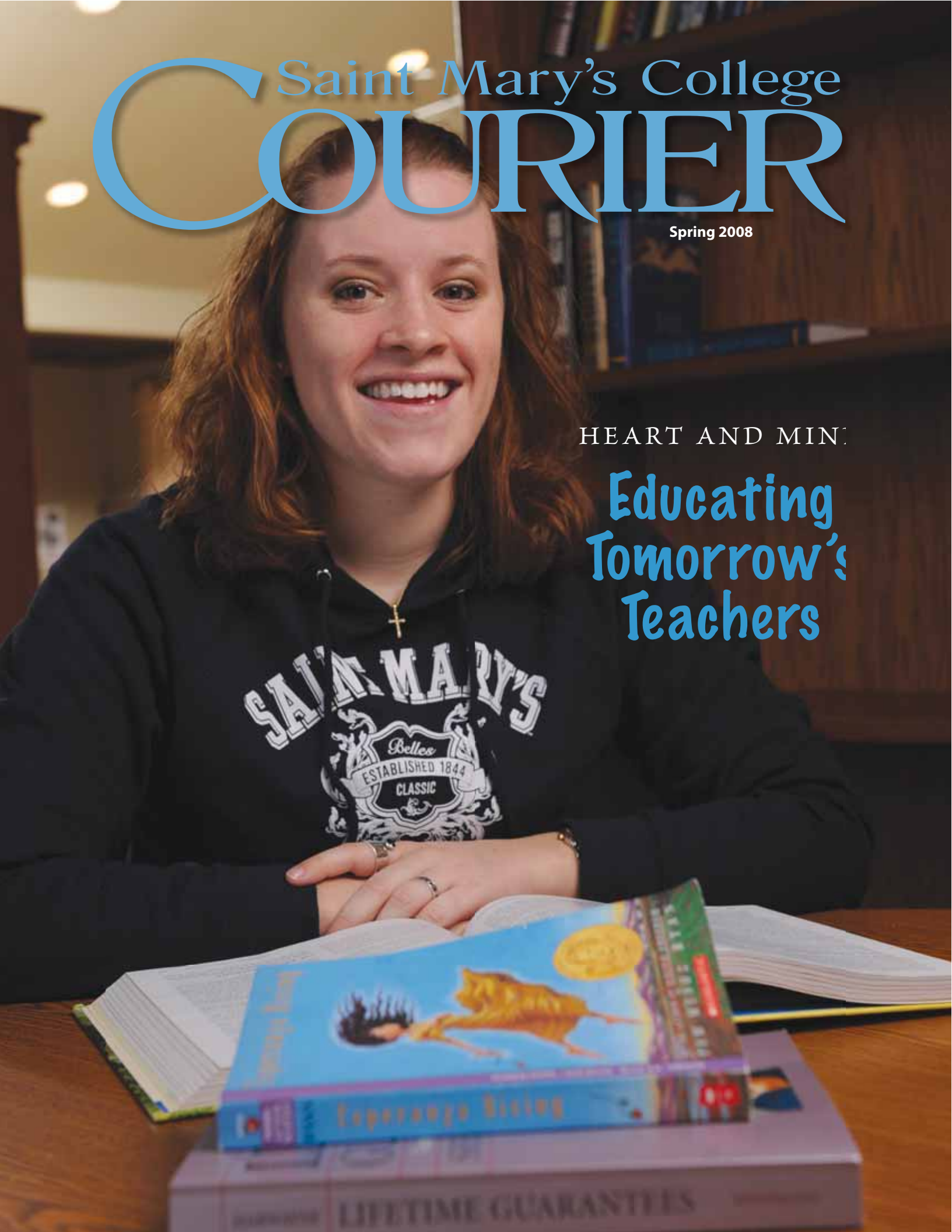


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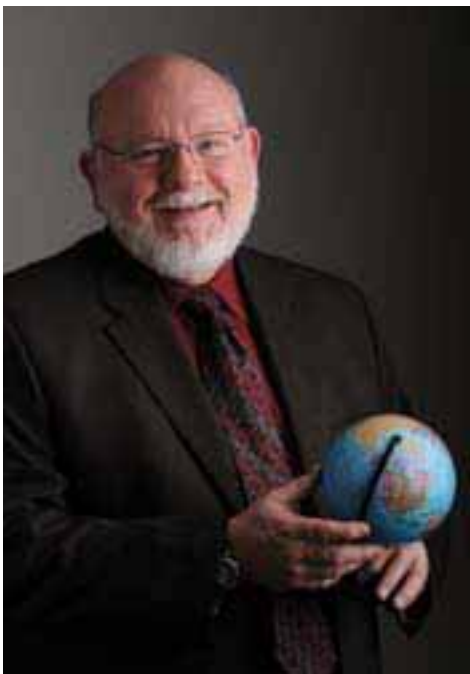
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How Do We Teach the Teachers?

By Professor Dale Banks, Chair of the Education Department

One afternoon during passing period, at the junior high where I was teaching, my friend Jim came up to me and asked, "Dale, do you know what's so good about beating your head against a brick wall?" I said, "I can't think of anything." Jim said, "It feels so good when you stop!" I laughed and went back to class. Over the years I have come to realize that there is a better answer to the question. Stop beating your head against the wall, and then examine it, and look for ways around it, over it, under it. That's what teachers do; they look for best way to accomplish the goal.



Here at Saint Mary's, we educate future educators to be able to do just that. But to that practical end, we add a bit of philosophy. "The mind will not be cultivated at the expense of the heart," said Blessed Basil Anthony Moreau of a Holy Cross education. As the chair of the education department, I see this as the program's focus: preparing educators who not only are life long learners, but also know their students, know how to teach, know how to assess, and know how to mix and match those three elements to be the best teacher they can be.

Before I came to Saint Mary's College, I taught science for more than 20 years at the high school and junior high school levels. I taught at both private and public schools. While I was teaching in these environments, I heard grumblings from my fellow teachers about lack of effort

and knowledge on the part of the students that made teaching impossible. At the same time, my elementary-aged daughter was having trouble in school and I realized that my daughter's teacher was probably complaining just like the teachers in my school were complaining. I promised myself then that instead of just living with the problem I should do something about it.

I see this as my calling. This country needs teachers who can reach children. The mission of the College constantly reminds me, Saint Mary's and the Education Department is an academic community that allows young women to develop their talents. We are charged with preparing young women to make a difference in the world.

Now you could accuse me of being biased, but I can think of few more significant ways to make a difference in the world than teaching. The need for an educated, intelligent society is ever more apparent in a world where access to education opens doors to a better life and the absence of that access is a breeding ground for extremism and violence.

What makes a good teacher? Not one thing. It's a mix. The ability to think, to solve problems, to work with other adults and parents, along with a healthy mind, a reflective nature, and the ability to anticipate and adjust are musts. All of which have a connection to the College mission which emphasizes social responsibility, and the ability to think clearly, critically, and creatively about human culture.

We are preparing useful citizens here at Saint Mary's. And, moreover, we prepare them within the context of faith, with the belief they will make a difference in the world. And to borrow from the Sisters of the Holy Cross, the motto with which they founded this great College, Spes Unica, they are, indeed, our only hope.

Sister M. Alma Peter, CSC, Former Acting President of Saint Mary's College Passes Away

Sister M. Alma Peter, CSC, acting president at Saint Mary's College from 1970–1972, passed away March 7, 2008, at Saint Mary's Convent. She was 98. Sister Alma's career at the College spanned 34 years, from 1950–1984.

Sister Alma entered the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross in 1928. Her Final Profession took place on August 15, 1933. She had a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Immaculate Heart College in Los Angeles. She received her master's degree in chemistry from Marquette University in Milwaukee. She also held two honorary degrees: a doctor of humanities degree from Saint Mary's College and a doctor of laws degree from the University of Notre Dame.

Her career at the College included several assignments. In 1955 she was appointed academic dean, a position she filled for 14 years during a time of expansion and evolution at the College. Sister Alma envisioned and secured new college programs such as foreign study development. In 1969 she spent six weeks in Rome to set up the College's study abroad program there. From 1974–1976 she would serve as director of the College's Rome campus and was later the counselor of the Ireland program.

In 1970 Sister Alma became acting president of Saint Mary's, following the death of President Monsignor John McGrath on June 9. She served that role during the time when the College and the University of Notre Dame were determining whether or not to unify. In November 1971, Notre Dame and Saint Mary's jointly announced termination of unification plans. Notre Dame announced at the time that it would admit women beginning in September 1972. Saint Mary's remained an all-women's college.

President Carol Ann Mooney '72 expressed sadness at the loss and said Sister Alma left her mark on the College. "I have known Sister Alma since my days as a student at Saint Mary's College. In fact, she was the president my senior year. I am deeply saddened by her passing. Saint Mary's has lost not only a former president, but also a woman who helped to shape our future during a pivotal time in our history. She and I enjoyed many visits over the past few years. I will miss her wisdom and friendship."



Theory to Practice

By Natalie Davis Miller



Saint Mary's Education Department, full-time faculty and staff (standing, left to right): Professor Catherine (Kitty) Green, Director of the Learning Tree Jayne Fogle, Professors Insook Chung, Mary Ann Traxler, Director of Student Teaching Karen Van Meter, Loretta Li, and Dale Banks; (seated): Professor Nancy Turner, and Administrative Assistant Mary Moen.

The word is out. Graduates of Saint Mary's Education Program are highly sought after.

Recruiters from outside the state have been known to contact the department in search of teachers, according to Dale Banks, chair and licensing advisor of the Education Department at Saint Mary's College. Banks is proud of the program's notoriety and says it's well earned. "We have a good reputation; we produce a teacher who is prepared to walk into a classroom and carry out all the necessary things for those kids to get a good education."

The education department is one of Saint Mary's six nationally accredited programs, receiving accreditation

through the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). The department offers an elementary education major, and students completing the major, along with passing national tests, are licensed to teach in primary and intermediate schools. In the fall of 2008, the department will also offer an elementary education major with a Certificate in Special Education: Mild Intervention. The addition of this new concentration complements a number of already well-established programs and classes, including the Student Teacher/Field Study Program. Karen Van Meter,

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— Karen Van Meter

the program director, is responsible for the field placement of student teachers.

Student Teacher/Field Study Program

Saint Mary’s students are placed in the classroom during their sophomore year, where they must log 30 hours of classroom observation. Their time in the field increases during their junior year when the preservice teacher is required to spend five hours a week with additional responsibilities such as teaching lessons, teacher interviews and small group work, according to Van Meter. By their senior year, most preservice teachers are participating in a yearlong field placement in the classroom.

“The field component to the education program allows students to take the theory they are learning in the Saint Mary’s College classroom and put it into practice. The practical experience is very important for the preservice teacher as they learn alongside and with the guidance of professional teachers,” comments Van Meter, who places roughly 50 student teachers a semester.

The Learning Tree at Saint Mary’s College

The Learning Tree is another resource, not only for Saint Mary’s education students, but also for all Saint Mary’s students, alumnae, staff, and faculty, as well as churches, teachers, and parents in the surrounding area. Jayne Fogle has been the director of the Learning Tree for 27 years, beginning when it was part of the South Bend School Corporation. The Learning Tree moved to Saint Mary’s campus in 2001.

The Learning Tree is a resource room where students can make a variety of learning materials for their students, running the gamut from early childhood through high school. Resources available include pre-packaged learning games for preschoolers through 6th grade, bulletin boards, textbooks, and equipment such as a laminator, bookbinding machines, and a poster maker. Materials

are available for a relatively low fee, to cover the cost of purchasing more supplies.

The room is lined with shelves full of colorful folders of materials, and there are worktables and supplies for students to do their projects. Fogle is also available to assist students and the community as she did recently in a “Make It, Take It” workshop for area teachers. “I work individually with the education students to help them learn ways they can present materials so their individual students can understand a skill and build on their knowledge,” explains Fogle.

While the education department’s goal is to shape

students into exceptional licensed teachers, professors also encourage preservice teachers to embrace the magic of a child’s learning environment. Professor Mary Anne Traxler runs a lively Children’s Literature course where the students act as both teacher and student in exercises requiring class participation. During one class Traxler’s students participated in a number of activities that a fourth or fifth grade student might do as a review of an award-winning children’s novel, *Esperanza Rising*. “This book was absolutely amazing,” commented education major Lauren Gillmore ’09. “The more I read, it got me thinking about a lot of things. So much happens; you can’t put it down.”

Gillmore’s enthusiasm for her education classes can be attributed partly to her peers. “It’s all the encouragement that we have from each other because we take all of our classes together, and so we all know each other’s strengths and weaknesses and we help each other out.”

The education department is poised to produce teachers that are well trained and well prepared for their careers. Dedicated mentors, both faculty and staff, and creative resources pave the way, but ultimately it is the Saint Mary’s graduate that exemplifies all that the department sets out to do.



Lauren Gillmore '09

MULTICULTURAL APPROACHES TO teaching



By Natalie Davis Miller

Professor Loretta Li is listening. She's listening to her students, what they say and how they say it. For her, playing with words is fun and it's her goal to bring recognition of "dialect diversity" to the Saint Mary's students in her class.

As an associate professor in the education department, she's taught Multicultural Approaches to the Teaching of Reading for the past twelve years. In this class she works with preservice teachers, preparing them to work with Kindergarten through sixth (K-6) grade students. "We try to explore language, first and second languages, and third languages, various dialects, and we talk about the role of language. We talk about how languages are formed and how language relates to reading. And we hope to investigate our own dialects and then apply our knowledge in the field."

Her students are junior and senior education majors taking reading as a minor. Their classwork includes going into the field and identifying the dialect of a K-6 student. They write about how they know the student is speaking a particular dialect and then do a contrastive analysis chart, contrasting one dialect with another. They also study storytelling because, Li says, "There are quite a few groups that rely more on an oral tradition. Hopefully they are learning more stories to tell."

Given all that they do with the K-6 student, one of the first things the preservice student needs to do is identify their own dialect by first acknowledging that they have one. Li explains,

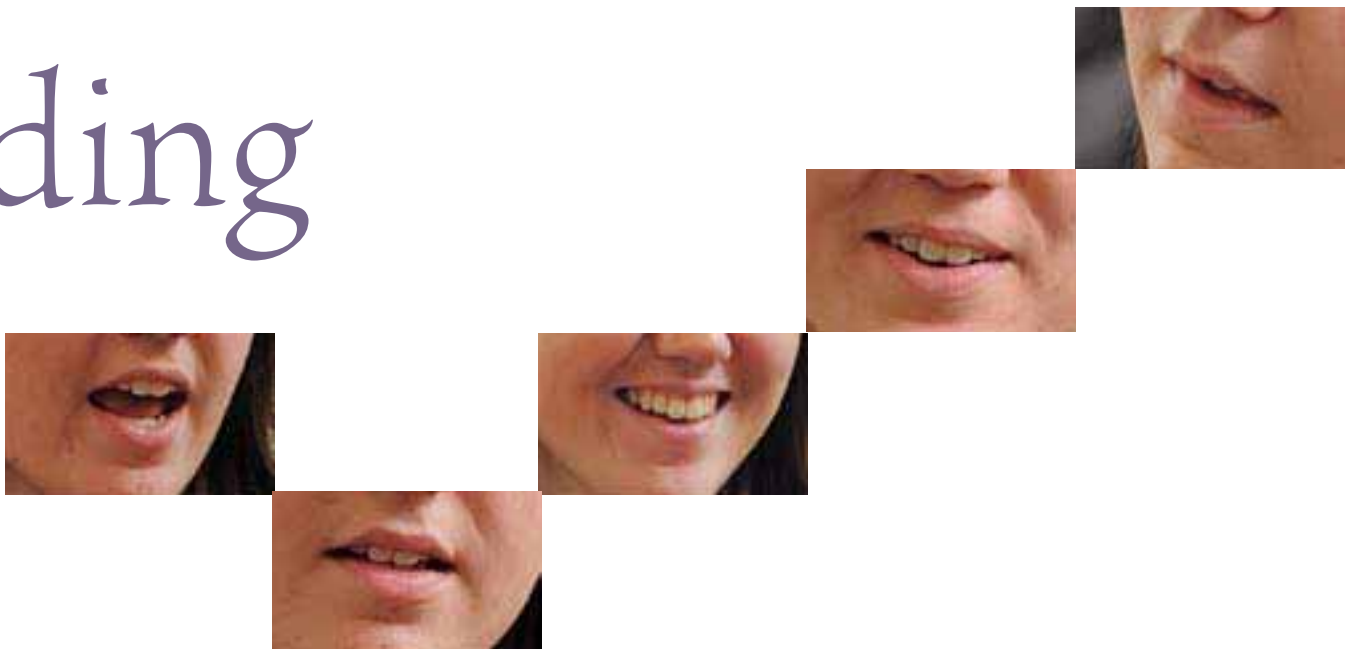
"In the past I would have students who would say 'I don't speak any dialect.'" Li encourages her students to compare their dialects with each other. "I hope to create a kind of thoughtfulness in the preservice teacher that leads to respect of different dialects, and maybe even an appreciation. We certainly are a nation of a lot of different groups, Native Americans and African Americans and different immigrant groups. Of course we would have a lot of different dialects; we wouldn't expect it to be any different."

Li's class looks at how teachers teach reading to different groups of children and what different methods have succeeded in the past. The teaching of reading in her course is not just about decoding, but about comprehension. She's also not about teaching oral reading or reading aloud. "In fact we don't want to change a child's dialect. We would like to add the regional standard," comments Li, on what some would consider to be a move from practices of the past. "We have a long history of eradication of first languages and dialects," explains Li, "so if the teacher could encourage the first language or the first dialect, that would really be different."

Li's spring '08 class consists of about 15 students. As can be imagined, class time is very vocal, with students reading different regional phrases and discussing whether or not they use a certain colloquialism, or if they speak a certain word with a different pronunciation. As Li's students compare and contrast with each other, Li's motivation is apparent.

"What we're really hoping for is an appreciation of the variety of dialects in the United States so that when a teacher encounters students who have different dialects they have a welcoming attitude towards those students. That's what I'm really hoping for."

reading



Students in Professor Loretta Li's class *Multicultural Approaches to the Teaching of Reading* study how students read and speak, and the effects of cultural dialects.

A NEW PATH

By Shannon E. Brewer '03

For education professor Nancy D'Isa Turner, the process of obtaining certification for a special education program at Saint Mary's has been long and rewarding. In the past year she has gained approval from the College and the state of Indiana for a program that offers students a license in special education. Thanks to her vision and persistence, education students can obtain dual licensure in Elementary Education and Special Education: Mild Interventions.

Turner, an experienced elementary and special education teacher, joined the Saint Mary's faculty in 1990. Her educational background and research includes curriculum planning, reading instruction, and special education. She is the co-author, along with Saint Mary's professor Mary Ann Traxler, of the book *Children's Literature for the Primary Inclusive Classroom*. In the "hands-on" experience of teaching in the classroom, and with continued training, she pursued her commitment to working in the best interest of children for whom learning does not always come easy.

As a professor, Turner recognized the importance of providing Saint Mary's education students the opportunity to teach students who need mild curricular/instructional interventions. "Dual licensure offers them a different career path, if they know they really want to work in the field of special education," says Turner. Knowledge gained through the elementary (K-6) Generalist coursework as well as the Mild Interventions classes will be invaluable as future special education teachers support what is taking place in the general classroom." Likewise, with the movement to "inclusive" classrooms—meaning, students with disabilities learning in the same classrooms as students without—general education teachers will be increasingly called upon to instruct students with a variety of learning needs.

Preparing Saint Mary's graduates for this work falls to the education professors. Turner is on sabbatical during the spring '08 semester, and is working to develop a course for the new program. The course, Elementary Methods for Exceptional Learners: Mild Interventions, is based on training Turner is participating in on multisensory techniques for reading instruction. She will combine this information, broadened to include techniques for all content areas, into the course. This is one of six courses that will qualify Saint Mary's students for their licensure in special education. They'll also take General Education/Special Education Partnerships, Foundations of Special Education, Positive Behavioral Support, Assessment Strategies for Exceptional Learners, and Collaboration and Consultation in Special Education.

Along with these courses, students will have opportunities for field placements in special education settings. All education students work in a variety of field classrooms through their course of studies, collaborating with supervising teachers who volunteer their time to mentor Saint Mary's students. These classrooms become dynamic

learning experiences for education students, who not only learn to implement lesson plans, but also come to better understand the varying academic, social, and emotional needs of all children.

"For those pursuing dual licensure, student teaching will look different too," Turner explains. Saint Mary's education students spend one semester of their senior year teaching a class on their own. This is the major focus of their senior comprehensive experience. Students working toward licensure in special education will spend half of that semester in a general education classroom and half in a direct service special education situation.

First-year student Frannie Hermes has already made the decision to work toward the licensure in special education. With a major in elementary education and this enhancing credential, Hermes will graduate in 2011 prepared for a wider range of career opportunities. "Any time a program can be broadened to be more inclusive, that is exciting," she says. "It goes to the heart of what education is by definition."

She has personal reasons for choosing this career path too. While she has always enjoyed working with young children, Hermes says, "My oldest brother has been profoundly handicapped from an early age and consequently I have grown up in a household shared with nurses and therapists." She is interested in collaborating with other professionals to teach students with special needs. "I've come away with the desire to make a difference," she says.



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— Frannie Hermes '11



By Angela Saoud '05

In the spirit of staying connected to other education alumnae, an informal group of Saint Mary's graduates have been meeting now for over a year. Though we teach in different schools and towns, we continue to support one another today, thanks to our common experiences, courses, and professors at Saint Mary's.

Since graduation, Caelea Armstrong '04,

characteristic of Saint Mary's professors, as they continue supporting their students long past graduation. An inspiring educator herself, she boosts them up with her confidence in them, because she knows they will succeed. She says when she saw the search notice for the first full-time secondary

Staying Connected



Coffee talk: Angela Saoud '05, Professor Kitty Green, Nicole Garcia '04, Jenna Kartje Gensic '05, Ragen Graf '04 meet at Dalloway's Clubhouse.

Nicole Garcia '04, Jenna Kartje Gensic '05, Corrie Golando '05, Ragen Graf '04, Taryn Posthuma Schneider '05, Leslie Vargas '06, and myself have met with Saint Mary's education professor Kitty Green PhD, to celebrate our passion for teaching.

As recent graduates and first-year teachers, we had completed our coursework at Saint Mary's, our observations, and student teaching at area high schools and middle schools. We had become certified in a wide variety of content areas, from science to English, under the direction of professors who had become our mentors. The invaluable classroom experience we received while at Saint Mary's confirmed that we were prepared intellectually and emotionally. Thanks to faculty like Professor Green, we knew what to expect, and our desire to continue supporting each other kept us close as we approached the task of implementing what we had learned at Saint Mary's.

"In college, we had our time in class to share stories, ask for advice, collaborate on lessons, and prepare for the unknown," says Gensic. "It's refreshing being in the presence of people who share your job, and an expert who has encountered many of our experiences before."

Though busy with lesson plans, advising positions, and the hard work of mentoring our own students, our group meets once a month for coffee or dinner, cementing a decision not to face the first year of teaching alone.

Professor Green's relationship with our group is

education faculty member in 2000, she knew Saint Mary's was looking for her.

"I had spent roughly 15 years in administration trying to get teachers to look at teaching and learning in a different way, a way that challenged students, but where students also had fun. I wanted to see if I could practice what I had been preaching," Green says. "It has been phenomenal working with young people the caliber of my students, which is why I wanted to be at Saint Mary's."

Professor Green began teaching in 1967, as the only English teacher at Wellington-Napoleon High School in Missouri. After a year, she transferred to Crystal Lake Central High School in Crystal Lake, Ill. She stayed there in teaching and administration until 2000, when she joined the faculty at Saint Mary's. Her work has led her to present research locally, regionally, nationally and internationally, her favorite being a paper on service learning that she presented in Ireland. She believes being able to talk to others about teaching and education,

whether on a different continent or with our group of graduates, is one thing she loves most about her career.

"I've called the Secondary Education Program 'small, but mighty' because its grads are in schools all over the country making high school a better place for all kinds of students, and that was my mission as a teacher, principal, assistant superintendent, and professor," Green says. "When we all get together, I get to hear first hand that all I had hoped for is alive in all of [my students]. It just doesn't get any better than this!"

While it may seem trivial that the group gets together to share a cup of coffee or piece of cheesecake, it's the conversation and the camaraderie shared that affirms we are doing good work. This is priceless encouragement for a young teacher. "[Meeting] offers an opportunity to meet with fellow teachers who I can learn from and enjoy spending time with," says Garcia. "We draw on each other's strengths and ... Dr. Green ... is the one we all look to for guidance and support. There's a level of trust and understanding within our group that I don't find with other teachers."

For Gensic, the support of other alumnae encourages her passion for teaching and resolve to achieve, while keeping the values of her Saint Mary's experience at heart. "My Saint Mary's education has provided me with a great support system and a network for professional advancement," she says. "To this day, I feel I can still approach my professors about obstacles that arise."



Professor Kitty Green

Jenna Kartje Gensic '05



Angela Saoud '05

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Ragen Graf '04



Teaching

By Scot Erin Briggs

If you were a student in Julie Scheib Martin's class, you might describe her personality as ambitious, fastidious, maybe even perfectionistic. But if you were her student, Martin wouldn't let you off the hook with surface observations. Martin's been unstoppable since she graduated as valedictorian in '01, with a degree in psychology, a minor in history, and her secondary education certification. Having been a teacher for only five years, she developed a curriculum unit on personality that won her the Outstanding Social Studies Teacher of the Year Award for Pennsylvania in 2007.

The unit, which introduces her students to a wide range of thinking on the subject, including Rorschach Inkblots and theories from Freud to B.F. Skinner, is heady stuff for high school students according to Martin. "They like the unit because they can apply it to themselves," she says. And for Martin, admittedly demanding of her students, that resonance is critical to being a good teacher. "You've got to be tough, but you have to be able to relate things to their own lives."

Martin currently teaches civics to ninth graders, advanced placement U.S. history to juniors, and psychology and sociology, both elective courses offered to juniors and seniors. But for her students, subjects like history and social studies aren't just about reading dates and names out of a textbook. "She makes history come alive." That's how one of Martin's students described her teacher to her mother.

"I am very animated in the classroom," says Martin. She recalls talking about materialism with a class recently. "We were talking about our values, and I told them I've tried to avoid getting a new cell phone." Martin showed them her very large phone and her class cracked up. "My cell phone is ancient, they think it's funny. I laugh at myself and they think it's funny." But most importantly, Martin says, "They get it."

Martin says she's modeled her teaching on the example set by her professors at Saint Mary's. "They made class interesting. They knew their material. They were very willing to help after class if you had questions; they always made time." Martin says her experience in the Education Program also gave her an advantage. "The Program required us to do many hours of observation. You were assigned a school. You had to observe the classroom weekly. I think it's good; you get to see if you really want to be a teacher."

Martin says her professors shaped not only her education but also her life as a whole. "I really like to help people. That's my passion. Teaching, you definitely do that." Currently, Martin is pursuing a master's degree in school counseling at Duquesne University, and is considering a future on that path, but not yet. "I am enjoying teaching and I'm not ready to leave the classroom," she says.

But whether teaching students or counseling them, Martin says the atmosphere at Saint Mary's allowed her to develop these interests. "That all-women's environment encouraged students to be confident, independent, assertive. The small class size encouraged students to participate. It was very conducive to allowing students to share ideas."

Personality



Julie Scheib Martin '01 won the Outstanding Social Studies Teacher of the Year Award for Pennsylvania in 2007.



On Demand Dance

The College's Program in Dance presented its annual concert, *On Demand: A Dance Concert*, in February in O'Laughlin Auditorium. The pre-professional dance company operates with 25 College student dancers and six resident and visiting choreographers who work collaboratively on existing repertory or toward the creation of new work. This year, *On Demand* presented a variety of works including styles of modern, jazz, pointe, contemporary ballet, and dance theatre.

Saint Mary's College guest artist, Colleen Leonardi, currently based out of Columbus, Ohio, worked with nine students since September on an inspirational and heartfelt original work, *Finding Voice*. Leonardi also performed in a new trio that she co-created with Adjunct Professor Michele Kriner and Visiting Assistant Professor Jaclyn Thompson. Leonardi's work at Saint Mary's College has generated new growth in the Program in Dance and was an exciting addition to the concert.

Professor Kriner and fellow resident choreographer and Adjunct Professor JoAnn Barkes also presented new works this year, while Assistant Professor Laurie Lowry presented dances from the past, including a duet from *op Hat*. Professor Thompson, Acting Director of the Program in Dance, presented a new dance theatre work that poses questions about women and body issues, inspired by Germany's Tanztheatre genre.

The Spirit of Saint Mary's: Celebrating Heritage Week

In January, Saint Mary's students, faculty, and staff celebrated Heritage Week with events that honored the rich tradition of the College. "In order to understand who we are as Saint Mary's students," says Kim Hodges, student body president and senior social work major, "it's important to understand where we came from and how Saint Mary's educated women in the past." This, she says, helps Saint Mary's students to better understand the historical context in which they are preparing to enter the workforce.

The programming Hodges and her fellow Board of Governance members planned kicked off with a mass celebrating the Beatification of Fr. Basil Anthony Moreau, founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross. The BOG organized an historic exhibit, The Heritage Wall, revealed in the Student Center atrium, and a French-themed dinner. During the week, a scavenger hunt lead students on a tour of campus structures that symbolize the College's past and some well-known Holy Cross Sisters spoke at the annual Heritage Dinner to a select group of students, administrators, and faculty. Heritage Week is an effort to connect current Saint Mary's students to their rich history, inherited from notable leaders in women's education.

"The same spirit that lived in 1844 is still alive now," says Hodges. She hopes that Saint Mary's students will understand the legacy left to them by alumnae, by Holy Cross Sisters, and other mentors of the past and present, so that they can create the future of women's education today.

The Heritage Wall was revealed during Heritage Week in the Student Center atrium. It showcases the rich history of Saint Mary's College.



New Director of Alumnae Relations Kara M. O'Leary '89



O'Leary

Kara O'Leary has joined the College as the new Director of Alumnae Relations. O'Leary has served the College Board of Trustees and as president of the College Alumnae Association Board of Directors. O'Leary has also served as president of the Belles Varsity Club, is a member of Saint Mary's Athletic Hall of Fame selection committee, and has served on the board of the South Bend Alumnae Club, including stints as

the president and corresponding secretary.

O'Leary received her BA from Saint Mary's in 1989 with a double major in History and Government. She earned a Master of Arts degree from Valparaiso University in 1991, and in 2000 earned a Master of Science in Administration degree from the University of Notre Dame. For more than a decade O'Leary has been employed by Notre Dame, where, since 2002, she has worked in the athletic department as the assistant director of Recreation Facilities and the director of Sports Camps.

"Kara's passion for Saint Mary's, coupled with her knowledge of event planning and higher education, make her the right woman for the job," said Shari Rodriguez, vice president of College Relations.

You can phone Kara at (574) 284-5331 or e-mail her at koleary@saintmarys.edu.

Emmy Award-Winning Actress Camryn Manheim Visits Saint Mary's

Camryn Manheim, award-winning actress and author, visited Saint Mary's in February, delivering her lecture titled, "Breaking the Rules—Don't Take 'No' for an Answer." The lecture was sponsored by the Communication and Performance Studies Department and the Margaret Hill Endowed Lecture Series.

Manheim played defense attorney Ellenor Frutt on ABC's Emmy Award-winning drama, *The Practice*. This groundbreaking, feisty role garnered her an Emmy Award in 1998 for Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Drama Series, as well as a Golden Globe Award in 1999. In 2005, Manheim was nominated for a Golden Globe award and Emmy for her stunning portrayal of Gladys Presley in the CBS miniseries, *Elvis*. After that, she joined the cast of CBS' *Ghost Whisperer* as Jennifer Love Hewitt's best friend, Delia Banks. Most recently, she appeared as the nurse, to excellent reviews, in



Camryn Manheim

the Public Theatre's Shakespeare in the Park production of *Romeo and Juliet*. Manheim became a New York Times best-selling author with her book, *Wake Up, I'm Fat!*

Marketing "Touchdowns"

Students rate Super Bowl ads for local media

Students in marketing professor Bill Shannon's Advertising and Promotion class at Saint Mary's had one assignment over Super Bowl weekend. They had to watch the highly-anticipated Super Bowl commercials. Students assessed the overall effectiveness of the ads and their appeal to women.

As the New York Giants upset the championed New England Patriots 17-14, the Saint Mary's students prepared their assessment of this year's commercials. They watched for that "one commercial just for women," says Fitzpatrick. It's the third year Shannon has had his junior and senior marketing/communication majors rate Super Bowl ads from the female perspective.

Students' findings were published in the *South Bend Tribune* and junior business administration and economics majors Karin Carlisle and Brittany Fitzpatrick joined Shannon the following Monday on news radio station WTRC-AM 1340 to discuss the ads. Two out of 16 teams were impressed with the FedEx ad, "Carrier Pigeons," says Shannon. Carlisle remarked during the radio interview on the effectiveness of humor in commercials, saying "FedEx kind of surprises people now and then."

"About ninety million people watch the Super Bowl every year and about half of those viewers are women," says Shannon. "Research shows that women buy the majority of the goods and services. It's a 'no-brainer'—advertisers should be including women in their messaging."



Students in Professor Shannon's Advertising and Promotion class

National Honors: Saint Mary's Receives Presidential Service Award

This February Saint Mary's was recognized for its efforts to reach out to the surrounding community with the President's Honor Roll Award for Service. It's an award that Carrie Call, Director of the Office for Civic and Social Engagement, says honors the many dedicated students, faculty, and staff whose commitment to helping others reflects the College's mission. "...our commitment to education is not solely to or for the benefit of the individual student, but also for the benefit of broader society," says President Carol Ann Mooney '72.

Call says four programs were recognized as models of exemplary service. The programs reside within the overarching College Academy of Tutoring (CAT) program where college students offer a variety of services to local elementary schools. The service Saint Mary's students perform includes tutoring in English, reading, and math; the Teachers' Assistants program, where Saint Mary's students help out in classrooms; and the

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Anna Hoefer '09, Accounting major, and her pen pal, Patricia Newsom

Saint Mary's, maybe they will fight harder against the many odds they have to overcome."

innovative Pen Pals program in which Saint Mary's students pair up with local 4th-graders.

This is junior elementary education major Christina Klann's second year as a volunteer in the Pen Pals program. "My favorite part is our Friday study day at the end of the semester when all of the students come to meet us and we get to show them around Saint Mary's and eat lunch with them...I feel that if we give them the thought of going to college, and maybe even going to

Chinese New Year



This is the year of the rat—if you're looking at a Chinese calendar for 2008. Saint Mary's College celebrated with the 2008 Chinese New Year Festival.

The festival, held February 7, included a noon cooking demonstration in the atrium of the Student Center. Over 30 people were instructed in making a variety of Chinese dishes. The College

continued the celebration with a special "China Night" program at Carroll Auditorium. Students, faculty, staff, and the area community were invited to enjoy poetry readings, a short story reading, the sounds of the Notre Dame Chinese Band, Crystal Clear, the Granger Chinese Dance Company, and traditional dance performed by two Saint Mary's students from mainland China. The evening concluded with a fashion show by Saint Mary's students and children modeling traditional Chinese, Burmese, and Japanese garments. Over 250 people were in attendance for the event.

Support for the event came not just from the Saint Mary's community, but also from Notre Dame and the community at large. Guests and participants included former Saint Mary's professor Dr. Susan Yang Kiang, and Creighton University professors Dr. Jinmei Yuang and Dr. Maorong Jiang. In correspondence from Mr. Xiaowei Wand, the Director of



Education Office of the Consulate General of the People's Republic of China in Chicago, recognizing China Night and the China Summer Program, it was noted that "What Saint Mary's College has done contributes to the good relationship between the United States and the People's Republic of China."

The Chinese New Year was also celebrated with traditional decorations in Madeleva Hall. Dr. Susan Yang Kiang's Chinese paintings, and 2008 Beijing Olympic Games mascots were on exhibit in the Cushwa-Leighton library.

The event helped to launch the new China Summer Study Program at Saint Mary's.

Saint Mary's students and children from the area showcased traditional Burmese, Chinese, and Japanese garments.



Putting their Heads and Hearts Together: Three Chairs Rally the Class of 1963

By Shannon E. Brewer '03

In a rare event in College history, the alumnae class of 1963 now has three volunteer chairs heading their Reunion gift campaign. When Board of Trustees member Beverly Troxler O'Grady '63 volunteered to chair the campaign for her class, she celebrated the collaborative spirit of Saint Mary's alumnae by soliciting the help of two friends and classmates. Margaret Mary Scanlan Shuff '63 and Dona Duncan Hotopp '63 joined O'Grady, bringing their marketing skills and campaigning experience to the project.

O'Grady happily included her two friends in her plans with the goal of increasing the participation of the Class of 1963. The annual campaign raises money for scholarships and other financial needs. It is part of the larger Reunion Gift Campaign. Each year 11 classes celebrate reunions. A volunteer chair organizes phone calls and visits to her classmates to encourage them to support the College. O'Grady is committed to "giving back to Saint Mary's," and says that when she volunteered to chair the campaign, she asked herself, "How can I do this without support?"

Hotopp, French and humanistic studies major, and retired health care services director, stepped in. She offers her experience as a former class chair and her strong relationships with alumnae. "It was her name on the

achieving 51% class participation in the campaign. The goal is impressive, as are these women's expectations for achievement in the other parts of their lives.

O'Grady, an English literature major, who went on to receive her master's degree in the history of language and

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philology from Columbia, attributes this drive to her Saint Mary's education. She now co-owns Wilkinson O'Grady Global Asset Management, an investment company in New York, N.Y. For her, the campaign is about gratitude. "I can't

thank the members of the community who made Saint Mary's the place that was so good for me," she says. So she is determined to help shape the future of Saint Mary's. "I am so grateful to them for what they did for me, morally, ethically, and scholastically ... I want to be assured that Saint Mary's can do that financially, to continue to attract the kind of talent and leadership they have now."

The three chairs have found their collaboration invaluable. O'Grady explains that their mission is constantly in front of at least one of them. It confirms the value of putting

their three heads together. "We have conference calls," says O'Grady, laughing, as she reflects on how they remind each other, "Are you making phone calls [to classmates]?" Their relationship keeps them focused on the goal. "Was it Cardinal John Newman that said the community creates a stronger whole?" O'Grady asks. The aspirations and dedication of the three classmates certainly creates a stronger Class of 1963, and their leadership sets a first-class example for alumnae and students alike.

This May 29–June 1, the Class of 1963 will gather with ten other classes for the Annual Reunion Weekend. Many alumnae will see each other for the first time in years, to catch up, share memories, and share in the spirit of Saint Mary's.

See them at Reunion 2008!



Beverly Troxler O'Grady '63



Dona Duncan Hotopp '63



Margaret Mary Scanlan Shuff '63

annual letter that got my attention," O'Grady reflects on Hotopp's history with the campaigns. Hotopp has participated in past Reunions, the annual summer event for alumnae, and worked on the Sesqui-Campaign. The two classmates found additional help in Shuff, a magazine entrepreneur who co-owns JES Publishing with her husband, John, in Boca Raton, Fla. Her marketing expertise rounds out the trio's abilities, making them fitting representatives for the dynamic Class of 1963.

"With three people, we can really get things done," says O'Grady. As chairs, the women oversee raising money for their class, sending letters, making phone calls, and organizing a campaign committee. They took the first steps in organizing the leadership and set the goal of

Presidential Bobbleheads

Create Buzz



(left to right): George Efta, Director of Athletics Lynn Kachmarik, and President Carol Mooney during the unveiling ceremony



*You've got to be a good sport
to allow yourself to be
immortalized as a bobblehead.*

Saint Mary's College president Carol Mooney and her husband, George, have no problem wearing that hat. "George and I thought the bobbleheads were hilarious. This is just one more example of the spirit that our Athletic Department generates on our campus. They work hard to bring in a crowd, and George and I love being a part of the fun," said President Mooney.

For the first time ever, the bobbleheads were unveiled to an eager crowd prior to a Belles basketball game on February 9. The bobbleheads feature both President Carol Ann Mooney and Mr. George Efta standing together and sporting their "I'm Saint Mary's" t-shirts. The collectible is available to alumnae and friends for a donation of \$25.00, the proceeds of which go to the Edward and Consuelo Scott Mooney Scholarship Fund. If you are interested in acquiring your collectible bobblehead, contact Diane Carter at 574-284-4694 or e-mail her at dcarter@saintmarys.edu.



Longtime Belles fan Sister Viola and softball player Ashley Fusaro '09



Janet Libbing '91 enjoys a moment with her daughter at the post-game reception held at the Angela Athletic Center.



Former Belle basketball players fight for rebounding position during the first alumnae game under current head coach Jenn Henley.



Tammye Radke '88 with the St. Joseph Middle School team after the alumnae game



(left to right) Sisters Tammye '88 and Julie '90 Radke with former teammate Kris Nuter '87

Alumnae Deaths

Martha Brady Moran '29, November 20, 2007.

Rosanna Gorman Carney '33, grandmother of Meghan Carney Gargas '91 and Kelly Fahey '08, aunt of Rosann Gorman Conroy '65, Kathleen Gorman-Kyler '81, and Colleen Gorman Maloney '93, January 2, 2008.

Betty Pryor Marzano '38, mother of Beth Marzano Fleming '77, twin sister of Jane Pryor Armel '38, aunt of Nancy Armel Maddock '63 and Susan Armel Haley '66, great aunt of Katerina DeGrood Haley '90 and Ann-Marie Haley Berg '91, November 11, 2007.

Mary Haney Strasser '38, December 23, 2007.

Lt. Col. USAF Ret. Gloria C. Kyne '48, sister of Eleanor Kyne Meltzer '46, aunt of Maureen Kyne Przybylowski '82, May 20, 2007.

Mary Hovorka Leblon '50, sister of the late Sarah Hovorka Goodwin '53, November 26, 2007.

Elise Curry O'Connell '52, aunt of Ellen Dalton Patterson '84, January 7, 2008.

Sarah Lee "Sally" Hovorka Goodwin '53, sister of the late Mary Hovorka Leblon '50, January 20, 2008.

Sister M. Suzanne Holloway, CSC, '56, December 29, 2007.

Anne Fanning Moran '56, sister of Joan Fanning Wade '51, November 10, 2007.

Kathryn Payton Cospier '58, sister of Rita Payton Benear '60, November 30, 2007.

Susan McDaniel Evces '62, May 9, 2007.

Velma B. Glendening '66, October 2007.

Miriam Dana Rossman '66, October 1, 2007.

Sister M. Macrina (Mary Helen) Wrobel, CSC, '66, December 22, 2007.

Deirdre Murnane Brehl '68, aunt of Vanessa Brehl Hayward '92, and sister-in-law of Mary Brehl Given '78, November 3, 2007.

Dianne Snellgrove Fitzpatrick '72, aunt of Lisa Fortman Schroeder '95, January 9, 2008.

Family Deaths

Eugene C. Biittner, husband of Jean Herman Biittner '49, July 15, 2007.

George S. Brengel ND '77, husband of Jan Dunkin Brengel '78, and father of Thomas, January 1, 2008.

Thaddeus C. Cinal Sr., father-in-law of Julie Tadevich Cinal '87, December 8, 2007.

William Guido Corirossi, grandfather of Lori Corirossi Hazen '92, December 25, 2007.

Raphael Francis Cron, husband of Gwendolyn Otis Cron '63, February 2, 2007.

Nelson R. DeFord, father of Mary DeFord Doll '63, November 17, 2007.

Brian T. Etheredge, brother of Regina Etheredge Freschi '86, October 31, 2007.

Peg Morsch Foley, daughter of Jacquelyn Casey Morsch '53, and sister of Kathryn Morsch Rogers '89, September 8, 2007.

Francis S. Giel, grandfather of Christina Giel Hardin '97 and Kathleen Giel '01, January 5, 2008.

Josephine Geissler, mother of Kathleen Geissler '67, Mary Geissler Lanzzone '68, and Sheila M. Geissler '70, December 9, 2007.

Lt. Col. Ret. James F. Gruver, father-in-law of Sue Ann Wilkinson Gruver '70, December 21, 2007.

Walter J. Kavanaugh ND '55, father of Mary Jo Kavanaugh Thornburg '84 and Kathryn Ann Kavanaugh '90, January 9, 2008.

Lucille N. Krivicich, mother of Mary Lou Krivicich Fahey '64 and grandmother of Jennifer Fahey McGill '93, July 13, 2007.

Ambrose E. Kronenwetter, father of Mary Kay Kronenwetter Jeselnick '72, Judith Kronenwetter Krick '76, and Amy Kronenwetter Gruis '81, November 19, 2007.

Mary C. Landgraf, mother-in-law of Mary Catherine McDonough Landgraf '71, December 7, 2007.

Dr. Charles Keally Liddell, father of Susan Liddell Colson '73, October 2007.

Ethel Rita Ludwig, mother of Sandra Ludwig Dillenburger '72 and Debra Ludwig Martins '78, mother-in-law of Margo Lawrence Ludwig '65, and grandmother of Elizabeth Ludwig Caffrey '94, November 13, 2007.

Cecile Hoban Martin, mother of Maura Martin Smith '73, and aunt of Jeanne M. Martin '81, September 19, 2007.

James F. McAndrews, MD, husband of Kathleen Abel Curry McAndrews '46, brother-in-law of Dorothy Abel Purcell '44, aunt of Alicia Purcell Siebert '74, Andrea Purcell Katz '82, and Adria Purcell Hall '85, November 24, 2007.

Norman J. Mooney, father of Jennifer Mooney Stevens '74, January 11, 2008.

Ann Marie Nicholson, aunt of Lynda Gumz Condon '65, December 24, 2007.

Arlene F. Quigley, grandmother of Margaret Sullivan Hatton '01, November 18, 2007.

Ronald D. Silcott, father of Jennifer Silcott Born '99, January 10, 2008.

Thomas Albert Strudeman, husband of Mary Therese Kely Strudeman '50, December 24, 2007.

Raymond J. Swetish, father of Lyneall Swetish Froning '65, January 6, 2008.

William L. Szymczak, father of Diana Szymczak Rectenwal '82, November 14, 2007.

Mark Tolle, husband of Tamysia Marietta Tolle '56, September 16, 2007.

Mark D. Tulchinsky, husband of Mary Anne "Nan" Tomshack Tulchinsky '64, January 22, 2008.

Theresa Voorde, mother of Theresa Voorde Ellett '73, December 26, 2007.

Michael Patrick Wade ND '56, father of Leslie Anne Wade '85, December 14, 2007.

Edward J. Wesolowski, uncle of Stacey Wesolowski Gappa '06, December 3, 2007.

William J. Yokus Jr., husband of Eolior Long Yokus '61, and brother-in-law of Mary Jo Long Coulter '57, November 19, 2007.

Marriages

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Births & Adoptions

Catherine A. Reynolds '86 and Graham Collette: Ana Lee, born in Guatemala November 2004, adopted, December 2006.

Elizabeth Wrobel Falco '88 and William: Rocco Michael, July 30, 2007.

Regina Rudser Hoyt '88 and Shawn ND '91: Grace Gabrielle, November 6, 2007.

Halane Young '88 and Michael Martinson: Hayden Marshall Martinson, November 30, 2007.

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

Anne Hartzel Olsen '92 and Chris: Maria Grace, June 27, 2007.

Laura Panowicz Conley '93 and Raymond: Raymond James "R.J.", January 4, 2008.

Maureen Richerson Parlier '93 and Steve: Grace Elise, December 4, 2007.

Erin Cannon Grin '94 and Martin: Twins girls: Catherine Carolyn, and Emily Cannon, October 10, 2007.

Erin Matis (Koukoulomatis) Hull '94 and Mike: Emilia Caroline, October 8, 2006.

Joann Weed Ponto '95 and E. J.: Michael David, May 10, 2007.

Nicole Visceglia Rodgers '95 and Daniel: Cara Nicole, September 8, 2007.

Colleen Murray Kartychak '96 and Rob: Robert James "Bobby", May 21, 2007.

Brandi Rose Patchen '96 and Bryan: Robert James "Robby", August 24, 2007.

Sheila Doran Shane '96 and Patrick: Brigid Genevieve, July 20, 2007.

Laura Ferguson Van Wyk '96 and Christopher: Simon Alexander, August 22, 2007.

Jennifer Nagy Ryan '97 and Kevin ND '95: Gavin Michael, January 23, 2008.

Ann Hermes Tudor '98 and Jeffrey: Nora Margaret, November 25, 2007.

Maggie Rotello Hartford '99 and Scott: Bennett Louis, November 19, 2007.

Carah Smith Tabar '99 and Matthew: Alexander Matthew, March 12, 2007.

Andrea Chlebek Robinson '00 and Kevin ND '00: Alexis Rose, January 8, 2008.

Are you Latina?

Did you graduate from Saint Mary's College?

If so, Maria Oropeza, former director of multicultural affairs for Saint Mary's, would like to hear from you. Oropeza 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 survey for her research. Take the survey at <https://catalysttools.washington.edu/webq/survey/marivero/50020>.



Boston

The Boston Alumnae Club gathered in early December for the annual holiday cookie party. Guests brought homemade cookies and treats to the apartment of Jeni Hackbush '03 to stuff care packages for the New England students currently studying at Saint Mary's. The packages arrived on campus just in time for finals week! Several alumnae were also able to volunteer at Boston's Christmas in the City on Dec. 16, helping to wrap and distribute donated presents to local children in need. The club hopes to make this event a yearly Christmas tradition. Special thanks to Julie Leonard '93 for organizing this event each year!

Once again, the club plans to meet once a month for a Happy Hour on the third Wednesday of each month, which began in February. The spring luncheon will take place in early May, and local alumnae should keep an eye on their email for information about upcoming charity walks the club plans to do throughout summer.

Most importantly, the club began a reorganization at the beginning of the new year. You should have received some information regarding this as the club revamps its contact system. If you are in the area and have not heard from the club, please send in your current contact information. You can contact the club at smcboston@gmail.com or by mail to Jeni Hackbush (145 Commercial St, Apt. 431, Boston, MA 02109) for additional information.

Carolinas

The Carolina Club held its annual Founders' Day Dinner at the Village Tavern in Charlotte on Nov. 15. The event had a great turnout, with members catching up on all the exciting things happening on campus. In December, the club co-hosted the SMC/ND Annual Christmas party in south Charlotte. Attendees watched ND football games from the 2007 season, and collected toys for the Toys for Tots program.

This summer, the club is planning to meet for lunch and wine tasting at the Childress Winery in Lexington, North Carolina.

For more information, contact: Kara Pearce, (704) 526-7574.

Chicago East

The Chicago East Alumnae Club is currently forming committees and planning events for 2008—why not

make this the year you get involved with the club? It is a great way to connect with fellow alumnae.

For general information on the club or to join the Spring Tea or Founders' Day Committees, please contact Genevieve Morrill '98 at gcmorrill@yahoo.com. If you are interested in Send-off, please contact Kelly Walsh '01 at kelly.walsh@cna.com.

Chicago Northwest

On Jan. 12, Dan and Donna Bellock Callen '81 hosted a Couples and Cocktails party at their home. Shari Rodriguez, vice president for College Relations, joined the group to present the 2006-2007 Club of the Year award. Everyone had a wonderful evening, learning about what is going on at Saint Mary's and seeing one another again. It's great to hear how many prospective students there are for 2008! Many thanks to the Callens for opening their home!

Beth Bradfish '70 of the Chicago East Club and the club's own Janet Quattrini Aldred '84 planned the next networking event. Held on Feb. 20, the teleconference featured a discussion of each person's strengths and how they can be used. Many thanks to Beth for coordinating the teleconference. Beth owns Beth Bradfish, Inc., a life coaching business. It was a great way to "meet" where all could be at home, the office, or wherever, but can join by phone. The Networking Group will continue to meet in person at least once a year as well.

Book Club continues to meet. In January, they read *My Life in France* by Julia Child. Some new faces were welcomed to the group: Margo Petraitis Bradley '92 and Kathy Murphy Villano '79! In February, *The Emperor of Ocean Park* by Stephen L. Carter was discussed.

Also, at a date to be determined, the club will welcome author Peter K. Connolly, a 1955 graduate of Notre Dame, to one of the book club meetings. He has recently published the novel *When Shadows Fell at Notre Dame*, about an ND student and an SMC student and an old murder on campus. His book is available at Barnes & Noble and Amazon.com, or through his website www.ndshadows.com.

Please remember that the club is always open to ideas for events, and is very willing to accept volunteers!

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

Chicago West

The club began 2008 with book clubs at the homes of Julie Griffin Murphy '74, Bridget Murphy Cahill '89, and Patty Piercy Cushing '90. Many thanks to these hostesses for the great food and discussion. Upcoming book club information, with book reviews and location directions can be found at the club's website.

The club newsletter was produced by club secretary Carrie Cummins Mueller '92 and mailed in March.

Thank you Carrie for your continued commitment to this annual task! It featured the club's calendar, a new member column and a thank you from the club's scholarship recipient. It is also your chance to pay dues and stay informed about the club's activities via monthly emails. In case you missed it, you can find a copy of the newsletter at the club's website, <http://www.saintmarys.edu/~alumnae/clubpages/ILLINOIS/chicagowest.html>.

The club is looking for a new treasurer to relieve Julie Murphy '74 of her decade long board responsibilities. Julie has been an amazing leader for the club and her service is much appreciated, but the club would love to give her a well-deserved break! If you are interested in helping out, please contact Alison Spohn '93.

On Mar. 8 members gathered at the People's Resource Center for the club's annual service project. Those in attendance worked again in the clothing and food pantries to sort donations and organize the shelves for easy client access. The club and the PRC are grateful to everyone for donating their time and talents.

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

Cleveland

The Cleveland Club will gather at the home of Susan Rogers Schenkelberg '67 in Shaker Heights on Apr. 23 for a book discussion of *The Omnivore's Dilemma* by Michael Pollan. Along with Susan, the event is being co-hosted by Carrie Powers Powell '48. A club meeting will accompany the book discussion and future events will be discussed. Thank you to everyone who is helping with this event.

The club is always looking for more Cleveland/Akron ladies! If you are not receiving e-mails or mailings, or if you have ideas for the club, contact: Cheri Petride Miller '79, clmiller8457@earthlink.net or (440) 526-8966.

Columbus

On Dec. 16, 2007, the Saint Mary's and Notre Dame Clubs of Columbus co-hosted a Christmas Mass at Saint Charles Preparatory School. The beautiful Mass was followed by a delicious brunch, which even included a visit from Santa Claus!

For more information, contact: Adrienne Dorbish Pietropaolo '03, apietrop@columbus.rr.com.

Des Moines

In February, the Des Moines Club sponsored a baby shower for Birthright at the home of Aimee Beckmann-Collier '75. A Birthright board member explained the work of the organization and how Saint Mary's alumnae could, in a variety of ways, continue their service to young women in need.

Club members will have an early summer organizational meeting to plan the 2008-2009 year.

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

Indianapolis

The Indianapolis Alumnae Club had a busy end of 2007 and a great start to 2008. The club celebrated Founders' Day by hosting President Carol Ann Mooney '72. It was a great turn out for the club and it provided the alumnae an opportunity to meet President Mooney. A big thank you to President Mooney for attending and for all those who helped organize the event.

The club is continuing to attend Mass at Saint Mary's Catholic Church in downtown Indianapolis followed by brunch at the Scholar's Inn quarterly. Continue to look for e-mails for information. The Young Alums Group has decided to once again meet during the week for a night of fun. The first event was held at Chumley's in Broad Ripple in March. Look for more events in the upcoming year.

The club is looking for new leaders. If you are interested, please contact Betsie Sprague Monico '01 at smcchic79@yahoo.com for more information. The board is always looking for new ideas or suggestions for club events. Please contact KrisAnne Wilson '01 at krisanne.wilson@sbcbglobal.net.

New Jersey

The club is off and running in 2008 - starting with an exciting event held on Mar. 10 at the home of Adriana Trigiani '81 to honor a visit by Dr. Carol Ann Mooney '72 to New York City. The club joined hands with its sisters across the Hudson in the NYC and CT clubs for this event. But, all credit goes to Adri for opening up her home and hosting the event. There was so much fun and lively conversation, what a wonderful evening!

The club is also launching another Tall Ship program up and down the Eastern seaboard in partnership with fellow Notre Dame clubs. There will be women's leadership sails and dockside receptions in Atlantic City and New York City. A dockside reception will also be held in Jersey City. All the info can be found on the Saint Mary's NJ Club website.

It's time to send in your \$25 dues, ladies! The club utilizes these funds to support the current students on campus. The club would also like to build its own NJ-based networking link for graduating seniors. These young ladies would love to receive your advice on career paths to take, resume writing, interviewing techniques, contacts, etc...anywhere to get started. Sitting across from a friendly Saint Mary's alumna helps build confidence for the task ahead. Please take the time to forward your contact information, dues and suggestions to: Dawn Santamaria ~ 2 Gravel Hill Road, Asbury, NJ 08802 ~ dawn@tallshipunicorn.com.

Philadelphia

The club kicked off 2008 with an event on Mar. 10 in Center City Philadelphia at Di Bruno Brothers gourmet store. Rick Addis, director of Major Gifts at Saint Mary's, was the guest speaker. The evening was a "Taste of Italy" featuring Italian cheeses and antipasti, guided by the store owner & cheese monger. It was a great opportunity for alumnae to reconnect, hear the good news from Saint Mary's, and to learn about some of Italy's fine cheeses.

Club dues of \$25 are due for the new year. Please contact Katie Smith '93 if you did not receive a dues notice. Also, feel free to send her your suggestions for upcoming events.

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

Pittsburgh

The club continues to grow in 2008. Most recently, current Saint Mary's students were given a holiday and finals week boost from the club, receiving Starbucks gift cards to help them get through the tough week. Many thanks to all of the Pittsburgh alumnae who generously donated to this service project. Look for more information about the club's annual Spring Luncheon and Silent Auction event.

If you have moved to the Pittsburgh area and would like more information about the club, or to get involved, please contact Colleen Miles '03 at cbmiles@hotmail.com. If you are a "young alumna" (1997-2007) and wish to become involved, contact Christina Reitano '03 at cmreitano@yahoo.com or Christina Saclo '01 at cnscaleo@sisterson.com to get information on upcoming volunteer projects and evening activities.

South Bend

The club fought back against the winter blahs by planning some fun events! On Feb. 12, alumnae gathered at Hacienda for SMC's in the City. These are always great evenings for those who attend!

A Baby Shower and Brunch was held on Feb. 17 on campus. Alumnae went to Mass at the Church of Loretto, then walked over to the Dining Hall for the Sunday brunch. During brunch, the club held a baby shower for a client at the Women's Care Center who was expecting a baby boy. Everyone brought such cute gifts for the baby—thanks to all who attended the event and donated to this good cause.

The club planned a new event at Dream Dinners on Grape Road. People came to Dream Dinners empty handed, but left with prepared meals that were ready to be cooked and eaten!

A Michigan Wine Tour is scheduled for Sunday, April 27. Tickets are \$45 and include transportation and entry to four wineries—The Round Barn Winery, Tabor Hill, Free Run Cellars, and Hickory Creek. For more information, check the club's website (<http://www.saintmarys.edu/~alumnae/clubpages/INDIANA/southbend.html>).

Save the date for the club's scholarship fundraiser, "Belles Bingo" on May 8! It's an evening of fun—bingo, a silent auction, food and drink, with all proceeds benefiting the club's endowed scholarship fund. For

details, contact Abby Van Vlerah '04 at avanvler@saintmarys.edu or (307) 399-0652.

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

Toledo

The Toledo Club celebrated Founders' Day with a post date celebration on Jan. 30 at a local restaurant. Recent and not so recent alumnae gathered and enjoyed the evening together.

The club joined the ND Club of Toledo to "send-off" two new students to Saint Mary's this fall.

If you have any ideas for club activities or questions, contact: Paulette Raczkowski-Baz '96, 419-475-2319.

Twin Cities

The Twin Cities Alumnae Club ended 2007 with its annual Starbucks Gift Cards Campaign for local Saint Mary's students. The club hopes the caffeine helped with finals week.

On Jan. 6, the club held its first Holiday Epiphany Party at the home of Becky Jasper Seibert '89. This family event was for alumnae, students as well as family and friends. Thank you to Becky and her family for opening up their lovely home to the club and having a scrumptious spread for the guests.

For the remainder of the club year, the club plans on continuing with monthly Young Alumnae Social Hours, monthly Book Club Discussion, and monthly Mommies & Tots playgroups. For more information, please check out the club's Google Group at: <http://groups.google.com/group/smctalumnae>.

The final quarterly event of club year is the Midwinter Tea which will be held on Saturday, Mar. 29 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Lady Elegant's Tea Room in the St. Anthony neighborhood of St. Paul. Alumnae are invited to escape from the midwinter chill and enjoy a pot of warm tea with a four course lunch in the company of your Saint Mary's sisters.

Finally, the club is in the process of planning for the next club year. If you would like to be on the Planning Committee and/or you have ideas, please contact the club via email at smctalumnaeclub@gmail.com.

CLUB OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO NORTHWEST
ALUMNAE CLUB

The Chicago Northwest Alumnae Club was recently named Club of the Year. The club, established in 2004, hit the ground running, becoming very active in a short period of time. The genesis of the club came from would-be president Julie Marsh Deischer '93, when she asked a question of classmate and assistant director of Alumnae Relations, Michelle Egan '93: With so many alumnae in the Chicago area, why not divide the area up geographically, making it more convenient for alumnae to actively participate? Before long, that became a reality and Deischer was tapped to take the reins.

"If you really want to do something, you should be willing to do it yourself," explains Deischer, looking back. "It was wonderful for me to start working on it and for me to see how many alumnae felt the same way I did. They wanted to stay in touch with the Saint Mary's community and just needed a way to do it."

The neophyte club sent out a survey to gauge the interest of local alumnae. The response led to enough volunteers to quickly establish a board, collect dues and write the bylaws. With the help of Jennifer Durot Andrew '78, Sheila Culm Klostermann '90, and Emily Ann Willett Kubaszak '92, as membership coordinator, communications director and treasurer, respectively, the club was off the ground. "They helped out for the first two years," comments Deischer of her board. "I really appreciate their efforts to help establish the club and give it such a firm footing."

Today the club members actively plan events and programs. Their event calendar includes the Mother/Daughter Tea, which is their Founders' Day event, a Christmas event, a summer activity targeted toward families, and an annual "Spring Cleaning" meeting, which is their annual organizational get together and membership drive launch. They have a regularly meeting book club, and this past February over 20 members participated in a teleconference-networking event entitled, "Discover your Strengths and Maximize your use of Them!" Saint Mary's alumna, Beth Bradfish '70, who has a private coaching practice, facilitated the session.

In addition to their regular activities, the club has also partnered with the surrounding Chicago clubs for various projects and events. They work with the Chicago West Club to sponsor a family outing and with the Chicago East Club for the Student Send-off, a popular event with students and

alumnae. With over 75 people in attendance, current parents, students and recent alumnae speak to first year students and their parents. "It's a really nice way for us to welcome them to the family," comments Deischer.

Another collaboration with the Chicago East Club has lead to scholarship support for students from the Chicago northwest area. The two clubs worked together as fundraising partners for the Chicago Endowed Scholarship.

Seventy-five dues paying members support the 493 area alumnae and 55 students from the area. They keep members informed through emails and an annual newsletter. The Club's future looks to getting increased participation, continuing their current events and keeping an openness to providing for the interests they have, according to Deischer who sees the Club's greatest impact as, "Just helping people feel connected to Saint Mary's."

Deischer offers the following advice to other alumnae who might consider starting a club: be open to partnerships with other clubs, be open to using successful ideas - at least to start, and be open to the different interests of the club membership. In explaining how she implemented so many projects, Deischer says, "I just started. A lot of times the hardest thing is getting started. Every time I've put a request out there, I've gotten a response back from someone willing to help. A lot of times it just takes someone starting it and someone coming in to help. My attitude has always been that I want to get together with Saint Mary's women."

Saint Mary's congratulates the Chicago Northwest Club on their achievement.



In January, Shari Rodriguez, vice president for College Relations, presented the Club of the Year award to the Chicago Northwest Club. Pictured left to right, top row: Kathy Murphy Villano '79, Maria Frigyesi Etling '80, Erin Cartwright '95 and Donna Bellock Callen '81. Middle row: Mary Clare Brady '80, Kearin Carey Hansen '82, and Ann Gassman Murray '82. Front row: Shari Rodriguez, Julie Marsh Deischer '93, and Christine Casey '74.

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Surprise! Surprise! My fall 2007 Class News Column for *Courier* about Sister Mary Frances Rose and Sister Dorothy Ann Cahill brought applause not only from class members but from other members of the Holy Cross community on both sides of the road. Fortunately, today, college students, including those becoming sisters, are encouraged to mix in the world; so that they may help heal many of the world's ills. Sixty-plus years ago, liturgical women were not as active in the world at large.

In our small class of 70 members, there were many outstanding, talented women who made headlines throughout the world. Yet, one of our most beloved classmates evaded the limelight as she quietly served God. I write about **Hilda Bromeling**, who we called "Puggy." For more than 60 years since college, she has been listed officially as **Sister St. Bridget Bromeling, CSC.**

Going back to the fall of 1936, Puggy and I were listed as "homesick freshmen." We wanted no part of Saint Mary's College. My mother had been an invalid for 15 years and was dying at home. Puggy also was dealing with personal challenges at home. Sister Maria Pieta, dean of students, would waive her finger at Puggy and me and say: "You two ladies stay away from those telephones. God wants you here!" What a wise dean! As it turns out, both Puggy and I have been as close to Saint Mary's College as any member of our class. For both of us, Saint Mary's College is our second home.

The Class of '40 was such a small college class. We knew each other very well. Even so, there was a deep divide between members. On one side, there were the proud city kids. On the other side, there were the somewhat timid bumpkins from small towns and rural settings.

At our 50th reunion, we embraced and celebrated our different upbringings. We hugged each other and recognized the merit on both sides of the former, invisible class divide. Our great appreciation of each side continues to blossom. Our beloved Puggy was the one great mixer between the two groups. She was comfortable with both the country kids and the city sophisticates. While she cared about all of us, she

loved to party with the city slickers.

During her school days, Puggy showed no signs of religious fervor. During my sophomore year, Puggy lived next door to me. Thus, I knew that she seldom made it down to daily Mass; though the sisters strongly encouraged us to start each new day with Mass attendance. Puggy struggled to make it to prayer hour, the mandated alternative to attending Mass.

Puggy loved sports. We had a top-notch equestrian team. Along with **Jean Wolf Corby**, Puggy won the jumping competitions. Even now, I can visualize Puggy and her horse whizzing gracefully over the jump bars. Along with **Doris Quinlan** and Jean Corby, Puggy was one of my teammates on a championship basketball team. On the B-ball floor, Puggy and I were the runts. We made up for our short stature with our free throws.

Puggy had one bad habit during her student days. She loved to smoke cigarettes. Her need for a cigarette was so intense that she would sometimes ask Sister Pieta for the key to the Smoking Room. At our 10th class reunion, **Fran Unckrich Deibig** and I reminisced on the past decade with our beloved Puggy. We now addressed her as Sister St. Bridget. We asked our classmate about how she broke her cigarette habit. Sister St. Bridget responded with a smile and gleefully said, "I would just go over and hug a tree." She was well on her way to becoming a treasured member of the Holy Cross Community.

Officially, I asked Sister Margie Lavis, C.S.C., a fine writer herself, to provide our Saint Mary's College class with a formal report on Sister St. Bridget's record as a sister during the past 60 years. Sister Margie Lavis responds as follows: "Sister St. Bridget was born in Woodlawn, Pa. She entered the Sisters of the Holy Cross from Lansing, Mich. As a Sister, her primary ministry was elementary education. From 1956 to 1961 she taught at the Sisters' Colégio in São Paulo, Brazil. For many years, she spent her summers at a home for the handless lepers in Kalaupapa, Hawaii. Besides sharing her compassionate heart, she served as the hands for the lepers, writing for them and doing other daily hands-on support. As the story goes, she loved her ministry so much that the congregation had a hard time getting her to return home to refresh herself.

"Besides teaching, Sister St. Bridget did parish ministry and cared for her family. For several years, she served

as a driver for the sisters living at the (then) retirement home in South Bend, until her own retirement in 2000. Now she lives on the fourth floor of Saint Mary's Convent, Notre Dame and prays for the needs of the Church and the world."

Over the telephone, Puggy told me that she prays constantly for our class. She says that she is not well but adds that she is "at peace." Let us pray for and with her for all the nuns who blessed our lives.

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Jerry and **Amy Nardine Ryan** had a huge family get together in Cincinnati over Christmas. They now have 19 grandchildren. Amy plays bridge in the winter. She used to play in tennis and golf groups but now meets these friends for lunch.

I am always so grateful to **Kay Houser Sanford** for her wonderful newsy Christmas letter. She reported that she and Bob make their annual visits to the Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale. Bob received the good news that his second stent, which was inserted last August, was working fine and that the aneurysm was under control. He had a couple of emergency hospital visits that were relatively short, and doctors were able to readjust his medications and correct the problems. On a follow-up to one of these visits, Kay fell right in front of the building and hurt her ankle badly. She tried to ignore it, but eventually it was decided that she should go to the ER to have it checked. She was sent home with a walker and other rehab items. Kay and Bob discussed whether they should consider moving to an assisted-living facility but decided to stay in their own home as long as they could manage their problems and take care of each other. When the heat became intense, the Sanfords were invited by a friend to visit his wonderful "cabin" in Pinetop, the high country east of Scottsdale. This was a delightful respite! Needless to say, they were not pleased with the ND football scores but found some solace (more or less) in the last two games. They both regretted not being able to attend the reunion, but it was the wise thing for them to do.

Pat Rogers Tyrrell's brother, Jack Rogers, died in September. Her cousin, Walter Rogers ND '44, passed away Jan. 7. They played the Notre Dame Victory

March and Notre Dame Our Mother at his funeral. Her son, Bob Tyrrell, lives in Washington, D.C., and was the founder of American Spectator magazine, now celebrating its 40th year.

Marg Kotte O'Hara, her daughter, Pat O'Hara Gable '70, and her husband, Dr. Steven, go to Chicago frequently.

Ann Sheets Butler's daughter, Ann, who also lives in Westlake, Ohio, had Christmas dinner for the family. Ann's other daughter, Molly Coleman, lives in Wheaton, Ill., where there is a very popular high school, St. Francis. Molly's daughter, Margaret, was a student there along with **Gert Daley Moran's** granddaughter, Maggie. Pat Tyrrell's granddaughters, Brianna and Bridget, also attended St. Frances, as did another granddaughter of Gert's.

I had a nice talk with **Pinkie Wolff Stevenson** who lives in Daytona Beach, Fla., but spent Thanksgiving in Colorado with her four daughters. After Thanksgiving, she went back to Florida and spent five days in the hospital, then flew back to Colorado for Christmas. One evening recently, Pinkie had a gathering in her home that included a number of Saint Mary's alumnae, including her daughters **Dede Stevenson Cable '73** and **Cissy Stevenson Tate '66**, and **Mary Friedman Slattery '73** and her husband Mike, ND '73. Pinkie talks with **Miriam Marshall Hemphill** and reports that Miriam has had two corneal transplants. Pinkie also chats with **Cleo Gherna Young** of Long Beach, Cal. Her husband has passed away, and she has nurses around the clock.

On July 3, I had a knee replaced. After three nights in the hospital, I went to a new rehab center called Oaklawn. It was a wonderful place to recuperate, like a five-star hotel. I spent two weeks there and had marvelous therapy twice a day. Due to complications from an infection, I spent 13 weeks of visiting several doctors and taking four different antibiotics before recovering. Then I discovered that my lower back was hurting. The doctor who did my knee surgery sent me to a neurosurgeon, who told me that back surgery might be the only solution but at my age would be very difficult. He advised trying water therapy. I am now enrolled at Milestone/Baptist East for a six-week session. I do hope it will improve my ability to walk.

On Aug. 18, my grandson, Justin, Esther's son, married a lovely lady, Libby Vish, an attorney. My nephew, Fr. Walter Wagner, performed the ceremony at the Cathedral of the

Assumption in Louisville. It was a beautiful wedding. There were seven bridesmaids gowned in brown satin who carried bouquets of two-toned pink roses. My two granddaughters, Lauren and Kristen, were in that group. Lauren's son, Tyler Stinnett, 3, and Esther's son, Gavin McNerney, 8, were also in the bridal party. A wonderful reception and sit-down dinner followed at the Pendennis Club. The bride and groom have bought a house and are now living in Charlotte, N.C.

In October, the Woman's Club of Louisville sponsored a trip to Charleston, S.C. My dear friend, Betty Ann Broecker, and I joined the group and had a wonderful time. We stayed at a lovely hotel, the French Quarter Inn. One day we went down to Savannah for a look at that charming city. Coming home we stopped at the famous Grove Park Inn in Asheville, N.C., for a delicious seafood buffet dinner. I took a video of the trip and on January 8 the group came to my house for a potluck supper to see the travelogue. All enjoyed my fabulous Christmas decorations.

The Christmas season brought visits from granddaughter Lauren McNerney Stinnett and her two darling children, Tyler, 3, and Samantha, 2; granddaughter Bethany Barker Ronchetta ND '03, who lives in Chicago and works for Ernst & Young; **Ashley Clark Bass '98**, her husband, Rod, and their two sons, Collin, 6, and Evan, 3; as well as my son, Ken III and his wife, Mary, who flew in from California and helped me to set up with a new computer. It was so wonderful to see them all!

I received Christmas cards from **Miriam Hemphill**, **Pat Nolan McLaughlin**, and **Mary Mayle Hickey**, who wrote, "We may not get together physically, but in our memories, we are together!" Ann Sheets Butler wrote as well and added "A healthy, happy 2008 with love." Margaret O'Hara remarked how good it was to be together at Reunion. Gert Moran mentioned that she and Rock moved from River Forest, in a house they had lived in for 56 years, to a condo in Hinsdale—the same complex as Pat Tyrrell. **Floy Terstege Meagher '43** and her daughter **Patty Meagher Clare '81**, were guests at a party I had shortly before Christmas. I also received a card from **Virginia Meagher '71**, another one of the 10 Meagher daughters, eight of whom graduated from Saint Mary's—quite a record!

Fr. Walter Wagner, my brother's son and master of the novices in St. Gertrude's Priory, Cincinnati, has

12 novices this year—the most the Dominicans have had since 1976. He brought them to my house for dinner on the feast of the Epiphany. We had a glorious evening. The young men say prayers together four times a day. Fr. Walter asked if they could say their night prayer in my living room. They gathered in front of the stable scene on the grand piano. They sang a song to the Blessed Mother at the conclusion. It was a heavenly way to end the Christmas season.

Best wishes for a happy, healthy 2008. PLEASE SEND NEWS TO ME!

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These years, when most of us are in our eighties, have become more challenging for many. I refuse to write only about our canes, walkers, and wheelchairs. Many of us have moved from big homes in exchange for the amenities of retirement.

So, I start with **Jeanne Yunker Klem**, who always fills my cup with great spirit and humor. Jeanne and her dear Bill seem changeless...how great! She did have news from **Marianne Iddings Templeton**. Marianne will be moving from her long-established home in New York to live closer to one of her children in Hanover, N.H.... seems a long way to go for a native Indiana girl, Id.

Ginger Heinen Swoyer is still taking care of the golf course in Michigan...though she claims her care consists of watching the greens from inside the house or from sitting on the patio. Her faithful Len takes all the action in stride and tells everyone that Ginger is only 32 and capable of taking care of his every want. Not true, but it sounds good and makes everyone laugh!

Jerry Roche Fahey keeps busy in Chicago playing lots of bridge. She saw **B.C. McHugh** at a tournament some time ago, but they haven't caught up with each other since.

Al Marie Sackley Matthews had a terrible fall in her garage in Denver. She was alone and was on the floor for 18 hours before being found by her son. Al has severe arthritis, sciatica, and other disabilities, but she has managed to get through it and has moved from her lovely home. She now receives 24-hour care and is in great spirits. She would love to have you drop her a note. Call or e-mail me, and I'll get you the address.

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Sister Carmel Marie Sallows '54, CSC, received the prestigious John Krueger MD Caring Award from the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Ind., March 2007.

Elizabeth Bermingham Lacy '66 was inducted into the Virginia State Bar's 2008 Class of Fellows, Williamsburg, Virg., January 2008. Lacy was also awarded the Gerald L. Baliles Distinguished Service Award by the Virginia Bar Association, January 2008.

Mary Gail Frawley-O'Dea '72 published *Perversion of Power: Sexual Abuse in the Catholic Church*, Vanderbilt University Press, March 2007.

Christine D. Oldani '72 was named one of 2007–2008's The Best Lawyers in America, January 2008. This list is regarded as the preeminent referral guide to the legal profession in the United States. Oldani is a member of the firm Plunkett Cooney in Bloomfield Hills, Mich.

Susan P. Peters '75 was honored by the YWCA of Greenwich, Connecticut as a BRAVA Award winner, Old Greenwich, Conn., January 2008. The BRAVA Awards recognize outstanding women achievers who have excelled in their professional careers and who volunteer their time and talent to help others.

Maureen Morris Bowman '78 was promoted to administrative director of Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, Mich. Bowman has spent her entire nursing career at Beaumont, starting at the hospital in 1979 as a staff nurse in surgery.

LeslieAnne Wade '85 was named Senior Vice President, Communications at CBS Sports, New York City, N.Y., December 2007.

Julie Scheib Martin '01 was honored by the Pennsylvania Council as the Outstanding Social Studies Teacher of the Year for Pennsylvania, October 2007. Martin teaches at South Fayette High School near Pittsburgh, Penn.

Katie M. McVoy '03 joined the practice of Baker and Hostetler, LLP as an associate, Cleveland, Ohio, January 2008.

Amy Nimmer '76 was appointed Director Corporate Citizenship Center of Excellence and President of the John Deere Foundation, Moline, Ill., December 2007.

As I write, **Mary Alice O'Laughlin** is winging her way to her Mexico home in search of some much needed sunshine. Mary Alice also had some misfortune—having a bad fall in her Evanston home just before Thanksgiving. She injured her back but did not break any bones; time and vacation sunshine will help with the healing. She wrote a little news about the Chicago Club Founders' Day and the meeting of the Saint Mary's Chicago Club, which took place on the finish line at Arlington Park Race Track! She said that the committee did

a wonderful job...going to the races was exciting and hugely fun!

It is always wonderful to visit with **Louise Peterman Prosser**. She has a new talent...she has become a singer!!! Not opera, but certainly something she enjoys. She sings in the chorus, wears a costume, and is in a play which tells the story of the music. She explains it this way, "It's my passion!" Isn't that delightful? She's irrepresible...stay that way, Weesie! We need your enthusiasm! She also reported that she is looking forward to May, as she will be taking a trip with

a grandchild to Ireland. Way to go, Weesie!

I heard from two of you that **Mary Teresa "Mease" Coquillard** and George have bought a home on the Saint Mary's College's side of the Dixie Highway in South Bend. Is it retirement? An apartment? A house? A condo? Please write, Mease, and let us know.

Mary Alyce Sasso and I had a great visit. She is all settled in her new surroundings. She seems wonderfully happy and content. She has a granddaughter at Notre Dame Law School and follows all the happenings!

Jean Sohm Thyberg and I meet often for lunch. We discuss all the news and remember with fondness our days at Saint Mary's College.

Where are you Weedie, **M.J. Murphy**, **Carol Powley**, **Peggy Connolly**, **Dot Abel Purcell**, Marge the Barge?

As I write from Iowa, our first winter ice storm is dancing on our windows. Our crackling fireplace is roaring to blast away the winter chill and to warm my words as they fly from the phone wire to the computer...they hiss over and over...no bad news here, only joy to cheer!!!

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Happy 2008, everyone! By the time you read this, however, it will be four months into the new year.

You may have noticed that I did not have a column in the fall issue of *Courier*. At the time it was to be written, I was in the hospital having major heart surgery. I received a new heart valve (the aorta) that should be good for 15 years—bringing me up to my 98th year. I am feeling good now, and I hope that you all are, too.

I was able to go to Las Vegas in October with my dear friend **Liz Stang Drinkworth**. Liz is doing great, and we still have a lot of fun. I am lucky to have her as a friend—she keeps me going! We like to go to Las Vegas for the shows.

I received a few cards from classmates at Christmas. It was nice, and I would like to have had one from

all of you. Please send your news to me.

This fall, we had a big birthday party for my sister, **Marion Vodicka Casey '39**, who turned 90. My nieces, **Susan Casey D'Amico '65** and **Liz Casey '70**, planned it all. They did a very professional video of Marion's life.

I talked to **Mary Lee Durbin Ball**. She sent a Christmas photo of herself, her son, the grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. They are all so good looking! She still lives in Rushville, Ind.

Helen Lynch Griffith keeps in contact with me frequently via e-mail, and I also called her. Helen keeps busy with church activities. She is president of one of her clubs. She had three girls and now four grandchildren. One of her granddaughters entered the convent recently, and Helen is very proud of her.

I also talked to **Renee Chrissis Hansen**, who just moved to a new apartment in Naples, Fla. They have a view of Pelican Bay. They also have many facilities, such as medical and dining facilities, to make life easier. (I would like not having to cook! Renee and I were in the Riedinger House at Saint Mary's College our senior year, so we did our share of cooking then.) Renee's husband, Clare, was in the officers training program at Notre Dame when she met him. It was a storybook romance.

I talked to **Jane Daley Clark**. Her husband, John, passed away a year ago. She and John had nine children and 19 grandchildren. She misses him a lot. He was a fun person—he played the piano by ear and would always entertain you at gatherings.

This morning I had a call from **Olive Windbiel George**. She is still in Phoenix. She used to be my best correspondent, and she sent me her new e-mail address. She misplaced her last *Courier* and had some questions about it. She is well and feels good.

My last call was to **Mary Gavin Osmanski**. She is still in Chicago but will be going to Marco Island for a month. Her daughter, **Mary Osmanski Ferlic '70**, lives in the same apartment building. Mary is a great-grandmother. And one of her siblings, Angie Osmanski, is on the police force in Cameroon.

I also heard that **Betty O'Connell Carlson's** husband, Ed, died in 2007. Ed had been sick for a few years. That was another Saint Mary's College/Notre Dame romance.

As you might have noticed from my heading, I have many ways for you to contact me: three phones,

e-mail, or a good, old-fashioned letter. Why don't you try it? It would make me very happy, as my job would be that much easier.

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It was wonderful to hear from so many classmates recently.

Joan Cooney Kearney married John Childers this past year in Fort Wayne. They met in church. Joan says it is busy keeping up with both families. She has five sons. John has a daughter who lives in Northville, Mich. My husband and I met John before they married. We had lunch together and gave our seal of approval.

Louise Amati Riddle had a big family reunion for Christmas at her son, Richard's, home in Thousand Oaks, Cal. The grandchildren from Illinois enjoyed swimming in Richard's pool while the Chicago area was very cold. The only one who could not come was her son, Buddy, who works in Nigeria, Africa.

Robert and Louise celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 27, 2007. She writes, "I can't believe that so much time has gone by. We have five children, six grandchildren, and many happy memories.

Helen Johnson Frings is happy to have her daughter, **Patricia Frings Warmenhoven '78**, living much closer now in Green Bay. Helen founded the Dore County chapter of the Christ Child Society ten years ago, served as its first president, and is still active.

Helen reports the sad news of the death of **Mary Hovorka Leblon** last November in Edmonds, Wash. Mary was active in her parish, especially in musical activities. She directed the choir and played the organ. She and her husband, Jean, have two daughters, one in Edmonds and one in Hawaii.

Bud and **Rosie Foley Bigelow** celebrated the wedding of their daughter, **Mary Patricia Bigelow '90**, in Stamford, Conn., on a beautiful fall day in October. The groom, JoJo O'Sullivan, is from Ireland. Twenty-five family and friends came over from "the olde sod." The celebration started on Thursday and ended late Monday. The newlyweds will live in Stamford.

Joanne McCabe Schmitz writes, "Dale and eight family members enjoyed a great trip to Luxembourg to celebrate his heritage and were royally

entertained by several cousins he had not known before."

Peg Gardner Haaser says she has become an avid reader and DVD movie watcher. She welcomes suggestions of books and movies.

After a long time at home with hospice, Jim Thale, husband of **Frances Hanson Thale**, died in November. He and Fran have five sons and were married almost 60 years.

Alice Flynn Osberger writes, "The siren call of Notre Dame football was not as loud this year, but it still drew many of our old college friends and new B&B friends to campus. Alice helped her son, Dan, renovate and move into his new office building near Notre Dame.

It was so good to hear from **Anne Reynolds Pyron** after a long time. She thought she needed special news to write. Here it is: "I had brain surgery in April 2007! It was for a benign tumor and was located on the left side a few inches above the ear. The surgery took about four hours, and the size of the tumor was about the size of a lime. After the surgery, I had difficulty with my right hand and could not use my fingers. I was in the hospital until May; then had therapy on my hand. It has come back well, a remarkable recovery! I can do anything I used to do. In June, Ira fell and had a compression fracture; then, in the hospital, had a pacemaker installed. We are both doing pretty well now."

On a sad note, **Mary Terese Keltly Strudeman** and her husband, Tom, have always been very active in their parish. Last fall, they took a trip to visit **Mary Ellen Molony Brady** in West Virginia. After their return, Tom fell ill and died on Christmas Eve. Our prayers are with all those suffering losses, including Terry, Fran, and the Leblon family.

Johnny and I are looking forward to our granddaughter's graduation in May from Saint Mary's College. **Honore O'Brien '08** has had a wonderful four years at our college.

My daughter, **Bridget O'Brien Bealin '79**, is now licensed and nationally certified as a physician's assistant. At Saint Mary's, she majored in chemistry and minored in biology. She attended graduate school at the University of Detroit Mercy and graduated last summer. She loves this field and is now working in a neurology practice. We are very proud of her.

'52

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Elise Curry O'Connell died Jan. 7, 2008, after a difficult battle with Parkinson's disease. Her daughter said, "Her mind was sharp up until her last breath. I had read all the news from your class in the *Courier* to her on Sunday. It was one of her greatest disappointments that she was not able to attend reunion for one last party with you ladies whom she held so dear. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers and know how fondly she remembered you and Saint Mary's College."

Mary Jo Struett Bowman was unable to come to reunion because she was recovering from chemo. She was feeling better by July, though, and joined **Marie Galoney, Helen Wade O'Brien, Jo Brazaitis Ebert, Faith Kilburg McNamara, Pat Egan Skudnig, Mary Jean McQuaid Gaschler**, and me for lunch in Chicago. Later in the summer, Mary Jo traveled with her husband, Dee, to London. Her Christmas card shows them in some exotic tropical place.

In the fall I had the good fortune to travel with two classmates. **Betty Foley McGlynn** and I visited Oregon and Seattle in September, stopping in Portland to see Betty's sister, Martha (who has a marvelous view of the mighty Columbia River), then driving down the Oregon Coast and finally flying from Portland to Seattle for visits with our respective family members there. **Dor Murnane McMahon** and I went on a cruise of the Western Mediterranean in October, starting from Barcelona, where we wanted to see all the Gaudi buildings. Two days were not enough, but we got the flavor. On the cruise, we visited Marseilles, Nice, Italy, Corsica (focusing on Napoleon), Gibraltar, and Malaga, where Dor was reunited with her friend, Danilo, father of her "French grandson" Pierre, and on to Valencia, where we reveled in Santiago Calatrava's Arts and Sciences Park. Dorothy's facility with Spanish and French (she teaches private students French) helped us in the many museums we visited—including the Matisse Museum in Nice.

Other classmates who traveled together during the fall of 2007 were Faith MacNamara, **Mary Berners Kishler**, and Jo Ebert, who made the

Saint Mary's College trip to a villa in Tuscany. "We had a great time and were, of course, the oldest people on the trip." They were surprised to find that **Vivian Tuerk Markham** was also on the trip.

Eleanor Fails is looking forward to moving into Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame. The depressed housing market, however, has made her put those plans on hold until her house sells.

Those of us who follow Notre Dame are also feeling a little depressed. **Janet Rowe** attended the Notre Dame-USC game in South Bend, during a visit with her brother, who lives there and does legal work for Notre Dame. **Mary Jean Wallace Paxton**, a loyal fan who ceremonially puts on the green Irish t-shirt of the year to watch the Saturday games, writes: "I don't want to think about the season; I'm only glad that it's over!" Besides dreading Saturdays, Mary Jean writes: "I am still working part time as a volunteer (Tuesdays and Thursdays) at the local high school as a tutor in the AVID (Advancement via Individual Determination) program. I mostly tutor in biology and chemistry but have taken on physics at the request of the AVID coordinator. Biology is OK, as I have mostly taught it, but chemistry, though it was my undergraduate minor, I have mostly forgotten. Physics I had in high school (Sister Dolata) and Saint Mary's College (Sister Consolata), but I am relearning that as well. Sister Alma, who is not well at the present time (although I did receive a Christmas card from her), was my high school chemistry teacher." Mary Jean spent Christmas as usual with her son, Jan, in Florida.

Florida is the destination of a number of you in the winter, I know; but this year, **Joanne Hickey Fazel** writes that she is "just planning to stay cozy here in Oak Brook through this winter, not going to Florida. We look forward to the summer at Long Beach when our family comes to visit us."

Joey Bryan MacDonald, who also spends her winters in Florida, was surprised when Wisconsin had an early snowfall. "I've enjoyed fall and early winter in Wisconsin. It had been over three years since I last saw snow, and I'm happy to see it coming down and piling up. It's perfect for the Christmas season. I tried to ski, but the ice under the top layer is too lumpy and bumpy! Mac and I will drive to Florida after New Year's Day and will stay until mid-May. Many of our children and grandchildren visit us during their spring breaks, which is a plus. They can usually count on warmth

and sunshine. Our granddaughter and husband in Madison are expecting in June, so we'll have four great-grandchildren. I don't feel at all old enough to be a great grandma!" One of Joey's sons is an artist: "John's one-man show of oil landscapes [is] at a gallery in Williamstown, Mass. Last year he sold out in less than two weeks, and his paintings are selling well again this year. He's delighted that his work is appreciated. As a senior in high school, he won a four-year scholarship to the school of fine arts at Washington University in St. Louis and had dreams of becoming a known landscape artist. The Web site is www.theharrisingallery.com. I looked up the Web site myself and was impressed by his work.

Sally Disser Wiegand is another snowbird: "We are leaving for Florida today for Thanksgiving, etc. with a son and family in Sarasota on Siesta Key. Then we go to Woodbridge, Va., for Christmas with a daughter and family. We are still going to California for March and hope that Lynn and you and whoever else can come will join us in Palm Desert. Bob has to have some back surgery in early January but is sure he'll get to California come hell or high water."

Liz Werres Ravenscroft continues to bilocate between her two sets of twins in the District of Columbia and Seattle. "We're back east for the holidays and expect everybody here this year to celebrate together. . . . We haven't been doing too much traveling other than to reunion in May/June and then out to Seattle for the summer and most of the fall. So it's been a quiet time this year.

"I have just finished putting my doll collection on exhibit at my high school alma mater (Holy Cross Academy, where **Sr. Grace Shonk, CSC** has been a most beloved vice-principal for 25+ years and is still active there). The Academy has completed a building addition, including a state-of-the-art theater and additional classrooms with lovely display cases, which a cousin (also an alum) helped me use for my almost 500 dolls from around the world and 47 of the 50 states—quite an undertaking and one which I could never have done on my own. We had a grand time with the whole project. The display will be up for some time, so not only my grandchildren but various and sundry friends and relatives can see them. . . . I used the dolls of the states in my student teaching senior year in South Bend. The janitor of the school made me a doll to add to the collection, a "Miss Forest" made of

materials from trees, including a purse carved from a nut—he made every part of the doll, which is one of my favorites. There's also a doll dressed in the Holy Cross habit and one dressed as a woman priest (I got her at a Women's Ordination Conference), and almost every one has a story attached. I should add that in August 2008, the entire family is planning to cruise to Alaska and also follow with a land tour, hopefully something the young ones will remember all their lives."

Lynn Dargis Ambrose always sends a newsy letter about her large family. Some highlights about herself are her intergenerational Elderhostel trip to Sedona with Natalie and riding the rapids of Grand Canyon. She has been doing puppy training with Caleb, her six-month, golden doodle (golden retriever mom, standard poodle dad). She hosted the AAUW Garden Tour & Garden Retreat here—using my yard to the utmost. She spoke at the Saint Mary's College conference "New Road-No Rules" in July, after reunion. She was, of course, "the oldest one there but 'experience' was valued on 'life after retirement.'" She suffered no major disaster with California fires but had ash/soot damage. "Some family and neighbors stayed here when evacuated," feeling like "one big happy family." Lynn's plans for 2008 include lunching January 28th at **Mary Dvilaitis Blanford's**.

The amazing Barack Obama lives in my neighborhood in Chicago and works out at my health club when he's in town. I'm rooting for him, but I admire Hillary so much that I want her to win, too. My dream ticket would be both Clinton and Obama.

I hope you are well and that you are traveling and seeing your children and grandchildren grow and prosper. Please write me your news.

'54

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Our prayers and sympathy are with three classmates on the loss of their husbands: **Mary Lee Vorce Stenstrom** (Robert died in 2005); **Anne Feldpausch Hubert** (Joe died in December 2006); and **Mary Fran Koehnemann Nolan** (Tom died in August 2007).

Betty Galloway wrote about Mary Lee's husband and had recently learned of the deaths of **Laura Latham Smith** in July 2006 and



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Barbara Mudd in June 2007. Again, our prayers and condolences to Laura's and Barbara's families. Betty added, "I have been retired 15 years and still enjoy joining the ladies who lunch."

As many of you know (thanks to e-mail updates from **Ann Korb** and **Jean Zimmerer Thomas**), **Aggie Majewski Kinnucan** was diagnosed with cancer in summer '07. Aggie's Christmas card was one of thanks for many kindnesses, letters, prayers, and—typical Aggie humor: "Who would have thought protein shakes, flax seed, imodium, and organic this'n' that would have become part of my normal vocabulary in 2007?" Of course you remain in our thoughts and prayers, dear Aggie.

Liz Kiley Wilson and husband Jim have been heroic in the nearly three years since her spinal cord injury. Her '07 Christmas letter reported that, in June, the entire family celebrated Jim's 80th birthday at the Atlanta home of son Jim and family—their first plane trip since her injury. Jim's paragraph at her letter's end reported that Liz is "working hard to walk again... sometimes almost 30 minutes with a walker (assisted, due to balance problems)...even slow and halting progress gives us hope that she will someday be able to walk unassisted except for a walker or, even better, a cane." Liz and Jim, our thoughts and prayers continue for you!

For her early December 75th birthday, **Nancy Gibbon Ross's** four daughters and two daughters-in-law

took her for two nights at Manhattan's Grand Hyatt—"Broadway shows, shopping, and wonderful dining!" Her '07 travels were a trip to Mt. Vernon and two others to visit sons (Peter in Harper's Ferry, W.V.) and Michael (in Jackson, Wyo.).

Sue Whalen Heyer is enjoying part-time work for a friend/owner of a very nice motel. "It's great to be around the public again." In September, in Ft. Lauderdale at her sailing club's 50th anniversary, Sue "saw folks I hadn't seen in 20 years."

Erin White Schaefer's Christmas news from San Diego was that son Mark and family had been with them for Thanksgiving, and that daughter Kathleen and husband Scott were expected for a late Christmas, New Year's, and Erin's 75th birthday. "Letting them do the traveling this year!"

Mike and **Patti Denholm Connor** continue their six months in Florida, returning to Ohio in summer. In August, Patti fell down a short flight of steps, causing a severe concussion and skull fracture. Ten weeks later the dizziness was gone, and she was back to regular routines. They were looking forward to summer graduations of several grandchildren.

Marie Mertes Hertig and Jim toured New Zealand for several weeks by steam train—"rain forests and glaciers, oceans and mountains, sheep and kiwis." Their three daughters and families are in South Carolina, and their son and family live in Kentucky. Jim consulted for two weeks in Baton

Rouge; at home in Anderson, S.C., he's "still trying to learn to play golf" and works one day a week at the auto auction. Marie knits for various family members, as well as "in a church knitting group for charity."

While visiting her oldest, Chuck, and family in Arizona in April, **Jane Flynn Carroll** had a "lunch and a great visit" with **Patt Gannon Scully** in Scottsdale. Though they enjoyed visiting the ranch home in The Villages in Florida, purchased in 2003, Jim and **Bernice Boucher Hopp** decided not to become permanent residents and sold the property in 2007. At their Irvington (Indianapolis) home, they both continue volunteer and leisure activities.

Marilyn Austgen Thompson and Jim enjoyed two repositioning cruises in '07, one from San Diego to the Hawaiian Islands and another from Vancouver, British Columbia to Los Angeles. When Marilyn asked eight-year-old Andrew what he wanted for Christmas, he said, "a scholarship to Cal." (Although both parents are alums, his mom, Susan, said she'd be glad to send him to Stanford if they'd give him a full scholarship.)

Ed and **Mary Schmitz Bartley** (she's still working part-time at the travel agency and volunteering at local library; he's busy with their yard and rose garden; and both are enjoying golf and tennis) began '07 celebrating their 30th anniversary by taking their children and spouses on "a Caribbean cruise on a true sailing

ship." In the spring, they cruised San Diego-Hawaii and return, and in summer enjoyed a "great Amtrak trip" (Ed is a railroad buff since childhood) from Chicago to the Pacific and back. Finally, Mary and granddaughter Lauren toured the California coast. The year 2007 also marked the births of four great-grandchildren and three family weddings: of two of their great-grandchildren and of Mary's great-nephew.

A nice picture of Lionel and **Kathleen Flanagan Baldwin** in front of their Christmas tree reported their annual family reunion, celebrating their 52nd anniversary. **Mary Wieland Scheetz** reports "a good life" in Sun City, Ariz.—always "something going on," and she enjoys golf, the outdoors, the sunshine. Christmas holidays are in Missouri, and in April, she took a cruise from London to Barcelona with eight friends.

Sister Jo Luckner wrote at Christmas of their ministry with the undocumented women continues. She reported a Mass celebrated Nov. 2 on the border of El Paso/Juarez, Mexico, "to remember the immigrants who have died and are suffering," attended by about 400 on both sides of the border. Jo mentioned that "one of the factors" that put her in a Christmas spirit was a one-day workshop (300 attendees) by the local district attorney's office for victims of crime—she was "surprised how welcoming, sensitive, and positive it was." Its finale was "a gripping talk by

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Robin Givens, former wife of boxer Mike Tyson." Her emphasis was that "forgiveness on the victim's part truly could set the victims free of anger and sadness, and that God's grace will bring us home." Included on Jo's letter was a nice picture of her "in the midst of the cactus—so you see how I am thriving!"

Christmas greetings from **Christa Czeydner Pichler** came from Salzburg with snapshots of her and son Chris, six members of her church group, and Pastor Father Wanko celebrating his 70th birthday at a local restaurant. She commented that "the European Union did not bring too much happiness here—everything is becoming very expensive; many, many foreigners (so-called refugees from all over) flood this little country, they get jobs first and aid...I think our world will soon be overcrowded." She added that she should have stayed in the U.S. after college, and that the "main reason for my returning was my good mother, who lived in the hope to be able to return to her home in Hungary, under the same conditions as before...but she was mistaken...we never even received back our property—when the Communists left."

Rody Oppenheim

Dilenschneider's mother once told her brother that if he went to Notre Dame, he would meet the world. While guests at the Ritz in Paris during '07, she and Jack met a "delightful, charming woman," and at some point after a long chat during breakfast, Notre Dame came up. She: "Oh, that's where I went to school! Well, I really went to Saint Mary's...etc." She was **Catherine Hicks '73**, whom Rody reported as having had successes on Broadway and TV. She starred in the series *Seventh Heaven*, and in the mid-'80's, Dick and I saw her in three movies—having heard of her alumna status. Also, several years ago, Rody and Jack were examining some New Mexico petroglyphs in an area isolated except for one other party of five—parents, two kids, and grandmother—who was **Peggy Moran Stamm '52** of our big-sister class. Family-wise: on the same visit to Paris, they had dinner with daughter **Mary Dilenschneider Condon '87** and family. When Rody wrote, their eldest grandson had just returned safely from Mosul (in the Foreign Service), would be marrying at Christmas, then on to his next assignment in Tunisia. "At the other end of the spectrum," she reported the birth of their first great-grandchild, Teagan, her name "coming from

another part of the world."

Pat Byrne Lyren wrote from Florida, where she loves living near daughters Moira and Molly and families. Mia remains in Connecticut, "digging for the state archeologist." A main interest for Pat is the Delray Beach Chorale. They had a major concert with full orchestra at Christmas and are preparing for Haydn's *Creation* in April. (To see Pat and Maura, "a fellow alto," on the right side of your computer screen, type in "Delray Beach Chorale" on www.youtube.com.) Accompanying her Christmas greeting was a wonderful picture of Pat and her six grandchildren in Alaska on a family trip in June. Next up was a family Caribbean cruise during New Year's week. Also, Pat wrote of several U.S. travels with Molly's family, Maura's family, and with Pat's sister, Mickey—the latter including a visit to a Minnesota lake "with our wonderful extended North Dakota-Minnesota families." Last of Pat's news—far from least, but a different subject... "Carl's ashes were finally interred in the new, nearby South Florida national military cemetery on Memorial Day weekend, as he wished. Only members of the immediate family were present, while young Marines performed the always solemn and meaningful military ceremony. We finished up with a rollicking barbecue, as Carl also wished. I am absolutely certain he enjoyed the whole thing."

A major surprise for Tom and **Mary Ann Kramer Campbell**, at their 50th anniversary celebration given by their children in April, was daughter Kathleen's handmade "envelope quilt," with letters from family and friends recounting memories through the years. In autumn, "three Notre Dame home games, all losses but Tom has survived," and the Wisconsin wedding of their oldest grandchild, Kate Lorenz. Also in the fall in South Bend, the Campbells were together with granddaughter Jillian (a first-year student at Saint Mary's) and grandson Andrew (at Notre Dame) for Andrew's 21st birthday—when they took both to meet Father Hesburgh in his office, "and then to dinner to buy Andrew his first legal drink!" (An ironic footnote to the Campbells having seen three Notre Dame losses: Dick and I, thanks to the Campbells, through whom we got the tickets, saw one of the team's three wins, at Stanford stadium here in Palo Alto!)

After receiving our fall '07 *Courier* column, **Mary Beth Adler Wilhelmi** e-mailed me, enthusing that "There were so many similarities between

our class news and my news that I had to write at once!" To wit: like the Campbells and Sheehans, she and Art had celebrated their 50th anniversary by taking all six of their living children and spouses and 18 grandchildren for a week on the beach in South Carolina. As with the Schaeferes, Mary Beth's Art turned 80 in March, and like Mary Bartley having a great-great-niece, the Wilhelms "have that honor as well, only they are two great-great-greats, living in London." She enjoyed reading about classmates' travels and reminiscing about their past trips. Mary Beth's message to us all: "So have a great time, and lift one for us!" And, a final note she added: "Grandchild #19 expected in August '08. Life is good. God bless."

My freshman roommate, **Mary O'Shea Judd**, wrote from Dallas at Christmas. She and Jerry have had some health problems, but are doing ok. (Like me, she is probably facing a knee replacement.) Grandson K. J. (son of **Julie Judd Liesenfelt '78**) is in seventh grade, enjoying band and baseball.

Barbara DiSalle Lindskold continues to enjoy Arizona living and commented that equally she "enjoyed house-sitting back east during the past two summers."

As for us, Dick (the fitter of us, for sure!) hikes weekly with a group in our Marin hills. In April-May we took a wonderful tour in Peru and the Galapagos Islands. I must tell you that St. Martin de Porres was everywhere in Peru—from garish little statues on newsstands on the streets to an impressive shrine-with-statue high above the Rio San Martin. In early September, we drove with Erin, Ben, and three-year-old (and WONDERFUL, of course) Chloe to Colorado—Dick (as well as Erin and I) wanted native-Californian Ben to see the beautiful and impressive area where Dick grew up. (Wonder if we'll ever get Ben to Dixon, Ill.?!?) In late September, about 14 of us comprised Dick's high school class reunion...only 28 in the class, so this small group has met each year, the venue being wherever someone lives that's a good area to visit...e.g., San Diego and Las Vegas. Then in October-November, we and 14 others comprised a tour to Bhutan (new for us both—a small, unspoiled Himalayan kingdom nestled between Tibet and India—we liked it a lot) and India (new for me).

Our other grandchild, Amy's son Anthony, is 15 now—hard to believe, and handsome as ever. Also, Dick and I were invited (along with two

other couples from our Saint Mary's College alumnae club—Albert and **Ann Purcell Perini '63** and John and **Paula Roth Gambs '68**)—for a lovely evening and dinner in November with **Dr. Carol Ann Mooney '72** and her husband, George Efta, Rick Addis, and Shari Rodriguez. While visiting various parts of California, they included the San Francisco area during the Stanford-Notre Dame game weekend.

Thanks so much to all who wrote. Deadlines for our column are January 1 and June 1, and remember—a postcard is a great/quick contribution! Love you all – JJS

'56

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Dear Classmates: As in the past, the Christmas mail brought very little in the way of news for our class. **Loret Coverley Miller**, always faithful, sent greetings from the Washington, D.C., area. **Pat O'Leary Ring** sent a card from North East, Pa. The Alumnae Office sent me the sad news that our classmate, **Mimi Hilger Haerle**, died in Indianapolis, Oct. 28, 2007. Mimi was a loyal supporter of Saint Mary's College and was at our 50th Reunion in June of '06.

Maryjeanne Ryan Burke and some of her family were going to spend the holidays in Vail, Colo., where they have had a home for many years. **Rita Conley Bourjaily** had a pre-Christmas lunch with **Mary Kay Shanahan Cesarone**. Mary Kay and her husband will be going to Florida. Other Florida classmates are **Jean Wargin Schloegel**, **Mary Carey Swift**, and **Lucy Connolly Ohlrich**. Lucy sent a card with a picture of her and her husband taken in Russia last summer.

Tom and I have been in Arizona since the end of October. Tom's health has remained fairly status quo, but our activities are limited. We look forward every year to the visit of **JoAnn Grima MacKenzie '69** from the Development Office at Saint Mary's College. The Phoenix area has quite an active alumnae club, and I can keep up with the happenings at the college.

Mary Lee Wheeler Schuler stays in touch through many long, handwritten missives. Although Wheels' health has been failing the past few years, she manages to keep up with her children and grandchildren from her "office" at her

kitchen table. Her last letter indicated that she has made some improvement healthwise. It is hard to picture Mary Lee anywhere but on the tennis court or the basketball court!

If you wish to make a memorial contribution for any deceased classmate you can send it to the Alumnae Office and indicate that it should go to the Class of 1956 Scholarship Fund. I can think of no better tribute to honor a friend.

Please send me news! I also thank **Jean Kimmet Jackman** for writing during the summer with California news. It doesn't take a lot of effort to drop me a card or e-mail.

REUNION May 29–June 1, 2008

'58

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Can you believe that we will be seeing each other come May 29 to June 1? Fifty years ago this September we arrived on campus. I remember **Helen Carroll '26** and my mother having a long talk about mutual friends when I moved into my room on the first floor of Holy Cross. I also remember meeting **Sue Corcoran Griffin** and her darling mother. Just a couple of snapshots—and each of you have your own first memories.

Martie Slavin Fogarty arranged for **Sistie Doherty McEnery**, **Mary Mulfler Blake**, **Kay Duffy O'Leary**, **Sally Hultkrans Callahan**, **Patti Rogan Beckman**, and me to get together for lunch at the 95th in the Hancock Building in early October.

Martie and husband Mike have sold their Chicago home and are in the process of renovating their house in Jacksonville, Fla., for full-time residence. Since Martie has traditionally been the coordinator of our get-togethers, we will miss her doubly.

Sally was getting ready to leave for the winter in Naples, Fla., where she sees **Pat Kennedy Flock**, **Mac Coryn McGee**, **Ellen Canny Werner**, **Marilyn Miller Lyon**, **Lynda Leigh Scott**, and **Eleanor Hanks Connors**. (I'm sure I must have missed someone—there are so many we should probably schedule a reunion in Florida some winter.)

I received a Christmas letter with pictures from **Hannah Grasberger Kreps**—I think I counted 15 grandchildren between Hannah and Bill. Hannah celebrated her Big Birthday at Bobby Flay's Bar American

Restaurant in Manhattan with all her children and their mates in January. She looks fantastic, and both she and Bill look very happy.

Joan Renehan Thompson's card featured a picture of six grandchildren "making music together"—snare drum, saxophone, clarinet, guitar, piano, and the youngest on the bongo drums. And they were all smiling!

Paula Lawton Bevington sent a pithy Christmas poem summing up the past year and, of course, looking forward to our reunion. Stay well and I'll see you here at Saint Mary's College.

On a sad note, **Kathryn Payton Cosper** died Nov. 30, 2007. Kathryn lived in South Bend and was a widow. She was sister to Rita Payton Benear '60.

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How time flies when you're having fun! Are we having fun yet???? At least, I hope some of us are having fun all of the time and all of us are having fun some of the time.

In July, I had a great letter from **Nancy Canary St. Romain**, who lives in Dallas. Nancy and her sister are into genealogy, which, I imagine, is true of many of us. We have reached that age, especially if we are the eldest among our siblings. Nancy has learned that we can now call her Nancy Kenearey. I bet many of us have those kinds of stories to share. Nancy's daughter flies for Delta and is based in Atlanta, though she lives in Austin and commutes. What a new world we live in. I know **Peggy Hock Cahill** often visits her daughter, **Mary Carol Cahill Sullivan '88**, who lives in Atlanta. **Maureen Hogan Lang** has a daughter (and only granddaughter) living in Atlanta. Nancy (with her Delta connection) suggests we make that a new luncheon center...let's go for it!!!

Later in July, we had a small but heartfelt luncheon in Chicago with **Elaine Van Etten Cassidy**, **Jane**

Simpson Kiep, **Maureen Madigan**, **Nancy Prawdzik Kidder**, and **Maureen Hogan Lang**. It is not the quantity but the quality that "makes the day."

On October 2, we outdid ourselves at our Chicago luncheon. **Pat Donovan Dowd** and her husband, Ed, were just finishing their "tour of duty" in the Midwest when we caught them after attending the wedding of the daughter of the late **Diane Donovan Grant '57**. We again met at Oakbrook and included in our celebrity roster: **Peggy Hock Cahill**, **Nancy Prawdzik Kidder**, **Sue Shay Saletta**, **Barbara Graham Stotzer**, **Mary Jo O'Callaghan Martin**, **Marilyn Wallace Cusick**, **Diane Zarantonello Sullivan**, **Maureen Hogan Lang**, **Pat Donovan Dowd**, **Jane Simpson Kiep**, and **Nancy O'Toole Doppke**. The Today Show had nothing on us as we interviewed, sought opinions, gave reviews, and applauded one another because we had all risen to the occasion...and we all looked pretty darned good...if we dare say so ourselves...and we do!

Snippets of our conversations follow: Diane was leading the dance act having acquired two new knees in August. Marilyn and her husband were in Ireland in July with their five children and their families. What a great way to get family together! Nancy and Jim Doppke were in Provence to visit their son, John, who rented a house for a month. On a regular day they are volunteers at St. Martin de Porres High School in Waukegan, which is part of the Cristo Rey network. Peggy Cahill had traveled to South America. She loved Chile and going around the cape. Now she is back to the reality of her everyday job with Caldwell Banker. Sue and Jack's five children have accumulated eleven grandchildren for them. Since they all live in Chicagoland, Sue is learning to cook for the masses. Pat and Ed were winding down from spending great time with their five daughters and their families in Long Beach, Ind., and then the rest of the summer with their three Midwest daughters. Pat sees **Donna Sullivan Stockholm** often. Mary Jo and Larry Martin ND '60 enjoy nine children and 22 grandchildren. Mary Jo picked up their granddaughter, Annalisa, at Saint Mary's College's Fine Arts Camp, where, for the second summer in a row, Annalisa roomed with Bruno Schlessinger's granddaughter. Mary Jo and **Mary Ann Prejean Antrobus** went to Nicaragua in March of 2006. They brought sewing machines, fabric,

and kits made from fabric donated by friends to the Batahola Center, where they taught quilting to 30 women who each finished a quilt. The women loved learning how to quilt and continued meeting every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday to make products to sell in the United States and Nicaragua. Mary Jo and Mary Ann returned to Nicaragua at the end of October to help the women perfect their finishing skills, teach them new quilt patterns, and help them organize into a cooperative. They hope to get a micro-financing operation going for the women to buy their own machines and fabric. If they can get certified by the Fair Trade group, they can sell their products through that organization. (How proud are we to have Mary Jo and Mary Ann as classmates?? Any suggestions about how the rest of us classmates can help them?)

We hope that this issue finds you happy and well. Let us pray for one another. Remember: just two years until reunion! Keep smiling!

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News that **Susan McDaniel Evces** passed away on May 9, 2007, came from her husband, Charles.

News from class surveys at Reunion '07: **Mary Anne Farrell Cunningham** writes from Maryland that she continues to enjoy her job with Prince George's County Schools as a paraprofessional grant aide. She and Ron were excited about adding twin grandchildren to their family last summer—joining their two others who keep them young. **Sister Jane DeChantal Drauer (Diana DiSalle)** has 12 grandchildren, with the first one about to be married. Sixteen years ago, Diana joined the relatively new community of the Intercrossors of the Lamb as a religious sister. From six consecrated hermits they have grown to 60 and have over 2500 Intercrossors of the Lamb companions. They travel extensively, giving missions and workshops. They now have five IOL priests and are growing.

Sara Baker Fagan and Kevin of Dallas, Texas, have four children and four grandchildren. Sara tutors first grade two days a week and volunteers at the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Gardens, teaching nature classes to K-6 grades one day a week and giving guided tours of the grounds. She also is on the local school council

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Members of the Class of 1964 had a big celebration this past September in Grand Beach, Michigan, in honor of their 65th birthdays. Pictured left to right, front row: Colleen Pierce Garard, Becky Borchers Brown, and Marty Thompson Coe. Second row: Mary Whealan Burd, Sis Reynolds McBride, Anne Froning LaBoe, Nancy Larry Mascotte, Bobbye Borchers Flecker, and Mary Ann Curnes Fuller. Third row: Thelda McDermott Dillon, Joan Marks Houck, Linda Camiller Sanderson, Angie Braunstein Maher, Kathie Menzie Lesko, and Mary Kay Flynn Bowling. Fourth row: Susan Shalgos Wolsfeld, Mary Kay Brady Turner, Pat Malone Nathe, Mary Ann Woods Baer, Karen Mortimer Williams, and Cathy Ronan Macdonald. Fifth row: Ellen Brown McBride, Debbie Eisenmenger Simon, Roberta Limarzi Weinsheimer, Jinx Hack Ring, Carol Cronin Moran, Nancy Drew Sheehan, Joanne Casellini Kelly, and Susan Aschauer Ozdaglar. Present for the weekend, but not pictured: Molly Follis Tuton, Jean Canizaro Enochs, Sue Badaluco Gerhard, and Margie Carroll Flynn.

and a member of neighborhood VIP (Volunteers in Patrol). She spent a lovely 10 days in Italy with **Pat Potenziani Vick** and went to Peru with Saint Mary's College—"Great time!" she says.

Jeanne Fontana Ferrini has five children, all married with the 11th and 12th grandchildren due. She has been "Nanny Grandma" for 17 years. She volunteers in parish and Park Ridge, Ill., activities. She also has two single-song CDs: She co-wrote lyrics for "Sing With the Angels" and wrote lyrics and music for "Yesterday's Child." Her Web link is angelsing records. Her Saint Mary's College memories include the beautiful chapel, exquisite campus, great teachers, and dear friends.

Fran Woulfe Floeter sends news from Maryville, Ill., where she is a teaching assistant/substitute teacher.

Her husband, Joe, died in January 2003. They have two children and two grandchildren, ages 4 and 8 months.

Fran Wood Flor lives in Winthrop, Wash. Since our last reunion, they have welcomed two more granddaughters, for a grand total of 10. She is active in several community organizations and very involved with their parish church.

Jean Kollman Gendron is involved with organizations in Gaithersburg, Md. She loved the caroling through the halls by the junior class for Christmas—lighted candles, smiles, beautiful faces, etc. A good Saint Mary's College memory.

Mardi Hack is actively involved with the West Raleigh, N.C., Rotary Club as membership director and with Meals on Wheels. As a career consultant, she designed a copyrighted career assessment

process to help people achieve a strategic focus as they move through their job or career path. She has many wonderful memories of Saint Mary's College. Some were pranks (putting a fetal pig from Biology Lab in **Mary Griffin Burns's** bedroom—she was not a great lover of Biology); some were wonderful (particularly the whole Christian Culture experience). Another fond memory is "The Avenue" in fall when the maples were flaming red. She is glad she chose to be at Saint Mary's College—a great school.

Dorothy Schnaus Hart and Mike have four married children, with three living in the Phoenix area, as do seven of nine grandchildren. The fourth family lives in California with two boys; another son lives in Scottsdale near Dotti and Mike; and the youngest lives in Seattle. Dotti's mother died on Sept. 30, 2006, at age 90. Dottie was in California to watch her 8-year-old grandson prepare and then swim with his team of 50, from Alcatraz to Aquatic Beach in San Francisco—so exciting. She enjoyed visiting with classmates when she helped with the Annual Fund phone calls. She remembers Schola and Sister Dolorosa and various performances; also our "Dear" Sister Basil Anthony. She loved paying visits to both at the convent when she returned for football weekends.

Paula Walsh Henry thanks all those who were on the Reunion Gift Campaign committee. WE ALL THANK PAULA for her wonderful guidance and leadership as the committee chair. Together, we raised \$1,668,243 in gifts and pledges. Fifty percent of our class accepted the challenge to meet our goals! The Reunion Scholars Program was a great success. Through it, 72 young women were able to attend Saint Mary's College this fall—six of the scholars are our Class of '62 Reunion Scholars.

Paula is involved with the Autism Society of Illinois and Little Friends School in Naperville. With one of their grandsons on the autistic spectrum, she hopes that her contributions will help all autistic people in the future. Paula remembers Schola recording songs in the Le Mans Tower and the gym (Angela Hall), trying not to make a sound other than their singing. Other memories are dates at Notre Dame, the clubhouse at Saint Mary's College, football games, dances, pep rallies, our senior prom in O'Laughlin, and fun times with classmates going to the Dunes.

Our Beaudoin family welcomed Meghan Grace Wiseman (future

"Domer" 2027?) on Jan. 13, 2007. She has already been to South Bend this fall for a football weekend with parents John and Lise, both ND '93. John and big sister Sarah, 3, went to the game. Lise and Meghan watched on TV from their rental house. My husband, Jean, and I enjoyed a tour of the Southwest in October-November 2007, including an Elderhostel in Albuquerque/Santa Fe, N.M. We are in midst of wedding plans for son Marc here in Brookfield, Wis., on Dec. 29, 2007. Life is good but busy—keeping up with four children and seven grandchildren ages 14 years to 11 months now!

Until next time...Peace, love.

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Many of us are turning 65 this year ... Lots of retirements and many more new beginnings ... **Thelda McDermott Dillon** retired as director of two camps and Friendly House for at-risk kids. Her three boys helped her to add on to her parents' cabin, Breeze Hill. She is thrilled with her lovely new home and her "no stress" life. **Anne Froning Laboe** retired from high school teaching, spends time visiting her six children (as far as Germany and Colombia), volunteers as an "old church lady who washes the altar linens," does some French-to-English translation and makes braided wool rugs. **Nancy Drew Sheehan** retired as Judge of the Circuit Court (Chicago), packed up and moved to Naples, Fla.; can't believe she worked for 44 years (teaching, lawyering, working for the Metropolitan Water Board)! **Bobbye Borchers Flecker** retired after 29 years as an elementary school librarian, loves the time to visit her seven children, cheers for Notre Dame, Penn State, and the Steelers.

Mary Kay Brady Turner has returned to Jackson Hole, Wyo., after 17 years in Washington, D.C., but she will go to the District of Columbia often to continue her work for Middle East peace, especially with the Christians in Palestine. **Joanne Casellini Kelly** retired as a high school guidance counselor, loves traveling to be with her four children (three with spouses) and five grandchildren to Rhode Island, Kentucky, Illinois, and Indiana, and will remain close to Saint Mary's College/Notre Dame for activities and to welcome visiting family and friends. Ed ND '64 is still teaching at Notre Dame. **Sis Reynolds**

McBride retired from critical care nursing, has volunteered for the Red Cross disasters (last one: San Diego fires). While enroute to her son's wedding, she and Tom ND '59 stopped at Gettysburg and other Civil War battlegrounds. **Ellen Brown McBride** is happy to report that she is trying to be "part time" as a hospital chaplain; she and Jerry toured Belfast in the fall and are very involved with their 15 grandchildren and her mother. **Carole Barskis Weber** has retired after years of teaching, nursing, hospice care, and working for Trustmark.

Linda Camiller Sanderson is still working in human resources at Vanguard. She took a Notre Dame trip to Spain with Mike ND '62 and reports seeing **Sue Esslinger Hutchins** and her husband. Linda has nine grandchildren (one looking at college) and invites anyone going to Valley Forge or Philadelphia to call. **Susan Aschauer Ozdaglar** is an interior designer in Northville, Mich., and has traveled with Nancy Sheehan to the Caribbean. **Sue Badalucco Gerhard** is looking forward to retirement, travels to see her grandchildren in Portland, Chicago, and Greenville, S.C., and lives close to the New York thruway south of Rochester. **Jean Canizaro Enochs** has celebrated her 15th wedding anniversary, studies Italian so that she can visit her daughter, Elaine, in Tuscany, who conducts culinary travel programs for individuals or groups. Jean also grandmothers her three, who live in Dallas, as well as tending to her tree farm and the nuts. **Kathie Menzie Lesko** has moved to Pasadena, Cal., and is currently a research scholar at the Huntington Library. She is also working on two commercial projects: a series of children's stories titled *You Can't Fool Shakespeare* and a biography of a 94-year-old woman who was a prima ballerina on Broadway and in vaudeville. Bob ND '64 is pursuing an acting career. **Roberta Limarzi Weinsheimer** is volunteering on school days (when she is not traveling) between 4-6 at Holy Name in Chicago. The Weinsheimers and **Mary Ann Curnes Fuller** and Kent had a fabulous trip to the Galapagos. Another outing was to see **Mary Kay Flynn Bowlling's** son's production of *Tesla Letters*. Roberta, **Mary Whealan Burd**, Sis, and Ellen organized a memorable combined 65th birthday for some of the Class of '64 in Grand Beach, Mich., at an old hotel from Sept. 11-16. **Jinx Hack Ring** has the good fortune to be married to Peter, who is a professor who takes fabulous jobs in fascinating places: Milan, Bologna, Singapore, and

near Paris. They rent an apartment for six weeks, live on the "economy," travel, tour, and "live the life." The Rings have just moved to Coronado, Cal. **Marty Thompson Coe** is slowly recovering from her bout of spinal meningitis and is looking forward to an "easier" year. **Karen Mortimer Williams** is painting, etching, and traveling, mostly to California, where three of her four children live. **Colleen Pierce Garard** is dividing her time between Boynton Beach, Fla., and Northfield, Ill., golfing and visiting her grandchildren. **Molly Tuton Follis** lives in San Clemente, Cal., looks terrific, and has guided some of us through some medical/health issues. **Margie Carroll Flynn** is extremely involved with the Illinois Catholic Women's Club and won her golf tournament this summer! **Pat Malone Nathe** is in her last year of teaching and is looking forward to her entire family (including eight grandchildren) celebrating Christmas '07 in Puerto Rico. **Angie Braunstein Maher's** mother turned 100 this past year. Angie also reports that she and Bobbye Borchers Flecker organized lots of parties. Angie and Jim ND have bought a cabin in the woods of northwest Pennsylvania to attract family and friends—several Saint Mary's College ladies have already partied there. **Susan Shalgos Wolsfeld** is a paralegal and does "writing" on the side.

If you would like to share your news and whereabouts, please send me a note or e-mail. Preparing for our 45th reunion in 2009, let's catch up before that time and be in touch.

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In July of 2007, the Alumnae Board sponsored a seminar titled *New Road, No Rules*. Nine members of our class attended and stayed in the new senior dorm on campus. **Liz Birmingham Lacy**, our representative on the Alumnae Board, led the panel discussion that studied our "Bonus Years" as they are the best times in our lives. **Ann Hagan** spearheaded and organized the two-day session of talks and discussion.

Mary Dunn Finneran, **Sharon Priester Lewert**, **Jean Konzen Rowe**, **Nan Nader**, **Anne Sheehan Garbarino**, **Caroline Hart Irvine**, **Judith Spinner Johns** and **Kay Casellini Wasinger** attended the

seminar and universally agreed that it was superb.

Liz said the response to the program was outstandingly positive. The College will plan another session the summer of 2008 focusing on alumnae in their forties. I wonder what they will say about those years.... definitely the best of their lives.

Liz retired from the Supreme Court of Virginia in August, 2007. She retained senior status, which means that she will write a couple of opinions and maintain an office, secretary, and clerk. She will also do mediation and has joined the McCammon Group. Grandchildren Patrick and Abigail fill Liz's spare time.

Liz shared that **Carol Smither Mansfield** in neighboring Reston, Va., has reclaimed her home after being "host" to her daughter's family during their relocation. Carol is very active in the hospice movement in Virginia. She is a hard worker for Hospice, plus serving in officer positions.

Another friend of Liz's, **Dorinda Pelaccio Malone**, proudly boasts of two sons who are now lawyers and no longer bachelors. That does make a mom happy.

Nan Nader returned to the College after a long absence for this summer session. She renewed an old friendship with her freshman roommate, **Carolyn Hart Irvine**. For over thirty years, Nan taught high school history in Chicago. Her favorite course to teach was African American history to black children. "The kids taught me as much as I taught them; maybe more." Nan married Frank Koob, but retains her maiden name. Frank is Vicariate coordinator for religious education in the Chicago area. One of two sons, Peter, lives in New York and works for Macy's Corporation. Paul the older son was the creative director for Steppenwolf Theatre.

Judith Spinner Johns had the unique experience to accompany the Holy Cross Sisters to Le Mans, France, for the beatification of Father Basil Anthony Moreau, founder of the Order. She met Holy Cross sisters from across the globe as they celebrated the honor of this blessed event. Judith told of the efforts of the sisters to take a proactive stand on the environment. Besides working to conserve energy, the sisters have developed a plan to reclaim some of the property to natural grasses and native flowers. They have also erected an osprey nesting platform. How more beautiful the campus must be in the spring!

Mary and E.J. Finneran took the plunge by buying a condo in Chicago

on Division Street. Mary and E. J. can walk out their front door to throw back a few at Butch McGuire's and Mothers, two favorite watering holes of our generation. In one year, I encountered Mary three times on different street corners in the city of a million people. Our auras must be running in the same orbits.

Sharon Priester Lewert anticipates the upcoming wedding of her oldest son, John. When not thinking of her favorite shade of beige, Sharon continues to decorate homes with her partner. Sharon can transform a boy's room into a jungle or a girl's into a princess' castle. In her free time, Sharon teaches art to the children at St. Theresa School.

Anne Sheehan Garbarino presented one of the programs at the New Roads No Rules weekend. Anne and her husband, Louis, volunteer their time in South America with a dentist friend. Anne is retired from teaching. As expected, Anne is a true outdoors woman who loves to cross country ski in upper New York and jump into very cold water.

Carolyn Hart Irvine enjoys the wonders of the San Francisco area with her husband, Mike ND '67. As did many of us, the Irvines celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary with their children and grandchildren. As a retired woman, Carolyn has enjoyed a wonderful trip to India as well as several trips to the American Girl store in the city.

Mary Kay Roberts Nelson wrote that the world is small, as she crossed paths with Carolyn and Mike at the Delhi Airport in India. Mary Kay was traveling with **Nano Padon Cox '71**. Mary Kay also traveled to South Africa on a Rotary International trip to help deliver outdated school books to children in Africa. If your district has discontinued school texts, contact Mary Kay so that she, through the Rotary in Houston, can arrange for their shipment to Africa.

One of her sons, George, works in New York. This gives Mary Kay the opportunity to visit the Big Apple and to visit **Rosary Hartel O'Neill**. Rosary is the artist in residence at Cornell University and playwright to an off-Broadway play.

In January of last year, Mary Kay and her husband, George, visited with **Susan Kopp Mayo** and her husband, Robb, in Vero Beach. Susan is an avid bridge player who competes in tournaments. At their meeting, Susan was headed to the Bahamas for a tournament.

Pat Hilger Ziegler wrote that

she is a first-time grandma to her daughter's son, Joshua Rya. As a retired couple, Pat and her husband enjoyed a wonderful cruise down the Danube. She loved Budapest. Pat joined the nation of snowbirds and will winter in Florida on the golf course and in the pool.

Jane McCoach McKee keeps her day job as a receptionist for a graphic designer business but seeks enrichment as a "mature model." Currently, she is one of the models on the Cigna Insurance website and portrays a grandmother in marketing materials for the Connecticut Convention and Tourism Bureau. Jane's image has even graced a billboard in New York City. She is a true grandmother of a toddler boy.

Retirement is not a word for **Gail Marino Meiering**, who continues her nursing career at a local hospital in Albuquerque. **Pam Smith Malone** is a consultant for a lawyer group seeking to hire new lawyers. **Dede Cotter Delaney** heads a foundation in Pittsburgh that awards grants to programs aiding women and children.

At Christmastime, **Sue Armel Haley** wrote of Phil's ND '65 retirement. They spent the winter in Naples with hopes that the grandchildren would come to visit. **Kathy Donovan Dur** sent a picture of her three cherubs. **Mary Beth Naes Kringel** sent a card listing their new

address in the Florida Keys and their winter home in Durango. Construction is Mary Beth's middle name.

On a sad note, **Marty Crikelair Wohlford** wrote of the tragic plane crash that killed her son-in-law, Glen, along with many employees and friends of her son, John. Glen left Marty's daughter, Coral, with two small boys, three years and six years old. Marty aided her daughter with the care of the boys. Coral completed her Master's degree in Gifted Math for Middle School children.

Judith Johns, with her whole family, visited Marty at her island home in Exumas, Bahamas. Marty has returned to her life on the island by renting her cottage to great guests and by promoting the annual New Year's Eve sailing regatta. In addition to these activities, Marty continues to write her novels. *Drumbeat No Lie* has a new cover. Her latest book, *Chaos to Serenity*, will be published this year. Marty's website is www.Mwpr.com/serenity.htm.

My youngest daughter, Kate, gave birth to her second son this spring. Quinn Daniel brings our number of grandchildren to eight. I am sorry I missed the summer session because I would like to have discussed our generation as the "sandwich" generation. Several times last year, I drove with 93-year-old Mom in the front seat and 2-year-old Colin in the

backseat. The mental ability to jump to the two levels of conversation drained my tiny brain.

The class of 1966 has opened a yahoo group under smc66. If you are interested in joining, contact me.

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It's a cold winter's night as I write this. I hope it warms your heart to hear news from your fellow classmates!

What a great story I heard from **Judy Belcuore Phillips**, who met her true love at Badin Hall in 1972 when she moved from Saint Mary's Le Mans into Notre Dame's Badin as a transfer student. However, back in 1972, she wasn't ready for a steady boyfriend, so she remained friendly for years with Joseph "Jerome" Phillips ND '74. Although he eventually asked Judy to marry him, she felt that marriage wasn't in the cards. She went on her way to a career with Merrill Lynch and he on to neurosurgery, a marriage, and a son. Many years later, in 2000, after quite a long time when the two hadn't been in touch over the years, Jerome wrote Judy that, sadly, his wife had passed away. What started as a long phone call from Judy to offer condolences and friendship turned into a marriage in April 2001! Judy relocated to the Vermont area to be with Jerome and his son. She now has established a public finance consulting company and lives in Norwich, Vt., with her true love. You go, girl; so very happy for you...reminds me that a good part of life is "all about timing!"

Diane Lo Guidice Highland noted that, during October 2007, she got together with former Saint Mary's College and Rome Program classmates, **Cindy Nilles Fellman**, **Terri Phillips Arnold**, and **Patricia Helgesen McAlpine** for a week on Nantucket Island for their annual Saint Mary's College reunion. She sent me a great photo of them enjoying themselves in a restaurant there, and they all looked so lovely...not at all 50-ish! Or has my perception of 50-ish changed?

Kathy Reeves O'Donnell was kind enough to send a short holiday note telling me that she and her husband, Mark O'Donnell ND '74, are located in the Buffalo area, where she is teaching accounting at the University of Buffalo and serving as assistant chair in the Department of Accounting and Law.

Mark is the CFO at Enidine, a division of ITT, which involves a fair amount of international travel. Kathy enjoys traveling with him when her schedule permits.

Janet Caldemeyer and her husband, Rick, are spending the winter in the Punta Gorda/Ft. Myers, Fla., area, remodeling their condo. It was devastated in Hurricane Charlie, and it has been difficult getting things back in order. However, their son is doing really well at SMU in the Dallas area, where their daughter works (also a graduate of SMU). She notes that the business is doing well, but she and Rick appreciate the fact that it has allowed them to travel a bit more in recent years.

I also heard from **Vanessa Gerwels Heimgartner**, who visited the Saint Mary's College campus in 2006, for the first time since graduation—wow! She noted that she was pleased that the campus has retained many of the lovely features she remembered so well and enjoyed walking around with her husband, Gary. They co-opened a real estate company in 2003, and it did so well for them that they were able to sell it and retire this year. That must feel lovely...congratulations, Vanessa. They are enjoying traveling, their two cats, and two darling grandkids in Chicago. Gary and Vanessa live in Washington (state).

Pat Olvany Hodson sent a lovely photo of her family—taken in the summer by the water with everyone looking so happy and sunned! Her husband, Bob, is still in reinsurance in New York City, and no doubt will want to keep that up as daughter Molly will be applying to colleges next year! Their son, Michael, 25, works for FOX in the sports entertainment division and lives in New York City. Pat said she feels blessed that her parents are doing well in Stuart, Fla. (When Pat went to visit them, she also met up with **Missy Underman Noyes '72**). Pat enjoyed a tour of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College with her daughter this year and remarked upon how much Saint Mary's College has grown.

The ever-vivacious **Andrea Bialko Jackson** and her husband, Dennis ND '74, are busy empty-nesters. Their daughter, Amanda, graduated a few years ago from Villanova, where she was on the swim team; she is now in law school at Seton Hall. Coincidentally, daughter Olivia is in a nursing program at Seton Hall—and on that school's swim team! Also, both girls are Big East Championship qualifiers. Andrea works part time with the Allentown diocese office on priests'

ALUMNAE BOARD SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR 2008–2011 TERM

The Saint Mary's Alumnae Association Board of Directors will select two new directors for a three-year term beginning June 2008 at the September meeting. All alumnae are invited to submit nominations (self-nominations are welcome) by August 1, 2008. Please contact the Alumnae Relations Office at (574) 284-4578 or e-mail alumnae@saintmarys.edu, or visit saintmarys.edu/alumnae-friends to obtain a candidate profile form. A personal statement is also required. Candidate profile forms must be submitted on a yearly basis.

Criteria for the 2008–2011 Term

Geographic: All geographic areas are eligible.

Class decade: Vacancies may be filled from the 1950s and 1980s.

Among the selection criteria:

Demonstrated involvement and/or service to the College

Demonstrated leadership skills through professional and/or personal endeavors

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Twenty-five women from the Class of 1978 gathered in Chicago to celebrate their 50th birthdays. During the celebration, a group who lived in McCandless together reunited with their R.A. Pictured left to right: Diane Smits Lein '78, Carol Collins Napleton '75, Lisa Maglio Brown '78, Maria-Lisa Mignanelli Brown '78, Suzy Plavac Heidkamp '78 and Sandra Cipriano McAndrew '78. Pictured front center: Susan Margiotta Salem.

benefits issues and feels rewarded to be surrounded by so many expressions of "Bless You," which are probably making up for the purgatory time she earned while in college. (Just kidding, you know I love you, Andrea!). She notes that both her parents are doing well, as are she and Dennis. She also says that she is looking forward to the next Saint Mary's College reunion.

Ann Marie Connor Kelly and husband TJ ND '74, who live in the Atlanta area, have a daughter, Caitlin, who graduated from Saint Mary's College last May. Her youngest son, Tom, is a sophomore at Notre Dame, living at Morrissey Manor, which brings back many a memory, especially since that was TJ's old home. Both Ann Marie and TJ have, of course, made the trip back to South Bend many a time, and she marvels at how much both campuses have changed. Ann Marie is teaching at the local parochial school her children attended, and she noted that three other Saint Mary's College grads teach there, too! Rebel oldest son, Tim, went to Ole Miss and is now back in the Atlanta area, working in engineering.

Speaking of Morrissey, does anyone else remember when a tough professor's car was mysteriously driven

into the Lake one night, back in, I believe, 1971? (This is not directed at TJ!) Ah the good old days....

Jeannelle Naquin Brady sent a lovely photo of her clan at the holiday, including her newest family addition, granddaughter Elly! She also sent the news that another grandchild is expected in 2008. The lucky kids have a wonderful grandma!

As always, I enjoy hearing from you all and wish you the very best of health, friendship, and love in your life for 2008 and beyond. I can be reached at jbirktct@yahoo.com for the next newsletter. (Write before I print fake gossip about you). Fondly, Jill.

REUNION May 29-June 1, 2008

'78

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Hello, Class of '78!

Here is a great note from **Sue Margiotta Salem**...Twenty five members of the Class of '78 blew into the Windy City the last weekend in July '06, gathering to celebrate the Gold Coast Toast for our 50th birthdays! It

was a truly memorable experience as we renewed friendships, talked into the wee hours of the morning, and shared our stories of the previous 26 years. On Friday night, we gathered for dinner and were surprised by the arrival of our former McCandless R.A., **Carol Collins Napleton '75**. Saturday was spent shopping, catching up, and sight-seeing; then concluded with a festive dinner at a Latin restaurant, Carnivale. Sunday, unfortunately, we said our good-byes, gave each other a last hug, and parted promising not to wait this long again to reunite! Attending the weekend were: **Susan Margiotta Salem, Elizabeth Hassert, Susan Plavac Heidkamp, Lisa Maglio Brown, Maria-Lisa Mignanelli Brown, Diane Smits Lein, Sandra Cipriano McAndrew, Cathy Lawless Gaudreau, Marilyn Barry Bucci, Mary Broderick Donnelly, Pat Caserio Clark, Shelagh Crook Merenius, Christine Dziwura Martinez, Sue Lechleider Halloran, Nancy Mogab, Maureen Morris Bowman, Rosemary Rappelli Mandrici, Mary Rost Gorecki, and Debbie Valentino Leach**. We are anxious to reunite at our 30th reunion June '08.

Hope to hear from you all soon!
Take good care of yourselves, Michele.

'82

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Congratulations to our classmate, **Julie Wroblewski Tourtillotte**, who is chair of the Department of Art at Saint Mary's College. Way to go, Julie!

Thanks to all who submitted the reunion surveys.

Marybeth Brennan Kelly and Phil ND '81 have lived in Tinley Park, Ill., since their marriage 20 years ago. After working in advertising, Marybeth became a very busy stay-at-home mom to four children: Erin, 16, Tara, 10, Kevin, 8, and Brian, 2. Marybeth is a reader at their church, a coach, and a substitute teacher when called. The family enjoys traveling around the country and is very close to visiting all 50 states.

Kearin Carey Hansen is another mother of four: Meaghan, 24, Shannon, 21, Sean, 18, and Liam, 13. She is an Aquafitness and swim instructor. Kearin and husband Gregory live in Arlington Heights, Ill.

Tracy Muraro Payton and William Thomas live in Peru, Ill., where she is a high school teacher. Tracy received her M.S. in education from Illinois State

University. Their three children are Matthew, 20, Molly, 17, and Mitchell, 15.

Katherine Kamhout Nemanich and Thomas are kept busy with three active boys: Joe, 12, Will, 10, and Sam, 7. They live in Arlington Heights, Ill., where she is a director of a team of 17 for Southern Living at Home. Katherine received her MBA from DePaul.

Liz Cavenagh McCarthy is a registered nurse at the Cleveland Clinic. She and husband Joe live in Rocky River, Ohio, and have three daughters: Madeline, 21, Molly, 17, and Maeve, 14.

Jennifer Dehner Cox and husband Jeffrey live in Dayton, Ohio, with their four children: Abigail, 20, Grace, 17, Jackson, 15, and Thomas Xavier, 12. Jennifer received her law degree from George Washington University in District of Columbia.

Susan Eich and husband James Pohle live in Minneapolis, Minn., where she works in public relations. They have two children: Megan, 12, and Joseph, 10. Susan received her M.B.A. from the University of Minnesota.

Gabrielle Harless O'Brien and Tim live in Madison, Wis., with their four children: Tim, 17, Doyle, 15, Jessie, 13, and William, 11. Gay received her M.B.A. from Loyola University and is a college professor at Edgewood College.

Irene Kenny Murray missed the reunion last year as she was doing the two-day Avon Walk for breast cancer. She works as an RN at Hinsdale Hospital. She received her MSN from DePaul. Irene and husband Howard have six children; the oldest, Colleen, is at Saint Mary's College in the nursing program. The rest of the family at home in Darien, Ill. are Daniel, 17, Renee, 15, Elizabeth, 13, Tess, 8, and Sean, 6. She is raising them to be, "good strong leaders and faith-filled honest people in today's world."

Donna Trauscht Heinrich has her doctorate degree from the Illinois College of Optometry. She is a home-school mom to Tim, 17, Colin, 14, and Jason, 6. Donna, husband Joe, and family live in San Juan Capistrano, Cal. Donna adds, "For anyone suffering in a trial or physical affliction, I would share the words from scripture in Romans 8:28 and 2 Corinthians 2:14."

Kathleen Mulvihill Walsh and John ND '80 stay very busy with their four: Megan, 19, Caroline, 17, Mary, 15, and Thomas, 12. Kathleen has served on the children's grade school board and chaired the annual auction. She served seven years on the Saint Mary's College Alumnae Association

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Board of Directors. She and John were campaign directors for their parish's \$6 million capital campaign to build a new education facility. They find time to enjoy their cottage in Culver, Ind. Daughter Megan is in her first year at Notre Dame.

Julie Melvin Ulliman and husband Mark live in Cincinnati, Ohio, where she is a private tutor. Julie received a graduate degree in education from Xavier University. They have four children: Mary, 20 (a student at Saint Mary's College!), twins Bobby and Brian, 18, and Anna, 15. Julie says her most important personal triumph is having raised four incredible children!

Laura Hennekes Brown and husband, Christopher, live in Sellersburg, Ind. She received her MBA from Webster University and is working part-time as a database analyst in the development office at her son, Alan's, high school. Daughter Erin is at Purdue University.

Nancy Buckley McNally recently completed her first 10K run! She and husband Mark live in Palmyra, Pa., along with two sons Sean, 18, and Kevin, 15. Nancy works as an RN at Hershey Medical Center.

Mary Braet-Hurley has her own interior design business. She and husband, Paul ND '82, live in Claremont, Cal., with their two sons: Paul IV, 13, and Joe, 10.

Mary Agnes Carey works for Congressional Quarterly Inc, as an associate editor of CQ HealthBeat, a daily health care newsletter published in Washington, D.C. She received a graduate degree in journalism from Columbia University. She and her husband, Ross Brennan, have two daughters: Anne, 9, and Elizabeth, 6. They live in NW Washington, D.C.

Michele Byrne Visceglia and Peter ND '80 are in Red Bank, N.J. Daughter Bethann just graduated from Notre Dame with a degree in graphic design. Son Peter is a junior at the University of Dayton and was lucky enough to spend a semester at Chaminade University of Honolulu. Michele will be starting the whole college process again soon with high school junior, Rosalie, and hopes Saint Mary's College will be in her future!

Cammy McMahon Baer and husband Tim live in Edina, Minn., and are the proud parents of four sons. The oldest, Jack, is at Amherst College; Michael attends Notre Dame; and Matthew, 17, and Danny, 13 are still home to keep mom company.

Susan Molnar Russell was unable to attend the last reunion because husband Jim ND '82, surprised her with

a trip to Hawaii to celebrate their 20th anniversary. They make their home in Stamford, Conn., where Susan does nursing part-time. The Russell family includes four children: Christina, 18, Daniel, 16, Charles, 14, and Jacob, 11. Susan is most proud of the parenting job she accomplished with her terrific husband, Jim, and "without the aid of medication or other chemical substances. (Does not include single process hair color, highlights or the occasional bottle of wine!)"

Please keep us informed of any news! The rest of the reunion surveys to come, I promise!

'84

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First of all, it is with great sadness that I write of the passing of **Mary Beth Alban Shields'** husband, Kenny, on Oct. 21, 2007, in Fayetteville, Ark. Our hearts and prayers go out to her and her sons. I was one of Mary Beth's roommates freshman year, along with **Gwen Warwick Anderson** and **Anne Archibald Deutsch**, and we remember our favorite "Michigan" man cheering on his team over Notre Dame. All our love to you and your family, Mary Beth, in this difficult time.

One hot August night I received a call from **Janice Dwyer Wiggins** about an opening at the Inn at Saint Mary's for the Notre Dame-Air Force game in November. Knowing that doesn't happen very often, we grabbed the suite and called on **Mary Rymarquis Stiglmeier**, **Karen Wagner Lewis**, **Anne Archibald Deutsch**, and **Angie Sleeper Helmstetter** to initiate a girl's weekend. The trip started in downtown Chicago on Thursday with me flying in from Detroit, Mary from San Antonio, and Karen from Oklahoma City. We did a little shopping and dinner on Thursday night and met up with Janice and Angie on Friday afternoon to drive to South Bend. Anne drove in from Naperville, Ill., Saturday morning, before the game, Anne's brother hosted a tailgater in the tradition of Anne's parents, with all our favorite tailgate snacks. Mrs. Archibald's turkey sandwiches have never tasted better! Loved them back then and they were even better 18 years later!

I've been keeping up with **Susan Quinn Blake**, via e-mail, who resides in Buffalo with her husband, Dan, and their four children. I had dinner with **Nan Koslow McLaughlin** and

Jack ND '84 and their three children during the summer, while Erin and I were in Pennsylvania for an Irish Dance competition.

I still run my own aviation PR/media relations company from home and love the flexibility!

Thanks to those of you who responded at the last minute to my request for information. I have been out of the e-mail loop for a couple of months but am back online. All info is greatly appreciated. It is your responses that make the class notes possible.

Thanks to **Kelly Quinn Murphy** for the following information: "My husband, Tom ND '84, and our four children enjoyed a trip out to Notre Dame/Saint Mary's College for a football game. My oldest, Sean, a junior in high school, did the campus tour. It's hard to believe that we're at that stage of life! We also have two girls—Erin is a freshman in high school and Shannon a 5th grader—and our youngest son, Keenan, is in 2nd grade.

Moiria Taylor Castro sent the following update from Houston, Texas: "I had a great time visiting Chicago and South Bend in July. My daughter, Victoria, and **Eileen Hogan Goodspeed's** daughter, Kerry, decided to go to Saint Mary's College volleyball camp together. Eileen's son, Nicholas, had gone camping with David, and Frank took our older daughter, Krista, to Europe to celebrate her 15th birthday, so Eileen and I were free! We had a laugh checking them in to McCandless. I think they may have even been in **Carolyn Cronin Mannion** and **Kathy Brassil Finckle's** room. It brought back fun memories of sophomore year, when I roomed with **Kelly Fitzpatrick** and **Kelly Cambron Fretwell**!

"Anyway, Eileen and I checked into the Inn at Saint Mary's for the night. We had lots of laughs spying on our little campers headed to the dining hall. We enjoyed dinner at La Hacienda; I think the waiter even flirted with us! I spent the rest of the week (eating at a different restaurant each meal) at Eileen's in Northbrook, and we had a chance to meet up with other Saint Mary's College friends in Chicago. **Kathy Brassil Finckle** and **Beverly Balisteri Cronin** met us for dinner. Kathy is doing wonderfully—working as a successful landscape artist in the suburbs and raising her beautiful son, Jordan, with Mark in Wheaton after many years in New York City.

"Bev always has great stories to tell of her four. Her oldest daughter graduated from Notre Dame and works in downtown Chicago. Her next

two daughters are at Notre Dame now; Will, her son, is in high school in Elmhurst. She and Bob ND '82 have the greatest tailgaters, I hear!

"**Shari Smith Bescher** wasn't able to meet us, but I did get a chance to talk to her (while Eileen and I had a late lunch). Her son is a junior at Marquette, and her daughter is a sophomore at Notre Dame. Her youngest is in high school, so Jeff and Shari are busy—living in Carol Stream and running to sporting events at the three schools. They had just enjoyed a night out with their youngest seeing *Wicked*.

"**Claire Paulsen Morabito** met us for lunch the next day. She and Kirk are doing well and keeping busy with three athletic boys. They are so handsome! Although we weren't able to meet up with **Lisa Kamhout Shannon**, Claire keeps in touch with her, Gerard, and their three. After more lunches and dinners in Chicago we headed back to Saint Mary's College to pick up our campers. **Allison Zern Sturm** drove in from Fort Wayne to visit with us. We walked around the Notre Dame campus and had lunch at the Morris Inn (where Allison can be found on game weekends if she doesn't have a ticket). She and her husband, Joe, are always busy raising their five in Fort Wayne.

"We missed Carolyn Mannion. I never seem to be in Chicago when she is. She and Kerry ND '84 are great parents to six!! They live in Syracuse, and Kerry is a town councilor for DeWitt, N.Y. Her oldest is a senior, so they are busy with college applications and visits.

"We didn't get to see them but we talked on the phone to **Mary Paolucci Murphy** and **Sharon Connerly McMillan**. Mary's daughter also attended camp but at Notre Dame. Sharon is doing great in Austin with her gorgeous Aussie husband and little daughter.

"Finally, Eileen and I returned to Chicago for one more dinner with **Kathy Brassil Finckle**. She came back to Eileen's fabulous house in Northbrook to share some landscape tips. But, sadly, I had to return to the heat and humidity of Houston!

"I see **Mary Nell McCauley Doyle** all the time. Her four and Victoria go to the same school here in Houston, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. She is one of our best parent volunteers! I also receive Christmas cards from **Maria Lopez Honan**. She and Jim have three beautiful teenagers and traveled back to Rome this past year. Maria must have led the tour of her old hangouts during the Rome program!"

Kelly Cambron Fretwell is in Vero

Beach, Fla., and married with a 2-year-old and working as an attorney in Port St. Lucie, Fla., doing Social Security disability and workers' compensation law. Kelly hopes to see everyone at the 25th reunion.

I also received an e-mail from **Kathleen Murphy** (Murph) who, along with **Elaine Hocter Moore**, will be planning our 25th reunion for the summer of 2009. (Can you believe that's actually POSSIBLE?) If you have never come back for a reunion, you really don't know what you're missing. It is both enlightening and spiritual, and can refresh your outlook on life whether for a day or a weekend. In preparation for our 25th reunion next summer (2009), Murph and Eileen are thinking about girls' weekend in Chicago this summer (2008) to generate ideas and excitement for our 25th celebration. If interested please e-mail Murph at Kmurphy224@aol.com.

Thanks to everyone for their input. Please keep in touch and contribute your ideas for our 25th reunion next summer! Hope to see you in South Bend.

'86

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Hello, classmates! Sorry for my absence in the last issue. The deadline got away from me!

I had a great talk recently with **Julie Lackner Ryan**, and she is doing well. Julie and Paul ND '86, a cardiologist, have four children, Rapher, Clare, Kevin, and Jack. They have lived in Willowbrook, a Chicago suburb, for nine years. Their oldest is at Nazareth Academy (high school) in LaGrange and is developing his talents with the football and basketball teams. Julie said that Rapher had casts on both arms for most of football season, but he's really enjoying the basketball season.

Julie told me that they often cross paths with **Kerry Gallagher DiSanto**, Dave, and family. Kerry and Dave's son, Jack, is also a freshman at Nazareth Academy, and daughter, Nora, is an 8th grader at St. Francis. Kerry is a neurologist and practices at LaGrange and Hinsdale Hospitals, where Paul also practices.

Nazareth Academy is certainly a popular place—and **Debbie Vondrasek** is the principal there! Debbie loves her job and working at her alma mater. Debbie said that her career path after graduation included working in business, teaching in junior high, serving as a campus minister, and then, eight years ago, becoming principal at the academy. Debbie

adopted her daughter, Maya, from China eight years ago. Debbie said that Maya, 8, attends St. Francis Grade School, right across the street from Nazareth. What a small world—Debbie the principal of a high school attended by two classmates' children! Debbie said that she was meeting some Saint Mary's College classmates for dinner on the night we talked, and I asked for an update about them for next time!

Julie told me that **Laura LaSata O'Neill** and Dan are living in Rome, Italy, with their four children! Timmy, John, Bob, and Annie range from 5th grade to preschool age. Dan is a trader, and they chose Rome as their home after enjoying life there a few years earlier. Sounds like a great adventure!

Marci Woods Kilpatrick and Kevin ND '86 are on an adventure of their own. Kevin accepted a job with the U.S. State Department as the regional medical director of the American embassy in Kazakhstan! Marci, a consummate organizer, accomplished the task of packing up their belongings in North Carolina and directing the move for their five children, as Kevin was already abroad. Connor, Quinn, Eileen, Liam, and Aidan range in age from senior year in high school to 5th grade. After living abroad in the past, Marci, Kevin, and family may have found that life in North Carolina was getting dull after a few

years there! On to the next adventure!

I had a lovely visit with **Susie Miller Schilling** at my home last summer. Susie traveled to Chicago with daughter Megan, 13, and son Christopher, 10, after dropping off Nicholas, 16, at Notre Dame for soccer camp. Susie and Nick ND '86 live and work in Kansas City. Susie loves doing charitable work and fundraisers, and she also consults. Susie has earned her real estate license, and she acted as the general contractor for the renovation of the family home. Nick and Susie's oldest, Katherine, attends Notre Dame and is part of the Notre Dame Folk Choir, the same choir that Susie was a member of as a student. Patrick is playing football at Kansas University. They have a busy household!

While Susie was in town, we met up with a few classmates at my home. They included **KC McGrath Wollenberg** and **Janice Bradley Gislason**. KC and her husband, Dan, are busy with their three young sons in Lemont, Ill., and Janice and husband James are also busy with their three young sons in her hometown of Flossmoor, Ill. It was great to reconnect!

I received a note from **Anne Marie Kollman Kaes**. Anne Marie and Ron live in Cincinnati with their three beautiful daughters: Emily, a sophomore, and Katie and Kelly, both in junior high. Anne Marie writes that the girls swim year round and are also active in soccer, basketball, and volleyball. Anne Marie continues to work as a nurse in a doctor's office and writes that she is feeling great!

I visited **Jeanne Grammons Hidalgo** briefly last summer in Indianapolis, where she moved into a new home. Jeanne landed a job as campus minister at nearby Marian College in Indy and says that she finds the work with college students very rewarding. Jeanne's four children are busy: Nicholas and Gabrielle are in high school, and Maddie and Tomas are in grade school. Jeanne enjoys playing tennis and doing activities with the kids.

CathyAnn Reynolds-Collette and Graham have exciting news. In December 2006, they adopted darling little Ana Lee, born November 2004, in Guatemala. Big sister Eileen Rose is delighted, as are CathyAnn and Graham. The family lives in Washington, D.C.

Suzy Avitable Huschke and Mark live an outdoorsy lifestyle in Eden Prairie, Minn. Elizabeth and Adrienne, both in high school, and

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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.

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Daniel, in the fifth grade, are all active in Destination Imagination teams, as well as soccer and other sports. Suzy is in her second year teaching 6-8th graders at St. Therese Catholic School. Suzy and family enjoy cross country skiing, kayaking, and hiking. Suzy and daughter Elizabeth went on a mission trip to New Orleans to help paint houses, among other jobs. They all enjoyed the Boundary Waters Adventure trip that sounded fun but grueling to me!

As for us, Mike ND '84 and I and our three kids are enjoying life in Downers Grove, Ill. Brendan is at Montini Catholic H.S., and Catherine and Megan are at St. Joseph Grade School. I love living near my parents and sisters. I was fortunate enough to take a trip in October to Northern Italy with my sisters, **Peggy Gisch '87, Elizabeth Gisch '91, and Kate Gisch Oglivie '95** and a few other family members. We did some winery tours and tastings, and enjoyed wonderful food and gorgeous scenery. It was awesome!

My daughters enjoyed Fine Arts Camp at Saint Mary's College last summer and both plan to attend again! It was a joy for me to bring them to our beautiful campus, settle them into a Holy Cross dorm room, and reconnect with a place that I hold dear.

That wraps up the report for this time. Please send me a quick e-mail so that I can include you in the next update! God bless you!

From the Courier Office:

Laura Lanichak Gregg was flown to New York City, N.Y., to ring "The Bell" on the New York Stock Exchange on Sept. 13, 2007.

REUNION May 29–June 1, 2008

'88

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As I write this, I am watching the snow falling gently in my parents' backyard. I am reminded again of the magic of changing seasons.

I continue to live and work in California but travel to the Midwest frequently to catch up with family and friends. When not in Chicago or California, I like to explore the world. My son, Michael, and I toured Ireland for several weeks in July 2007, with **Elizabeth Murphy** serving as tour guide extraordinaire. We had a fantastic time—so fantastic that Elizabeth decided to relocate to Ireland

in January 2008.

Heather Hypes O'Bryan shares that she, too, has been enjoying time with other '88 graduates. **Ann Bettendorf Freeman** had a fabulous Christmas party at her beautiful home in Chicago. **Maureen Ryan Lyons** and her husband, Chris, were there as well. Maureen's children Paige, 5, and Carter, 4, go to school with Heather's baby, Emma, 3. **Kathleen Moran** and Heather spent time visiting before Kathleen and husband Greg headed back home to Vermont. **Katy Englehart** lives in Chicago. She travels all over for work and pleasure, so it is hard to keep up with her adventures. **Suzi Moser** stopped in Chicago this summer to go to Lollapalooza before heading to Greece, Ireland, Brazil, and other places. She lives in San Francisco and is a nurse practitioner treating children in the Bay Area. **Kathryn Humm Williams** lives in Hinsdale. She is very busy with her four children and a part-time teaching position at the Hinsdale Community House Preschool. **Lisa McGowan Seymour** is very busy with her four kids. **Susan Etten Rooney** lives on the North Shore with Phil and her family.

Other Chicago-area graduates have been equally busy. **Erin Haggerty Antonietti, Katie Kearney Devereux, Lenore Madden McCarter** (Kolin ND '88), **Mimi Sullivan Moore** (Greg "Nash" ND '88), and **Kate McDevitt Meyer** recently gathered at Katie's home with their spouses and children (all 18 of them!) for some pre-holiday fun. Erin, married to Mark, is an assistant Cook County state's attorney and mother to Dominic, 8, Gino, 6, and twins Ben and Cecilia, 3. Katie is a licensed clinical social worker who recently left her position at Children's Memorial Hospital to be a stay-at-home mom to Maeve, 5, Mac, 3, and Quinn Kathleen, 1. Lenore, mother to Ed, 11, Anne, 10, and Frank, 7, is a trust officer at the First National Bank of LaGrange. Mimi, mother to Kaileigh, 12, Nash, 10, Elisabeth, 7, and Mallory, 2, is a labor and employment partner at Bryan Cave, LLP. Kate Meyer and husband Dan live in Wisconsin with their children, Meredith, 12, Brian, 9, Daniel, 6, and Margo, 1. Our next reunion was a big topic of conversation. All are looking forward to attending and catching up with old friends.

Erin, Katie, and Lenore also recently visited with **Angie Cortesio Harrington**, who was in town for the Notre Dame/USC game. Angie is a stay-at-home mom and lives with husband Bill and their four boys, Burke,

14, Jack, 12, Jimmy, 9, and Joey, 6, in Parkland, Fla.

Regina Rudser Hoyt writes: "I am so looking forward to reunion, and I hope many can and will attend. I went with my sister to her 25th Saint Mary's College reunion last summer, and I had such a lovely time that I vowed to attend again next summer. Imagine, if it was fun without classmates, how much fun it will be when we are reunited! Our family has been blessed by the addition of a daughter, Grace, born on Nov. 6, 2007. Grace is my fourth child, and fortunately she is a quiet and content little wonder. She joins our clan of Colin, 8, Aidan, 5, and Margaret Mary, 3. My husband, Shawn, is a Notre Dame grad. My niece Katherine, who was born when we were juniors at Saint Mary's College, is presently a junior at Notre Dame. Her mother and father are Saint Mary's College/Notre Dame grads. Shawn and I can only hope we have at least one Saint Mary's College or Notre Dame grad in our family, too!"

Elizabeth Wrobel Falco and her husband, Bill, celebrated the arrival of a son, Rocco Michael Falco, born July 30, 2007. Elizabeth says: "We are all doing great and getting adjusted to the new schedule and less sleep. **Angela Kowalski Huff** visited us shortly after our son's arrival. Angela was on a six-week visit to the U.S.A. with her husband, Scott, and sons Liam and Sean. Currently, they reside in China."

I always welcome news from classmates, via phone or mail, whether or not I am close to a deadline. I hope to catch up with many of you personally during our reunion.

'90

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From the Courier Office: Tina

Rigby Welsh married Sean Welsh on Nov. 3, 2007, in Philadelphia, Pa. **Jill Pletzke Huiskens, Katy Kavanaugh, Mary Henely Hanfling, and Bridget Dunne Garra '92** were in attendance. Tina is vice president of Willis of New York, Inc.

'92

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Jim and I welcomed our third child, Meghan Maureen, on June 21, 2007. Big sister Shannon, 5, and brother Jack,

2, adore the baby. By the time this column prints, we will have relocated again to Baltimore. We will miss living in Minnesota, although not the six months of cold winter weather. Please drop an e-mail or note if you have a chance.

I received a nice e-mail from **Jo Biergans Lupo**, who lives in Bedford, N.H., which is right outside Manchester. After taking time off to raise Katie, 7, Joey, 5, and Lauren, 5, Jo just retook her nursing boards to return to OR nursing. In October 2007, **Maureen Reilly Donehoo** and **Kathleen Golski Coolman** visited Jo for their first reunion since Jo's wedding in 1995. The three ran the Hollis Applefest half-marathon and then went to Cape Cod for a long weekend to recuperate. Maureen is married and living in Brentwood, Tenn., right outside of Nashville, after living several years in Austin, Texas (and Mo said that she would never leave Chicago...). She has just returned to nursing as a case manager at Vanderbilt Medical Center after taking some time off to raise her two beautiful daughters: Madelyn, 8, and Colleen, 6. She also keeps busy running and biking. Kathleen is married and living in O'Fallon, Mo., right outside of St. Louis. She did an 18-month stint as a single mom to her two great kids, Katherine, 9, and Brian, 6, when her husband, Russ, was deployed to Afghanistan with the military—Kathleen made it look easy even though it must have been a very difficult time for her. Kathleen has also returned to nursing in a cardiac rehab center. She still swims regularly and coaches during her summers.

Annie Hartzel Olsen and Chris welcomed their first baby, Maria Grace, on June 27, 2007.

Julie Scully Tucek, marketing director for Legacy Professionals LLP in Chicago, was elected to serve as vice president for the Association for Accounting Marketing (AAM). She had previously served on the board of directors from 2001 to 2004 as a member-at-large and as secretary. AAM is the only association in the country formed specifically to address the growing marketing needs of public accounting firms. Legacy is headquartered in Chicago and has offices in Minneapolis and Munster, Ind. The firm provides audit, accounting, and tax services to employee benefit plans, labor organizations, and not-for-profit organizations. Julie and Jack ND '92 live in Riverside, Ill., with their daughters: Grace, 8, and Emma Kate, 4. They visited **Amy Rushin Kolar**

and her family in Edina, Minn., in the summer of 2007. Julie has been training for her sixth triathlon and does sprint and Olympic distances. Julie passed along the news that **Becky McMahon Ronan** did her first race this summer in Austin, Texas. Becky and Bella, 7, visited the Tucek family in the summer of 2007 on their way up to a family vacation in Minnesota. Julie, Becky, Amy, and **Lisa McConnell Orsinnelli** get together for their annual girls' weekend at the Kohler Spa in Kohler, Wis. Lisa lives in New Albany, Ohio, with her husband and four children: Abigail, Sophia, Victor, and Roman. Lisa graduated in 1995 with a physical therapy degree from Indiana University (IUPUI).

Annie Martin Flynn and John ND '92 are the proud parents of the Flynn Fab Five. They welcomed John "Jack" Hurley on April 5, 2007. Kaitlyn, Molly, Maggie, and Colleen were thrilled to welcome their new baby brother.

Sharon Fisher Burke and James live in San Francisco with their son, James Andrew Burke III. They welcomed James on July 5, 2005. Sharon is an inventory planner with Cost Plus World Market.

From the Courier Office: **Kelly Ivcevic** married Andrew Noga (College of the Holy Cross '90, Harvard '98) on Sunday, Sept. 3, 2006, in Indianapolis, Ind. **Celynn Krueger McClarrinon**, **Kelly O'Connell Mangel**, **Heather Pflanz**, **Ann Miller Weixel**, **Anne Adea**, **Heather McLeod Sullivan**, **Genevieve Baisley**, **Meredith Hurley Beachler**, **Bridget Boyle Saxton**, **Molly Cain Milton '93**, **Katie Spahn Conway '93**, and **Rachel Lamb Schrepferman** were all there to celebrate with the couple. Kelly and Drew honeymooned in Mexico before returning to Indianapolis, where they now reside.

'96

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Hello again, everyone! As usual, we've been a very busy class, so here's the scoop on what your classmates are up to these days.

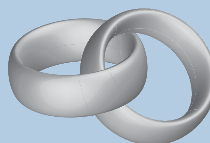
Jennie Taubenheim Robinette and husband Craig moved to Asheville, N.C., last July. They have a daughter named Josie, 2, and on Feb. 24, 2007, the family welcomed a little boy, Gil. Jennie has taught kindergarten for ten years now, and Craig is currently teaching fifth grade. **Elizabeth "Lissa"**

Oswald Nientimp spent much of the chilly Minneapolis winter on maternity leave after delivering a beautiful baby boy on Sept. 16. Bennett Thomas is doing well, and they are all adjusting to the new family foursome. The baby's big sister, Avery, 3, is absolutely smitten with him. After maternity leave, Lissa will return to work at General Mills, where she will continue to search for the best ideas for the prize inside the cereal box. Lissa's message brought back good memories of the days when she and roommates **Jennie Robinette** and **Kelly Brocato** lived next to me and roommates **Simone Barber Vecchio** and **Beth Luedtke Petrie**. Here's a shout out to our "NEIGHBORS!" (Oh, the memories.)

Ellen Sanders Reed and husband, Steve, recently bought their first house in St. Louis. This summer, Ellen celebrated the wedding of her sister, **Suzanne Sanders '93**, to Brent Burzynski along with about ten other Saint Mary's College alumnae from various classes. The wedding was held on 7/7/07, and the evening was capped off with fireworks. Fellow St. Louis resident **Leanne Jones O'Callaghan** and husband Michael are happy to announce the arrival of son Conor Patrick O'Callaghan. **Jenny Horan Noonan** and husband Tim are moving to Houston, where Tim is starting his own orthopedic practice. Jenny is a stay-at-home mother to daughter Bethany, 4, and son Peter, who joined the family on May 18, 2007. **Mary Good Palmer**, husband Mike ND '94, daughter Ruthie, 5, and son Jacob, 2, welcomed a new addition to the family last May: Anne Rita ("Annie") Palmer. On March 27, 2007, **Beth Van Tiem Nesbitt** and husband Garrett were blessed with the arrival of Holly Ann Nesbitt.

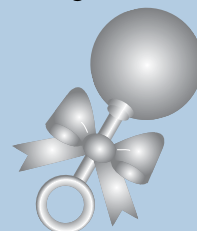
Megan Maloney O'Sullivan keeps busy running around after her three boys. The youngest, James, was born on April 3, 2007. **Karen Gerlach** is in Richmond, Va., for her residency in radiology, and **Lisa Siefert** is now the regional group fitness director for the Cheetah Gyms in Chicago. Lisa teaches about 17 classes each week, which keeps her pretty busy! Her roommate, **Andrea Flajole '97**, moved to Chicago this summer and is working as a manager at Ann Taylor. **Barbara Howells Boukater** is now the director of summer programs at Pace Academy and continues to be entertained by son Bryce, 1. **Tina Lemker Reigh** currently lives in Dillingham, Alaska, which is a little fishing town off of the road system. Tina has worked as a Legal Aid attorney since 2004. She and

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her husband, Clint, have a daughter, Gisa, 1, who is a total kick. **Anne Hurley Larkin** now lives in Valparaiso, Ind., and is a stay-at-home mom to three boys (Finn, 5; Kieran, 2; and Liam, 10 months). While visiting her in-laws in Orange County, Cal., Anne was able to meet up with **Erin Harty**, who lives in Irvine and works in real estate in Laguna Beach. Erin and Anne had much to talk about as they are both contemplating new careers working with persons with autism.

Nora Genevieve McCormick was born on Aug. 19, 2007, in New York. She joins proud parents **Beth Regan McCormick** and John, and big brother Jack, 3. **Katie Rose Hulett** and husband Kevin are enjoying the arrival of their son, Aiden, born May 18, 2007. The happy family is now living in Geneva, Ill., on the far western side of Chicago. Their previous home was Alaska. Katie's husband joined a private practice, where he's an ENT doctor, and is thrilled with the new group.

Kelly Kilmer Mullagh and husband welcomed their first child, Benjamin Troyer, on Jan. 20, 2007. Kelly's college roommate, **Megan Bruchas Brunson**, had her second child, Samuel James, in May 2007. Kelly was lucky enough to be in the states all summer long and had several chances to catch up with **Lori Gaddis Kevin**, **Angela McNulty Bannon**, and **Jennifer Holuj Rediger** at a pool party at Jen's house—with all five kids in tow between the four of them. She was also able to catch up with the girls again, as well as with **Kristen Ross O'Connor** and **Stacey Reding Sutter**, at a baby shower for Jennifer in Chicago. Kelly and family visited Stacey and her little girl, Sadie Lynn, in Rochester, N.Y., as her family drove back to Canada. Finally, **Jennifer Holuj Rediger** and husband Scott

welcomed their son, Alexander James, last Nov. 16. Needless to say, Babies-R-Us had a great 2007 between all the new babies among the group.

Jayne Gillig A'Hearn sent in a plethora of news, starting with the arrival of her fourth child on May 1, 2007. Mallory Jayne A'Hearn joins two older brothers, Will and Joe, and a sister and future Saint Mary's College chick, Isabel. Jayne's twin sister, **Janeen Gillig Close**, welcomed her second child, Ryan William Close, on Dec. 5, 2006. Ryan arrived just a month before Janeen's daughter Caroline was diagnosed with retinal blastoma of her right eye. The doctors had to remove Caroline's eye to save her life before the cancer spread to her brain. Caroline is now cancer-free and is a beautiful 2-year-old. Janeen actually noticed something was wrong with her eye and, by doing so, saved her daughter's life. **Gretchen Johnson Evans** gave birth to twins in August 2006: a girl and boy. She now has four children (two boys/two girls), and lives in Seattle with her husband and family. [Editor's Note: Gretchen and family have since moved to Woodway, Wash.]

Sara Stronczek Sampson also sent in news. She was married Oct. 27, 2007, in Portland, Ore., to Jesse Sampson. Jesse is a '97 graduate of Gonzaga University. Saint Mary's College grads on hand were Beth Nesbitt, **Beth Urban**, Janeen Close, and **Kelley Prosser McNamara**, who welcomed her second child, Maeve, in August 2007. Sara said that everyone enjoyed the Northwest experience and that she and Jesse are doing well. With even more recent news, Sara writes that she, **Andrea Feraco Drapcho**, and **Amy Cavanaugh** have been meeting frequently to keep the Saint Mary's College connection alive. "We have been enjoying trying all

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of Portland's newest restaurants and catching up on what is going on with each other and with the Saint Mary's College community."

Kristen Hayward Koenig lives in Idaho with her husband, Gregg ND '93, son Aiden, and daughter Amelia. They invite any Saint Mary's College or Notre Dame grads to stop by their winery, Koenig Vineyards, for a sample. **Jill Broemmel Lewis** has three children and just opened a Pass Your Plate franchise in Marion, Ill. **Dorie Wilkey Hoody** just had child number three in March, a little girl who has twin three-year-old boys as big brothers. Even though our last reunion wasn't too long ago, Jayne is already looking forward to the next one, as she had so much fun seeing everyone!

Ann Zielonka Wallin had twins (a boy and a girl) on Dec. 4. Charlie and Grace came a little earlier than originally planned, but everyone is doing well. Gretchen, Dorie, and Ann aren't the only two members of our class to have given birth to multiple babies...

Laura Boeckman Cauley is adjusting to life as a new mom to three (yes, three) new children! Helen, Isabella, and Alexander were born Nov. 29, 2007, and are all doing well. **Classmate Chace Caven** was a tremendous help to Laura when she moved in after Laura's husband was deployed to Afghanistan last fall. He was able to be home for the birth but will not finish his deployment until next fall. I'm sure I speak for everyone in wishing him a happy and safe return home. **Stacia Stornetta** even came down to visit and took care of Laura for a weekend as well.

Congratulations to everyone on their continued success and happiness. Thanks for keeping in touch. I look forward to hearing about all the good news to come our way for the next update!

From the Courier Office: **Jennifer Myers Wiseman** and husband Brian are the proud parents of twin girls. Lindsey Morgan Wiseman and Cassidy Paige Wiseman were born on Jan. 12, 2007. Lindsey was 5 pounds even and Cassidy was 4 pounds, 3 ounces. Jennifer says, "They are doing great and are such a joy!"

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Jeannine DeMarco Sur, her husband, Jim ND '98, and big sister

Natalie welcomed Noah James on Oct. 1, 2007. The family continues to live in Ann Arbor, Mich.

On Nov. 25, 2007, **Ann Hermes Tudor** and her husband, Jeff, welcomed Nora Margaret Tudor. She joins her older sister, Grace Elizabeth (born July 6, 2005). Ann and Jeff love being parents! This year, Ann was able to catch up with some old Saint Mary's College friends: **Lori Riebe Smul**, **Sarah Looney Marshall**, **Michelle Abraham Sartor**, **Rossitsa Stoyanova**, and **Anne Marie Joseph**.

Julie Burk Reidy and her husband, Tim ND '98, welcomed their second son, Paul Edward, on Nov. 7, 2007. His older brother, Bill, is thrilled to have a future playmate.

Rebecca Jacobs Dempsey and her husband, Brad, were thrilled at the arrival of their first, Maggie, who was born June 23, 2007, at her mom's workplace, Northwestern's Prentice Women's Hospital.

Michelle Sartor and husband Michael welcomed their first baby, Gianna Marie, born on Sept. 25, 2007. Gianna is a tiny little one, but she is full of life. They are enjoying every moment with her.

Cicely Campo Siepkha, her husband, Dennis, and baby Sophia Marie (born April 15, 2007) moved to Indianapolis after living in San Francisco for four years. Dennis was recently promoted to a national training position with Abbott Laboratories. Cicely has retired from her work with San Francisco's elections department to "devote myself to Sophia," which, she says, is more challenging and fulfilling than she could ever have imagined.

Ivonne Grantham Smith and husband Baron are enjoying every minute with Grantham, now 15 months old. Ivonne completed her first post-baby marathon in Tucson, Az., on Dec. 2, 2007.

Kristi Dawson Flaherty is working part-time at Notre Dame as the Web master for Campus Ministry.

Amanda Langenberg Roberts was married July 17, 1999, to Erik J. Roberts ND '98. They welcomed their first daughter, Ella Jane, on Dec. 27, 2003. Their second daughter, Lily Anne, was born on Feb. 23, 2006, and they recently welcomed their third daughter, Anna Elizabeth, on Sept. 17, 2007. The family is currently residing in Bel Air, Md., where Erik is working for Procter and Gamble's cosmetic team. Amanda loves her full-time job as a stay-at-home mom.

Lisa Bonk Roth married Ronald Roth on July 21, 2007. They had an outdoor wedding with fabulous weather. Lisa's bridesmaids were **Linda**

Bonk '00 and **Kelly Cooper-Chu**. At the end of September, the newlyweds moved to Cleveland for career opportunities.

Anne Werring started a new job as the corporate compliance officer of a new managed care company—developed to manage Medicaid behavioral health benefits for the State of Kansas.

Hollis L. Janowak Mertens and husband Jim ND '98 were thrilled about the arrival of their daughter, Lucia Louise (Luci), on April 5, 2007. She is a wonderful baby, and big brother Augie, 3, just loves her!

Hollis has been a nurse practitioner at the Child Development Center and International Adoption Clinic at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin for four years now. While on maternity leave, a Continuing Medical Education article and case study she had written on Klienfelter's syndrome and ADHD was published. Jim started his own company (James Investment Management, LLC) last October. They were able to travel to England, France, and Scotland last summer for a wedding and a visit with friends from Hollis' year abroad in Ireland. Hollis works with a fellow "SMC-er" **Denise Kilway Peterson '87**, who is a nurse practitioner in the GI department at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin. They have also been seeing a lot of **Leanne Walsh Klein '79**, her husband, Joe, and daughter, Grace.

In October, **Genevieve Morrill** joined the Illinois Appellate Court as a law clerk to Justice Rodolfo Garcia. Additionally, she is teaching second-year law students legal analysis research and communication at DePaul University College of Law. Genevieve ran the Las Vegas Marathon in December 2007.

Carla Rupert is interested in getting in touch with old Saint Mary's College friends with whom she has lost contact. Her contact information is carlarupert@yahoo.com or carla.rupert@marriott.com, (313) 657-9321.

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Hello, Class of 2000 and fellow Saint Mary's alumnae! I am so sorry that I don't have a report at this time; however, I would love to get your news in next issue. My deadline is June 1, so PLEASE send along your own updates and updates on fellow classmates. I have already started compiling the news for next time.

Again, I am so sorry! I hope this finds you well and enjoying the start to 2008, I look forward to hearing from you! Thank you to those of you who have sent me updates; I will be getting back to you!

From the Courier Office: **Nicole Staab Kempf** married Justin Kempf ND '00 on Aug. 13, 2005. **Megan O'Keefe** and **Gina Froehlich** were present. Nicole and Justin welcomed David William Kempf on Dec. 15, 2006. Nicole gave up her teaching career when her son was born and is now a stay-at-home mom. Nicole and family make their home in Crestline, Cal.

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Happy New Year, Class of 2002! There were lots of life-changing events for our class in 2007.

I'll begin with **Noreen Gillespie Connolly**. Noreen was married to Mike Connolly ND '02 on Aug. 17, 2007, in Noreen's hometown of Newtown, Conn. There to celebrate were several Saint Mary's College and Notre Dame alumni, including bridesmaids **Janel Miller Coppens** and **Kerry Smith ND '02**. Also present was **Nellie Williams Gould '03**. Nellie runs her own photography business and documented every moment of the event. The couple now resides in New York City, where Noreen is an editor on the Associated Press' national desk. She is also working on her MPA at New York University. Noreen also writes that Janel is the proud mother of two: Brett Jr., 3, and Molly Rae, 1.

Kelly Riley-Swallows also was married in 2007. After graduation, Kelly moved to Charlotte, N.C., and worked for Allen Tate Insurance as a property and casualty consultant. She was promoted to vice president of insurance services after two years. Following her promotion, her agency sent her to Hawaii for a conference, and it was there that she met her future husband, Matt Swallows, who also sells insurance for his family's agency. Kelly and Matt were married on Sept. 15 at the Biltmore Estate in Asheville, N.C. **Cassie Yates** was one of Kelly's bridesmaids, and **Christina D'Aquila-Phillips** was also present. Kelly and Matt honeymooned in Los Cabos, Mexico, at the One and Only Palmilla, and now reside near Nashville, Tenn., where both work for the Swallows-Newman Agency.

Katherine Deane was married on

June 2, 2007, to Ryan Nagy from St. John, Ind. **Janelle Picciano Jankowski** was a bridesmaid, and **Brooke Wagner, Shea Murphy Browning,** and **Tara Land** were all present. Katherine and Ryan are now living in Indianapolis, Ind., where Katherine works for Deloitte & Touche in human resources. Ryan is completing his residency in anesthesiology at the IU Medical Center.

Kristy Miller married Jason Linster ND '02, '05 at the University of Notre Dame Basilica of the Sacred Heart. **Erin Lord Murray** was Kristy's matron of honor, and **Breeyan Creevey** and **Siobhan Murphy** were bridesmaids. Kristy still works for Ernst & Young in Chicago, specializing on audits of financial services companies such as mutual funds and hedge funds. She and her new husband are living together in Chicago's Wrigleyville neighborhood. Breeyan lives a block away from the couple and is completing her fifth year teaching kindergarten at Alphonsus Academy while also pursuing her masters in education.

Finally, on December 26, **Jessica McKasy Tipescu** and her husband, Mircea, received the best Christmas gift of all when Jessica gave birth to their first daughter, Grace Vae.

Congratulations to all: Noreen, Kelly, Katherine, Kristy, and Jessica!

Other updates: **Courtenay Lauer Taylor** and her husband, Rob, have settled into their Alaskan life. Courtenay is in the midst of nursing school, and in her spare time has picked up Nordic skiing as a new hobby. This past summer, Court and Rob travelled the Alaskan Aleutian Island chain to Dutch Harbor (home of the Deadliest Catch). Court says they "spent six days hiking, camping, fishing, and eating some of the best seafood in the world!" Rob is currently in northern Iraq doing rescue coordination and mission planning in collaboration with all branches of the service. Special thanks to Rob and all the military in Iraq serving in the war.

Erin Weldon and Meghan

Sirotek Miller are enjoying teaching elementary school together at The Lane in Hinsdale, Ill. Meghan continues to teach kindergarten while Erin teaches 5th grade. Meghan and her husband, Greg, recently moved out of the city to an adorable house much closer to The Lane in Clarendon Hills, Ill. They also added a new member to their family, a loveable Goldendoodle puppy named Tucker.

Katie Decoste spent the final three months of 2007 in Manhattan

for her employer Sheldon Good & Company. Katie is now a senior project coordinator for Sheldon Good and was out in New York City coordinating real estate actions for everything from private islands around the world to affordable housing throughout New Jersey. After hours, she spent much of her time with New York transplants **Mary Hermes** and **Liz Kocourek**. Mary is really enjoying her position as a senior media buyer with her old Chicago employer, Mediaedge, and truly has settled into her crazy new life as a New Yorker. Liz loves her new career as a freelance event planner.

Katie O'Connell is still working at Huron Consulting Group as a manager in corporate consulting in Chicago. Katie will have lots of reasons to be back in South Bend in 2008, as she recently started the Chicago Executive M.B.A. program at Notre Dame. The program is 17 months; she will graduate in May of 2009.

As for me, I recently began the part-time M.B.A. program at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management, where I plan to concentrate in Marketing, Strategy and Entrepreneurship. So far, I love being back in school and am really enjoying the challenge! I also continue to work full time at Davis & Hosfield Consulting and have taken on a new role as manager of marketing and business development in addition to my work as a litigation consultant.

I have not heard from many classmates since graduation. Please e-mail me over the next year with your update! Everyone would like to hear from you!

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From Kathryn: Happy 2008, Class of 2004! I hope that everyone had a nice holiday and the new year has started off well. I am about to start my last semester of law school, which is exciting and incredibly scary. I guess it's finally time to join the ranks of my working classmates! Thanks to everyone for your updates. It's fun to see what exciting things are going on in everyone's lives!

Here are some updates I received in the fall of 2007. Please continue to

send me 2008 news.

Maggie Garigliano sent me this update. Thanks, Maggie! "I won't comment on your last piece of news other than to say that maybe you are a good luck charm! I met my husband, Luke Busam ND '04, in Mexico during spring break our senior year at Saint Mary's. We were married on Oct. 6, 2007, in the Church of Loretto. Saint Mary's College attendants include my matron of honor, **Francesca Albright Morgan**, and bridesmaids **Kimberly Gans** and **Daniela Urs**. Many other Saint Mary's College grads from 2004 were guests, including **Cecilia Oleck Street**, **Bryant Henry**, **Katie Roney**, **Jennifer Urgonski**, **Jennifer Trachy Hakes**, and **Anne Marie Guerrettaz**. After a beautiful honeymoon in Aruba, we have made our home in Upper Arlington, Ohio, where I work as the director of marketing for Camp Fire U.S.A., and Luke is an attorney (Ohio State University JD '07) at a large legal office in downtown Columbus. We are HUGE Notre Dame fans and were extremely happy that Notre Dame's first win of 2007 came on our wedding day."

Caroline Streppa sent me an update from Atlanta. She graduated from the University of Virginia in December 2006 and is now living in Atlanta and working at Emory University's rehabilitation hospital as a speech language pathologist.

Katie Riley wrote that she recently started her master's in education at John Carroll University in Cleveland and will finish her degree by May 2008. She also wrote that **Megan McCall Schmitt** married Derek Schmitt ND '04 on March 10, 2007. The ceremony, at the Basilica of Notre Dame, was beautiful. Saint Mary's College bridesmaids included Megan's sister, **Kathleen McCall '06**, **Jessica Brady**, and Katie. Also in attendance from our class were **Laurel Bernel**, **Eileen Bush**, **Cyndi Hagemeyer**, and **Jessica Ratke-Buchholz Stielow**.

Yvonne Benson finished her master's degree in industrial-organizational psychology from Elmhurst College in May 2007. She is now working on her M.B.A. at Elmhurst.

Linda Janke Ruszkowski married Thaddeus Ruszkowski ND '04 at Notre Dame on April 21, 2007. Bridesmaids included **Betsy Brown '05** and **Jen Herdman '05**. It was quite the Saint Mary's College reunion! Also in attendance were **Erin Reese '03**, **Becca Doll**, **Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl**, **Meghan White**, **Amanda Garno**, **Amanda Richer**,

Megan Elliot, **Sarah Varley '05**, **Sarah Vabulas '06**, **Johnnie Quigley '07**, and **Sarah Mikrut '07**. They honeymooned in Ireland and live just outside of District of Columbia. She is still teaching high school, working with a local theatre, and also assisted directing a show for the District of Columbia Fringe Festival!

Allison Scarnecchia moved recently to Cleveland and has taken a job at the Cleveland Clinic Center for Autism as a speech language pathologist.

From Kymberly: Happy 2008, Class of 2004! Unfortunately, I haven't heard from many of you, so perhaps no news is good news. After four years, though, we would all love to hear how life is treating YOU. Please send Kathryn or me the major details of your life!

As for me, I celebrated my one year anniversary with Plante Moran on January 29, as a Sarbanes-Oxley 404 enterprise risk auditor and consultant! I absolutely love my job and will leave it at that. I was able to break away from my clients in January to visit **Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl** and her family in Atlanta. Elizabeth is thriving at Emory Law School and has all intentions to graduate this May. Shortly after my return from Atlanta, it was such a wonderful delight to hear from my business guru, **Daniela Urs**, as we caught up on our life journeys.

Amy Jensby married Scott Schroeder on Sept. 1, 2007, in Phoenix, Az. **Mary Kartheiser**, **Anna Stornant '05**, **Anne DeCesaro**, **Desiree Paulin Seponski**, Chris Seponski ND '04, and Leslie Pechkurow ND '04 were in attendance and made it a wonderful celebration. Scott and Amy now live in the heart of downtown Phoenix and love the little arts district around them. Amy enthusiastically noted that Saint Mary's College visitors are always welcome! In July 2007, Amy started dental school and is currently pursuing her DMD and MPH at A.T. Still University in Mesa, Az.

Christin Yesnik and Mike Fairchild ND '00, '04 were married at the Basilica of Notre Dame on July 14, 2007. The wedding party included **Amanda Hartwig**, **Kara Pearce**, and **Emily Misbach**. In attendance were numerous Notre Dame and Saint Mary's alumni, including **Anne Marie Arpaia**. The couple honeymooned in Maui and make their home now in Hudson, Ohio, where Mike is a dealer relations manager with Chrysler Financial.

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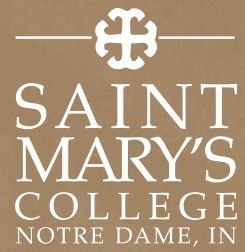
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