined doing that," she says. "There were times when I was painting over his work, where he would do the garments and I thought it should be a little different. It took a lot of encouragement from him for me to be able to do that, because for a long time I kept saying, 'You're Billy Ray' and he kept saying, 'We're colleagues.' I don't know if that will ever sink in, but it was amazing to work side by side with him on the same project and to have him allow things that I'd painted to remain untouched."

Sandusky believes the partnership with Hake and Feller was invaluable. "It worked well. I think they enjoyed what they were doing, and each of them was good at different things." Also, he says, "they put so much pressure on me, because they wanted to be working, that I couldn't take a day off. So we got a tremendous amount done."





From Italy to Indiana

In some ways, *The Brancacci Project* is the perfect marriage of Sandusky's two worlds. The bright colors and religious themes pay tribute to the masters of the Italian Renaissance. But most of the models Sandusky has used to depict St. Peter's life are his own colleagues, friends, and family members—set against backgrounds like the St. Joseph River, Lake Michigan, and a local strip mall. Florentine painters often had powerful patrons appear in their artwork. Following that tradition, Sandusky photographed and painted Saint Mary's President Carol Ann Mooney and her husband, George Efta, who appear with Rev. Theodore Hesburgh, CSC and other luminaries in the paintings.

As a young artist, Sandusky never would have guessed his career would lead him to Indiana. When he came to Saint Mary's with his wife, Giovanna, 27 years ago, they expected to return to Italy following his one-year appointment in the art department. "We've been here ever since," he smiles. "Saint Mary's is a great community and place to be." Part of his satisfaction comes from teaching courses and mentoring a new generation of artists in media that are lifelong passions. Another joy is having time for his own creations. "I tell students that I have the best job in the world. I say, 'Can you imagine spending the rest of your life painting, and having someone pay you to do it?'"



Sandusky treats art students as individuals whose talent will grow as they invest time and effort. "They all have their own particular life experiences and ambitions, so they should also have their own way of doing things. Painting is a curious thing, like most art forms. There is no particularly right or wrong way of doing it."

In Memoriam

Clarence Dineen, who from 1956 to 1984 worked at Saint Mary's College as a professor, chair of the biology department, and an administrator, died February 20, 2007. He is survived by daughters Diane Dineen Pacella '66, Mary Kay Dineen '70, Margot Dineen Strother, and son James M. Dineen. He was preceded in death by his wife and fellow professor at Saint Mary's, Margaret.

"Thinking about Saint Mary's and what it meant to my parents, I was struck by the fact that neither of them ever questioned a student's ability (or goals or ambitions) on the basis of gender. In their eyes the world was wide open to women; to think otherwise was nonsensical. My dad was brought to Saint Mary's to establish a science department in 1956. At that time others would have questioned the merit of a science department at a liberal arts college for women. I am quite sure he knew it could and should be done, and he did it.

"I once told my dad I wanted to be a nurse and he simply said, 'You should be a doctor.' Initially this parental advice hardly registered but I have now been a practicing physician for nearly 30 years. I have no doubt his unquestioning confidence in me laid a foundation for life. A foundation that I know he must have instilled in his students as well. It was simple: absorb as much knowledge as your abilities allow then take it and use it at the highest level you can.

"My parents were wonderful role models, not only for me and my siblings, but for the many students who were lucky enough to walk into their classrooms. Their memory will be well served by using a Saint Mary's education well."

— Mary Kay Dineen, MD

Alumnae Deaths

Lucile Redmond Lynch '29, mother of Joan Lynch Arthurs '55, April 10, 2007.

Jane Keach Delaney '39, mother of Eileen Delaney Jones '63, March 16, 2007.

Berenice V. Kaczmarek Morrow '40, March 23, 2007.

Ruth Rauen Albanese '43, sister of Helen Rauen Kristufek '42, February 7, 2007.

Eileen Brophy McCracken 1946, aunt of Maureen Ward O'Brien '66, April 5, 2007.

Patricia Reed Evans '47, March 11, 2007.

Mary Beenan Leonard '49, March 31, 2007.

Rosemarie Moore Lindahl '50, April 26, 2006.

Elizabeth Wodtke '52, she was known as Sister Francis Jerome until 1959, sister of Alice Wodtke Caputo '60, and aunt of Cynthia Nave Prendergast '71, and Sandra Nave Grenda '72, April 16, 2007.

Barbara Smith Wheatley '53, August 2006.

Sister Miriam Andre Williams, CSC, '56, April 23, 2007.

Sister Bernice Cullen CSM, '58, February 6, 2007.

Patricia Ann O'Brien '61, April 13, 2007.

Family Deaths

Joseph A. Berkowski, father of Carol Berkowski Schneider '90, November 6, 2006.

Robert E. "Bob" Borchers, father of Roberta Borchers Flecker '64, Rebecca Borchers Brown '64 and Barbara Borchers Bernath '66, father-in-law of Marjorie Burkart Borchers '75, and grandfather of Megan Borchers Monahan '97, April 16, 2007.

Paul J. Bracken ND '48, husband of Lenore Sroub Bracken '47, father of Laura Bracken '70, grandfather of Katherine Kelleher '01, and Sarah Kelleher '05, and Megan Kelleher '07, April 1, 2007.

John Buheker, uncle of Theresa Petruska Caruso '70, April 8, 2007.

John J. Clemency, grandson of Jeanne Hormuth Hoff '50, April 5, 2007.

Thomas Comfort, father of Angela Comfort '07, April 19, 2007.

Phillip J. David, husband of Dolores Ziton David '47, March 19, 2007.

Vallary Dawning, sister-in-law of Paula Dawning '71, April 3, 2007.

Thomas J. Dillon, father of Wendy Dillon Pietrangelo '91, April 10, 2007.

Clarence F. Dineen, father of Diane Dineen Pacella '66 and Mary Kay Dineen '70, February 20, 2007.

Samuel DiPiazza, husband of Florence Mundi DiPiazza '49, January 6, 2007.

John Patrick Droege, son of Aileen Bullard Droege '56, and nephew of Mary Droege Haney '58, and cousin of Hillary Haney McDaniel '87, January 28, 2007.

John Foley, father of Mary Jane Foley Brisbane '64 and Anne T. Foley '75, January 12, 2007.

Robert W. Frost Jr., husband of Lynn McCarthy Frost '84, November 3, 2006.

Mary Delby Gallagher, aunt of Sheila Draine Kraemer '84 and Maureen Gallagher Burns '85, August 28, 2006.

Rosalie Grzywinski, grandmother of Lynn Shelley-Sireci '89, and Denise Shelley Brown '91, February 21, 2007.

Lawrence J. Gutschenritter, husband of Jeanne Rouhier Gutschenritter '53, father of Victoria M. Gutschenritter '84, March 6, 2007.

Mark I. Kaminsky, father of Chloe Kaminsky Leach '02, February 15, 2007.

Robert "Bob" Kase, brother of Kathleen Kase Kelly '80, February 2007.

Edward L. Kearns, father of Camille Kearns Rudy '80 and Colleen Kearns Foraker '82, March 13, 2007.

Mary Lou Krausneck, aunt of Amy Cooper Whipple '97, February 20, 2007.

Eileen Kronenwetter, mother of Mary Kay Kronenwetter Jeselnick '72, Judith Kronenwetter Krick '76, and Amy Kronenwetter Gruis '81, May 5, 2006.

Robert M. Kuminecz Sr., father-in-law of Catherine Panowicz Kuminecz '89, February 20, 2007.

Arlene R. Kvenvik, grandmother of Erin Vartabedian Zick '00, November 5, 2006.

Alanna Lake, granddaughter of Helenmarie Anderson Corcoran '61, January 5, 2007.

William "Bill" Lewis ND '64, husband of Anne Harvey Lewis '65, March 11, 2007.

George A. McAuley, father of Nancy Rose McAuley '87 and Katherine McAuley Wagner '93, October 17, 2006.

Jackson Richard Melinder, infant son of Meredith Dodge Melinder '95, March 11, 2007.

James H. Moran, father of Erin Moran '03, January 7, 2007.

Michael Thomas Revers, husband of Beth Mayer Revers '00, March 15, 2007.

William Shine, father of Kelli Shine Reidy '75, March 28, 2007.

Marion M. Slavin, mother of Marlene Slavin Fogarty '58 and Patricia Slavin Doran '68, January 29, 2007.

Ronald "Jim" Webster, father of Rhonda Webster Wieschhaus '85, March 29, 2007.

Robert "Bob" Zimmerer, brother of Jean Zimmerer Thomas '54, Ruth Zimmerer Bailey '61 and Rosemary Zimmerer Richard '67, uncle of Suzanne Bailey Scott '95, April 12, 2007.

Faculty Deaths

Esmee Bellalta, long-time faculty member at Saint Mary's and responsible for the development of the Justice Education Program, February 15, 2006.

Marriages

Kathryn "Katie" O'Brien Kumler '88 and Bryan, June 17, 2006.

Lisa Phillips Gee '93 and Todd, June 2006.

Kathryn "Katie" Smith Greb '93 and Stephen, September 2006.

Jennifer Kaniecki MacNeil '93 and Joseph, November 11, 2006.

Pamela Jack Schneider '94 and Peter, August 15, 2006.

Tara Krull Poteraj '95 and Matt, July 15, 2006.

Katherine "Katie" Northup Smith '95 and John, December 29, 2006.

Stacey Reding Sutter '96 and Tom, June 10, 2006.

Stephanie Krizmanich Webber '96 and Tad, November 11, 2006.

Christine DeLuca Kedziora '97 and Kevin, December 9, 2006.

Jessica Dettman Hinners '99 and Brian, October 13, 2006.

Christine Farrell Diederich '00 and Anthony, September 19, 2006.

Kathleen "Katie" Smith Hogerty '00 and Reagan ND '99, December 29, 2006.

Maureen Flannery Crowe '01 and Mike ND '01, July 23, 2005.

Andrea Fox-Canale '03 and Joshua Canale ND '03, August 19, 2006.

Monica Cannon Meeker '03 and Giacomo, October 28, 2006.

Elizabeth Bailey Stocker '03 and Patrick, October 28, 2006.

Bridget Martin Hein '04 and Joel, December 30, 2006.

Lindsay Greene Gayle '05 and Dan, September 30, 2006.

Sheila Egts LaMaster '05 and Chris, September 2, 2006.

Natalie Zettler Leisinger '05 and Jon, May 2006.

Lorraine Corpora Mszanski '05 and Joe, June 24, 2006.

Births & Adoptions

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

Patricia O'Neil Collins '89 and Brian: Elizabeth Simone, May 29, 2006.

Patti Swain Stark '89 and Mark: Kelly Patricia, September 27, 2006.

Katherine Mahoney Barrio '90 and Gerardo: Meaghan Katherine, December 12, 2006.

Heidi Heminger Bradley '90 and Edward ND '88: Theodore Bonaventure, March 11, 2007.

Rachel Schuster Hadsall '90 and Guy: Cecilia Ruth, February 19, 2007.

Lori Hobbs Hester '90 and John: Clare Eabha, April 9, 2007.

Carol Berkowski Schneider '90 and Dean: Julia Caroline, August 30, 2006.

Michelle Schmitt Watson '90 and John: Karis Grace, May 21, 2006.

Courtney Kirk Klevanosky '91 and John: Kerrigan Elizabeth, February 1, 2006.

Karen McNamara Weaver '91 and David: Jennifer Ann, January 26, 2007.

Jennifer Eiswirth Christy '92 and James: Kyla James, November 11, 2006.

Kelly Cook Collins '92 and Kevin: Shawn, June 22, 2005.

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

Denise Martin '92 and Brandon Hoadley: Nicholas David Hoadley, June 9, 2006.

Elizabeth Hamilton McGlinn '92 and Michael: Molly Barbara, February 1, 2007.

Shannon McGinn Alfele '93 and Scott: Andrew Hunt, February 19, 2007.

Lisa Phillips Gee '93 and Todd: Violet Snow, October 2006.

Kathleen Hill Gore '93 and Daniel: Max Thomas, August 19, 2006.

Julie Jedlinski Loughman '93 and Daniel: William Jack, June 20, 2006.

Jennifer Fahey McGill '93 and Doug: Matthew Douglas, October 2006.

Katurah Elleman Mindock '93 and Joseph ND '92: Alan Walter, December 23, 2006.

Lisa Jones Polasky '93 and William: Anna Louise, February 23, 2007.

Terri Ames Reilly '93 and Vin: Meg, August 26, 2006.

Sandra Conner Rennard '93 and Craig: Madison Jo Anne, August 21, 2006.

Rebecca Sanchez Shook '93 and Thomas: David Carlos, January 2, 2007.

Katherine Damm Sinkins '93 and Todd: Grace, November 4, 2005.

Tami Lowery Soehnlén '93 and Emil: Margaret "Maggie" Mary, December 29, 2006.

Shelly Myslewski Kilar '94 and Ken: Nola, September 8, 2006.

Elizabeth Martin Kiser '94 and James: James Webb, April 15, 2007.

Michele Terry Ryan '94 and Michael: Jacob, October 19, 2006.

Mary Beth Lukas Smith '94 and Gregory: Olivia Caroline, April 30, 2005.

Tara Belden Bell '95 and David: Samantha McCaulley, October 6, 2006.

Deborah Sheedy Halvorsen '95 and Arne: Kristian James, December 8, 2006.

Allison Murphy Hannah '95 and Elige: Mia Rose, July 10, 2006.

M. Taylor Markow Hyland '95 and James: James Peyton, February 8, 2007.

Pauline Leonard Karpowicz '95 and Edward: Flora Marie, August 30, 2006.

Darcee Bishop McCarthy '95 and George: Charley, August 2006.

Mary Bridget Bartley McGuire '95 and Andy ND '95: Daniel Bartley, June 2, 2006.

Maryse Pflum Naman '95 and Mark ND '95: Mason Andrew, August 10, 2006.

Kate Sullivan Payne '95 and Matthew: Anna Catherine, November 2006.

Mary Zervos Pempeck '95 and Andy: Quintin Louis, August 4, 2006.

Liz Broghammer Takacs '95 and Mike: Matthew James, September 2006.

Stephanie Maginot Thillens '95 and Mel: Twins, Max and Nathan, July 15, 2005.

Julie Radca Vieta '95 and Mark: Madden Avery, November 3, 2006.

Victoria Palk Cassidy '96 and Bryon: Caitlyn Rose, February 12, 2007.

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

Rory Cavanaugh O'Brochta '96 and David: Lauren Elizabeth, January 3, 2006.

Kimberly Bero Schultz '96 and Christian: Phoebe Susannah Bero Schultz, July 31, 2006.

Christine Riesenberger Davis '97 and Byron: Paige McKenna, May 25, 2006.

Jolie Pokorny Freeman '97 and Brady ND '96: Madeline Rose, February 2006.

Kathleen Michaels Lupke '97 and Scott: Andrew, June 13, 2006.

Michelle Lomonaco Slabik '97 and Joshua: Madaline Michelle, February 23, 2007.

Meaghan Driscoll Strotman '97 and Darren ND '97: Maeve Louise, February 5, 2007.

Chris Knych Ugo '97 and Pete: Mark Edward, September 22, 2006.

Julie Hackett Vanderpoel '97 and Michael: Jamie Michael, August 22, 2006.

Catherine Lukas Brookfield '98 and Arthur ND '97: Caitlyn Louise, September 8, 2006.

Monica Thorson Dunn '98 and Aaron ND '98: Elizabeth Anne, May 8, 2006.

Carolyn Lukas Rocchio '98 and Benedict ND '97: Patrick, January 28, 2006.

Danielle Hawkins Schroeder '98 and Jason: Cassidy, July 6, 2006.

Kari Payne Baldwin '99 and Brian: Ava, July 2006.

Courtney Wagner Kelly '99 and John: Carlin Mary, April 9, 2006.

Kimberly Nemeth Klimczak '99 and Sean: Ethan William, June 2, 2006.

Barbara Nolan Polk '99 and Matthew: Makenna Grace, July 22, 2006.

Gina Lamberti Ruhlig '99 and Matthew: Lucy Elise, November 15, 2006.

Charmaine Samaraweera Torma '99 and Mark: Chiara, April 18, 2007.

Lindsay Richardson Bigler '00 and Cameron: Madeleine Marie, October 17, 2006.

Kathryn Goolsby Flavin '00 and Edward: Margaret "Maggie" Grace, March 13, 2007.

Sara Cwidak Kurzhal '00 and Eric: Cole William, January 2, 2007.

Melissa Gornik Rossi '00 and Giancarlo: Victoria, August 9, 2006.

Kimmi Martin Troy '00 and Benjamin: Jessalyn Brooke, April 23, 2007.

Courtney Litka Couture '01 and Jeff: Margaret Kay, August 6, 2006.

Elizabeth Rockwell Noonan '01 and Timothy: Timothy Edward III, December 20, 2006.

Ellen Wright Riley '01 and Michael ND '01: Aiden Michael, September 29, 2006.

Melissa Bittner Sharpe '01 and George: Amelia Margaret, February 22, 2007.

Jill Gregory Wilson '01 and Mark: Isabella, January 22, 2007.

Meredith Simmons Carnes '02: Twins, Caitlyn and Robert Joseph, September 21, 2006.

Kara Kotynek Cullen '02 and Chris ND '02: Thomas Jan, February 2, 2007.

Lisa Gill Grabowski '03 and Alex: Alexander William, January 29, 2007.

Nicole Prezioso Lee '03 and Jim: Josephine Kennedy Yihua Prezioso Lee, February 26, 2007.

Katherine Zimmer Mattson '03 and Ari: Aase Johanna, October 22, 2006.

Adrienne DeGraff Westlake '03 and Joe: William Joseph, November 4, 2006.

Rocio Estrada '04: Solomon Edwardo Snood, February 20, 2006.

Ellice Gregg Bedel '05 and Michael: Adam, April 19, 2006.

Carolinas

Carolina Club members participated in a donation drive for The Room at the Inn, a Catholic organization for single mothers and pregnant women, collecting diapers, wipes, clothing, etc. In August, the club hosted a student send-off event for new and current Saint Mary's students. In October, a Founders' Day dinner will be held, followed by the ND/SMC Christmas party in December.

For more information, contact: Kara Pearce '04, kara.pearce@cbre.com or (704) 526-7574.

Chicago East

Congratulations to the Chicago East Alumnae Club on 110 years of existence! The Chicago East Club is celebrating this anniversary with several events this summer. First, the club's Annual Scholarship Fundraiser was held June 24 at the Arlington Park Racetrack. Alumnae were able to mingle, bid on items in the scholarship raffle, and watch the races from their birds-eye view near the finish line.

In July the Chicago East Club once again partnered with the Chicago Northwest Club to send the first-year students off to Saint Mary's. Be sure to check the listserv and the club's website for updates on these and all other events.

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

Chicago Northwest

The Chicago Northwest Club continues to grow, and many new things were planned for the summer. The book club continues to meet, with Mary Chaput McKeown '75 as its new coordinator. If you need any information, please contact her at mary@mckeown.us. Lately, they've read *The Historian* by Elizabeth Kostova and *Gatsby's Girl* by Caroline Preston. Remember you can join this group even if you have not read the books. It's a fun evening of talk and laughter with fellow Saint Mary's women.

The club co-hosted "A Day at the Track" on June 24 with the Chicago East Club. The event, held at Arlington Park Racetrack, was a fundraiser to benefit the Chicago Club Endowed Scholarship Fund.

Summer also marks the annual launch of the Membership Drive. Dues help support club events and also help support the scholarship fund. A wide variety of events is offered for the club's wide demographic of members. The club is always looking for new ideas and reasons to get together. If you have any questions or want more information regarding the club, contact Membership Chairs Louanne Scanlon Mauro '70 (lismauro@sbcglobal.net) or Sara Arlene

Leavitt-Turner '96 (saraarlene@aol.com).

The club is looking for a communication director. If you are a whiz with emails, the club would love your help. If you are interested, please contact Julie Marsh Deischer '93 (ddjd95@msn.com). This is a 2 year position and can be co-chaired.

Finally, the club co-hosted the Student Send-off this year with the Chicago East Club in late July.

The club always welcomes new faces at events. Don't worry if it's your first event—the group NEVER has a problem making conversation!

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

Chicago West

The Chicago West Club received a strong response to the annual newsletter this year. Many thanks to all who submitted dues and contributions in support of the College's general scholarship fund. To honor the dues-paying members at the March book club, the club held a drawing for Professor Gail Mandell's book *Sister Madeleva, A Biography*. The winner was Kristin Simono Newell '91. Congrats Kristin – book report to follow!!

Members have enjoyed numerous book club discussions this year from historical fiction to the group's favorite author, Adriana Trigiani '81. Many thanks to all the hostesses for making these Thursdays eagerly anticipated events. For those who are not on the club's email list - monthly reminders are sent out of upcoming events - you can always use the club's Web site to stay in touch. It shows phone numbers, activities, and the 2007 book list and locations of these meetings too. All are welcome to attend.

In February, Kristin Newell inspired the group to build a cookie-themed basket for the People's Resource Center's annual fundraiser. Many club members donated items including recipe books, games, aprons & cookie cutters. Thanks for coordinating the basket project Kristin! This was followed by a service day where some members of the club spent a Saturday in April working in the clothing pantry at the PRC. The group's enthusiasm and participation was warmly received by the staff. Thanks to all who volunteered. Both were fun projects and really demonstrated the group's generosity with their treasures, time, and talents!

July is the club's month off from reading, but the Student Send-off is planned then. Watch for news about the next Dinner Out on Wednesday, Sept. 12. The club is interested in suggestions for a Founders' Day event this fall; if you have any ideas for an event or would like

to join the club, contact: Alison Spohn '93, irishannie93@yahoo.com or (630) 922-6902.

Cincinnati

The Cincinnati Club is currently looking for new leadership. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Maureen Sullivan Zachary '94 at Maureen.Zachary@ey.com or Michelle Poeppé Egan '93 in the Alumnae Office at mlegan@saintmarys.edu.

Cleveland

The club has new officers: President Cheri Petride Miller '79, Vice President Petrina Mitchell Simpson '48, Secretary Anne Karnatz Manno '86, and Treasurer Kristen Ciofani '99. Many thanks to Kathleen Policy '98 for her service as president. The club wishes her good luck in Washington, D.C.!

The club held a discussion of the book *Jane Austin* in Scarsdale, on June 14 at the Chagrin Falls Library. Future events include Founders' Day in October.

If you are interested in becoming more involved in the club, contact: Cheri Petride Miller, cmliller8457@earthlink.net or (440) 526-8966.

Columbus

The Columbus Club has been busy! On May 10, a BagDaddy Purse Party was hosted at the home of Lisa McConnell Orsinelli '92. Attendees designed their own unique handbag from dozens of fabric choices and trims. Donations to the club's scholarship fund were also accepted.

Ruth Towell King '71 hosted SMC author Mary Beth Ellis '99 in her New Albany home on June 21. Mary Beth's new book *Drink to the Lasses* was discussed...with much laughter! This book is a humorous memoir of her years at Saint Mary's. A collection was taken during the event for CHOICES, the local domestic violence shelter.

The Student Send-off was held on July 22 at the home of Erin Peter Wolf '94 in Dublin for local students and their families.

A Founders' Day Dinner Reception honoring the club's 60th Anniversary will be Thursday, Oct. 18. The club is delighted to announce that President Carol Ann Mooney '72 will be the guest speaker! Please join fellow alumnae for this special event.

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

Dallas/Fort Worth

The DFW Alumnae Club continues to grow and look for fun new ways to connect local alumnae. This past spring

several new faces came for book clubs and happy hours. The club has also been working to establish a better connection with the Notre Dame Club in Dallas, partnering up for occasional social gatherings and service-oriented events.

August will bring the club's annual Student Send-off. Over ten young ladies from the area attended a reception for accepted students in April at the home of Patty Scully LaValle '93. The club hopes to see several of them again at the fall send-off, along with the other current students. More details on upcoming fall events can be found on the club's website (<http://www.saintmarys.edu/~alumnae/clubpages/TEXAS/dfw.html>).

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Fairfield/Westchester

The club sailed into summer full of anticipation for upcoming events. The club hosted its Annual Student Send-off in August for all new and current Saint Mary's students from the area.

"Shiver me timbers!" On Sept. 8, the Fairfield/Westchester Club is hosting an alumnae and friends social event aboard the tall ship Unicorn. Dawn Parker Santamaria '81 and "crew" are sailing their beautiful, 118-foot schooner along the East coast to conduct leadership seminars in a number of ports—including Fairfield County, Connecticut. Once used as a fishing trawler and treasure hunter, this vessel will dock in Captain's Cove Marina in Bridgeport to host the club's cocktail party from 6-9 p.m.

For more information about the event, please contact Sally Georgen Archer '83. Proceeds will be used to establish a club scholarship fund. (For specifics on the tall ship leadership events, visit: <http://www.tallshipunicorn.com/>).

Upcoming fall events include a Founders' Day luncheon and game watches in Norwalk with the local Notre Dame Club. Watch your email for more information.

To request information, offer suggestions, volunteer, or just say hello, contact: Sally Archer, ctarcher@optonline.net or (203) 544-7150.

Georgia

Thank you to all who have generously donated to the Georgia Club's scholarship drive! By establishing an endowed scholarship fund, the club created a legacy that will positively impact future generations of Saint Mary's students from Georgia. It is not too late to send in your donation. Whether large or small, every donation makes a difference.

Don't forget to mark your calendars

for the club's big 75th anniversary celebration on Thursday, Sept. 27! President Carol Ann Mooney '72 will join the club for this special event marking the club's history.

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Grand Rapids

The Grand Rapids Alumnae Club had a busy spring, beginning with a reception for the newly accepted students from the Grand Rapids area, which was held at The University Club of Grand Rapids in April. A handful of alumnae, along with representatives from Admission Office were on hand to answer any questions from both the parents and the new students. The club looks forward to seeing the girls again at the Student Send-off.

The Book Club continues to meet every other month with a good turnout from the "regulars." Please contact Tara Melichar Millar '90, tmillar@comcast.net for further information. The most recent book club meeting was on June 4 at the home of Rebecca Jawahir Spniwski '95. Please visit the Grand Rapids Alumnae Club website for more information regarding the book club and other upcoming events <http://www.saintmarys.edu/~alumnae/clubpages/MICHIGAN/grand.html>.

To turn in your dues, please contact Jennifer Soukup Kalczuk '92 at jkalczuk@ridetherapid.org.

For more information or to become an active member of the club, contact: Rebecca Sypniewski, rjawahir@msn.com or (616) 447-4095.

Indianapolis

The Indianapolis Alumnae Club had a very busy spring/early summer. Alumnae celebrated Mass together on April 15 at Saint Mary's Catholic Church with brunch afterwards at the Scholar's Inn. The club hosted a baby shower at the home of Melissa Pauwels '02 to support St. Elizabeth/Coleman, which is a Catholic Charity Agency of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. Everyone who attended brought a wrapped gift from their wish list. It was a great event—thanks to all who attended and brought a gift.

On June 5 and June 10, club members attended two events at Easley Winery in downtown Indy. Everyone enjoyed the wine and music. More great events are in the works for the remainder of the year. You will hear about them via email.

The Founders' Day celebration on Wednesday, Sept. 26, was a success. Special thanks to President Carol Ann Mooney '72, our special guest speaker.

Remember, meetings are held the first Wednesday of every other month at the home of Betsie Sprague Monico '01. Contact either Betsie Sprague or KrisAnne Wilson '01 for more information on becoming more involved. The club always looks for returning faces or new faces and of course new ideas.

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Los Angeles

The Los Angeles Club is thrilled to announce that thanks to the generosity of the Los Angeles/Orange County alumnae and a matching program from SMC, the club reached its goal of establishing an endowed financial aid award of more than \$10,000! The LA Club is most proud of this achievement and will continue to support this important fund.

Thanks to Rebecca Votto '93 for her hard work to coordinate the club's fundraising efforts, and many thanks to all who contributed! Particular thanks to those alumnae who graduated between 1946-1970. The goal would not have been reached without your support!

Upcoming events include a particularly special Founders' Day Celebration. Details will follow.

For more information, contact: Rebecca Votto, rebeccavotto@yahoo.com or (310) 597-9210.

Milwaukee

The Saint Mary's Club of Milwaukee held several events over the past quarter.

In early April a group met to put together finals care packages for the eight students from the Milwaukee area. A big thank you to everyone who provided items to make the care packages!

On Apr. 25 the first Book Club meeting was held. Several alumnae discussed *Home to Big Stone Gap*, the most recent book by Adriana Trigiani '81.

Watch your e-mail and the website for information about upcoming book club meetings, the Student Send-off, and other events that are planned for the fall.

If you are not receiving e-mails from the Milwaukee Club, please send your name and e-mail address to SMCMKECLUB@gmail.com.

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Pittsburgh

The Pittsburgh Alumnae Club would like to invite all of the local alumnae to become a part of this new organization. To join the club, please contact Colleen

Miles '03 at pittsburghsmc@hotmail.com for further information. Members can enjoy Young Alumnae events, all-Alumnae events such as luncheons, Founders' Day celebrations, and many other activities.

Local alumnae can also look forward to the club's newsletters which will provide detailed information about upcoming events. Stay tuned for fall activities, especially the club's Founders' Day event.

If you are an alumna living in Pittsburgh but have not received any club mailings, please contact the Alumnae Office to update your information. If you do not wish to receive mailings from the club, let the Alumnae Office know as well.

For more information about the club and any upcoming events, contact: Colleen Miles at pittsburghsmc@hotmail.com or (412) 400-8536.

Saint Louis

The St. Louis Club is currently looking for new leadership. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Michelle Poeppel Egan '93 in the Alumnae Office at mlegan@saintmarys.edu.

San Francisco

After several years of inactivity, the San Francisco Club is reorganizing! Michelle Eggers Lagos '05 has brought new enthusiasm to her role as club president, and hopes to get fellow alumnae in the surrounding San Francisco area more connected with the Saint Mary's community. The San Francisco and San Jose Clubs will be co-hosting a Founders' Day event this fall to get the two Bay Area clubs reacquainted!

For more information or to become involved, contact: Michelle Lagos, michellelagos@gmail.com.

San Jose

The San Jose Alumnae Club co-hosted its summer Student Send-off Picnic with the Notre Dame Alumni Club on July 28 in Mountain View. Other summer club events include several Notre Dame San Jose Club activities in which Saint Mary's alumnae were invited—a minor league baseball game, golf outings, lectures, service projects, happy hours, and breakfast/lunches.

For more information on becoming more involved, contact: Christina Tecson '98, ctecson3@hotmail.com.

South Bend

In April a group of young women met on campus to learn the art of knitting at the club's first ever Knit Night. Young alumnae chair Jodie Emerick '05 generously shared her knitting skills with other interested alumnae. Both new and familiar faces were present at this great event.

SMC's in the City outings are still a club favorite. In May a group of Saint Mary's women met in Niles, Michigan at the Riverfront Café. The café provided the perfect outdoor setting to enjoy the spring weather and the company of fellow alumnae.

The club's spring luncheon was held at the Queen Anne Inn, downtown South Bend in early May. During the luncheon alumnae were given a chance to mingle and enjoy the wonderful atmosphere the Inn offers. After lunch a basket raffle was held and the proceeds benefited the club's endowed scholarship fund. A guest appearance was made at the luncheon by one of the club's scholarship students, Kassie Evans, who graduated in May 2007. Kassie has been a recipient of the club's endowed scholarship for the last four years. The club wishes her much future success.

On May 29 the book club met to discuss *The Coffee Trader* by David Liss. To wrap up the official club year the club held its annual club picnic on June 10 at Saint Mary's College. Welsh Parlor and Haggard Terrace provided the perfect setting for the picnic. This summer the alumnae club hosted a bus trip to Chicago to see the hit musical "Wicked." Proceeds from the bus trip benefited the endowed scholarship fund. Look for a recap of this great event in the fall newsletter.

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Twin Cities

During the 2007-2008 Club year, the Twin Cities Alumnae Club will host monthly book discussions that rotate among four locations. The first discussion will be Tuesday, Aug. 21 at 7 p.m. at the home of Marilou Eldred in St. Paul. *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls will be discussed. If you want to attend this discussion or would like to be on the Book Club Email Distribution List, send an email to the club at smctcalumnaeclub@gmail.com.

The club hosted a Student Send-off Mother/Daughter Tea on Aug. 12 at the home of Mary Beth Dornbach-Snyder '80. Thank you to all who attended and welcomed this group of future SMC Alumnae!

Please check out the club's website for the latest news on upcoming events.

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Dear Girls, I have received comments from several of you who have noticed that we are moving closer to the front of the line in *Courier* columns. Well, we finally made it in our winter issue—the No. 1 spot. Frightening!

I just had a lengthy phone conversation with **Margie Herr McGlynn**. Unfortunately, she wasn't able to join our Chicago group for the Christmas luncheon as Bob was in the hospital again. They are thrilled that granddaughter Margaret McGlynn was featured in the Chicago Tribune as one of the top ten high school students in the state of Illinois. She will attend Creighton University on a merit scholarship for pre-med studies and medical school.

Margie's sister-in-law, **Louise McGlynn Bender**, heard from a relative of the late **Peg Conerty**, whose death we reported in last issue. Living and dying alone, no one notified her college friends. A cousin, going through her possessions, found an old letter from Louise and called her to tell her—after the funeral was over. So sad!

Margie asked for news of **Sr. Mary Ellen Sloan, FSM**, about whom I had heard from **Sr. Mary Grace (Hallie) Swift, OSU**. Mary Ellen said in her Christmas letter to Hallie that she is adjusting rather abruptly to the end of her driving and traveling days. She gets around the convent on a walker or scooter.

Hallie's Christmas letter from **Ann McEniry Gillmeister** and Bob tells of their 50th wedding anniversary celebration in October, with all of their family, at the Red Lion Inn in Stockbridge, Mass. Congratulations!

Hallie's own news was of a much enjoyed trip to Poland in August.

A Christmas card from **Emily Dennard Sant Amour** and John mentions calls to **Mary Jo Brown Holik** and Bill.

The Holiks are also on **Gloria Clark Allan's** phone list.

Gloria called me the other day to tell me that she will be coming into Chicago in the near future to visit a son involved in a large real estate development project in suburban Aurora. I hope that we can get together.

A Christmas card from **Florence Mundi DiPiazza** and Sam tells of plans to spend the New Year's holiday at Sam Jr.'s farm with all of his family. [Editor's Note: Sadly, Sam, Sr. died on January 6, 2007. Please include Florence and her family in your prayers.]

I spent the Christmas holiday in Connecticut with my daughter, Liz's,

family. A mention of my 79th birthday celebration there in August was printed incorrectly as my "70th" in the latest *Courier*. Wouldn't I love 70th!

My son, Will, was the sound director of the movie, *Little Children*, with Kate Winslet starring. It was up for three Golden Globes and three Academy Awards. My youngest—I miss him terribly!

Lois Tripeny Shickich's family all gathered in Scottsdale for Christmas and to celebrate Joe's 85th birthday. Lois reports proudly that Joe Jr. and daughter Mary Lynn climbed to the summit of Mt. Ranier in July—a three-day ascent. Lois also says that she had a wonderful weekend in Atlanta in October when her son, Joe, and his daughter invited her to attend parents' weekend at Emory University.

Margaret Mary Miller Zenner's Christmas letter tells of a very busy and enjoyable life in her new home at Normandy Farms. Enjoying the opportunities provided by close proximity to Villanova University and the College of Chestnut Hill, Margaret Mary has also started classes of her own on Old and New Testament readings, and commentaries by noted scholars, for her neighbors at Normandy Farms. Her new address is: 4109 Twin Silo Drive, Blue Bell, Pa. 19422-3287. Her phone is: (215) 699-3179.

The much-enjoyed Christmas luncheon for our Chicago group of '49ers was at the Union League Club. **Claire Daley Archibald** took a lovely picture of all of us: **Marie Murnane Walsh, Mary Ellen Deibler Gleason, Mary Ann Fellingner Ryan, Bernie Socha Fitzsimmons, Marian Cannon Clark, Gerry Clair Gilboy, Sue Caron Riley, Sue Wagner Broeren, Jean Murphy Westland** (in from Buena Vista County), **Jody Wilkinson Carberry** (in from Crown Point, Ind.), **Mary Ann McDonnell McTigue** (in from Mishawaka, Ind.), Claire, and I.

Jean left for South Bend after the luncheon to attend the Christmas party of her prospective neighbors at Holy Cross Village and then to make selections for her apartment under construction.

Louise Brady Collins has given up her big house in Dallas and moved to Ft. Worth. She is enjoying her new townhouse and living close to two of her children and grandchildren. A third child is in nearby Arlington, Texas. After 35 years in Dallas, Texas, Louise said she misses the Saint Mary's College Alumnae Club. There isn't one in Ft. Worth.

Tex is taking 15 family members to Mexico on spring break. She said she is fortunate to be able to take frequent vacations with her sister, **Anna Barbara Brady Sakurai '52**, and her brother-in-law, Edward. Her new address is: 3031 Tanglewood Park West, Ft. Worth, Texas, 76109; phone: (817) 926-1099.

I will see many of you in June at our mini-reunion—58 years—and, I hope that

Courier will save a spot for me to add on news of you at that time.

God Bless! Nancy.

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Happy Valentine's Day! Yes, I am writing this in February. We are in Northville, Mich. I expect by the time you receive this issue of your *Courier* we will be at our cottage.

Dick and I just returned from visiting our daughter, Kathleen, who is a major in the United States Air Force. She and her husband, Edward Reder, are stationed in Virginia. While there, we visited Williamsburg, which is a lovely historical city.

A classmate from whom we have not heard lately is **Rosemary Schwab Janowski**. She and her husband, John Janowski ND '51, live in Albuquerque, N.M. They have four children, two boys and two girls. Rosemary claims that the weather there is changing dramatically, bringing snow every day.

Therese Depres Randall-Herzog and her husband, Bert, are down in Naples, Fla., after almost being snowed in at Terri's cottage. The family cottage has been changed. It is now a greatly remodeled home.

Virginia Vallee Delaney writes an

interesting Christmas letter about her family trips. She and her husband, Joe, live in Salt Lake City, Utah. They are busy with RCIA, photography, and graduations of their grandchildren.

Across the continent at this same snowy time, I spoke with **Mary Alice Jacob Stanton**. They live near Harvard and are very pleased with the new woman president of Harvard. Their greatest joy is their new granddaughter, Eleanor Grace, who was born in late December. They now have seven grandchildren.

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Listen up, ladies! If you want to read about yourself and your classmates, get in touch with me. Telephone, e-mail, snail mail—you name it, I'll accept it. Put me on your Christmas card list, and add a couple sentences about yourself and someone else. Of course, that request will only do for a column a year from now. Our next deadline is the last week in August; please, don't miss it.

I neglected to mention before that, last spring, I had breakfast with **Jackie Harle Eting** in Wilmette. Jack and I were out there to see one of our granddaughters in a show, and Jackie stopped in Wilmette on her way to visit her sister that Saturday. Jackie is living near some of her children in New Berlin, Wis., and is still working. She visited grandchildren in Colorado and Minnesota before Christmas, and attended a

class clips



Mary Lucia Wolff Stevenson '42 after making a hole in one February 27, 2007, Daytona Beach, Florida.

grandson's "white coat" ceremony as he started medical school. Jackie told me that **Janell Wenzel Obarski's** husband had died, and that she is living between Florida and Minnesota. You remember that Janell was really part of our class but graduated a year later.

Joni Hoffman DeCrane wrote me last November that **Mary Manion Walsh** had died, but Al would have to go to the memorial without her as she was recovering from surgery. **Peggy Curtin Hutchinson** also wrote about Mary. Joni and Al were leaving in December to spend the winter in Florida.

You realize that I could fill the space with descriptions of all our aches and pains and worse. Since we have all been 39 for some years now, I am going to let you pretend that our bodies are still the flower of youth they were in 1953.

Mary Jane Farrell Haas wrote me after Christmas to say that her roommate, **Barbara Smith Wheatley**, died last August. They had kept in touch through the years, along with **Linda Duffy Hensel** and **Ernie**, and the late **Claudette Ferrini LeRose**.

Mary Jane McKeon Gray and I had a long phone visit last week. She assured me that she had no news but did confirm that although **Pat Kerper Moriarty's** grandson, **Aidan Fitzgerald**, is recovering from cancer, he is not able to be back at Notre Dame yet. The Grays live in Harbor Springs, Mich., but three of their children have families and live in South Bend, so Ed and Mary Jane get to South Bend often. The Grays tried wintering in Arizona for four years, but they sold that house and were spending this winter in Michigan. Two-house living was too much!

Betty Kiley Roach lives in Huntington, Long Island, but was spending a couple of days with her son's family in Darien, Conn. That is about a 20-minute drive away for me, so we had a long, wonderful lunch together last week.

Marge Harrington Ryan and I had a nice phone visit last week. Marge found *The Trivium* on a book list and started to read it again—to see if it would be any easier. Marge and her husband retired from business some years ago, then started an antique business, and they have now retired from that!

Ann Martin McManus told me that one of the Ryan sons gave a 50th anniversary party for Marge and her husband last summer in the Upper Peninsula. A friend drove Ann the seven hours to get there. Ann told me that **Nancy Barker Peterson** lives in Ann's old home town, and this reminded me that **Pat Kalish Bachle** lives in my old home town.

I hope you all received the program for the groundbreaking ceremony for the new academic building held in October. On the list of major benefactors was *The Class of 1955*—the only class on the list. Our reunion fundraising effort has born fruit. Congratulations to us all.

Sara Struett O'Keefe writes that she had taken her granddaughter to inspect colleges in Washington D.C. While there, she met **Julie Noone Lester**, who was very helpful in squiring them around. She also visited with **Mary White**, who is recovering from knee replacement surgery. Before the procedure, Mary had vacationed in Europe. Sara reports that **Pat Cutter Reynolds**, her children, and their families went on a cruise to Alaska last July. Sara continues that she and Bob celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with all their children and families in Lake Geneva, Wis., where daughter Suzanne has a home. I visited Florie and Jay in Florida in February, and they had cute pictures and a wonderful video the children had put together.

Joan Kershaw Putnam's Christmas card is a family picture. Calling herself "the queen of them all, 'I'm fit as a fiddle,'" she writes. "An older fiddle."

A nice note from **Joan Nolan Bergan** tells of visiting their son and his children at Christmas. The children are still young enough to look forward to Santa's arrival.

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Everyone loves receiving Christmas greetings, but particularly me, since I can enjoy them and then share the contents with you. Reunion was on the minds of many. Children and now grandchildren make the holidays special. I wish you could enjoy with me the pictures of John and **Peggy Maher Engler** and their grandchildren, and **Janet O'Connell McCue** and Jim with theirs. Bob and **Jody Donohoe McGoldrick's** wonderful photo was of their entire family (26 in all, with a new baby born in September) last July in the Poconos. After 18 years, the McGoldricks are selling their Cape Cod vacation home and will now spend more time in Florida. Jim and **Pat Hoag Ziperski** sent a cute collage of their grandchildren, as did **Dee Kiley LeFevour** and Ray. **Liz McCorkle Groden's** card pictured a replica of her dear dog, no photo—she says that Honeybun is camera shy. John and **Carole Nordengren Suttner's** nineteenth grandchild was born just before Christmas, after they moved into the new, smaller home they built and love. I'm thinking that maybe now someone else will have to host Thanksgiving dinner?

In September, **Peggy Balfe**, Jody McGoldrick, **Katie Carroll**, Mary

O'Connor, **Josie Murphy Vorda**, Dee LeFevour, **Mimi Scanlon Ryan**, and I enjoyed a wonderful week in the North Carolina Mountains near Lake Lure. Our retreat was available through the generosity of the niece of **Sheilamae Shannon O'Hara's** husband, Tim.

Ironically, Sheilamae couldn't join us due to the unanticipated move of the O'Haras from their long-time Chicago home and Tim's equally unexpected broken femur. Happily, Tim has healed nicely; they moved to a great new home; and the rest of the group had a marvelous trip. If we had needed a tour guide, Mary O'Connor certainly would have been it. She has recently been mentioned in the list of trip leaders for the Sierra Club as those who deserve an "A" for their performance.

Our sympathy goes to **Mary Hertel Hartman** upon the death of her husband, Dave, last fall. The Hartmans have lived in Denver for many years; Mary plans to be at reunion. Our prayers also go to the family of **Diane Donovan Grant**. I'm sure you recall that Diane died in September of 2004; her husband, Bob, died of leukemia in January 2007.

A wonderful letter from **Marybeth Jones Schmitz** brought us news of her recent trip to Hawaii to visit **Katie Reasor Anglin**. Marybeth's husband died in 2001, and Katie lost her husband several years ago also. Katie and her grandson, Michael, treated Marybeth to all the sights and beauty of Hawaii, and they had fun reminiscing about college days.

George and Marge Smith Broucek got together with Tom and **Judy Hanks Maus** in January while the Brouceks were visiting Ft. Lauderdale.

Thanks to **Julie Dittoe Schmidlin** for passing along a marvelous article from the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* in the fall of 2006. It tells the story of Herb and **Nancy McNamara Score** and their life through Herb's career as, first, a highly praised pitcher for the Cleveland Indians and then as their long-time broadcaster. Recently, health issues have caused concern but the article focused on Herb's induction to the Indians' Hall of Fame and Nancy's contribution to his life.

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I received tragic news on Feb. 10 via my daughter, **Cami Trafficanda Hurlbut '86**, who roomed with **Barbara Goldkamp Henry '86**, that **Colleen Taffee Goldkamp Harmon's** grandson, Robbie, 18, was killed in an automobile accident the day before. The loss of a loved one is always sad, but in the case of such a young man, it is doubly hard to bear. Please keep Colleen and her family in your prayers.

Also, sadly, **Sarah Sceales Mulcahy**

lost her mother, Margaret Sceales, 94, in January. Sarah and Tom bit the bullet and recently sold their long-time family home and moved into a condo. Gerry and I look forward to joining the Mulcahys at Tom and Gerry's 50th Notre Dame reunion this June.

B.J. Hood O'Brien was kind enough to send an obituary from the *South Bend Tribune* for our classmate, **Marjorie Morcombe**. Marjorie died in Oct. '06 at the age of 98. A former model, she returned to Saint Mary's College at age 50 to complete her college education. Marjorie earned a teaching license in languages and then went on to get her masters. She taught at La Paz and Plymouth High Schools before retiring. She was a member of the DAR and the A.A.U.W., as well as very active in Republican politics. Check your yearbooks—she's in there!

From the hospital charts: **Carol Cruise** is scheduled for leg surgery March 29 in San Francisco. In the meantime, she has been working on one-of-a-kind, limited-edition pieces aimed more at the high-end craft gallery market and, possibly, QVC. Colleen Harmon had a knee replacement in October 2006, and **Jeanne Mavigliano Conley**, after months of pain, had surgery in December 2006 to remove hardware in her femur. **Katie Hall Kilcullen** and her husband, Bob, had the misfortune to be involved in a serious automobile accident in November. She suffered eight broken ribs and a compression fracture in her lower back. Bob fractured his sternum. They are very grateful to their children and friends who saw to their needs. Two months before the accident, Katie and Bob moved into a new home in Celina, Texas, with lots of room for Bob's art studio.

Sue Brown Bapst and husband Bill enjoyed a Brown family reunion last summer in Gatlinburg, Tenn.—73 out of a possible 94 showed up. Another gathering is scheduled for Sue and Bill's 50th anniversary in 2008. Gerry and I look forward to spending time with Sue and Bill at the guys' 50th Notre Dame reunion in June.

Sally Porth Brown is enjoying her newly found social life at Leisure World. She and **Connie Roller Curtin** (the cruise queens) took the Diamond Princess from Vancouver to Puerto Vallarta in September. Then, in October, Connie held her annual mini-reunion for her nursing classmates, which this year included Sally Brown, Colleen Harmon, and (non-nurse but former roomie of Connie's) Sue Bapst. I wanted to join them, but alas, I was in Maui. Sally met Virginia classmates **Maureen Esbensen Busse** and **Liz Maher Keenan** for lunch just before Christmas. This group should call **Marge Liebrich O'Connor**, who also lives in Richmond. Marge reports that she and Bob "enjoyed a lovely year visiting friends and family with several weeks at the beach and two weeks in Italy."

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Peg Stratton Burleigh writes that she spent an overnight with **Mary Kay Moran Gaudet** in Denver last summer, but she and Chuck were unable to join Mary Kay and Bob later in the fall for a rendezvous with **Meg Stone Longtine** and her husband, Bill, in Charleston. **Mary Moran Smith** sent a Christmas card with a photo of her and Tom riding a camel—"following the wise men to Bethlehem." They also took a river cruise with a Notre Dame group down the canals of Holland and Belgium in the fall and ran into **Carol Podesta Foley** traveling with her sisters on the same cruise.

Pat Wilson Fastiggi writes that she and Dick have had a good year but have stayed closer to home to care for her 96-year-old mother, who can not be left alone. **Jeanne Pflaum Gnuse** and husband had a full year with the arrival of three grandchildren—each of their children had a child within nine months. **Marilyn Manion Thies** spent a month in Ireland over the summer. For the first two weeks, she traveled with a cousin who knew the country and their ancestral towns very well. "I walked in the footsteps of my forebears in Mayo, Sligo, and Longford. In Dublin, I found a record of my mother's trip to Ireland in 1935." Then she met her husband, Tom, in Shannon, for two more weeks, mainly in Dingle and Kinsdale.

Rosie Mudd Nickodemus welcomed her 14th grandchild last February. She is looking forward to traveling to Japan with the Saginaw Valley State University choir next month. **Sister Mary E. Penrose**, OSB's book, *Refreshing Water from Ancient Wells*, has been published in a Lithuanian edition. **Marty Gillis Esrig** is delighted to announce her husband's retirement, which will give them more time to enjoy their second home in Palm Springs.

Gerry and I enjoyed having dinner with Brian and Carol Foley last month on their annual trek to Palm Desert, where they have a time-share. We have also made plans to see them again when we stop off at George and **Ann Meagher Vander Vennet's** house on our way to Gerry's Notre Dame reunion in late May. Tom and Sarah Mulcahy, who are also going to reunion, will pick us up at Ann's on their way to Michigan City, where we will spend the night with Jim and **Betsy Finneran Kennedy** before heading to campus. Gerry and I plan to stay on after reunion to visit with friends in the South Bend area.

I will be traveling with four of my "beach week" buddies to Venice, Fla., to visit my sister, **Betty Benford Belfiore**, this spring. She lives in Florida six months out of the year and is anxious to show off her new home. She has been in New Orleans for the last six weeks, babysitting. Her son-in-law, who was the stay-at-home parent, finally got a teaching position (hard to come by post-Katrina), so Betty was called to duty until a daycare opening emerged at her daughter's law firm.

Peggy Broughton McGrath, Program Committee Chair and Ann Vander Vennet, Gift Committee Chair, and their committee members are busy planning our 50th reunion, scheduled for June 4-7, 2009. Put those dates in your memory bank, tell your kids—no weddings, babies, or graduations on those dates—and plan to be there!

Our next column deadline is Sept. 1, 2007.

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As for news from the north woods, I'm sitting warm and cozy in my sewing/computer room while 18 inches of beautiful snow cover the ground. It's a good thing. Our lake level is down and the snow will help.

However, I'm still a little envious when I hear from **Wini McGuinness Meikle** in Winchester, England, that the daffodils are up and the trees in blossom. Wini and her husband, Alan, are scheduled to visit Florida for three weeks in March this year. They will spend two weeks in the Siesta Keys area and then a week at John's Island, where they will stay with Wini's roommate from our first year **Mary Ellen Pentes Graham**. In October, they'll be back in the States for Wini's 50th high school reunion in Stamford, Conn., and then will travel on to San Diego to visit her brother. Wini remains active at the local Catholic primary school, and, although she has stepped down from the Chair of Governors, she remains chair of the personnel committee. They feel fortunate to have one granddaughter close by, but the other five are scattered around the country.

Mary Ellen (Straw) Berry Malone e-mailed from Dallas to thank everyone for the prayers, phone calls, and cards for her daughter, Mary Ellen, who had a stroke in December 2006. Following open heart surgery in February this year, Mary Ellen continues the long process of recovery, including daily physical and speech therapy.

From Hayward, Cal., came news from **Jean Lucey Easterly** that she has retired as assistant dean in the College of Education and Allied Studies at California State University, East Bay. As professor emeritus, she is enjoying the transition from full-time work to half-time teaching in the Department of Teacher Education. She now has more time to travel with her husband, enjoy her grandchildren, play tennis, go for walks, and take up yoga. Jean also serves as a lector at All Saints Catholic Church in Hayward, works with RCIA, and teaches Bible studies.

Judy Halter Enright sent news from Brighton, Mich., that she and husband Tom attended the wedding of Colleen,

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Theresa McGinley Balog '83 was honored by *The New York Times* as one of the outstanding business women in New York City. Balog is Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer at Keyspan Energy.

Jeanne Reynolds Fallon '83 was appointed as an associate judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Chicago, Ill., March 2007.

Jill Tiefenthaler '87 was named provost at Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, N.C., April 2007.

Corinne Pavlis Carr '91 has joined Duane Morris LLP as a partner in the Corporate Practice Group, Chicago, Ill., May 2007.

Jill Burdo '93 was one of the 100 selected members for the Apple Distinguished Educator Program Class of 2007. The program recognizes educators worldwide who utilize technology to improve teaching and learning for students from kindergarten through higher education.

MaryBeth Wilkinson '94 was elected partner at Lovells, a London-based international law firm, Chicago, Ill., May 2007.

the oldest daughter of Denis and **Kathy Davis O'Shaughnessy** (deceased), in Phoenix in January 2007. Judy and Tom then traveled on to Palm Springs, where they enjoyed dinner with **Marie Bachini Stein** and her husband.

Those of you who have e-mail know of **Helenmarie Anderson Corcoran's** loss of her granddaughter, Alanna Lake, in January 2007. Thank you all for your expressions of sympathy and love to Helenmarie and her family.

An enthusiastic e-mail from **Marilyn Wolter Laboe** in Monroe, Mich., encouraged classmates to apply for the position on the Alumnae Board open to graduates from the 1960's decade. They are looking especially for graduates from the northeast, south, and west for the 2008-2011 term. Marilyn wrote that being a member of the Alumnae Board has been a great experience for her, and anyone interested or who has questions may contact her at mcl39@chartermi.net. The application materials are available on the Saint Mary's College Web site under the "Alumnae" tab.

B.J. Sitzberger Gorman wrote from Clarendon Hills, Ill., that she thoroughly enjoyed her annual ski trip with **Katie Herbstritt McMahon**, **Mary Cotter Fee**, and **Marylee Zahner Foley** in Colorado. As always, there was great skiing and lots of laughs, and the reconnection with old friends was priceless. B.J., however, had one more memory... the ride down the mountain to the clinic on the ski patrol toboggan after straining her calf muscle in a fall.

Connie Sheridan McCabe in Great Falls, Mont., relayed news from a January visit with **Barbie Breen Hickey**. When

the Hickeys passed through Pinehurst, N.C., on their way to Florida, Barbie had called **Mary Maley Burgess** (who lives in Pinehurst) and was shocked to hear that Mary's husband, Art, had passed away last summer. In February of this year, Connie was able to talk with Mary and is hoping she has convinced her to visit the McCabes in Montana this summer. During Mary's visit, Connie has planned visits to Glacier and Waterton (Canada) National Peace Parks.

An e-mail from **Peggy Hill** in New York shared news that she received the Fordham Law Alumni Achievement Award on March 3, 2007, in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf. Congratulations, Peggy!

From **Beth Chihan Canizaro** in Jackson, Miss., came news that she has retired as director of the Principals' Institute at Millsaps College in Jackson. She and husband Bob ND '62 celebrated with a trip to France, where they stayed for a month in a townhouse in Lauzerte, a small village founded in 1184. When Bob retires from his architecture firm, their next adventure will be a move from Jackson, where they have lived for 36 years, to a condo in Evanston, Ill.

Sandy Graham Bartlett wrote from Ridgewood, N.J., that she and **Beth Fiss Watson** will enjoy a tour of western Ireland in July 2007. Sandy also is looking forward to visiting relatives in Dublin.

Thank you, **Donna Sheridan Reistetter**, for the love and a hug and letting me know you're doing okay. I also very much appreciate the good wishes and kind words I receive from all of you for doing this article.

My next deadline is Sept. 1. There are still some of you from whom I have

not yet heard. I hope to hear from you next time. Also, keep in mind that our 50th reunion is only four years from now!

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Well, folks, if it weren't for the photograph Christmas cards, we'd have little news this time. Many of you showed off grandbabies, and I must say there isn't a funny-lookin' one among them. Really, Saint Mary's College girls make beautiful offspring. **Mary Ruth MacKinnon Renehan's** 18 were all dressed in shades of blue, all very Irish-looking, with precious smiles. All five of their kids live within 10 minutes of the folks and enjoy frequent gatherings of the 30. Mary Ruth sums it up, "We've been blessed." B.J. and **Ruth Schnaus Smith** boast five blue-eyed grands, and darlings they appear. Ruth lost her mom in September, but they were thankful to have enjoyed her 90th birthday-reunion celebration with Mrs. Schnaus. And B.J. has two new knees! Leo and **Marilyn Habig Schultheis'** son and daughter have given them eight little ones to grace their Christmas cards, and are they cuties. Marilyn and Leo don't look old enough in the picture to be grandparents—but then, none of us do! Right? Barry and **Ginny Federer Baldwin's** foursome, all married, have given them six bright little ones who appear to be red-haired and towheaded, still quite young and dazzling. And then there's John and **Virgie Burke Gannon** with their kids and four precious grands, Virgie adding that they've been married 40 years, said: "I still feel like a bride." Unfortunately, though, on January 13, John took a spill and suffered a very serious brain injury. The doctors gave little hope and, as I write this, John is re-learning to swallow, to cognate, to talk, to walk. Virgie, ever the optimist, is putting her all into his full recovery, telling us, "John has always been in such good shape, physically and spiritually; he is a daily communicant, and a wonderful person." Our prayers are with you both, Virgie, you can be sure of that. All of our classmates for whom I have e-mail addresses have received copies of your progress notes, and most have responded with much concern and love to you.

Janet Sloan Johnston wrote of enjoying bungee jumping, parasailing, skydiving, and Sudoku. The Sudoku, I believe. She's in three book groups, plays bridge, participates in hospice activities, travels, is involved in the Academy for Lifelong Learning—all those things we ALL ought to be doing. She admits, though: "I am more of a party girl than an academic at heart!" **Irene Beitler**

Kennedy has begun a run for city council-at-large. Though our politics differ, I wish her the best and enjoy "jousting" with her. She also wants us to know how very much **Kathy Gatens Harrington's** Ed appreciated our many notes of condolence following her passing. **Mary Clemens Becker** has shifted from independent film-making to "working with peace groups against the war in Iraq and towards some efforts to settle disputes in more sane and non-violent ways." She and husband have moved to Santa Barbara, enjoying it and visits from John and **Julie Hedges Whitney** and Bill and **Julie Hutchins Stackpoole**. Mer's one daughter is still in the movie business, and the other is a nurse mid-wife in Africa with Doctors Without Borders. **Lurray Pfister Bell** has lost both parents in the last year, both 96, and both obviously very dear to her. We e-mail back and forth, and she sounds practical, funny, and happy.

Now, the best news of all: **M.J. Pauli Landry** and John have four new grandbabies whose pictures tickle my innards (as we say here in the south). They are 5-year-old twins, Victor and Victoria; Desiree, 4; and Tony, almost 2. Daughter Meg and Randy are reportedly exhausted, to say the least, yet Granny M.J. couldn't be more delighted to have them.

And *mo?* Nothing worthy to report. Am looking forward to our 45th, and it won't be far off. In the meantime, stay well, be good to others, and remember Who put you on this earth and why.

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I had some recent news updates from **Lil Chard Beshel** soon after the holidays. Lil was in the process of recovering from Christmas mode. When she tipped me off that that **Mary Harris Russell** would be retiring shortly, I e-mailed Mary for details, and she kindly responded with: "I'll be retiring from Indiana University Northwest in May, after 38 years of teaching. I'm ready, but it's been a mellow semester. For instance, it turns out that I have a student in one class who is the son of two 'kids' in my first class, first semester, 1969." But, says Mary, "You should still look for me on Sundays in the Chicago Tribune." Mary writes the children's book reviews, which are so enjoyed. "I've planned my first post-retirement activity; my daughter and I are doing a Danskin Triathlon together, on Mother's Day, at Walt Disney World. (My daughter did a few of these last year and has convinced me that, yes, all God's varieties of shapes compete in these Danskin events...)"

Difficult news from Lil that **Paulette Crouere Gamard** lost her home after Katrina and has downsized to a condo. We

wish Paulette all the very best and keep her in our prayers. And Lil's final news was that **Joan Marskey Slattery** was in New York City for the wedding of **Nancy Wagner Lavalley's** son in November.

From **Terry Miltich Murphy**: "I saw **Sheila Flynn Boone** in August in Parker, Colo., while visiting my daughters. Sheila found out that I was swimming with my grandchildren and tracked me down at the community pool in my daughter's area in Colorado—what a surprise! She was so excited about the upcoming Saint Mary's College Tuscany trip that she made me want to go, too. The trip was overbooked, though, so Jack and I took a tour to Tuscany and the Amalfi Coast in October and had a wonderful time. Now we are trying to learn Italian so we can travel on our own. Who thought all that Latin would come in handy some day! I can't wait to hear from our classmates about their trip. I had a very enjoyable lunch with Sheila in late October when we were back in Parker, Colo., again—it was really fun to catch up. Jack and I went back to Parker for Christmas—what a hassle getting to Denver during the big snow, but it was worth it to see both daughters, their husbands, and six grandchildren together. I'm looking forward to getting together with Sheila and Michael Boone when we go back again later this month."

"Sheila—I'm sure that I already told you that the trip was wonderful," writes **Marcia Black McMahon** about the Saint Mary's College Tuscany trip in early November. **Theresa Lapenta Silio, Margo Lawrence Ludwig, Cille Sorrentino Bucolo, Pat Devine McCarthy, Sheila Boone**, and I joined a host of others on the Saint Mary's College trip to Italy in early November. The countryside, the history, the tours, and the food and wine—all just great. What was extra special, though, was the group of Saint Mary's College folks—all ages and from so many places. Some attended Saint Mary's College and some were relatives or friends of 'SMCers,' but all melded beautifully. Our lovely hotel, *Ville Casagrande*, was in Figline Valdarno, just outside Florence. We enjoyed the many optional day trips to Rome, Pisa, Lucca, San Gimignano, and Siena—plus cooking and ceramics classes. And Figline's location on the train route enabled us to explore on our own—highlights were wonderful days in Fiesole and Assisi. Most of all, we enjoyed being together—and often over a fabulous meal. It was a great group, but I think the '65ers had the best time!"

Cille just e-mailed me saying, "Guess what, I'm going to Israel!" **Pat Sears Kraemer** and Joe, **Marcia McMahon, Elayne Delacy Coggins** and her husband, and I are going on the same trip". And, I know Cille was of great help to **Marianne Spalding Schiavone** and her family when Marianne had serious surgery recently. All went very well and Marianne is healing quickly. She is grateful

to her excellent doctor and her "cheering section of family and friends who worked wonders."

A nice update from **Sue Sheridan Joyce**: "After 31 years at Pepsi, Joe retired about two years ago but remains as a consultant. After doing 'pro bono' work in Connecticut for about 10 years, I retired and got nothing but satisfaction. The last of five boys graduated last year. Did I ever think that I would still be paying college tuition after 60 years of age? No way! The boys are in Michigan, Connecticut, New York, and Florida. We have three grandchildren—of course, all are perfect. We now live full time in Orchid, Fla., just north of Vero Beach. I'm the vice-mayor, which is no big shakes since there are only 700 residents. But I did win in an election, and as I remember, my last attempt at any office was my campaign for student body president (or some such title), which I lost handily to **Helen Reichert Restovich**. I would love to hear from everyone (or anyone in the class). E-mail me at sjoyce50@aol.com." Oh, and ladies, you can Google Sue at "Suzanne Sheridan Orchid."

Molly Martin Mannino writes: "Mike and I were commissioned as notary auditors for the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal in Illinois in February, 2007. Previously, Mike was ordained to the permanent diaconate for the Diocese of Peoria." The ordination was the culmination of a five-year formation program in which both Molly and Mike participated. Last July, they joined a number of members of the class and the directors of the diaconate program on a pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi.

Some news from **Joan Biila Jarvis Boettcher**: "We had the opportunity to travel to Costa Rica for a wedding and had a great time. It is a beautiful country with warm, friendly people. I would highly recommend a trip there. We do love it here in Minnesota, and after almost 40 years, I feel like a native."

From sunny Florida and **Rosann Gorman Conroy**: "Martin and I are enjoying one of the perks of retirement. We are now 'snowbirds' who spend February and March in Florida. Our five children all live in the Near North area of Chicago so we get to see them regularly. Two of the children are married, and we have one grandchild."

East Coast news from **Theresa (Teffy) Lyons Brosnan**: "I love reading about everyone and their families in *Courier*. I'm still teaching English in the middle school in Hyannis on Cape Cod. Believe it or not, we have the second largest middle school in the state of Massachusetts. I'm planning on two more years before I retire. I went to visit my sister, **Nora Lyons Burke '58**, and her daughter, Dr. Mary Kaye Burke-Ashkenaz ND '84, in Laguna Beach for my sister's birthday, and I brought my 95-year-old mother out to stay a few weeks with Nora. I'm returning during our February

break to pick my mother up and bring her back to Cape Cod. We had exciting news: our son, John, published a book for TiVo called *Beginning TiVo Programming*. He is a computer engineer, works for a company, and has started another small company with his friend. The other son, Mike, is leading a trip to Chile in February for Habitat for Humanity, and his brother is going with him. My husband, John, is still working as a C.P.A. and promises to retire when I do. Anyone visiting Cape Cod, please call; we live in Barnstable and our door is always open."

And, simply wonderful news from **Char Carroll Daniel**: "I have received the wonderful 'all clear' news that the cancer is inactive. I'd like to thank so many Saint Mary's College classmates for their notes, prayers, and support. Marcia Black McMahon coordinated my drivers for chemotherapy. Elayne Coggins, Pat Kraemer, **Therese McCaffrey McConville**, and **Susie Bouma Deerin** all offered me rides. I'm back at work for the Jesuits now and off to the Holy Land on March 1. Marcia, Elayne, and Cille Bucolo will also be on this trip."

From **Pat Devine McCarthy**: "My Tuscany experience was both new and renew. It was my first time to this region of Italy and it was especially meaningful to explore its beauty, history, art, etc. with Saint Mary's College classmates. I am who I am today partly because of shared experiences with my classmates. Even though the trip was just one week, living and sharing life again with these wonderful women was the highlight of my Tuscany adventure. Can't wait for the next trip! In family news, we welcomed our seventh grandchild in January. Andrew George McCarthy was born to our younger son, Dan, and his wife Lindsey. He was welcomed home by big brother Baxter (born during our last reunion)."

On a sad note, **Anne Harvey Lewis** lost her husband, Bill Lewis ND '64, March 11, in Rockford, Ill. We all know our Anne, and how wonderful she has always been as a friend and classmate. Bill was equally as fine and exceptional a man. The world will miss this good man. Please pray for Bill, and for our dear Anne, and their wonderful family. They raised five extraordinary children and were tremendously active in their Catholic church. Such goodness will be rewarded.

Well, I missed that amazing Saint Mary's College Tuscany trip, but for an excellent reason. My daughter Kelly was married in Chicago the same weekend in November. And what a great son-in-law he is! Then, two weeks after the wedding, my younger daughter, Shannon ND '99, became engaged to a fine Boston fellow. Shannon and Brian were introduced by Shannon's Notre Dame roommate. So now we have another Chicago wedding, and this one is in July. (Dave and I are most fortunate to have all three of our children in Chicago—just two hours away). Two weddings in eight months is pretty darn

wearing, but very joyous. For some R&R, I took a bit of a wedding planning time-out recently and met **Judy Piers Locher** for a long and enjoyable lunch. Judy was in from Oregon in order to help her daughter in Mundelein, Ill., with her new baby boy. Beautiful baby—lovely daughter.

Oh, and just a little wedding info aside. My daughter found her dream wedding dress at the shop White Chicago. And it turns out that the owner, **Ursula Garzia Guyer '90**, is a Saint Mary's College grad. What a sweetheart she is, and what a fabulous shop!

I have received information on our 1965 Memorial Scholarship recipient; her name is **Deanna Molosky '09**. Her thank-you note was lovely. She thanks each one of us and hopes to some day be able to offer her assistance to other Saint Mary's College students "who wish to receive an outstanding education." We wish Deana every success. And thank you, ladies, for making this possible.

Now, ladies, there are many of you who have never sent news. How about your grandbabies, retirements, journeys and/or any other news that you might have to share? We would love to hear from you.

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Hi, everyone! I'm happy to say that we have class news from several of you, including some first timers." I know I speak for everyone when I say how good it is to hear your stories. Obviously, it would be lovely if all the news was upbeat, but that's not realistic. We all know our journeys have bumpy spots, highs and lows. What a comfort to know that our Saint Mary's College family is there to both cheer and comfort us. Let's continue to be in touch with one another and to hold one another in prayer!

Mary Bramlage Minton wrote a very touching re-cap of life post-graduation. She moved to Chicago from Cincinnati in 1969 and married Michael Minton ND '68 in 1970. For several years, she taught high-school English both in Chicago and in the suburbs before retiring to raise her children, Melanie, now 29 and Michael, now 27. Mary wrote, "Michael and I divorced in 1984, and I was fortunate to be able to stay home with the children for quite awhile. I eventually started working part-time at different jobs, including assistant manager of Walden Books and a children's store and as a free-lance editor for McDougal, Littell. I opened my own business, a children's boutique in Long Grove, Ill., and when that closed, I went back to teaching as a substitute, hoping to return to full-time teaching. That was not in the cards, however, and I instead went back to school and earned

a certificate in paralegal studies. I then entered 'Corporadoville' as a corporate paralegal at different companies and have finally landed at an established international insurance company in the Loop. Somewhere in between all of this, I managed to involve myself in community and volunteer service, including AAUW, in which I formed a still-active 'Pre-School Fair,' founding a support group for 'Families of Young Adult Addicts,' and serving as a member of the local Selective Service System draft board. My proudest achievement has been my formation of the 'Phoenix Ministry for Separated and Divorced Catholics' at my church.

"After 19 years of being 'single again,' I met the love of my life, a U.S.A.F. Colonel (ironic for an old flower-child, eh?) We had planned to marry at Thanksgiving, 2005, but Fate had other plans for us. My Bill (Gost) was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the summer of 2004 and died 6 weeks before the wedding. We somehow honestly thought that he would live much longer than he did. I was truly blessed to have those short years with him. I continue to grieve this loss but am starting to feel that I might want to explore other 'options' again.

"Melanie graduated from North Central College in Naperville and is also enrolled in a paralegal studies program while she works in her father's law firm. She was married in 2004. Unfortunately, her marriage ended much too soon late last year. Perhaps she and I could do a mother-daughter thing on Match.com! Michael was married a year ago and has blessed me with a beautiful granddaughter named Madison. The first time she called me 'Grandma,' I looked around to see to whom she was talking! I love spending time with her and have already begun to make her into a diva. Michael is back in school finishing up his degree.

"I would love to hear from anyone in or out of the Chicago area. Although I do not see them often, I do try to keep in touch with **Alison Whittaker Rink**, **Mary Alice Herod Lajoie**, **Connie Cogswell Williams**, and **Kathy Malone Beeler**."

Margaret Burke Downing has been on the go and shared both her news and her phone number if anyone would like more information on her work. Her e-mail provided the following update: "I'm just back from my third trip to Guatemala, where I volunteer with Safe Passage, working with the children of the Guatemala City dump. Although the organization's founder and executive director was tragically killed in a car crash in January, I'm pleased to report that the work goes forward with redoubled energy. Almost 600 children, living in horrendous conditions, are attending school for the first time with the support of Safe Passage. If anyone would like to know more, contact me at (207) 846-9295."

Linda Duncan Davey had lots to celebrate in 2006. She wrote, "My first

grandson was born in California in May, and my daughter, Theresa, graduated from Notre Dame two weeks later. During the graduation weekend, I spent a couple of hours catching up with **Meg Bruckner O'Neil**, whose daughter was graduating from Saint Mary's College. My daughter, Andrea, was married in New Orleans in October and lives in New York City. **Holly Higgins Redell** and her husband, now living near Tampa, shared that wonderful day with me. My youngest son is in college in Illinois. I continue to teach in Tallahassee, Fla."

JoAnn Licate Buttler sent her news, taking time out on her 60th birthday to do so! JoAnn reported, "**Marilyn Murphy Messick** and I are in the local Saint Mary's College book club together, and so we see each other every month or so." Their children both graduated from Notre Dame at the same time and are friends. Marilyn has two adorable granddaughters, one in Columbus, Ohio, and the other in Florida. JoAnn has four grandchildren, two in Columbus and two in Chicago. She added that they get to Hinsdale to see their son, Kevin, who lives there and works for ABN AMRO Bank. JoAnn added, "I am sending you bio information on **Suzanne Richards**. We bump into each other from time to time here in Columbus, usually on the golf course or at the Athletic Club. Suzanne is a partner in the Columbus office of Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP, where she specializes in commercial, business, and employment litigation. Suzanne is a past president of the Federal Bar Association and the Columbus Defense Association. She is also a past chairman of the Supreme Court of Ohio's Board of Commissioners on Character and Fitness, on which she is serving her fourth term, and a past president and member of the Board of Directors of Court Appointed Special Advocates of Franklin County.

Eileen Kelly Barry was so kind to send a note wishing us all well as we turn 60 this year and to say what fun it is to read our class news. She included a terrific photo full of smiles from several classmates that was taken while tailgating in September at the Notre Dame-Purdue game. Eileen parted with **Roz Castrogiovanni Hill**, **Patti Smid Malloy**, **Alice Fanning Horney**, and **Marty Roark Higgins**.

Last fall I also returned to Saint Mary's College and Notre Dame for a football weekend with my husband, Roy, and daughter, Christine. As always, **Sister Agnes Anne Roberts, CSC, '51** took excellent care of us. What a treat it was to see her Friday, Saturday, and Sunday! I saw **Jo Ann Grima MacKenzie** at the Saint Mary's College tailgate gathering and was happy to chat with her. On Sunday, my former roommate **Bev Pagorski Reid** drove down from Grand Blanc, Mich., to join my family for liturgy at the Church of Loretto. She included two bonuses in our brief but wonderful visit

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by bringing her mom and her daughter, Meredith (who is also my goddaughter), with her. We attended Mass and enjoyed a fabulous brunch! Bev and I had a long phone chat the other day, and she told me that her son, Connor, recently celebrated Mardi Gras in New Orleans. While meeting people at one of the many receptions and parties and discussing backgrounds and colleges, etc., the Saint Mary's College and Notre Dame names came up. Connor wound up meeting **Diane Smith Rigaux**, who lives in New Orleans with her husband, and naturally told her that his parents had attended those colleges!

In December, my husband, Roy, and I drove out to Ohio to meet our daughter, Katie, who was flying back after a three-month internship in Kenya, working for a non-profit organization based in Cincinnati. We met Mary Alice Lajoie and Dick for dinner one night, sharing great ribs, delicious ice cream, and super conversation. Mary Alice and I spoke by phone this evening, and she said she was in Columbus last week on business. While there, she went to dinner with **Margaret Roberts Richards** and **Cathy Kearney Buser**. Cathy and her husband, Steve, have three grown children: Amy, Emily, and Adam. Mary Alice said that she, Margaret, and Cathy did lots of reminiscing and even pulled out old photos.

And now, in the spirit of movies and coming attractions, look for news next time from **Cheryl Corsaro**, who will be our foreign correspondent. Cheryl e-mailed me recently that she is planning a trip to Paris in the next couple of months and promised to give us updates on herself, **Laura Beth Berkshire**, and **Barb Dowd Arkedis**. Stay tuned, be well, and please write to me—e-mail or snail mail, friends!

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No Class Reporter

From the Courier Office: **Karen Grabowski Dowd** wrote: "All the best from Notre Dame, where I am enjoying my work in career development, and Tom is consulting with universities on international travel/learn programs. We have been blessed with another good year, and are grateful for the opportunities we've had and our health, friends, families, and each other."

"Tom has traveled internationally several times on business this past year, and together we vacationed for almost two weeks in Holland in early December. We rented an apartment in a university town and took day trips by train throughout the countryside. We especially enjoyed a long day trip by train, steam locomotive, and ferry to the sea, where we enjoyed history, architecture, art, and of course, food in three historical villages or towns."

"While we miss our friends, neighbors, and colleagues in Virginia, we are enjoying

being back in the Midwest. There are plenty of things to do here, and we also enjoy spending time in Michigan around the lake and in Chicago. The Notre Dame football season was very exciting and provided a nice opportunity to see numerous friends and family members throughout the fall. Let us know if you'll be coming through; we'd love to see you!"

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From the Courier Office: **Sue Greco Chambers** of Sugarland, Tex. writes: "**Laurie McCarthy Fan** was named 'Agent of the Month' for William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty Norwalk office in Norwalk, Conn. Laurie is close to her 14 nieces and nephews and is truly a support person for her siblings. She also volunteers at her church."

"My husband, Tom, and I got together for dinner recently with **Mary Gallagher Taylor** and her husband, Thad. Mary and Thad have moved to Katy, Texas, which is basically suburban Houston. We had a great time, and it was fun to connect after all these years. The funny thing is that Mary actually was better friends with my husband in college than with me! We took the Taylors to the rodeo, and all had a wonderful time."

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Soon after the last column appeared, **Cheri Petride Miller** wrote that she and her husband, Mark, attended the 25th wedding anniversary party of **Debbie Stancik Krawczyk '78** on Aug. 6, 2006, in Strongsville, Ohio. "It was great seeing Debbie and her husband, Andy. Along with the celebration, a liturgy was held by the same priest who married them. As for me, I have been employed as a librarian at the Cleveland Botanical Garden in University Circle and am really enjoying it. I look forward to our 30th reunion."

I also heard from **Peggy Dorsher Kasimatis**. "It's been years since I have sent something in for the class column, but January 2007 was my month for mini-reunions," she writes. "First, I saw **Cindy Class Riley** at a 'slumber party' of a number of high school friends. We get together once a year for an overnight to celebrate birthdays collectively and had an extra good turnout for our 50th birthday party. Cindy and I got a long visit in: she is well, starting the college search with her eldest son, and juggling work and family responsibilities."

The following weekend Peggy flew out



Members of the Class of '69 tailgating in September 2007. Pictured from left to right: Roz Castrogiovanni Hill, Patti Smid Malloy, Alice Fanning Horney, Eileen Kelly Barry, Marty Roark Higgins.

to Maryland as a surprise guest for a 50th birthday party for her former roommate **Donna Harding Douglass**. Donna's daughter, **Katie Douglass '05**, invited her to join their family, plus she says there was the added bonus of catching up with **Monica Creamer Bradford**, who was at the party with her husband, Jim. Monica was just back from a trip to Kuwait, part of a special panel on women in science in the Middle East. Also at the party was Donna's sister, **Barbara Harding Cooney '83**.

Peggy said, "Donna looked great and was plenty busy despite having her youngest, Jack, off to college and daughter, Eileen, graduating in May."

As for Peggy, she says she is still teaching at Carroll College, a liberal arts college just west of Milwaukee. She is up for a promotion in rank, so she is putting some extra time in there while still enjoying one at home (Anna, a high school freshman). Her son, Greg, is a junior at St. Louis University, and Laura is a freshman at Marquette.

'81

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From Sharon Moore Cardona: "Recently, I experienced a miracle of healing. I had a spine fusion of two vertebrae in December. Several weeks later, I over-strained and was in quite a bit of pain. One of my friends is a nurse and in the healing ministry. She laid her hand on my back and prayed and also spoke in tongues. Within hours, my pain had subsided. I woke the next day pain free and have remained pain free since."

On top of this, I had a pre-cancerous cyst that encased my ovary. At my pre-op appointment, the M.D. did an ultrasound, and then another type of ultrasound, and then a physical inspection. There was no evidence that there had been a cyst (which had been quite evident on the previous ultrasound). I can only say that God is truly awesome and merciful."

From Roberta DePiero-Perkins: "The Saint Mary's College Women's Choir will be touring during spring break and doing a concert in Dallas, Texas. **Joan Grabowski '82**, **Patti Williams**, **Ann Trucano '82** and I are all gathering there for our own mini 25-year reunion. We were all members of the choir at Saint Mary's College."

From Mo O'Brien Kohler: "Jeff ND '79 and I went to Saint Mary's College to visit our daughter, **Katie Kohler '09**, for Sophomore Parents Weekend. We had an alumnae gathering at the Riedinger House Friday afternoon, went to a faculty reception, took in a Saint Mary's College basketball game, attended a class Mass in Loretto, and had a dinner/dance reception Saturday night at the Century Center in South Bend. The College did a nice job the entire weekend."

Maureen Campbell Lopina writes: "I am thrilled that my daughter, Jillian, will be attending Saint Mary's in the fall. I wonder if any other daughters of members of the Class of '81 are entering the College this year."

Beverly Leonard Sewell says, "I had planned to attend reunion but work interfered. I've been married to Rick for 22 years, living in Oxford, Mich. My son, Michael, 13, was just on the Discovery Channel as one of this year's finalists in their Young Scientist Challenge in Washington, D.C. I transferred from GM to EDS, staying with technology, in strategic

business planning, and now support the BPO global business. I received my master's from Central Michigan University before Michael was born and now balance my time by consulting academically with his school, lots of baseball tournaments, travel, and entertaining."

From **Dorothy Spollen Johnston**: "We are excited to host four Saint Mary's College women in our home for the Choir Spring Tour concert in Plano. There are about 40 women staying at the homes of 10 area alumnae in the Dallas-Fort Worth area."

From **Sandra Costa Thurston**: "I have been teaching writing classes at a small liberal arts university and a jewelry class at a community college. I am actively engaged in several peace and justice movements, one of which is Eve Ensler's V-Day. Eve Ensler wrote *The Vagina Monologues* after interviewing women all over the world about their lives and loves. The proceeds from each production of the *Monologues* helps fund the V-Day movement, which works to end violence against women all over the world."

From **Mary Stoll Oelerich**: "My husband, Frank ND '82, and I continue to live in downtown Chicago with our five girls. Molly is a senior at Woodlands Academy in Lake Forest, Margo is a sophomore there, Madeline is in 7th grade, Megan 5th grade, and Mamie in 2nd grade at The Academy of the Sacred Heart in Chicago. Frank is still at Morgan Stanley, where he is a managing director and head of mergers and acquisitions in Chicago. I spend most of my time getting people where they need to be and in the proper attire. We have a big spring coming up; we will be celebrating Mamie's First Communion, Madeline's Confirmation (my sister, **Nini Stoll Lyman '82**, is her sponsor), Molly's high school graduation, and our 25th wedding anniversary. Our other big news is that Molly will be attending Notre Dame in the fall. We are all so excited! We're looking forward to spending more time in South Bend!"

Susan Powers writes: "I've been selected to chair a group of citizens from St. Louis, Mo., to team with three other U.S. cities and their French Sister City partners (St. Louis – Lyon, Los Angeles, Cal., – Bordeaux, Louisville, Ky. – Montpellier, Charlotte, N.C. – Limoges) in a conference in Lyon, France, to learn and discuss the issue of integrating disenfranchised groups into the general population. The Waging Peace Program is funded by the U.S. State Department through Sister Cities International. If any of you has worked or is generally associated with minorities, immigrants, Muslims, disenfranchised youth, community development/housing, education disparities, civil liberties, or knows Lyon, please contact me. I'd love to hear from you. My e-mail address is susan@rosedesign.com."

From **Joanne Vannuki Crough**: "Twenty-two years after receiving my master's degree in counseling psychology, I received my license in the state of Pennsylvania as a professional counselor. I am the regional manager for Meier Clinics here in Pittsburgh. It is a privilege for me as a counselor to be able to combine solid psychological principles with the freedom which results from God's grace and truth in my work with clients."

From **Marguerite Quinn Zappa**: "**Annie Marme Diaz** was in Chicago for the Mid-Winter Dental Convention. **Michelle Diener Filicicchia** arranged a girls-only dinner at a restaurant for several of us to get together, and it included **Kelly Chambers Mazeski**, **Patty Meagher Clare**, **Mary Beckman Quinn**, and me. Annie's oldest child is a freshman at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Va. Her husband, Pedro, turned 50 this year and they celebrated with a big party. Mary's eldest son will be a freshman in college next year and is in the process of making the decision of where to attend. Her youngest, a daughter, is deciding where to go to high school. Patty just finished renovating her kitchen, and her business is doing well. Kelly is busy being an advocate for the Illinois Sierra Club—calling on Illinois state representatives and state senators. Her daughter, Kelsy, is a sophomore in high school and is a devoted ballet dancer. Her son, Mac, is an 8th grader, a devoted basketball player, and also a good jazz pianist. We have been in Chicago now for 18 months. Anna is in the 3rd grade at St. Clement in Lincoln Park and will be making the Sacrament of Reconciliation with her classmates. A year ago, I started working part time as a fundraiser for the University of Illinois at Chicago."

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'83

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Kathy Connor Buell writes that she is living in Northbrook, Ill., with her husband, Greg (a Presbyterian minister), and their two children, Allie, 13, and John, 10. Allie has moderate scoliosis, for which she's been wearing a full-torso back brace for over a year. Kathy is still working for the Metropolitan Chicago Healthcare Council as a medical malpractice claims investigator. She never imagined that her nursing degree and years of work in the ICU at Children's Memorial in Chicago would land her in a position investigating cases, teaching nurses and doctors to avoid repeating mistakes, helping hospitals keep up with the standard of care, and working on cases at trial. She writes that her work is a joy and privilege since she can be a patient advocate and make a difference in healthcare by

club clips



The Pittsburgh Alumnae Club held its 2007 Spring Luncheon on April 27 at Lidia's Pittsburgh. Pictured are members of the club's board of directors, left to right: **Cathy Hammel Frischkorn '75**, **Colleen Miles '03**, **Nora Barry Fischer '73**, **Leslie Schneider Krueger '93**, **Jocelyn Harvey Bosick '80**, **Kathy Gannon Martino '92**, **Kathryn Harrison '04**, and **Madeline Wahl '97**.

working to eliminate medical mistakes. Kathy also writes that her father, Jack Connor ND '50, was posthumously named Notre Dame's 2006 recipient of the Harvey G. Foster Award for his civic and university activities, which included writing two football books, *Leahy's Lads* and *Connor*. All profits from the books benefit Notre Dame and its academic scholarship programs.

Our condolences go to **Maura Kahn**, whose mother, Sharon, passed away in December of 2006.

'85

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We've not had much news from you for this printing of the *Courier*. Perhaps moving through those cold winter months, we'll find you released from your slumber (or at the very least, maybe you won't be as busy) in order to update us come the next deadline, Sept. 1.

I do have some sad news to report, however. **Robbie Lamb Jr.**, 18-year-old son of classmate **Ann Goldkamp Lamb** and husband Rob, was killed in a car accident in February. I know that many of our classmates have been in touch with her. Please keep Ann and her family in your prayers.

'89

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It's a big birthday year for many of us—moving into a new decade, checking that next box on the age survey. But let's not focus on the number. Let's celebrate our lives, our friends, our families, and our accomplishments, and look forward to a great year!

Last August, **Mary Margaret Ahler Spagnolo** began working two days a week in downtown Chicago as a senior staff writer in the public relations department of City Colleges of Chicago. She also helps out in her husband, Don's, law firm, Spagnolo & Hoeksema, in Hoffman Estates, Ill. The rest of the time, they are busy with Philip, 13, Annie, 11, Olivia, 9, and John, 5. The Spagnolos spent last New Year's Eve at the home of **Kelly Juras Wink** and her family in Hoffman Estates. All the children—four Spagnolos and three Winks—stayed up well past midnight! Mary Margaret is also in touch with **Michelle Matthews McBride**, who lives in Cincinnati, Ohio. They met up when Michelle and her family were in Chicago before the 2006 holidays. Last Christmas also brought greetings from **Angie Scheele**, who is practicing dentistry in the Batesville, Ind., area.

Kellen Brugman is still living in Nashville, Tenn., (no Keith and Nicole sightings!) but moved to a new address last year. She teaches yoga fulltime and is truly enjoying the six years since she left the business world behind! However, Kellen is applying her business degree to her "pro-bono" PR and marketing work for a local animal control shelter, where her efforts have helped save about 100 domestic pets in six months. She has worked with country music singer-songwriter Emmlylou Harris and other

locals to plan shelter fundraisers.

In Minneapolis, **Susan Crosby Griffin** is in her last semester of studying to become a dietetic technician at a local college. Susan, her husband, and sons Ryan, 16, David, 12, and Colin, 9, had a great weekend with **Deidre Laatz Desideri** at the Purdue game last October. And she had a wonderful and unexpected surprise when she ran into **Lisa Emlong Lindholm** at a local Minneapolis mall. Shopping will keep us together!

More Minneapolis news comes from **Rebecca Davis Paulsen**, who sent life "cliff notes" so we could all catch up with what has been going on with her since graduation. Rebecca went on to graduate from Notre Dame with an M.B.A. in 1990, married Ed Paulsen ND '90 in 1995, and moved to Minnesota a few months later. Their son, Kelly, arrived in 1999; a daughter, Juneau, in 2002; and a son, Davis, in 2005. Today, she is a vice-president, director of state tax at US Bank in Minneapolis. She has also served as an officer—treasurer, president, and past president—of the Notre Dame Alumni Club of Minnesota for twelve years, and she has returned to campus at least once a year for the past seventeen years. Keeping her Saint Mary's College ties strong, Rebecca stays in touch with Claude Renshaw and MaryAnn Merryman, and exchanges Christmas cards with her former roommate **Cheryl Brienzi Wenzel**, who lives in Jacksonville, Fla., with her husband, Brian ND '89, and two children: Allison, 10, and Colin, 8.

Another multi-year update came from **Mary Louisa Meehan L'Hommedieu**. Mary Louisa and husband Kevin met on the first day of law school, and they have been together ever since—marrying in 1996. A daughter, Sarah Julia, was born in 1998; and son, Aidan William, came along in 2001. Because family has always been very important to the couple, the L'Hommedieu moved to Hudson, Ohio, where they are close to her brother, Larry Meehan ND '89, his wife, Mary Turk Meehan ND '91, and their children, Lawrence Turk, 7, and Michael Joseph, 4; and her sister, **Rebecca Meehan Adkins '91**, her husband, David, and their children, Olivia Genevieve, 5, and Mitchell Blaise, 3. Free time is spent together with family and quite frequently at soccer events. Mary Louisa welcomes anyone traveling around Hudson to look her up and would love to hear from old classmates. She's always happy to hear about **Sara Maurer Quadrini** and **Theresa Kress Marks** in the class reports.

Mary Louisa will be glad to hear that everything is good in Maui, where it was 82 degrees in January. That's the news from Theresa Marks. After a summer visit to the mainland, the Marks are back to their musical and artistic home in Hawaii. Theresa's girls—Skylar, 11, and Annabel, 8—are recording a CD of original music

with some help from Shawn, 3, and Theresa on tambourine. She is also busy working on a book about a modern day Indian saint named Amma, dubbed the "hugging saint" by the media. Theresa's husband, Gary, is recording his tenth album and also has a book coming out entitled *Rocking Wall Street*. It's about investing and living a happy life despite the modern stresses of money concerns. Sounds like something we could all use!

A February weekend visit to Chicago allowed Karen Crespy and **Katy Burns** to catch up on the latest news and shop State Street. Katy will be visiting Karen in Maryland in May for a trek to the Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival—a knitter's dream world! Karen will also see **Barb Moorhead Vedders** and family in late March when they travel from Grand Rapids, Mich., to visit Washington, D.C., for spring break.

And 2006 was a year of celebration for **Tammy Shelor Blain**. Just a few months after marrying Todd on April 29, 2006, Tammy got news that a family addition was on the way. So, 2007 promises to be another year of joy. Congratulations!

A big welcome to all the new family additions! Christopher Deane arrived on Nov. 11, 2006, to the joy of **Carrie Deane Corcoran**, John, and Peter, 2. And **Lisa Lavelle Burke**, Tom, and Jack, 3, celebrated the arrival of Timothy Patrick on Nov. 15, 2006.

Patti Swain Stark sent news of several classmates and on the arrival of her first daughter, Kelly Patricia, on Sept. 27, 2006. Kelly joins a household of boys: twins Dylan and Griffin, 6, and Ryan, 3. Patti is in her sixteenth year as a stockbroker at UBS in Chicago. The 2006 holidays brought a chance to see **Linda Dvorak Gilbert** and her daughter, Caroline, 2. Linda works at Hewlett Packard and enjoys horseback riding. Patti also gets to see **Patti Sullivan Weber** and her children, Danny, 7, Clare, 5, and Bridget, 3, who live in Winfield, Ill. Patti is a Southern Living representative and recently returned from a trip to the Bahamas. **Megan Goggin Gaughan** lives in Ft. Wayne, Ind., where she is very involved with her community and keeps busy with her twins, Danny and Patrick, 10, as well as Michael, 8, and Maggie, 4. **Trish Ruth Erickson**, John, and J.P., 3, welcomed Jacqueline Sophia on May 18, 2006. Trish left her position with Merrill Lynch in Chicago to spend time with her kids. **Peggy Kramer McLaughlin** is enjoying her hectic life as assistant general counsel at Harris and Associates in Chicago. She has three boys: Jake, 3, and twins, Patrick and Colin, 2. **Kristin Burtzloff Bodey** and Al are enjoying life in Carmel, Ind., with A.J., 4, and Bridget, 2. Al recently took a job as a racecar engineer on the "Grey's Anatomy's 'McDreamy'" team. (She hopes to meet McDreamy himself during the Indy 500!) Kristin met up with

Tera Sternitzke Mazure, who lives in Hinsdale, Ill., with her three children, ages 3 to 8, and they spoke with **Mary Carol Buhrfiend Honquest**, who lives in Elmhurst, Ill., with her four children. It seems everyone is enjoying life and laughing about how things are so different from those Saint Mary's College days!

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'93

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Thank you, everyone, for your updates! It's been great connecting with so many of you. I have been staying very busy with my kids—Matthew, 7, Maria, 6, and Elizabeth, 6—volunteering in their classrooms and with CCD. I have also been active at my church, St. Anthony's of Padua, serving as chairperson for the education and communication committee during the construction of our new worship center. I have also taken a position on the local YMCA board. It is crazy at times, but I would not want it any other way.

We have a lot of bad e-mail addresses on the class list, so please take time to e-mail me or the Alumnae Office to update your information. Thank you, again, and please keep the updates coming.

Jennifer Fahey McGill and husband Doug welcomed their third child, Matthew Douglas, in October 2006. His twin sisters, Amanda Margaret and Meghan Lucille, 2, love to help take care of him. Jennifer is currently on leave from work to stay home with the kids in western suburban Chicago.

Also in Chicago, **Lisa Phillips** wrote that she was married in June 2006 to Todd Gee. "We were married in our back garden in Chicago; we live in a cooperative building in the Logan Square neighborhood and like it a lot." Lisa recently left her position at the American Medical Association to stay home with their new daughter, Violet Snow, who was born in October 2006.

Kathy Hill Gore and husband Dan just added baby number three to the family. Max Thomas joins siblings William, 6, and Emma, 5.

Michaela Joyce Macchiarola is also staying very busy at home with her three boys, John, 7, Joseph, 5, and Daniel, 2. Michaela, Joe ND '93, and the boys live in Garden City, N.Y. (Long Island).

From Canton, Ohio, **Tami Lowery Soehnen** reports that baby number four was born on Dec. 29, 2006. Margaret (Maggie) Mary joins siblings, Emil, 7, Anna, 5, and Elizabeth, 2.

Jennifer Kaniecki was married on Nov. 11, 2006, to Joseph MacNeill in Pittsburgh, Pa. "Joe is a chemistry professor at Chatham College, a women's

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college in Pittsburgh. I am leaving Capco and joining Bechtel Plant Machinery, Inc. as an engineering project leader. BPMI is a prime contractor for the U.S. Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program and has a large office in Pittsburgh."

Katie Smith was married in Kinsale, Ireland, to Stephen Greb in September 2006. Both families made the trip, as did **Megan Grogan** and her husband. Katie adds, "It was a wonderful celebration in a beautiful country." Steve and Katie continue to live in Blue Bell, Pa.

'95

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Thanks to everyone for sending updates! Keep in mind that my next deadline for the winter issue is Aug. 27.

Beginning the updates of new additions to the Class of 1995 family is **Bryn Umhofer Schmitt**. Bryn writes, "I'm delighted to write that my husband, Kevin Schmitt ND '95, and I welcomed our triplets into the world on July 14, 2006. We were blessed with two boys and a girl: Brendan Richard, Katherine Elizabeth, and Ryan Richard. It's been an eventful and very special year!"

Julie Radca Vieta is keeping in touch with Blacklick, Ohio, a suburb of Columbus. "Mark, the kids, and I have settled in nicely since moving from Arizona to Ohio 18 months ago. I started my own Ob/Gyn practice in Gahanna, Ohio, and things are going great. I am very busy with patients and have been delivering lots of babies. Speaking of babies, Mark and I welcomed our sixth little bundle of joy on Nov. 3, 2006.

His name is Madden Avery, and his big brother and four sisters love him a bunch. All of the kids are very active and keep us going every night of the week. They now are Morgan, 13, Marcus, 10, Marley, 8, Maycey, 6, Margot, 2, and Madden. They love Ohio and have tons of friends and family. Anyway, I am still looking to get in touch with some old Saint Mary's College friends." Contact Julie at vietawolfpack@yahoo.com.

Katie Gisch Ogilvie reports that she and her husband, Don, welcomed their first child, Madeline Grace, on Nov. 26, 2006. "I am enjoying being a stay-at-home mom and taking Maddie for walks around our neighborhood in Chicago."

Deborah Sheedy Halvorsen writes, "I have just recently returned to work (still practicing family law in Winston-Salem, N.C.) after the birth of my second son, Kristian James, on Dec. 8, 2006. He's a sweet baby and makes a welcome addition to our family. His older brother, Aiden, will be 4 in May. Kristian's birth came right on the heels of the birth of **Darcee Bishop McCarthy's** first child, a son, Charley, who was born at the end of August 2006. Darcee has made the all-important decision to stay at home with her little fella and is well-suited to motherhood. **Sara Klabacha Stack** also stays at home with her three girls—her youngest, Katie, turned 1 in November. **Erin Lowney** is now a Connecticut state trooper, having survived the associated rigorous training. It is hard to believe that someone with such a kind disposition is now a law enforcement officer! **Julie Sweet Kryder** is still in Savannah with her family (her little boy, Justin, turned 2 in January). **Marybeth Glennon Waldorf** is earning advanced degrees in nursing; her youngest son, Thomas, just started kindergarten. Overall, I am happy to

report that we are all healthy and happy, albeit a little sleep deprived."

On August 30, 2006, **Polly Leonard Karpowicz** and her husband, Ed, welcomed their second daughter, Flora Marie, who joins big sister Anna. Polly returned to work in November just in time to celebrate her ten-year anniversary with the American Political Science Association.

Liz Broghammer Takacs reports, "In July, Mike and I moved to Iowa City, where we both have taken positions in the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. I am a clinical assistant professor in the urology department. In September, we welcomed the birth of our second son, Matthew James. It has been quite the whirlwind of a year!"

Tara Belden Bell writes, "David and I welcomed our first child, a baby girl, Samantha McCaulley Bell, on Oct. 6, 2006. Her middle name is her Irish grandmother's maiden name. Samantha weighed only 5 pounds, 15 ounces at birth, but at four months, she is almost 13 pounds and likes to play with her big 'sister,' Goldie, our Golden Retriever."

Taylor Markow Hyland and her husband, James, welcomed their first son, James Peyton, on Feb. 8, 2007, who weighed in at 10 pounds, 5 ounces. The Hylands live in northern Virginia. On Sept. 12, 2006, **Jennifer Ferry Ruetschle** and her husband welcomed a new addition to the family, Frederick Bernard Ruetschle.

Bridget Bartley McGuire writes, "All is wonderful in Peoria, Ill. My husband, Andy ND '95, and I welcomed our first child, Daniel Bartley McGuire, on June 2, 2006. He is such a joy—and keeping us very busy! I left my job as the culinary and marketing manager at Frontera Foods in Chicago to stay home with Danny,

and I love it. I also spend a lot of time volunteering for the Children's Hospital of Illinois."

Wendy Betz Chapman and husband David welcomed their second little boy, Padraig Betz Chapman (Paddy), on Aug. 13, 2006. He joins big brother Corin, 7. Wendy is busy finishing her master's degree and continues to work at Madison Center in South Bend, Ind.

Allison Obuchowski Larys writes, "Since the reunion, we added another little bundle to our family, Andrew Michael. His big brothers were very excited to have another boy in the house! (Or as my husband, Chris, says, he now has a foursome for golf!) I am still a stay-at-home mom, running the boys back and forth to school and activities. Matthew is 5, Timmy is 3, and Andrew just turned 1. We have built a house in Elgin, Ill."

Allison Murphy Hannah reports, "We've had lots of exciting changes over the past year. In November 2005, my husband, son, and I moved from South Bend to Massachusetts to be closer to my family. Upon moving back, my husband and I jumped into new positions in my family's business and watched the progress on our new home with much excitement. In May 2006, we finally moved into our beautiful new home; then in July 2006, we welcomed Mia Rose Hannah to our family. She was born on my birthday: July 10. We are enjoying her immensely—especially her brother, Miles, 4."

Kate Sullivan Payne writes, "My husband left for Afghanistan last February for a six-month rotation. While he was gone, our two-year-old, John, was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes. John is doing especially well considering his age, and we feel blessed to have the doctors at Walter Reed so close by. Our

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oldest, Carmen, started home-school kindergarten this year, and we're both enjoying it. Rosa Jeanne, our four-year-old, joins in often; she especially enjoys anything hands-on. She and John have become real buddies this last year, and that's been fun to watch. Anna Catherine joined our family in November of 2006—an extra special 'welcome home' present for Daddy. As far as upcoming plans, we'll be leaving the northern Virginia area and moving to Ft. Leavenworth, Kan., this summer so that Matthew can attend the Army's Intermediate Level Education (ILE) course. Then we'll move again when he's finished in summer 2008, most likely back to a division. I'm still involved in our home-school co-op, and even get to tutor kids in math every once in awhile! Mostly, though, I continue to enjoy my primary vocations of wife and mother."

Now, some news about weddings of two former Saint Mary's College swimming teammates! **Tara Krull Poteraj** writes, "After four years of dating, I married Matt Poteraj on July 15, 2006, on the beach in Kauai. The two of us 'eloped' (although it wasn't a secret) and married each other with just our minister and ukulele player as our witnesses. We then spent another week between Kauai and Kona as our honeymoon before heading back for another ceremony and reception—officiated by Saint Mary's College's very own Dr. Pauley!—with our families and friends in northwest Indiana over Labor Day weekend. We are living in Denver. I manage retail marketing for Qwest and ran my 15th (!) marathon in Chicago this year." **Katie Northup** married John Brooken Smith on Dec. 29, 2006, in Louisville, Ky. Saint Mary's College alumnae in attendance were **Meghan Boland Parkinson** and Colleen Morrissey. The ceremony was held at Holy Spirit Church, with the reception at the historic Seelbach Hotel in downtown Louisville. Katie and Brooken reside in Louisville, where Katie works in marketing at KFC and Brooken attends law school at the University of Kentucky.

Nancy Martin Wujek checks in from Cary, N.C., where she and her husband, Brett ND '93, have lived for ten years. "Brett works for a software company, and I stay at home with our three children, Madeline, 7, Joseph, 5, and Thomas. 3. I have been extra busy this past year taking classes to keep my teaching license current. It reminds me of the days and nights spent cramming at Saint Mary's College! All-in-all, life is good! My best to every Saint Mary's College-CHIC out there!"

Jean O'Connor Sanders reports that she is moving from Wellesley, Mass., to Hinsdale, Ill., in May 2007.

Jennifer Failla writes, "I just moved my independent financial planning practice over to Merrill Lynch last fall. I love the company and could not be more excited for my clients' opportunities with Merrill. I am a CFP candidate and will graduate

from University of Nebraska this year with my master's in family financial planning."

Elke Schuttrow Monahan also has some exciting career news: she and her neighbor started their own company, Debbie Miller Designs, Inc. They create one-of-a-kind fabric purses, belts, pillows, and memory quilts. You can view their Web site at www.debbiemillerdesigns.com. For anyone who has a lot of old t-shirts from college days that you can't bear to throw out, a memory quilt is a great idea. Contact Elke for details!

Attention Ireland Programmers: **Katie Clancy** writes, "We have the sad news that Jeff Dodd ND '95 has been diagnosed with stage IV melanoma, which has metastasized. Jeff has three children with his wife, Kelly, and baby number four is due in May 2007. Though the Dodd family lives in Milwaukee, Jeff is temporarily living in Houston, Tex. to receive cutting-edge treatment at St. Luke's (near MD Anderson). Please visit www.doddfamilyfund.com to read more about Jeff's situation and to access the links to his blog, which updates everyone on his condition and treatment. I am running the Dodd Family Fund and Web site to collect donations of either airline miles (American or Continental are best) or funds. We're also asking for prayers for his recovery and for his family. Please help however you can! You can also e-mail me for more information: katie@clancyassociates.com."

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Hola! Bonjour! I hope this finds you doing well and enjoying summer. As I write, it's a breezy late February afternoon in Durham, about 55 degrees. Flowering trees are beginning to blossom, and in a little over a month, the Durham Farmers' Market will open for the 2007 season, marking the return of Sunny Slope Greenhouse tomatoes and strawberries from Lyon Farms. C'est beau la vie!

Ignacio and I are doing well, enjoying a calmer school year, as well as a few weeks in Illinois over the holidays. While we were home, we saw **Michele Kuhlmann Nelson**, her husband, Calvin ND '98, and their daughters Catherine, Carolyn, and Anna. The girls are as cute as ever. Michele and Calvin had taken them on their first road trip (to Tennessee) over Thanksgiving and were happy to report it had gone well and that they would be taking more road trips in the future. Michele is also teaching and tutoring part-time—she is very busy but doing amazingly well.

Speaking of road trips, Ignacio and I are planning another (spring) trip to the North Carolina coastal towns of New Bern and Beaufort (we can't get enough of the

Chelseas' lemon chicken [me] and crab cakes [Ignacio]). We will soon be making summer travel plans as well. Ignacio will be directing Duke's study abroad program in Madrid again this year, and I plan to join him there in late June. We'll spend time with his family in Madrid and then, for the first time, travel to Poitiers together, which is where I taught as an assistante d'anglais in 1998-99. I look forward to introducing him to friends, to the steak-frites and marquis au chocolat at Cappuccino, and to my favorite salon de thé, the Jasmin-Citronelle. C'est beau la vie!

Before joining Ignacio in Spain, I will be making a shorter trip—to Indiana for reunion! (I still can't believe it's been ten years!) I look forward to seeing many of you there. For now though, pour yourself a glass of lemonade, iced tea or whatever drink refreshes you on a hot summer day, sit back, relax, and enjoy these updates from our classmates.

Chris Knych Ugo writes: "I just finished reading my winter edition of the *Courier* and thought I would write you with an update. My husband, Pete ND '97, and I welcomed a baby boy, Mark Edward, on Sept. 22, 2006. Our daughters, Maria and Monica, really enjoy their new brother! They both attend St. Lawrence Catholic School, where Maria is in kindergarten and Monica is in pre-school. We continue to live in Indianapolis, where Pete works as a CPA for Crowe Chizek, and I have recently returned to work part-time as a registered nurse at St. Vincent Hospital on the medical-psychiatric unit. I am really looking forward to seeing many of our classmates at our reunion this year!"

Also from the Midwest, **Kristin Meek-Hennon** writes: "On Oct. 15, I married Michael Hennon. We had a destination wedding in Charleston, S.C., and some of my very close Saint Mary's College friends were there to share the weekend with us. One was **Amy Bacevich**, who is living in Ann Arbor, Mich., and working on her Ph.D. at the University of Michigan. Her brother left for Iraq not long before the wedding—we pray for him daily.

Stephanie Buek Goodenow attended with her husband and little girl, Betsy. Stephanie is an attorney, working in Kansas City. **Madeline Wahl** was also in attendance. She is doing well and has been working as a physician assistant in her hometown of Pittsburgh. **Kelly Cook Lewis** and her little girl, Riley, also flew in for the event. Kelly and family are living in Las Vegas, where her husband recently graduated from the United States Air Force Weapons School. He was assigned to a year's duty in Korea right after New Year's. We pray that he remains safe and comes home to Kelly and Riley soon. Finally, **Emily Bochy**, my roommate after college, flew home from England and gave me the best gift of all when she sang 'Ave Maria' during my ceremony. She has an incredible voice!

"We all had a wonderful weekend in

Charleston. The weather was perfect and the weekend of events could not have been more fun! I wish I could do it all over again. I am now working with my husband at his company and have started my own business as well. I found a way to utilize my continued education in American Sign Language: I teach infant sign language to hearing babies and their parents, as well as to school-age children. Hope to see you at the reunion!"

On the east coast, **Kimberly Fleming Christenson** sends an update: "Our family has relocated to Mansfield, Conn., where my husband, Richard ND '94 '02 J.D., is a professor at the University of Connecticut. We have three boys: Andrew, 7, Emmett, 5, and Henry, 2. I am currently staying home with the boys."

From the west coast, **Christine Riesinger Davis** writes: "I am keeping busy here in Los Angeles. Ryan is now 2½ years and Paige is 9 months. They keep me very busy, and I love being home with them. I am bummed that I will not be able to make it to reunion this year, but I look forward to hearing all about it. I am sure it will be a great time! Byron and I are planning to come back this fall for a football game."

From overseas, **Emily Bochy** sends her greetings: "At the end of July, I bought a house here in England! It is an awesome responsibility to own a home, as most of you know. It is absolutely wonderful, on the one hand, to have a place that is yours and to come home to every night. On the other hand—why didn't anyone warn me how much work it was going to be? There is much to do around the house, but it has been such a treasure to learn about new things along the way. Just you wait and see—I'll become a 'green thumb' yet! Some day, I'm going to live up to the reputation of having a beautiful English garden! I'm still working for Accenture—9 years—and, as promised, I did officially transfer to Accenture UK in May 2006."

Michelle Lomonaco Slabick and her husband, Josh, welcomed their third child on Feb. 23. The new baby's name is Madeline Michelle. She joins her two brothers, Connor, 3, and Aiden, 2.

Thank you to all who contributed this time. I look forward to hearing from even more of you for our next report (my deadline is Sept. 1) and to seeing you this summer! Actually, by the time you read this, reunion will be behind us and we'll be waiting for our 15-year! I'm sure both will be wonderful! Have a lovely summer and à la prochaine, mes amies! Amy

'99

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I hope that everyone is having fun celebrating a new decade of life. It is hard to believe that the last time we were

celebrating milestone birthdays we were in South Bend. Instead of celebrating at CJ's again, **Shannon Cibella Teague** and I had a party together at a Chicago bar in March. Saint Mary's College alumnae from the Class of 1999 included **Tricia Malovey** and **Julie Byrdak Jaworski**. Tricia is in the process of finishing up her master's in education at DePaul University.

Jeanine Weigel Pickering and her husband, John, bought a house in LaGrange Park, Ill.

Living in Chicago presents the opportunity for running into Saint Mary's College alumnae. Recently, I saw **Jill Moore Clouse** and her cute son, Sean, at the Sprint store.

This past fall, I was surprised to see **Colleen Nugent Aque** in the halls of Alphonsus Academy, the school where I teach. Holden, 4, attends three-day pre-school and is a student in my friend's class. Colleen is a very busy mom as the mother of three boys all under 6. In addition to Holden, she also has Conall, 5, and Aidan, 2. Colleen, her sons, and husband, Cliff, live in Lakeview just a few blocks away from Alphonsus Academy. Colleen keeps in touch with **Liz Gallagher**.

Just recently, I was in a wedding with **Mary Eileen Weber**'s sister-in-law. Mary Eileen is doing very well teaching at Francis Xavier Warde, a Catholic School connected with Old St. Patrick Church located in the Chicago West Loop.

This Christmas, I received an adorable Christmas card from **Laurie Pater Roettker** and her husband, Brian. The card was a picture of their two adorable daughters, Jessa and Natalie. The Roettker family lives in Cincinnati. I also received a card from **Libby Rector Snipe**. Libby and her husband, Chris, live in Washington, D.C.

Having this job as a class reporter is great because I enjoy the e-mails I have been receiving. **Courtney Wagner Kelly** and her husband, John ND '98 and '99, welcomed their first daughter, Carlin Mary, on April 9, 2006. Courtney is having fun staying at home with Carlin and does not miss teaching yet but thinks she will soon. She also told me about the birth of **Gina Lamberti Ruhlig**'s first baby, Lucy Elise Ruhlig, on Nov. 15, 2006.

Kim Nemeth Klimczak and her husband, Sean ND '98, welcomed Ethan William on June 2, 2006. The Klimczak family lives in New York City, where Kim works as a human resources manager for a media company.

Rachel Villarreal Keyes wrote to update us on her life for the past eight years. In December of 2001, she received her master's in school counseling from the University of Dayton. On Dec. 27, 2003, she married Thomas Keyes. Their son, William Antonio Keyes, was born on Sept. 20, 2005. He was given the middle names of both of his grandpas. In addition to being a mom of an active son, Rachel is teaching junior high math/science at

her alma mater, Oakwood Junior/Senior High School, in Dayton, Ohio. She has been teaching there for five years and still loves it. Rachel keeps in touch with **Tara McCue Propheeter**, who was the matron of honor in her wedding, **Stacy Davis**, **Melony Smith-Wellington** who is married to Antwoine Wellington ND '99 (a member of the football team), **Nicole Kraimer Strieter**, and **Amy Johns**.

Jessica Dettmann Hinners lives in Delray Beach, Fla., and is the vice-president in commercial real estate at Legacy Bank in Boca Raton. On Oct. 13, 2006, she married Brian Hinners in Napa Valley at the Meadowood Resort. Brian is a developer in South Florida. Her best friend, **Kari Payne Baldwin**, has had two babies since reunion. Benjamin Baldwin was born in January of 2005, and Kari gave birth to a beautiful baby girl named Ava in July of 2006. Kari and her husband, Brian, live in Lima, Ohio, where she is a stay-at-home mom. Kari received her master's degree in social work in 2004. Her husband is a project manager with the company McCarthy.

Since I lived on Regina 2 North with **Mary Beth Ellis** our first year, I was interested in reading her college memoir *Drink to the Lasses*, which documents her freshman year experience. It is no surprise that I am the character who has her dialogue written completely in caps lock. Kudos to Mary Beth for publishing a book all about her experience at our wonderful alma mater!

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From Molly: Megan M. McKeon has been elected to a two-year term as treasurer of the Legal Marketing Association, Chicago chapter. She also manages their young members, the association's Midwest conference, and their Achievements in Legal Marketing awards ceremony. Megan began her M.B.A. in February after finishing her J.D. just two years ago. She lives in downtown Chicago and visits with **Mindy Rennaker** frequently.

Kate Bowling-Bushey writes, "I graduated from Wake Forest University School of Law in 2004, and moved to Cleveland, Ohio. Andrew Bushey ND '02 and I were married in September of 2004. **Kathleen Tucker Tamayo** was my maid of honor, and many Saint Mary's College alumnae were in attendance. After passing the Ohio bar, I spent eighteen months as a prosecutor, focusing on abuse and neglect cases. Then, about eight

months ago, I joined a small real estate law firm specializing in condominium and homeowners' association law. Andrew is in his third year of dental school at Case Western and then will begin a residency in oral surgery."

Gretchen Trybus Batalis reports, "I've been living in sunny and warm Charleston, S.C., for the past four years and teaching Spanish in middle and high school. I also just finished an M.Ed. in Spanish at the College of Charleston. It has been great being in the warm weather, and although I hope to get back to the Midwest one day, it is hard to break away from the sunshine! In June we are moving to Dallas, Texas, for my husband, Nick's, job. If anyone in Texas wants to be my friend, I'm looking for some takers! I do know that there are a few Belles in the area and an alumnae club, so I'll definitely be looking them up!"

Cindy Traub has also experienced a big move and is now at a different Saint Mary's. She writes, "The year of 2006 was a big one for me. I received my Ph.D. in math from Washington University in St. Louis in May. In the fall semester, I was a postdoctoral fellow in the 'Computational Applications of Algebraic Topology' program at the Mathematical Sciences Research Institute in Berkeley, Cal. I had some great adventures out there with **Melissa Wheeler** before she moved to Chicago. In mid-November, I caught up with **Jill Perry Hall** and **Katie Hummer** at the Denver airport—thanks to them for making my four-hour layover quite enjoyable! At the end of December I moved to southern Maryland, and tomorrow is my first day as a math professor at St. Mary's College of Maryland. If anyone wants to check out another Saint Mary's, please come visit!"

After three years with GE, **Crystal Hiatt** made the move to return to her family business, where she is manager of sales and marketing. She loves being back in the Midwest and travels often. In the Twin Cities this past year, Crystal celebrated her birthday with **Molly McHugh '00** and **Molly Norton ND '02**. On a recent business trip to Atlanta, Crystal caught up with **Lauren Cangelosi** and reports that Lauren is doing great and really enjoys her job as marketing director at LCG Associates.

Asha Mukerjee Ruiz has taken a new position within the Lakota School District in West Chester, Ohio, where she taught for the last five years. Asha is now working as a literacy specialist, focusing on early childhood intervention.

Kathy Fech Thompson, reports, "On Sept. 2, I married the love of my life, James Thompson, at my home church in Fort Wayne, Ind. I also became (step)mother to the other love of my life, his daughter, Saffron. **Jill Fenske Boerstler** attended and members of **Amree Neff**'s family showed up on her behalf since she was still deployed in Kuwait. Our family is happily living in Des

Moines, Iowa, with our dog, Archie. I'm still working at a parish in a suburb of Iowa doing youth, young adult, and health ministry. James works for CompUSA and is also working towards getting his own tech support business off the ground."

Jami Newcomb is finishing grad school with an M.S. in speech and language therapy. She has accepted a job with an agency called Bilingual Therapies that will send her to a public school in the U.S. She is definitely leaving Madison but will let us know where soon.

Angela Finke Pingel moved to New Orleans in April 2006 with her husband, Mike, after Hurricane Katrina. They wanted to help rebuild the city and the warm weather was a plus! Angela has a degree in interior design and her husband is a contractor, so it was a natural fit. They spend a lot of time with **Carolyn Brewer Reinhardt**, her husband, Bill, and their son, Daniel, who also live in New Orleans. Carolyn balances her time between her family and her love of all things musical.

Katie Willkom Stopczynski just celebrated their daughter, Madilyn's, first birthday. She, John, and Madilyn live in the San Francisco Bay area.

Lori Fournier-Norem shares, "I continue to teach French at Saint Joseph's High School in South Bend. Also, I now have a beautiful son named Tidus! He turned one on Oct. 3, 2006."

Angela Agness Maloblocki is living in Fort Wayne, Ind. She married Patrick Maloblocki ND '01 in July of 2004. Angie is now mom to Andrew, whom she describes as "the most amazing little man." Angela works full time for a real estate company but now does the majority of work from home, which she loves.

In other baby news, **Ellen Wright Riley** and her husband, Michael Riley ND '01, welcomed their son, Aidan Michael Riley, on Sept. 29.

Elizabeth Rockwell Noonan, her husband, Timothy E. Noonan II ND '01, and daughter, Colleen, welcomed a new son and baby brother, Timothy Edward Noonan III, on Dec. 20, 2006. Congratulations!

From Alyson: As usual, 2001 Belles, we are a busy group. Here's the latest: **Courtne Takata-Lee** checked in with her first update: "Grant Lee ND '00 and I were married on Aug. 19, 2006, in my hometown of Honolulu, Hawaii. We had a lot of fun because many of our Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College friends were able to make the long flight over. **Kelly Dawson Archambeault** was my matron of honor, and **Rachele Rodarte Raloff** was one of my bridesmaids. **Kara Dedecker Monson**, **Megan Shaughnessy**, and **Kristi Dawson Flaherty '98** were also there to represent Saint Mary's College. Grant and I are currently living in downtown Chicago."

Laura Paulen also wrote, "I will be graduating from Johns Hopkins University

with a master's in public policy in May. I plan to move to Washington, D.C., after graduation." And **Chrissy Govorko** added, "I am continuing to teach first grade at St. Joseph Grade School in South Bend. I have been teaching there for almost five years. I also completed my master's in elementary education in December 2006 at Indiana University South Bend."

A nice update from **Julie Norman**: "I'm still in New York City, working for ESPN in remote production. I am working on everything from college football to the Winter X Games to college basketball and the WNBA. I still love it, though I spend more time on the road than I do in New York City. I'm also training for the New York City Triathlon, which is on July 22, 2007. I'm doing it through Team in Training and raising money for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. I was also was in **Kelly Dugan Prina's** wedding with **Julie Glud** and **Heather Podraza** on April 29, 2006, in Grand Rapids—we had a blast!" And another update from New York, **Emily Koelsch Rebori** wrote, "Todd and I bought a house in Yorktown Heights, N.Y. It is a lovely Tudor on a one-acre plot about six miles away from the Hudson River in Northern Westchester. The reason that we started looking for houses is that I was asked (and have accepted) the position of chief resident at my residency program. So, after I graduate in June 2008, I will be staying for an extra year to be a liaison, administrator, and teacher of residents at the Maria Fareri Children's Hospital."

Kathy Thompson reports: "I plan to start my master's in theology through the Diocese of Des Moines in the next year."

In wedding news, **Crystal Aguilar Miro** wrote, "I married my soul mate on Dec. 23, 2006, at the Loretto Chapel in Santa Fe, N.M. The lucky man is Adrian Aurelio Miro from San Juan, Puerto

Rico. We reside in Lubbock with our five Siberian huskies: Jedi, Steak, Rockne, Giada, and Quinn." **Colleen McCarthy Turrentine** wrote, "On Nov. 18, 2006, I married Dan Turrentine in Washington, D.C. I was very fortunate to have my dear friend, **Crissie Renner Traugott**, as my matron of honor. Dan and I traveled to Italy on our honeymoon, and it was a wonderful time. On the professional front, I have been working for Governor Bill Richardson of New Mexico since April 2006. Governor Richardson announced he is running for president in January, and I am serving as his national finance director. I am still based in Washington, D.C."

In baby news, **Missy Bittner Sharpe** wrote with blessed news. "My husband, George, and I welcomed our second daughter, Amelia Margaret, into the world on Feb. 22, 2007. She is very healthy and is loved very much by her older sister, Elle." **Andrea Herek Wetters** also provided an update. "**Kelly Sterritt Clancy, Molly McVoy, Alice Fox Fasula, Mary Wald Duncan, Christine Diana**, and I have plans to gather for our yearly reunion in Ocean City, Md., in June of 2007. In other news, **Alice Fasula** and her husband, Adam, welcomed a beautiful baby girl, Katie, in October 2006. We cannot wait for her to become a Saint Mary's College Belle!"

In the world of work, **Kristen Wolfe Theisen** wrote, "After having four different positions at the *Bradenton Herald* within the past two years, I am finally making a move out of the newspaper industry. I am now the director of development for Meals on Wheels Plus of Manatee County. I will be doing their marketing as well as coordinating their benefits and fundraising events. It's a great move for me, and I'm very excited to be doing something so positive for the community." From **Beth Kledzik Davis**:

"Things here in Richmond are still great. I received a promotion with the state economic development partnership's international division. I just saw **Carolyn Kelley** last weekend, since she lives in Washington, D.C. **Cindy Traub** tells me that she's settled in Baltimore now, too." And **Kate Nolan** shared, "I just accepted an offer from Aetna as a sales consultant in the labor division. I am still in Chicago and I am very excited to see what this new opportunity in sales brings." **Anne Senger** wrote, "I accepted a position at a clinical diagnostics and micro fluidics company in Ann Arbor this past June. The company is called Handylab and develops DNA analysis systems for infectious disease. I am a biochemist in the research and development lab. I also taught a general chemistry course at Monroe County Community College this past semester, which was both challenging and fun!" And **Lindsay Landvogt** shared, "I moved from Los Angeles to Washington, D.C., last March and live with **Heather O'Donnell** and her sister, **Shaye O'Donnell '03**. Since I moved to the District of Columbia, I have been working at Marriott International, Inc. in the sales and marketing department."

And finally, I'm enjoying my new home and job in Portland, Ore. Working with high school students as a school counselor is both challenging and rewarding. Please be in touch if you are in the area. I hope that you all are doing well. Until next time, my best.

From the Courier Office: Jeanine Mauro married Todd Stricker on Sept. 10, 2006, in Arlington Heights, Ill. On hand to celebrate were **Kelly Walsh, Molly Buchanan, Nancy Hagen Yourell '71**, and **Barbara Morrin Cook '70**. Jeanine's mother is **Louanne Scanlon Mauro '70**.

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From Amy: Hello, Class of 2003! I hope that you are all well and enjoying this most recent edition of the *Courier*. I certainly enjoy serving as one of your reporters and look forward to seeing many of you soon at our first reunion, which is approaching quickly! There will be much to share and to celebrate with one another. Until then, here are some updates to tide you over:

Christine LaVigne Osburn and her husband, Matt ND '03, continue to live in Jacksonville, Fla. Christine is working the night shift on a cardiac/surgical floor at a children's hospital. She is also in her third year of teaching dance classes, which she absolutely loves. She teaches children and adults ballet, tap, jazz, musical theatre, and hip-hop.

Christine also is taking dance classes at a nearby college and is working toward a degree in dance. In between her dancing and nursing, Christine spends time with **Meghan McGinty Anderson** and **Amy Newburg '04**. The girls especially enjoy watching Notre Dame football games together while living in Gator country.

Susan Kutz is serving in the Army as a Medical Service Corps Officer in the 4th Stryker Brigade Combat Team from Fort Lewis, Wash. This past July, Susan was promoted to captain. She holds a brigade medical planner position, in which she plans the medical support for 4,500 soldiers. Susan writes that she is scheduled to deploy to Baghdad in April. We wish you well, Susan!

Elizabeth Bailey married Patrick Stocker from Grand Rapids, Mich., on Oct. 28, 2006. The wedding took place in Spring Lake, Mich. Liz's attendants were her sisters, **Emily Bailey Quiney '99** and Mary Bailey, and her sister-in-law, Alexis Bailey. Also in attendance were cousin **Sarah Maatman** and, as flower girl, niece Bailey Quiney, future Saint Mary's College Class of 2028. After a beautiful honeymoon in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, Liz and Patrick reside in Grand Rapids, Mich. You can offer your congratulations to the new Mrs. Stocker at: 3684 Summit View Dr. NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525, phone (616) 862-2825.

Renée Donovan Genetti and her husband, Michael ND '01, moved recently to Cambridge, England. They are busy

class clips



Pictured after working in the clothing pantry at the People's Resource Center in Wheaton are (from left to right): Kristin Newell, Alison Spohn, Julie Murphy, Laura Lewinski, Annemarie Mannion, and Patty Cushing.

moving into their new home and exploring all that England has to offer.

Allyson Palombaro has started a new job as the full-time clinical instructor/educator at the Cleveland Clinic Children's Hospital, Shaker Campus. Ally loves her position in nursing education and lives in downtown Cleveland. She is working toward a master's in pediatric nursing at Kent State University and will soon be a pediatric nurse practitioner and clinical nurse specialist.

Cindy Cvengros McCutcheon graduated from Youngstown State University in May with a master's in English.

Tami Kozlowski recently received a master of arts in teaching (M.A.T.) with a focus in secondary education from the University of Michigan-Dearborn. Tami is also gearing up for numerous Saint Mary's College weddings this summer.

Lisa Gill Grabowski and her husband, Alex, relocated to Saint Joseph, Mich., last year. Lisa finished her master of arts in teaching in April and took a job with Whirlpool as the communications/change management lead on the order management leg of their Maytag business integration project. Lisa's biggest and most important news, however, is that her first child, Alexander William, was born on Jan. 29, 2007.

Lauren Dasso is busy working in Chicago, attending numerous Saint Mary's College/Notre Dame weddings, as well as finalizing the details of her own wedding. This fall, she will be moving to Columbus, Ohio.

In my own news, I will graduate from the University of Toledo College of Law in May and will take the Ohio Bar exam in July.

From Amanda: I continue to enjoy hearing all of the wonderful news from my fellow alumnae. Remember, you can continue to send updates to smcbelles2003@yahoo.com or to any of our home e-mails. Please have any updates for the winter issue to us by Aug. 25. Here is the latest news:

Katie Phelan Giganti writes, "I married Brian Giganti on Oct. 7, 2006. **Susan Kutz** and **Marnie Walsh '04** were both bridesmaids, and my sister, **Brigid Phelan '01**, was one of my maids of honor. **Daniela Urs '04** also played an important role and read the first reading during the ceremony. Also at the wedding were **Meghan McGinty Anderson**, **Nickey Prezioso**, **Janelle Koop**, and **Kristie Maurer**." Katie and Brian honeymooned in Mexico and are now living in Rockville, Md.

Melissa Alvarez married David Stevens ND '04, '07 on Oct. 14, 2006. Check out a great photo from the wedding at <http://www.saintmarys.edu/~alumnae/> then go to Wedding Belles. I hope that many of you post your wedding photos, as Melissa did!

Monica Cannon wrote in with lots

of news. She married Giacomo Meeker on Oct. 28, 2006 in San Antonio, Texas, at St. Joseph's Downtown Church.

Kathryn Wolfson '04 was a bridesmaid, and **Molly Mulvihill '04** was the maid of honor. **Hayley Dawson-Owens '02** was in attendance with her husband, Kyle Owens ND '01. Giacomo finished his second year of medical school, and Monica finished her third year of teaching in Dallas, Texas. They took a mini-honeymoon in Taos, N.M., for a week of skiing. The official honeymoon is planned for June 2007 to Italy for two weeks. Monica and Kathryn celebrated the New Year together in Austin, Texas. Monica has been appointed as the vice-president of the Dallas/Forth Worth Alumnae Chapter. **Jennifer Coffin** moved to Indianapolis, Ind., where she is enjoying her job as a social worker. **Lisa Hudes** finished the last year of her master's program at Radford University.

Kate Zimmer Mattson writes in with much news about herself and her husband, Ari. They are now living in New Jersey as Ari finishes his fourth and final year at the Lutheran Theological Seminary of Philadelphia. Kate is in her fourth year as the youth director at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church. On Oct. 22, 2006, they welcomed a beautiful daughter, Aase (ah-sa) Johanna, into the world.

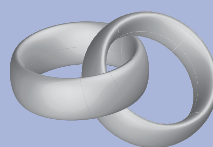
Amanda Grashoff Keister, her husband, Dave, and son Dylan moved to a new home this past year in Fort Wayne, Ind., to make room for their growing family. **Adrienne DeGraff Westlake** is in San Antonio, where her husband, Joe, is pursuing his Ph.D. in space physics. Adrienne graduated with a M.A. in arts administration from Eastern Michigan University in December 2006. She also opened her own business south of San Antonio: Encore Performing Arts Studio. And the best news of all, Adrienne and Joe welcomed William Joseph Westlake into the world on Nov. 4, 2006!

Melanie Burke attended the Notre Dame Band reunion at the fall 2006 Stanford game, where she enjoyed seeing many alumnae, including **Melissa Bulak Marscin**. Soon after that, she traveled to Kentucky for the wedding of **Kathy Harter Harris '02** and Brendan Harris ND '02. Melanie writes that the best part was hearing the Notre Dame Fight Song as they entered the reception. Last November, **Laura Porto** came out to visit Melanie and Kathy. Melanie also bumped into **Annie Furman**, who has moved out to the District of Columbia for a job.

In my own news, my husband, Tim, graduated with a degree in electrical engineering in December 2006 from Northern Illinois University. He is working at KJWW Engineering Consultants in Naperville, Ill.

From Meganne: Greetings, Belles! Happy summertime! Have you made the time to enjoy all of the beautiful sunshine and warm temperatures? I hope so...what an exciting time for our class! Having been

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.

graduated for four years, we have much to report. Thanks to all of you for sending in your updates. Please remember to send all new address information to us or to the Alumnae Office so that we can keep our records current.

Christine Maurhoff writes to us from Winchester, England, where she is earning her M.A. in textile conservation. This summer, she will work at the Horniman Museum in London and would love to see any visitors who are passing through. Christine also writes about fellow alumna **Sarah Rykowski**, who is currently a captain in Army JAG, stationed in Alaska. At the time of publication, Sarah will have been deployed to Iraq for a six month stint as trial counsel.

Katie-Nell Scanlon writes from Chicago, where she is living with **Julie Richardson** in the Lakeview/Lincoln Park area. Katie-Nell is an account executive with Y & R Chicago, where she is working with print and broadcast advertising for Sears. She has the luck of traveling occasionally to Los Angeles—a good place to escape the cold Chicago winters. Katie-Nell often sees **Stephanie Pace**.

Melissa Alvarez Stevens's bridal party (see Amanda's news) included maid of honor **Shannon Wojcik '04**, **Cathy Canetti**, **Kelly Hager**, and **Catalina Bajuyo**. Belles in attendance were: **Katie McVoy '03** and NDJD '06, **Renee Donovan Genetti**, **Erika Brito**, **Emma Melero Juarez**, **Maria Conticelli**, **Liesl Yost '05**, **Betsy Brown '05**, **Maria Corso '05**, **Melissa Nix '04**, **Angela Sculleiti '04**, **Roberta Ryherd**, **Lynn Busse '04**, **Anne DeCesaro '04**, and **Cathy Logsdon Moreno '86**. Dancers and Holy Crossers also abounded—one was Luke McLaurin ND '03, ND MA '04, who was in the Saint Mary's College Rome Program with many of the 2003 Belles. Brian Slaboch ND '08 and Chris Wojcik HC '02 were there with their families, too. Melissa is currently working at Little Flower Catholic Church in South Bend as an administrative assistant while Dave finishes up his last year of law school at Notre Dame. They are planning a move to

the Baltimore/District of Columbia area after Dave graduates in May.

Erin Moran is currently living in Indianapolis, eagerly waiting to hear her residency placement.

Nicole Prezioso Lee welcomed her daughter, Josephine Prezioso Lee, into the world on Feb. 26, 2007. Nicole moved to New York City immediately after graduation and finished her master's in nursing. She is now a certified nurse wife. She and Jim are looking forward to moving to Boston in a few months.

Katie Zigler married Barry Anderson on Nov. 11, 2006. Attendees included: **Kim Zigler '06**, **Sarah Blundy**, **Kellie Mark Duncan**, and **Lyndsey Brubaker Callan**. Katie writes, "Anne Bernardin Wenderoth even came up from Evansville, Ind., to celebrate with us! Barry and I are living in downtown Milwaukee. I am still with Carson's, now Bon Ton, as an associate buyer in women's moderate shoes and loving it."

Lauren Hofer is living in Auburn, Ala., earning her degree in pharmacy. She expects to graduate in 2009.

From Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla., **Tami Miller** writes, "I am now part of a pilot program working as a cast service manager at Disney's Animal Kingdom, with a focus on retention. I am there as an extra resource for the cast members to answer any questions they may have and to help them with any problems they are experiencing."

Miranda Graham writes, "After obtaining a master's from the University of Virginia, I moved to San Diego, Cal., and currently work as an auditor for the accounting firm Ernst & Young."

In January, **Adrienne Westlake** was hired as the development director for the San Antonio Dance Umbrella.

On a personal note, I saw **Bridget Yearwood** twice this year in Rome, once in the fall and once again in the spring, when she and **Emily Blaha** were brave enough to tackle the Rome Marathon in March. Bravissime! **Kelly Long** also made the trek across the pond for a week long visit in March. **Gabrielle Campo**, **Sara**

Campo '05, and Cathy Canetti visited the Eternal City for a delightful New Year's Eve extended holiday. What an experience to share the city again with my fellow program alumnae!

Keep your updates coming...it is always such a pleasure to hear from you. Remember, no piece of news is too small to report. Enjoy your summer and remember to keep supporting Saint Mary's College!

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Greetings, Class of 2005! There are many updates to report, but first I have some great news to share. **Kelly Hradsky** is a new class reporter! She and I will be working together on the *Courier* updates throughout the year. Kelly will be taking care of the winter issue this year and will be in contact with you over the next few months. Now, let's hear what our classmates have been up to.

After graduation, **Gabby Guset** moved to Sierra Vista, Ariz., to live for a few months with her dad, who is stationed with the Army at Fort Huachuca. While there, she finished her last two undergraduate classes at the University of Arizona in Tucson. Gabby is currently living in Oakland, Cal., where she just began her master's of fine arts in the creative writing program at Mills College.

Deirdre Nolan is currently working in marketing with Lancôme Cosmetics. She is having a lot of fun traveling and seeing old friends. In the fall, Deirdre plans to return to college to obtain her fast-track master's degree in education.

Ashley Thornburg lives in Indianapolis and will finish her master's in sport management from Indiana University in May. In February, she took a new job at the NCAA in the membership services area.

Karen Godfrey recently attended a baby shower for **Emily Sterritt Johnson** in Muskegon, Mich., along with **Lauren Connolly** and **Carolyn Gass**. Carolyn reports that she is working for Enterprise Rent-A-Car and living in Fort Wayne, Ind. She has been promoted to assistant manager and is helping to run her own branch.

Ellice Gregg Bedel has had quite the busy two years since graduation. Ellice and Mike Bedel were married on June 18, 2005, and moved to Indianapolis immediately after the wedding. Ellice took a position teaching fourth grade at Saint Susanna School and, on April 19, 2006, Ellice and Mike welcomed their son,

Adam, into the world.

After graduation, **Meghan Flick** volunteered for a year working with the Franciscans in Syracuse, N.Y. Meghan then moved to Washington, D.C., to begin working at a marketing firm. This fall, she will begin her master's of social work at the University of Michigan.

Roselyn Boyle is finishing up graduate school while teaching history at East Boston High School.

Since her last update, **Stefanie Simmerman** has been promoted to on-line account executive at Corinthian Colleges.

Pam Kane is currently working as a nurse in the special care nursery at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago.

Sarah K. Brown is keeping herself busy in Washington, D.C. Sarah was recently elected editor-in-chief of the Administrative Law Review for her upcoming school year and will be spending the summer working at the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. She will be reviewing trial court decisions and working on appeals for cases involving discrimination in the workplace. She is enjoying living in Washington, D.C., and loves to have visitors!

Natalie Zettler Leisinger married Jon Leisinger ND '05 in May of 2006 in Cincinnati, Ohio. **Erin Heidkamp**, **Colleen Ward**, **Cathy Tindall Mott**, **Ann Strasbaugh**, **Chrissy Dunham**, and **Kate Brand** were all bridesmaids. Jon and Natalie currently live in Boston, Mass.

Stephanie Hamer lives in Nashville, Tenn. She is in graduate school at Middle Tennessee State University to earn her master's degree in mental health counseling.

Sheila Egts was married on Sept. 2, 2006, in Fort Wayne, Ind., to Chris LaMaster. Chris obtained an engineering position at General Electric in Greenville, S.C., where the couple now lives. Sheila and Chris recently bought their first house and will move in at the end of March.

Risa Zander Josias was married to Brian in October 2006.

Kate Wallace Bramanti married Tommy Bramanti in July 2006. **Corrie Golando** and **Keri Luzik** were bridesmaids. After the wedding, Kate and Tommy moved to Fort Hood, Texas. Tommy is currently stationed in Iraq, and Kate is teaching second grade.

In December 2006, **Jessica Sloan** graduated from the London School of Economics with a master's degree in European politics. Jessica is currently living at home in Toledo, Ohio, while looking for a job.

Jodie Emerick has moved to South Bend and begun work as a staff accountant in the benefits planning services group at Crowe Chizek.

In September, **Lisa Walton** will be graduating from Midwestern University, the Downers Grove campus. After graduation, Lisa will move back to

Michigan, but in the meantime, she loves living in the city of Chicago!

Kim Holly is living in Tinley Park, Ill., where she teaches the 3rd grade in the nearby Manhattan school district. Kim is half way through an education organization and leadership master's program through the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana.

Tabitha Rand is living in Charleston, S.C., loving the warm weather and the Air Force! Working on the C-17s allowed her to travel to South America in December; she hopes to see Washington State this summer. Tabitha also enjoyed visiting with **Stacey Walerko** while home in Virginia over Christmas.

Courtney Smitham is a financial analyst at Accenture. She lives off of Lakeshore Drive with Saint Mary's College graduates **Annette Bravo**, **Claire Higgins**, and **Alexandria Garripoli '06**.

In August 2006, **Melissa Montoya** graduated from the University of Denver earning her master's in social work. She is currently a caseworker for Boulder County Department of Social Services, working in the area of child protection.

Lora Wilcomb has been living in Rome, Italy, since June 2006. She is teaching English to children ages 3 to 18 and has continued to travel all over Europe. She plans to return to Colorado in June.

Thank you to everyone who submitted their updates. It was great to hear from you!

Send us your stories!

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



The Spirit of Service

More than 300 business and community leaders, alumnae, and friends gathered at Saint Mary's in June for Down the Avenue 2007. This gala event honors volunteer leadership in the local community, raising money to support the programs of the Office for Civic and Social Engagement (OCSE) and to establish a scholarship for a Saint Mary's student who

is an active volunteer in the South Bend community.

Saint Mary's recognized three women with the Spirit of Service Award: community honoree Ernestine M. Raclin; student honoree, Angeline Johnson, Class of 2007; and Sister of the Holy Cross honoree, Sister Mary Edith Daley, CSC.

Down the Avenue 2007 generated a net revenue of nearly \$185,000, substantially exceeding the fundraising successes of the 2002 and 2005 events. OCSE received approximately \$135,000 to support the continuation of the Summer Service Program and the partnership with Marquette Primary Center. "The kind of life-changing outreach we want to accomplish is only possible with the generosity of Down the Avenue donors," says OCSE director, Carolyn Call.

An additional \$50,000 has established an endowed scholarship in honor of Spirit of Service community honoree, Ernestine Raclin.



Sister Agnes Anne Roberts, CSC, and Sister Rose Anne Schultz, CSC, with Tim Sexton, Vice President of Community Development for the Foundation of St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, a key sponsor of Down the Avenue since its inception.



Down the Avenue co-chairs and Spirit of Service recipients with President Carol Ann Mooney, from left: Mary McEnery Harding '84, co-chair; President Mooney; Sister Mary Edith Daley, CSC, Sister of the Holy Cross honoree; Ernestine Raclin, community honoree; Angeline Johnson '07, student honoree; and Jamie Bock Helman '82, co-chair. The 28-member event committee included 20 alumnae.

Saint Mary's College gratefully recognizes the following major donors for their significant support of Down the Avenue.

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2007 Fiscal Year Fundraising Highlights

2006–2007 was another record-breaking fundraising year:

The market value of the College endowment reached \$134,866,808 as of 5/31/07.

The College received record contributions of \$11,460,002:

- The Annual Fund received \$2,280,318 in unrestricted gifts.
- \$9,179,684 was restricted for scholarships, academic departments and programs, athletics, library, grants, and

other donor designations. Included in this total was: \$2,263,460 for the College endowment;

- \$1,038,430 for new and existing endowed scholarships;
- \$3,159,743 for Spes Unica Hall, the new academic building.

Saint Mary's was the beneficiary of two bequests totaling more than \$1 million:

- \$900,000 from Catherine Geilen, Class of 1945, was added to the College's general endowment.
- \$221,875 from Gladys Reed Gwin, Class of 1936, established a scholarship in her name.

The goal for construction of the new academic building has been exceeded:

- A recent gift of \$250,000 from Patricia Peterson Huber '57 and her husband, Dan, in honor of her 50th reunion, boosted the fundraising total to \$18.6 million.
- The \$3 million Mathile challenge from Clayton and MaryAnn Mathile was exceeded.

Senior Gift and Quarters Update

The Senior Gift Campaign and Quarters Campaign kicked off annual fundraising in January with the first-ever Karaoke Idol. Singing sensations from across campus competed.

Through the Senior Gift and Quarters Campaigns, each class raises money over the course of their four years and makes a gift back to Saint Mary's. Part of the Annual Fund, the student-led campaigns teach students the importance of giving back to Saint Mary's as alumnae.

After four years of fundraising, Senior Gift Campaign co-chairs Ashley Oberst and Ashley Enright presented the Class of 2007 Senior Gift to Saint Mary's during the Alumnae Luncheon on May 14. With a gift of over \$4,600, the Class split their support between the new academic building and scholarships for future students. When construction of the recently named Spes Unica Hall is complete, a classroom will be dedicated in honor of the Class of 2007.

Fifty-three percent of the new graduates supported the Senior Gift Campaign. Quarters Campaigns raised \$1,000 with almost 18 percent of the first year, sophomore, and junior students donating to their class campaign. That is a lot of quarters, nickels, and dimes!

Student and alumnae support of the Saint Mary's Annual Fund is increasingly important. When an alumna gives a gift to Saint Mary's, it shows appreciation for the education she received. Alumnae support of the College is one of the measures used by the U.S. News & World Report to determine how Saint Mary's is ranked compared to other schools. With a gift to the Annual Fund, each Saint Mary's graduate has the ability to ensure the College's continued growth and success.

Recognition Weekend a Winner

Senior Gift Campaign leaders (left to right): Ashley Oberst, Ashley Enright, Kat Kindt, and Maribeth Sarnacki pose for a photo at the Alumnae Luncheon after presenting President Carol Ann Mooney with the Class of 2007 Senior Gift.



- Saint Mary's 2006 Recognition Weekend won two gold awards from the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) for excellence in donor recognition/stewardship programs. The event received the gold distinction in competition at both the district and national levels of CASE. At the national level, only four gold medals were awarded among the 55 entries in the Fundraising Programs category.

- Save the date for 2008 Recognition Weekend: April 25–26, 2008.
- Matching funds from phase two of the Lilly Challenge also provided funding for the new academic building.
- The building is scheduled to open in Fall 2008.
- **Eleven endowed scholarships were established during FY2007:**
- The Sister Agnes Anne Roberts, CSC Endowed Scholarship by Mary Agnes Roberts Mannix '83
- The Mary Kathryn Carroll Hartigan Scholarship in Education by Mary Kathryn Hartigan '57
- The Duncan-Hotopp Scholarship. This is the second endowed scholarship established by Dona Duncan Hotopp '63 and her husband, Tom.
- The Murphy Sisters Scholarship by Mary L. Burke '85
- The Ann Meagher Vander Venet Scholarship by Ann Meagher Vander Venet '59
- The Mary Ellen Cushwa Wolsonovich Memorial Scholarship by Cushwa family members
- The Catherine Geilen Scholarship by bequest of Catherine Geilen '36
- Alumnae Club Scholarships: The Georgia and Los Angeles Alumnae Clubs established scholarships for students from their club areas
- Class Scholarships: The Classes of 1957 and 1959 established endowed scholarship funds in honor of their Golden Jubilee Reunions. These scholarships join scholarships previously established by the 50th reunion classes of 1955 and 1956.

PORTRAIT OF THE ARTIST

AS A VOLUNTEER

By Julie E. McGranahan '04

Art has always been a passion of mine. The energy, sights, sounds, and smells of Moreau Hall had me captivated from the minute I walked in my freshman year, and I became determined to pursue an art degree and follow my passion. Six years later, wrapping up and reflecting on the last two years as a Peace Corps volunteer in Romania, I could not be more confident that I made the right decision to major in art. The art degree I received at Saint Mary's provided a solid educational base for my experiences as an English teacher in Romania.

My journey has been an unlikely, unique, and exciting way to find an art degree useful. After graduation, I longed to do something out of the ordinary that put my education to the ultimate test. Maybe because of my summer volunteer experience in Ghana, West Africa, thanks to a grant from the Center for Women's InterCultural Leadership, dreams of adventure, culture, challenge, personal and professional growth were never far from my mind. I filled out the Peace Corps application and six months later, I was on my way to start a life in Romania.

My new home was a Communist-era cement block apartment in the town of Sighetu Marmatiei, Romania, near the border with Ukraine. Sighet has some 40,000 people of Romanian, Ukrainian, Hungarian, and Roma (Gypsy) descent. This little town has been a place of struggle in the



Julie McGranahan '04, art major and Peace Corps volunteer (center), with her students in Romania.

past and today. It was the childhood home of Elie Wiesel, the Nobel Prize winner and author of *Night*, the story of the deportation of the area's once-large Jewish population during World War II. It was the site of a maximum security Communist prison where many intellectuals, students, and priests were killed. Today, however, its bustling streets pulse with new life and hope for a brighter future.

My assignment was to teach English to students from grades five through eight, but the responsibility soon showed itself to be more challenging than that. I was juggling a new language, 300 students (whose names I couldn't pronounce), a foreign school system, zero resources, and no set curriculum. The adjustment did not end at school but followed me home, where I had to figure out how to make a fire to heat the clay stove, light the butane gas, and boil water to take a bath. At the end of the day I was exhausted and left with a thousand of questions that usually started with *why*.

The first year, I did a lot of observing, reading, and listening in order to gather a deeper understanding of Romania, Romanians, and where I could best put my





art degree to use. The history of Romania is a good place to start understanding why. Transformation from a totalitarian society into a democratic one has proved to be a slow process. The Communist dictatorship that collapsed in 1989 left lasting psychological and physical damage to the country.

The educational system bears scars from the past. Learning and teaching techniques often rely on rote memorization from poorly written textbooks with little access to modern technology and teaching aids. I quickly became popular with the children because of the visual aids, word games, imagination, and creativity I brought to each lesson. These concepts and ideas, second nature to me, are still somewhat foreign concepts in Romanian schools. Children naturally exude optimism and an innate sense of creativity that is contagious and should never be overlooked by teachers. They just need a little guidance, motivation, encouragement, and a safe environment to house all of their creative ideas.

My strong belief in the importance of art and creativity as central to learning in any discipline began to be a driving force in my classroom and eventually began affecting my colleagues. Soon I was guest-speaking at other schools about the importance of creativity. The concept met with such a positive response that I began thinking about designing a separate classroom to encourage creativity and free thought through interaction, using basic equipment and technology that would eventually grow over time.

The need for this type of space was even more evident when an American organization called A Thousand Books donated five boxes of dictionaries, reading, and literature books to my school. There was no place to house the books in an organized and efficient way and thus the idea for the "Creative Corner" was born. My colleagues and I sat down and began to outline the idea for the new space. The space would be a separate classroom inside the school in which children would be encouraged to develop and use their creativity, guided by the teacher's instruction. The creative room would house equipment (such as reading books, necessary dictionaries, puppets, maps, and construction paper) along with the latest technology (a computer with internet for teacher research, TV and DVD player, new book cabinets, and interactive tables). A small dream and seed of hope were planted in the minds and hearts of my colleagues and staff that day.

I applied for an SPA (Small Project Assistance) grant. The process of planning and paperwork was long and arduous, but Christmas came early when our school received word that the new creative room would be funded in the amount of \$5,139.

The grant, along with a small amount of money the school could afford, was just enough to construct and supply the basics to a new classroom. Work was slow getting off the ground but when it did, the entire community got involved and construction was finished within a month. Though modest for now, the classroom stands as symbol of creativity, freedom, growth, and a bright future. I leave Romania at the end of this summer satisfied that I put forth my best effort, used the skills and knowledge I had within my means, and created something positive for the future. I am thankful to Saint Mary's art program for challenging me and pushing me to think without boundaries both in the studio and real life. Art experiences can help us all in becoming more aware of our environment and developing a desire to see the intrinsic value in everything. Regardless of the future, I can say with confidence that I will always problem-solve in my professional and personal life by using my artist's eye.

The Creative Corner



160th Annual Commencement

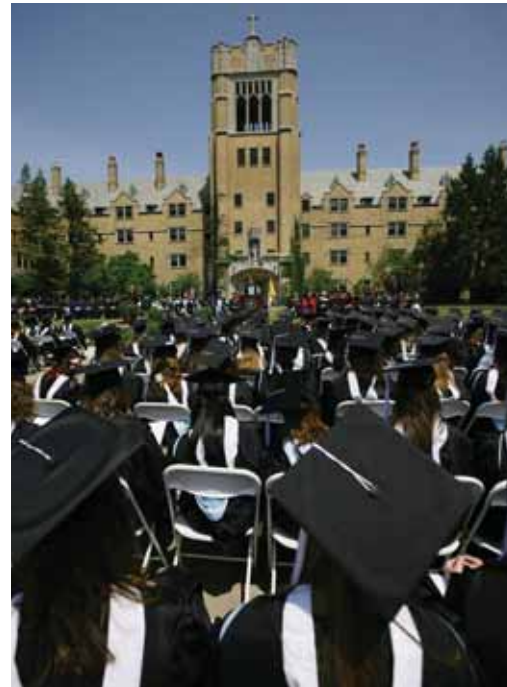


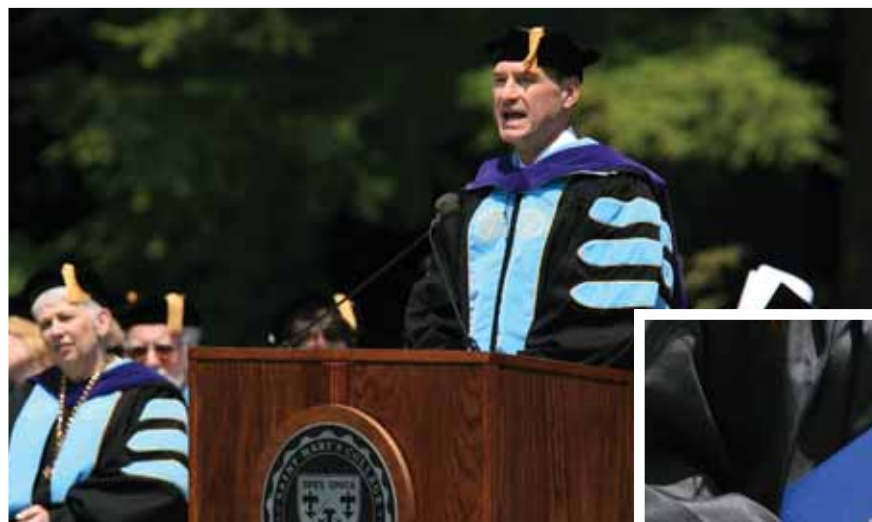


COMMENCEMENT 2007

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Samuel A. Alito, Jr. addressed graduates at the ceremony, held under sunny skies on the lawn of Le Mans Hall on May 19. He advised the graduating class to stay connected to each other. "We should also take care to preserve our connections to our own past...Decades from now, you may be different than you are today in a lot of significant ways. You may have a lot more than you have today. You may have more money and more status and more power and more accomplishments. You may also have more responsibilities, more worries, more regrets, and more bruises. But underneath all of that, you will still be the same person who is here today graduating from college, and it will be good for you to stay connected with the people who know the real you."

Alito received an honorary degree along with Bernard McGinn, a theologian, and Sister Mary Scullion, an advocate for Philadelphia's homeless.





“OUR COUNTRY
is counting on you, and has faith
in you to rise to the challenges that lie ahead.”

JUSTICE SAMUEL A. ALITO, JR.

AWARDS

CO-VALEDICTORIANS

Kimberly Myers of St. Joseph, Mich., shared valedictorian honors with **Margaret O'Sullivan** of South Bend, Ind. Myers, an English literature major, will begin a master's program in literature at Purdue University this fall. O'Sullivan, a biology graduate, is attending Case Western School of Dental Medicine.

LUMEN CHRISTI

Julia Malone of Indianapolis received this year's Lumen Christi award. A biology major, she served as a peer minister, campus ambassador, hall president, and student trustee.

SAINT CATHERINE'S MEDAL

Jeanne Choquehuanca '08 was awarded the Saint Catherine's Medal for scholarship and service. A political science major from Katy, Tex., she has been active in La Fuerza, Feminists United, Student Diversity Board, and other groups.

OUTSTANDING SENIOR

Rachael Stowe, a mathematics and humanistic studies major from South Bend, Ind., received the Alumnae Association's Outstanding Senior award. An active volunteer, she plans to work with refugees in Chicago.

MARIA PIETA AWARD

Jennifer Zachman, associate professor of modern languages, won the Maria Pieta Award for teaching distinction. With a focus on theatre, women writers, and cinema in the Spanish-speaking world, Zachman teaches Spanish and coordinates the Saint Mary's program in Seville, Spain.

SPES UNICA AWARD

Professor of History **Cyriac Pullapilly** received the Spes Unica Award for outstanding service to Saint Mary's. Among his contributions during 37 years at the College was the creation of the Semester Around the World program.



Clockwise from top left: Malone, Choquehuanca, Stowe, Pullapilly, Myers and O'Sullivan, Zachman (center)

Sister Mary Scullion



Left to right: President Mooney, Dr. Bernard McGinn, Professor Joseph Incandela, and Board of Trustees Chair Deborah Schweibert '74.



Justice Alito with President Mooney



HONORARY DEGREES

UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT JUSTICE SAMUEL A. ALITO, JR.

Samuel A. Alito, Jr. became a member of the United States Supreme Court on January 31, 2006. He previously served as a judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Justice Alito graduated from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University and Yale Law School. While at Yale, he was editor of *The Yale Law Journal*. Prior to his appointment to the Supreme Court, he was Assistant to Solicitor General Rex E. Lee, Deputy Assistant to Attorney General Edwin Meese, and United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey. He has taught courses at Seton Hall Law School where he received the Saint Thomas More Medal in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the field of law.

BERNARD MCGINN

Dr. Bernard McGinn is the Naomi Shenstone Donnelly Professor Emeritus at the University of Chicago Divinity School, where he taught from 1969 until 2003. He is widely regarded as the preeminent scholar of mysticism in the Western Christian tradition. He has written extensively in the areas of the history of apocalyptic thought, spirituality, and mysticism. He has served as president of the American Society of Church History and of the American Catholic Historical Association, and is currently president of the Medieval Academy of America. His wife and co-author Patricia Ferris McGinn is a 1960 Saint Mary's graduate.

SISTER MARY SCULLION

For nearly 30 years, Sister Mary Scullion has dedicated her life to improving the lives of Philadelphia's homeless and mentally ill. As executive director of the nationally recognized organization Project H.O.M.E. (Housing, Opportunities for employment, Medical care, Education), Scullion works to break the cycle of homelessness and poverty. Project H.O.M.E. has grown from an emergency winter shelter when it opened in 1989 to 448 units of housing and two businesses that provide employment to formerly homeless persons. Her political efforts influenced the federal court decision that improved the fair housing rights of persons with disabilities. In 2002, the city of Philadelphia awarded Scullion the Ford Foundation's prestigious Leadership for a Changing World Award.

A CLOSER LOOK AT THE CLAS

MARY ESCH
SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

In her wildest dreams, nursing major Mary Esch never envisioned walking along Bourbon Street with Saint Mary's College President Carol Ann Mooney. That is, however, exactly what she



did earlier this year. Esch was selected from among the entire student body to accompany the president at the spring 2007 Association of American Colleges and Universities (AACU) Conference in New Orleans.

"The experience was amazing," says Esch. "I delivered a presentation with the president, and participated in a panel discussion at the conference. Not many undergraduates have an opportunity to present at a national conference ... especially in partnership with their president."

Esch's presentation was about service learning, and how it enhanced her liberal education and prepared her to make a difference in the world. Esch has logged more than 400 hours of service with underprivileged children at the Marquette Primary School in South Bend.

Following graduation, Esch will move to New York City to work as a pediatric oncology nurse. She eventually hopes to work at St. Jude's Children's Hospital and travel to Africa to do more service work. "I love people and especially love to care for others," she says. "That is what led me to nursing."

BRIDGET LIPKE
HINSDALE, ILLINOIS

Doug and Judy Lipke still laugh when they recount the evening before their daughter, Bridget, left for college four years ago. "We were at the dinner table and she was very apprehensive," recalls Bridget's mom, Judy. "She blurted out, 'Who is it that came up with the idea of college ... of breaking up families and sending kids away!?' I told her, 'Trust me on this. You'll love it.' And guess what? The transition was very smooth."

Fast-forward to last Christmas, when the ever-quotable Bridget headed back to Saint Mary's for her last semester at college, saying, "This is the beginning of the end of a very good thing."

What a difference four great years can make.

A communication studies major and varsity basketball player, Bridget plans on a career in sports marketing in Chicago after graduation.

"As parents, it's great to see your child blossom, to grow in confidence and leadership and knowledge," says Doug Lipke who, along with his wife has served on the Saint Mary's College Parents' Council for four years. "That's what Saint Mary's did for Bridget."

Adds Bridget's mom, "They're doing great things at Saint Mary's, but I believe the best is yet to come ... both for our daughter and for the College."



CAROLINE STANCUKAS FORT WORTH, TEXAS

For Caroline Stancukas, being at Saint Mary's has meant being able to have it all. She's excelled in two fields—political science and biology. She's shined at two varsity sports—soccer and swimming. An art and music lover since childhood, she sang in the Collegiate Choir, took drawing and painting classes, and studied abroad in South Korea.

For a time, Caroline thought about applying both to medical and law school, “to leave my options open.” But she's decided that the next step in her academic journey will be a master's program in biomedical sciences at Midwestern University, to explore the possibilities of a medical or research career.

Caroline graduated *cum laude* with a political science degree. She was also honored as an Arthur Ashe Sports Scholar in 2007, a national award that recognizes students' athletic, academic, and community contributions. Though surprised by the attention, she admits that college helped to make her well-rounded.

“At Saint Mary's I was able to pursue so many different things that I enjoyed,” she says. “I love sports, I love art, and I had amazing professors who made my academic experience the best it could be. I couldn't imagine myself anywhere else.”



LINDSEY ANDERSON TRAVERSE CITY, MICHIGAN

“I love opera,” says music major Lindsey Anderson. So much so that the third floor of Le Mans Hall sometimes rang with the sound of her favorite opera CDs. “I'm pretty sure my neighbors got annoyed,” she admits. “They'd knock on my door and say, ‘Lindsey, could you just take a break?’”

With a full scholarship to attend the master's in music program at the prestigious Cleveland Institute of Music, Lindsey won't be taking a break anytime soon. Yet she wasn't always pursuing a career as a soprano. As a first-year student, she majored in biology while singing in the Women's Choir and taking voice lessons with strong encouragement from music department faculty.

“There came a point where I was in the genetics lab, when I was breeding fruit flies and listening to opera on an iPod, and I said, ‘Well, this could be a sign,’” Lindsey remembers. The aria playing was Puccini's “Vissi D'Arte”—which means, “I lived for my art.”

Lindsey changed her major and didn't look back. In four years at Saint Mary's she toured nationally with the choir, performed recitals, sang a major role in the opera *Witness*, studied opera in Austria, and took a master class with star baritone Nathan Gunn. She also sang the national anthem and “The Belles of Saint Mary's,” a College favorite, at commencement ceremonies.

“Studying voice is an emotional adventure,” she says. “At Saint Mary's, I've been supported every step of the way—both emotionally and academically.”

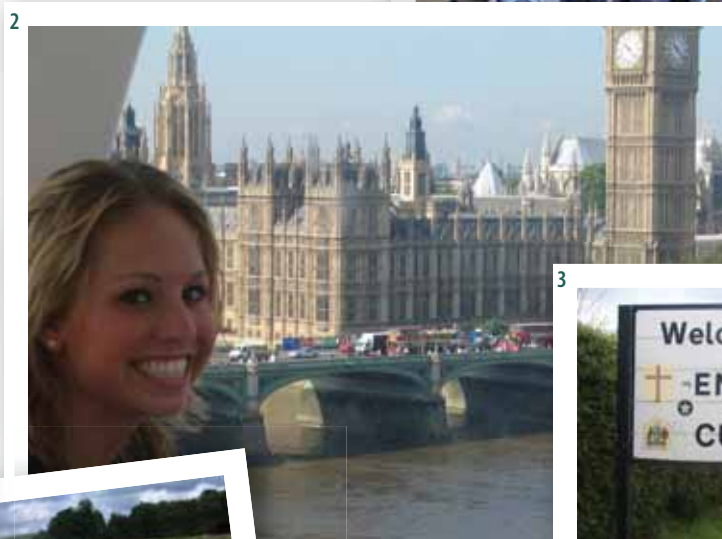


Bend it Like ... The Belles

For eight days in late July until early August the Belles soccer squad traveled to England and Scotland. There they trained with professional soccer players from Europe's top soccer league, the Union of European Football Association (UEFA).

Playing soccer was only part of their European experience. The team visited Edinburgh Castle, William Shakespeare's birthplace, Windsor Castle, Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey, and St. Paul's Cathedral, among other sights.

"This was a great experience for everyone involved," said head coach Caryn MacKenzie. "When students see that something like soccer can span cultural divides, that really broadens their horizons."



- 1 The team poses for a picture outside of the Old Trafford Stadium, home to Manchester United
- 2 Micki Hedinger '10 takes in a view of Big Ben
- 3 Trainer Stacy Schlumbohm, head coach Caryn MacKenzie and assistant coach Maja Hansen pose as they enter England for the first time
- 4 The entire group in front of Edinburgh Castle
- 5 Caryn MacKenzie talks with her players after one of their games
- 6 Whitney Fron '09 advances the ball down the field in one of the Belles' four games
- 7 Samantha Goudreau '10 fights for position to get the ball from her opponent

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Posing with her grandmother, Adelaide Kelly Michel '48, her aunt Cecilia Marie Michel '76, and her mother, Anne Michel Mackiewicz '78, Joanna Marie Mackiewicz '07 shows off her own Saint Mary's ring and her great aunt's ring, Adelaide Hopfinger '19, who gave her ring to her niece when she took her vows and became Sister M. David.



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