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With the eyes of faith

By President Carol Ann Mooney '72



In this issue, the fifth in a series on the nationally accredited programs at Saint Mary's, we turn our attention to nursing. This field of study illustrates the power of a liberal arts education when it is combined with a call to service. Nursing, which has its roots in service, has emerged as a burgeoning profession, filling an ever-increasing need in society. It is a field that demonstrates the strength of a Saint Mary's education. Students, who receive an excellent education and strong support from expert faculty, become technically proficient, immerse themselves in fieldwork, and participate in an ongoing discourse on broad-reaching issues.

In this issue of *Courier*, we look at the nursing program and catch up with two nursing alumnae currently working in Chicago. We touch base with one of their mothers, also an alumna, who has spent a lifetime in the service of others. It seems fitting to pay special attention to this calling in the same year that we celebrate the beatification of Father Basil Moreau, CSC, founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross, who instructed us, "With the eyes of faith, consider the greatness of your mission and the wonderful amount of good you can accomplish."

The 2007–08 academic year has been an exciting year, filled with many milestones and celebrations, all of them invitations to reflect on our callings as individuals and as a College. In this issue we also celebrate the life of a remarkable woman on the occasion of her ninetieth birthday. Sister Basil Anthony O'Flynn '46, has influenced countless Saint Mary's women during her long tenure at the College. We celebrate her dedication, her wisdom, and her legacy as one of Saint Mary's most beloved figures.

Also in this issue, we mark the 20th anniversary of the women's studies minor and the 30th year that the Belles have competed in intercollegiate athletics. As we honor the rich histories of these programs and the Saint Mary's community that continually supports them, we also look toward a fruitful future with the "eyes of faith" and the conviction of mission.

Celebrating a Saint Mary's Innovator: President Hickey's Service to Saint Mary's Commemorated with Laboratory Dedication



Dr. William A. Hickey, President 1986–1997

In October, the College celebrated Dr. William A. Hickey's innovation and commitment to science education with the dedication of The William A. Hickey Genetics/Behavior Laboratory named in his honor. Hickey was the College's 9th president, from 1986–1997.

Dr. Hickey's wife, Barbara, his son, Bill, and granddaughter, Kimberly, joined many of Hickey's former colleagues and the Board of Trustees for an evening of celebration beginning with Mass in historic

Holy Spirit Chapel in Le Mans Hall, followed by dinner in the Welsh Parlor, and the dedication itself.

The laboratory commemorates Dr. Hickey's more than 40 years of service as a biology professor and chair of the Biology Department. As vice president and dean of faculty, he re-established a bachelor of science in the Nursing Program. The prestigious program has grown to become one of the College's six nationally accredited majors. Among his development initiatives as president, Dr. Hickey raised funds to renovate the Science Hall. The William A. Hickey Genetics/Behavior Laboratory in the Science Hall is a resource for science students and their research.

Throughout his tenure as college president, Dr. Hickey remained dedicated to providing Saint Mary's students with an environment that educates all aspects of the student, including her spirituality. His ardent commitment to a holistic liberal arts education included strong academics and enhanced diversity education. He was committed to Saint Mary's identity as a Catholic college. Dr. Hickey launched the Center for Spirituality on campus, as well as the Center for Academic Innovation, and the Office of Multicultural Affairs. All three organizations continue to support the college community and encourage its growth.



Dr. Hickey observes students in the recently dedicated William A. Hickey Genetics/Behavior Laboratory.

As president, Dr. Hickey also established the bachelor of business administration program, enhancing a wealth of programs dedicated to promoting women in typically male-dominated fields. His focus on faculty development, mission, and the endowment advanced Saint Mary's as a financially sound institution and therefore, one focused wholly on the student and her education.



Professor Thomas R. Platt, Dr. William A. Hickey, and President Carol Ann Mooney at the Laboratory dedication.





Unbeatable Presence: Saint Mary's Celebrates Barbara Butler Henry '85

This fall, Saint Mary's bid farewell to a beloved campus leader. After more than sixteen years of keeping Saint Mary's graduates connected with each other and the College, Director of Alumnae Relations Barbara Butler Henry '85 has stepped down to enter a new life stage.

As an alumna, Henry nurtured relationships with alumnae from an "insider" perspective. She developed and strengthened alumnae programs that include travel, club awards, and scholarship fundraising—programs that are still going strong today.

As a marketing and finance major with a minor in sociology at Saint Mary's, Henry graduated on a Saturday and began working the following Monday as the northern Indiana unit manager for the household products division of Colgate-Palmolive. "A good first job," she says, "though not as glamorous as it sounds. I was on the road all day, with sales and product placement responsibility at grocery stores throughout the northern Indiana area."

A year and a half later, Henry traded in her car for an office and the title of account executive at Villing & Company, a prominent marketing and communications firm in South Bend. With a client list that included Hacienda Mexican Restaurants, the South Bend Medical Foundation, and Martin's Supermarkets, she loved the fast pace and the daily buzz of the communications field.

Yet, when the position of director of alumnae relations opened up at Saint Mary's in early 1991, the effervescent Henry chose to trade in her position in the world of advertising for the opportunity to return to the Saint Mary's campus. "Not only did I have an incredible academic experience at Saint Mary's, I made personal connections here that changed my life. To be able to work every day with

women who share the bond of the Saint Mary's experience and help to make the College even stronger—I knew it would be both a privilege and my perfect job."

As director of alumnae relations, Henry's role was to "plan and implement programs and services that develop and sustain relationships between alumnae and the College." Thus, with Assistant Director Michelle Poeppe Egan '93, she oversaw the Alumnae Association and its volunteer board of directors, the College's 46 alumnae clubs, the annual June Reunion, the alumnae relations Web site, the alumnae sections of the *Courier*, the College's travel programs, and other programs, including the Alumnae Resource Network.

Henry worked to cultivate relationships between current students and alumnae so that the connection was strong even before graduation. With club scholarships, send-offs, exam care packages, as well as internships and job opportunities by way of the Alumnae Resource Network, students can now meet women who are eager to connect them with jobs and internships, or to include them in the special bonds of an alumnae club. She built up the alumnae travel program and had the joy of traveling the world with other alumnae whom she now considers her friends.

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Among Henry's fans is Ann Meagher Vander Vennet '59, former Trustee and current member of the Madeleva Society Steering Committee. "Barbara has a presence that is just unbeatable," she says, remarking on Henry's easy, gregarious nature. "She makes you feel like you're the only person in the room when she's talking to you." Vander Vennet has worked with Henry on many projects, including the annual reunion, and she has witnessed Henry's involvement in building up unique programs that keep alumnae connected. Of the success of these programs Henry says, "Saint Mary's has a long and rich tradition of alumnae involvement... We in Alumnae Relations worked to build and strengthen what was already a good alumnae program."

Aside from the "wonderful" alumnae, staff, students, and faculty, Henry is grateful to have worked at Saint Mary's, she enjoyed the "entrepreneurial parts" of her career, and the innovation of new ways to keep alumnae involved. "It was the opportunity of a lifetime," Henry reflects, "and I'll be forever grateful."

As for that new life stage, Henry is enjoying time with her ten-year-old daughter, Jane, and becoming (not surprisingly) volunteer extraordinaire while still keeping touch with alumnae all over the world that she met through her position at the College.



Christian Culture LECTURE Saint Mary's College

Christian Culture Lecture Series *Sacrament of Self: The Catholic Roots of Contemporary Memoir*

New York Times best-selling author Patricia Hampl spoke to faculty and students this September about the connection between Catholic thinkers and the modern art of the memoir. Hosted by the Humanistic Studies Department, Hampl was the 108th speaker in the Christian Culture Lecture Series.

Hampl lectured at the Little Theatre in the Moreau Center for the Arts on the Saint Mary's College campus on "Sacrament of Self: The Catholic Roots of Contemporary Memoir." She explored the themes of spirituality and faith in the works of authors from Augustine to James Joyce, Frank O'Connor to F. Scott Fitzgerald. Hampl first won recognition for her memoir, *A Romantic Education*, published in 1981, about her Czech heritage. Two other books followed: *Virgin Time* (1992), a memoir about her Catholic upbringing, and *Running Bright* (1995), an anthology of sacred poetry drawn from Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Her two contemporary memoirs are spiritual explorations in which Hampl weaves together her Czech heritage, Catholic upbringing, and Midwestern Culture. Hampl is a professor at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. Her latest book is *The Florist's Daughter* (2007). A video of Hampl's lecture can be viewed online at saintmarys.edu/~hust/CCL/hampl.html.

During her visit to Saint Mary's, Hampl held an informal "writers' coffee" in Dalloway's Coffeehouse on campus. English and Humanistic Studies students and faculty gathered for an intimate discussion with Hampl, to talk about



New York Times best-selling author and 108th Christian Culture Lecturer Patricia Hampl

The Christian Culture Lecture series at Saint Mary's invites prominent figures in the humanities field to explore some aspect of the Christian dimensions of Western culture. Saint Mary's College professor Bruno Schlesinger established the series in 1957. A year earlier, Dr. Schlesinger had introduced a new humanities major, the Program for Christian Culture,

now called Humanistic Studies. Dr. Schlesinger modeled the program after the British cultural historian Christopher Dawson's suggestions for a liberal education.

Dr. Schlesinger launched the lectures as a series of symposia funded by the Lilly Endowment. With the support of other friends of the College, the series continued for a quarter century and brought to campus over one hundred distinguished

speakers. In 2006, the series was revived as an annual event in honor of Bruno Schlesinger.

During the course of their engagement, visiting speakers participate in the Christian Culture Seminar, an opportunity for in-depth discussion with Humanistic Studies students and faculty. Hampl's "writers' coffee" was part of this. A published version of each lecture is available for purchase at the Shaheen Bookstore on campus. For ordering information, please phone (574) 284-4719 or e-mail bookstore@saintmarys.edu.

106th speaker's book available
in the Shaheen bookstore.



her various works and what it takes to be a successful writer.

She told the group that writing has been a main interest of hers since she was a young girl. As an eighteen-year-old, Hampl was already working as a professional writer for her local newspaper in Minnesota, composing local news stories. She advised aspiring writers at the "writer's coffee" to get their feet wet by offering to review books for local newspapers. She said there would always be a demand for writers, especially with the increase in technology on the Internet.

Upcoming Christian Culture Lecture Series: *Discussing the Intersection of Islamic, Jewish, and Christian Religious Cultures in Medieval Spain*

The 109th Christian Culture Lecture will feature María Rosa Menocal in the Little Theatre, Moreau Center for the Arts, Thursday, September 18, 2008. The lecture is free and open to the public. Menocal will discuss the intersection of Islamic, Jewish, and Christian religious cultures in medieval Spain. Her lectures are published and will be available through the bookstore. For ordering information, please phone (574) 284-4719 or e-mail bookstore@saintmarys.edu.

María Rosa Menocal was born in Cuba and raised in Philadelphia. Menocal received her Ph.D. in Romance Philology from the University of Pennsylvania. She taught at Bryn Mawr College and at Pennsylvania and then, for the last 16 years, at Yale, where she is now the R. Selden

Rose Professor of Spanish and Portuguese and director of the Whitney Humanities Center. In 2002, Menocal wrote an acclaimed book, *The Ornament of the World: How Muslims, Jews, and Christians Created a Culture of Tolerance in Medieval Spain*, which has been translated into many languages. Author of the critically acclaimed *Shards of Love*, a provocative treatment of the origins of European lyric poetry, Menocal has published widely in the field of medieval literature and culture. Her co-edited volume, *The Literature of Al-Andalus* in the Cambridge History of Arabic Literature series, is a recent example of her special interest in the vibrant mixed cultures of Spain. Her current project is in collaboration with a photographer and an art historian; it focuses on Castilian as the shared culture of translation for the three monotheistic traditions, one that encompassed all the art forms.

The Christian Culture Lecture is made possible now by the generosity of a 1961 graduate of the Program for Christian Culture, Dr. Susan Fitzgerald Rice, and her husband, Dr. Donald B. Rice. The series is also supported by a national advisory council that plans for future lectures and participates in campus discussions to enhance the humanities at Saint Mary's. Current members of the council are: Paula Lawton Bevington '58, Margaret M. Hill '61, Ann Coryn Lohmuller '81, Judith Rauenhorst Mahoney '74, Kelly Anne McGannon '99, Susan V. McGury '80, Donald B. Rice, Susan Fitzgerald Rice '61, and Lucia Anna Trigiani '80.

Patricia Hampl held a writer's workshop in Dalloway's Coffeehouse during her visit in September.



A Call to *Service*

By Jennifer Taylor '95



Nursing students in Saint Mary's nationally accredited program have the choice of entering the traditional or accelerated program.

The roots of the Saint Mary's College nursing program stretch back farther than you might imagine,

beginning with the Sisters of the Holy Cross, who served as nurses during the Civil War at the behest of General Grant and President Lincoln. Nursing has always been a venerable profession, steeped in compassion and governed by the rules of math and science. It is not a career for the faint of heart. Although nursing certainly isn't a new profession, it is growing. Trish Keresztes, PhD, RN, CCRN, assistant professor at Saint Mary's, points to an aging population and the retirement of existing nurses to explain the need for nurses throughout the country.

The Saint Mary's program has two rigorous tracks for students to obtain their Bachelor's of Science in nursing. The traditional program is a four-year degree for undergraduate students, with 29 prerequisite credit hours in the sciences

and introductory nursing courses and 45 credit hours of nursing major classes. In addition, students must be able to demonstrate advanced writing proficiency and pass a senior comprehensive designed to help prepare students for the nursing board exams taken after graduation. The accelerated option program is the second track that students can follow. It is geared toward women who already hold a baccalaureate degree in a different major and entails fifteen months of continuous instruction. Students pursuing this program have 52 semester hours to complete it, along with the advanced writing proficiency requirement, and completion of the senior comprehensive exam.

The numbers of Saint Mary's nursing graduates indicate a program on the rise. In 2007, there were 37 traditional and

“Saint Mary’s has prepared me for the many challenges that I face as a nurse.”

seven accelerated option graduates. In 2006, there were 22 traditional and four accelerated graduates, and in 2005, there were 18 traditional and seven accelerated graduates. To maintain program quality, the number of students annually enrolled in the upper-division nursing program is limited to 40 traditional students, and eight accelerated students.

Saint Mary’s accomplished nursing faculty is comprised of ten full-time professors, along with part-time instructors that assist with clinicals. The nursing student to faculty clinical ratio is 8:1, and the classroom ratio averages 20:1. The program is designed for students to be fully prepared to leave college confident that they will successfully pass their board exams, and go on to secure jobs in the health care field. Ashley Vachon, a summer ’07 graduate in the accelerated option program says, “Saint Mary’s College has prepared me for the many challenges that I face as a nurse.” As Linda Zoeller, PhD, APRN, BC, department chair and associate professor comments, “Students are truly challenged to take care of patients and be prepared for them. We are very proud of our graduates.”



Kate Hohler '05 works with Professor Cindy Iavagnilio during a clinical.

One of the training tools used to prepare students is an eight-bed lab housed in Havican Hall. In the lab, mannequins are used to practice taking vital measurements and practice wound care, among other exercises. With support from donors like the Wallach and Kearney families, the department will be able to purchase a “Simulated Man.” Zoeller describes this as a “complex computer-simulated mannequin program that has tremendous potential for helping students learn.”

Clinicals begin during a student’s sophomore year, and allow nursing candidates to receive a fully rounded education in different specialties. Zoeller says, “After graduation students can look at job possibilities in any of the areas and be hired in them.” Clinical placements include Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Memorial Hospital, Oaklawn, and a variety of community agencies within the county. Nano Farabaugh, RN, MS, RTC, associate professor, has been with

the department since the seventies. “It’s just a pleasure to see women care for patients who have many physical and psychological problems and really help them,” she says.

To build on experience gained in clinicals, nursing internships are encouraged during the summer between junior and senior year. Many students have interned in distinguished institutions, including Mayo Clinics and Hospitals, Cleveland Clinic, Sloan Kettering in New York, and Rush University in Chicago. Internships usually last ten weeks, and carry a 40-hour per week time commitment. Amber Steury, RN, an ’07 traditional nursing graduate, completed her summer internship at Dupont Hospital in Fort Wayne. The excellent experience allowed her to “work as a tech on a medical/surgical/telemetry unit with up to 13 patients.”

Aside from the first-class education and real world experience, another characteristic makes the program stand out. The tradition of community service is exemplified by the nursing program’s dedication ceremony. Students in their junior year have the opportunity to reflect on their commitment to the profession, and their hands are blessed at the Church of Loretto. During the ceremony, students receive a candle symbolizing their pledge to nursing. Zoeller refers to the ceremony as “the bringing together of the professional and spiritual commitment that one makes.”

The excellence of the program is evident in the faculty, what students accomplish, and the accreditation it has received. The National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, Inc., granted original accreditation to the baccalaureate nursing program in 1979, and the recognition of the quality of the degree has continued to grow over the years. With Zoeller’s guidance, the program has recently been re-accredited through 2012. In addition, the program is also accredited by the Indiana State Board of Nursing.

Demand for Saint Mary’s nursing graduates is high, and they are often able to find positions shortly after graduation. Keresztes recently had dinner with Julie Strong and Amy Parker, who are both May ’07 graduates and working at Riley Children’s Hospital in Indianapolis with children stricken with cancer. Steury has a full-time RN position at the IU Medical Center in Indianapolis, where she works on a surgical progressive care unit and says, “I attribute a great deal of my success to the wonderful nursing professors.” Caitlyn Mack is an ’08 traditional nursing student who feels “blessed to be able to be part of such a wonderful program, and I am proud to be a Saint Mary’s student.” Her goals include working on a Pediatric Hematology-Oncology floor and attending graduate school. In fact, Zoeller says, about 40% of the graduates continue with their education within five years of graduation. It is evident from the incredible preparation and what students go on to accomplish that the Saint Mary’s nursing program is creating leaders in the health care field.

Jennifer Taylor '95 is a freelance writer currently living in Atlanta.

Compassionate Leaders

By Jessica Zigmond '97

In high school, they were tennis rivals. In college, they were classmates. Now in the real world, Terri Corsentino '07 and Kate Wallach '07 are colleagues—and friends.

It has been less than a year since they graduated from Saint Mary's, and these young alumnae are proving not only that they benefited from their unique college experience, but that they are making the most of it, both personally and professionally. They now work together in the pediatric intensive care unit at Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago, and they are also roommates in the city's Lincoln Park neighborhood, where they live with another nursing alumna, Natalie Hunckler '07, who works at Rush University Medical Center.

Growing up in Chicago's western suburbs, the two competed against each other when Corsentino played on the tennis team at Benet Academy in her hometown of Lisle, while Wallach—whose family lives in Hinsdale—played for Fenwick High School in Oak Park. Although their families knew each other and the two took classes together at Saint Mary's, they did not live together until after graduation.

As Corsentino and Wallach described their new lives and current interests, they each personified the College's mission statement, which promotes a life of intellectual vigor, aesthetic appreciation, religious sensibility, and social responsibility. Whether the two are meeting the demands of 12-hour night shifts, learning to live independently, becoming familiar with a new city, reading new books, discovering a new restaurant, or making the most of their free time as they cope with an irregular sleeping schedule, they give much credit to Saint Mary's and their professors for helping them develop the necessary skills to achieve their goals.

"I think Saint Mary's is for people who want to become independent—it fosters leadership," says Wallach, who started the required six-month orientation program in the pediatric ICU at Children's in September. Corsentino started in July. "It's you against yourself," Wallach says, adding that Saint Mary's helped her evolve from a shy high school student into a confident leader. Becoming active in student government during college helped Wallach learn "how to delegate, working with feedback, and being open to criticism," which she says is useful in her career today.

Corsentino remembers that Saint Mary's generally encouraged independence, which has helped prepare her to live on her own, pay her bills, and adjust to living in a new city.

"They show you the end product and how to get there," she says of her Saint Mary's professors, adding that the classes she remembers best are those that "can change your

life," such as LifeSpan Psych, a third-year requirement for nursing majors, and Adult Health with Professor Annette Peacock-Johnson. She also has fond memories of her English classes, especially Professor Laura Haigwood's course on the works of Jane Austen. Among Wallach's favorite classes was Community Public Health, which she says helped her develop a broader mindset about poverty. This served her well on medical mission trips she took with her mother, Margaret Turk Wallach '80, to Acapulco, Mexico, in 2004 and Quito, Ecuador, last summer (see related story, p. 12).

The nationally accredited nursing program at Saint Mary's has provided a solid foundation for the rigorous and often emotionally draining field that Corsentino and Wallach have chosen. The orientation program at Children's includes a rotation of nine weeks working days (7:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M.), nine weeks working nights (the reverse, from 7:00 P.M. until 7:00 A.M.), and the "final four" weeks of shadowing full-time nurses on staff. In between, the two attend required courses that are tailored to working in an intensive care unit.

Corsentino, who currently works in the day, says she knew she wanted to work at Children's because she had been treated there as a patient, and also because of the facility's reputation for being a teaching hospital. Today she enjoys the spirit of teamwork that comes from working with other clinicians, and likes that each day—and each patient—is different.

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Wallach's interest in Children's developed after she attended an internship fair during her sophomore year at Saint Mary's. She likes to learn from nurses "on the floor," and gets excited when she talks about her favorite part of the job (even though she admits that working at night is difficult).

"It's fun to teach parents [of patients] and coordinate communication among parents, physicians and other therapists," she says. It's not surprising that this appeals to Wallach, the oldest of five children and

a former participant in the college's Fall Day on campus program for prospective students.

In addition to preparing these young alumnae for their current roles, a Saint Mary's education also taught Wallach and Corsentino to think about what their careers might look like in the future. For Wallach, this might include additional schooling to become an Advanced Practice Nurse, or APN, while Corsentino might like to combine her love of English and nursing to become a medical writer.

"It's hard not to want to teach," after leaving Saint Mary's, Wallach says. "You have so much appreciation for those who taught you that it's infectious."

But for now, the one-time rivals—now coworkers and friends—continue to balance their professional and personal lives as they find time to explore Chicago and their favorite spots in the city. That list includes "BYOB" restaurants such as Saponi di Napoli (recently listed as one of the best pizza places in Chicago) and Latin restaurant Nacional 27 for dinner and John's Place or Wishbone for brunch. "We'll do little things, like go to the zoo or get a coffee," says Wallach.

"I'm so excited I chose to live with nurses," says Corsentino. "We can all lean on each other—and empathize more with each other."

Since this article was written, Terri has changed units within Children's Memorial Hospital and was not available to be photographed.



Kate Wallach '07 is a pediatric nurse at Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago.

Where her *heart* takes her

By Jessica Zigmond '97



Margaret Turk Wallach '80 and daughter, Kate Wallach '07, (pictured second and third from the right) volunteer in Ecuador.

Margaret Turk Wallach '80 puts her money where her heart is.

Whether she and her husband Dick (ND '80) are donating to Saint Mary's College or to healthcare mission trips in developing countries, Wallach supports programs she believes in so passionately that they have become an integral part of her life.

Chief among these is Saint Mary's nursing department—one of the college's six nationally accredited programs—which prepared both Wallach and her daughter Kate '07 (see story, p. 10) for their careers in healthcare. Graduating with a major in biology and a minor in chemistry, Wallach later earned another bachelor's degree in health science at St. Louis University and eventually became the first physician's assistant at Nazareth Hospital in Philadelphia.

Comparing her Saint Mary's experience with her daughter Kate's, Wallach says she is excited to see the growth and new buildings on campus, but also pleased that the College has maintained its commitment to providing a nurturing environment—both spiritually and academically—for its students. Wallach's love for the College is infectious; when she hosted Kate's cross country team, she transformed her home's lower level into a "Saint Mary's room" by lining the walls with pictures and prints of the college and serving food on Saint Mary's plates. "I did so many things that the girls who came here thought the room always looked like that," she remembers with a laugh.

Wallach and her husband, whom she married in 1982, have donated more than \$25,000 to the college's nursing

program because Wallach says Saint Mary's instills principles of Christian leadership and empowers women to be leaders.

"I feel like when God has provided, it's our duty to provide," says Wallach. "What greater reflection on Him than to care for His people. My passion is in healthcare, and I think it's an honor to enable other women to pursue that passion for healthcare."

Today, Wallach is a community liaison for Hinsdale (Ill.) Hospital, and she recently completed examinations to be re-certified in her field. But her heart, she says, is in mission work, and it would be hard to resume her career and still devote the time that her volunteer work demands. In August 2004, she traveled with Kate and her son Richard, 21, (currently a junior at Notre Dame) to Mexico, where they spent 10 days volunteering at Casa Hogar del Nino de Acapulco, an orphanage in Acapulco. She learned about the idea through her children's piano teacher, who had collected 60 pairs of shoes for the children who lived in the orphanage. Working with friend and former classmate Lisa Harless Hendrickson, '80, who hosted a cocktail party at her home, Wallach helped raise \$24,000 in donations, and she and her children each brought three suitcases of donated clothes with them on the trip.

In June 2007, the three were joined by Wallach's other sons—Alex, 18 (a freshman at Notre Dame) and 15-year-old Patrick—in Quito, Ecuador, where Wallach served as medical leader for 38 volunteers who spent a week seeing more than 800 patients who suffered from neglect and malnutrition. Her husband stayed behind with their 13-year-old daughter Molly, who hopes to attend Saint Mary's. Currently Wallach is planning another medical mission trip with her three sons to Costa Rica in June 2008 and is considering a trip to Honduras in January.

As for her continuing commitment to Saint Mary's, Wallach says she hopes her fellow alumnae recognize the value today in sustaining the college tomorrow.

"I hope other people will support Saint Mary's College," Wallach says. "And I can't think of a better way to transform lives and educate in a spirit-filled institution."



Margaret Wallach '80 sees patients in Ecuador.

Kate Wallach '07 administers care to a patient.



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Sister B.A.

(Basil Anthony O'Flynn)

Larger than Life: A Tribute to Sister Basil Anthony O'Flynn

"When you talk about the heart of Saint Mary's, talk always turns to the woman we honor today, Sister Basil Anthony O'Flynn. For generations of Saint Mary's alumnae, she is Saint Mary's."

President Mooney delivered these words at a tribute held for Sister Basil Anthony '46, on the occasion of her 90th birthday, this past September. Her words echo both a reflection of a life of service to the College and the sentiments of many alumnae, faculty, and staff.

The tribute to Sister "B.A." included a reception in the Student Center, with remarks from President Carol Ann Mooney and visits from faculty, staff, and alumnae. Also in attendance were her scholarship recipients Jasmine Neelam and Caitlin Claire Buechley. In addition to the reception, the Saint Mary's community was asked to send a special message, card, or favorite story about Sister B.A. Over 100 alumnae and friends responded and below are just a few excerpts:

Happy Birthday from one who remembers you like yesterday, bodily throwing the ND boys down the stairs during the panty raid during my freshman year in Holy Cross. Nonetheless, I did marry one of them, and he is still ok after 40 years of marriage. We are so very blessed to have been able to send our daughter to SMC for her education. She has turned out to be a wonderful person and soon-to-be mother. She is a true credit to SMC having completed her DVM at the University of Illinois and practices medicine in Oklahoma now. . . Much love and fond memories from both of us. **George and Kim Cavanaugh Humm, Class of 1967**

Congratulations, Sister B.A.! What a lot of memories we all have of you, especially the ones where you stood at the sign-in desk watching over us. Thanks for all the watching. It kept some of us on the straight and narrow, some of the time. P.S. I never was responsible for painting the water tower. I don't like heights. But I think I told you this in 1966. **Love, Anne Sheehan Garbarino, Class of 1966**

My favorite memory of Sister B.A. was in the dining room. We all were assigned in rotation to Sister's table for dinner, sort of like dining with the Captain on a cruise. I worked at the post office just before dinner so it was a long run to Le Mans Hall from Holy Cross Hall. I usually was the last to enter the dining hall. When I arrived at the table, I was the last one there, so I had to take the seat directly across the table from Sister. I felt awkward as I had never eaten at table with a nun before and I was only a freshman from a NY public school. As the others chattered on, I sat quietly, desperately hoping



never to say a word, and then to go away in peace, unnoticed. As it turns out, when I cut my first piece of meat, the fork slipped, propelling the morsel through the air and onto Sister's plate. The horror! Sister kindly and mercifully (and with her own particular sense of humor) said, "My! The meat is tough tonight." That's why I loved her so. **Marianne Elliott Morin, Class of 1964**

"For generations of Saint Mary's alumnae, she is Saint Mary's."

—President Carol Ann Mooney

Congratulations from Washington, D.C. on such a memorable occasion! In this town, we would have Congress declare "Sister B.A. Day," run up the flag, enter a well-deserved resolution in the Congressional Record, and hold a tribute-laden gala! And even with all that, none of it would be enough to tell you how much you are admired, loved, and truly cherished by all you have touched, especially

those of us who are part of the Saint Mary's family. Thank you for always being the true face of our College, for being the front door to all that it stands for, and for all you have done to enrich the lives of so many of us over the years. Fondly, **Beth Lichtenfels Veihmeyer, Class of 1977**

... When I think of Saint Mary's, I think of you. And every day I thank God for my wife. I also thank those of you who helped her become the person she is today. I feel the same way about Kathy, our daughter, who was able to experience many of the same things that we enjoyed and/or suffered through. There are countless thousands of others who share my feelings toward you and Saint Mary's. I hope you have a wonderful birthday and a good party. You deserve it. **B.J. Smith, husband of Ruth Schnaus Smith, Class of 1963**

This is a celebration too wonderful to miss! How happy all of us are for you, especially us old-timers who were in College classes with you. I don't know which classes you and I enjoyed/endured together because all you novices sat in the back row in class with your heads down and weren't



Sister B.A. at her First Communion. Her father did not want her to smile in the picture.

supposed to talk to us who didn't wear convent garb. But we have made up for that at reunions after you and we graduated and you were professed. Much love and many good wishes and prayers for you as you reach this landmark birthday. I hope to see you at Reunion 2008 which will be the 60th for my class. Hugs and kisses! **Carolyn (Carrie) Powers Powell, Class of 1948**

Happy 90th Birthday! Every woman in America wants to know what you use on your skin, as you have the luminosity of a college freshman. (Every nun I've ever asked that question always says, "plain soap and water," which is not the answer we non-nuns want to hear.) When I came to Saint Mary's, and you were introduced as Sister B.A., I thought it stood for Sister Bachelor of Arts. This will give you some idea how unsophisticated I was when I landed on your doorstep to attend Saint Mary's. As we say in New York City, you are the

real deal, the best of the best, and a straight shooter. May God continue to bless you all the days of your long and healthy and happy and glorious life. xoxoxo **Adri Trigiani, Class of 1981**

On one awful day I was persuaded to go on a blind date with a TA from ND on a canoeing trip. My blind date did not speak. I guess he disliked me as well as I disliked him. I was navigating, if you can do so in a canoe. Unfortunately we hit a man who was fishing in waders. We knocked him down. I had to get out and lift him onto the shore. At this point my TA decided he would do the navigating and I would do the rowing. We stopped for another wonderful non-speaking picnic with other TAs and their rowers, only to find out that we had to row back. The TA and I and another couple arrived back at the car, only to notice that the car was out of gas. This was Sunday at 8:00 P.M. I'm thinking, "If I come back after curfew, my whole next two weekends are grass." Needless to say my "friendly" TA and his friend had to walk a long way to a gas station to get gas and then a long way back to the car. They were not happy, the other girl was not happy, and I was downright unhappy. It was now 11:00 P.M. We are now down the driveway to SMC. I am not scared; I am so angry I could spit. I don't even have to knock. There is Sister Basil Anthony, at her biggest. I don't care. I look at her and say, "Leave me alone," and walk up to my room. About ten minutes later, Sister B.A. tapped on my door and came in with hot chocolate and cookies and said, "You've had a bad day." Best ending to an awful day. Thanks, Sister B.A.! **Suzanne Sheridan Joyce, Class of 1965**

It was my first year at SMC, and I didn't know many people on campus. One day I was coming out of Moreau when it started raining hard. As I passed the Le Mans door, a very tall imposing woman came down the stairs. Before I knew what was happening, an arm reached out, pulled me under her umbrella, and I was swept along to the dining hall. That was how I met Sister B. A. **Marcia Rickard, Saint Mary's College faculty**



Barbara Butler Henry '85, former director of alumnae relations, came back to campus with her daughter, Jane, to wish Sister B.A. a happy birthday.

... Sister Basil Anthony came to visit Atlanta. My husband, Peter (ND '69) and I had been invited to a Saint Mary's dinner and development function and were delighted to attend just because B. A. was going to be there. As we walked in, she spoke to me by name and addressed my husband by name. Afterward, my husband said, "I remember Sister being much taller!" I laughed and said, "Me, too! I think it had to do with that huge white wimple she wore when she was in habit." And then he shared his own story with me. As a freshman at Notre Dame, he had been a part of the spring '66 panty raid. He laughed and said, "We had stormed down the Avenue and were excited but winded as we approached Holy Cross Hall (a freshman dorm at the time). As we got to the bottom of the steps and started up, the front door opened and out stepped the biggest nun I had ever seen. She came quietly out of the door, stood on the top step and had a baseball bat lightly tapping her left hand. She then asked us, 'How can I help you young men?' You have never seen anything as funny as all of us running for the hills completely forgetting our mission."

Ronnie Henry Kessenich, Class of 1970,

wife of Peter Green Kessenich, ND 1969

and mother of: Peter Green Kessenich, Jr., ND 1997

Veronica Louise Kessenich, Class of 2001

Sister B.A. came to Saint Mary's in 1941 when she entered the Congregation of Holy Cross. She has been the dean of students (1961–1968), vice president for fiscal affairs, and vice president for public relations and development. She has been the chair of the College's Board of Regents, and in 1998, retired as the assistant to the vice president for college relations. She was a consultant to all of the College presidents of her time. In 1994 she was awarded the President's Medal and in 1998 a scholarship fund was established in her name by Bob and Mary Kelly McLaughlin '42. Sister B.A. has requested that any gifts made in her honor be designated for the Sister M. Basil Anthony O'Flynn, CSC, Scholarship Fund.

These are just a few of the wonderful stories sent in for Sister B.A. If you would like to read all of the letters in their entirety, go to saintmarys.edu/courier.



Sister Basil Anthony with former President Bill Hickey and his wife Barbara.



Graduation 1968 with Stephanie "Stevie" Wernig, Student Body President.



Sister Basil Anthony, Sister Alma Peter, and Sister Jeannette Lester.

1977–2007

Belles Athletics

30 years in the making... more to come

It has been 30 years since the Belles began intercollegiate athletic competition. During the spring of 1977, the Belles stepped onto the tennis court and posted an 8-1 win over Oberlin College in the first collegiate contest in Saint Mary's history. The athletic department has gone through a variety of changes over the years. From competing at the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) level, the Belles have made the jump to National Intercollegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) status and winning national titles. The Saint Mary's athletic program has progressed forward with excitement and passion. In the past 30 years Belles Athletics have made great strides.

Marvin Wood, who coached Milan High School and was made famous by the movie *Hoosiers*, was hired to lead the Belles basketball program in 1984 and directed the program for the next nine seasons when he coached three future Saint Mary's Hall of Fame athletes.

In 1993, former athletic director Dr. Jo-Ann Nester started the Saint Mary's Athletic Hall of Fame to honor athletes and coaches for their efforts during their time in a Belles uniform. There have been 27 different athletes and coaches inducted into the Hall of Fame.

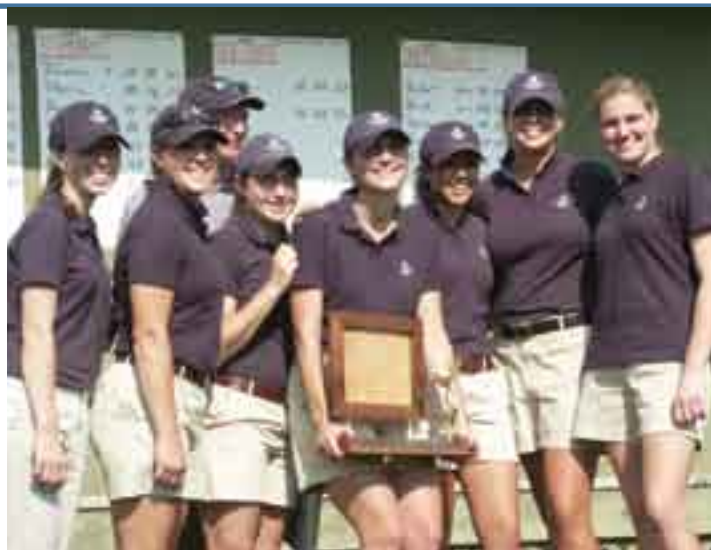
Arguably the biggest move came during the 1998–99 school year when the Belles moved from provisional to full-time NCAA Division III status. Saint Mary's has competed as a member of the MIAA conference for the last nine seasons where they have captured nine different league titles.

The golf squad won four consecutive titles from 2002–2005, while the tennis team had a stranglehold of its own from 2000–2004, when they claimed four straight MIAA tournament championships. During the 2004 softball season, the Belles knocked off Alma, the third-ranked team in the nation, to win the league tournament title.

One of the crowning athletic achievements over the past 30 years came during the 2003 NCAA Golf Championships, when Stefanie Simmerman claimed an individual title, helping the Belles finish fourth overall at the nation's top event.

Recently, cross country runner Megan Gray participated in the NCAA Championships in both 2006 and 2007. After finishing 133rd in a field of nearly 300 runners in 2006, the communications major crossed the finish line in 38th place during the 2007 national meet, narrowly missing All-American accolades.

As Saint Mary's Athletics celebrate their past achievements, the Belles look forward to a future that will include more appearances at the national level and a trophy case filled with conference championships.



2002 Saint Mary's golf team.



Hall of Fame Inductee Class of 2006.



Cross country runner Megan Gray competing at the 2007 NCAA National Championships.

Women's Studies Celebrates 20 Years of Collaboration and Conversation

By Meagan Church

During the late 1970s, a soccer team made up of Saint Mary's faculty and staff members did more than just kick around a black and white ball. As the team members conversed, a common passion soon surfaced and they decided that the College needed another academic program, one focused on women's studies. Their collaboration set in motion what would eventually evolve into the Women's Studies Program that is now celebrating its twentieth anniversary.

Since its inception, the Women's Studies Program (WOST) has worked to bring women's issues to the forefront at Saint Mary's College, while working in conjunction with the College's mission. "We have been fortunate at Saint Mary's to have an approach to the education of women that reflects the longstanding Catholic tradition of bringing faith and reason together in a complementary, dialectical relationship," said Professor Phyllis H. Kaminski, chair of the Department of Religious Studies, former Women's Studies Program coordinator, and current member of the steering committee. "The conversations arising around campus and beyond, animated by women's studies faculty, students, and staff, contribute in no small way to the goal of educating women who understand how to make complex personal and socially

responsible choices, and who are subjects of their own lives in the world and before God."

The program has grown from just a handful of classes a year to 42 course offerings with 550 students having enrolled for the 2006–2007 academic year. Typically 16 to 25 classes are offered each semester, and 20 percent or 25 faculty members teach classes within the program. According to Astrid Henry, coordinator of the program and associate professor of women's studies and English, the increased interest over the last few years is not unique to Saint Mary's, but is part of a national trend. What is unique is the overall size of the program as compared to similar institutions.

"I have participated in numerous national conferences on women's studies and program development. The response I've gotten from the women's studies administrators at equally sized schools—and even bigger universities—is that the Saint Mary's program is thriving and doing extremely well compared to the national average," she said.

Henry joined the program in 2001 when she became the first tenure-track faculty to be assigned to women's studies, sharing half her time with the English department. "Getting Astrid Henry was a huge accomplishment for the program and for the College," said her colleague, Amanda Littauer, who last year became the second tenure-track hire, sharing her time with the history department. "She is a very active and widely recognized scholar ... and she also turned out to be a skilled administrator who built the program into the thriving program that it is today."

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Faculty preside at the women's studies hooding ceremony for the class of 2006. Left to right: Professor Jennifer Zachman (Spanish), Professor Susan Alexander (Sociology), Professor Ann Clark (Philosophy), Professor Astrid Henry (WOST), and senior Amanda Schramm (WOST major).



Women's studies students, class of 2006. Front row from left to right: Sarah (Sam) Medina, Stephanie Snyder, Ginger Francis, Natasha Uffner, Kimberly Smith, Alexis Newton. Back row (standing) from left to right: Amanda Schramm (WOST major), Alexis DiGregorio, Molly Burns, Amanda Caddy, Lindsey Lozmack, Jennifer Hanlon, Katherine Kelly, Carrie Smietanka, Cindy Wahlman, and director of the program, Professor Astrid Henry.

Presently students can minor in or develop a student-designed major to complete a women's studies degree. As of May 2007, the program had 65 minors and three majors, up from just five graduating minors when Henry arrived in 2001. Renee Woodward '08 said that when she first came to Saint Mary's, she did not know what she wanted her major to be. Soon after taking Introduction to Women's Studies taught by Henry, she knew what her choice would be. "I left that class every Tuesday and Thursday in an upbeat mood, as if I had been sitting through an hour-long pep talk," Woodward recalled. "I started seeing things in the media differently. I started seeing things in my own life differently. I realized feminism is about equality and compassion, not bra burning and man hating. I decided to design my own major in women's studies."

According to Henry, Woodward responded to the class as many students do. "I find that all students, no matter how they walked into the class, end up having a much deeper and more complex understanding of women's issues, gender, and feminist issues. Also, it's extremely rare for any student to end the semester and not identify as a feminist," she said.

Woodward said that though she may not know what exactly she will do after graduation, she feels that her education has presented her with a unique opportunity. "There are so many directions I could go with a women's studies major and I want to go in every direction. I would eventually like to be a key organizer in a non-profit women's organization, but I'm not going to rule out feminist children's book author, blogger, lobbyist, professor, lawyer, senator, super hero, or stay-at-home mother. The Saint Mary's Women's Studies Program has made me want to do it all!"

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Amanda Schramm (2006 WOST student-designed major) receives the women's studies hood, an indication of her completion of the program, from former vice-president and dean of faculty, Pat White; Professor Astrid Henry, left.

On “New Roads”

By Meagan Church

The Saint Mary's College experience goes far beyond spending four years obtaining a degree. It is a lifelong relationship with a college devoted to educating women throughout their entire lives. To foster that relationship, Saint Mary's and the alumnae association board of directors worked together to offer an event targeted at alumnae, 50 and older. The weekend conference, “New Road, No Rules,” took place July 13–15. It brought alumnae back to campus to discuss the “bonus years” of life through panel discussions and expert sessions on various topics.

The weekend focused on Abigail Trafford's book *My Time: Making the Most of the Bonus Years After 50*. Trafford attended the conference as the keynote speaker. She spoke on the positive side of living longer, and the opportunities and responsibilities it presents. Trafford said she enjoyed being a part of the conference: “I thought the conference was sensational. There was great age range and coming together of women in different generations. It just created this great spirit in the room. I thought it was really moving. The connection and excitement among people were really terrific. The subject matter of finding solutions to longevity since we have added this new stage onto our lives was on the top of everyone's minds, but they didn't realize it. It gave them a way to talk about it and break it up into issues of jobs, purposes, finances, economics, relationships, and more. It was really meaningful.”

Along with Trafford, seminars were presented by alumnae who shared their expertise in their given fields or experiences in transitioning into the golden years. “We had doctors, financial experts, and more, proving the education you get at Saint Mary's allows you to go and do some great things,” said Kara O'Leary '89, president of the alumnae association board.

Attendees chose from different seminar offerings, including health and wellness, finances, “encore” careers, finding meaningful activity, nurturing the inner self, and more. “There were women who shared their stories, and while some were retired, none were sitting on their rockers doing nothing,” said Elizabeth Lacy '66, committee chair, member of the alumnae association board, and Justice Emeritus of the Supreme Court of Virginia. “This was not a showcase of celebrity flashes of new things to do. Instead it was real people who have made transition, and they shared how they have done it.”

“New Road, No Rules”—the first event designed specifically for this age group—welcomed just under 50 participants. “We were pleased with the response we received and content that the alumnae provided,” said O'Leary. “We initially wanted a larger crowd, but it wouldn't have been as intimate a group.”

The women roomed in Opus Hall, allowing them to continue the dialogue after the presentations were over. The attendees and faculty used that after-hours time to talk further about what it means to be living the bonus years. Lacy said, “It was kind of magical. It was like being back on campus with women who were interesting and interested. Everyone contributed in the exchange of information and observation of life experiences. That made you feel better about where you were and where you're going. It all stemmed from the important grounding that we all received as part of the Saint Mary's experience.”

Reactions to the event were quite favorable, according to

the surveys attendees filled out before leaving. Overall, the comments noted that the participants enjoyed the presentations, staying in Opus Hall, and making new friends. “Some hadn't been back in years and they really enjoyed it,” O'Leary said. “They said if we do it again, they would come back.”

Lacy explained that the College, faculty, and alumnae association board all worked together to make the event possible. “It was a very collaborative effort and one which hopefully we will continue.” The board plans to offer similar events, developing seminars for various age groups and life circumstances. Lacy went on to say, “The board hopes to continue that lifelong relationship between Saint Mary's and its graduates, and to offer the kinds of supportive environments we had when we were in school that can perhaps touch us at a different time in our lives.” They are working on developing new avenues to further nurture the relationship that begin freshman year, but last well into the golden years ... and beyond.

Save the Date

New Road, No Rules “You-Turn”

Your Children
Your Parents
Your Spouse
Your Home
Your Work
You

Need to get away? Join other alumnae, for a weekend where the focus is on you at the 2008 New Road, No Rules You Turn conference. This year's conference will examine the issues women face as they navigate their roles as good mothers, professionals, wives, and daughters while trying to find time for themselves. The three day conference which targets alumnae 40 and over, will open with Friday night's open reception, dinner, and keynote address. Saturday's theme is Exploring Issues and includes a panel session, followed by concurrent sessions on health, finances, marriage, caring for aging parents, and reentry/entry into the work place. Dinner on Saturday night will give participants an opportunity to speak with speakers, panelists, and each other. The conference will conclude with Sunday's theme, Nurturing Relationships, Family, Friends, and God.

This is the second of what the Alumnae Association Board and the Administration hope will be a continuing series for alumnae, presented on Saint Mary's campus. Alumnae of the College continue the tradition of intellectual challenge, supportive relationships, and community service forged during their college years.

See You there: July 11 – 13, 2008

“The board hopes to continue that lifelong relationship between Saint Mary’s and its graduates, and to offer the kinds of supportive environments we had when we were in school that can perhaps touch us at a different time in our lives.”





Bonnie Bazata, along with students Sarita Fritzler and Adriana Lopez. Bazata sat on the "Research and Grassroots Activism" at the National Council for Research on Women, June 1.

Insook Chung, associate professor of education, presented her research paper titled "Comparing third grade elementary students' conceptual understanding of multiplication basic facts between Korea and the U.S.A." on July 12, 2007, at the 31st International Conference of the Psychology

of Mathematics Education, held at Seoul National University, Seoul, Korea. She also acted as research presentation moderator for a research presentation on the preceding day.

Phyllis H. Kaminski, professor/chair, department of religious studies published *A Book Review of Premodern Faith in a Postmodern Culture: A Contemporary Theology of the Trinity* by Peter Drilling. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publisher, Inc. 2006, in *Horizons: Journal of the College Theology Society* 34/2 (2007): 361-362. In September, Kaminski presented her paper "Some Flashes of Lightning and A Long Patience" at the Luce Irigaray Circle Conference, Stony Brook University, New York. Her paper explored Irigaray's contribution to women's spiritual becoming, particularly the development of an interior life that can empower adult daughters to stand in all their difference(s). Along with Susan Alexander (Soc), Astrid Henry (WOST/Eng), Amanda Littauer (WOST/Hist) and Whitney Young ('09) Kaminski was a recipient of a CWIL faculty conference travel grant. Their panel presentation was entitled: "The Ins AND Outs of LGBTQ Education in Classes and Beyond: Efforts and Successes at One Women's College," and was presented in October, at Out There: Second National Conference of Scholars and Student Affairs Personnel Involved in LGBTQ Issues on Catholic Campuses, De Paul University, Chicago, Ill.

Jerome L. McElroy, professor of economics, recently published four poems: "Hattie Ann Morrow," *National Catholic Reporter* (September 7, 2007): 19; "Rapture Snapshot," *English Journal* 97 (1) (September 2007): 124; "Zacchaeus," *The Shepherd* (December 2007): 14; and "Equilibrium," *The Aurean* (Fall-Winter 2007/2008): 5. Additionally, McElroy had several articles published: "Cuba and Caribbean Tourism after Castro," (w/Art Padilla) in *Annals of Tourism Research* 34(3) (June 2007): 649-672; "Tourist Harassment: Review of the Literature and Destination Responses," (w. P. Tarlow and K. Carlisle '09) in *International Journal of Culture, Tourism and Hospitality Research* Vol. 1(4) (October 2007) 305-314; "Contrasting Socio-Economic and Demographic Profiles of Two, Small Island, Economic Species: MIRAB versus PROFIT/SITE" (w. A Oberst '07). *Island Studies Journal* 2(2) (November 2007): 163-176; and "Small Island Economies: MIRAB versus SITE," (w. Kerry McSorley '07). *e-Review of Tourism Research* 5(6) (December 2007): 140-148.

Elaine Meyer-Lee, director of the Center for Women's InterCultural Leadership (CWIL), along with Joy Evans, assistant director for scholarship and research, published "Areas of Study in Outcomes Assessment," chapter

in *A Guide to Outcomes Assessment in Education Abroad* (Mell Bolen, editor). Meyer-Lee presented "Multidimensional Approaches to Assessing Global Competence and Intercultural Leadership" for the Association of International Education Administrator's (AIEA) 2007 Conference – The Global University: Challenges and Opportunities, Washington, D.C., February 20. In March she presented "Program Evaluation: Customer Satisfaction or Educational Challenge," at the Forum on Education Abroad 2007 Conference held in Austin, Texas. On June 1, at the NAFSA 2007 Annual Conference & Expo, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Myer-Lee presented "Assessment Toolbox for International Educators."

Colleen O'Brien, CWIL fellow and teacher in Humanistic Studies, presented her essay "W.E.B. Du Bois, Toussaint L'Ouverture, and the Insurrectionary Tradition" as part of a panel entitled "Tracing Colonial Landscapes: Filling in the Blanks of Modernist Space" at the Modernist Studies Association Conference, Long Beach, California, November 3. O'Brien also participated in the Modern Language Association Conference, Chicago, Illinois, in December, with "Not So Tragic: Transnational Desire and the Latin American Tragic Mulatta," a presentation focused on cross-racial relationships as metaphors for social equality within Cuban antislavery literature. Additionally, as part of the Ethnic Studies Caucus panel, O'Brien presented "From Haiti to Harper's Ferry: Race and Cosmopolitanism in Du Bois's John Brown," considering the development of transnational racial identities as an alternative to the totalizing influence of US imperialism.

Shannon Rose Riley, MFA, PhD, CWIL fellow with joint appointment to the Department of Communication and Performance Studies and the Intercultural Studies Program, presented on her work in historical black newspaper archives and her discovery of the misattribution of the 1938 Federal Theatre Project play, *Haiti*, at the Archaeologies of Black Memory Seminar, held at the University of Miami in July. In September, at the Latin American Studies Association (LASA) Biennial International Congress, Montreal, Canada, Riley presented "Miss Translation USA Goes to Cuba: The Problems and Possibilities of Cuba-U.S. Collaboration in Performance." Riley also presented "Racing the Nation: Cuba and Haiti in U.S. performance, 1898–1940" for a seminar titled "Performing Race, Performing 'America'" at the American Society of Theatre Research (ASTR) conference, Phoenix, Ariz., November 16. Riley also published an essay, "Racing the Archive: Will the Real William DuBois Please Stand Up?" in a peer-reviewed journal, *English Language Notes* 45.1 (Spring/Summer): 103-110.

Inela Selimovic, assistant professor of Spanish in the department of modern languages, published an article entitled "Sexing of the City: Desire, Memory and Trauma" in Luisa Valenzuela's "La travesía" in *Revista Hispánica Moderna* 60.2 (December 2007): 205–19. The article maps out how Valenzuela's novel challenges the notion of the city as a traditionally masculine space, imagining its potential for multiple gendered negotiations that should result in novel socio-political and cultural sites of public and private intervention.

Siqin Yang, assistant director for international and intercultural learning presented "Politics and Collaboration: A Model to Work with Study Abroad Faculty Coordinators" at the NAFSA Region VI conference in October.



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Georgeanna Rusin Wallen '33, July 27, 2007.

Dorothy Dugan McKeivitt '34, September 10, 2007.

Mary Terese Buckley Ryan '35, October 9, 2007.

Catherine O'Laughlin Brugh '39, aunt of Jane McClelland Sawtel '63, and great aunt of Elisa Sawtell Fleischer '88, August 15, 2007.

Peggy Wise Dray '40, mother of Peggy Dray Fouts '63, October 11, 2007.

Lenore Flynn Griffith '50, September 24, 2007.

Eleanor Ann Sayre '53, August 2, 2006.

Eileen Kelley Kleiner '54, August 7, 2007.

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

Maryann Hilger Haerle '56, sister of Barbara Hilger Hanahan '58, and Patricia Hilger Zeigler '66, aunt of Sheila Hanahan Taylor '91, October 28, 2007.

Ann Marbaugh '56, January 29, 2007.

Sister M. Clare Inez Karp '67, August 12, 2007.

Kathleen Postorino Weiss '69, sister of Mary Jo Postorino Kennedy '66, Ann Postorino Mckenzie '72, and Karen Postorino Sherman '75, November 19, 2007.

Lisa Murray Hoglund '82, July 25, 2007.

Family Deaths

Bonnie Lee Anglin, grandmother of Dana Carr '05, September 21, 2007.

Mark William Bazany, brother of Kristin Bazany Larsen '91, Aug. 1, 2007. LeRoy F. Bazany, ND '54, father of Kristin Bazany Larsen '91, Aug. 18, 2007.

Florence Brown, grandmother of Jill Hunter '97, September 23, 2007.

Antonio Cataldo, father of Teresa Cataldo-Hartman '89, September 25, 2007.

Thomas Collins, husband of Marge Wick Collins '52, and brother-in-law of Jeanne Wick Younger '49, September 15, 2007.

Richard C. Diltz, husband of Helen Muldoon Diltz '44, father of Marian Diltz McCarthy '81, father-in-law of Linda Brothers Diltz '81, and Kathleen Kloska Diltz '81, September 26, 2007.

Mayme Gogley, great grandmother of Nicole Smego '05, September 19, 2007.

Thomas M. Gilroy, husband of Eleanor Barany Gilroy '44, and brother-in-law of Vera Barany Shirley '48, October 5, 2007.

Bernadette M. Green, mother of Molly Green Schwall '84, and Michael Green '86, September 27, 2007.

David Lee Henderson, father of Kathryn Henderson Kresse '76, August 31, 2007.

Girard C. Hanahoe, father of Maureen Hanahoe '88, and father-in-law of Kathleen Halligan Hanahoe '86, August 10, 2007.

John M. Hartigan, husband of Mary Kathryn Carroll Hartigan '57, father of Eileen Hartigan Madigan '87, brother-in-law of Margaret Carroll Flynn '64, and uncle of Mary McCauley Carey '63 and Helen McCauley Cartledge '77, October 22, 2007.

John J. Kass, father of Janet Kass Tobolski '94, October 11, 2007.

Celine Krueger, mother of Celynn Krueger McClarrinon '92, October 2, 2007.

Mary Ellen Kubiak, mother of Mary Jo Kubiak '68, June 28, 2007.

Fred G. Latherow, father of Keri Latherow Kocur '93, November 29, 2006.

Lois H. O'Connell, mother of Fancy O'Connell Pratt '72, Chris O'Connell McAleer '74, Cassy O'Connell '77, Marynell O'Connell Greer '79, Barb O'Connell Hoyt '81, and Anne O'Connell '82, grandmother of Clare Hoyt '06 and Maura Hoyt '07, sister-in-law of Katie Herbstritt McMahon '82, aunt of Shannon McMahon '87 and Molly McMahon Kienast '91, October 23, 2007.

John W. Pluta, husband of Nancy Galos Pluta '59, and father of Becky Pluta Bonhama '84, September 17, 2007.

Patricia A. "Pat" Renz, mother of Sharon Renz Samar '72, and grandmother of Jaime Samar '00, October 7, 2007.

Gregory A. Ryker, brother-in-law of Melissa Gibson Ryker '91, November 9, 2007.

Kenneth "Kenny" H. Shields, husband of Mary Beth Alban Shields '84, brother-in-law of Robin Alban Lupo '70, Deborah Alban Reiff '75, and Joanne Alban Amenta '78, October 21, 2007.

Almira S. Stephens, mother of Elise Stephens Reeder '69, and Jacquelyn Stephens Krause '72, May 5, 2006.

Mildred J. Wettstein Tack, mother of Christine Tack Twohig '68, and Adrienne Tack Kelliher '69, September 7, 2007.

James Thale, Sr., husband of Frances Hanson Thale '50, October 31, 2007.

Marriages

Gail Sanders Stenberg '86 and Jeffrey, August 25, 2007.

Michele Chlebek Klota '87 and Mark, July 7, 2007.

Stephanie Jackson Reitter '95 and James, April 14, 2007.

Sara Stronczek Sampson '96 and Jesse, Gonzaga '97, October 27, 2007.

Denise Mills Oorbeek '97 and William, September 15, 2007.

Lisa Bonk Roth '98 and Ronald "Ron," July 21, 2007.

Nicole Staab Kempf '00 and Justin, ND '00, August 13, 2005.

Margaret Gable Wroblewski '00 and Ryan, June 16, 2007.

Kerry Gallagher Davis '01 and Willie, July 15, 2007.

Laura Paulen O'Connor '01 and Stephen, July 21, 2007.

Tara Cupelli Raposa '01 and Robert, June 30, 2007.

Erin Schenz Campbell '02 and John, III, September 16, 2006.

Noreen Gillespie Connolly '02 and Mike, ND '02, August 17, 2007.

Kelly Rizzi Brooke '03 and Brian, July 14, 2007.

Maura Kennedy Gaswirth '03 and Mark, May 19, 2007.

Emily Hemberger-Dennison '03 and Aaron Dennison, July 13, 2007.

Kerry O'Reilly Hurley '03 and Tim, October 21, 2006.

Jessica White Metzger '03 and Matt, ND '03, April 28, 2007.

Adrienne Dorbish Pietropaolo '03 and Domenico, ND '03, May 19, 2007.

Nicole Ciminillo Scott '03 and Peter, August 11, 2007.

Ann Hoover Sinclair '03 and Euan, October 28, 2007.

Lauren Dasso Stalter '03 and Robert "Rob," ND '03, August 18, 2007.

Leanne Howder Sullivan '03 and Kevin, ND '03, July 21, 2007.

Karen Higley Szpak '03 and Jerry, August 25, 2007.

Kendall Riedlinger Ymalay '03 and Ramon, ND '03, June 1, 2007.

Margaret "Maggie" Garigliano Busam '04 and Luke, ND '04, October 6, 2007.

Katherine Haeberle Laubacher '04 and Thomas "PJ," May 25, 2007.

Lynda Szanyi LeBlanc '04 and Matthew, August 4, 2007.

Kristen Bell Orr '04 and Matthew, ND '02, August 5, 2007.

Megan McCall Schmitt '04 and Derek, ND '04, March 10, 2007.

Kelly Frantz VanCura '04 and Andrew, ND '03, '04, July 1, 2006.

Sarah Turek Wahoske '04 and John, July 21, 2007.

Nina Helmen Cooper '05 and Jason, May 26, 2007.

Katherine Lauer Kohler '05 and Jeffrey, ND '05, August 4, 2007.

MacKenzie Ulm Ledley '05 and Brian, September 1, 2007.

Teresa Nowakowski Tuck '05 and Uriel, August 18, 2007.

Lisa Walton Roelle '05 and Ethan, October 6, 2007.

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

Leilani Miller Briel '06 and Matthew, June 10, 2006.

Jennifer Warfel Juskiewicz '06 and Ryan, August 25, 2007.

Meaghan Herbst Arzberger '07 and Eric, July 7, 2007.

Brittany Lee Townsley '07 and Joshua, July 21, 2007.

Births & Adoptions

Lori Bergschneider Taylor '85 and Ron: Aiden Elizabeth, February 4, 2007.

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

Tammy Shelor Blain '89 and Todd: Brayden Lee, April 18, 2007.

Beth Flaherty Caufield '89 and Andy: Rachel Karen, June 14, 2007.

Patty Morris Gibbs '89 and Jake: Georgia Mae, September 12, 2007.

Kathleen McDonough Mundo '91 and John: Michael John, July 14, 2007.

Tobi Laren Fuller '94 and Brett: Samantha Alexandra, August 30, 2007.

Christine Seraphin Glassmeyer '94 and Ken: Joseph Patrick, May 16, 2007.

Christine Juras Rozmanich '94 and David: Steven David, September 23, 2007.

Jamie Nilson Balkin '95 and Matt: Josie Elizabeth, August 27, 2007.

Stephanie Drummer Higgins '95 and James: James William Higgins, III, July 10, 2007.

Barbara Krantz Kappel '95 and Robert: Erin Grace, June 11, 2007.

Kristen Faherty Konowicz '95 and Matt: Ethan Philip, August 24, 2007.

Suzanne Bailey Scott '95 and Walter: Stellamaris, June 8, 2007.

Molly Schleeter Bell '97 and Doug, ND '96: Julia Hadley, August 24, 2007.

Kathleen "Katie" Maxbauer McNulty '97 and Kieran: Eveny Mairead, April 1, 2007.

Courtney O'Rourke Sorokoumov '97 and Oleg: Ryan Michael, March 11, 2007.

Maria McCauley VonderBrink '97 and Thomas: Elizabeth Jane, July 3, 2007.

Amanda Langenberg Roberts '98 and Erik, ND '98: Anna Elizabeth, September 17, 2007.

Tenille Washburn Prendergast '98 and Brad: Avery Kieran, July 2, 2007.

Ellen Boudette Flanigan '99 and John: Benjamin Neal, August 6, 2005 and Aaron Theodore, July 14, 2007.

Meaghan David Kovacs '99 and Matt: Julia Michelle, March 28, 2007.

Jenna Kotynek Lindenmann '99 and Mike, ND '99: Mallory Katherine, June 26, 2007.

Emily Bailey Quiney '99 and Colin: Lyla Christine, August 23, 2007.

Nicole Staab Kempf '00 and Justin, ND '00, David William, December 15, 2006.

Lindsay Maizel Castillo '01 and Ariel: Natalie Elizabeth, June 12, 2007.

Elizabeth Kledzik Davis '01 and Nicolas: Charles James, May 14, 2007.

Kathryn "Kathy" Sherman Dietrich '01 and Tom: Matthew Thomas, June 29, 2007.

Molly Banahan Edwards '01 and Andy: Aidan Michael, March 19, 2007.

Mary Sweeney Gates '01 and Chris: Andrew Joseph, April 4, 2007.

Sunni Hunckler Hart '01 and Craig: Callie Lane, June 4, 2007.

Shannon Ross Perrino '01 and Nick: Allison Elizabeth, June 14, 2007.

Mariecruz Segura-Perez '01 and Andres Perez: Liliana Alin Perez, July 19, 2007.

Ryann Cox Szczepanski '01 and Neil: Kevin Michael, July 26, 2007.

Crissy Renner Traugott '01 and Ken, ND '01: Ella Maureen, July 8, 2007.

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

Stephanie Redwanski Belschner '03 and Artie, ND '01: Avery Kay, October 17, 2007.

Amanda Grashoff Keister '03 and Dave: Caleb Joseph, July 16, 2007.

Rebecca Koehler Maschmeyer '03 and John: Meghan Grace, June 28, 2007.

Christine LaVigne Osburn '03 and Matt: Elizabeth Ann, April 2, 2007.

Emily Sterritt Johnson '05 and Kyle, ND '03: Kaleb James, March 18, 2007.

Nominate a distinguished friend

Do you know a Saint Mary's alumna who is a rising star, a business sensation, a distinguished academician, or has dedicated herself to service?

Each year the Alumnae Association honors deserving alumnae who have made significant contributions to the College or in her field. Please take a few minutes to nominate an alumna. Submit her name, class year, and why you think she should receive an award. Nominations must be received by February 18, 2008. Graduate and non-graduate alumnae are eligible for the award. Please send nominations via e-mail, fax, or mail to the Alumnae Relations Office, Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN 46556. E-mail alumnae@saintmarys.edu; fax (574) 284-4749.

Distinguished Alumna Award

The nominee should exemplify the standards, ideals, and mission of Saint Mary's in her vocation and be of outstanding service to the College through ongoing work for the Alumnae Association, either with a local club or with the association directly. That service should also be demonstrated through yearly benefaction and other consistently devoted support and friendship to the College.

Alumna Achievement Award

The nominee should be outstanding in her personal and professional accomplishments. As a recognized leader in her field, she should exemplify the quality of a Christian liberal arts education and uphold the standards, ideals, and mission of Saint Mary's College.

Humanitas Award

The nominee should be outstanding in her personal and volunteer accomplishments and recognized for her concern for the interests and welfare of her fellow human beings. She should exemplify the qualities of personal dedication, compassion, selflessness, and sacrifice through social action, education, and reform within the community, church, or world.

Outstanding Young Alumna Award

The nominee should exhibit leadership in her personal, professional, or volunteer accomplishments and also in her involvement with Saint Mary's College. Alumnae from the classes of 1993–2006 are eligible for the award.

Carolinas

On Oct. 16, the Carolinas Alumnae Club gathered together for the 13th annual Room at the Inn fundraising banquet at the Charlotte Convention Center. The club hosted a table at the event, and enjoyed dinner and listening to keynote speaker Judge Andrew Napolitano, a Notre Dame graduate and pro-life advocate. In November the club had a Founders' Day dinner at the Village Tavern Restaurant in South Park. Members caught up on all the exciting things happening on campus. On Dec. 9, the SMC and ND alumnae clubs celebrated together at the annual Christmas party.

A club happy hour is being planned for the beginning of March. Details will be posted on the club's website. Dues for 2008 will be collected in February. They are \$20 and will keep alumnae on the active mailing/email list. Dues can be sent to Kara Pearce '04, 216-C Wakefield Drive, Charlotte, NC 28209.

For more information, contact: Kara Pearce, kara.pearce@cbr.com.

Chicago East

The Chicago East Alumnae Club celebrated Founders' Day on Nov. 4 with Mass and a luncheon at St. Ignatius College Prep. Thirty alumnae and friends gathered for a private Mass, then enjoyed lunch in the Brunswick Room. The club was pleased to have Addie Stefanac Cashore '70, current student Haley Nickell and Dr. Joanne Snow speak to the group about their trip to Le Mans, France for the beatification of Father Moreau and what the event meant in each of their spiritual lives. A raffi e during the event

raised more than \$400 for the Chicago Endowed Scholarship. Congratulations to all the raffi e winners! Many thanks to the dedicated Founders' Day Committee: Co-Chairs, Genevieve Morrill '98, Amanda Shock '01 and Chiara Marcheschi Wrocinski '98 and Committee Members: Susan Langworthy '87, Karen Zagrocki McDonald '76, Colleen Morrissey '95 and Kelly Walsh '01. A special thank you to Chiara Wrocinski for arranging the venue.

The book group continues to meet. Please contact Erin McGarry '02 at erin-mcgarry-1@hotmail.com to suggest a book or to become involved.

The Chicago East Club will be hosting a Get Involved Meeting in early 2008. Stay tuned to the list serve for details—and make a resolution to get involved with the Chicago East Club in 2008!

For more information, contact: Genevieve Morrill, gcmorrill@yahoo.com.

Chicago Northwest

The club was named the 2006-2007 Alumnae Club of the Year by the Alumnae Association's Board of Directors! Club president Julie Marsh Deischer '93 wants to thank everyone for their participation, membership support, good wishes and hard work since the club's inception.

The annual celebration marking Founders' Day, the Mother-Daughter Tea, was held on Oct. 27 at the Seasons of Long Grove. The beautiful event was planned by Halane Young '88 and Renee Young '93. All proceeds benefited the Chicago Endowed Scholarship Fund.

The Book Club continues to meet, reading such selections as *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen, a story of a traveling circus in the 1930's. Meetings are held at 7 p.m. at Hackney's on Milwaukee Avenue in Wheeling, usually the last Monday of the month. New readers are always welcome! Questions? Email Mary Chaput McKeown '75 at mary@mckeown.us.

Alumnae attended the Networking Group's latest gathering on Nov. 9 for a cocktail and hors d'oeuvres reception. Beth Bradfish '70 of Beth Bradfish, Inc. led the discussion: "Creativity and Balance -- Finding Unique Solutions that Work for Your Life". Many thanks to Janet Quanttrini Aldred '84, Donna Bellock Callen '81 and Beth Bradfish for organizing this event.

The club had a successful membership drive this year, but it's not too late to pay your dues! If you are interested in becoming a member of the club, contact Louanne Scanlon Mauro '70 at lsmauro@sbcglobal.net.

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

Cleveland

The Cleveland Alumnae Club celebrated Founders' Day with a wine and cheese reception at the Nicholson House in Lakewood on Nov. 11. It was a great get-together with several alumnae in attendance.

The club's annual meeting will take place in February. For 2008, the club is planning a book discussion in the spring, a lunch at Put-in-Bay in the summer, and in the fall, a liturgy at Saint Ann's Church in Cleveland Heights.

There is also the need for all alumnae in the Northeastern Ohio area

to pay their dues. Dues are \$25, and the money collected goes towards sponsoring various club events, plus mailing and postage costs.

If you are interested in becoming more involved in the club, or would like more information, contact: Cheri Petride Miller '79, (440) 526-8966 or cmliller8457@earthlink.net.

Columbus

Approximately 45 people attended the Founders' Day Event on Oct. 18 at The Venue at the Smith Brother's Building in downtown Columbus. The club was very fortunate to have Dr. Carol Ann Mooney '72; George Efta, Dr. Mooney's husband; as well as Shari Rodriguez, vice president for College Relations, present to help celebrate the club's 60th anniversary! Everyone thoroughly enjoyed listening to Dr. Mooney's dynamic speech which updated everyone on recent events at the College. In addition, the club raised \$700 through the raffi e, which will all go toward the scholarship fund. Thank you to Lisa McConnell Orsinelli '92 and Sarah Hussey Ryan '89 who co-chaired the event.

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

Des Moines

The Des Moines Club celebrated Founders' Day on Nov. 4 with a brunch, reflection, and prayer at the home of Aimee Beckmann-Collier '75. Sister Carola Broderick BVM was the club's guest and her beautifully crafted session was well-received by alumnae who represented class years from the 40s through the 90s.

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

Fairfield/Westchester

The club celebrated Founders' Day on Nov. 17 with Mass at St. Mary's in Greenwich, followed by lunch at Mediterraneo Restaurant, also in Greenwich. Alumnae brought donations of baby clothes and supplies for Malta House in Norwalk. Many thanks to Ellen Hackl Fagan '82 who orchestrated the arrangements for this celebration.

On Dec. 8, alumnae volunteered for Habitat for Humanity Bridgeport and helped with an area "Women Build" construction project. The home was designed and constructed by women volunteers for a low income

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On Oct. 18, the Columbus Alumnae Club warmly welcomed Dr. Carol Ann Mooney '72 to their 60th anniversary celebration.

family. Thanks to all who donated their time to this worthy cause.

Also, thanks to members Meghan Cassidy '06 and Kerry Patzke Safir '96 for their help representing Saint Mary's at two fall college fairs.

For more information, contact: Sally Georgen Archer '83, ctarcher@optonline.net or (203) 544-7150.

Georgia

A large group of alumnae and friends warmly welcomed President Carol Ann Mooney '72 to Georgia on Sept. 27. A cocktail reception, graciously hosted by Mary Mullaney Meathe '80, was held at her home in Atlanta. The event marked the 75th anniversary of the club! Dr. Mooney spoke about the wonderful things happening at Saint Mary's, then scholarship chair Bibbie Conole Withers '69 presented Dr. Mooney with the news of the Georgia Club's Endowed Scholarship. It truly was a spectacular evening! Many thanks to all who worked hard to plan the event, and to the scholarship committee for reaching their fundraising goal of \$50,000. The club now has a legacy that will assist future students from Georgia. Thank you for donating to this worthy cause!

For more information, contact: Veronica Kessenich '01, vernbug@aol.com.

Idaho

The Saint Mary's/Notre Dame Club of Idaho met on Nov. 17 to participate in Rake Up Boise. Rake Up Boise is an annual event where volunteers rake up the yards of senior citizens who are unable to do the work themselves.

If any new SMC women are moving to the Boise area, please contact: Jacquie Jablonski Halgerson '83, at jfhalg@msn.com.

Kansas City

The Kansas City Club's final event of 2007 was a Christmas Tea Party, held Dec. 2. A silent action at the event helped the club increase its donation to the College by 50%. The club thanks Nancy Midden Richman '00 for organizing the tea party and the donations. Nancy did an unbelievable job receiving donations for the club—including many from fellow Belles. Thank you to everyone who donated and who purchased items.

The Club is ready for 2008—continuing the Professional Development Series, a club Mass, and spring cocktail party are all events to

look forward to in the first quarter. If you'd like to get involved, please visit the club's website or contact Kelly Tyler '87 at (Kelly@KellyTylerTrainingServices.com). The club loves to welcome more Belles to the Kansas City Club!

was the only U.S. city to host Renoir's "Landscapes" exhibit. The group started with breakfast at the museum followed by a private one hour tour of the exhibit. It was a fun and educational day!

Stay tuned for more events in 2008! For more information, contact: Katie Smith '93, Krsmith1014@yahoo.com or (215) 280-1122.

In November the club provided several occasions for alumnae to meet and network with one another. The young alum co-chairs hosted a brunch on Nov. 18 at Le Peep in Mishawaka. The club also sponsored a SMC's in the City event on Nov. 27 at Bonefish in Mishawaka.

The club recognized the spirit of giving during the holiday season by

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Alumnae and guests enjoyed each other's company during their Founders' Day gathering on Oct. 28 in Santa Monica.

Los Angeles

Members of the Los Angeles Club gathered for a Founders' Day Mass and Luncheon on Oct. 28. Mass was held at St. Monica's where the group was warmly welcomed by the Holy Cross priests presiding there. Lunch followed at Marix Tex Mex Playa, also in Santa Monica. The Club was pleased to have Richard Baxter, director of Special Events at Saint Mary's, as their guest speaker. Richard attended the beatification ceremonies for Father Moreau in Le Mans, France. He shared a personal account of his experiences about the trip and about Fr. Moreau. Thank you to Pat Greeley Lechman '63 and Laura Lechman Rodriguez '97 for planning this event!

For more information about local gatherings, please contact: Rebecca Votto '93.

Philadelphia

The club celebrated Founders' Day in November with a visit to the Philadelphia Art Museum. Philadelphia

San Francisco and San Jose

The San Francisco and San Jose Alumnae Clubs joint hosted a Founders' Day celebration on Oct. 14 in Burlingame. Close to 30 alumnae were in attendance. Thank you to all who attended this event. Both clubs hope to continue partnering on events in the future!

For more information, contact Michelle Eggers Lagos '05 (San Francisco), michellelagos@gmail.com, or Christina Tecson '98 (San Jose), ctecson3@hotmail.com.

South Bend

The South Bend Alumnae Club celebrated Founders' Day with dinner in the Noble Family Dining Hall (West Wing) on Oct. 18. Dinner was followed by guest speaker Addie Stefanac Cashore '70, who described her experiences attending the beatification of Father Moreau in Le Mans, France this past September. The talk was very educational and befitting to the purpose of Founders' Day!

giving back to both the Saint Mary's and greater South Bend community. On Dec. 12, the South Bend Alumnae Club delivered a small bag of treats to each South Bend student currently attending Saint Mary's. On Dec. 19 and 20 the club met at the YWCA to wrap gifts which were donated to the shelter by the members of the South Bend community.

The book club also continued to meet throughout the fall. Books read by the group included *Dreams from My Father* by Barak Obama and *Audrey Hepburn, An Elegant Spirit* by Sean Hepburn Ferrer.

Please be sure to check the club's website (<http://www.saintmarys.edu/%7Ealumnae/clubpages/INDIANA/southbend.html>) regularly for upcoming spring events. The club hopes to see many of you there!

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Alumnae from the Twin Cities Alumnae Club gathered for a Founders' Day Mass and Brunch on Oct. 1 in St. Paul. Pictured left to right (standing): Jennifer D'Anastasio '99, Peggy Neun Prickman '62, Ann Spiess Clark '97, Charmaine Samaraweera Torma '99, and Lori Hess Liesenfelt. Sitting: Beth McGie Robertson '92 and Tiffany Bailey Armas '94.

Twin Cities

The Twin Cities Alumnae Club has been busy. On Oct. 1, the club celebrated Founders' Day with Mass at the Cathedral in St. Paul and brunch afterwards at W.A. Frost. On the chilly October morning, alumnae and guests enjoyed the intimate and cozy setting of the Fireside Room. The club looks forward to making this event an annual celebration.

On Oct. 16 the Book Club met at Borders in Minnetonka to discuss *Lovely Bones* by Alice Sebold. Everyone agreed that the premise of deceased loved ones watching over us is comforting and that this book is good read for everyone, especially those dealing with a loss. The next discussion was on Jan. 15 at the Borders in Roseville to discuss *The Queen of Big Time* by Adriana Trigiani '81. If you would like to be on the Book Club's email distribution list, please email the Co-Chairs at smctcbookclub@gmail.com.

Thank you to Alison Ashley Johnson '02 and Carrie Korf '06 for organizing the first SMC TC Happy Hour for alumnae. The event took place on Nov. 1 at Keegan's Irish Pub

in Minneapolis. The club will continue to host monthly young alumnae (and young at heart) Happy Hours; if you would like to be included in the Happy Hour email distribution list, please email the Young Alumnae Co-Chairs at smctcyoungalumnae@gmail.com.

This fall the Mommies & Tots Group met for play dates once a month. On Nov. 17, Tiffany Bailey Armas '94 hosted a Family Meet and Greet in her home. The Club hopes to have monthly family outings for alumnae. If you would like to be on the email distribution list for Mommies & Tots playgroups and/or Family Outings, please email the Co-Chairs at smctcmommiesandtots@gmail.com.

Once again, the club collected donations to send Starbucks gift cards to the 39 TC-area students. Sharon Scheckel Madigan '80 hosted the club at her home on Dec. 6 where alumnae addressed cards for the students. Thank you to Renee Shelleny Sherman '91 for organizing the Starbucks Gift Card Campaign and to all local alumnae for opening up your hearts and brightening up finals for the local Saint Mary's students. The next big event for the SMC Student Support

group is raise funds for graduation gifts for the graduating seniors. This year there are seven seniors!

The club hosted the first Holiday Epiphany Party on Jan. 6; the party was open to alumnae and their families as well as local SMC students and their families.

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Only four of us came to our 60th reunion, but I had letters from many of you who couldn't make it and bringing me up to date on your lives.

Attending reunion were **Peg Martin Fletcher, Mary Van Wolvlear Crell, Terry Finske McDonough**, and yours truly. We had a wonderful time reminiscing, bringing the rest of you to mind as we recalled those wonderful years in school, attended reunion events, and toured the ever-growing campus.

Peg Fletcher was accompanied by her granddaughter, **Carolyn Lateulere Kane '99**, who was most helpful to all of us—helping us to find things, see things, and make our way around the campus. Peg has another daughter who is a Saint Mary's College graduate, two other grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Terry only spent one year at Saint Mary's College, having then joined the Army's nursing program, but I have kept in touch with her through the years. She is also a mom and grandma, as well as a musician, an avocation which keeps her busy playing for church services in and around her home in Tinley Park, Ill.

Mary Van has more energy than most of us, possibly because she is always traveling to exotic places. She plays tennis and golf with the energy she has left over! She has four sons, one of whom recently adopted a baby girl born on Mary's 55th wedding anniversary.

We all had a great time on campus. They are building and building, but it is still a beautiful place. We missed all of you; and I would urge you to come back any time you have the opportunity.

I did have letters of regret from many of you, which I greatly appreciated. **Pete Tiernan Smith** wrote with lots of news of classmates. She is in touch with **Rosie Reilly Grady** and reported that Rosie could not leave her husband who is ill. Pete also noted that **Mary Lou Meunier Farrell**, who had been living in Robstown, Texas, is moving back to Kansas City, and that **Pauline Zeman Langenfeld** is recovering from her stroke. Pete keeps in touch with **Mary Allen Ward** and **Joan Stewart Kennedy**. I see my fellow South Bender, **Tee Pirchio Miller**, once in a while. She looks great, but was unable to attend reunion.

A letter from **Mary Lou Ley Delaney** reported that **Dodo Ziton David** broke her hip and has had a lengthy hospital stay, but is recovering. **Mickey Apfeld Dzurisin** writes that she enjoyed a trip to Hawaii last year with her husband, John, daughter and son-in-law. In May they were in Riverview, Mich., for her sister's Golden Jubilee, and planned a trip to Alaska for the summer.

Sue Tiedebohl writes from Venice, Fla., that she is getting around very well with her new knee, and she still enjoys traveling and doing volunteer work in the religious education department of Epiphany Cathedral.

Clare Slaterry Good sent a brief note from home in Champaign, Ill., wishing us all the best and regretting that she couldn't come to reunion. **Ann Shaughnessy** writes that she would have like to come but was busy getting settled in her new home in Charlotte, N.C. She is in touch with Sue Tiedebohl and **Betty Gartland Grimes**. Betty writes that she is in touch with **Betty Muckinhirn Kolb**.

I have a sad note about the death of **Margaret Istenes**, a fellow South Bender who left Saint Mary's College to enter the Daughters of Divine Charity.

I am still enjoying life at the St. Paul's Retirement Community here in South Bend. Please keep the news coming and many thanks for all the recent communications!

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Those of you who didn't try to make a reservation for our mini-reunion this past June don't know that it was cancelled. Very few of our group had made reservations and when we discovered that we would be housed at the new inn off the toll-way instead of at the Inn at Saint Mary's, our committee decided to cancel.

Instead, we will be out in great force, I hope, for our regularly scheduled 60th reunion in June '09. Put that date on your calendars now so that trips and family visits can be worked around that momentous occasion. Our class has a reputation for turning out in record numbers.

The mini-reunion notice that went out brought me several appreciative notes.

Joanne Clair Lyons wrote that she

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Sandy Albright '67 was appointed undersecretary for the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs by Governor Deval L. Patrick, Boston, Mass., September 2007.

Jeanne Reynolds '83 was appointed president of the North Suburban Bar Association in Chicago, September 2007. Reynolds will become the president of the Women's Bar Association of Illinois in 2008.

Mariane Carna '95 was named executive director of the Yale-New Haven Hospital Heart and Vascular Center, New Haven, Conn., October 2007.

Stephanie Artnak '04 joined the South Bend office of Barnes & Thornburg LLP as an associate in the firm's Business Department, October 2007.

and John were going to Cleveland for two grandchildren's graduations and that she appreciates the news in our column.

Kathy Adler Furman also had an out-of-town graduation in June. Kathy, our 60th was not this year. It will be June of '09.

Sister Marce Connolly, O.P. wants to thank **Mary Ann Fellinger Ryan** and **Mary Ann McDonnell McTigue** for the efforts they have made on our behalf in planning reunion weekends. Marce had just been to the St. Patrick's parade in Chicago, along with thousands of others. You all have probably read that the Chicago River is always dyed green for St. Patrick's Day.

I spoke briefly with Mary Ann McTigue today. She asks us to pray for her 50-year-old daughter-in-law, who is battling uterine cancer.

Mary Ann's good news is the marvelous progress her grandson is making. Paralyzed from the armpits down, he has graduated from the University of Iowa in business and economics and is doing an internship at St. Joseph's Hospital in South Bend at present. He uses a standing frame, drives his car, and has several girlfriends. What in inspiration! He was on our prayer list a few years ago.

Mary Ann spoke with **Jean Murphy Westland** a few weeks ago. Jean has sold her home in Colorado and is temporarily staying in a friend's home in Ft. Wayne. Her new condo in Holy Cross Village will be ready Oct. 27. The address will be Holy Cross Village, Apt. 124, Notre Dame, IN, 46556. No phone number yet.

Mary Ann Ryan had a lovely summer. She and a friend went on a Notre Dame tour to Eastern Europe in June. Later, she and son Mark enjoyed a stay in Aspen, Colo.

Many of us celebrated, or are about to celebrate, the big 80 this year. What a shock! I am calling 80 the new 70.

Claire Daley Archibald was given a surprise 80th birthday party Aug. 2 by her children. She and Joe left the next day for their annual trip to Harbor Springs, Mich.

Mary Ellen Deibler Gleason will celebrate her Sept. 14th birthday by taking her children and spouses to Ireland the end of September. She and Bill have rented a coach and driver to transport the group.

I had two birthday celebrations—one in Darien, Conn., and the other at home in Lake Forest. I flew to Atlanta to pick up 9- and 10-year-old grandchildren, and then the three of us flew to daughter, Liz's, in Connecticut for ten days. We were joined there also by my 7-year-old granddaughter. I had a very joyous time!

My youngest child, Will Riley, came home to Lake Forest for my Aug. 26th birthday. My gift from him was a lovely new laptop, so you can now e-mail me, if you wish. I haven't used a computer since I was in the real estate business, so I am working hard to get up to speed. My address is NBR1188@gmail.com.

Happy news from **Bernie Sacha Fitzsimmons**! Her daughter, Mary, mother of special child Victoria, was married in April. Bernie's brother came

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in from South America to give the blessing, and her twin granddaughters played their violins at the ceremony. "It was very lovely, very intimate," Bernie says.

The 12-year-old twins are the youngest members of the group Vivaldi Strings. When they played engagements in Paris this summer, Bernie and their mother, Suzie, spent ten days there with the girls. They finished up with a week in Bar Harbor, Mass.

Ginger Crowley Asaph, in an update to Saint Mary's College, said that she is "constantly going to school, tutoring, or traveling." I would so much like to hear from you, Ginger.

I spoke with **Irene Raywood Johnson** this afternoon. She said that she is hobbling around with two knees that need replacing—and a pacemaker—waiting to see if a hurricane hits Miami. She hopes to be with us for our 60th.

Betty Ann Fitzpatrick Leary, retired from her real estate career, keeps busy with women's club activities and family. She has six grandsons and one granddaughter. The two youngest are in high school. She spends December and January on Coronado Isle, Cal., with her son and daughter-in-law, both naval doctors. They are attached to the Pacific fleet, so Betty Ann has had many trips to visit them in their past postings in the Far East and on Pacific Islands.

For those of you who only have Betty Ann's old address, this is the update: 551 Yorkshire Drive, No. 94,

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Many thanks to **Joan Thibodeau Frear** for her note about **Mary Lou Beenan Leonard**. I had been in contact with Mary Lou and had known of her death in Grosse Pointe on March 31. Her breast cancer had metastasized to the pancreas.

I have so many happy memories of first floor Holy Cross freshman year. Mary Lou was Tonto's roommate. A group of us—romanticists all—had dinner together about every other week at the LaSalle—or was it the Hoffman Hotel?—because a string quartet played at dinner. There were also many night runs by taxis delivering hot fudge sundaes from that ice cream place—do any of you recall its name?

I had some wonderful visits to Grand Rapids to visit Mary Lou and **Bebe Lively Glerum**. It was a big disappointment to me when they transferred to the University of Michigan.

Joan Frear, why don't you plan to come back to Saint Mary's College for our 60th reunion in June '09? You said in your note that you read the *Courier* and that you haven't been back since our 25th. We would all love to see you! It is never too late.

God Bless, Nancy

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This summer has gone by quickly with many children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren visiting Dick and me at our summer home in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Two of our great-grandchildren and their parents are now living in Germany. My oldest great-grandson will be attending a German public school. Our family is rather spread out now, as I expect many of your families are. The world seems to be getting smaller.

Our granddaughter, Emily, whose father is Thomas Browne ND '80, will be married on Sept. 8, 2007. We are planning to travel to Plymouth, Ind., for the wedding.

In seeking news for our column, I sent e-mails to many of our classmates but received very few responses.

I did hear from **Carol Huebner Collins** and Walt ND '51, who had a very wet trip to Wales. Carol reports that it is an exceptionally beautiful country. They went to an Eisteddfod (international contest of choirs, dancers, and story tellers begun in the 1300's) and the first two nights of Cardiff's "Proms"—one night of Tchaikovsky and one of Beethoven. They slept in castles and 16th-century hotels and toured ruins. They had a very exciting time trying to return to their flight home, as there were floods all around them.

Carol and Walt gained three great-grandchildren and one grandson—all in one day. Their granddaughter

married a man with two children and their grandson's wife had a baby that same morning. Our families are growing.

Sara George Crave has also had a fairly busy summer. In mid-July, the Crave family had a big reunion to celebrate several events. Sara's husband, Bob's, oldest sister turned 90 years old, Bob will be 80, and his youngest sister celebrated 50 years as a Sister of Saint Agnes. There were 86 members of the clan there with lots of hugging. Both Sis and Bob are in good health.

Fleur Hulsebus Burkhardt and her husband, John, have been traveling back and forth from Louisville to Chicago for festivities concerning their son, Ted's, wedding on June 30. They are part of a very active parish senior group. They also support Louisville's excellent local jazz, ballet, orchestra, and theatre groups.

Therese Despres Randall-Herzog and her husband, Bert, spent the summer at their cottages in Michigan. Terri has been searching through and organizing the vast amount of material accumulated over the years (including all *Couriers*) since our graduation. She was inspired to do this through the thoughtfulness of a classmate of her sister, Marie, who contacted Terri with some pictures, etc., that she had saved. Terri's daughter, Therese, is now living in Lansing. Her husband teaches at Michigan State. They have two children, 9 and 12 years old. Terri's son, Randall, is an excellent cook. On Nov. 10, Terri and Bert will be moving to

Florida for the cold months.

One of our classmates with whom I always enjoy visiting is **Patricia Miller Hagerty**. For the past two years, she has enjoyed teaching knitting to abused girls from 13 to 18 years old at the state facility. The girls enjoy the classes, which give her a chance to talk constructively with them and to give them a sense of accomplishment. Pat is going on a cruise to the Holy Land in November that will start in Athens. They will travel as well to Turkey and Italy, concluding the trip in Venice. She keeps in shape by doing water aerobics and has eight grandchildren ranging in age from 8 to 27.

Rosemary White is living happily in Glen Ellyn, Ill., where she grew up. After retiring at 62 from the Mayo Brothers Hospital in Rochester, Minn., she went home to Glen Ellyn and found many old friends. Her brother and his family of five children lived there also. One of his children lives a block from her now. Although Pat's brother has died, she remains very close to his widow and children. She goes down to Florida with them often. Rosemary has had problems with the sun (as have many of us), so is very careful about exposure and sees her skin doctor periodically. She also enjoys her position in her parish working as an assistant secretary-receptionist for the rectory.

Barbara Berry Saggau and her husband, Tom ND '51, will be moving into Holy Cross Retirement Village in mid-October. They now have 18 grandchildren. Their latest addition to the family is a baby girl from China. They are planning on attending the Notre Dame-Michigan game this year.

In an effort to contact some classmates from whom we have not heard lately, I called **Patricia Schymik Whelan**, who was with us our freshman year and then went on to graduate from Evansville College as a teacher. She and her husband have been married for 55 years and have five children, eight grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. Four of their greats are in Alaska. Her husband retired from Sears, and they keep busy with parish volunteer activities and the Knights of Columbus.

Hoping to have more news for you next time. Please e-mail me at nbrowne@comcast.net.

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Hello, classmates! It is with a hopeful heart that I have listed above all the ways to get in touch with me. This is my third attempt to write a column, and the style sheet says it must be no longer than three typewritten pages—and they are serious! If anyone out there would call or write me, maybe we could fill one sheet. On the upside, though, it is fun to phone a few of you to turn the clock back 50 years and have a live conversation.

I spoke with **Martha Shonk Loughlin**. She and Mike were planning to take a trip to Vanderbilt to visit a grandson, but she really wanted me to tell you all about her sister, Grace. Grace is in Kensington, Md., and still active in the Sisters of the Holy Cross, even continuing to substitute teach in her school. Marty is planning a visit soon. Marty has a different complaint than the rest of us about life. She is so full of energy that she can't find enough to do. She has kept the books for Juvenile Diabetes in Chicago, volunteers as a Minister of Care at her church, and teaches Bible study at a home for the elderly. (I have more written down in my notes, but I can't read my writing.)

Jackie Harle Etling is still working and has 20 grandchildren applying to schools this fall, from kindergarten to many colleges. **Dolores Kools Herbstreith** was in our class for a couple of years, and she and Jackie live in the same town. Jackie reports that Dolores sees **Annie Crowningshield** and **Jodie Biddle Adler** from time to time.

Pat Kerper Moriarty told me that Joe had a bad spring but is improving now with lots of high-tech equipment. Their grandson, Aidan, who had to take a leave from Notre Dame to treat his cancer, is returning to school this fall. Pat and Joe want you all to know that they so appreciate the prayers everyone sent for Aidan's recovery.

Nancy Barker Peterson and I had three interrupted phone calls today, but she managed to tell me that she has moved four times since Feb. 28. Then she corrected herself and said, "Well, I've moved furniture four times!" There are plans afoot for **Nancy, Peggy Curtin Hutchinson, Betty Kiley Roach, Pat Doyle Mulligan, Meg Grignon Tormey, and Madeleva Millar Steffens** to meet for a week in Hilton Head in October. Nancy says Maddy is not leading a lonely life because she has a daughter with a husband and their three children who are living with her. **Jo Lyden Soch** usually joins this group but can't make

it this year.

I called **JeNanne Keenan Kelly** today, and she called me back! In 2004, JeNanne retired from 42 years of teaching: 11 years in Long Island and 29 years at a Catholic school in Florida. It was very interesting to hear about JeNanne's years in Florida teaching a population that was largely Cuban. JeNanne still talks to two old friends from St. Giles School in Oak Park, Ill., but she assured me, they never exchange pictures of themselves—only photos of children and grandchildren. **Sue Podolak Barber** e-mails JeNanne about twice a year from Arizona. JeNanne might win the prize for the youngest grandchild. She lives with her daughter and her husband and family, and that family has a six-month-old baby boy.

I am excited about my own news. I first learned about Croatia from **Ginny Birsic Ellis**, who lived next door to Adie and me sophomore year. Her parents were from Croatia, which was then part of Yugoslavia. Not that many years later, I was taking sewing lessons at the Greenwich YWCA. The teacher assured us that the most beautiful beaches in the world were in Yugoslavia—she had been there herself to enjoy them. A few years have gone by, and Croatia is now its own country, but their beaches along the Adriatic Sea are still beautiful, and Jack and I are going on a tour there in two weeks to see for ourselves.

I call a few classmates at random each time for our column, and it is really fun to talk. But you ladies would not have to put a pin in a long list—just dial that number on the top of the column. Listening and talking are my two best skills. Leave a message on the machine, and I'll call back if I'm not home. You could get to see your name in print! We need to talk by the middle of February '08.

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Maureen Sullivan was in town in early May, and some of us gathered for lunch. I had a tour that ended at Navy Pier, so Maureen, **Carol Wiseman Smith, Elise Torczynski Jacobson, and Kitty Nolan Calacci** met me on a beautiful, sunny day with Lake Michigan sparkling in the background. Kitty and Maureen had just been at graduation at Saint Mary's College and

were full of excitement about Justice Sam Alito being the commencement speaker. Maureen stayed in town for a few days before heading back to Troy, Mich., where she is finally settled.

In May, Ed and **Lora Pagliari** Mraz celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Their children hosted a lovely party in Lake Geneva, where Ed and Lora spend their summers. **Katheleen Giller Marke** and I had both been in the wedding. Kay came in and stayed with **Edith Carlon Samet**, who also attended the party. Lora and Ed have a handsome family and many grandchildren. Some of our Aquinas High School friends were also there, and we had great fun.

Jean Ritcey Woodcock writes of seeing **Willi Burke Epstein** in Driving Miss Daisy in Portland, Maine. Willi had called and said she'd be appearing, so the Woodcocks attended. Jean was full of praise for Willi's performance. "As a result of her appearance, the theater received a \$50,000 donation from prominent Portlanders to continue bringing such excellent talent to town," she says. Way to go, Willi! After the play's run, Willi and Bob stayed with Jean and Herb for a few days and spent the time catching up.

Joan Kershaw Putnam called to say that Jonathan Diebels, the five-year-old grandson of **Kay Willett Diebels** for whom we have all been praying, succumbed to AML on July 9. He had a bone marrow transplant in January '06, and they had had high hopes for his recovery. Kay asks for prayers for peace and acceptance for her family.

Joanie's family had a reunion in June. Her children from far and near attended along with all the grandchildren. Joanie rented a "cottage" at Grand Lake, Okla., and they all had a wonderful time.

Joan Hemingway Wolf died a year ago in July. Please remember Joan and Charlie in your prayers.

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Can you believe it? Seventy-two of those "sweet young things" who left Saint Mary's College 10 those many years ago returned to reunion as the golden girls. We were wined, dined, and feted royally and oh, how we thought of all of you who could not join us. While we missed the nostalgia

of Le Mans, we adjusted quickly to the comfort of the Inn. Our hospitality room there was made more hospitable by pictures, yearbooks, and flowers added by **Mary Camblin Crean** and **Maureen Butler O'Malley**. Some of those who arrived Thursday enjoyed dinner at Rosie's Sunny Italy Restaurant as we had when we were students. Thanks to **Sara Trippel Funck** who now lives in nearby Long Beach, Ind., for helping with those arrangements.

On Friday morning many enjoyed the presentation by our own **Gay DiCerto Lenox** titled "Look Within: On Being Connected." We enjoyed and truly needed the after-lunch bus tour of the campus. The new buildings and construction are wonderful but, unbelievably, left us asking for directions. We found and admired the bench named in honor of **Diane Donovan Grant** several years ago. Many gathered at 3:00 for the surprise (to them) dedication of a bench outside the Student Center in honor of the 50th anniversary of Sam and **Rosemary Knope Trippe**, arranged by their children.

Our Class Mass on Friday evening will long be remembered, thanks to the hard work of **Dee Kiley LeFevour**, who worked to incorporate the suggestions submitted to her on the surveys and who prepared the lovely booklet. Our celebrant again was Father Robert Pelton, CSC, who was contacted by **Mimi Scanlon Ryan**. Cantors were **Mimi, Peggy Kearin Carey**, and **Kay Howard Boyle** with **Anne White Maysak** at the piano. Readers were **Janet O'Connell McCue**, **Mary Baker Culhane**, and **Jean Giddens Cass**. **Sheilamae Shannon O'Hara** gave a stirring reflection that gave us much to think about. Mary Crean and **Katie Perry** read the petitions. As **Josie Murry Vorda** read the names of our deceased classmates, a rose was placed on the altar in their memory, which was a poignant time of prayer and remembrance. **Loral Baker Kirke's** beautiful scrolls, recording their names in calligraphy, decorated the Holy Spirit Chapel. **O'Leary Van Beckum** gave a scroll to all present.

Following such an inspiring and uplifting liturgy, we proceeded to Stapleton Lounge for the President's Reception and Dinner for our class and those older (yes, there's hope for the future). Our president, Dee, welcomed and thanked everyone. **Marie Lyman Meagher**, chair of our Reunion Gift Campaign, presented our class gift to President **Carol Anne Mooney '72**, who acknowledged what we

already knew: We have a terrific class! Our percentage of contributors was 69%, which definitely won the prize.

Eva Haas Dolan inspired our class fundraising effort with her generous kick-off donation. **Julie Dittoe Schmidlin** shared the news after reunion that Eva and her husband, Larry, are co-chairs of the 2007 Catholic Charities appeal for Northeast Ohio. **Jeannine Timko Lechner** gave the invocation and I gave the closing prayer. Everyone found an Irish Blessing prayer card at their place—a nice touch arranged by **Carole Nordengren Suttner** after seeing it at **Monica McCauley's** funeral.

Saturday morning a large group of us attended **Sister Elena Malits, CSC, '56** talk on today's church, which was followed by a lively discussion. We certainly thought of all who couldn't be with us. Many absent classmates sent notes or returned their class questionnaire, and these were available and enjoyed in our hospitality room. Greetings were sent by **Pat Petry Kramer**, **Mary Lou Reedy Ahlering**, **Sally Carey Cutting**, **Julie Bohan Allen**, **Anne Keating Groves**, **Marybeth Jones Schmitz**, and **Sister M. Faith Roth, S.S.O.S.F.** Conflicts with family events and travel kept many away. **Sister Margaret Andre Waechter, CSC** was in France with a women's prayer group, **Nancy Vivian Wallace** was in Paris, **Sallie Costa Ineich** and Paul celebrated their 50th anniversary cruising the Mississippi and visiting New Orleans with their children and grandchildren, **Nancy Frank** had a family reunion in Montana, **Mary Jo Long Coulter's** family gathered in Texas, **Therese Kachur Miller's** grandchild's First Communion was reunion weekend, as was **Marilyn Stupek Ahern's** oldest grandchild's high school graduation. **Peg Murray Garruto** and Tony celebrated their 50th with a family party.

Health concerns prevented travel by others. **Mary O'Connor's** hip replacement surgery went very well but the timing was wrong. **Barbara Geary** is recovering from a disabling infection in her right leg which not only kept her from reunion but interrupted her piano concert schedule and environmental activism as well. **Gina Feehan Scannell's** back problems are improving but kept her closer to home for the moment, as did **Mary Carole Soetje Weiner's** recuperation from surgery.

As we looked at old photos and yearbooks and laughed over old memories, I can't tell you how we

missed you all! I have more notes and responses but will have to save them for next time due to lack of space.

In late June, word came of the death of Paul, son of John and **Regina Crane Gschwind**. Our sincere sympathy to them and, belatedly, to **Nancy Daugherty Waldon**, whose oldest son died of cancer several years ago. Nancy is still in Kokomo, Ind., but has a winter home in Clearwater, Fla.

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Hello, Class of '59 – welcome to the Big Seven-O!!! I don't have much news to report; everyone must be too busy celebrating their birthdays!

Gerry and I flew to Chicago in May on our way to his 50th reunion at Notre Dame. We spent a fun night with George and **Ann Meagher Vander Vennet** at their charming home in Wilmette. The next day Tom and **Sarah Sceales Mulcahy** drove in from Milwaukee to pick us up for a trip to Michigan City for a pre-reunion visit with Jim and **Betsy Finneran Kennedy**. As we said our good-byes to our host and hostess, George quietly shared with Sarah and me that Ann had been diagnosed with lung cancer and would be receiving her first chemo treatment that afternoon. Well, we could all have drowned in our tears. Ann wanted us to know but could not trust herself to form the words, so her husband did it for her. According to her latest e-mail, she is tolerating the treatment and the tumors appear to be shrinking. She asks that you keep her and George in your prayers as they endure and conquer this challenge. Meanwhile, she continues to play a mean game of golf and will travel to the Holy Land in the fall.

We had a great visit with Jim and Betsy at their home on Lake Michigan. Jim's Parkinson's disease doesn't keep them from living a full life. She's a dynamo and Jim has a great wit. The six of us headed for campus the next day, where Betsy presented a standing-room-only seminar on social justice. Other classmates attending reunion besides Betsy, Sarah, and myself were **Sue Brown Bapst**, **Jackie Baumer Berg**, and **Marge Kohlbrenner Kress**. It was a fun-filled weekend that ended with the celebration of Fr. Hesburgh's 90th birthday. Our class Mass and breakfast were held in the stadium

press box. Our husbands loved that! We went over to Saint Mary's College to find some of our "big sisters" and to see the new Student Center. There is lots of building going on at both campuses.

Betsy Kennedy, Sarah Mulcahy, and Ann Vander Vennet and husbands drove to Bud and **Mary Hughes Enright's** new home in Merrimacport, Mass., last spring for a fun visit. In addition to the trip to Mary's in May, Sarah also traveled to Saint Mary's College for her granddaughter's graduation.

It is with deep regret that I share with you the news of the death of our classmate, **Sue Flynn Stuhldreher**, who passed away July 14, 2007. Some of you may be aware that she received a lung transplant in August 2000. Please remember Sue and her family in your prayers.

Carol Cruise had leg surgery in March, and it was a huge success. She's out of the wheelchair and, happily, back to work. **Jeanne Mavigliano Conley** is still recovering from her fractured leg. She spent part of the winter in her Scottsdale home, where she visited with **Connie Roller Curtin**. Connie writes that Tom and **Mary Moran Smith** traveled to Hawaii and planned to summer in the cool pines of Northern Arizona. Connie and **Sally Porth Brown** did a Western Caribbean cruise on the Grand Princess. They must be experts on the cruise business by now.

Dave and **Rosie Zirille Spalding** spent a month in Arizona, where they enjoyed watching the Cubs' spring practice and had lunch with Connie Curtin. On the drive home to Mishawaka, they stopped and visited with Bob and **Colleen Goldkamp Harmon** in St. Charles, Mo. During football season last year they hosted the Harmons, Mike and **Liz Mahler Keenan**, and John and **Joy Manier Marchal**. Rosie volunteers with a team to teach a home management course, which strives to teach others how to organize and manage a household. She has just welcomed her 19th grandchild.

I enjoyed a visit recently with my sister, **Betty Benford Belfiore**, in her new home in Venice, Fla., and she was here with me last week for our annual beach week on Balboa Island. While on the island, we visited with Murray and **Sharon McGee Sittin Bradshaw**, who rent a home the same week we do. They have taken up ballroom dancing by way of Arthur Murray and love it.

Gerry and I look forward to

attending the Notre Dame-Michigan State game at Notre Dame in September. We will fly to Milwaukee and travel to campus with Tom and Sarah Mulcahy. Our oldest grandchild graduated from college this spring, and we will welcome our 21st grandchild in January.

Next column deadline is March 1.

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Hello again from the north woods of Minnesota. As I write this article, the annual flowers I planted last spring are getting leggy, the yellow birch leaves are twirling to the ground, and the wind whistling through the trees sounds like fall. When you read this article, our 50th reunion will be approximately 3 ½ years away. Start planning now to attend. **You won't want to miss it!!**

Mary Ann "Cookie" Cooke Campbell checked in from West Henrietta, N.Y., with news that she tries to stay retired but is still recruited to fill in for short-term assignments at various colleges in upstate New York. She is in demand due to her experience advising foreign students and was scheduled to be at SUNY-

Geneseo the fall of 2007. At the end of winter 2007, **Mary Roemer** drove out from South Bend for a wonderful long weekend with Cookie. Two of the great evenings also included **Liz King Durand '60**.

From Dallas came news from **Mary Ellen "Straw" Berry Malone** that daughter Emily gave birth to Nicholas on July 15, 2007. Emily had lost Nicholas' twin earlier during the pregnancy. Daughter Mary Ellen has recovered well from her stroke with a remaining numbness and tingling on her right side and some speech problems. Straw has expanded her chicken-fried steak restaurant, "The Shed," to include a banquet room and her "boutique" store, which carries classy clothes and accessories. "It's sort of like a Cracker Barrel." Straw also sends thanks and appreciation to everyone who provided love and support following her daddy's death.

Sandy Graham Bartlett wrote from Ridgewood, N.J., that she and **Beth Fiss Watson** spent a fabulous three weeks on a cultural tour of western Ireland late summer 2007, organized by Beth. Following the tour, eleven of the "tourists" visited Sandy's cousins in Belfast. They were treated to a complete tour of Northern Ireland, especially the areas where Sandy's family had lived. She even learned to drink Guinness!

From Monroe, Mich., **Marilyn Wolter Laboe** reported that **Helenmarie Anderson Corcoran** was a panelist and presenter at the Saint Mary's College "New Road-No Rules" seminar July 13-15, 2007. It was a weekend gathering designed to re-energize alumnae in the "bonus years" after 50. Marilyn served as facilitator for Helenmarie's sessions, and they shared a suite in the new Opus Hall on campus. Marilyn's daughter, **Anne-Marie Laboe '90**, enjoyed lunch with Helenmarie in Alexandria, Va., and is now convinced that the women of the class of 1961 are an impressive group! Anne-Marie hoped to begin ballroom dancing lessons at Helenmarie's studio.

Alice O'Reilly Moore sent word from Kirkland, Wash., that for some strange and unexplained reason, she had just bought a house in an over-55 community full of fun and nonsense. There is a clubhouse complete with workout center, billiards room, swimming pool, party room, learning center, etc. Also available are nearly 60 member-sponsored clubs to join, but Alice thinks she'll have time for only 40. It seems everyone there walks around with a big eardrum-breaking grin. Now all Alice has to do is sell her condo, but everything sells eventually.

An e-mail from **Hodgie Shaw Bricke** in Lawrence, Kan., reported she has postponed retirement for at least another year and has assumed new responsibilities as well as becoming associate vice provost for international programs, University of Kansas. Hodgie enjoyed a wonderful work-related trip in November 2006 to Seoul and Taipei visiting partner institutions and attending KU alumni functions. She and husband Jack, who is not even thinking of retiring as a philosophy professor, feasted on art, food and wine in Paris for nearly two weeks during the summer of 2007.

Janice Fenoglio Brozovich e-mailed from Marseilles, Ill., that she had flown to Boston to visit **Maureen Sheehan**, who lives in Portsmouth, N.H. They traveled to New Hampshire and Maine and especially enjoyed the 50th anniversary celebrations of the filming of the movie "Peyton Place" in Camden, Maine.

Donna Sheridan Reistetter's husband, Emery, sent word that they just keep enjoying each day as best they can.

My next deadline is March 1, 2008. Let me know what's new with you. There are classmates wondering where you are and what you've been doing.

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In February, **Jo Lehnis Gotham** and Mike began a little globetrotting by lunching in Tampa with **Irene Canny Lange** and Joe, who had come over from their winter home in Ft. Myers. Jo admits to four hours of "gabbing" and a wonderful time. By the way, Irene begs me, and I assume she means any and all of us, to visit. Let's do! Irene delights in a new grandbaby, her eighth. She asks me to "remind our classmates to get ready for our 45th reunion next June." Back to Jo, who attended the wedding of her younger son, Randy, in St. John, Virgin Islands. Randy and Mandy ("what a hoot," Jo says) were married in the only Catholic Church on the island, "quite small but perfect for the beautiful ceremony presided over by a young priest from Poland—not a bad assignment! It was a wonderful week for the families to celebrate and enjoy the beautiful area."

Ann Purcell Perini is delighted to have her daughter, Laura, back in California working for Pomona College, part of the Claremont Consortium. Ann reports that she sees the Monterey group in bits and pieces, lunching with **Gail Donovan**, Tahoe-ing with **Margo Vitalich Manley** and her granddaughters, staying with **Mary Jo Connelly Martin** in Seattle, and going over to see **Mary Jo Pauli Landry** at Marrowstone. Ann has recently returned from accompanying her "dear Aunt Betty, aka Sr. Stephen, from the retirement convent in Ventura, Cal., to Saint Mary's Convent." While there she "saw Sr. Alma, still quite inquisitive and perusing the newspaper with a magnifying glass at 98." As I recall, Ann, she "perused" my grade reports a little more than I would have liked, too. And she saw through me, even without glasses, back then!

Joan Dorgan, in July, "was having a grand time on the east coast attending the wedding of Mary Jo Landry's son, Christopher. She visited with old roomies **Myrna Walker Hall** and **Phoebe Blake** in Providence before trekking to Portland, Maine, for the wedding. We also plan to see **Ellen Sheehan Adams** in Boston to view the Edward Hopper art exhibit there." Joan hears regularly from Margo Manley, Gail Donovan, Ann Perini, and

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Saint Mary's alumnae are always proud of their college rings! Pictured left to right: Karyn Connolly Godsoe '97, Tara Grewe '97, and Jenna Beckwith Brittain '97.

Mary Jo Martin, "and will see them in the fall for our annual 'retreat,' this year in Seattle. Love all these Saint Mary's College girls."

Cathy Ryan Condon wrote in July, that her "Ed is coming along well!" After all kinds of therapies, recent diagnostics "show no new sites and the original sites have shrunk. We pray for continuing clear tests. Prayers bring miracles." For sure, Cath, and you've got ours.

Pat Martin, tells us that **Virgie Burke Gannon's** husband, John, is home, walking pretty well, and his thought processes are back to normal. Speech therapy is still needed and helping him to express the words his brain is wanting to use. His recovery is thought to be a miracle, but Virgie and John still need our prayers.

In July, **Barb Bernhard** lost her dear friend and brother, Lee, to cancer, and asks for prayers for the family. **Marilyn Habig Schultheis**, Leo, their kids and grandkids celebrated Leo's birthday with cousins in Germany! "It was a magical setting—we enjoyed a brass band music festival, hometown parade, cousin Carl's accordion playing, the church with old baptismal font, and the family farm. Then off to the Rhine Valley, where we climbed the Loreley, explored and stayed in enchanting castles and celebrated Leo's 75th in grand style." Sounds wonderful, Marilyn, and your kids were obviously a blessing throughout.

Irene Beitler Kennedy is running for her "second term on city council," and permits me to say she's a Democrat! (We do chide one another from time-to-time.) She suggests, "elective office is something worthwhile to consider" when looking to contribute in retirement. Jo Lehnis and I are looking for volunteer venues, but I don't think they'd have us, do you, Jo? Irene tells us her mother just celebrated her 98th birthday and is doing well. You are very fortunate to have her still, Irene.

Mary Beth Miller Gemperle and Dick enjoy travel, theater, opera, and being with friends. Mary Beth works with homeless shelters, and both are active in their parish. And they delight in, and adore, their five near-by grandchildren as well as two in Los Angeles. Mary Beth enjoys seeing Mary Jo Martin, **Dolores Cox Blohm** (in town to visit her son and newborn grandson), and lunching with Mary Jo Landry. **Mary Clemens Becker** and Gary, she writes, "have retired and are living in Santa Barbara, where both are involved in spiritual direction and retreat work. Earlier

this year we reconnected with **Julie Hedges Whitney** and John, and in August will visit with **Julie Hutchins Stackpoole** and Bill. Especially happy news is that our daughter, Holly, is expecting our first grandchild in December." Wonderful, Mer. And Kathy Owen remains well, typical old maid with her cats, and so pleased to stay in touch with so many of you. Take care, and please continue to do what you can for (Tom Dooley's) "them who ain't got it so good."

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My last year has been quite hectic. My two daughters were both married in Chicago only eight months apart. I finished one wedding, and then two weeks later my younger daughter became engaged. So, I was right back at it. It was all joyful and also rather dream-like in its rapid timing. Dave and I now have two really fabulous sons-in-law. (Our son, Bill, the youngest of our three, told us not to worry. He is in no hurry to find a wife and enjoys the Chicago dating scene.) All are now living and working in Chicago. **Elise Meyer** flew in from New York City, and **E. J. Caluwaert McFadden** and her husband, Lee, joined us at both weddings. Now, I rest.

E.J. had another wonderful mini-reunion at her beautiful home in Glen Ellyn, Ill. It was a lovely spring day and seven of us had a great visit and luncheon. In addition to E. J. and me, **Colleen Leahy**, **Sara Johnson Walz**, **Mary Delaney Willer**, **Cille Sorrentino Bucolo**, and **Rosann Gorman Conroy** attended.

If you will recall, **Char Carroll Daniel** was in our prayers in the last *Courier*. She writes: "I am doing well, thank God. I'm back at work full time and have been on a Georgetown pilgrimage to the Holy Land with **Marcia Black McMahon** and **Elayne Delacy Coggins** and John. (I don't know if you heard that **Pat Sears Kraemer** and her husband, Joe, and also Cille Bucolo were going. Pat fell and broke her arm, though, and was still recovering. Cille's plane from Chicago was delayed; though she got to the El Al check-in before the plane departed, the crew had closed the door and wouldn't let her on—so frustrating.) It was a great trip and helped make the Bible come alive by seeing the places we've all

heard about all our lives. We also had a wonderful family vacation in the Turks and Caicos Islands at Easter to celebrate our daughter-in-law's mother's 70th birthday and my recovery, so I'm making up for lost time! I just wish we could have brought the warm Caribbean weather back with us to cold Washington and New England, where our two sons and families live. Now, of course, there's testing for me every three months, but I'm trying to be grateful for each day as it comes and not look over my shoulder into the future."

And, commenting on a mini-reunion luncheon with Char, **Terry Miltich Murphy** writes, "I'm sure that you will get more info from Char, but she organized a nice luncheon at the Dubliner restaurant in the District of Columbia yesterday. We had a great turnout: Elayne Coggins, **Therese McCaffrey McConville**, **Marcia McMahon**, **Pat Kraemer**, **Theresa Lapenta Silio**, **Char Daniel**, **Peggy Johnson Douglas**, and **Gretchen Jennings**. It was fun to catch up with everyone's news and to wish Elayne a happy birthday." Terry mentioned that, unfortunately, no one remembered to bring a camera.

Retirement news from Mary Willer in Wilmette, Ill.: "Dear Friends, I will happily retire on June 8th from Prospect High School. One of the more difficult parts of retiring is changing my e-mail address. I believe that I started teaching before 'Al Gore invented the internet,' and now it is such an important way to keep in touch. Please do keep in touch, you are important to me. Being a Google household my new e-mail address is: marywiller@gmail.com."

Sheila Flynn Boone and her husband, Michael, surprised me recently in Dixon, Ill. Sheila and Michael were driving from Denver to Illinois to visit her brother, and they saw the "Dixon, Ill." sign and jumped off the tollway. What a truly wonderful surprise it was. We visited for about an hour and then they had to get back on the road. It made my day. They both look fantastic (as in, haven't-changed-a-bit). I am just delighted that they stopped by. And, they had no trouble finding us. We are the only "Ames" in our small town!

Dave and I recently returned from the Denver wedding of our niece. And, guess who we had dinner with? Sheila and Michael Boone at their lovely home! So much fun! A laugh-a-minute. David and Michael, both Notre Dame fellows, were instantly comfortable with one another. Sheila and I

revisited many first-floor Holy Cross Hall adventures. The evening was so enjoyable, and how amazing to be together twice in one month!

"It's been a great summer here on Cape Cod!" writes **Teffy** (also known as **Theresa Lyons Brosnan**). "As I return to school, I am thinking that this will be the last group of students I see. In our middle school we 'loop' with our seventh and eighth graders. This year I have seventh and will follow them into eighth, so I feel that I am winding down. However, retirement will not be quiet for me. I have become involved in a program called JustFaith this past year, and together with our pastoral assistant from our church and a few other graduates, we will be trying to encourage other parishes in our Fall River diocese to start it. If you haven't heard of it, they have a Web site worth exploring (justfaith.org). It is a national organization based in Kentucky."

Prayers are requested for **Margaret Burns King**: "My news is health related," writes Margaret. "I had major surgery for cancer in July and am now undergoing chemo. I was diagnosed the day before our daughter, Emily's, wedding. Fortunately, that was a small at-home affair, and it was something good to keep me occupied." I have a blog, margaretking.blogspot.com, that you can visit. I'd be happy to have all the Saint Mary's College prayers I can get."

I was so pleased and delighted to receive the beautiful Saint Mary's medallion from so many of you ladies! What an amazing gesture from you for my thirty-plus years of writing *Courier* news. The medallion is absolutely gorgeous, and I just love it. I cannot thank you enough, and particularly Terry Murphy for planning and executing the wonderful surprise. Writing the *Courier* news has been a great joy to me. It has kept me connected with the place and people I love. Who would have guessed in 1961 that we would establish such bonds of friendship today? We are indeed fortunate. That you have honored me with this lovely gift makes me tremendously happy. Ah, girlfriends! There is nothing like them. Thank you for your gift, the honor, and your additional gift of friendship. I will wear this beautiful medallion with love and thanks. It brings me joy, as do you all.

From Sheila Boone comes news of her travels this past year. "This year has been one of travel, which has included lots of visits to the 'children' and grandchildren (Kevin, in Las Vegas, Kathleen and family in Omaha, and Christopher and family

in San Francisco), and some surprise get-togethers with Saint Mary's College friends. In April, Kathleen and granddaughter Ashley and I spent a week in New York City, to celebrate Ashley's 16th birthday. There is nothing like New York in the spring. In June, to celebrate Michael's retirement, we headed west to take in several of our national parks in Utah and California—and got so caught up that we have decided to see them all. Since there are over 300 national parks, it may take us a while. How fantastic they are...what an extraordinary country we have! Then in July, as we were driving to Lafayette, Ind., for my high school reunion, we found ourselves close to Dixon Ill., so we stopped by Sheila Ames' home for a wonderful visit...and the next month we were treated to a visit from Sheila and Dave Ames, ND '63, when they came to Denver for a wedding. Later in the month we drove to Albuquerque for a 'reunion' with a Notre Dame classmate of Michael's and his wife, and Michael's college roommate, Tony Lisa, and his wife, **Katie Cooney Lisa '67**, who flew in from Maine. Still later in the month, when we were in Budapest, just beginning a tour of Eastern Europe, we ran into **Sue Casey D'Amico** and her husband, Dick ND '64, who were on the same tour...small world! I had a fun three weeks getting reacquainted with Sue, and Michael and Dick consoled each other after Notre Dame's first gridiron loss of the year. I haven't seen Terry Murphy yet this year but hope to get together with her and her husband when they come to visit Terry's daughter, who lives three or so miles from us. Just as our four years on campus were wonderful, so are the relationships that continue!"

On a very sad note, **Anne Harvey Lewis** lost her husband, Bill Lewis ND '64, very suddenly on March 11, 2007, in Rockford, Ill. Terrible news like this simply stuns. We all know Anne, and how wonderful she has always been as a friend and classmate. Bill was equally as fine and exceptional a man. As a couple, they were in-tune and amazing. The world will miss this good man. Here is a short excerpt from an e-mail I received from Anne.

"Our children, relatives, neighbors, and friends have been wonderful and have kept me going these last five months. Bill's wake and funeral were so well attended, and I can't thank enough all the Saint Mary's and Notre Dame friends who came to pay their respects. Bill's brother and sisters couldn't get over the huge crowd and the wonderful things that were said

about their brother.

"Bill's mom was never told about his passing because of her fragile health. She died in June, so that must have been a most unusual reunion! 'What are YOU doing here so early?' she may have asked."

Please pray for Bill, and for our dear Anne, their five children and their wonderful families.

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Extra-special greetings, classmates! We "products" of the sixties for high school and college years are now hitting the sixties ourselves, as in the "Big Six-O," so I thought I'd begin this column with best wishes, love, and prayers for all as we embark on our new decade. I am so grateful to add that many of you responded to my pleas for class news. I will continue to run through my e-mail list to solicit news as usual, contacting about 25 class members as our deadlines approach, but don't feel that you have to wait for me! Send news any time to me or to the *Courier*. Our next deadline is March 1.

As promised, **Cheryl Corsaro** wrote to me about her trip to Paris last May. She visited two of her former roommates, **Laura Berkshire** and **Barb Dowd Arkedis**, who now live there. "I stayed with each of them while in France, which was a treat in itself, since Laura lives a couple of blocks from the Champs-Élysées, and Barb lives in Versailles. They both treated me like royalty, and I had a wonderful time catching up on old times. Of course, they showed me around and made sure that I saw all the major sights. Highlights of my activities included seeing the Eiffel Tower at night, visiting Notre Dame Cathedral, eating at many outdoor cafés, going marketing at a huge outdoor Parisian market, seeing the Mona Lisa at the Louvre and Monet's water lilies at the l'Orangerie, taking a dinner cruise on the Seine with Laura, Barb, and their husbands, John Hoff and George Arkedis ND'69, touring the Versailles Palace, visiting the restored home and gardens of Claude Monet at Giverny, shopping in Saint-Germain-en-Laye, and attending a luncheon at the Paris Hilton with Laura and Barb sponsored by the American Women's Group—a social group in which Laura

and Barb are very active. It was quite a memorable trip, and what luck for me that my two roommates from junior year are now living in Paris!" Cheryl had some additional news and wrote that her sister **Dianne Corsaro Moore '68** is busy helping her daughter, Jennifer, plan her wedding, which will be on Kiawah Island, S.C., in October. Cheryl got together with her sister, **Cindy Corsaro '74**, in July for a delightful weekend in Newport, R.I., before attending a conference for work there. Finally, Cheryl passed on the happy news that she'd spoken recently with **Mary Graf Demetrio**, whose second grandson was born to her daughter, Heidi, earlier this summer.

Kathy O'Donnell Effler gave me a big smile with her response to my e-mail by starting out "Hey, Cousin!" which is how we greeted one another across campus during our four years at Saint Mary's College. We never researched our official family trees, but just figured ourselves to be long-lost cousins with such a fine last name. Kathy shared the following update. "Steve ND '68 and I are enjoying the BIG 60! Our daughter, Erika ND '95, and husband Aaron Summers ND '96 are living in South Bend with our wonderful grandson, Alexander. Erika is an assistant professor in the sociology department at Notre Dame. Our son, Damian, graduated from NYU and works for Radio City. Our youngest, Adam, is a water resource engineer. I'm still teaching at a small public elementary school that we started 12 years ago here in Syracuse, N.Y. We see my Saint Mary's College roommate, **Anne Stiens Duff**, and her husband, Lewis, regularly, especially for Notre Dame games. They are doing great and so are their wonderful children and brand-new grandson, Brandon!"

Marian Morris Furey sent us news about a mini-reunion she attended in the District of Columbia last summer, July of 2006. "We were able to gather **Kathy Morrissey DiBlasio**, **Cathy Lund Moore**, **Anne Drolett Creany**, **Denise Fontana Hoover**, **Mary Pyne Gaziano**, and **Carolyn Schlipf Uanis**. Carolyn was the gracious hostess with help from Mary! Marian added that this has been an eventful year as their daughter, Tara, was married in May. Then, for the month of July, their daughter, Anne ND, traveled

to Australia as a leader for **Helen Schnaus Cottingham** and Mike's ND '67 Wilderness Ventures. Both Marian and Denny turned 60, so yes, a big year! Marian also shared the news that Kathy DiBlasio moved from Pennsylvania to California just in time for her new baby granddaughter to be born! And a final p.s. mentioned, "I bought a traditional class ring at the last reunion and actually met an alumna who noticed the ring!" My own p.s. to this paragraph is that I also now have the traditional ring which I, too, ordered only last fall! I still have the blue stone ring our class chose, and think it reminds me of those mood rings!

Chicago area news came to me from **Janice Williams**. She e-mailed me that **Sally Gildea Smith** was in the area in May, and she had dinner with her and **Kathy Walsh**. "Sally is so far away in Seattle that when she comes to town it's a real treat. It's always fun to keep in touch with the Chicago friends—**Mary Ragen O'Rourke**, **Kathy Walsh**, **Patty Reynolds Walsh**, and **Kathy Carey Moore**, who just retired from the Chicago Public Schools in June. Two other nice, but all-too-brief visits were from **Bev Pagorski Reid** and **Sally Seyfert Lutz**. It's just good to see old friends."

Our classmate **Betty Sejda Bongiovi** keeps on the move. She and Rob currently live in Cincinnati but are building a home in the Williamsburg, Va., area, expecting to move in next May. She wrote, "We don't have water access where we are building—Ford's Colony—but it isn't that far for us to Yorktown or Norfolk/Virginia Beach. We sacrificed water for three golf courses! We look out over the 6th green. I'm in and out of Virginia. Rob has business there almost weekly so I go with him when possible to visit our son and his family; lately, we have been going down to Williamsburg for house issues—so many decisions to make! Then we fit in a trip every few months to Kansas to see our daughter and the grandkids there. We took a Mediterranean cruise in June—loved Turkey and Greece—even during the heat wave! It was 110 in Athens!"

Sally Strobel Ladky shared news of both family and friends. She e-mailed, "Tom and I have two granddaughters, Allie, 2, and Katie, 1, but both live in Denver with their mommy and daddy, our daughter, Amy, and her husband. Our son, Greg ND '03, and his fiancé, Emily Wolf ND '03, will be married their reunion weekend in Augusta, Ga. Our other three are still single. The youngest is

studying in Budapest this semester, and she is independent enough to travel extensively alone—claims that it is the only way to really travel! I am a full-time-plus volunteer with the Wisconsin Abstinence Coalition, putting to use every skill Saint Mary's College ever taught me. Every day is different, and most days are harried and long. I am heavily involved in the federal funding debate as a board member of the national association and have visited our state delegation both in the District of Columbia and here in state.

Kathleen Postorino Weiss continued in her battle with cancer into the fall. As *Courier* went to press, Kathleen Weiss' condition had changed. Her husband, Jim, wrote in November, "Kathleen has slipped decidedly this month and entered hospice care here at home. Both she and I want you to be aware of the fact that she has started her final journey. Hospice care has been wonderful meaning that she is comfortable sleeping in a hospital bed right next to her bed of 37 years and 95% pain free." Kathleen passed away peacefully on Nov. 19, 2007. Kathleen was such an inspiration and never backed down. I know our classmates join in keeping Kathy on our prayer lists.

In closing, Sally added some names from our class. "Almost everyone else in the crowd—**Muggsie Robertshaw Shern, Diane Hart Knowles, Jane Kirkhoff Johnson, Sally O'Malley Dooley**—has started the grandparenting era and the pictures and videos fly between us by e-mail. **Maggie Fecher Stadtlander's** children are a tad younger than the rest of ours but we want her to get the grandma tag, too, since she looks exactly the same as our college days."

Margaret Roberts Richards sent news of a wonderful birthday party for her aunt, **Sister Agnes Anne Roberts CSC '51**, who works in the facilities department of Saint Mary's College. Many family and friends gathered in the Club House for a terrific party in early July. Margaret said that the highlight of the event was that her sister, **Aggie Roberts Mannix '83**, and her husband, Dan Mannix ND '82 Ph.D.'89, created an endowed scholarship in Sister Agnes Anne's name.

Margaret and **Mary Alice Herod Lajoie** went to a surprise party for **Cathy Kearney Buser** given by her husband, Steve. Mary Alice wrote, "Cathy is not the 'spotlight' type and was shocked! We had a great time. Three of her friends/neighbors are Saint Mary's College classmates from

the Class of '60—**Carol Cavanaugh Ryan, Mimi Hughes Murphy, and Abby Gage Hurd**. Cathy's son, Adam, came in to surprise her from Houston; her daughter, Amy, had come in a week earlier from Los Angeles. Cathy's daughter, Emily, and son-in-law live nearby and created a slide show of her 'early years.' Steve thought 'sixty' sounded close to 'sixteen' so we heard lots of sweet sixteen songs from the DJ. (They don't make any about being 60, thank God. One can only imagine the lyrics!)"

In my birthday cards to both Margaret and Mary Alice I reminded them that I helped celebrate their joint 21st birthdays in Georgetown, Washington, D.C., many summers ago!

Phyllis Pajakowski Largey retired in May after 38 years of teaching! She said that it is nice to have time to get things done on a day other than a Saturday or Sunday. She is obviously still giving to others, as she wrote, "I spent a morning at Saint Mary's College handing out water to incoming first-year students and their families. This was an alumnae activity."

A classmate continuing in the field of education is **Cindy Sink Hudson**. She lives near Annapolis, Md., and is beginning her seventh year as principal of Broadneck High School. Cindy e-mailed that they have 2200 students and are listed in Newsweek as one of the top schools in the country. She included her family news, noting, "I have two grandchildren: Colin, 5, and Matthew, 3. My youngest son, who is a '95 graduate of Notre Dame, now lives in Tokyo."

My husband, Roy, and I were very excited to welcome my roommate, Bev Reid, and her husband, Don, for a visit here in Wilmington, N.C., in mid-April. We had such fun—gave them the tours of Wilmington and nearby Wrightsville Beach—and, of course, I tried my best to hard-sell a retirement move for the Reids to the sunny south. Roy and Don enjoyed golf, and Bev and I were thrilled to plant ourselves in beach chairs and talk, talk, talk. Stay tuned.

I normally end my column with my own news, but decided to conclude this time with an incredibly touching e-mail from one of our classmates. In my opinion, it epitomizes the enduring love and spirit of Saint Mary's College women. Thank you all for writing. And now I am leaving the final words of this column to **Pat Moran Fagan** ... "With the arrival of the 'Big 6-0', I find myself surprised that we all are really THAT old! How did it happen? I have spent the last 25 years working in the theatre. I am currently the youth theatre

director of the Youngstown Playhouse and a drama instructor for Arts Excel, a program for gifted and talented students in nearby Trumbull County, Ohio. I also work as a simulated patient for the Northeast Ohio University College of Medicine, where I play "Lucille Crawford, newly retired registered nurse...and secret drinker!" Over the years, I have performed in and directed many shows, including a murder mystery dinner theatre, and written 15 plays for children, all of which have been produced. I was also privileged to be part of the Fine Arts Camp at Saint Mary's College for many years and taught the daughters of several classmates, which was a joy. My own daughters are now grown and busy making their own lives. Along the way there have been tough times and disappointments. I lost my husband, Hugh, to brain cancer, four years ago. He was the consummate actor, director, and teacher, but an even better man. In addition, we also suffered the loss of my mother, and my aunt, who helped raise us, and our 15-year-old dachshund, all within the last eight months. Suddenly, I am the 'senior' member of our little family, and those I have turned to all my life are gone. People now turn to me for 'all the answers,' and I confess, I don't have them. Heck, half of the time, I don't even know the questions! Many of the dreams I dreamed didn't happen, but they were replaced with other dreams—great ones!—that I could not have imagined for myself. And through it all, I have had the love and support of many friends like **Mabel Benjamin, Linda Herrington, JoAnn Grima MacKenzie, and Rosi Sbuttoni Raher**. I could not have walked down this road without them. The 'Big 6-0' I'm living is not the one I envisioned, but you know, that's okay! I eagerly look forward to the 'Big 7-0, 8-0' and maybe even the 'Big 1-0-0', with all of the adventures and challenges that will surely come with them."

Greetings, Class of '77 friends! It was great seeing those who could make it to Reunion 2007 in June. We all agreed that the years have treated us well, and that we don't look much different than we did in our college days. Remember saying that, attendees? Seriously, we have held up pretty darn well, and one thing's for sure—we had a great time seeing each other! For some of us, it was the first reunion we had attended in 30 years (really), while others had been before. Newbies and veterans alike urge those who couldn't be there this year to join us for our 35th class reunion in 2012. You'll have a great time, and all those things you feel you just have to get done that weekend will melt away as you see classmates you knew in the '70's, and meet those you didn't. The connections, the sharing, and the laughter are priceless. Do it for yourself. The small group of us (less than 30) who attended for our 30th year reunion had a great time, but there should be more of us on campus to celebrate these fun weekends. Resolve to take the time, and we'll see you there!

Beth Campanale Daugherty and I, as your class reporters, (with a lot of help from Susan Greco Chambers—thank you, Sue), have compiled some news on our classmates. Send us more any time. Our e-dresses are shown at the beginning of every column. Here are the scoops!

Laurie McCarthy Fan lives in Norwalk, Conn. Her 14 nieces and nephews keep her extremely busy. Laurie is involved with teaching CCE at her church and raises money for great causes such as juvenile diabetes. She and husband Stuart, originally from China, met on the internet. After writing back and forth, they agreed to meet on Valentine's Day. Obviously, the rest is history.

Mary Gallagher Taylor lives in Katy, Texas, with husband Thad, a graduate of Miami of Ohio. Mary has a Mary Kay Cosmetics business. They have two children, Kimberly and Steven. Her daughter, a recent college graduate, will be working at the Neiman Marcus Galleria in Houston.

Joan Dadmun Kortsch married Bill, a Notre Dame architect. They live in San Diego and have a daughter, Kelly, who is starting college this fall in California.

Barb Drossell McKnight and husband live in Tennessee and have three daughters.

Susan Greco Chambers and her husband, Tom ND '77, have lived in Houston, Texas, for 18 years. They have seven children: five boys and

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two girls. The oldest two sons have graduated from Texas Tech University. Tom is vice president for a mid-size oil and gas company while, in her spare time, Susan is involved with pro-life organizations. She is currently co-chairing a major pro-life auction for the city of Houston this November. She is also a Eucharistic minister, runs auction committees, is involved with her children's school events, and volunteers for their high school choir as part of the choir board chairing juries. Son Nick will graduate this spring from Notre Dame.

A little news about class reporter Beth Daugherty as well: "Mark and I have been married over 26 years. We have raised two boys, Thomas and Matthew, and home schooled them through their high school years. Both boys received scholarships to their respective schools. Although accepted at the Air Force Academy, Thomas now attends the Business School at Virginia Tech; Matthew attends Virginia Commonwealth University in the School of Art. I am director of marketing for a retirement community in Richmond, and Mark owns an executive consulting firm."

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Both my boys are in high school now, what a thrill! They took driver's education together this summer; did you know that in Iowa, you can get a permit to drive to school at age 14? Frightening. As I write this on Labor Day weekend, "meet the candidates" season is in full swing. We are tripping over Presidential hopefuls everywhere. Just one of the things I love about living here! This summer we went to the Trapp Family Lodge in beautiful Stowe, Vt., with my parents to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. I also spent Memorial Day weekend in Chicago with my mother, where we were able to see **Bernie Ryan** and **Molly Woulfe**.

From **Cathy Fenoglio Kelly**: "I am in Omaha, where we have lived for nine years after leaving the Chicago area with an IBM promotion (husband Joe ND '81) He is now with First National Bank, and I am at Creighton University. I enjoy being in academia and have access to great reading material and handle a variety of duties. My work with the curriculum is a great introduction to deciphering University

Bulletins as we consider colleges. It's much less stress than the account manager position I held with Marriott International for four years. My current boss, Dr. Patricia Fleming, is leaving to become the new vice president at Saint Mary's College—so the future of Saint Mary's is in very good hands! She is so sharp and ready to work with President Mooney to take Saint Mary's College to the next level on a national scale. Very exciting to see where they can go! My first priority is still the family, and it is a matter of balance since we have six children ages 8-18 still at home. We all seem to be doing the same dance—with work, family, and aging parents. Our oldest, Rory, is the first to leave home and will attend Notre Dame next year, so I will be sure to schedule some visits to campus. I hear from **Therese Baugh Whitmore** and **Dana Jeffers Corrigan**, who are both still in Ohio and enjoying these very busy years!"

From Molly Woulfe: "I attended (and enjoyed) cartoonist Lynda Barry's 'Writing the Unthinkable' workshop in July at the Omega Institute in New York. Sons James, 15, and Liam, 12, loved the cool T-shirts bought for them in nearby Woodstock."

From **Mary Whalen McMickle**: "I am currently living in Ft. Lauderdale, where my husband and I and three children have lived for 12 years. My husband just started a great new job in Atlanta as CFO of John Weiland Homes. We will be moving at the end of this current school year as my oldest son, Robert, is a senior, and we wanted to let him finish high school here. What a year it will be, looking for colleges, graduation, and then moving! I would love to exchange e-mails with anyone living in the Atlanta area for tips on where to live, schools, etc. My other two children—Michael is starting high school and Maggie is going into 3rd grade—are warming up to the move, but it's hard because we all love the schools they're in and our parish. I have been working for a CPA firm here whose primary area of work is bankruptcy and litigation support. It's exciting, and we get some very interesting clients and cases. We usually get back to South Bend once a year for a football game, this year for Michigan State."

From **Martha Maggio Merizon**: "In late July in the beautiful north woods of Wisconsin, **Maria Bladowski Sobczak** welcomed four of her classmates to her cozy cabin for 'Chicks in the Sticks II.' **Jane Kopec Bentkowski**, **Cathy Sweeney Dunn**, **Martha**, and **Ann Kiley Schneider**

spent four days with Maria relaxing on her pier, shopping for fudge in a nearby town, kayaking, eagle spotting, good cooking, and, of course, lots and lots of good talk and giggles. Three of the five gals have college-age kids, which made for interesting conversation. And all five ladies have husbands, which always make for truly hysterical, frustrating, and touching stories and tales. The same group will gather again in Glenview, Ill., in October for their annual 'Shop Till You Drop' adventure!"

From **Lauren Conti Manning**: "We spend our summers in Avalon, N.J., as my four kids are really involved in sailing, and the rest of the year in St. Davids, Pa. Two instruct and two sail in a program at the Avalon Yacht Club. My oldest, 19, just started her sophomore year at Bucknell University. My two boys are a freshman, 14, and a junior, 16, in high school. My youngest daughter, 11, will be in 6th grade. I am a full time homemaker/volunteer."

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It was great to hear from so many classmates for this issue's news! It's been over 28 years since we entered Saint Mary's College, and now many of us are sending our own children off to college! Many classmates wrote to share news of their children's post-high school plans, and others shared news of young children who are far from college years...proof that life has taken each of us to seek many different choices and paths. I hope you will keep sharing your news so that we can continue to hear about the different and interesting lives we're all leading!

Anne Clark Brose and her husband, Ron, have been living in Carmel, Ind., for the past 12 years. Their oldest son, Matt, is a junior at Indiana University studying journalism. Their youngest son, Chris, is a junior in high school. Anne writes that they spend a lot of time in the summer attending their sons' baseball games and that she has a great time cheering on Chris' team along with **Mary Kay Conaty Leicht '74** and **Kathleen O'Brien Miller '75**, whose sons are on the same team.

Terese Blair Coomer and her husband, Tom, live in Anchorage, Alaska, and love sharing the great outdoors with their son, Blair, 6. In the summer they can be found under the

midnight sun in their drift boat on the Kenai River, fly-fishing for rainbow trout and salmon; in the winter, look for them on a sledding hill somewhere. Terese keeps busy with church activities and serves on the school board at her son's school. Terese works at the NBC affiliate, KTUU-TV, where she has been an account executive for the past 18 years. She writes that they love it in Alaska and always welcome visitors!

Ellen Riley Flower has two children: son Riley is in 4th grade and daughter Campbell is in 2nd grade. Ellen and her family live in Highland Park, Ill., and just finished a major remodel of their home.

Monica Gugle Graffeo, who lives in Granville, Ohio, writes that last year she attended an annual Christmas gathering for a group of classmates hosted by **Amy Lowden Saletta**. Also there were Chicago-area residents **Kate Wilson Fahrenbach**, **Ellen Placey Wadey**, **Julie Kanak Rigali**, and **Mary Stauder Keefe**. In addition to catching up with each others' lives, they shared a toast in memory of friend (and roommate of Kate and Mary) **Sue Draths**, who passed away that fall after a long battle with ovarian cancer. The previous night they also saw **Mary Anne Daher Leonard** and **Deirdre Grant Gehant** when they attended the wake for Deirdre's father. Monica writes that "while it was a sad occasion, it was wonderful seeing so many dear friends and knowing that we are still able to be there for each other, even after all these years."

Jacquie Jablonski Halgerson's son, Chase, is a high school sophomore who is a pitcher and outfielder on his school's baseball team. Her other son, Luke, is a high school freshman who also plays baseball, as well as basketball. Jacquie teaches 7th grade math; this spring she will earn her educational specialist degree (with an emphasis on school administration) from the University of Idaho. Jacquie also has her real estate license and she says that if anyone is moving to Boise to let her know at jfhalge@msn.com. Her husband is also a real estate agent.

Anne Throckmorton Hyland's oldest daughter, Heather, is a first-year student at Notre Dame. Anne writes that she and her husband are excited to have someone under the Dome again! (At the time this was written in the summer, Anne also mentioned that Heather had sent her picture in for the dogbook and that she had been notified about parietals!)

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oldest daughter, Paris Maria, graduated from Notre Dame in 2007 and is now working for Ogilvy and Mather in Chicago. Daughter Macarena is a senior at Notre Dame, and son Oscar is a sophomore at Notre Dame. Her youngest, Federico, is in 4th grade at home in Rio de Janeiro. Paris writes that she was able to share her daughter's 2007 graduation with **Quini Garcia De Paredes '82** and **Analisa Humbert '84**, as their children were college classmates and friends. Since Paris will be in South Bend for graduation again in 2008, she asks anyone else who plans to be there to let her know at ivawil@domain.com.br.

Caroline Cotter Jackson's oldest son, Thomas, is a senior at Harvard. Her daughter, Moira, is a sophomore at St. Vincent's College in Latrobe, Pa. Caroline has two children still at home: a senior in high school and a 6th grader.

Lisa Carmean Lampkin and her husband, John, have their first child in college. Daughter Katie is a freshman at Creighton University, where she plans to study physical therapy in the six-year doctor of physical therapy program.

Another classmate with children at Notre Dame is **Ann Simonaitis LeRose**. Her daughter, Catherine, is a sophomore and her son, Claude, is a junior. Both are planning dental careers. Ann continues her work in human resources.

Patty Antoon Lucas' daughter, Alyse, is a sophomore at Saint Mary's College. Patty writes that she and Alyse's godmother, **Rose Antoon Overholt '80**, moved Alyse into McCandless last year with tears of joy and were thrilled to be back at their alma mater. This year Alyse is studying in Seville, Spain.

Mary Cachat Papa has sent her eldest daughter, Amanda, off to college at John Carroll University. Mary writes that she plans on majoring in engineering physics. Mary recently traveled to Chicago to spend a few days with **Denise Arnold**, as well as spending some time in her hometown of Cleveland with Denise and **Sharon Conrad Mattson**. Last season, **Mary Loeser Shawhan** welcomed Mary to her home for a Notre Dame football game (along with **Heidi Krumdieck McAuliffe**, **Liz Keeley-Cain**, **Mary Eileen Shelley Morrissey**, **Denise Arnold** and **Cathy Gibbons Morrissey**). For the last several years Mary has been substitute teaching as well as designing and making costumes for many school and community theater shows. This year she is Mothers' Club president at her

daughter's high school.

Trish Sheehan Pearl and her husband, John ND '83, have sent three daughters to Saint Mary's College. Their oldest daughter, **Christine Pearl '07**, was in Army ROTC at Notre Dame and was commissioned a 2nd lieutenant in May by her dad, who is a retired commander and naval aviator. Presently, Christine is an instructor at LDAC at Ft. Lewis, Wash. She will eventually end up at Ft. Bragg, N.C., as a chemical officer and a member of the 82nd Airborne. Their next daughter, **Lynda Pearl '09**, is a junior at Saint Mary's College and, like her sister, is in Navy ROTC. Their third daughter, **Michelle Pearl '11**, is in her first year at Saint Mary's and has an ROTC scholarship for the Army. Their youngest daughter is a high school freshman.

Beth Ferstel Strotman's eldest son, Jack, is a sophomore at St. Norbert College in De Pere, Wis., and plays on the football team. Beth has recently started up a cookie business and can be e-mailed at orderbsweet@aol.com.

Gigi Gotuaco Tse's oldest child, Anne Marie, is a freshman at Pitzer College in Claremont, Cal. Home for their family is still in Hong Kong, where Gigi and her husband have two sons in high school, a daughter in 3rd grade, and a monkey. Gigi writes that "from the looks of the age span, we will never know what an empty nest is!!"

Lisa Dufrane Vrablik and her husband, Scott, have a son, Scotty, 5, who is in kindergarten. In February of 2007 they adopted their second son, Daniel. Lisa writes that "we feel truly blessed for our children and know that they will keep us young for a long time!"

Cathy Reddy White and her husband, Ken ND '83, have their first child in college. Their son, Chris, is a freshman at Notre Dame and lives in Dillon Hall. Their daughter, Caroline, is a senior in high school.

Sharee Proud Wolff lives in Beecher, Ill. Her son, Conor, is a high school senior. Conor has enlisted in the Marines' delayed entry program, which means he will be leaving for boot camp upon his graduation from high school in the spring of 2008. He has a guaranteed position in the military police, and after boot camp will be a Private First Class (an automatic promotion because he is an Eagle Scout).

Julie Lowins-Zielke's daughter, Erin, 4, is in her second year of preschool this year. Julie writes that Erin loves her school, the color pink, and dancing endlessly. Her oldest

daughter, Molly, 8, is in 3rd grade and is the family's resident artist and bug/animal enthusiast. Julie and her husband, Bob, spent the last two years renovating a 100-year-old house and finally moved into it in Wilmette, Ill., last summer (near Lake Michigan and the Bahai Temple). Julie continues to work creatively on her art as well as teaching workshops with elementary-age children.

Melissa McLean DeBot writes that she and her husband, Steve ND '83, have four children. Their oldest daughter, Madeleine, is a junior at Notre Dame this year and calls Farley her home. Second daughter, Margot, is a senior year in high school; she plays ice hockey and is applying to colleges this year. Their two youngest are 11 and 13 year old sons who are far too young to be thinking about college, but Missy writes she is pretty sure they won't be attending Saint Mary's College!

Missy writes that her connection to Saint Mary's College is rather strong these days "because of the untimely passing of our amazing friend and classmate, **Gaynor McCown**, in 2005. Gaynor was the first person **Monica Dornbach Munson** and I met as freshman in our dorm room in the basement of Holy Cross. I only saw Gaynor a few precious times over the years, most notably at the White House, where she worked as a policy analyst for President Clinton. Then Monica and I managed to reconnect with her at the 20-year reunion. After that, she invited the two of us and other Saint Mary's College friends to New York. As I look back, I realize that Gaynor went to great lengths to bring together all of her closest friends from Saint Mary's College, and now we're all dear friends with one another. This was a year before she was diagnosed with cancer. Later, when she was fighting the disease, we visited again, and she rented a Suburban and drove us all from Uptown Manhattan to Long Island for a very memorable overnight at the beach. We all attended her funeral together, and when we met last year in Chicago, Gaynor's husband, Jonathon Miller, flew in to have dinner with us! Gaynor accomplished so much in her short life; her distinguished career was devoted to education reform. When she passed away, she was working for an education 'think tank' in New York. Three weeks before she died, Gaynor told her nieces and nephews, 'make the world a better place. It's not a choice, it's a mandate.' She did indeed make the world a better place, and I

am honored to be her friend. I treasure all of my friends from Saint Mary's College."

As for my own family, the Harrisons ... like many of you, Brad and I now have a child in college. Our oldest son, Peter, is a freshman at American University in Washington, D.C. It is very exciting to transition to this new stage of life for Peter (and for us!). Our son, John, is a high school senior, and by the time you read this, he will be deep into the college application process. Our youngest, Mary, is a high school freshman.

Our 25-year class reunion is just a few months away! I hope you will be able to attend!

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Greetings, classmates! Just a few notes, the first from **Kathleen Hennessy Lange**, whose story of a broken leg was more about slippery steps than ski slopes. She's on the mend, enjoying residential and workplace changes. Kathleen and family have swapped their condo on the lake for a house with a pond, and she is now an attorney with the law firm Kelleher & Buckley in North Barrington, Ill. She's very happy to be back in private practice and says that the firm is great. Her girls have started school for the year; Caitlin is in third grade and Meghan in first.

Colleen Flynn Roohan also sent an e-mail. She's working on a "halfway" mini-reunion to get in some visiting time before we hit the 2010 gathering. In the summer, she pulled a repeat with **Catherine Brissette Reidy** and their teenage kids on a trip to Quito, Ecuador in July. They worked at El Centro de Muchacho Trabajador (The Working Boys Center), which is a Jesuit organization. She says it was a great experience once again. Colleen also mentions that she's been in touch with **Chris Sweeney Johnson**, who is living in DeKalb, Ill., with her husband, Tim, raising two teenagers.

While Colleen was making a difference, I was busy starting up my own marketing business. After 20 years, I decided to throw in the towel on the corporate thing and am loving life. Thanks to **Sheila Donohue** for some getting-started proposal tips. Sheila has had her own successful marketing business in Chicago for eons!

And, if you're looking for a unique vacation spot, I highly recommend Egypt. I just returned from a short and interesting vacation there!

The next deadline is March 1. Don't hibernate. Update us!

'89

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The big 40th birthday year has come and gone, and many embraced it as an opportunity to see one another. **Carolyn Hawthorne Slandzicki, Susan Spinosa, and Julie Casper** reconnected in Palm Beach, Fla., over food, cocktails, and (of course) shopping! They had such a blast that the three met up again for the Notre Dame-Boston College game on October 13.

Penny Falaschetti Dolan, Kelly Glavin Zeh, and Julie Wagner Feasel commemorated the big 4-0 in the happiest place on earth—Walt Disney World. The May gathering at Coronado Springs on Disney property celebrated 40 years of life and 20 years of friendship—without any kids or husbands! Kelly had special pink t-shirts made, and Penny brought special birthday ribbons to wear that had everyone in the park wishing them "Happy Birthday" and treating them like queens. The freedom to lay by the pool sipping umbrella drinks, eat in restaurants that didn't have characters visiting every table, and stay in the parks without having to worry about nap time made for a fantastic time...and plans are in the works for more roommates-only getaways in the coming years.

Linda Bailly Dunk found another way to mark this special occasion—she completed her first marathon in Duluth, Minn., on June 16th! It was the 31st Annual Grandma's Marathon—but don't let the name fool you. Linda ran with nearly 7,000 marathoners. Enthusiastic and supportive locals, as well as her biggest cheerleaders, her three boys, made the hot and humid run along Lake Superior and through the streets of downtown Duluth well worth the effort. Congratulations, Linda!

Turning 40 for one person meant being turned in by her friends... on TLC's "What Not to Wear!" Flipping channels one evening I saw a familiar face, our own **Pam DeLuco!** Pam, a San Francisco-based fiber artist, got the tip-toe wardrobe and beauty makeover from Stacy and

Clinton—watch for re-runs featuring Pam D.

Katherine Senko Yarussi is on the move! She continues to work on her doctoral degree in educational leadership while she and her husband, Frank, split their time between Pittsburgh, Pa., in the summer and Scottsdale, Ariz., in the winter. Sounds like a great plan. **MaryAnne Perri-McClain '87** joined Katherine on a girls-only trip to Cabo San Lucas—loads of fun!

Two babies arrived to add a few more ounces to the world. **Tammy Shelor-Blain** and Todd welcomed their "blessing from God" on April 18, 2007, at Edward Hospital in Naperville, Ill. Brayden Lee is growing fast. The Blains have high aspirations for Brady, a future Domer (and QB?)—no pressure!

Born June 17, 2007, Rachel Karen Caufeld joins 2-year-old sister, Julia, in the Annapolis, Md., home of **Beth Flaherty Caulfield** and her husband, Andy.

Sue Crosby Griffin graduated with high honors last May from a local Minneapolis college with an associate degree in dietetic technology. She is now working at the University of Minnesota hospital in the Nutrition Services Department and loves working in the health and nutrition field.

Martha Flick Jungenberg has some time alone in her house—along with three pugs: Daisy, Chloe, and Emma—now that all three of her daughters are in school. Sophie is in 4th grade, Grace is in kindergarten, and Emmalee is in 3-year-old preschool. Martha keeps busy volunteering at South Loop Elementary as much as she can; and is also president of the Wilson Park Advisory Council and working with her alderman and state representatives to secure the \$1.5 million needed to rehabilitate John P. Wilson Park in Bridgeport in Chicago.

I had a busy summer of travel that included a trip to Pacifica—in the Bay Area—and Denver where, after 30+ years, I had dinner with **Bridget Collins-Sullivan '75**, my third grade teacher! Several trips took me to Chicago, where I caught up with **Karen Luby Burton** over lunch in LaGrange, **Katy Burns** who also enjoys an Original Rainbow Cone at the Taste of Chicago and provided—more than once—a place to stay (thanks, Katy!), and **Jackie Brody Tavitas '91** for dinner at Francesca's on Taylor with **Barb Bolla Kopko**, Katy Burns, and Lisa Florence-Ray ND MBA'05.

Remember to include your class reporters on address and

Maria Oropeza, former director of multicultural affairs for Saint Mary's, is writing her dissertation, "Latina Alumnae Pathway through Saint Mary's College," in which she explores to how an institution of higher education creates an environment that leads to equitable outcomes, and effectively educates a diverse student body. She is looking for **Latina alumnae in classes from 1990 to 2005** to interview for her research. To contact Oropeza, e-mail her at marivero@u.washington.edu.

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From the Courier Office: **Julie Barger Arends** writes that she and husband Tom ND '91 welcomed their third girl to the family on Aug. 11, 2006. Sophia Marie joins big sisters Isabella Rose, 8, and Emma Grace, 5. After graduation, Julie and Tom lived in Chicago for ten years and then moved back to Mason, Ohio, to be closer to family. Julie is a stay-at-home mom and is very active in her parish as well as with school activities. Tom is an architect at BHDP Architecture in Cincinnati. They celebrated their 11th wedding anniversary in August. Julie says, "Having three girls is great, although it may be a challenge deciding whether they will attend college at Saint Mary's College or Notre Dame!" Julie is in frequent contact with **Elisa Norris Podrasky**, who lives in South Bend with her husband, Rick ND '91, and works in the Office of International Studies at Notre Dame. Elisa and Rick have two children: Nick, 11, and Erica, 9.

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From Amy: It has truly been a blessing connecting with so many of you over the months. I look forward to seeing everyone at Reunion 2008 in June.

Meghan King Johnson just wrapped filming two more episodes of Star Trek: New Voyages in upstate New York in June. These episodes, along with past episodes, are available for free download at www.startreknewvoyages.com. It is a professionally produced fan series based on the original television series that aired in the late 1960's/early 1970's. Meghan plays the part of Janice Rand. She is blonde in this role, so you may not recognize her! In the interest of keeping better in touch, Meghan started a Facebook group for the Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame Ireland Abroad Program of 1990-1991. "I encourage anyone from our class who participated in the program to join it." There, members can post photos, updates, etc. So far, Meghan, **Michelle Godwin Fielek, Maureen Richerson Parlier**, and Dennis Clohessy, a pal from Ireland who attended St. Patrick's College when they were there, have signed up. Meghan also has started a Myspace music page for The Sister Chain that can be found at myspace.com/thesisterchain. People can listen to and download some of The Sister Chain songs for free from this site and you do not need to be a member to do this.

In touch with friends, Meghan reports that **Joanne Gatti** has moved from Chicago back out to Portland and continues to do well in the field of occupational therapy. **Christine Makarewicz** continues to produce her own art work and work as an art therapist in Chicago. You can view some of her current work at www.cmak-art.com.

Another of Meghan's close friends, **Erin Grefenstette Henninger**, and her husband, Mark, welcomed their first child, Marlo Mary, in July 2007. "We are still residing here in Denver, where I continue my volunteer work as the chair of a wine auction for The Children's Hospital." Mark is CEO of BestContractors.com and has a sailboat charter business in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico.

Sandy Conner Rennard wrote in to announce the birth of her third child, Madison Jo Anne, in August 2006. She and her husband, Craig, were thrilled to have Maddie join siblings Tyler, 4, and Grace, 2. Sandy is working full time from home in North Carolina for Arrow Electronics, based out of Long Island, N.Y. Sandy writes, "My husband, Craig, is an Army optometrist here at Ft. Bragg. This weekend I'll be joining five of my best friends in the world, **Lisa Minichillo McGrath, Heather McCabe Wurzer, Colleen Danaher Doyle, Cheryl Zopp Fisher, and Marie Accomando Coker** for a fun-filled time in Philadelphia and New York City! We meet every year, and it is something we never want to stop doing. We rotate hosting the event and plan to have every 7th year in a vacation destination of our choice. This is something we all look forward to and from which we always return revitalized!"

Terri Welch Blahoski and husband Roman welcomed their third child, Molly Therese, in July 2007. She joins her older brother Tommy, 3, and big sister Katy, 1.

Libby Gray Macke has been married to Chris Macke for two years. They reside in Elmhurst, Ill. Libby currently directs a national non-profit educational organization serving teens.

Margaret Malone Bonvechio and husband Brian ND '93 welcomed their third baby, John Xavier, in August 2007. He joins big sister Grace, 4, and Alessandro, 2. The Bonvehios reside in Palos Verdes Estates, Cal.

Patricia Cody completed her Ph.D. in social work at The University of Texas at Austin. She is starting a post-doctorate at UT in the School of Social Work working on a variety of child welfare and adoption research projects while developing a research institute to study the therapeutic benefits of animal assisted therapies and therapeutic horseback riding.

Cara Beckman Campbell reports that she married Kevin Campbell in April, 2005. She has a daughter, Kelsey Nicole, born in November 2006. She has been working for Kellogg's in the credit department since August 2004.

From Katie: Thanks for all the news. I look forward to seeing many of you next year at our 15th reunion! I can't wait to see all the changes on campus and to catch up with "old" friends!

Kelley O'Rourke Jensen and her husband Owen welcomed their fourth child, Kayla Ann, on Aug 1, 2007. She joins big brothers Rourke, 6, Owen, 4,

and big sister Ella, 1. The Jensen family lives in Green Bay, Wis.

Keri Latherow Kocur and her husband, Dan, celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary this year with a "kids-free" trip to Turks and Caicos! Their twins, Aidan and Grace, 7, will begin first grade this fall. The family lives in Holliston, Mass. On a very sad note, Keri lost her dad, Fred Latherow, on Nov. 29, 2006, to a long, but valiant fight with pancreatic cancer. He came out to Boston with Keri's mom to receive treatments at Dana Farber in Boston and lived with Keri and Dan during this time. He and Keri's mom moved back home to Freedom, Pa., towards the end. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Keri. Your dad was a wonderfully kind and sweet man!

Ellen Lanigan Callaghan and her family are living in the Beverly neighborhood of Chicago. She and her husband, Rob, are the proud parents of three boys, Kevin Patrick, 3, and twins Liam Murphy and Jack Lanigan, 1. The Callaghan boys can be found "playing up a storm" at their neighborhood park!

Dawn Sandgren Firmstone is still living in Auckland, New Zealand, with her husband, Henry. In December 2006, they welcomed their first child, Jackson, into the family. In June 2007, they returned to the States for a visit and had a mini-reunion with **Gretchen Flicker, Jenny Danahy Stewart, and Gina Pampalone Brody '94**. A great time was had by all!

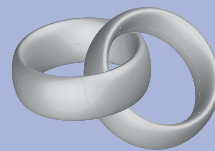
Mary Barger Dirksen has been with P&G in Cincinnati for 10 years, congratulations Mary! Mary and David became first-time parents with the birth of Benjamin David in April and are enjoying every minute!

Karen Melchert, Jen VanTassel Green, and I enjoyed a mini-reunion in Chicago in late June. We stayed at Karen's condo and enjoyed a weekend of shopping, long walks, and great restaurants! Jen brought her daughter, Lucy, 14 months, and we ladies gave her a "crash course" in pampering and how to "girl talk!" Karen also joined me and my family in Ocean City, N.J., in August on their annual vacation here. We had a great time relaxing in the sun, reminiscing, and planning for next year's Reunion '08!

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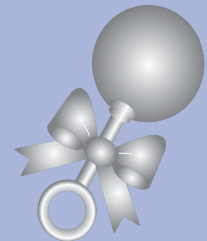
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Getting Married? Expecting?



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.



Hello, Class of 1995! Thanks to everyone for the updates, and please keep in mind that my deadline for the summer issue is Feb. 25, 2008.

On April 14, 2007, **Stephanie Jackson Reitter** married James at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Columbus, Ohio. Stephanie's sister, **Heather Jackson Martin '93**, was the matron of honor. **Pamela Jack Schneider '94** and **Colleen Morrissey** were readers. Also in attendance were **Elke Schuttrow Monahan, Mary McAndrew Samon, and Nicole Visceglia Rodgers**. Stephanie was a gorgeous bride, and it was a beautiful wedding. Stephanie and Jim honeymooned in Charleston, S.C. They currently reside in Lewis Center, Ohio, a suburb of Columbus.

Barb Krantz Kappel sends an update from the South. "Robert and I welcomed our second child, Erin Grace, on June 11, 2007. Jackson is accepting the responsibility of being a big brother easily so far (now to focus on potty training!), and all is well here." Barb reports that she is taking twelve weeks off from her job as a teacher in Cobb County, Ga., at the start of the 2007 school year. "My sister, **Sara Krantz '97**, still lives down here and works in the emergency rooms of Northside Hospital and North Fulton."

On Aug. 24, 2007, **Kristen Faherty Konowicz** and husband Matt had their second child, Ethan Philip Konowicz, who joins big brother Owen. **Jamie Nilson Balkin** and her husband, Matt, welcomed their first child, Josie Elizabeth, on Aug. 27, 2007.

Suzanne Bailey Scott lives in San Diego with her husband, Walter. On June 8, 2007 they welcomed their first child, Stellamaris. "We have had an extremely memorable summer with our little blessing of a girl. We are thrilled to be her parents." Suzanne works as a project manager for a

multimedia company; Walter is an attorney.

Meegan Arazan Burkhart and her husband welcomed their first child, Charlotte Grace Burkhart, on July 3, 2007.

On May 17, 2007, **Molly Flood Schreck** and husband Mike ND'95 welcomed their fourth child, Grant Michael. He joins siblings Abby, 7, Ben, 5, and Rachel, 2.

Amita Mukerjee Frawley writes that she and her husband, Andrew, welcomed Katherine Susanne Frawley into the world on April 23, 2007 in Charlotte, N.C. "She joined big brother Henry, 5, and big sister Elizabeth, 2. Katherine's middle name is Susanne, named after our late classmate and my dear friend, **Susie Laatz Mangan '95**. Susie would have turned 34 on April 21st, 2007—two days before Katherine was born. I look forward to one day telling Katherine about her namesake and how special she was to me and all who knew her."

In September 2007, **Kate Sullivan Payne** writes, "Early this summer we moved from northern Virginia to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, where Matthew will attend the Army's Intermediate Level Education (ILE) Course, formerly known as the Command General Staff College. We'll be here about a year, and then we'll move again next summer—most likely back to a division. One of the greatest blessings of being back in the Midwest is being so close to my family in Missouri and Illinois. On a recent trip home I was able to get together with **Chris Singer Kasman**. It was great to meet her two little girls, Tessa and Ava, and to catch up on everything new with them. We started our new home-schooling year after the Labor Day weekend. Carmen is in first grade, Rosa Jeanne is in kindergarten, and John, 3, and Anna,

10 months, are along for the ride... teaching my own children is so fun! I love all the 'a-ha!' moments. It makes for a fun day blessed with learning and discovery! John just crossed over his one-year anniversary of being diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes and continues to do well. Overall, we're just very blessed."

Hilary Humm Beatty and her husband, Bill, have relocated from Alaska to Oklahoma, where Bill is in the Air Force and Hilary works as a relief veterinarian.

Jennifer Bushey Colyer and her husband, Jeff, have relocated to Charlotte, N.C. In September 2007 Jennifer wrote, "I now have a four-month-old, Lauren and a two-year-old, Anna. My husband, Jeff, continues to stay at home with them, while I am in private practice here in Charlotte. We are really enjoying being closer to my parents."

Jennifer Failla writes, "I just graduated magna cum laude from the University of Nebraska with my master's in family and consumer sciences, family financial planning. I am now with the Global Private Client Group at Merrill Lynch and reside between Austin, Texas, and La Jolla, Cal."

Meredith Dodge Melinder writes, "I was very thankful for all of the support from my Saint Mary's College friends when my 13-month-old son died suddenly in March. Jackson had a congenital heart problem called hypoplastic left heart syndrome, which we learned about when we were pregnant with him. He was a beautiful baby and a joy. I made phone calls

after his death and was very happy to have **Molly O'Brien Adduci**, **Nancy Mulcare Zgutowicz**, and **Alexis Dunbar Beckwith** in attendance at the visitation and funeral." In addition to his parents, Meredith and Jeff, Jackson is survived by his sisters Kirsten and Annika.

Meredith continues, "In June I also had the opportunity to have brunch at Nancy's house with our families, as well as the Adduci family and **Christine Graham Gambs'** family. We had eight kids (ages 5 and under)! It was too brief but great to see each other. And later, in steamy June, **Alexis, Bryn Umhofer Schmitt**, and **Jennifer Puplava** came to St. Louis for a mini-reunion and R&R."

From the Courier Office: **Suzanne Bailey Scott** and her husband, Walter, welcomed their daughter, Stellamaris, on June 8, 2007. The baby's grandmother is **Ruthie Zimmerer Bailey '61**, and her great aunts are **Jean Zimmerer Thomas '54** and **Rosemary Zimmerer Richard '67**.

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Hola! Bonjour! I hope this finds you doing well, having had a wonderful summer and fall, and enjoying the holiday season. As I write, it's a lovely September morning in Durham (67 degrees and not a cloud in the sky!). Ignacio and I are doing well—we had

a nice summer. In the end, I was not able to go to Europe. Instead, after Ignacio returned from directing the study abroad program in Madrid, we set about discovering North Carolina. Longing to go there since moving to North Carolina six years ago, we knew our first destination would be Asheville (in the mountains). It did not disappoint. We visited the Biltmore Estate, some art galleries and shops, and many, many restaurants (keep in mind The Corner Kitchen, Bouchon, and Tupelo Honey Café if ever you should go there). It was a relaxing getaway. In early August, we headed to North Carolina coastal towns New Bern and Beaufort. We had been there several times before, but never during a 100-degree-plus heat wave so intense you could see condensation on all of the windows in town (homes, stores, B&B's, restaurants—everywhere!)! It was still nice to get away and enjoy a change of scenery. We will just make sure to go during a different season next time, or at least to check weather.com beforehand.

I hope you all enjoyed some traveling—near or far—this summer as well. Many of you made the trip to Saint Mary's College for Reunion (I still can't believe it's been 10 years!).

It was wonderful seeing you and to have our class so well represented. I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did. For those of you who were not able to make it to reunion this year, I hope to see you at our 15th!

With the 2007-08 school year underway, I am teaching French 103 at Meredith this semester, as well as coordinating the Foreign Language

Help Center and tutoring Spanish at Wake Tech. Ignacio is teaching three Spanish courses at Duke as well as working on his research.

I now invite you to prepare a hot cup of tea, coffee, or chocolate and to sit back and relax while reading updates from our classmates. Enjoy!

I enjoyed driving to South Bend and rooming with **Michele Kuhlmann Nelson** at reunion. Michele, husband Calvin ND '98, and daughters Catherine, Carolyn, and Anna are doing well. Michele wrote recently: "My 'little' Catie starts school next week, so there have been a flurry of meetings and even a little gathering at one mom's home for all the kindergarteners, which even included the teacher!" Michele is also teaching a class this fall, so she is keeping very busy.

Also teaching this fall is **Kathleen Urda**. Kathleen defended her doctoral dissertation and graduated from Fordham University in spring 2007. She is now starting a position at Bronx Community College in New York. Kathleen lives in the Bronx and spent a good part of the summer in New York, though was able to make it to South Bend for reunion.

It's back to school for **April Sass Johnson** as well. She continues to teach at St. Joan of Arc School in Lisle, Ill. This August she and her husband, Jay, celebrated their first wedding anniversary. In July, she was happy to share the news that her sister had given birth to twin girls, Kaylee Marie and Brianna Rose. Kaylee and Brianna were born on July 10. Félicitations!

Several of our classmates have new additions to their families as well. **Courtney O'Rourke Sorokoumov** writes: "It was so good to see you at our reunion. I am not sure if I had a chance to update you. Oleg and I welcomed a baby boy, Ryan Michael, on March 11, 2007. We are all doing well, and I love being a mom!"

In June, **Brandee Carlson Foley** sent news of **Predi Assenga Mackiros** and her husband: "Predi had a baby boy, Isaac, a couple of weeks ago. All is well with me and my boys. Aidan is growing like a weed! He is almost 9 months old and 24 pounds. He is crawling around like crazy. He is so much fun! Matt is doing great, too! He is keeping busy with work and is a marvelous dad. We are blessed!"

Just a week ago, on Aug. 24, 2007, **Molly Schleeter Bell** and husband Doug ND '96 welcomed their second child, Julia Hadley Bell. Doug writes: "Molly and Julia are doing great! Owen, the new big brother, met his sister last night and seemed interested, but

club clips



The Dallas Alumnae Club celebrated with their annual Christmas Mass and Dinner on Dec. 8 at the home of Jan Clements Miller '80. Pictured left to right (back): Alyce Rygiel Payne '75, Erin Kromback '05, Sharon Brown Sobolewski '74, Colleen Sobolewski McGuire '03, Amy Murdock Roberson '80, Jan Clements Miller '80, Jane Evans Schaffler '68, Tia Barrett Bisignano '70, and Nancy Rix Kraft '77. Front: Emilie Desjardins '05, Jennifer Kacarab Holloran '92, Mary Holland '05, Lettie Albright Muckley '83, Linda Kawecky '79, Ellen McQuillan Drake '92, and Andrea Sondag Schweitzer '00.

cautious. Grami and Gramps are here for the week taking care of Owen and enjoying their newest grandchild."

Candy Alvarado Chupp updates us on life after Saint Mary's College: "Believe it or not...after all my life travels...I ended up in Elkhart, Ind., of all places! I met the love of my life here and made it my home. Jeffrey and I have a beautiful daughter, Bianca, 7, and an amazing son, Stefan, 3. I work at Cequent Towing, a part of Trimas, in the purchasing department."

In other news, **Caroline Quinlan Kappel** recently participated in world-renowned choreographer Lori Belilove's production of "Isadora into the 21st Century," with a new suite of dances titled *The EveryWoman Series: The Red Thread*. Caroline and her husband married on July 3, 2004, and are doing well in Canton, Ohio.

From Ohio but currently living in the United Kingdom, **Emily Bochy** (who made it in for reunion) sends an update: "Well, I'm going to do it (or so far I'm planning to)...I'm going to hike about 25 miles across three 'mountain' peaks in England. I've never walked more than 7 miles, let alone 25 over mountains. But I need to do this for me, I need to prove that I can do it, and I need to do this for UK Cancer Research." I'm very impressed, Emily, and look forward to hearing about it. What a great cause.

Even further away in Australia, **Alex Norris Pfeifer** writes: "Things are fine here. Patrick is in preschool now and enjoying it. We are looking forward to being back in the United States for about a month this summer. First, we are going to California because Mark has a conference, and then we will stay in South Bend with my mom while Mark is at Argonne doing some experiments. We hope to be able to see his parents, too."

Living in the Midwest though soon heading overseas, **Regan Doherty** updates us on the past 10 years: "I lived in New York City for several years after graduation (teaching at a high school). I completed my M.A. in Islamic/Middle Eastern Studies at Washington University in St. Louis last year. Arabic language was a large component of this—I spent a summer at Middlebury in Vermont. I also spent several months studying Arabic and Middle Eastern history at the American University in Cairo. This was amazing beyond belief!"

"Now I'm at Northwestern, wrapping up another M.A. in journalism (this is definitely my last round of grad school!). I start work at Reuters this summer. Some exciting news—I'm going to Jerusalem

in September to work at the AP (Associated Press) for four months. The bureau chief says I'll have the opportunity to travel the country and write lots of features. It's a short gig—I'll be back in the United States in late December.

"Here's the (almost) best part: Before I go, Northwestern hosts two weeks of seminars on foreign political reporting at Sciences Po in Paris! So, I'll be in France for the first two weeks of September. I am really looking forward to it! I'll be back just before Christmas and will finish up my M.A. by March. I am thinking I'll stay in Chicago, but it depends on how the job search goes. I am a photography lover, so plan on receiving quite a few pictures!"

Thank you, Regan, and thank you all who sent in an update this time. It was wonderful hearing from you! Remember my next deadline is March 1. Please send me any updates you would like to share with our classmates—we would love to hear from you!

Until then, happy holidays, happy New Year, and enjoy every moment! e pense à vous, Amy

From the Courier Office: Denise Mills Oorbeek sent news of her marriage to William Oorbeek on Sept. 15, 2007, in Nantucket, Mass. She currently works as a vice president of the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C. Her husband is a political consultant with his own firm: The Oorbeek Group. Denise and William make their home in Alexandria, Va.

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Jenna Kotynek Lindenmann and her husband, Mike ND '99, welcomed their second child on June 26, 2007: Mallory Katherine. She joins her big brother, Charlie, who will be 2 in October. The Lindenmanns are doing great and residing in Caledonia, Mich. Right now, Jenna is enjoying being a stay-at-home mom.

Meaghan David Kovacs and her husband, Matt, welcomed their third child, Julia Michelle, on March 28, 2007. Her big brothers, Nate, 4, and Drew, 2, are adjusting very well. Megan is still staying at home and loves it. They moved into a great neighborhood in Troy, Mich., with tons of kids!

Megan also wrote about other Class of 1999 alums. **Renee Chulski** lives in Huntington Woods, Mich.,

and works as a nurse anesthetist. She travels everywhere and has done at least one marathon.

Tracey Furjanic Boyle has been able to move back to her roots. Her husband, Ryan ND '98, is in the military, and they now live in Pittsburgh while he earns his master's. She has three children: Riley, 6, Maggie, 2, and Emily, 1.

Kelly Fennewald Olszewski lives in Canton, Mich. She works part-time at Ford in the finance area and stays home with her son, David, the other days.

Currently, I am starting my ninth year of teaching. This summer, I taught gifted children at Dominican University. I also went to many weddings, two of which were at Saint Mary's College. While on campus, I saw many Saint Mary's College alums from many different classes.

In June, I was a reader at the wedding of **Margaret Gable Wroblewski '00**. **Beth Heck** was a bridesmaid in Margaret's wedding. She lives in South Bend and is a manager for Press-Ganey.

In July, I was a Eucharistic Minister at the wedding of **Melissa Peters Christaldi '95**. **Julie Byrdak Jaworski** and her husband were in attendance as well. They live in LaGrange Park, Ill. While at Melissa's rehearsal in Le Mans Hall, I saw **Jessica Stuijbergen**, now the assistant director of special events at Saint Mary's College.

Besides weddings, I was also able to enjoy Chicago this summer. Fellow teacher **Tricia Malovey** and I went on bike rides and attended festivals together. I was also able to meet **Shannon Cibella Teague's** two dogs, Gus and Lily. **Jeanine Weigel Pickering** and her husband, John, are enjoying the suburbs in LaGrange Park, Ill.

From the Courier Office: Mary Eileen Weber wrote that after graduation she lived in Spokane, Wash., where she was a volunteer with the Jesuit Volunteer Corp. She lived in a house with five other volunteers and worked at St. Aloysius Elementary School. After Spokane, she moved to Portland, Ore., and taught at an elementary school. She "explored Portland for two years before moving back to Chicago." Since returning to Chicago, she has been teaching second grade at Frances Xavier Warde.

From **Mary Beth Ellis Hunter** comes the news of her marriage to Josh Hunter on July 14, 2007 in Cincinnati, Ohio. "It was quite the Saint Mary's College affair" with **Carah Smith Tabar** as bridesmaid and

Karen Ciaciura Heil, Elisabeth Krick, Barbara Nolan Polk, Kristin Liptak Williams '98, Doug Heil ND '98, Brian Williams ND '99, and Sam Williams ND '99 in attendance "for an Arthurian-themed bash." Bells of Saint Mary's was played as part of the wedding prelude and Notre Dame Our Mother was the accompaniment during the Marion devotion. All had a great time re-acquainting with one another and meeting each other's babies. Mary Beth and Josh reside in Leesburg, Va.

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From Molly: The class of 2001 has much news to share. So many world travels, advanced degrees, wedding Belles, new jobs, and baby Belles!

Nicole Bolka Mayfield '02 married Will Mayfield ND '00 in September 2002. On July 1, 2005, they welcomed twins Lily and Liam into their family. They recently moved from South Bend to Naperville, Ill., where Nicole is a stay-at-home mom. **Kate Middlemas Kessler**, most recently seen pregnant at 2006 Reunion, gave birth to son A.J. in July 2006. Kate, her husband, and her two sons live in the Chicago suburbs. Kate works as a copywriter for Discover card and recently began a new career as an independent beauty consultant for Mary Kay. **Courtney Litka Couture** and her husband celebrated their fourth anniversary in July. Their daughter, Maggie, celebrated her first birthday in August 2007. **Ryann Cox Szczepanski**, her husband, Neil, daughter Emily, and son Thomas expanded their family and welcomed Kevin Michael on July 26. They live in Fort Wayne, Ind., where Ryann is a stay-at-home mom and Neil works for Hendrickson. **Jill Gregory Wilson** shares, "On Jan. 22, 2007, my husband, Mark ND '00, and I welcomed a beautiful baby girl, Isabella Reese Wilson (we call her Ella). We are currently living in Indianapolis, Ind., while Mark finishes medical school. I am teaching first grade in Brownsburg, Ind."

Kathy Sherman Dietrich lives in Louisville, Ky., with her husband, Tom, who is completing his residency. They

welcomed their first child, Matthew Thomas, on June 29. **Lindsay Maizel Castillo** is living in Fairfax, Va., where she and her husband, Ariel, just bought a new home. Lindsay is taking a year's leave from teaching to care for their daughter, Natalie Elizabeth, born on June 12. Lindsay and Ariel report that Natalie is the cutest thing in the whole world! Lindsay has had the chance to see **Angela Agness Maloblocki**, her husband, Patrick ND '01, and their son, Andrew. Angie and Patrick welcomed Andrew to their family in July of 2006. Angie works for a large real estate and mortgage company. **Ruth Ann Geis Kinsella** and her husband, Dave, have a son, Tommy. **Leticia Baltes** taught German in Kentucky and will be moving to Cincinnati at the start of the new school year. Tish's daughter, Isabelle Rodriguez Baltes, was born in April 2007. **Molly Banahan Edwards** and husband Andy welcomed their first child, Aidan Michael, on March 19, 2007. **Shannon Ross Perrino**, husband Nick, and son Jake welcomed Allison Elizabeth into their beautiful family on June 14, 2007.

Sunni Hunckler Hart and her husband welcomed their first daughter, Callie Lane Hart, on June 4, 2007. Sunni reports that Callie is adorable. **Laura Welter Barnes** and her husband, Glenn, have a son and daughter. Laura teaches first grade in Knox, Ind., and her husband is a school principal. **Jillian Seymour Shelton** and her husband, John, have a two-year-old son. Jillian is an accountant in South Bend. **Maricruz Segura-Perez** and her husband, Andres, welcomed their first child, Liliana Alin Perez, on July 19, 2007. **Natalie Caruso Sanford** is living in Indianapolis with her husband, Ryan. Their son, Garyn, was born last February. After five years with Abbott Laboratories, Natalie is loving staying home with her son.

Tara Cupelli Raposa married Robert Keith Raposa on June 30. **Katie Quinn** attended the festivities. Tara and Keith live in Pittsburgh, Pa., where Tara works as a paralegal at a major firm. She is currently finishing her paralegal certification.

Maureen Flannery Crowe works for the family business, White Way Sign, as a sales manager. She loves having her brother as her boss! Maureen and her husband, Mike ND '01, spent the end of their summer traveling through England and Ireland to celebrate his grad school graduation. Molly McVoy is in her third year of residency at Case Western Reserve/University Hospitals of Cleveland. She started a pediatric

fellowship in July at Rainbow Babies and Children. **Beth Castricone** works for Bingham Legg Advisors, which was recently purchased by Wilmington Trust FSB. **Cathy Schroeder Ward** left the world of public art projects to teach kindergarten at a private school in Wilmette. Cathy and her husband, Patrick ND '01, live in Chicago.

Kyle Veltri, the assistant women's golf coach at Notre Dame, is pursuing her master's in education with a specialization in leadership. Give her a call if you are in town for a game! **Carolyn Kelley** teaches beginning Spanish and Spanish Humanities, a language arts class for native and near-native speakers, at Alice Deal Middle School in Washington, D.C. This summer, Carolyn spent five weeks traveling through China as a participant in the Fulbright-Hays China Study Project. Their goal was to experience Chinese culture first hand and bring materials back to create curriculum to use in the area public schools. The participants are each writing a unit of study to be published in a book.

Lydia Miramontes just moved back to her hometown of Michigan City, Ind., where she is building a home. She works for an environmental consulting firm doing wetland delineations throughout Northwest Indiana. **Jen Mulsoff Benjamin** lives in the western suburbs of Chicago with Andy ND '01, her husband. After six years of working for LaSalle Bank, Jen resigned and began a new position at Fifth Third Bank as a risk analyst. **Lori Schulte Smithe** is now a licensed clinical social worker. She works for Carmel Catholic High School in Illinois. **Olivia Smith-Molenaar** started law school this fall. **Jennifer Chulski** lives in Chicago and just took a job with Exelon as the senior electronic communications specialist. Prior to that, Jennifer worked for the Illinois Tollway as the marketing communications manager.

Annie Rolfes Atkinson lives in Phoenix working for Intel. In March, Annie and her husband will move to Japan for ten months for his job with Toyota. **Shelly McGrath** has finished her prospectus and is working on her dissertation at Southern Illinois University. **Amanda Demeester** lives in New York City.

I continue to teach AP English and senior composition at Dunlap High School. In December, I will graduate from Illinois State University with a master's degree in educational administration and foundations.

A sincere thank you to all classmates who shared their news. For those of you we haven't heard from, please e-mail me! Best wishes!

From Alyson: Belles of 2001, here is the latest and the greatest from our class: **Maha Zayed** wrote: "I'm completing my last year of my doctoral degree in clinical psychology and doing my internship at Dartmouth Medical Center. New Hampshire is very different from the Midwest, but I'm having fun." Amanda Burns says: "I'm still in Burbank, Cal., working at Gentle Giant Studios doing licensing and media-related work. I spent my summer working the entertainment/comic/geeky convention circuit, most notably Star Wars Celebration IV in Los Angeles and the San Diego Comic-Con in San Diego."

In the world of marriage, **Rose Lutzka Manktelow** wrote, "First, I am back in school at Indiana University pursuing my nursing degree. I received an Army nursing scholarship. My graduation date is set for August 2010. Also, this summer, I was married at the Little Church of the West in Las Vegas. It was a small and beautiful ceremony. Scott and I had a quick honeymoon at the Ritz Carlton at Lake Las Vegas." **Laura Paulen** added, "I was married to Stephen O'Connor on July 21 in Asheville, N.C. Stephen and I met in the Northwest during our service with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps and have been partners for nearly six years. I was happy to have my long-time Saint Mary's College friend, **Katie Claussen Bell**, stand with me on that special day. Stephen and I currently reside in Washington, D.C." And **Kerry Gallagher Davis** married Willie Davis on July 15 in Boston. The happy couple resides in Granger, Ind.

And in the world of babies, **Sunni Hunckler Hart** gave birth to her first baby in June, Callie Lynn Hart. She and her husband, Craig, live in Tennessee, where she is taking a short maternity leave from teaching 1st grade. **Beth Kledzik Davis** wrote with her blessed event, "I just wanted to share that I had a baby boy on May 14: Charles James 'Charlie' Davis. He's growing so fast!" **Mary Sweeney Gates** added, "I am writing to share the good news that Chris and I welcomed our second son, Andrew Joseph Gates, on April 4, 2007. He joins his two-year-old brother Charlie in keeping us very busy!" And **Crissie Renner Traugott** shared, "Ken and I welcomed our daughter,

Ella Maureen, into the world on July 8, 2007. I've taken a leave of absence from teaching to be at home with her and am enjoying every minute!"

In other exciting news, **Tara Butz** is still teaching and recently bought a condo in Arlington Heights. **Chrissy Govorko** wrote, "I completed my master's in elementary education through Indiana University South Bend in December 2006. I continue to teach first grade at St. Joseph, South Bend." And **Christine Draper** added, "Things are awesome with me! I'm taking anatomy and exercise physiology classes at the Providence Institute in Tucson. In November, when I graduate (and when I pass the certification test), I will be an ACSM certified personal trainer. It is a huge career change from realtor to personal trainer, but I am so excited to finally find a career involving my passion for fitness! I'm hoping to relocate to a cooler climate (Tucson is HOT)...but we'll see about that after I graduate in November!"

Anne Senger checked in, "I am still in the R&D lab at Handylab in Ann Arbor, and the company is doing pretty well at the moment. Pete and I had an amazing time on our trip to Sicily in July...two weeks was definitely not long enough! I am headed out to the District of Columbia in a few weeks to visit **Molly Strzelecki**, and I can't wait!" **Jami Newcomb** wrote, "I'm checking in from Kenosha, Wis., where I'm doing my fellowship year as a school-based SLP. I'm working with little ones, 3-year-olds up to 3rd grade, in bilingual classrooms." And **Casey Russell** added, "I actually have some news...I am still living in Boston, but recently started a new job as senior financial analyst for Vertex Pharmaceuticals, a biotech company in Cambridge, Mass. The biotech industry is entirely different from the retail industry, in which I spent the last three years, so I'm learning a ton but am also really enjoying it."

Julie Scheib Martin wrote with good news, "I won the Secondary Social Studies Teacher of the Year Award for the state of Pennsylvania (2006). The award is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Council for the Social Studies, and I was nominated by my principal. In October, I went to Valley Forge to accept the award. Also, I am continuing work on my master's in school counseling and will be finished with the program in August of 2008." **Robyn Niemier** added, "I graduated in May from the University of Richmond with my M.B.A. I have just been traveling since then. I went to France and Mexico. Next trip—Switzerland!"

I am so excited!" And **Julie Norman** wrote, "I'm still living in New York City (just hit my 3-year mark) and loving it ... I work for ESPN, and in three years, I've managed to do over 45 college football games, including a national championship and several other bowl games; Super Bowl XL in Detroit; over 30 PGA events, including two British Opens, Senior British Opens, and Women British Opens; National and World Figure Skating Championships; Winter X Games; NCAA women's basketball tournament; WNBA; and up next ... NBA starting in October."

And finally, for my own news: I've started my second year as a high school counselor in Portland and I'm looking forward to another great school year with my kids. It was nice, however, to have a few months off during the summer to relax, rejuvenate, and travel. I was able to head back to South Bend for my 10-year high school reunion and also to spend a week in Hawaii with Molly Strzelecki and other friends. I would strongly recommend that everyone visit—we had the BEST time. Please be in touch with news and updates. Until next time, my best.

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From Amy: Hello, Class of 2003! I cannot believe that our five-year reunion is just around the corner! I hope to see many of your faces at the lovely events Saint Mary's College has planned for us as well as at the Backer and Corby's for some after-hours festivities. There is much news to share about your classmates, so let's get to the updates:

Wedding bells rang for several members of the Class of '03 this past summer. **Adrienne Dorbish Pietropaolo** married Domenico Pietropaolo ND '03 on May 19, 2007, in Boardman, Ohio. The couple's bridal party included: **Lauren Dasso**, **Amy Greene** (maid of honor), **Katie**

McVoy, and **Kendall Riedlinger**. Guests included: **Tami Kozlowski**, **Beth Didier Krieg**, **Cindy Cvangros McCutcheon**, **Stephanie Redwanski Belschner**, **Linda Holtcamp McVoy '74**, and **Allison Greene '08**. Adrienne and Domenico honeymooned at the Atlantis resort in the Bahamas and now reside in Columbus, Ohio.

Kendall Riedlinger married Ramon Ymalay ND '03 on June 1, 2007, in the French Quarter in New Orleans, La. Bridesmaids included: Adrienne Pietropaolo, Amy Greene, and Katie McVoy. Guests included: Lauren Dasso, **Nicole Hurstell**, Linda McVoy '74, **Merideth Pierce**, and **Laura Porto**. Kendall and Ramon took an Alaskan cruise and explored Seattle on their honeymoon. They reside in Louisville, Ky.

Kelly Rizzi married her boyfriend of eight years, Brian Brooke, on July 14, 2007, in Ohio. **Meghan Lafferty Sullivan** was Kelly's maid of honor, and **Mary Ellen Brown**, **Maura Kennedy Gaswirth** and **Rachael Benkert** attended the ceremony. Kelly is teaching math at Liberty Park Elementary School in West Palm Beach, Fla.

Lauren Dasso married Rob Stalter ND '03 on Aug. 18, 2007, in Buffalo Grove, Ill. **Alison Dasso '96**, Adrienne Pietropaolo, Katie McVoy, Kendall Ymalay, and **Sarah Stalter '04** were in the wedding party. Amy Greene, Candi McElligott, Linda McVoy '74, Merideth Pierce, **Karen Schaff**, and **Suzie Stalter Lawson '89** were in attendance. Lauren and Rob's reception ended with the last three songs the Linebacker plays each night. The couple honeymooned in Tahiti and Bora Bora; they are making their home in Columbus, Ohio.

Christine LaVigne Osburn and Matt Osburn ND '03 welcomed their first child, Elizabeth Ann Osburn, on April 2, 2007. The Osburn family also recently relocated from Jacksonville, Fla., to Milwaukee, Wis., where Matt is teaching ROTC classes at Marquette University.

Merideth Pierce recently moved to Providence, R.I. Merideth is a teacher in the area.

In my own news, I graduated from law school in May and moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where I am working for Thomson-West, a legal research and publishing company.

From Meganne: **Alison Joseph** graduated from the Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine in May and recently moved to Pittsburgh to begin her residency. She started July 1 at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center and will complete a three-year

residency in foot and ankle surgery.

Shaye O'Donnell has moved to Orlando, Fla., where she is rooming with **Bethany Schmidt** and working for Central Florida Catholic Charities.

Maria Conticelli is still happily living in Chicago's Wicker Park and was recently accepted into a Hatha Yoga teacher training program in Chiang Mai, Thailand. She will spend 30 days in intensive yoga classes and training and will even attend a silent retreat. She plans to travel around Asia after the program ends in December.

Katie Christiansen is heading into her fourth year of teaching eighth-grade language arts in southern Maryland, just outside of the District of Columbia. She is working on her master's degree and is hoping to move to Europe to teach for a year or so. She spent her entire summer living at her family's beach house in the Outer Banks and met up with her old friend, **Stephanie Pfannenstiel**. Stephanie attended Saint Mary's College our first year and one semester of sophomore year then moved back to Denver. She also played basketball with the Belles. Stephanie is now married and has two children, ages 3 and 2.

Erin Moran graduated from IU School of Medicine on May 13, 2007, and has begun her residency in pediatrics at St. Vincent Children's Hospital in Indianapolis.

Maura Kennedy was married on May 19, 2007, to Mark Gaswirth in Boston, Mass. Her sister, **Megan Kennedy '97**, served as maid of honor; Mary Ellen Brown and Rachael Benkert were bridesmaids. Other Saint Mary's College graduates in attendance were Kelly Rizzi, **Meghan Lafferty Sullivan**, **Nellie Williams Gould**, and **Shaun Russell**. Mark is a team leader for DJJobs.com and Maura continues to work for the District of Columbia as a social worker. The Gaswirths recently bought a home in the District of Columbia area and love it!

Tami Miller wrote, "I finally got 'stated' as a merchandise manager here at Walt Disney World. I'm working at Animal Kingdom on Discovery Island (the area by the Tree of Life). My area has four stores and three carts, and is the largest area in the park—it will give me a great chance to learn. I'm really excited about the opportunity and am enjoying things so far."

Corrine Negrelli recently accepted a position as assistant designer for Abercrombie & Fitch. She moved to Columbus, Ohio, and is thrilled that she can wear jeans and flip flops to work. Corrine works on the creative design team for Hollister

designing women's bare knits.

Rachael Benkert has had two big changes in her life recently. She traded the urban lifestyle for a suburban address in Countryside, Ill., outside of Chicago. She also accepted a position at the American Marketing Association. She will be an associate program manager and will be working with the association members to manage some of the AMA's programs.

Rachael reports, "**Emily Hemberger Dennison** married Aaron Dennison on July 13, 2007. Emily and Aaron have known each other since elementary school! They will live in Louisville, where Em is in medical school at the University of Louisville. The wedding was held in her hometown of Leitchfield, Ky. **Val Gillis** also attended the wedding."

Lane Herrington moved to Boston after living in Charlotte, N.C., for four years. She writes, "I met up with some other Saint Mary's College ladies at the dockside reception last month! Really good to see some familiar faces!" Lane adds, "**Sarah Sandahl**, who studied at Saint Mary's College our freshman and sophomore years, is currently living in San Francisco. She was here recently on work, so we got to catch up."

On a personal note, I have visited with many of our classmates this year. I saw **Kelly Long** in Rome when she was on spring break and had the pleasure of seeing **Lauren Hofer** over the summer as well. Kelly is finishing up her IMBA at the University of Denver, and Lauren is in Alabama finishing up pharmacy school at Auburn. **Shannon Wojcik '04** and I shared a few meals and a lot of laughs this summer in South Bend. Shannon is deejaying at a country radio station in South Bend.

I ran into **Jame Roark** at the Notre Dame versus Georgia Tech game. James is currently in a one-year massage therapy program in Raleigh, N.C. She occasionally sees **Karen Schaff**, who is studying at UNC-Durham. At the same game, I had the joy of reuniting with **Bridget Myers**, Erin Moran, Maria Conticelli, Val Gillis, **Tara Blanchard**, **Gabrielle Campo**, **Sara Campo '05** and **Becky Lindemann Miedema** while tailgating before the game.

I am still living in Rome and was stateside for the summer, working on a horse farm. I competed all over the Midwest and took these successes to Italy, where I am currently riding when not working with the Saint Mary's College Rome Program.

Don't forget, 2003 Belles, that our five-year reunion is in June! Stay tuned to the Alumnae Web page for further information.

From Amanda: Wow! I cannot believe that it is almost our five-year reunion! Mark your calendars for May 29–June 1, 2008. You will find information about the reunion at <http://www.saintmarys.edu/~alumnae/> and then click on Reunion. I hope to see many of you at Saint Mary's College in a few months. Also, don't forget to send updates to smcbelles2003@yahoo.com or to any of our home e-mails. Please have any updates for the summer 2008 issue to us by Feb. 24. Here is the latest news:

Reba Koehler Maschmeyer and her husband, John ND '03, are very excited to announce the birth of their first child, Meghan Grace, born on June 28, 2007. **Amanda Grashoff Keister** and her husband, Dave, welcomed Caleb Joseph into the world on July 16, 2007. Amanda writes that everyone is doing great—including her oldest son, Dylan, who enjoys the new addition to the family and being a big brother! Tricia Keppel Suarez ND '03 and Saint Mary's College education major had her second son, Joseph Patrick, on Feb. 9, 2007. Tricia, Mario, and sons M.J. and Joey are doing well in Virginia.

Katie Bacone was accepted into the master's in library science program of Indiana University and began courses last fall in Indianapolis.

Leanne Howder married Kevin Sullivan ND '03 July 21, 2007, at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at Notre Dame. A beautiful garden reception followed in South Bend with many Saint Mary's College alumnae in attendance. Ann Marie Foster Showalter ND '03 and Saint Mary's College education major, was a bridesmaid. **Molly Rush Perry, Kerry O'Reilly Hurley, Kari Larkin, Lyndsey Brubaker Callan, Katie Vincer,** and I had a wonderful time. Leanne's wedding was a great opportunity for me to get news for this issue!

Kari Larkin finished the master of arts in teaching (M.A.T.) in biological sciences from Miami of Ohio. Kari is in her fifth year of teaching at Saint Ursula Villa in Cincinnati, Ohio. Kari taught fifth grade for three years and is now in her second year teaching second grade. **Gabrielle Campo** finished her master's in Indianapolis at IUPUI. **Ann Bill Helmers** finished her master's of education at Miami of Ohio and is now a high school math teacher at Ross High School in Ross, Ohio. Ann married Kurt Helmers on May 8, 2004, at Saint Al's in Shandon, Ohio.

Izabela Teixeira is in Chicago with her company, General Electric. **Elizabeth Janovic** graduated from Michigan State's law school and lives in Lansing, Mich. **Nina Sanchez** is still having fun in Dallas, Texas.

Kerry O'Reilly Hurley married Tim Hurley Oct. 21, 2006, in Elmhurst, Ill. They now live in Lombard, Ill., and Kerry works for Communication Club House in Downer's Grove, Ill., as a speech pathologist. Many Saint Mary's College graduates were at Kerry's wedding: **Christina Reitano, Mary Campe, Katie Rand, Marianne Jennings, Linda Padilla, Shannon Nelligan, Kate Kalasky, Jennie Buehler, Jackie Bauters, Tiffany Fox, Katie Ward, and Chelsea Alt '04.** Others in attendance included **Suzie Dolembro**, who was recently named teacher of the year at Mishawaka High School in Indiana, **Sarah Nestor** who is attending Marquette University, and **Katie Roche**, who is in school for occupational therapy in St. Louis. **Amy Virzi** was a bridesmaid in Kerry's wedding. Amy works in the IT department at Gottlieb Memorial Hospital in Melrose Park, Ill.

Lyndsey Brubaker Callan and husband Tim Callan ND '03 moved back home to Mishawaka, Ind., to be closer to family.

Nicole Ciminillo married Peter Scott on Aug. 11, 2007. **Katie Vincer** was a bridesmaid, and I was in attendance as well. It was a great celebration for Nicole and Pete at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas, Nev! Many family and friends made the trip to witness the joyous occasion. After the wedding, Nicole started her third year at Michigan and is also teaching a pharmacy lab. Pete moved to Los Angeles to be a research scientist at Siemens Medical Imaging.

From the Courier Office: **Jessica White Metzger** sent news of her marriage to Matt Metzger ND '03 on April 28, 2007, in South Bend, Ind. **Jani Kesteloot** was maid of honor. **Sara Bishop Nelson** and Jack Gaither ND '03 were also in the wedding party. In attendance were: **Amy Wall, Kara Beck, Erin Hurtle Brandes, Torie Cox, and Kelly Long.**

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From Kelly: Hello, Class of 2005! I hope that everyone had a wonderful summer! I am very excited to join Meghan as a class reporter for the *Courier*. Thank you again for your updates. Please e-mail Meghan and

me at SMCourier05@gmail.com if you have any changes in your contact information. We have many e-mail addresses that aren't working, and we want to make sure we are able to get news from all of you!

Meghan Scallen married Eric Welch in Detroit, Mich., on April 14, 2007. **Abby Ragan** was the maid of honor, and **Erin Korreck** was a bridesmaid. **Jodie Emerick, Ashley Enright '07,** and I were also in attendance. Meghan is now living in Charlotte, N.C., and continues to work for Doner Advertising as a media planner. Abby recently moved to Arlington, Va., and will be teaching fifth grade at Westbriar School.

In August, I was also able to spend an adventurous week in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, with **Annette Bravo, Erin Carsele, Claire Higgins, and Courtney Smitham.** Annette, Claire, and Courtney are all working in downtown Chicago. Erin is also working in Chicago and recently graduated from DePaul with a master's in English.

Molly Welton has relocated from Philadelphia to Boston, Mass. Molly was able to transfer her job with Ernst & Young's Assurance practices and was recently promoted. Molly reports that she has been able to visit with **Annemarie Kennedy**, who also lives in the Boston area.

Romona Parks relocated to Chicago after being accepted to the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago. Romona will be taking classes in the urban ministry graduate program and hopes to attain her masters in about four years. She plans to work with youth in urban communities, possibly both nationally and internationally.

Maureen Bush left her job at Victory Records in Chicago this past July to begin the M.B.A. program at Notre Dame.

Teresa Nowakowski married Uriel Tuck on Aug. 18, 2007, in Salt Lake City, Utah. **Michelle Powell** and **Diana Harden** were bridesmaids. **Sarah Despres** was also in attendance.

Tifanni Dash moved back to the United States after teaching in Ukraine in the Peace Corps for two years. She recently moved to Fayetteville, N.C., to become a kindergarten teacher. She will be pursuing a master's degree in special education while completing her two-year teaching contract. She wants everyone to know that she has a pool and room for visitors.

Karen Godfrey is switching positions at her school, St. Francis Xavier in Wilmette, from a third grade position to one in first grade. Karen reports that **Lucy Andaloro** is going into her second year as a second-grade teacher at St. Francis Xavier, and **Rose Zeidler '07** will be joining them to teach third grade.

Kate Lauer married Jeffrey Kohler Jr. ND '05 on Aug. 4, 2007. Kate graduated with a second degree in nursing from Saint Mary's College and is working in a Level One trauma center in the pediatrics intensive care unit at St. Joseph's Hospital in Phoenix.

In September, **Lisa Walton** graduated from Midwestern University, where she studied to be a P.A. She will be working for Beaumont Hospital in Troy, Mich.

Madelyn Pilcher reports that after working for a congressman in Iowa for the past two years, she will be returning to school in December. Madelyn will attend Creighton University in Omaha, Neb., to participate in their accelerated nursing program, which she will complete in December 2008.

Kathryn Conley just passed her board exams and is now officially a nurse. She is currently pursuing a job in Philadelphia. Kathryn reports that **Marissa Kirkman** started a new job as an administrator's assistant at a preschool and is attending St. Xavier's University for graduate school this fall. Marissa still lives in the Chicago suburbs. Kathryn also reports that **Emily Noem** is attending graduate school in South Dakota and that **Angie Osmanski** is currently in Cameroon, Africa, with the Peace Corps. Kathryn says that Angie loves her life there and is taking in many great new experiences.

Erin Krombach returned to Dallas after spending the year in Rome, Italy, teaching at an international school in Rome. Erin was able to travel to the Italian Riviera, Ireland, London, Paris, and Croatia. Erin will be teaching fourth grade in Plano, Texas, this year and will start work on her master's degree next summer.

Dawn Eschenauer Chow married Toby Chow, a fellow philosophy graduate student at the University of Chicago, in a small civil ceremony.

Cynthia Rodriguez graduated from Tulane University in New Orleans in May 2007 with her master's in social work and master's in public health. Cynthia recently moved to Phoenix, Ariz., where she is working as a clinician for A New Leaf.

Andrea Nichols is excited to report that she has received graduate school funding and will be attending University College in Dublin, Ireland, while completing her master's in world heritage management with the United Nations. Andrea would like any alumnae or current students traveling to Ireland to know that if they would like to visit or just chat with another Belle, she would be thrilled to see them.

Please continue to send in your updates, we love hearing from all of you! Happy holidays to you and your families!

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After graduation, she returned to her hometown of Lakewood, Ohio, and ran a successful family cleaning business with her father. An art major, she had a special sense of the value of design and, over the course of her adult life, took great joy in designing and building three homes. She often said if she had to do it over again, she would have pursued a career in architecture. This was not a regret, but rather a reflection on a well-fulfilled life.

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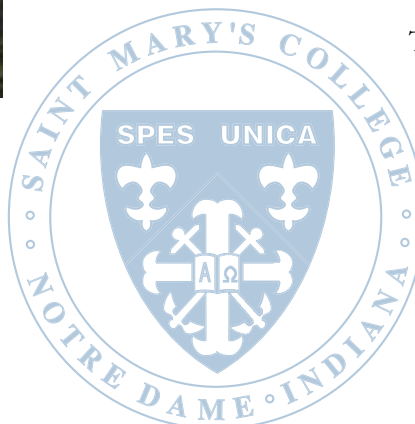


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