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#### "Could a greater miracle take place than for us to look through each other's eyes for an instant?"

-Henry David Thoreau

The value of diversity in the educational experience at Saint Mary's has been implicit in the College's mission since it was founded in 1844, more than 75 years before women won the right to vote. From the beginning, the College's focus was on providing a rich educational experience that would prepare women to make a difference in their world—in their church, their families, the workplace, and government.

The singularity of this focus found added nuance in 1988 when the College created a mission statement, which made formal what had been implicit. Among what was spelled out was the insistence that all women should feel welcome here. "In order to offer the richest educational experience possible, the College strives to bring together women of different nations, cultures, and races," reads the College's Statement of Philosophy and Purpose.

This year, President Carol Ann Mooney reiterated Saint Mary's commitment to diversity, stating that greater racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic diversity is key to the College's future. She said that the Saint Mary's community should care about diversity because diversity adds vibrancy to the educational experience, because the College's commitment to social justice demands it of us, and because as a Catholic college Saint Mary's should have students who are also "universal."

In an editorial for The Chronicle for Higher Education titled "Why Diversity Matters," Lee Bollinger, president of Columbia University, said this about diversity in education: "The experience of arriving on a campus to live and study with classmates from a diverse range of backgrounds is essential to students' training for this new world, nurturing in them an instinct to reach out instead of clinging to the comforts of what seems natural or familiar. We know that connecting with people very—or even slightly—different from ourselves stimulates the imagination; and when we learn to see the world through a multiplicity of eyes, we only make ourselves more nimble in mastering—and integrating—the diverse fields of knowledge awaiting us."

Although Bollinger's tactics have sometimes been controversial, it his hard to argue with his logic here, that when we "see the world through a multiplicity of eyes," connections are made that before were invisible to us.

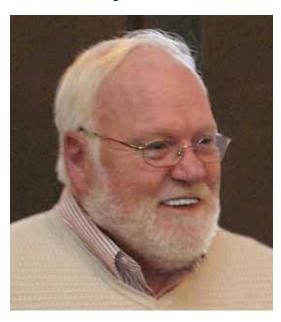
So how do we, each part of the College community, welcome diversity? Lasting transformation occurs from within and efforts to increase diversity at Saint Mary's are coming from the entire Saint Mary's community. Saint Mary's students decided there should be a conference about diversity and created and organized the Diverse Students' Leadership Conference. Students like Sarah Davenport '09 wanted to share a cultural experience they'd had with their peers and to do so, founded their own clubs. Faculty members have fused the teaching of modern languages with instruction on culture. And faculty members and administrators have organized study abroad programs that encircle the globe and a new certificate program that recognizes cross-cultural learning.

In 2005, Courier dedicated the winter issue to exploring diversity at Saint Mary's College. The issue asked the question, "Why should we care about diversity?" This issue, summer 2008, explores not why, but how the College community welcomes students, faculty, and staff from all walks of life, all over the world, from underrepresented racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic backgrounds. It documents how we are seeing the world through each other's eyes.

Scot Erin Briggs is editor of Courier.

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# In Memoriam: Professor Donald Miller



Professor Donald Miller joined the Saint Mary's Mathematics Department in 1967 and served the College for over forty years, until his death on April 13, 2008. Miller's contributions to Saint Mary's extend far beyond the classroom. He chaired the Mathematics Department and the Faculty Assembly. He loved his work as the assistant coach of the softball team and seemed born to the role of Santa at College Christmas parties. Once dressed in his beautiful red velvet regalia, an extra twinkle came into his eyes and he was Santa.

A beloved professor, Miller's students remember his "celebrations," what they themselves referred to as tests. The recipient of many awards, he was especially proud when he received the Distinguished Service Award for the Indiana Section of the Mathematical Association of America in 2004. He started and directed an Advanced

Placement Institute at Saint Mary's and was the recipient of the College's Spes Unica Award in recognition of his outstanding service.

Miller was the consummate College Marshal. A role that some treat as ceremonial was one that he undertook with energy and precision. He provided countless hours of work and great attention to detail. He knew he had succeeded when no one in the audience was aware of any behind-the-scenes maneuvers. Miller beamed when families marveled at the dignity of the Saint Mary's commencement ceremony. Proudly wearing the Marshal's sash made for him by his mother, Miller was the conductor of a day steeped in Saint Mary's tradition.

In recognition of his deep love for and dedicated service to Saint Mary's College, Miller was posthumously awarded the President's Medal at commencement. The President's Medal is given to honor exceptional contributions to the life of the College and the community.

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You know the old saying: when in Rome, do as the Romans do. Meagan McHugh '08 and Stephanie Pupo '08 were determined to do just that when they boarded the same flight from Philadelphia to Rome, Italy. Little did they know that their shared passion for the Roman people and culture would cement friendships—including their own—that keep them coming back to Rome beyond their year-long, study-abroad experience.

"We call it our city, and we're proud to show it off," says Pupo, a senior English writing major reflecting on her time in Rome. She and McHugh took classes together during their first semester in Rome and they became fast friends. The two

Italian minors encouraged each other to exercise their knowledge of the language, going into restaurants and ordering in Italian and speaking Italian with the locals in museums and shops. Their intention paid off, Pupo says, in "ample opportunities to make lasting friendships."

On a recent break the two friends returned to Rome, where Saint Mary's

boasts its own campus in the heart of "the campus is headquartered at Hotel Tiziano, where success can live for one or two semesters during their sophomore year. Nearby are classrooms, faculty offices, a chapel, and a library.

"Hang a right," says McHugh, "and it's ten minutes to the Roman Forum and the Coliseum. Hang a left, and in 15 minutes you're at the Vatican." The Pantheon is three minutes from the front door of the hotel, she adds. The proximity of these historical Roman sites sets the stage for students to immerse themselves in Italian culture, history, cuisine, music, and language.

The whole experience, according to Professor Peter Checca, has a "significant impact on students' personal, spiritual, and intellectual growth." Checca, who coordinates the Rome program from the Saint Mary's home campus, encouraged McHugh and Pupo to spend their sophomore year in Rome. "They learn how to love learning there," he says. "They come back more independent and self-confident."

The beauty of the program, says Checca, is the established presence of Saint Mary's in Rome. Since 1970, when the Rome campus first opened, hundreds of students have participated. Academically speaking, the program offers many of the same classes students would take on Saint Mary's campus, from philosophy to business to religious studies. "The same Saint Mary's academic standards apply," says Pupo.

She and McHugh agree, study abroad is experiential learning at its best. While involved in one of Saint Mary's 20 study abroad programs, students make a conscious connection between what they are learning in class and what they are experiencing out in the world. "You read about some event in history or political science or humanistic studies, and then suddenly you're there," says McHugh. "You're in the book."

According to Siqin Yang, director for international and

intercultural learning, the programs at Saint Mary's are growing. "Student participation rate in semester-long programs has doubled in the past five years, from 20% to more than 40%," she says. In the past year, students have even helped develop a new program in South Africa.

The job of preparing students for their time abroad falls to Yang, in addition to the faculty coordinators of each program. Yang provides students with a thorough pre-departure orientation covering issues the students may face, such as culture shock, health and safety issues, packing, and insurance. She also gave a Maximizing Study Abroad Workshop last November, and recruited students returning from their study abroad to talk with departing students. "Students are encouraged to contact the student peer

advisors or other returnees to talk about what it is like to live abroad, and the difficulties they might encounter," Yang explains.

But students are not left completely to their own devices while adapting to the lifestyle of another country and culture.

McHugh and Pupo rave about the Rome campus faculty who "become like family" to their students.

With their encouragement, Pupo says, she "learned to trust and be connected to a different place, a different part of the world."

Their study abroad experience continues to connect these two friends to Rome today. They have Italian friends with whom they still keep in touch. Both women read Italian newspapers and even keep tabs on an Italian cable TV channel. The experience, as with many students who study abroad, has served McHugh and Pupo, changing them from American students learning a new language, to students who "conquered Rome," as they put it, on their own.

McHugh adds, "We're already planning our next trip."

## International Adventures

Saint Mary's offers nine study abroad programs during the academic year, and many other short immersion trips during semester and summer breaks. The following programs offer students semester- or year-long adventures in other countries and cultures.

#### Dijon, France

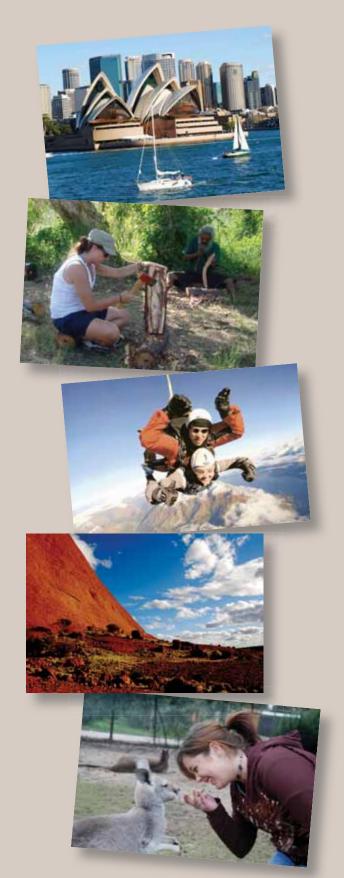
When in Rome

**Adventures in Study Abroad** 

Students taking French at Saint Mary's can apply for this semester- or year-long adventure in Dijon. A historic town two hours southeast of Paris, it was the medieval capital of Burgundy. Students study all courses—from theatre to art history—in French at the Université de Bourgogne. Immersed in French culture, many students also share weekly meals with local French families.

#### Fremantle, Australia

In this joint program with the University of Notre Dame, Ind., students enroll at the University of Notre Dame Australia. Campus is located in the historic port town of Fremantle, where they meet people from many places and



cultures, and experience the art, markets, cafes, and beaches. One special excursion takes students on a weeklong field trip to Kimberly, where they experience life in the Outback in an Aboriginal community.

#### Innisbruck, Austria

Once a central hub for routes north, south, east, and west across Europe, Innsbruck is a German-speaking city that dates back to Ancient Roman times. Students embrace its storied history, art, culture, and cuisine, in classes—all taught in German—and on the streets in the city's many festivals, parades, and celebrations. Designed for sophomores, the program begins with a special month-long German language session in Salzburg, Germany, and tours through Vienna and other cities, before students land in Innsbruck.

#### Maynooth, Ireland

Students in the Ireland Program experience both quiet country life and city life in beautiful Ireland. The program is located at the National University of Ireland, Maynooth, only 14 miles west of Dublin. Students attend classes with Irish students and live with them in modern apartments near the University. They are surrounded by museums, art galleries, and concert halls, all the better to soak in the local culture.

#### Mumbai, India

India, home of Bollywood and the Taj Mahal, has now played host to Saint Mary's students for over 20 years. Students are based in Mumbai, and attend Tata Institute of Social Sciences, located ten miles out from the bustling city. This experience includes a one-week yoga camp, service learning in the Mumbai community, and tours in and around Mumbai. Their time in India offers opportunities to study social and economic development in India, including issues of class and gender.

#### Røme, Italy

Launched by a tour through Assisi, the birthplace of Saint Francis, the Rome Program is based in and around Hotel Tiziano, set in the heart of this vibrant city. Courses are designed to meet the specific requirements of a Saint Mary's education. Lessons flow directly from the pages of the textbook to the sights, sounds, and tastes of the city. Students who take part in the semester- or year-long experience can also tour southern Italy in the fall, or northern Italy in the spring.

#### Pietermaritzburg, Touth Africa

In this semester- or year-long program through the University of KwaZulu-Natal, students will study against the beautiful natural backdrop of South Africa, just an hour from the Indian Ocean. They have the opportunity to explore a variety of interests, from social justice to African literature to environmental biology. The program is based in the old-world city of Pietermaritzburg, near nature reserves and the bustling resort area of Durban.

#### Teville, Spain

For students in the Spain program, it's "adios" to the U.S. and "hola" to the vibrant Spanish culture in Seville. This language immersion program is located in the ancient city, where students are surrounded by rich architecture, art, and history. While studying a variety of disciplines—all taught in Spanish—students also participate in the city's many cultural, social, and religious celebrations.

#### Women's Studies in Europe

The Women's Studies in Europe program allows students to explore feminist theory in practice across Europe. Travel is their teacher as they conduct original field research and attend lectures at European universities from Brussels to Krakow to London. While pursuing independent research, students enroll in 16 hours of additional coursework. The program is offered each fall semester.

When students arrive on campus in the fall they have the opportunity to sign up for a number of clubs that promote just about any interest. From figure skating to Circle K, all the bases are covered. So are many world cultures and languages. Many student clubs are working to embrace and raise awareness of other cultures. The traditions they celebrate span the globe and the topics they cover range from immigration to Chinese New Year.

According to Larisa Olin Ortiz, director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs, these student clubs are not just pastimes. They play an important role in campus life and in students'

professional and personal development. "This is an increasingly diverse world and workforce," she says. "If you are not knowledgeable or exposed to other

views, you won't be ready to succeed or compete in an environment in which young professionals are expected to be able to work with diverse populations."

Students involved in clubs with a multicultural focus find many leadership opportunities and chances to improve their communication skills, among other benefits, says Kirsten Siron, director of student involvement and advisor to several student organizations. "They provide

education outside of the traditional classroom," she explains.

Vice President for Student Affairs Karen Johnson agrees. "When students are in leadership positions they have the ability to influence the decisions made and directions taken by their peers. At Saint Mary's College our students are leading the way in diversifying the campus. They realize its importance to the future of Saint Mary's," says Johnson.

Students in these roles are bringing many first-time events to campus through their clubs. They are sponsoring lectures, raising funds for related causes, and hosting poetry readings and film series. Students interested in an underrepresented culture have often started their own club.

Below are the clubs that represent a culture of awareness on campus, along with the students who lead, organize, and support them.

#### around the world club

In 2000, a group of international students founded Around the World to support Saint Mary's students from other countries. As its membership has transformed through the years, so has the club's mission. Around the World members now focus on recruiting a greater number of international

> students, while bringing attention to issues faced in other parts of the world.

"This year we decided to

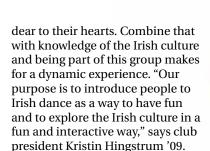
incorporate two components which would allow students to learn about different countries' social, cultural, and political issues," says Anita Maria Moo '08, Around the World president. The club sponsors the Pen Pal Program and the Model UN program. Students can choose pen pals from across Asia, Europe, and in South Africa, with the goal of learning about another culture while encouraging them to consider Saint Mary's.

"Around the World realizes the importance of culture and different forms of expression. Therefore, in order to embrace these differences, our goal is to give the students of Saint Mary's College education and experiences on various international perspectives. With this goal, Around the World hopes to show the importance of living in a world without boundaries."

—Anita Maria Moo '08, president

## irish dance

Members of the Irish Dance Club hold service and learning



Interaction is the key. The members are a group of trained Irish dancers who make a point of sharing new steps with each other so all members can build on their skills and, in turn, share them with others. The club is closely connected to the Dance Department at Saint Mary's, and is involved with the surrounding community. The dancers have performed at Healthwin, a longterm care facility, and have raised money for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

"We integrate traditional styles with contemporary movement, focusing on both technique and expression. It is of great importance that teaching and learning are part of our club."

-Kristin Hingstrum '09, President

#### sisters of nefertiti

"The purpose of Sisters of Nefertiti is to teach others about the culture of African Americans while celebrating our history," explains club president LaQuay Boone '10. Boone and other students in Sisters of Nefertiti work hard to "shine the light" on important achievements in African American history, as well as celebrate the culture as it is today. "We are also here to embrace all cultures on campus," says Boone.

This spring Sisters of Nefertiti worked with the Office of



"As a more diverse society today, we share in different cultures and experiences that we would not have been allowed to in past years. This is an improvement for all people, not just African Americans."

—LaQuay Boone '10, president

La Fuerza members like to let loose with the fun music, dance, and food of the Latina culture. They sponsor evening events like Salsa Night and Te Amo Peru. But the club's main focus is on bringing the bigger issues of Latina culture to the attention of their fellow students. During this year's Week of Action, La Fuerza members planned several activities that sparked prayerful discussions of immigration issues.

"La Fuerza's mission as an organization is to educate the Saint Mary's community on the many Hispanic cultures, as well as act as a support system for our fellow sisters throughout the Latina culture."

—Chrissy Romo '09, co-president

#### italian club

In addition to supporting the Rome Program by encouraging students to consider study abroad, the Italian Club serves students through its many events. "The club's mission was the dissemination of Italian and Italian American culture through film, lectures, and Italian meals," says Italian professor and club advisor Nancy D'Antuono. These events make for great learning experiences outside the classroom.

The Club has served the Department of Modern Languages at Saint Mary's in significant ways. The club members of 2005 and 2006 lobbied for the addition of an Italian major at the College. This year, seven students graduated in the major. The club also provides Italian tutoring. Students and professors alike share the authentic Italian meals prepared twice a semester by-who else?-Professor D'Antuono.

"[The Italian Club] introduces many students to this wonderful culture and encourages them to study in Rome and experience it firsthand—and this enthusiasm is especially important with the recent addition of the Italian major."

-Christina Palella '08, co-president

"One of our signature events is our Italian dinners in which I hear students say 'oh, I haven't had pasta like this since I was in Rome!' It's really rewarding to share the Italian culture with professors and students and to witness the impact and transformation it has on students."

—Giuliangela Rosato '08, co-president

#### africa faith and justice network

According to president Meagan Walerko '08, "AFJN is inspired by the Gospel and informed by Catholic social teaching, and it educates and advocates for just relations with Africa."

The club sponsors petitions to bring issues in Africa to the attention of U.S. political leaders.





—Cara Grabowski '08, president

german club

Sarah Davenport founded the German Club after her return from Innsbruck, Austria. She found herself tutoring other students in her dorm room and encouraging them to consider studying abroad in this yearlong German language immersion program. "Over the course of the year we have participated in the different events that Notre Dame's German Club has hosted, as well as hosting our own regular meetings where there is German tutoring," says Davenport.

The German Club members, six of whom will be studying in Innsbruck next year, are already planning the next school year's activities. Food is an integral part of all cultures and Davenport is planning a dessert night around Christmastime, when students will bake and share tasty German and Austrian treats.

"After coming back from being abroad, I wanted to share my experience with the first year students and help them in any way I could if they wanted to go abroad. They ended up coming to my room for tutoring, as well as general information on the logistics of going abroad and how they could make it work for their own [major] program. This was kind of the founding of the German Club."

-Sarah Davenport '09, president

#### club irish

Officially up and running since August 2007, Club Irish already has 30 active members intent on celebrating and enjoying the Irish culture. The club is also a vehicle to welcome back students who have returned from a semester or year in Saint Mary's Ireland Program. "After being completely immersed in a culture for a year, it is difficult to leave it all behind," says Club Irish President Grace Lynch '08.

This vibrant club has sponsored many events, including Irish Day on campus when the Irish culture took over in the dining hall with Irish music, food, and dancing. Club members have received Irish language lessons from Notre Dame professors, and Irish dance lessons.

A soon-to-be annual event is a trip to Chicago's Gaelic Park for a performance of the play *Christmas in Kerry*.

"Club Irish is an excellent outlet for celebrating and enjoying the Irish culture that so many of us have grown to love. Groups like Club Irish are important to Saint Mary's because they allow students to appreciate and participate in the College's focus on intercultural studies in a social environment."

-Grace Lynch '08, president

#### al-zahra

Last year two students who noticed they had the same name, Mariam, met and shared an idea to start a club focused on the cultures of the Middle East and North Africa. Mariam Eskander '09 and Mariam Masri '10 launched Al-Zahra. Masri came up with the club's name, which means "the flower." She says, "The symbolism behind it represents the planting of a seed (knowledge) and with love and nurturance, that seed would develop into a beautiful flower (awareness and acceptance)."

Together, Al-Zahra members sponsor campus activities to give fellow students an understanding of this part of the world. For their first event, Al-Zahra invited a speaker from the community to present on "Ramadan: The Holy Month." In addition to other events, the group has also hosted a "Tour of the Middle East." Students researched various countries in the region and led workshops based on their findings.

"Through our unique events, Al-Zahra gives students the opportunity to embrace the Middle Eastern/North African culture in fun and exciting ways!"

-Mariam Eskander '09, co-president

"The purpose of the club is to promote cultural awareness of the Middle East and North Africa. We want people to be able to immerse themselves in a different cultural experience by listening to the music, sampling food, discussing poetry..."

-Mariam Masri '10, co-president

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Renée Kingcaid and Mana Derakhshani

<u>"You can't teach a foreign language independent of the culture </u> because the foreign language is the first entrée into a different culture if you define it as a different way of thinking, a different way of conceiving the world, a different way of negotiating the world."

-Renée Kingcaid

"You can't really separate language learning from culture learning; so while they [students] practice reading and writing in the target language they're also learning it in the context of the culture. You can't separate the two."

—Mana Derakhshani

# **GLOBALLY**













By Natalie Davis Miller

You can't study a language without being a student of its culture. Renée Kingcaid and Mana Derakhshani are adamant about that. Renée Kingcaid is the director of modern languages, and Mana Derakhshani is the acting coordinator for intercultural studies and a professor of French at Saint Mary's. The two share a kindred spirit and task: develop the Saint Mary's woman into a culturally competent world citizen. Both modern languages and intercultural studies courses work toward that end.

#### INTERCULTURAL STUDIES

Derakhshani is in an interesting position; she is at an intersection of the two departments as both a language professor and as the acting coordinator for intercultural studies, an administrative position. The genesis for the Intercultural Studies Program was a gathering of faculty, students, and student development professionals who wanted to address diversity in the curriculum. From their discussion, needs were voiced, "The need to have courses that educate students about other cultures was one," reflects Derakhshani. "There was also the need for students who were interested in issues of intercultural studies, intercultural relations, different cultures, ethnic studies, or minority studies to have a home, a place where they could say, 'This is where what I'm interested in is."

Rather than establishing particular ethnic study courses, the group decided to "look at what happens when various cultures and races come together, and to talk about that intersection," explains Derakhshani. An interdisciplinary approach was taken with faculty coming from a number of different departments such as sociology, history, modern languages, and political sciences. "What we're really doing is teaching students about culture and identity—how does culture form our identity? How do we perceive ourselves, and how do others look at us?" asks Derakhshani.

Intercultural Studies has had a measurable impact on the campus, and was the seed from which the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership was formed. Students can minor in Intercultural Studies.

#### Modern Language

Professor Renée Kingcaid has worked at Saint Mary's College for 24 years. She uses the example of knowing how to address someone in another country-whether you use the formal or the informal—as one intercultural skill that has been routinely taught in language classes. The difference is the decision to be deliberate in assuring that there is an intercultural component to learning language.

"In a sense, for as long as we've been teaching the structures of the language, we've also implicitly been teaching the structures of the culture," comments Kingcaid. "We're now making that more explicit than ever before. This has quite a bit to do with looking at how to address a general audience about this centrality of language in the intercultural experience."

Kingcaid lists skills such as knowing basic geography and key historical events as tools students need for functioning in a diverse society in a multicultural world. "The idea is that not only do you have to be able to speak the language, but you need to know something about where the person is coming from," Kingcaid explains.

Modern Languages has recently expanded Spanish foreign study into Latin America with its new program in Cordoba, Argentina. Many of the faculty in the department direct foreign study programs, and part of teaching the language is preparing students for that foreign experience. "They still have to understand being in a foreign country makes them guests and their obligation is to adapt to the foreign country," says Kingcaid. They need to "be able to engage with that culture so that the best thing happens for both them and the host."

Modern Languages students also have the benefit of learning both language and cultural norms from their professors. "We're a multicultural department," says Kingcaid. "We're very lucky because the nature of our discipline brings in people from all over the world. This is really a very exciting time in the department because we have a number of native speakers from Europe and Eastern Europe and everybody in the department is fluent in several languages, which, in terms of bringing a microcosm of the world to Saint Mary's, we're in pretty good shape."

# DIVERSE STUDENTS

By Natalie Davis Miller

When it comes to a conversation on diversity, Saint Mary's students are leading the discussion, and others are listening. "The Diverse Students' Leadership Conference (DSLC) was such an encouraging experience for me," says Joanne



Alyssia Coates, workshop presenter: Why Am I Here? Defining Your Purpose in Life.

Green, experiential learning coordinator at Huntington University. "It was encouraging to see what Saint Mary's is doing in this area. My hope would be that Huntington will follow suit."

This year marked the third year for the Diverse Students' Leadership Conference, held February 13–15, on the campus of Saint Mary's College. The conference, sponsored by the Student Diversity Board (SDB), included nearly 250 participants, a significant growth from last year's registration of 150. Participants ranged from student, faculty, and staff from Goshen College, Huntington University, Saint Mary's College, the University of Notre Dame, Indiana University South Bend,

and the University of St. Francis at Fort Wayne, to local high school students and community leaders. The participants were diverse in terms of race, ethnicity, and age, and according to Adriana Lopez '08, conference chair and SDB vice president, "It was a very inclusive environment in that respect."

The DSLC was planned and managed by students. "What is so unique about this conference is the fact that DSLC is a result of a student initiative," explains Laris Olin Ortiz, director of multicultural affairs for Saint Mary's. "DSLC provides a wonderful opportunity for students to serve in leadership positions. With the help of different campus entities, students are involved in the decision making

process, planning, and implementation."

Lopez had assistance from Ed Ackerly, director of corporate and foundation relations, in securing funds for the conference from outside sources. Vesela Yondova, treasurer for DSLC and the Student Diversity Board, was responsible for applying for co-sponsorships on campus. The three-day conference was presented free of charge.

"From my initial registration, this conference was well organized and thoughtful. Knowing students spearheaded this experience is a true testimony to the students' commitment and passion to promote healthy dialogue regarding issues of diversity," comments Green.

Forty workshop presenters came from the University of Notre Dame, Indiana University South Bend, Saint Mary's College, the American Civil Liberties Union, Congressman Donnelly's South Bend District Office, and the League of Women Voters, Washington Center. The closing speaker was Dr. Johnnetta B. Cole, president emerita of Bennett College for Women and Spelman College. The highlight of the conference for Lopez was the presentation by Dr. Cole. "As a person truly committed to women's education, equality, and social justice, it was very powerful to have Dr. Cole talk about the importance of having diversity and inclusion on our agenda. Her keynote

address touched on aspects that I believe lie at the very core of the Student Diversity Board's mission and purpose," says Lopez.

Lopez says that she received great feedback from both the attendees and speakers. "Evaluations of the DSLC talked about the level of professionalism at the conference. Most importantly, participants spoke about the impact DSLC had in their personal lives."

The purpose of the Diverse Students' Leadership Conference according to their mission statement, is to inform participants of the adversities and benefits within diverse academic, social, and professional settings. "The main objective was for participants to enjoy the conference, and be inspired and motivated to create social change," adds Lopez.

Lopez says that she believes they achieved their goals for the conference. "It was very satisfying to hear that participants, especially students, were motivated to want to learn more about issues regarding diversity, and were empowered to become agents of social change. I must say that the conference definitely exceeded my expectations.'

# Leadership Conference

Left to right: Maricruz Cardenas, Sarah Barnes, Morgan Gay, Adriana Rodríguez, and Denise López







Cynthia Pierce from Crowe Chizek and Catherine Sue Turner from JP MorganChase



Stepfany Fuentes '10

# Transforming the face

By Scot Erin Briggs

For more than 160 years, Saint Mary's has been preparing women to be leaders. A new program, the Intercultural Leadership Certificate, builds on that tradition.

This year, four students became the first Saint Mary's graduates to earn the Intercultural Leadership Certificate: Sarita Fritzler, Adriana Lopez, Chelsea Iversen, and Razia Stanikzai. The program was developed by the Center for Women's InterCultural Leadership (CWIL). CWIL was established through a Transformative Grant from the Lilly Endowment, Inc., in 2000.

"What we have is a unique program," says Joy Evans, assistant director of scholarship and research for CWIL. The program borrows from the Women's Intercultural Leadership Model that was developed as a part of Community Connections programs spearheaded by Bonnie Bazata, associate director of CWIL. The program is designed to give students cross-cultural and intercultural competence, which according to Bazata, is a powerful way to "prepare students for a global world."

When the certificate program was being designed, the faculty and administrators at CWIL gathered their information and their resources. They looked at over 170 schools nationwide and their leadership programs to survey best practices.

They looked at programs like Duke's Baldwin Scholars and at Rutgers University's Leadership Scholars Certificate Program. Rationale for the all-women's environment of the Baldwin Scholars notes that, "Research has consistently

shown that graduates of women's colleges outperform their peers in achieving career goals." And they looked at successful programs that promoted leadership on campus and in the community such as the University of Arizona's Leadership & Involvement Transcript.

CWIL found programs that shared ideas and components, but none that combined women's leadership and intercultural leadership. The final program was the result of collaboration between faculty, staff, students, and CWIL's International Advisory Board. The program didn't need to replicate an all-women's environment as Duke's had. And they wanted to create a program where students would explore leadership within many spheres: in their communities, on campus, and globally. The program was developed to integrate students' experiences at Saint Mary's in a meaningful way, with both curricular and co-curricular aspects to it. Students' classroom work is complemented by many forms of experiential learning including studying abroad, going on the Catalyst trip, mentoring with local and international women leaders, a student-designed leadership project, and 50 hours of community-based learning.

This combination of learning experiences allows students to take what they learn in the classroom and apply it to real life situations. "Part of what they develop is real confidence," says Bazata. "We want students to learn who they are as leaders both through reflection and engagement. Students gain confidence and competence in ways that they can articulate and demonstrate, and that gives them a real edge in today's intercultural world." Evans agrees that this is part of what makes the program powerful.

"The whole key to civic engagement is to get students to want to change their world, and then to feel like they can,"

Adriana Lopez '08 says the program has had that kind of



(Left to right) Joy Evans, Razia Stanikzai, Adriana Lopez, Sarita Fritzler, Chelsea Iversen, Bonnie Bazata at the seniors' presentations of their eportfolios to invited guests and CWIL's International Advisory Board.



As a result of her leadership project, Sarita Fritzler had

# of World Leadership

transformative effect on her: she says she's become more assertive, volunteered more, and has generally become more involved. "I can definitely tell the difference in my personality then and now," says Lopez. "I'm more likely to speak up and be comfortable communicating, whether it's at my internship at the congressman's office or with my coworkers in the dining hall." Lopez gained experience working with people on issues of immigration, social security, and veterans affairs at Congressman Joe Donnelly's office, where she completed her social work field placement.

Lopez first came to Saint Mary's through the Encuentro: Encounter Yourself summer program, a program designed to help prospective college students—women who would be the first generation in their family to attend college—make college a reality.

Lopez is acting with confidence too. She was a chair on the Diverse Students' Leadership Conference committee (story p. 12) and the vice president of the Student Diversity Board. Lopez is interested in pursuing issues in immigration, economic development, and public policy. She will be leaving in August for a year internship in Puerto Rico through Notre Dame's Center for Social Concerns, giving her important field experience.

Sarita Fritzler '08, says that a combination of confidence and competence prepared her for a career in international development. "It is now more important than ever to be competent in intercultural exchanges because of the globalized world we live in," says Fritzler. "When I work in international development, I will be better able to work with all people, from the rural community organizers to the top government officials, to ensure all voices are brought to the table..."

Razia Stanikzai '08, who will return to Afghanistan after graduation, wants to return to work promoting access to education for Afghan children and increasing opportunities for women. They are causes she worked for previously and to which she is deeply committed. But now she thinks she will have an edge. "The Intercultural Certificate has a strong emphasis on developing students' insight and understanding of the oppressive structures in any society, be it in terms of gender, race, or socio-economic class, and how these structures shape access to opportunities," says Stanikzai. "In Afghanistan, we have problems that are compounded by the chronic war. It is important for me to reflect on these hierarchical structures within Afghanistan, as well as globally, which create hurdles in terms of access and control over resources," says Stanikzai.

Graduates of the program leave Saint Mary's with, in addition to their Intercultural Leadership Certificate, an electronic portfolio. The portfolio is a collection of their work organized into six areas of competence: Recognize the Leader Within, Articulate Your Ethical/Spiritual Center, Engage With and Value Diversity, Dialogue on Power and Privilege, Create Inclusive and Equitable Community, and Make Your Difference in the World.

Chelsea Iversen found the process of compiling her portfolio brought revelations of its own.

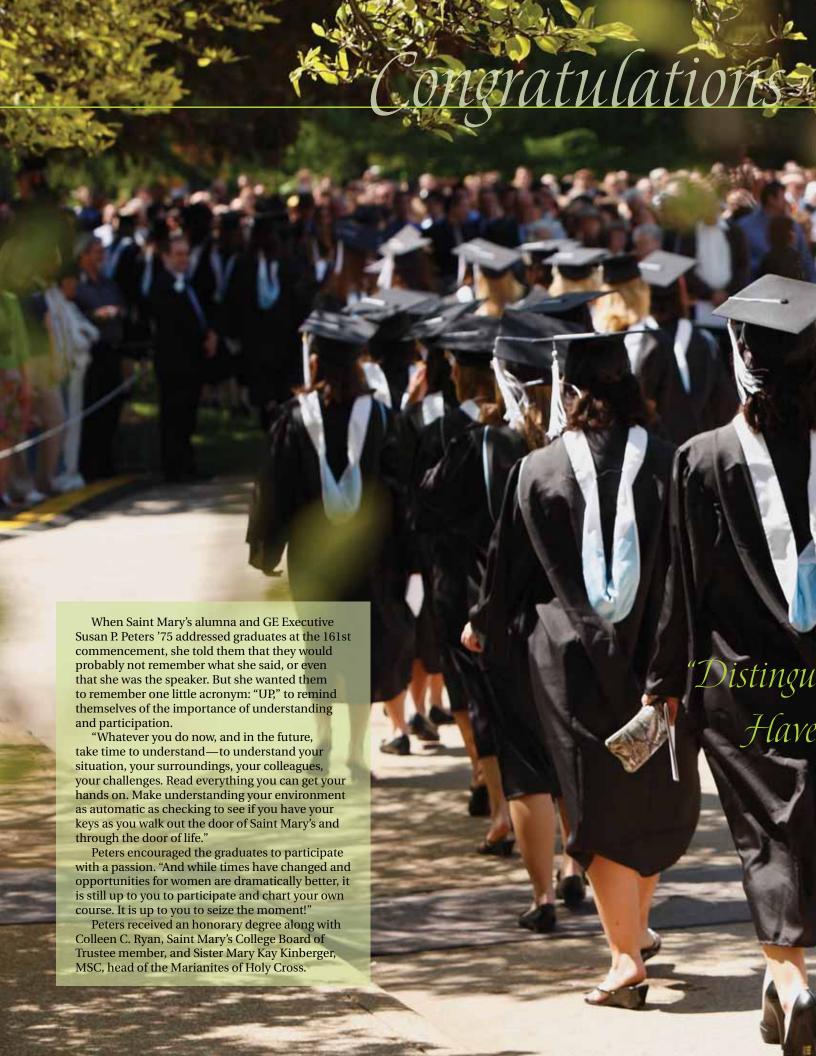
"Until I began zeroing in on my leadership projects and cataloguing them in the portfolio, I didn't recognize how it all came together," says Iversen. After graduation, Iversen will continue a collaborative research project funded by a CWIL grant. The project's focus is the Potawatomi Indians and the Sisters of the Holy Cross. Iversen is collaborating with Marchell Wesaw of the Pokagon Tribal Council and member of CWIL's International Advisory Board and Kate Shoupe, chair of the anthropology department here at Saint Mary's. "Now I can see that there is a line beginning to form in my experiences, and I know that it is leading somewhere into my future."

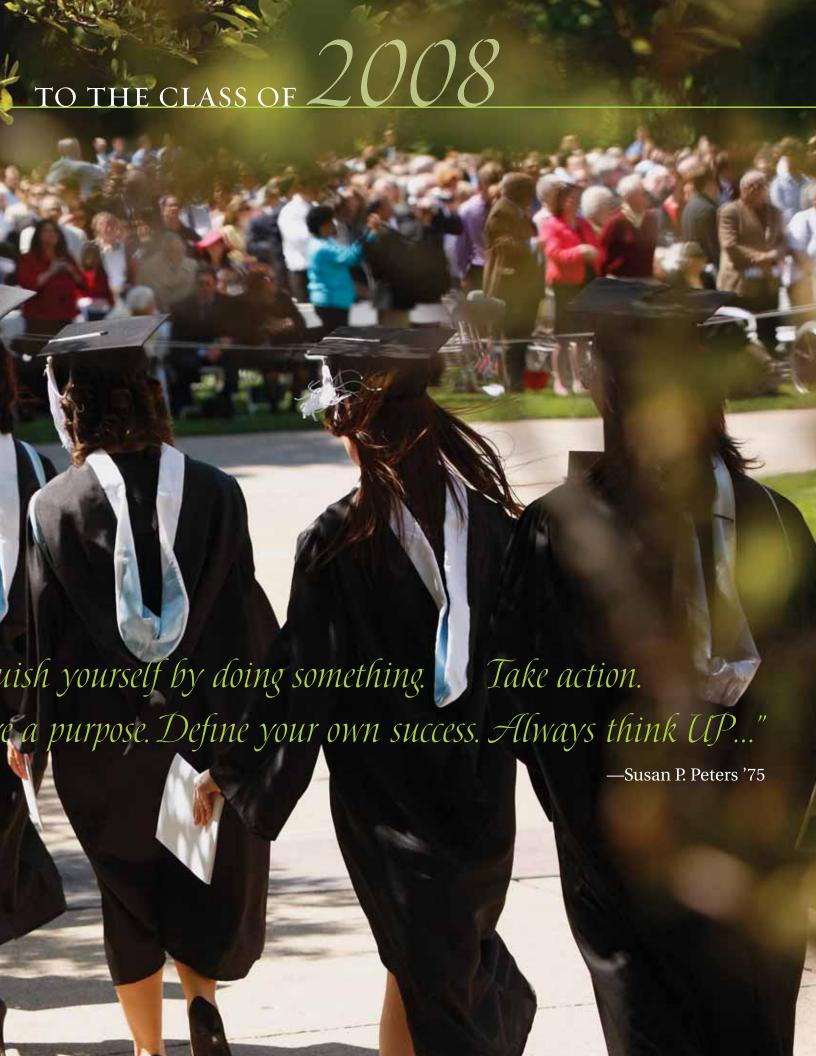


(Left to right) Chelsea Iversen, Becki Faunce '09, Sarah Barnes, Sarita Fritzler, Adriana Rodríguez '10, participants in the certificate program, inside the Jumeirah Mosque exploring Emirati culture before attending the Women as Global Leaders Conference in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.



Chelsea Iversen studied abroad in India.





# Congratulations

## "If you work hard and do it well,

if you understand what you want, understand your situation, the issues and people and culture and challenges around you, and you participate in the experience of your career, your community, your relationships-it's likely one of you will be like me today:



...honored to be back at our alma mater, honored to be back at

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**Lesley Anne Weaver delivers** the valedictory address.

> On Sunday, May 18, the Saint Mary's community celebrated the 161st commencement.



# TO THE CLASS OF 2008





The class of 2008

Saint Mary's, with that class of future achievers."

—Susan P. Peters '75





Left to right: President Carol Ann Mooney '72, honorary degree recipient Susan P. Peters '75, and Chair of the Board of Trustees, John J. O'Connor

# Achievements

## Awards and Honors

#### Valedictorian



Lesley Anne Weaver of Grand Rapids, Mich., graduates with a degree in political science and social work. She is also a Presidential Scholar, a Public Policy and International Relations Fellow, a member of Pi Sigma Alpha (the National Political Science Honor Society), and Phi Alpha (the National Social Work Society).

#### Lumen Christi Award



Kristine E. King of Green Bay, Wis., received this year's Lumen Christi Award. A business finance and humanistic studies major, she is deeply involved in campus life through Campus Ministry, as editor-in-chief of the *Blue Mantle*, an *Observer* photographer, resident assistant, and student ambassador.

#### SAINT CATHERINE MEDAL



Andrea Krebs of Oronoco, Minn., received the Saint Catherine Medal. The biology and mathematics major has demonstrated high standards of personal excellence and scholarship and has contributed to the College community in the spirit of Christian leadership. She has tutored high school students, mentored young children, acted as a resident assistant,

and participated in Dance Marathon.

#### **OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARD**



Natalie Grasso of Sharon, Pa., received the Outstanding Senior Award. A communications studies major, and the Student Academic Council representative from her department, she was honored this year as the Council's most outstanding member. She has been an active member of her junior and senior class boards, served for two

years as a tutor with the Indiana Reading Corps and, this year, as an intern at Indiana Legal Services.

#### MARIA PIETA AWARD



**Dr. Mary K. Porter** of the Department of Mathematics, this year's recipient of the Maria Pieta Award, is known for her love of her discipline and her students. She excites, challenges, and encourages her classes. Those who may have doubted their ability to succeed in the major are urged to persevere and excel.

#### Spes Unica Award



Dr. Claude D. Renshaw of the Department of Business Administration and Economics is the recipient of the 2008 Spes Unica Award. In addition to teaching, Renshaw co-authors an annual taxadvice column in the local newspaper and has taught missionaries in Ghana, Africa.

## Exceptional Seniors

#### SARITA FRITZLER

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Her life has exposed her to people of diverse cultures. Her education at Saint Mary's has prepared her to take the next step. Born in India, Sarita Fritzler spent her childhood living abroad in India, Egypt, and Ghana. Her parents live in Indonesia and some day she wants to work close to them, pursuing her career



goal: to work for an international nongovernmental organization (INGO) doing some form of humanitarian work.

Fritzler is a political science major with minors in women studies and intercultural studies. She's a member of the inaugural class of students receiving a Certificate in Intercultural Leadership from the Center for Women's InterCultural Leadership (CWIL), and she has been an active leader on campus.

"I do believe that Saint Mary's has prepared me for my future career in a number of ways. Through my involvement at CWIL, I've become a much more culturally sensitive and interculturally competent person," says Fritzler. "Through my classes, I became a more effective writer and learned how to articulate my thoughts, and through the social interactions, I feel that I became a much more open-minded person—taking in diverse perspectives for different issues. I believe I definitely grew and matured at Saint Mary's and will always value the education I received."

# OF THE CLASS OF

#### ERIN HECK

#### Poland, Ohio

Erin Heck has earned her degree from Saint Mary's, but she'll be back for more—this time across the street. The Saint Mary's chemistry major is part of the engineering dual-degree program between Saint Mary's College and the University of Notre Dame, allowing her to earn two degrees in just five years. She'll



get a second degree, in engineering, from Notre Dame in 2009.

"The chemistry/chemical engineering combination is truly the best of both worlds," says Heck. "This training will give me a distinct edge in the job market."

Heck was the recipient of the First Year Chemistry Award, a Presidential Scholarship, and the Clare Booth Luce Scholarship. She is the secretary for two organizations: the Saint Mary's Affiliates of the American Chemical Society (SMAACS) and the Society of Women Engineers (SWE).

Heck wants to work in cancer research, which she says is one way she can make a difference in the world. "Many people in my life have been affected by cancer, including both of my parents, and I think my success at Saint Mary's gave me the confidence to pursue this goal."

#### KIM HODGES

#### SOUTH HOLLAND, ILL.

Social work major Kim Hodges' road to student body president began early. Elected first as a member of the Board of Governance, then appointed as treasurer, Hodges increased her level of engagement each year until she was elected student body president for the 2007-2008 academic year.



"As the vice president of the Student Diversity Board, I helped plan programming to educate the campus about diversity issues affecting the Saint Mary's community as well as society as a whole," Hodges says. She co-founded the Diverse Students' Leadership Conference and has mentored young women through the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

"I have grown as a leader," says Hodges. "My confidence has been raised to an ultimate high; this school has allowed me to take ideas and turn them into realities."

After graduation Hodges plans to attend the University of Michigan for a graduate degree in social work. "I believe that I am a change agent for social welfare," says Hodges. Through educating, motivating, and inspiring people to embrace intercultural interaction I believe I can change the world one person at a time."

#### Alison Kessler

#### LAPORTE, IND.

When Alison Kessler came to Saint Mary's she brought her game with her. The stellar Belles basketball player recently received the 2008 Marvin Wood Outstanding Senior Athlete award. She was named All-Conference MVP, Great Lakes Regional Player of the Year, D3hoops.com



All-American Second Team, 2008 MIAA Player of the Year, and All-MIAA First Team All-conference for the third year.

And if that were not enough, the hoopster excels off the court as well. She made the dean's list her first seven semesters, and received the finance award from the business and administration department.

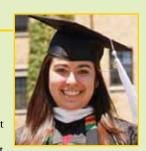
"I wanted to go to a school with a great academic reputation and be able to play basketball somewhere close to home so my family could still come and watch games," says Kessler.

Kessler will be working for LaSalle/Bank of America in Chicago in the collateralized debt obligation development program (global securities and trust). "I think it is going to be a very interesting line of work."

#### ADRIANA LOPEZ

#### Bronson, Mich.

Adriana Lopez knows what it means to be an intercultural leader, and she has the document to prove it. The social work major graduated with a Certificate in Intercultural Leadership, which she says gives her "the ability to work with different people and to acknowledge that there are differences, but those differences are what



give you a commonality because we're all different. It's finding a way to work together."

Lopez, who was born in the U.S., has also lived in Mexico. She returned to the U.S. seven years ago, during a time where she experienced, " a whole culture shock," learning the language and assimilating into the culture "without losing my identity," says Lopez.

Lopez's leadership experience includes acting as the chair of the 2008 Diverse Students' Leadership Conference. After graduation she will go to Puerto Rico for a year to work at the Puerto Rico Center for Social Concerns. Lopez will be working in Caguas, Puerto Rico, with community leaders on initiatives of economic sustainability and environmental education.

#### MICHELLE SHERMAN

#### St. Louis, Mo.

Michelle Sherman is used to the closeness of family. The Humanistic Studies (HUST) major comes from a family of seven brothers and sisters. And then she came to Saint Mary's, where she found another family in the HUST department. "Humanistic studies majors become close because we see each other



every day for two straight years and often discuss class material over meals together," explains Sherman.

To have such a strong connection with intelligent, strongminded, compassionate women is one of the many treasures I will hold close to me as I go forth from Saint Mary's," says Sherman.

Sherman's academic achievements at Saint Mary's include graduating cum laude, being on the dean's list, and receiving honors distinction on her senior comprehensive. Sherman also received the Thomas More award from the HUST department, a special honor.

Sherman will serve a year volunteering with the Cabrini Mission Corps in New York City. "I am extremely excited to be serving as a campus minister and tutor at the all-women's Mother Cabrini High School," says Sherman.

# Honorary Degree Recipients



#### COLLEEN C. RYAN

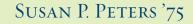
Colleen C. Ryan has been extensively involved as a member of the Saint Mary's College Board of Trustees since 1998, serving in several leadership capacities. In addition to her board service, Colleen and her husband, Jim, have chaired the Parents Council, hosted alumnae events in the Twin Cities and receptions for the Admission Office, and contributed generously to the College through a scholarship, the Madeleva Society, and the beautiful Welcome Center. In 2000, Jim and Colleen Ryan were the recipients of the President's Medal for their service to the College. Colleen has been a dedicated mentor to new trustees, and will continue to be available to the Board in the future, even though she is in her last year of official service.

#### SISTER MARY KAY KINBERGER, MSC



Sister Mary Kay Kinberger, MSC, worked tirelessly on behalf of her congregation, the Marianites of Holy Cross, and the inhabitants of her beloved

city of New Orleans during the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. As the head of the Marianites of Holy Cross, Sister Mary Kay coordinated the relocation of all the Marianite Sisters. As Katrina devastated their convent, Holy Angels, Our Lady of Holy Cross College became the headquarters for relief efforts in the ninth Ward, with Sister Mary Kay's calm demeanor and competent leadership comforted all with whom she dealt. Her training as a nurse aided her as she cared for the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of the people of the ninth Ward and her Marianite Sisters. A broadly educated woman, Sister Mary Kay received her undergraduate degree from Our Lady of Holy Cross College and her nursing degree from Incarnate Word College. She holds masters' degrees in nursing, Christian spirituality, and religious studies, and a doctorate in educational leadership. A gifted teacher, she has taught and published in the areas of cardiac care, sacramental theology, and Holy Cross spirituality.





Susan P. Peters '75 epitomizes what it means to be a Saint Mary's woman. Peters graduated with a bachelor's degree in English and went on to earn a Master of Education degree from the University of Virginia. Susan joined GE in 1979 and has held a number of positions within the GE family of companies, including executive vice president of human resources for NBC (a subsidiary of GE). She currently serves as the vice president of executive development and the chief learning officer for General Electric Company. A member of GE's Volunteer Advisory Board, she is a founding member of the GE Women's Network. Susan will begin a term this year on the national board of directors of Girl Scouts, USA. She was the featured speaker at the 2007 Global Summit of Women in Berlin, Germany. She also spoke at The Most Powerful Women 2006 conference sponsored by Fortune Magazine, and at the 17th Annual International Women's Conference in 2006. Always generous with her time and thoughts, she returned to Saint Mary's in 2005 as the Shannon Executive Scholar and is currently serving as a member of the Saint Mary's College President's Advisory Council.

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# Christian Culture L E C T U R E

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# María Rosa Menocal Poetry as an Act of History: Al-Andalus, Sefarad, Spain



María Rosa Menocal is the Director of the Whitney
Humanities Center at Yale University, where she has taught
in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese since 1985.
Her many books on Spanish literature and culture include
The Ornament of the World: How Muslims, Christians, and Jews
Created a Culture of Tolerance in Medieval Spain (2002), which
has been translated into eleven languages. Her most recent
book is a broad-ranging and richly illustrated collaborative
project, written with art historian Jerrilynn Dodds and Arabist
Abigail Krasner Balbale, on Castilian as the shared culture of
the three monotheistic traditions in all art forms.



Presidents Carol Ann Mooney, Father John Jenkins, CSC, and Brother Richard Gilman, CSC, discussed the unique values and traditions of a Holy Cross education.

# president's reception

Laura Myers Malec'98 and husband, Jeff (standing), attended Tea with the Sisters.





# donor 2008 recognition

Saint Mary's welcomed back many benefactors for this year's Donor Recognition Weekend. These friends of the College gathered on campus for spiritual retreat, academic discoveries, and visits with students and faculty. Throughout the weekend they had the opportunity to attend presentations and class discussions on various topics including athletics, children's literature, and the Saint Mary's nursing program. A special Presidents' Forum featured Saint Mary's College President Carol Ann Mooney, University of Notre Dame President Father John Jenkins, CSC, and Holy Cross College President Brother Richard Gilman, CSC. The three discussed the unique values and traditions of a Holy Cross education.

Events kicked off with a spiritual retreat centered on the teachings of recently beatified Blessed Basil Moreau, founder of the Congregations of Holy Cross. The retreat set the tone for the weekend, which was, in a word, gratitude. The College hosted a Donor Recognition Dinner and two special luncheons in honor of the College's dedicated benefactors and the generations of Saint Mary's students they so generously support.

## liturgy

Alumnae and friends attended the Liturgy of the Sixth Sunday of Easter during Donor Recognition Weekend.

# raising charitable children

Joan Miller Campbell '78, who attended the Raising Charitable Children and Grandchildren Seminar, shares pictures of her children: Mary Elizabeth '09, Thomas, and Meggie (Catherine Margaret) '11.





#### Left: Jingqui Guan '11 was one of several students who spoke at the dinner. Guan talked about a project in which she collaborated with Assistant Professor of English Frances Hwang to translate letters that had been in Hwang's family for generations.

## dinner

The Donor Recognition Dinner had a French theme in recognition of Saint Mary's French heritage. This year the Congregations of Holy Cross celebrated the beatification of Father Moreau.



### **Leadership Lunch Guest Speaker: Paula Dawning**

"Are you a manager or are you a leader? Are you molding things around you or are you charting a new direction?" Paula Dawning asked a group of future leaders these questions at a Leadership Lunch sponsored by the Center for Women's InterCultural Leadership (CWIL) and the Board of Governance. Dawning '71 returned to campus to share bits of advice from her work and life experiences with faculty, staff, and students this past spring.

Dawning is on Saint Mary's College Board of Trustees and CWIL's National Advisory Board. "Paula was asked to participate in our Leadership Lunch because of the leadership positions she holds and her commitment to increasing diversity at Saint Mary's," explains senior Sarita Fritzler. Dawning's leadership experience includes her position as president of the Association of Black Collegiate Women while at Saint Mary's, founding and directing the Career Planning and Learning Resource Center at the University of Notre Dame, working in an executive capacity at AT&T (retiring as the vice president of sales), and in a completely different career move, later serving as the superintendent of Benton Harbor area schools district.

Dawning offered advice on such things as embracing change when it happens (if you fight and resist, it's still going to happen); being involved in the community because it helps you have a greater sense of purpose; take risks, serve others, and develop interpersonal skills (you can say anything to anyone, but do it with respect).

Students in attendance had the opportunity to take in the advice and ask questions following her presentation.

#### **Organized Women**

Dolores Huerta, a well-known activist for immigrant worker's rights, visited campus in March as part of Women's Appreciation Week. The Student Diversity Board organized the week's activities, which included panel discussions, guest speakers, and a host of other events focused on women's issues.

Students worked with the Office of Multicultural Affairs to bring Huerta to campus. "It is not very often that we get to listen to women like this share their stories and experiences," says Student Diversity Board president Abby Hinchy '08. "We were able to be innovative and develop and implement new activities that have never been done before."

Huerta is the co-founder of United Farm Workers. In addition to her work with Cesar Chavez for voting and immigrants' rights, Huerta also raised 11 children. She spoke to the campus community about social change and immigration reform in two talks given the same day. "Respecting other peoples' right is peace," she told her audience.

Huerta encouraged students to promote peace and the fair treatment of all peoples, saying, "We are one human race." At the end of her afternoon talk, she rallied the audience with a shout of "Si, se puede!" (Yes, we can!)

During Women's Appreciation Week, students also raised money for the Protecting Futures campaign, which supports education for women in Southern Africa. The week included a talk by Nikki Hutchinson, president of the Indiana League of Women voters.

## **Chelsea Clinton Visits Campus**

Saint Mary's students welcomed Chelsea Clinton, daughter of Senator Hillary Clinton, to their Late Night Desserts event. Throughout the evening, which kicked off around 10:00 p.m., faculty and staff served up cakes, pies, cookies, and ice cream to the delight of students who were busy studying for finals. The mid-week break was a welcome treat. Clinton spoke about her mother's bid for the democratic candidacy on the eve of the Indiana primary election. She stayed after her talk for photos with students.



Photo: Santiago Flores, South Bend Tribune



#### **D-Luncheons: Serving Up Diversity**

Four years ago French professor Mana Derakhshani, Terri Johnson (formerly the director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs) and CWIL Director Elaine Meyer-Lee started an initiative to bring together faculty and staff of color, along with others on campus to create a social network and support group. The meeting started with a potluck dinner at Professor Derakhshani's house but it was moved to campus during the day so that more people could participate. After Johnson left, new OMA Director Larisa Olin-Ortiz stepped in to help with coordination. That first potluck dinner grew into a pizza lunch that is now attended by as many as 50 faculty and staff.

"We have talked about many things, from diversity at Saint Mary's in general, to the work of the strategic planning committees to curriculum issues to student perspectives," explains Derakhshani of the group's undertaking. Meeting three times a year, educators have shared how they have included diversity discussions in their classrooms and in the materials assigned. Ortiz sees the Diversity Luncheons as providing "an informal forum to discuss issues and concerns surrounding diversity, and they have stimulated a continuous dialogue of diversity on campus among faculty and staff."

With all administrators and faculty invited to participate, Derakhshani describes the luncheons as "a venue and an occasion for people of similar minds to meet and share ideas and concerns about issues of diversity on campus."

# Social Work Spring Luncheon Students, Community Leaders Honored

Junior social work major Deanna Molosky has a desire to empower others. It's the reason she decided to become a social work major. Her hard work over the past three years was recognized this March. Molosky is one of several social work majors who were inducted into the Phi Alpha National Social Work Honorary Society at the annual Social Work Spring Luncheon.

"I feel very honored," says Molosky, of her induction into Phi Alpha, which is an organization that promotes humanitarian goals and ideals. The Spring Luncheon is the social work department's largest annual event. In addition to Phi Alpha inductions, the department recognized senior social work majors for their achievements and the seniors exhibited their portfolios.

"The luncheon recognizes the profession of social work and serves as an opportunity to honor an alumna who is supportive of the profession or who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in social work," says JoAnn Burke, social work professor and department chair.

Congressman Joe Donnelly and Rebecca Zaseck, CEO of REAL Services, received honorary memberships to Phi Alpha. Both community leaders, along with alumna Hollye Harrington Jacobs '93, were honored for their work with underserved populations. The social work department presented Jacobs with the Social Work Leadership Award for her work with at-risk youth in healthcare settings and her support of social work education. She was the keynote speaker for the event.



Left to right: Professors Pullapilly, Susalla, Renshaw, Ruhe, Johnson

#### **Retirees**

On April 29, Saint Mary's College recognized the following retirees at a reception held in Stapleton Lounge: Cyriac Pullapilly, history professor; Anne Susalla, associate professor, biology; Claude Renshaw, professor, business administration and economics; Jack Ruhe, professor, business administration and economics; and Carla Johnson, assistant director of the Writing Proficiency Program.

# Art Students Create Tech-Savvy Exhibits

"If traditional art presentations were like stand-up comedians...installation art would be like improv comedians." This is Art Professor Krista Hoefle's analogy for the newest student art exhibits in the Moreau Art Galleries. For their exhibits, students in the Beyond Object and Introduction to Video Art classes focused on installing small scenes using light or video components, and unique, sometimes "found" materials. It's the second edition of this type of "lab" exhibit in which students' artwork changes according to the space it fills.

Studio art major Kate Wojan found the object that inspired her exhibit—a discarded piñata in the LeMans Hall basement. Her scene installation, "Piñata Party," includes video that she slowed for effect, and a bright orange background.

"We've created environments rather than just objects," says Wojan. "And we hope that students will walk around them, touch them, and interact with them." The junior is also minoring in communications and advertising. She draws inspiration from her travel experiences—she studied abroad in Rome last year—and the media.

Wojan and her fellow students cover a variety of topics in their exhibits, from college life to the Olsen twins. Their technical skills have developed in the process. They have experimented with Flash animation, creating lightboxes, and using video equipment.

Bonnie Bazata and Joy Evans, along with students Adriana Lopez, Sarita Fritzler, and Razia Stanikzia, published an article, "The Catalyst Trip: A Journey of Transformation," in the fall 2007 issue of Diversity and *Democracy.* The article discussed the pedagogy of the intercultural leadership development program, the Catalyst Trip, developed by the Center for Women's InterCultural Leadership, Researchers Kimberlie Warren and Erin **Crawford Cressy** also co-authored the article. *Diversity* and Democracy is a periodical published by the Association of American Colleges and Universities to provide campus practitioners with information about successful diversity initiatives around the country to support academic leaders and educators as they design and reshape their diversity programs, civic engagement initiatives, and global learning opportunities to better prepare students for principled action in today's complex world.

**Laura Haigwood**, associate professor of English. presented her paper, "'Sacredly guarded from male intruders': Anne Lutton Locates Women's Spiritual Autonomy







McElroy Renshaw

by Making the Marginal Central," at the 18th and 19th Century British Women Writers Annual Conference at the University of Indiana, Bloomington, March 27-30.

**Lily Hoang**, an English adjunct faculty member, had her third novel accepted for publication by Les Figues Press. The novel's title is *The Evolutionary Revolution: A Real History*.

Frances Hwang, Assistant Professor of English, has very recently been awarded the Sue Kaufmann Prize by the American Academy of Arts and Letters for her book Transparency, a collection of short stories dealing with the Chinese-American immigrant experience.

Jerome L. McElroy and Kara B. Pearce '04 co-authored, "The Advantages of Political Affiliation: Dependent and Independent Small-island Profiles." pp. 45-55 in G. Baldacchino and D. Milner (eds.), The Case for Non-Sovereignty: Lessons from Sub-National Island Jurisdictions. London, UK: Routledge, 2008. Jerome L. McElroy also published six poems: "Trout Hollow," Avocet: A Journal

of Nature Poetry (January 2008): 16-17. "Earthy Incense," Nomad's Choir (December 2007). "The Man Born Blind," National Catholic Reporter (January 11, 2008). "Soir Terese of Jesus," "Simeon Says," and "Samaritan Spring," Penwood Review (Spring 2008).

Music professor Nancy Menk and the Saint Mary's College Madrigal Singers presented a session entitled, "A MADrigal Dinner or a MAIDrigal Dinner?: An Evolving 35-year Tradition at Saint Mary's College," for the Central Division Convention of the American Choral Directors Association in Grand Rapids on February 23. Dr. Menk also led a reading session on new music for women's voices and took part in a panel discussion on choosing quality repertoire. She currently serves as the Women's Choir Repertoire and Standards Chair for the ACDA Central Division.

Claude Renshaw, professor of business administration and economics, co-authored a professional paper with Prof. James Wittenbach of Notre Dame called "The Good Old Days: They Weren't so Good After All." The paper is an analysis of changes in the tax law in the last 35 years and

> was presented at the Association of Business and Behavioral Sciences Conference in Las Vegas, Nev., on February 23. In addition, Professor Renshaw authored the paper, "The Dirty Dozen: Twelve Things You Never Knew About Taxes," and presented it at the American Accounting Association Midwest Meeting in Detroit on March 29. He will present his paper, "2008 Federal Income Tax Update," at the annual meeting of the American Woman's Society of CPAs, Dallas, Tex., October 26th.

Julie W. Tourtillotte, Chair and Professor, Department of Art, had a solo exhibition called "pattern/repeat" that opened at Earlham College in Richmond in February. Professor Tourtillotte

returned to Earlham as a visiting artist in March to present a lecture on her art work and a workshop on Shibori dyeing.

Demetrio S. Yocum, visiting professor of Italian in the Department of Modern Languages, published an article entitled "De otio religioso/: Petrarch and the Laicization of Western Monastic Asceticism," in the journal, Religion and the Arts 11 /(2007): 454–79. The article supports the thesis that Petrarch's pursuit of contemplative life was strategic for the shaping of an uncompromised, intellectual, Christian identity.

#### **Outstanding Seniors**

In the spring Saint Mary's athletic department honored the senior student-athletes who have dedicated themselves to the Belles athletic program during their years at Saint Mary's. The following seven awards recognize students' remarkable achievements.

#### Improvement Award

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

#### **Amy Mahoney (Soccer)**

Mahoney worked her way from back-up to starting goalie and overcame a serious injury during her final season playing for the Belles. She started 16 games in goal and posted five shutouts, helping Saint Mary's to a winning season.



Mahoney

#### Sportsmanship Award

Presented for sportsmanship, fellowship, and contribution to the College.

#### Katie O'Brien (Golf)

The MIAA's top golfer during the 2007–2008 season, the lone senior on the team demonstrated character that resonated, not only with her teammates, but throughout the league.

#### Competitive Spirit Award

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

#### Amanda David (Volleyball)

David was the starting setter for three seasons for head coach Julie Schroeder-Biek. One of the most vocal athletes in the entire department, she leaves the program ranked among the best setters ever to suit up for the Belles.



David

#### Leadership Award

Presented for outstanding leadership, commitment, and dedication.

Corrigan

#### McKenna Corrigan (Softball)

Corrigan was the consummate team player and she served as the co-captain of the softball team the last two seasons. The lone senior on the squad, she helped the team to a College record of 12 MIAA wins this year as a pitcher and third baseman.

#### Academic and Athletic Achievement Award

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



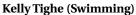
Gross

#### Marisa Gross (Volleyball)

Gross graduated with a 3.75 GPA while majoring in chemistry and minoring in Spanish. She served as a team co-captain in 2007 and was recently accepted into the Indiana University School of Medicine where she'll start in the fall.



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



Tighe served as a co-captain for the swimming team twice and was the president of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee during her senior year. She helped organize many events that brought student-athletes and the local community together.



Tighe

#### Marvin Wood Outstanding Senior Athlete Award

Presented to the Outstanding Senior Athlete

#### Megan Gray (Cross Country)

Gray helped put the cross country program on the national map after competing in the NCAA Championship during her junior and senior year. A two-time First-Team MIAA honoree, she also holds the College record for the fastest 5K and 6K times.



Kessler is the career-scoring leader in Saint Mary's history. In March she became the College's first NCAA basketball All-American when she earned Second-Team honors from D3hoops.com. She was named the MIAA and Great Lakes Region Player of the Year this past season.



Gray



Kessler

#### **Alumnae Deaths**

Ruth McClean Barrett '43, December 8, 2006.

Lucille Schwoeffermann Murton '43, March 15, 2008.

Patricia Maher Dinnen '45, January 27, 2008.

Patricia O'Connor Chittenden '47, March 24, 2008.

Kathleen Kelly Stubbs '47, February 11, 2008.

Dorothy Ritter Cavanaugh '48, grandmother of Kelly Dugan Prina '01 and Mary Dugan '03, sister-in-law of Dorothy Cavanaugh Stack '51, Helen Cavanaugh Walsh '57, Janet Feldpausch Cavanaugh '57, and Carol Cavanaugh Ryan '60, aunt of Kathleen M. Ryan '85 and Maureen Ryan Lyons '88, March 17, 2008.

Joanne Tweedy Briggeman '49, March 1, 2008.

Rita Wilson Porter '50, March 2, 2007.

Jane C. Woolley '50, September 4, 2007.

Rose Windbiel Porter '51, January 4, 2008.

Elise Curry O'Connell '52, aunt of Angela Maynard Sewall '68 and Ellen Dalton Patterson '84, January 7, 2008.

Mary Majewski Kinnucan '54, February 20, 2008.

Rita Deiotte Pratt '54, mother of Barbara S. Pratt '80, January 25, 2008.

Corrine Wamser Donnelly '57, February 24, 2008.

Barbara Jaroszewski Jones '58, April 5 2008

Lyn Kennedy Saint John '58, January 6, 2008.

Sister M. Madeleine Priester, CSC '59, February 1, 2008.

Mary Harding '63, August 30, 2007.

Robert L. Jones '67, December 3, 2007

Elyse J. Maynard '74, sister of Angela Maynard Sewall '68, March 19, 2006.

Theresa M. Rebeta '78, March 4, 2008.

#### **Faculty Deaths**

Sylvia Dworski, professor of French at Saint Mary's for many years, died on December 24, 2007. She came to Saint Mary's in 1963 and taught French until she retired in 1980.

Donald Miller, professor of mathematics since 1967, died on April 13, 2008. Over the course of his career, Miller was chair of the Mathematics Department and the Faculty Assembly, assistant coach to the softball team, and college marshal of commencement.

#### **Family Deaths**

Ronald T. Andretich, father of Sharon Andretich Meitin '95, April 1, 2008.

Romano "Nonno" Bailo, grandfather of Sandra Conner Rennard '93 and Shanna Conner Cronin '02, November 10, 2007

Ernest J. Barany, brother of Anne Barany Monserez '48 and Mary Barany Birder '51, February 3, 2008.

Paul W. Berezny, Jr., ND '56, father of Loise Berezny Juckniess '86, January 30, 2008.

Harriet Chlebek, mother of Michele Chlebek Klota '87, Jennifer Chlebek Cottrell '89, Sharon Chlebek Richard '91 and Andrea Chlebek Robinson '00, April 1, 2008.

Patricia Dwyer Clair, mother of Kerry Clair Barry '92, February 25, 2008.

Mary Calandra, mother of Rosemary Calandra Sterr '80, Theresa Calandra Zecca '82, and JoAnn Calandra Haemmerle '84, November 6, 2007.

Nancy V. Crnich, mother of Mary P. Crnich Lake '80, October 7, 2005.

O. Paul Cullen, husband of Lynn DePhilip Cullen '67, brother-in-law of Rosemary DePhilip Wolbert '74, August 25, 2007.

Robert E. Dillen, husband of Marian Harrigan Dillen '45, July 28, 2007.

Thomas J. Doyle, father of Margaret Doyle Callahan '90, March 12, 2008.

Veronica Drossel, mother of Barbara Drossel McKnight '77 and Bernadette Drossel McMillan '80, December 18, 2007.

John P. Feeley, father of Mary Feeley Nugent '86, Sheila Feeley '89, Anne Feeley Dooley '91, Colleen Feeley Paholak '93, and Meaghan Feeley Hourihane '95, January 26, 2008.

Robert James Flynn, father of Nancy Flynn Masters '76, March 11, 2008.

Joseph G. Gallagher, father of Mary Gallagher Taylor '77 and Shawn Gallagher Dorociak '82, January 11, 2008

Rosemary Gallagher, mother of Kathleen Gallagher Alholm '72 and Sheila Gallagher Dillon '76, and grandmother of Megan Dillon '04 and Kathleen Dillon '05, February 13, 2008.

Charles "Chuck" Leo Grace ND '57, husband of Mary Ann Hamilton Grace '58, October 29, 2007.

Mary Grillot, mother of Jane Grillot McCurdy '73, and grandmother of Samantha Patuto '94, February 1, 2008.

Gregory Harry, husband of Rosemary Serbent Harry '79, February 6, 2008.

F. Romayne Hassert, mother of Elizabeth A. Hassert '78 and Rita M. Hassert '80, March 12, 2007.

Martin R. Heckard, father of Jane Heckard Bartke '60, and Nancy Heckard Michaud '68 and grandfather of Karen Bartke Rose '86, October 8, 2007.

Paul Hums, husband of Judith Ciesielski Hums '76, February 4, 2008.

Robert F. Kabel, father of Sharon Hagen Jackson '76, March 21, 2008.

Kevin W. Kearney Jr., son of Elizabeth Kloska Kearney '83, nephew of Kathleen Kloska Diltz '81 and Virginia Kearney Darche '79, April 5, 2008.

Lora Keen, mother of Debra Keen Mellinger '76, February 13, 2008.

Donald Kimble, husband of Maureen Mustico Kimble '74. November 10, 2007.

Wally Kleine ND '87, brother of Emily Kleine '93, April 13, 2008.

Roy W. Laurence, husband of Mary Crowell Laurence '55, March 30, 2008.

Robert W. Lanman, father of Sarah Lanman '81 and Suzanne Lanman Downey '83, February 26, 2008.

Joseph Lund ND '59, husband of Mary O'Hearn Lund '60, brother-in-law of Suzanne O'Hearn Walsh '61 and Mary O'Hearn Sullivan '63, January 8, 2008

Robert B. Mahoney, father of Susan Mahoney '68, January 24, 2008.

Col. Charles D. Mavnard, father of Angela Maynard Sewall '68, October 20 2005

Grace Sullivan McGuire, was a retired faculty member in the Department of Education from 1942–1980, mother of Kathleen McGuire Urda '73 and grandmother of Kathleen Urda '97, February 27, 2008.

Andrew T. Miller, father of Joan Miller-Campbell '78 and grandfather of Elizabeth Campbell '09 and Meggie Campbell '11, March 7, 2008.

Donald E. Miller, Chair and Professor of the Department of Mathematics, husband of Gail Goodridge Miller '73, father of Cheryl Miller Pryor '85 and Laura Miller '08, April 13, 2008.

Thomas M. Mints Jr., father of Mary Mints '76, August of 2007.

Consuelo Mooney, mother of President Carol Ann Mooney '72, March 1, 2008.

Jim Moore, husband of Betty Klein Moore '53, father of Peggy Moore Elliott '80, and father-in-law of Mary Hopkins Moore '79, March 5, 2008.

Mararet Morello, mother of Margaret Morello Johnson '77, February of 2008.

Raymond P. Murphy, father of Marilyn Murphy Wholley '75, February of 2008.

Walter F. Rogers, father of Rosemary Rogers Madden '72, Anne Rogers Roche '73, Marijo Rogers Kelly '77 and Joan Rogers Herlihy '85, January 6, 2008.

Mary Harrington Ryan, mother of Anne Ryan Degnan '73, Jane Mary Ryan '80 and Joan Ryan Looney '82, November 20, 2007.

Jerome J. Schaefer, husband of Erin White Schaefer '54, March 3, 2008.

Carlos J. Serna, father of Kristen Serna '07, March 29, 2008.

Jean C. Shanklin, mother of Kathryn Kunzler Job '70, February 4, 2008.

Alice Welsh Skilling, sister-in-law of Kathleen Burke Welsh '59, February 9,

Dr. William F. Walsh, husband of Ann Kimber Walsh '48, March 17, 2008.

Margery M. Weiss, aunt of Mary Mints '76, November 17, 2007.

Madonna Wallace Weldon, mother of Erin Weldon '02, January 11, 2008.

Thomas E. Zielinski, Sr., brother of Michelle Zielinski Schori '76, February 4, 2008.

#### **Marriages**

Erin McNally-Poche '90 to Robert Poche, July 14, 2007.

Patricia Bigelow O'Sullivan '90 and John, October 13, 2007.

Susan Donalds O'Brian '92 and Gerry, August 4, 2007.

Donna Ruth Brennan '93 and Jeff, September 2, 2007.

Jennifer Taylor Porter '95 and Micah, December 27, 2007.

Katie Clancy Scheer '95 and Ed, October 2007.

Luz Bonilla Vidaurri '95 and Marco, July 1, 2006.

Diane Grant Nevin '97 and Brian, October 5, 2007.

Kathryn "Katie" Diestelkamp Huffman '98 and Mark ND '98, May 5, 2007.

Erin Hynes Rezac '99 and Justin, October 20, 2007.

Elisabeth Ashmore Bahr '01 and Dr. Peter, February 2, 2008.

Kristine Antkowiak Booi '01 and Doug, October 2007.

Cassie Carrigan Kelleher '01 and Matt, October 20, 2007.

Sharon "Sherry" Desautels Prisco '01 and Charlie, November 3, 2007.

Colleen Sullivan Schaefers '01 and Scott, January 12, 2008.

Kristin Martin Bramfeld '02 and John, September 29, 2007.

Melanie Burke Cameron '03 and Mark, April 21, 2007.

Alisha Keller-Hoag '03 and Bryon Hoag, September 22, 2007.

Emily Miller Klump '03 and Brandon, April 21, 2007.

Sarah Blundy Morgan '03 and Matt, October 27, 2007.

Jessica Ratke-Buchholz Stielow '04 and Matt, October 7, 2006.

Melissa Montoya Glorioso '05 and Tom, June 22, 2007.

Beatriz Cano Mares '05 and Juan Carlos, September 8, 2007.

Gretchen Rosiecki Thorne '05 and Jason, December 1, 2007.

Rebecca Cave Duffin '06 and Daniel ND '02. December 29, 2007.

Shannon McManus Dvorsky '06 and Matthew, July 27, 2007.

Alicia Heimann Eaton '06 and Nathaniel, October 6, 2007.

Lauren Falvey Bonadies '07 and Timothy, ND '04, April 19, 2008.

Michelle Turley Konig '07 and Joshua, July 21, 2007.

Lauren DeLucca Leech '07 and Aaron, January 5, 2008.

Kassie Evans Spencer '07 and James, August 18, 2007.

Angela "Angie" Leblang Wisniewski '07 and Joe, January 5, 2008.

#### **Births & Adoptions**

Jamie Goosens Donchess '82 and Chuck: Lucy Anne Ai, born May 13, 2006 in China and adopted at 13 months of age.

Kathleen Casey Seeger '84 and Wesley: Henry Wesley, July 21, 2007.

Lisa Butler McCormick '87 and Mark: Grace, March 20, 2006.

Amy Boehling Lehmkuhler '87 and Monte: Elizabeth Naomi "Liddy," November 15, 2007.

Paula Butz Shoch '87 and Richard: Brady, November 21, 2007.

Elizabeth Whelpley Bennett '88 and Anthony ND '88: George Finbarr, August 16, 2007.

Stephanie Duke Penner '88 and Alan: Emma, December 18, 2007.

Linda Dvorak Gilbert '89 and Keith: Caitlyn Marie, October 25, 2007.

Kate Murray Harper '89 and Scott: Grace Anne, February 10, 2008.

Rebecca Jasper '89 and Scott Seibert: Zoe Elizabeth, February 5, 2008

Katie Scott Kummer '89 and Tim: Twins, Allanah and Aideen, September 23, 2007.

Katie McShane '89 and Paul Hyde: Francis "Frankie" Maclay, June 20, 2007.

Maria Koch Pogwist '89 and Adam: Lily Sarah, November 12, 2007.

Jessica Borgmann Lawless '91 and Patrick: Kaelyn Kenadie, July 6, 2007.

Shannon Hanks Madden '92 and Kevin: Caroline, March 20, 2006.

Sarah Beth Johnson Collyge '93 and Sean: Leila Beth, December 18, 2007.

Erin Hardin '93 and Robert Meyn: Lola Margaret, December 15, 2005; adopted September 23, 2007, China.

Christina Vellucci '93 and Dennis McDonald ND '93: Declan S.V. McDonald, February 20, 2008.

Jennifer Zelkowski Welstead '94 and John: John Patrick, III, May 2, 2007.

Molly O'Brien Adduci '95 and John: Jane Eileen, December 20, 2007.

Elizabeth Fennell Austin '95 and Dac: Evelyn Fennell, October 10, 2007.

Hilary Humm Beatty '95 and William: Mary Isabel, October 18, 2007.

Audrey Comrie-Dormanen '95 and Steve Dormanen: Claire Elizabeth, April 22, 2007.

Maria Myers Gamble '95 and Ed: Sullivan Thomas, November 2007.

Jeanne Schloegel Laszewski '95 and Tad: Noah John, March 14, 2008.

Nancy Waibel Maharaj '95 and Anthony: Michael Anthony, November 30, 2007.

Meredith Dodge Melinder '95 and Jeff: Elise Julia, October 25, 2007.

Kathleen Petit Milas '95 and Wayde: Grier Ella, February 6, 2008.

Darlene Hanner Newman '95 and Edward: Grace Ann, October 1, 2007.

Stephanie Jackson Reitter '95 and Jim: Eleanor Ann, October 10, 2007.

Nancy Mulcare Zgutowicz '95 and Andy: Peter Mark, January 28, 2008.

Ellen Duggan Ariston '97 and Michael: Chloe Duggan, May 10, 2007.

Leigh Anne Hutchison Cipriano '97 and Jerry: Vincent Isidore, February 19, 2008

Megan Borchers Monahan '97 and Tim ND '97: Mary Claire, March 24,

Michele Kuhlmann Nelson '97 and Calvin ND '98: Andrew Craig, February 25, 2008

Erica Williams Porter '97 and Robert: Robert L., III, October 2, 2007.

Beth Phelan Blyth '98 and Bill: Thomas William, December 16, 2007.

Christine Skripka Nitz '98 and Mike: Daniel Anthony, July 29, 2007.

Sarah Bandera Pellico '98 and Matthew: Evelynn Joyce, December 28, 2007.

Faye Lenahan Berlage '99 and James: Robert "Bobby" James, March 31, 2006.

Jill Moore Clouse '99 and Michael: Maryn Kathleen, April 13, 2008.

Jaime Sessions Kammerzell '99 and Lucas: Andrew, July 18, 2006.

Jennifer Love Kress '99 and Benjamin: Brody, May 21, 2006.

Erin Emig LaCourt '99 and Jamie ND '99: Evan Philip, April 13, 2008.

Kara Markovich '99 and Greg Edwards: Oscar Joseph Markovich-Edwards, April 19, 2007.

Lindsay Richardson Bigler '00 and Cameron: Marshall Gerald, January 18, 2008.

Claire Burke Garcia Scalici '00 and Demian: Mikayla, January 22, 2008.

Margaret Sullivan Hatton '01 and Michael: Rebecca Rose, November 3, 2007.

Laura Brennan Schlidt '01 and Thomas ND '97: Thomas Roman Jr., January 9, 2008.

Kate Tucker Tamayo '01 and Danny: Francis Blaise, February 5, 2007.

Terrie Ullery Kipp '02 and Reed: Evelyn Louise, December 31, 2007.

Anne Kelly '03 and Rick Ysasi: Ruben James, August 4, 2007.

Marnie McKee Kuhn '03 and Pete: Ella Anne, October 21, 2007.

Amber Taylor O'Rourke '03 and Howard ND '02: Howard "Little Howie" Timothy, February 7, 2008.

Hazel Smith '03 and Aaron Cowham: Emerson Cowham, August 15, 2007.

Kristen Konopinski DeDario '04 and Vincent HC'01: Dylan Carter, March 15, 2007.

Lauren Stoerger Pluff '04 and Kevin ND MBA '04: Greyson Kevin, January 11, 2008

Haley Samuelson Couchman '05 and Randy: Owen Samuel, September 19, 2007.

#### Cleveland

Members of the Cleveland Alumnae Club gathered together for a discussion of the book Omnivore's Dilemma by Michael Pollan on April 23. The event was co-hosted by Susan Schenkelberg '67 and Carrie Powell '48 at Susan's Shaker Heights home. The club also held their first business meeting of the year that evening. Upcoming events were discussed and planned. Thank you to all the alumnae who attended.

For more information, contact Cheri Petride Miller '79 at (440) 526-8966 or clmiller8457@earthlink.net.

#### **Dallas / Fort Worth**

Dallas / Fort Worth alums enjoyed a lovely evening gathering in May along with continued Book Club discussions and Happy Hours. The annual Student Send off is just around the corner in August. This year's Send Off will be held at the home of Barbara Geelan Wareham '94 in North Dallas. If you would like to find out more about the goings-on of the Dallas / Fort Worth Club, please check out our website: http://www.saintmarys. edu/~alumnae/clubpages/TEXAS/dfw. html OR contact Andrea Sondag Schweitzer '00 (andrea.schweitzer@ vahoo.com).

#### **Des Moines**

The Des Moines Club hosted a service event in February, inviting a representative of Birthright to speak to the group about the work of that organization and to accept the Club's "baby shower" gifts of items needed by Birthright.

A planning committee is meeting in June to plan the student send-off, as well as other activities for the year. Club members will receive a send-off invitation and newsletter in early July. For further information, contact club president Aimee Beckmann-Collier at aimee.beckmann-collier@drake.edu or (515) 222-1516.

#### **New Jersey**

Ahoy Jersey Girls! Summertime at the shore is here and our annual tall ship events are kicking into high gear! We have created a strong partnership with our local Notre Dame Clubs and together we are offering women's leadership sails and alumnae dockside receptions in Atlantic City, New York City and Jersey City. These Jersey Club events have proven to be a great way to reconnect with old friends, make new ones and opportunities for young alumnae to network within the New Jersey and New York City markets. Find out more information at www. tallshipunicorn.com and go to the

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Four alumnae—(left to right): Sarah Anne Kelleher '05, Lenore Sroub Bracken '47, Megan Elizabeth Kelleher '07, and Katherine Marie Kelleher '01—rest together on the bench dedicated to them by James and Susan Bracken Kelleher on the day of Megan's graduation. Lenore now lives in Rocky River, Ohio.

Saint Mary's College and Notre Dame Partnership link.

Keep an eye out ... we will be hosting a First Year Student Send Off in August and please join us in celebrating these talented young women. Notre Dame vs Navy in Baltimore November 15th and there will be an opportunity to purchase tickets where we will all sit together! Go Irish!

Your annual \$25 club dues are always due ladies. The dues supports the clubs efforts to reach out to our NJ current students, support their Saint Mary's experience and to demonstrate that we continue to be a strong community of alumnae women after Saint Mary's. Please make your dues check out to SMCNJ Club and send to Dawn Santamaria, 2 Gravel Hill Road, Asbury, NJ 08802.

#### **Philadelphia**

The club kicked off 2008 in March with an event in Center City Philadelphia at Di Bruno Bros gourmet store. The evening was a "Taste of Italy" featuring Italian cheeses, antipasti, and wine. One of Di Bruno's Cheese mongers guided alums through the cheese selections and humored them. with foodie anecdotes. Rick Addis,

Director of Major Gifts for SMC, was a guest for the evening. He updated the club about recent and upcoming developments on campus. It was great to see some new faces (and husbands!) in the crowd.

If you have any idea for fundraising/charity events for this summer or if you are able to assist in planning an event, please contact Katie Smith- krsmith1014@yahoo.com

#### San Francisco

The San Francisco Bay Area Alumnae Club held a successful Family Day event at Tilden Park in April. Alumnae and their families enjoyed mingling together while enjoying the amenities offered by the park. A small group of alumnae also learned healthy gourmet cooking tips from alumna Sandra Keros '92 in May. Alumna Colleen Mariotti '00 hosted the event at her lovely Lafayette home. A wine country event is tentatively being planned for this November in conjunction with the San Jose Club. Watch your inbox for details!

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New Jersey, New York, and Connecticut club event at the home of Adriana Trigiani '81. Left to right: Cathy Murry Van Tornhout '80, Lauren Lavelle '07, Carol Silvani Macleod '71, Emily Lavelle '07, Adriana Trigiani '81, and Mary Jo Silvani '76.



#### Mina Costin

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I had a telephone chat with Marie Clare Collins Schmitt, who reported that all is well with her. She still lives in Aurora, Ill., as does Ann Hereley Barnes (just across the street from Marie Claire). Marie Clare also stays in touch with Pauline Zeman Langenfeld, who spends her winters in Longboat Key, Fla., but returns to Kohler, Wis., in the spring. Marie Claire is also in touch with Carol Remington Madden, who lives in St. Paul, Minn. All are well.

I had the pleasure of a chat with Mary B. Kain (now Sister Mary of God, OBM) who was in search of a mutual friend who lives in South Bend. Mary B. enjoyed reading the news of reunion and the many messages from classmates who contacted me with news at that time. She is fine and would welcome any of us to visit here at the Monastery of Our Lady of Grace in Guilford, Conn. (11 Race Hill Rd.).

A card from Liz Atkins Malone brings the news that she and her husband have moved from Bristol, Ind., to Bigfork, Mont., to be closer to their children (Mary and Steve in Bigfork and Michael, Sharon, and McKenzie in Portland, Ore.). The address is 121 Harbor Way, Bigfork, Mont. 59911, and their phone number is (406) 837-1350. I've also encountered South Benders Emmy Lou Egry Papandria a few times lately (she is fine) and Tee Pirchio Miller [who actually lives in Granger, Ind.], who is also doing well. Reunion is only three years from now!

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#### **Nancy Byrnes Riley**

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Dear ladies, you now have three ways to reach me. Please choose one! Send your news. After phoning **Maxine Lange Orr**, she has e-mailed me several times. Max had a knee replacement, which doesn't sound very successful.

She talks to June Mulvihill Williams, who is fine, and to Mary Jo Mack Blaney, who is thinking about moving into senior housing.

Our Chicago Christmas Iuncheon

was held in Oakbrook this year.
Unfortunately, a heavy snow fall and no train transportation to Oakbrook kept seven of us from attending. **Mary Ellen Deibler Gleason** arranged a lovely luncheon attended also by **Claire Daley Archibald**, **Sis Murnane** 

Claire Daley Archibald, Sis Murnane Walsh, Sue Wagner Broeren, Mary Ann Fellinger Ryan, Bernadette Socha Fitzsimmons, and Sr. Mary Scully, O.P.

Mary's new address is: Dominican University, 7900 W. Division St., River Forest, IL 60305. Phone is (708) 524-5944

I see Bernie every few weeks at the Chicago Symphony. She is looking forward to three out-of-town trips in May for graduations.

I, too, will be going to Connecticut in May for a First Communion.

Claire said that they have been celebrating the 40th anniversary of the founding of Joe's company. Their son bought the company from his father and now Joe, Sr. is working for Joe, Jr.

Marian Cannon Clark said that two of her daughters took her to the Tuscan spa for two weeks to celebrate her 80th birthday. Lots of girl fun!

#### Jean Murphy Westland is

enjoying her new apartment in Holy Cross Village. The address I gave you in my last column has been changed now that the building is completed. The address is: Andre Place, Box 303, Notre Dame, IN 46556.

Jean talked to **Nancy Branton Davies** in Palm Springs recently. Nancy attended a very enjoyable luncheon with a Saint Mary's College alumnae group to honor **President Carol Ann Mooney '72** when she visited California.

Margy Herr McGlynn and Bob played host to one of their sons, comprising a family of five, for about five months. The son was transferred back to the area, trying to sell his out-of-town home before buying a new home in Bellville. So, the McGlynns had a full house for some time.

One grandson, a Notre Dame grad in aeronautical engineering, is with the Space Center in Houston.

Margie said that she didn't hear from **Sr. Mary Ellen Sloane** this Christmas, nor did I. We wonder how she is doing.

I talked with **Marilyn Hennebry Hessert** in Stuart, Fla., the other day.
She and Tom see Sue Broeren and Dick frequently during the winter. They all attended the Notre Dame Fling, held at Lost Tree Country Club this winter.

**Louise Brady Collins**, who is already planning for our 60th reunion, had a wonderful 80th, she said. Her family hosted a party at the Petroleum Club in Ft. Worth, Tex. asked for news of **Sue Caron Riley** and **Mary Jo Brown Holek**.

I called **Emily Dennard Sant Amour** and Jack to thank them for their Christmas card. They had just returned from Sanibel, Fla. In October, they had a marvelous two-week trip to Paris with daughter Martha and her husband.

Emily said she had been in contact with **Gloria Clark Allan**.

Marylou Manion Gatens, our perennial "basketball grandmother of the year" (formerly basketball mother of the year) has scored again. Grandson Matt's high school basketball team won the lowa state high school basketball championship. Mary Lou returned from Florida for the semi-finals, and again for the finals. Matt was elected lowa high school basketball "player of the year," captain of the state all-star team, and chosen "Mr. Basketball" by the Iowa sports writers. Matt will attend the University of Iowa in the fall. Too bad for Notre Dame. Congratulations, Mary Lou!

On a sad note, I was shocked to call **Florence Mundi DiPiazza** to thank her for her Christmas card, and when I asked about Sam, I found out that he had died a year ago. I missed the general obit column in Courier. Needless to say, I feel terrible not to have contacted Alabam before. She did hear from Claire and **Mary Ann McDonnell McTigue**.

Alabam's daughter, Cathy, lives with her. They are planning a trip to Sicily and Rome in November. A granddaughter will be married in Taormina, where the family's roots are and where many relatives still reside. They will spend a week there before going on to Rome for a visit. How exciting to be going back to the family's place of origin and to celebrate with all the members who reside there! It should be a memorable occasion!

Alabam said that she had a fun long weekend in Savannah in the fall with two of her daughters, and then spent Thanksgiving in New York with son Sam's family.

Please remember to mark June '09 on your calendars now – our 60th reunion. Hopefully, some scholarship aid can be arranged if needed. The nuns are always guests of the College.

If you wish to have your e-mail address published in the column, please let me know. At the very least, send it to the alumnae office for our updated class list.

I will, hopefully, look forward to

your calls, notes, or e-mails. God bless, Nancy P.S. A Christmas letter from

**Sally Tiedebohl Billingsley** says that they have been owners of two homes since '06 despite three price reductions, over 100 showings, and desperate prayers to St. Joseph—who is buried in both front and back yards.

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#### Nancy Wills Browne

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During the Christmas holidays, I received a newsy letter from **Virginia Vallee Delaney**. Ginnie lives in Salt Lake City, Utah, and her adventures take her to Idaho, Montana, and Denver. Because of the studies she has done on Benjamin Franklin, Ginny was invited to a Liberty Fund consortium in San Jose, Cal. This is a foundation that finances activities that foster the responsible use of freedom. She and Joe attended their 60th high school reunions last summer. His was in Chattanooga and hers in Wortland, Wyo.

Barbara Herzog Hildebrandt reports that she enjoys babysitting with her granddaughter, Meghan. Her sister-in-law, Therese Despres Randall-Herzog, and her husband, Bert, have been soaking up the sunshine in Florida and will be returning to Michigan on April 10.

Sara George Crave and her husband, Bob, live in Wisconsin. They are both very active in parish work. Their parish is having a centennial celebration this summer. In March, they will visit Sara's brother, Ben George ND '47, and his wife, Olive Windbiel George '46, who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last summer.

Flora Friday DeCrane and her husband, Vince, have 27 grandchildren. They are expecting their first greatgrandchild in August. Her sister-in-law, Clarice DeCrane Walsh, has just moved to a lovely retirement home called "Regent Point" in Irvine, Cal. Clare has a daughter who lives near there, so she is helping her to get settled Her new address is: 19191 Harvard Avenue, Irvine, Cal. 92612. E-mail is: clarew@cox.net. All eight of Clare's grandchildren are in the West or Middle West, with two grandsons in college near enough to come home to dinner on Sunday. Clare enjoys them, and they help her with her electronics.

#### Laurie McCawley VanTassel

and her husband, Harry, are living in Sarasota. Since Harry is in an assisted living home and Laurie lives in a nearby condo, she spends much of her time visiting with him and participating in various activities available there.

Our parish in Northville, Mich., is very fortunate to have three fine priests. We have been active in two wonderful scripture study groups. We are planning to return to our cottage around the middle of May. It has been a healthy but snowy winter for us. Looking forward to summer. Nancy

#### **Loretta Riley Lambert**

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You wonderful women! You listened to me! I have news from several of you, and I am so pleased. Thank you, thank you to those who called or wrote or e-mailed me.

I want to tell you about another call I received because of this column. I used to keep in touch with a friend and her husband who moved from Greenwich more than 30 years ago, but I had no word from them for the last two years. I tried to find them on the internet, but they had moved, and Christmas cards came back. In the fall, though, I had a phone call from her—she had lost my address in her move, but her daughter, who attended Saint Mary's for a year, was reading the Courier and saw my address. Ta da! Reunion on the phone. Serendipitous, or reward for virtue?

And another wonderful connection: Clarice French Rohrer phoned me and then e-mailed—her first communication with Saint Mary's since graduation! When she phoned, she first guizzed me on a few things that I didn't know; I finally passed when she asked the identities of the two redheads in the class. Cliss has eight children—three sons and five daughters—and has been living in the Phoenix area for the last eight years, since her husband died. Cliss taught school when her youngest went to first grade. Five of her children live in the Phoenix area. Cliss did get together at one time with Florence Buckley Duff and Pat Kalish Bachle. Additional news that some of you may know is that **Maggie Maher Driscoll** died at the bridge table in Washington, D.C., and Sharon Depew Brown died June 14, 2005, after a stroke and

cancer.

While I am on bad news, I received a card from Mary-Jane Newborn, sister of Ann Sayre. Ann died on Aug. 2, 2007, at Hospice of Cincinnati of a cancer recurrence. There was no other news in the note, and I have only a mental picture of sitting on the bed in Ann's room and gabbing with her one day at school. Liz Wolter Paul wrote that Eileen Kelley Kleiner died after a long bout with cancer. Eileen was in the nursing program and graduated with the Class of 1954. She also wrote that **Anne Glosser Wolfe's** husband, Jack, died before Thanksgiving last year. They had retired to Green Valley,

Liz had fun news for us, too. She and Vince live in Minnesota from May to October, then leave for Fort Mevers. Fla., in October. They have traveled a lot and visited every state but Hawaii. They enjoy Elderhostel programs and have done a number of them in the U.S. and abroad. The Pauls have just returned to Florida from a trip to Raleigh, N.C., to visit their son, Greg, and his wife, Mamie. Greg had just finished restoring (pro bono) a small, but high tech, historic building for his favorite theatre group. Liz and Vince enjoyed Inherit the Wind, the first offering in the theatre. One of their sons lives in Portland, Ore., and the youngest lives in Jacksonville, Fla.

Recently, Joan Randag Maloney and Jim came to visit the Pauls. They are staying in Naples. Joan is trying to set up a Saint Mary's lunch with Ann Sullivan Bajc and Mary Maher Stablein, Liz, and herself while they are all in the area.

Muriel Flanagan Cullen writes, "Dick has been in hospital over four months with heart, lung, and kidney problems." He is home now with round-the-clock sitters, and Muriel and Dick are both glad to have the comforts of home. Muriel hopes to attend reunion, and God willing, she will be there. Please keep them in your pravers.

I spoke with Jackie Harle Etling last month, and she has just retired! Jackie is in a condo in New Berlin, Wis., not far from one of her daughters.

Ginny Birsic Ellis wrote last fall to comment on a postcard I sent her from Croatia. "So many times my mother would speak of the beauty of the mountains," and it makes me think of all our forbears who came here and never saw their homeland again. Ginny keeps in touch with Rita Spaulding Quinn. Rita and her husband, Paul, travel a lot. Ginny went to Yellowstone on a senior trip and just missed seeing

Rita and her family there. Ginny is active in the Lincoln Civic Choir, which will be putting on a "Cabaret Royale" with music that was popular when we were vouna.

Val Faden Sullivan sent me a Christmas card from Louisville, Ky., saying that she had no news but was enjoying her children and grandchildren.

I am sorry that I was not at reunion with all of you. Please forgive me, and write me about everything. Last June, one of my daughters rented a villa in Tuscany that sleeps 20, and I must tell you, when the trip came up, reunion was nowhere on my radar! I turned in every last one of our frequent flier miles last July for the travel in June with nary a thought of South Bend, Ind., in 2008.

Thanks to all of you who wrote. Now, every one of you, write or call about reunion, and I will tell you what it was like to be with so many people, so far from home! Ciao.

From the Courier Office: For a week in September, four of the five nurses who received their B.S. in nursing in 1953 gathered in Lompoc, Cal., for a reunion.

They stayed with **Sue Claussen Barncastle**, who graciously drove them daily to points of interest. Her beautiful home reflects her love of antiques. Sue taught certification classes for several years at a local college and authored a book about the care of the elderly. We missed Sue's husband, Sid, who was a gracious host in his own right but passed away suddenly about six years ago. They raised seven children.

#### Shannon Dooley Motzel, accompanied by her husband, Al

ND '49, came from Oconomowoc, Wis., by Amtrak. Before retiring to care for their nine children, Shannon practiced medical, surgical, pediatric, and psychiatric nursing, often in supervisory positions.

Jane Gember Marz and her husband, Paul ND'56, flew from South Bend to Santa Barbara, where Sue met them. Jane taught Fundamentals of Nursing at Holy Cross and Memorial Hospital Schools of Nursing after receiving her master's degree from Marquette University. Jane retired from the University of Notre Dame Health Services after 11 years, during which she was certified as a college health nurse. Paul and Jane are the parents of five

Martha Daschbach Dougherty, of Allendale, N.J., continues to work full-time as an assistant head nurse on the rehabilitation unit at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in New York City. Martha earned her master's in nursing and is the mother of six. She looks far younger than her years and continues to play tennis.

Unable to attend the get-together was Pat Dean Huddleston of Akron, Ohio, the mother of eight. She is retired after a career in intensive care nursing.

#### Barbara Bridgman O'Connor

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Mary Eileen LaBarge '08 is the recipient of our class scholarship. Mary Ellen, from Sturgis, Mich., graduates in May '08 with a major in social work. The award was for \$2,530. I received a thank you note from her when the gift was announced. Thanks go to all of you, too.

Maureen Sullivan called a few days ago. She had just returned from a cruise in the eastern Caribbean and had spent a few days in Florida, where she lunched with Shirley

Dyckes Kelley. Shirley is still putting the finishing touches on her home in Stuart. She plans to sell her condo in the Coral Reef Club in Key Largo, where she hosted some of us a few Januarys ago.

Alana Moynahan Rosshirt and Jack celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last year. The Rosshirt boys all came to Austin and feted Alana and Jack. "No wives-no grandchildren. It was wonderful to be 'just us."' Alana writes that they visited son Tom and his family in Chevy Chase last October. Tom and Molly, both Notre Dame grads, had tickets for Fr. Hesburgh's 90th birthday gala in the National Portrait Gallery. Molly gave up her ticket, so Alana accompanied Tom to the party. It was thrilling, she added.

I visited Jay and Florie Senger **Rose** while vacationing in Florida. Bob and Mary Ann Immonen Haidinger were staying nearby and joined us for dinner. Bob entertained us with stories of their trip to London and how expensive it was. "It's cheaper to eat money," he reported.

#### Joan Kershaw Putnam's

"Christmas Card" was a nice, long telephone visit. She had spoken recently to Mary Ann Hoben Jensen, and they had a good chat on one of Mary's good days. Today's mail brought a change of address and note from Charlie Wolf. He is very upbeat. He is in a retirement home in Novi, Mich. "Not only are all meals

provided, there is a 'visitors' chamber' just across from Nordstrom's, where it is reported there are great places to lunch," he writes. Sounds like he will never go hungry. He's had lots of company and welcomes more. "Not a recluse me," he concludes.

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#### Mary Gladys Turner Enderle (M.G.)

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This class reporter is in the enviable position of having almost too much to report. Between the questionnaire responses at reunion, the correspondence generated as we reconnected, and the wonderful Christmas letters and pictures, I worry about omitting any of your news.

I begin with extending our sympathy to Mary Kathryn Carroll Hartigan on the death of her husband, John, in October. Anne White Maysak came from Maryland to join Mary Comisky Riley and other classmates for the services. Connecting during the reunion planning made me aware that I didn't know of the death of Katie Reasor Anglin's husband, Bob, nearly nine years ago. The year before, Bob had come to South Bend with Katie from Hawaii for our 40th reunion, and they spent time visiting friends and family in the area.

I saved the questionnaires and letters sent to Dee Kiley LeFevour and shared in our Reunion Hospitality Room. I wish I could print every word of Kate Queally Engel's wonderful letter from Sag Harbor, N.Y., beginning with her tribute to our great teachers. Not wishing to slight anyone, she can't help but thank Dr. Karpinski and Dr. Jeglic on her behalf and that of the thousands of high school students she taught for over 30 years. Kate's own sister, Jennepher Queally Steczynski '59, died years ago at age 30, and her older brother, Tom, is also deceased. Kate thought some of the second- and third-floor girls might remember Tom from "the chickens he delivered" while he was at Notre Dame. I'd like the rest of that story! Kate's five children have given her 11 grandchildren, "so life and

Margaret Slattery Fiorillo's response from Paxton, Ill., shows a full life. Taking early retirement in 1993 from her career as a high school guidance director has allowed her to travel extensively; volunteer for hospice and as a nursing home ombudsman; and enjoy bridge, reading, plays, and "life in general." Sandy Seibert, our classmate freshman year, received her degree from the University of Iowa in sociology and then graduated from Massachusetts General Hospital School of Nursing, which led to a position there teaching for seven years, then a position at Chicago's Presbyterian St. Luke's School of Nursing and as the American Heart Association Director in Minneapolis. Now retired, Sandy lives in Iowa City and is back to her "roots." Barbara Heckethorn Bouley worked as an occupational therapist in mental health at the New York State Psychiatric Institute for 20 years as well as in a private group practice in psychotherapy. Retiring in 1997, she and her husband. Raymond. moved from Manhattan to Southbury, Conn. where she volunteers in the Ministry for Divorced/Separated as well as coordinating their church's bereavement support group. Spare time will find her bird watching or using their town's beautiful new library, where Raymond is a reference librarian. Kay Flinn Taylor's welcome letter from Helena, Mont., states that she has been counseling in private practice in addiction (and the family) treatment for 30 years, though she is cutting back her hours. She and Jack have been married 11 years and share many interests, including music. Kay is cantor soloist at St. Helena Cathedral. She notes that her grandchildren are the sixth generation of the family in Montana.

Another classmate who left after freshman year is Nancy Mack Gallivan, who wrote from Santa Ana, Cal. Nancy graduated from Mount St. Mary's in L.A. in microbiology and worked briefly as a lab technician before marrying her husband, Bill, a physician, and having seven children and 23 grandchildren. Travel is a big interest, and Nancy has studied French and Spanish to enjoy it more. She spoke fondly of Sister Miriam Joseph and the Trivium and how she has shared her tattered copy with many college teachers. Since reunion, Nancy and roommate Ann Schultheis Massey have reconnected. Nancy has been keeping up with Virginia Vighi **Carson** over the years.

Sister Cleopatra Konikkara, CMC wrote from Kerala, India, where she is a retired English professor and Vice Postulator of her order. Sister worked for the cause of the canonization of Mother Euphrasia for 20 years, putting her skills as an English major to work writing and editing many books. She

joyfully reported that Mother had been declared Blessed in 2006. Sister will continue to work for her canonization and has established a museum at the convent for pilgrims as well as giving retreats.

The joy of reunion continues. Last summer **Mary Lou Ahern Colfer** 

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Elizabeth Bermingham Lacy '66 received the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association's 2008 Distinguished Service Award at its recent annual convention. Lacy is a retired Virginia Supreme Court Justice.

**Susan Gies Keys '71** was appointed executive director of the Inspire USA Foundation, March 2008, San Francisco, Calif. The foundation is a non-profit organization that focuses on mental health promotion for late adolescents and young adults.

**Denise DeBartolo York '72** and her husband John York were the recipients of the 2008 Silicon Valley Exemplary Community Leadership Award, San Jose, Calif., May 2008. The Yorks, owners of the San Francisco 49ers, were honored for the 49ers RESPECT community outreach campaign.

Mary Rukavina Kuhnmuench '78 has just completed her 10th year on the Wisconsin Bench, having served as a Milwaukee County Circuit Court Judge since 1998. She was recently appointed the Chief Judge of the Family Division in Milwaukee. Kuhnmuench also serves on the Executive Committee for the First Judicial District, helping to shape the policies and rules for the judiciary serving Milwaukee County. Her Judicial Colleagues in Milwaukee just elected her President of the Milwaukee Trial Judge Association and she continues to serve as the Secretary of the Wisconsin Trial Judge Association. She was also recently honored with the Mentor of the Year Award by the Association of the Women Lawyers for her work in supporting and mentoring young law students at both Marquette and UW.

Maureen McFadden-Dorgan '79 was awarded an Emmy for her medical series *Rewiring the Brain*. McFadden-Dorgan is a news anchor and reporter for WNDU-TV in South Bend, Ind.

**Jennifer M. Demert, Esq., '90** was named Head of School at Buffalo Academy of the Sacred Heart. Sacred Heart Academy was founded by the Sisters of St. Francis to provide young women with a quality education rooted in Franciscan values. This strong legacy has been carried on for 130 years.

Kathryn Hummer '01 has joined The Laramie Company, a commercial real estate brokerage and consulting firm, as broker associate, specializing in project leasing and retail consulting. With two years of experience in retail real estate leasing, Hummer most recently worked with Intrawest in resort retail leasing for Winter Park, Colorado. Hummer is a Junior Board member of Boys Hope Girls Hope of Denver.

**Stephanie Lutz '06** was recently promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant in the United States Air Force. She has recently returned from a four-month deployment at Manas Air Base, Kyrgyzstan. Lutz worked as the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator as well as the Historian.

invited her freshman-year roommate, Pat Faulkner Werner, for a luncheon shared by Liz McCorkle Groden and Janet O'Connell McCue. A week after reunion, Mary Ann O'Loughlin Szydlowski and Larry were dining in Traverse City, Mich., and saw Pat **Bauervic Leonard**. Pat's Christmas letter from their nearby "Glengarry Farms" mentions that since she doesn't yet have local grandchildren (though they come for great visits), she enjoys continuing her long-time study of homeopathy. Mary Ann and I shared a triple sophomore year with Marge Smith Broucek, and we missed her at reunion. When Marge came to Chicago in October, Josie Murphy Vorda, Dee, and I did get to visit. Mary Jo Long Coulter couldn't come to reunion, but Katie Perry was able to relate all the fun when they enjoyed the Saint Mary's College trip to Tuscany in November. Also sharing the trip were Ann Marie Czechanski Bukowski and Mary Ann Ryan Sinnott '58.

Those of us at reunion met and got to know Pat Peterson Huber's husband, Dan, so I was happy to read in their Christmas card that though ill in late summer, he has returned to good health and their busy travel schedule. All of their 11 grandchildren live in the Chicago area, so their December visit included myriad games and recitals, which they loved. The summer Courier mentioned the Hubers' generous donation to the Spes Unica Hall, the new academic building. I hope you noted in the same article that Mary Kathryn Hartigan has established an endowed scholarship in education.

Wonderful Christmas greetings showed John and Irene O'Leary Van Beckum's entire family celebrating their 50th anniversary, John and Peggy Maher Engler's family at son Chapin's June ordination, John and Mimi Scanlon Ryan's great family reunion in Colorado, and Bob and Jody Donohoe McGoldrick saying goodbye to their wonderful Cape Cod summer home after a great 20 years. Katie Carroll has a new grandson, but it's her two great-grandsons that blow my mind. We're too young! Many more golden wedding anniversaries followed our reunion. I wish I knew of more. The theme of many notes was: Can't we get together again soon? Do we have to wait for our 55th? Let me know if you have any ideas. How about our 52nd?

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#### **Barbara Benford Trafficanda**

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In September, Gerry and I traveled to Milwaukee, where we were hosted by Tom and Sarah Sceales Mulcahy in their lovely new home. We drove to Lake Michigan the next day to meet Mary Hughes Enright, Carol Podesta Foley, Carol Lucas Dunne, and **Betsy Finneran Kennedy** and their husbands in preparation for the Notre Dame-Michigan State game. Betsy and Carol, our hosts, planned a delightful dinner nearby, and we met up with Louise Schulte Johnson, Katie Hall Kilcullen, George and Ann Meagher Vander Vennet, Ed and Barbara Patrick O'Toole, Gerry Dunn Leinenweber, and to our delight, President Carol Ann Mooney '72 and her husband. In the "small world" category, we also ran into Sheila "Boo" Riley Grannan and Nancy Grummell Geary and their husbands—all in town for the game and dining at the same restaurant. We headed to campus the next day for a fun-filled tail-gate party and a not-so-fun game. Betsy hosted a yummy brunch Sunday morning before we all headed home. It was a week-end filled with great camaraderie and even greater caloriealcohol consumption.

A couple of months later, Betsy scheduled surgery to treat her diverticulitis, but things did not go well. She developed pneumonia resulting in near-fatal pulmonary problems. Betsy recently told me that she has no recollection of the 21 days she spent in the ICU, but her family surely does. Gerry Leinenweber served as liaison between the Kennedy family and her friends and classmates—keeping us updated on her condition via the Internet. Thanks to the power of prayer, Betsy has recovered and is slowly regaining her strength. Her family took her out of rehabilitation sooner than expected because they found her giving more help to people on the floor than she was receiving. That would be Betsy. The new year brought the Kennedys their 24th grandchild—okay, they win!

Mary Carpenter writes, "I'm on sabbatical this year from Fordham, am finishing up on a book on London drama pre-1642. Not teaching is a strange feeling. Maybe I will get to like it." Marilyn Manion Thies spent Christmas with her daughter and

family. "Our granddaughter is almost three and a real 'miracle baby.' A series of three open heart surgeries has re-engineered her hypoplastic left heart, and she is a healthy little girl. Our prayers have been answered"

Bill and Sue Brown Bapst will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in April and have invited us to their bash in Jasper, Ga. Marge Liebrich O'Connor had lunch with Martha Risher Davis Lamb, who was in the Richmond area to visit her daughter. They had fun "catching up."

With our 50th reunion fast approaching, Rosie Doheny Weller invited all our 14 classmates who reside in the District of Columbia-Maryland-Virginia area to meet for lunch in McLean, Va. Sally Brown, Mary Ruth Lewis Clowdsley, Liz Mahler Keenan, Anne Sheehan Cullen, Martha Lamb, and Mary Cole Akers joined Rosie on Dec. 3 for a tasty lunch at Maggiano's Little Italy and a fun trip down Memory Lane. Rosie had not seen Mary Ruth since August 1962, when they shared an apartment in District of Columbia. Rosie subscribes to the American Journal of Speech-Language Pathology and was surprised to find that the cover artist for the Aug. '07 issue was none other than Sue Rene Weed, who also lives in the District of Columbia area.

Barbara O'Toole, Sarah Mulcahy, Barbara Morrissey Kelly, and Carol Foley also hosted a pre-50th reunion luncheon at the Union League Club in Chicago in early December. They invited Class of 1959 graduates from a wide area, including Indiana, Wisconsin, and Illinois. They received an enthusiastic response, but unfortunately, severe winter weather prevented many from attending. Those who made it were Barbara O'Toole, Carol Foley, Barbara Kelly, Jan Rauch Keck, Mary Alice Scuderi Loughran, Gerry Leinenweber, Louise Johnson. and Jo Ann Grima MacKenzie '69 from Saint Mary's College.

Sally Brown hosted her fellow "cruise-queen," Connie Roller Curtin, during the summer. They had a great time touring Williamsburg and the Jamestown historical site. Sally, in turn, visited Connie at her time-share in Sedona. They will cruise the eastern Caribbean in April. Sally reports that Maureen Esbensen Busse recently moved from Richmond to Cornelius, N.C., to be closer to her married

Connie Curtin writes that she has given up her job as mitigation specialist on death penalty cases and is now doing volunteer work

at her parish taking communion to the homebound and serving on the Sanctity of Life Committee. She has also joined the Arizona Historical Society and has traveled throughout the state with fellow members.

Bob and Colleen Taffee Goldkamp Harmon enjoyed a cruise to Newfoundland, Iceland, Greenland, and Scandinavia. A highlight of the trip was watching a shipboard helicopter evacuation by the Icelandic Coast Guard of a critically ill crew member in the middle of the Arctic Ocean. The Harmons announced the arrival of their 21st grandbaby. Jeanne Pflaum **Gnuse** continues to perform with the Mendelssohn Choir and joined a week-long session in Vancouver with the Berkshire Choral Festival. Pat Wilson Fastiggi continues to travel with her husband and mother to south Texas the first part of the year. They head back to Vermont in the spring to open their lake house, where they host their children and families over the summer. In October they move into town (South Burlington) for Thanksgiving and Christmas. They enjoy golf, singing, sailing, and genealogy (for Dick) but have been curtailed somewhat because Pat's mother, at 97, requires more care. I spent a lot of time at Pat's house during our undergraduate theatre days and have fond memories of both her

Jackie Baumer Berg's husband, Tom, underwent six hours of surgery for a small cancer on his kidney. He has recovered nicely, and doctors suggest it's unlikely to return. Her daughterin-law wasn't that fortunate and had a mastectomy for breast cancer but is now on the mend. Jackie attended the Reunion Committee meeting on campus in September with 23 of our classmates. She and Tom are headed to Thailand and Cambodia this month—a trip they were forced to cancel three years ago because of health issues. They are holding at 21 grandchildren. Rosie Mudd Nickodemus traveled to Japan last year with the Saginaw Valley State University concert choir. They performed in Kyoto, Hiroshima, and Takushima. She and John enjoyed a five-day visit with Dana and Mary Ann Chaplicki Devoe and report that their 15th grandchild is on the way.

Marty Gillis Esrig writes that bridge and golf were just not enough to keep her husband, Aaron, retired. He has returned to his job as a radiologist and is working almost as frequently as when he was employed full-time. They enjoy spending time at their second home near Palm Springs.

Jeanne Mavigliano Conley is finally walking without a limp after two years of therapy following the double fracture of her femur in 2005. Her son, Tom, is a detective in the 5th District in Chicago; he and his wife have three children. Her son, Lou, just got married and works for Mitsubishi. She is sad to report that her former husband, Tom Sr., has been in a nursing home for three years and is no longer ambulatory. He fell and fractured his hip after recovering from a quintuple bypass. Jeanne sent a farewell e-mail to me on her "way out of Dodge" to winter in Phoenix Ariz

Mary Alice Loughran writes that she met Janet Keck and Sandy Forbes Olson for lunch in Oak Brook. "We go through many histories and solve many problems during these lunches." Mary Alice stays busy helping with her grandchildren and some property management. Ann Vander Vennet continues to undergo chemotherapy, which causes neuropathy in her hands and feet, loss of appetite and severe fatigue—she's anticipating a reprieve from treatment for a few months and hopes to travel to Arizona for a little R&R. Continue to keep her and George in your prayers.

Gerry and I welcomed our 21st grandbaby in January. Can't think of a better way to start the new year. We made our annual trek to Maui, Hawaii, in October and visited Hearst Castle for our very first time in November. Just before Thanksgiving we traveled to Baja, Mexico, to visit one of our daughters-in-law, who has retired in Punta Chivato right on the Sea of Cortez. Talk about a mañana way of life! I had lunch with Sharon McGee Sitton Bradshaw in December, and Gerry and Lenioved a rendezvous with Brian and Carol Foley the first of the year when they visited their time-share in Palm Desert. Sadly I report the death of Fr. Art Harvey, C.S.C., the former director of Notre Dame Theatre. He was 96 and died peacefully in his sleep on Feb. 4, 2008. Many of you worked with him during our undergrad days in Finian's Rainbow, Good News, Oklahoma, The Boyfriend, and Death of a Salesman, among others.

Keep the news coming! My next deadline is Sept. 1.

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Hello again from the north woods

of Minnesota. I'm still busy with quilting, watercolor painting, and gardening in the summer. (Although with all the plants I have in the house, husband "Kris" would say I "garden" year around.) My resolution for this year is to have **NO surgery in 2008**. After knee replacement in June and decompression and fusion back surgery in November of last year, I would really prefer not to see the inside of a surgery suite for a long time.

It was great to hear from **Anne Miller Foster**. She lives in Kinsman,
Ill., with her husband, who is retired
from Community Hospital of Ottawa.
Anne was called "Ande" and was on
staff the summer of 1957 and the
1958-59 academic year. The Fosters
were blessed with 11 children, 17
grandchildren (with two on the way),
and one great-granddaughter (with
one on the way). When she's not
playing with her grandchildren, Anne
works in the infant department of the
local Wal-Mart. She enjoyed her time at
Saint Mary's very much.

Sandy Graham Bartlett e-mailed from Ridgewood, N.J., that she was currently sporting a cast on her left arm and wrist. Their car "fell in love" with a telephone pole. She and husband Bill (who received severe chest compressions) were very fortunate since the car was totaled, the airbags didn't deploy, and the seat belts didn't lock.

Since Sandy is a "camera novice" and didn't take many pictures, she enjoys the ones **Beth Fiss Watson** sends from their July 2007 trip to Ireland.

An e-mail from **Judy Cahill** Sweeney reported that she and husband Dick have settled in Apache Junction, Ariz., east of Phoenix. She commented that this is a far cry from Syracuse, N.Y., her hometown and the city where they raised their five children. Judy would really like fellow classmates in this area to contact her. She enjoys making and marketing wire wrap jewelry and going to gem shows, which are popular there. Their youngest daughter is a Saint Mary's College graduate and remained in South Bend. They often visit her, and Judy very much enjoys walking on campus with all her fond memories of her time there.

From Hayward, Cal., **Jean Lucey Easterly** wrote that she had retired from California State University, East Bay, in Hayward (CSUEB) after 43 years of serving young and old in the field of education. For the first six years of her career, she taught in elementary schools in Illinois and Arizona. During

her doctoral studies, she supervised student teachers at Arizona State University. After receiving her doctorate in education, Jean taught at Oakland University in Rochester, Mich., for 12 years and then served at CSUEB for the past 24 years. After all this teaching, Jean will continue to teach scripture classes at All Saints Church in Hayward and enjoy life with her husband, children, and grandchildren.

Eleanore Wilson Eldred in Detroit, Mich., sent the good news of the arrival of their third grandchild, Samantha Andromeda, born to son David and daughter-in-law Karen in Virginia on Feb. 1, 2008.

From **Rowie Hoefer Maher** in Overland Park, Kan., came news of the "greatest vacation." Rowie had called former roommate Ruthie Putnam Lord and her husband, Gary, in Goodyear, Ariz., during Christmas break to say that she and husband Jim were coming their way to warm up in the sunshine and hoped to visit them at the same time. It happened, however, that the Lords would be touring the Panama Canal at that time but invited Rowie and Jim to enjoy their condo in their absence. All is well with the Mahers and the Lords, and Rowie and Ruthie are looking forward to the next reunion to enjoy more good times with classmates, especially their other roommates Claire Casellini Geil and Pat Kinney Walsh.

Sheila McAnaney Kostanecki sent word from Vero Beach, Fla., of four days of fun spent with Marylee Zahner Foley and her husband, Howard, in Snowmass, Colo., during the summer of 2007. She also visited with Mary Cotter Fee and Katie Herbstritt McMahon every day while there. Sheila also enjoyed a visit with B.J. Sitzberger Gorman while B.J. was in Vero Beach. She had sad news, too, of the death of her 30-year-old stepson, who was paraplegic and left a wife and two young daughters.

From their winter home in Venice, Fla., **Christine McGoey Cummings** sent word of a sister for granddaughter, Ava. Kaitlyn Grace was born on Aug. 30, 2007, to daughter Jeannine and her husband, David, who is a partner in the Westfield, N.J., Orthopedic Group. Chris and husband Bill are very happy to have their granddaughters close to their summer home in Northvale, N.J.

While the Cummings wintered in Venice, they enjoyed a visit in February from **Sister Mary Ellen Vaughan, C.S.C**, who took some well-deserved time from her duties for the Congregation. In December 2007,

Chris and Bill met Eleanore Eldred and husband Roger in Sarasota for a short visit.

I received a newsy e-mail from

Carolyn Wolf Anthony, who lives
in Romeo, Mich. She sees Sue

Scharer Blake frequently and was
looking forward to seeing Margaret

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Thompson when the weather cleared.
Her area received more than 60
inches of snow along with sleet, rain, black ice, and more snow! Carolyn,
nevertheless, got her closets and
cabinets straightened and passed
the time knitting and watching old
movies.

She commented that they had given their four children wings, and they had flown...to Portland, Ore.; Kauai, Hawaii; San Francisco; and Arlington, Va. They are all happy but poor doing what they love for careers: Kathy works for a large non-profit serving Portland's homeless and needy while raising two teenagers; Gary searches the beaches of Kauai for beach glass washed by the waves and creates beautiful jewelry, along with finding time for some golf and fishing; Steve works for the Defense Department and lives with his wife and daughter near Georgetown; and Chris is active in the San Francisco music community teaching percussion and performing with several bands. His latest goal is to receive a Guinness world record for the longest individual snare drum roll and, at the same time, raise funds for the National M.S. Society. Both Carolyn's husband, Gary, and daughter, Kathy, have M.S. but are doing well with improved diagnosis and treatments.

My next deadline is Sept. 1. I would love to receive some updates from classmates from whom we have not heard in a while. Also, keep in mind that our 50th Reunion is only three years from now!

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Ann Purcell Perini writes of wonderful visits with Mary Jo Connelly Martin and Mary Jo Pauli Landry, an amazing trip to China, and visits with children and grandchildren in the past year. Ain't retirement grand, girls? Carol Conrad Rafferty writes that she's a job coach for the South Bend Community School Corporation.

Tough job, Carol, but surely very rewarding. Cathy Ryan Condon reports, "Ed is doing great for the shape he's in," -so much so that he, Cathy, and son David had just returned from a relaxing trip to Prague. Cathy also reported later, in October, "I'm very grateful for all the blessings we continue to receive. Against the odds, my partner and I had one of the best years in real estate, and I do still love doing it." You've been an enthusiastic, energetic go-getter since we met in '59, Cath, and I continue to admire you, girl. Margaret Kelly Davenport is so enjoying retirement, and would "love visitors" to her District of Columbia home. **Judy Reardon**, who is now free to retire, is instead "working on my PhD in psychology." You put me to shame, young lady.

Susan Hoehn Sullivan has worked as principal and director of special education for the South Bend Community Schools and is currently working for Southwestern Michigan College in her Alzheimer's prevention plan while also advising students with disabilities and students in occupational programs. Thank you, Susan, for all my friends in need of your kind of help. She is also a two-time cancer survivor, and "going strong." Susan looks forward to "reunioning" with Diane Shalala Fritel, Janet Kissel Dwight (who were in her wedding), Peggy Woodin Greene, and Missy Barranco Copeland. Sara **Schneider Gatti** writes that "Joe and I will celebrate our 45th wedding anniversary in June with all four of our beautiful children," their mates, and 13 grandchildren. "We have been so very

At Christmas, Lynne Baur wrote of her new "whirling dervish" wheelchair. to support her head and swollen feet, and to thank us for our prayers toward that end. In our honor she "thanks the amazing women I met almost 50 years ago who have reached through time and deeply touched me."We love you, have always loved you, Lynne, and that's all there is to it. Eileen Holtmeier Cash wrote from Venice, Fla., where she and Betty Gallick Rompf were "enjoying the sunshine, the golf, and some watercolor classes." Betty was, on the weekend, to play the violin with the Sarasota Pops Orchestra. Eileen reports that she's soon to become a great-grandmother. Josie Welder Miller wrote of happy memories of Beth Birkholz Buttitta, Ann McMahon, Beth Lehman Medland, and Ellen Lefcourt Kellison from her first year in HCH. Josie married, has two children plus

one "borrowed girl," taught school, became a librarian, was county judge, and has now reinvented herself as an economic development director. Busy girl, and we've had fun reminiscing back and forth

Margaret Mary Scanlan Shuff tells us she and John "finally became grandparents" in January to Chloe Grace Rocha, daughter of Molly. Mary Rainey, since retiring to the Sarasota area in 2004, has become a lector and chair of the stewardship committee for a brand-new parish. She is also volunteering with the Red Cross, teaching five different disaster response courses, and working with victims of Katrina and the floods in northern Ohio. You're a good girl, Rains. She is "in awe of Florida's breathtaking sunsets and unique wild life (I live next to a state park) and would love to share them with any of you coming this way." And Katyhy Owen still volunteers, and plays—like always. Be good to others.

#### **Sheila Kelly Ames**

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I should probably write a little something about "My Amazing Italian Adventure With Elise Meyer and Judy Piers Locher" while it is still fairly fresh in my mind. We three embarked on an autumn journey to Italy that lasted almost three weeks. Elise was with us for nine days, then had to get back to her real estate position in New York City. Judy and I trekked on. We began our adventure with four days in Venice and four days in Radda in Chianti, Tuscany. We DROVE! Actually, Elise drove to Tuscany from Venice. I'll spare you the details, but Judy's husband ascertained that we just might have learned some new hand and arm gestures on the trip. But, the autumn Tuscan scenery--incredible! And the laughter—infectious! Judy and I continued on and joined the Notre Dame Italy trip to Florence and Rome, And, for an added treat, we had a wonderful Florentine dinner with Marianne Spalding Schiavone and

husband Dave. Thoroughly enjoyable. We were fortunate to have connected and coordinated before we departed for the U.S.

In January, I had a delightful threehour lunch with Cille Sorrentino **Bucolo**. We sat overlooking Michigan Avenue in Chicago in a gorgeous dining room (we deserve it, we

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Members of the class of 1965 traveled to Venice, Italy. Pictured at the Metropole hotel are (left to right) Judy Piers Locher '65, Sheila Kelly Ames '65, and Elise Meyer '65.

decided) and talked non-stop. It was a slow day at the restaurant, and so we felt they would not mind if we settled in. They assured us they did not.

Then, in February, I had a wonderful two-hour lunch with Anne Harvey Lewis in Rockford, Ill. I wore my Saint Mary's College medallion (of course!) from all of you, which she loved. Anne wore her mother's magnificent, large Saint Mary's College cross. Anne's mom lived to be 100 and was a Saint Mary's math major. We covered lots of topics and determined that we would do lunch again soon. Anne's wit and wisdom made for a delightful afternoon.

Kind words from **Sue Sheridan** Joyce: "It has been so fun because of Sheila. I now am in touch (e-mail wise) with so many of our classmates. Joe and I live in Orchid, a town north of Vero Beach, Fla., where I am vice mayor. It is a small town, but I was elected. Yea, me! Joe retired from Pepsico about four years ago but still consults. We have five sons—and five grandchildren, two of whom were born on 2/12/08. It is amazing that in this small town (600, in season), that we have four Saint Mary's College alums, one of whom is Kathy

McAnaney Glaser's sister, Sheila Mcananey Kostanecki '61. Someone said (and I laughed) that Saint Mary's College women marry well and that's why they live in this wonderful place. But my response was: their husbands were very, very lucky that they were

intelligent enough to choose women who were strong, educated, and capable of being their wives, and also have their own lives. I know I was thrilled to be able to practice pro-bono law and that I didn't have to worry about income. Life has so many twists and turns, and I believe that if it had not been for Saint Mary's College, my twists would have been left-turning, as opposed to how wonderful the 'rights' have been. We have been blessed. When any of you are down near Vero Beach, please call. I don't know if I can give my phone number, but it's Joseph Joyce, Vero Beach, 772-589-9944."

Lil Chard Beshel is a great assist with news. She writes, "Mary Harris Russell is planning on traveling to England in the spring. Colleen Leahy and Jack went to Australia to visit daughter Brie. They were there for two weeks and traveled around in a camper and had a marvelous time. Daughter Brie goes back for her last semester in January. Paulette Crouere Gamard just welcomed her 10th grandchild last April. Paulette is still teaching second grade (30 years last spring!) in New Orleans."Thanks, Lil.

"Since I last wrote" writes Sheila Flynn Boone. "I've had lunch again with Terry Miltich Murphy. It's so fun when she comes to Parker, Colo., to visit her daughter...who lives just a couple of miles from me. We try to meet for lunch, but now we have decided to include our husbands. They met once and really enjoyed each

other. We are getting ready for our big trip to visit our daughter-in-law Nicki's homeland, Australia. We'll be there for a month and will start our journey with a trip to visit Nicki's parents in Brisbane, then on to the Great Barrier Reef, Ayres Rock, Adelaide, Melbourne, Tasmania, and Sydney. But before we go, I'm hoping to begin another 'journey'...resurrecting the **Denver** Saint Mary's Alumnae Club. Our first get-together will be in March and, hopefully, we'll have enough zest and zeal for a successful launch! If anyone has any suggestions for getting a club up and running, I'd appreciate any and all advice!"

News from Theresa "Teffy" Lyons **Brosnan**: "Not much happening, but we have had a cold and snowy winter so far on Cape Cod. I would love to see anyone from Saint Mary's College who visits Cape Cod in the summer (or any time). I live in Barnstable, right off scenic 6A, and the address/phone number is listed under my husband's name. John".

Difficult news from Paula Dale Mulligan: "I wish I had wonderful news to report but, alas, not. Three years ago, I was diagnosed with renal cell carcinoma, had my kidney removed, and then had a good three years. It is back. So far it's in the liver and lung. I am very hopeful because there are two recent chemos for it. They cut off the blood supply and thus inhibit the growth. I am having more tests this week and then see the oncologist next Monday. I am anxious to get started. I know I can count on all of you for prayers! Please storm heaven with me. We'll share the bad with the good, but particularly for the prayers. Paula."We can assure you of prayers, Paula.

Saint Mary's College kindly sent me an annual report of The Class of 1965 Memorial Fund. We should all be quite proud. We have, since the inception of the fund in 2000, a total value of over \$56,000. The award recipient for 2007-2008 was Mary Patricia Kohles '11. In a lovely thank you note from Mary, she states that she "chose Saint Mary's College because it is the epitome of what I believe a college should be." Ladies, please remember our endowment fund and the great assist that it is for our worthy young women.

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Hi, classmates! I am writing our column on our "extra day," Feb. 29, just under the March 1 deadline for news. Our first contributor wrote after she'd received her issue last fall. Mary Lou Goyette Folts sent the following e-mail. "In the almost 40 years since I graduated from Saint Mary's, I don't think I've ever written to the Courier with an update; but the recent issue inspired me. In addition, I'm now 60 (aren't we all?) and retired, so I have the time and the inclination to think about the past. My husband, Dave ND '66 and ND PhD '71, and I have lived and worked in northern Maine and the mid-Atlantic region, that is, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C., since leaving South Bend. I was an English teacher and then a district administrator during my career, and Dave was a professor and then a lawyer. Our son is 28 and working in the District of Columbia area. We have now retired and moved to St. Simons Island, Ga. As you can see, we have been moving south, just like the birds in winter. We love it here—having the ocean ten minutes away is great. The winters are mild, and although we left northern Maine more than 25 years ago, we still appreciate having hot weather to warm our bones. Dave has some health issues, but we are doing well with yoga classes and other outdoor activities. I tutor some adults in English, and we have become active in the local newcomers' club with bridge, dining out, and meeting new friends. My best wishes to the great Class of '69."

I had no clue exactly where St. Simons Island was, but in November, my husband, Roy, and I were heading to Florida for a week and decided to drive there over a couple of days, stopping in Georgia. I sent Mary Lou an e-mail and wound up having a wonderful breakfast and tour of the island with her on our way down south! She reminisced about her college days and friendships in particular with Fran Peterson Allen and Maureen Cefalu Gannon.

Joanne Leonard Scharf brought us up to date with her e-mail. "I retired from the Rockford Public Schools in 2005 but spent one year in retirement and decided I wasn't quite ready. I was hired by the Chicago Public Schools as a special education teacher and am presently enjoying the second year of my second career! I spend the week days in a condo and head home to spend the weekends with Dan. We're trying to downsize the big house in Rockford, but everyone knows about the housing market right now. Dan is

still flying the jet (Falcon 50), so neither of us appears to be slowing down yet. None of our four children is married yet. My Rockford teacher buddies planned a Christmas Holiday Market Cruise sailing up the Danube River that started in Budapest and ended in Munich (11/30 - 12/8/07.) That was a wonderful trip, and my daughter, Jenny, was my roommate. My niece is a sophomore at Saint Mary's, and so I hear all about what is going on there these days! Things have only gotten better at the College since we graduated way back when. I hope all is well with my former classmates. See all of you at the 40th!"

When I heard from **Sheila Dwyer Robusto** in December, she said that she and Danny were busier than ever with moving plans. Danny was retiring as of 12/31 with hopes of lots more time for golf, music, and photography, and Sheila was looking forward to more time for swimming, reading, and getting back to subbing in a school district. They will call a Meredith, N.H., lake house their home—it's still in the planning stages—and will winter in Fernandina Beach, Fla., where they bought a home. Their two sons and one daughter-in-law all live in Pittsburgh, so Sheila said they hope to spend more time there, too.

Pat Frazier wrote with news of her extended family in various cities across the country. She is living in Ithaca, N.Y. From South Bend Janice

Misuriello Horan sent news of her family. She and John are still working and enjoying life there. Janice teaches 4th grade at St. Matthew Cathedral School. Their four daughters and one son are all doing well, and Janice and John had wonderful holidays with them and extended families. They now have six grandchildren! Janice also mentioned that she and John see Patti Valentine and Prudy Schober Smith and her husband. Chris. on a

regular basis. Lynn Foss Jones shared more news of growing families. She and Bob will be celebrating the wedding of their daughter, Bridget, in August; their son and his wife, Jeff and Jenni, will be welcoming a baby in April. Lynn said the new baby will bring her and Bob up to three grandchildren.

In another e-mail. Jo Ann Grima MacKenzie said, "I am a new grandmother! My son, Ian ND '00, and his wife, Erin ND '00, had their second child, Ryan Andrew, in January. Big sister, Avery, who is two, was shocked at first but has adjusted nicely. Being a grandmother is fabulous. Thanks to Saint Mary's College, I am in touch

with Patty Reynolds Walsh, Marty Roark Higgins, Patti Smid Malloy, Patti Wiedner Purcell, Bibbie Conole Withers, Janice Williams, Kathy Malone Beeler Kathleen Davidson Kathy Grady Grimm, Pat Moran Fagan, and Mabel Benjamin—to name just a few. All amazing women—we are a great class and can be proud of who we are and who we have become. . . and we are fun!"

We have a big update covering a span of many years from **Barb** Schleck, who wrote, "I have a new reason to visit the Saint Mary's College area. My uncle, Archbishop Charles A. Schleck, CSC, has just retired to Holy Cross at Notre Dame after many years at the Vatican working for the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples. I held radio and TV news jobs in Urbana, Rock Island, and Chicago before retiring from NBC's stations in Chicago in the mid- '80s to travel with my husband, Gary Ropski, who has an international patent law practice. In the '90s I ran a non-profit organization called Cook County Court Watchers, which won a national award for effectiveness in improving the quality of justice. I stopped working outside my home after my father died in 1996 and my mother developed dementia. My five wonderful siblings (including Lu Schleck Donnelly '73) and I worked together to care for her until her death in 2005. This was not easy to coordinate, as we live in six different states! Gary and I still managed to visit every continent (including Antarctica) and to climb Mount Kilimanjaro and

Mount Fiji." After jumping through many hoops, including lots of paperwork and health screenings, Margaret Roberts Richards writes that she was accepted into the Peace Corps! Talk about a big change! Margaret sent the following news for our class. "Oh, I am packing and looking at each item and deciding: store it, take it with me (only 80 lbs.), or get rid of it—great way to simplify. I was in New Jersey last weekend playing with the boys—cute wild men! Enjoyed going to some of their classes, especially their music class. David and Kristin are ever so busy. This weekend the other three are coming to town to give me a party, and then the choir is having a going-away brunch, with the whole parish invited, to send me off. Father will be giving me a blessing. I am most excited and also a little fearful, going off to a strange, different world. I realize that I will miss dear friends and wonderful family, but it is time for me to 'Go Make a Difference'.

I find it interesting that Kosovo was just declared independent. I may end up in the northern part of Albania. I will know after about a month of training. Training will be in the region around Elbasan, the third largest city in Albania. I would equate it to a county seat. For three months I will be learning Albanian culture and preparing for my community development position. During that time all volunteers live with a family. After being sworn in on June 12, 2008, I will go live in another town in Albania. Because of their culture, all volunteers live with a family for the first few months. Then it will probably be a "communist era" apartment. The Peace Corps is careful about the condition and location of each volunteer's home. I am setting up a blog to allow family and friends to share my experience. It is http://margaretalbania. blogspot.com/ and my e-mail is MargaretJRichards@gmail.com. I look forward to the experience of helping others and looking outside of my central Ohio view of life. I ask all to keep me in their prayers, and I look forward to seeing you in 2010."

In September, I went out to Cincinnati for a family event and stayed with Mary Alice Herod Lajoie and her husband, Dick ND '69. It was a quick trip to attend the installation of my nephew as headmaster of The Summit. In addition to the wonderful weekend with family and friends, I was happy to say, "See you next month!" In October, Roy and I went on a three-week car trip out to the Midwest. We stayed with the Lajoies for a couple of days and had such a good time! One day Roy and Dick went off golfing and bowling while Mary Alice and I spent the day with Margaret Roberts Richards, who drove down from Columbus. We three went to lunch and antique shopping before meeting up later with Roy and Dick for dinner. Good friends, good food, good wine! Roy and I continued on our trip, visiting many family members and friends in Wisconsin. We also spent an afternoon in Gary, Ind., with Janice Williams, and it was so good to catch up in person rather than through e-mails and phone calls. Our daughters, Katie and Christine, flew out to Chicago for what has become our annual Saint Mary's College-Notre Dame fall weekend. We went again to see Janice so that she and our girls could spend some time together, too. While in South Bend we enjoyed spending time with Mary Alice Lajoie and Dick and Bev Pagorski Reid and Don. Sister Agnes Anne Roberts '51, CSC, once again was our warm,

welcoming hostess at Saint Mary's College. We were grateful to see her DVD of her trip to Le Mans, France, for the beatification ceremonies for Blessed Basil Anthony Moreau. We enjoyed eating at the dining hall with Sister and ended our weekend with a beautiful liturgy at the Church of Loretto. I also learned that my birthday, Dec. 10th, is the feast of Our Lady of Loretto. The Bussewitz Bunch headed back to Chicago, where we spent a couple of days sight-seeing. From there, our girls flew back east to work and college, and Roy and I started the long drive back to North Carolina! Then in November, Roy and I drove to Florida, as I mentioned at the beginning of this column, and in December, we went up to New York City to celebrate my birthday in the Big Apple. I remembered going to Radio City Music Hall for the Christmas show as a little girl growing up on Long Island, and I told Roy I wanted to celebrate my 60th touring New York City again. We had a fantastic time, and what a surprise when Sister Agnes Anne called me on the morning of my birthday to wish me well! I was so touched and surely had so much to be grateful for as we went to Mass at Saint Patrick's Cathedral.

Finally, classmates, here is my usual pitch for news. The list I have is for grads and non-grads. You never know how your news will touch someone! In the past couple of weeks I sent out e-mails to 35 of you. Eight of those addresses were no longer valid. I did hear from Phoebe Reynolds O'Connell, who said that she had just attended freshman year with us but is on the mailing list and always loves reading news of the Class of 1969 and hearing about her former classmates. She now lives and works in Anchorage, Alaska. Recently I had a follow-up to our last column from Margaret Piton '68, who wanted to get in touch with Pat Fagan after reading her news of her career in theater. I hope that our column has been a good opportunity for them to network. So, please: contact the College with your updated information for e-mail, address, etc., and send me any news. Our deadline is Sept. 1; write any time, though, and I will save your news until it's time to prepare our next column. Thank you so much!

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I was looking through my mother's (Peggy Vlossak Sheeran '44) yearbook when the Courier arrived, and '75 wasn't there. I think Mom nudged me to check in with the Courier editor, and then I shot a note (literally) into the air to sister alums. And almost immediately, my e-mail box started filling up.

Judging from the notes I received, we harbor still-powerful emotions about Saint Mary's College and a desire to stay connected. Marianne Rinella Fotopoulos (Addison, III.) experienced such emotions-- when attending her sons' graduations (Michael ND '03, David ND '06). Staying at the Inn at Saint Mary's, she recalled that our class had the first outside commencement. Remember how the Sisters prayed for no rain? (It was looking chancy!) And of course, their prayers worked! Between then and now, Marianne has worked for IBM, Exxon, and has owned her own business for 19 years. Her twin, Marilou Rinella McGirr (Burr Ridge, III.), has three sons, Ryan, Brandon (ND '06), and Sean, and their sons at Notre Dame all stayed in Keenan Hall. It just took "one very large truck!"

Just as I was winding up this column. Sara Morrison Cusick (Carrollton, Texas) sent word that on Jan. 30 her husband, Richard ND '75, had suffered a heart attack and underwent bypass surgery two days later. "Thankfully, he is recovering nicely, and we have been overwhelmed with good thoughts and prayers." Sara writes, Farlier, Sara had written that her son, James ND '02, a first Lieutenant in the U.S.M.C. stationed at Camp Pendleton, completed a tour of duty in Iraq last October, was married last December. and is scheduled to deploy again this summer. Sara's oldest, Katie, is married to a pilot for the U.S.M.C. (Julian), and they have two children and are stationed at Cherry Point, N.C. Julian is scheduled to return to Iraq this summer. Helen (Sara's daughter) and her husband are expecting their first child in July. Richard has been working with Texas Instruments in Dallas, 28 years and counting, and Sara is in her 15th year of teaching at Mary Immaculate Catholic School in Farmers Brach, Texas. Please keep Sara and her family in your prayers.

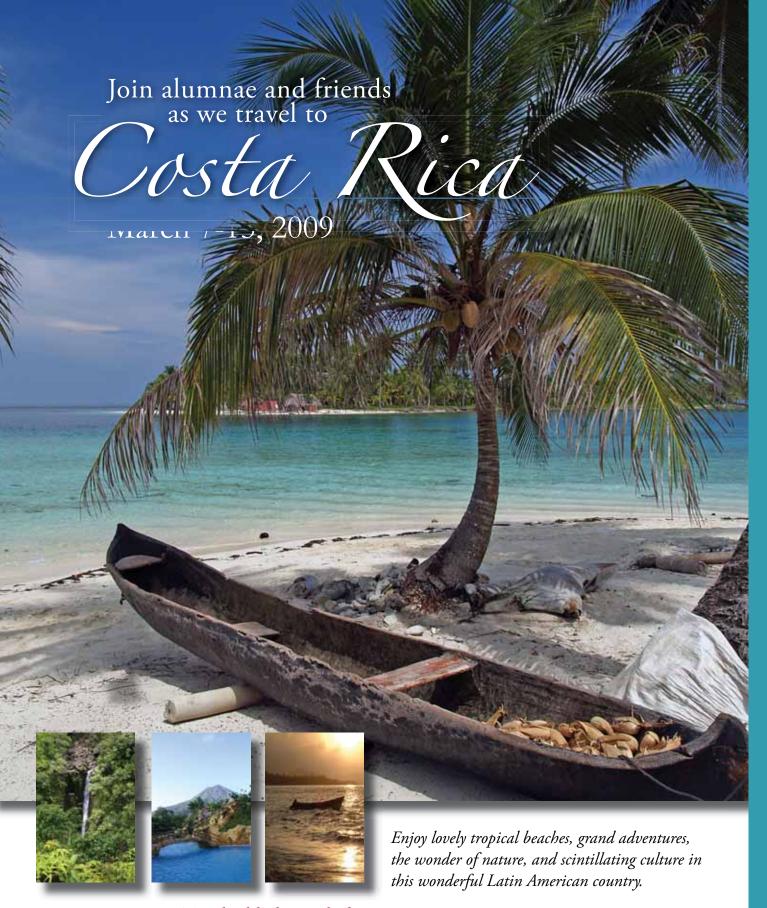
Tricia Lauerman Nobbe (Oshkosh, Wis.) and her siblings donated a bench to Saint Mary's in their mother's name, Helen Ridgely Lauerman '41, right outside Le Mans Hall. She also reports that Livy O'Neill Korte's (Florissant, Mo.) two kids are

getting married this year (and Livy dropped me a note to confirm that and to say "hi"), and the eldest of Lynn Farrell Major's (Winnetka, III.) three will be entering college in the fall.

Kim Hendricks has lived in Chicago for 28 years and loves it—"except for the snow. I miss Saint Mary's College and don't get back there often enough. I worked for Arthur Andersen for 22 years and now work for the American Dental Association" Kim wrote with passion about her volunteer work at the David R. Lee Animal Care & Control animal shelter in Chicago, the largest such shelter in the Midwest, taking in 30,000 animals a year. She invites anyone in the Chicago area to drop by at the shelter at 2741 South Western Avenue. Kim is there most Saturdays, but the shelter is open every day from noon to 6 p.m. for adoptions. "We have lots of great animals, and the staff doesn't have time to walk them. We need adopters and volunteers big time."

Mary Russo Riley (Chesapeake, Va.), with a 13-year-old son at home and a stepson living in Indianapolis with his wife and three children, is the director of a small nonprofit that works with at-risk youth. She writes, "I was back at Saint Mary's for Notre Dame football the past two years and couldn't believe the growth in both schools. I was so impressed by all of the good work the College is doing both in the South Bend community and all over the world. I was so proud!"

Here's a nice story from Liz Megnin Neil, who had lots of news. The distinctive Saint Mary's College class ring introduced her to Kathleen Campbell Lorenz '80 long ago when they were neighbors in Chadds Ford, Pa., and their life paths mirrored each other from Chadds Ford to Wisconsin to Michiana. Liz writes, "My family and I have lived in Dexter, Mich., for 10 years. I'm finance minister for our parish and have worked here for just about eight years now. It's a perfect combination for me, incorporating my MBA (Pitt '77) with my Catholic identity and tradition of service. My husband, Tom, and I are empty nesters now, and we adjusted rather easily. Our daughter, Eva, is a junior at Eastern Michigan University, and son Tom is a freshman at Michigan State University. He's in the marching band, and last fall we had the thrill of seeing him play on the field at Notre Dame—even if he wasn't in blue and gold!" It was through Kathleen and her mother, Mary Ann Kramer Campbell **'54**, that Liz and her husband got their tickets to that Notre Dame-MSU game, and they enjoyed tailgating with three





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Saint Mary's College-Notre Dame generations of Campbells that day.

Liz says: "The original Tower girls

stay in pretty regular contact. I used to live 15 minutes from Shelley McArdle Larson outside Milwaukee and see her when we go back to visit our Wisconsin friends. Shelley, Jaynie Kowieski Dunne, Anne Green Browne, Pat Ward, and I met in Chicago the weekend of the 2006 Notre Dame-UM football game. We discovered that our 50-something selves are no longer the partiers of our youth, but we still had a wonderful weekend! Pat Valdenaire Walsh (Jim. ND '75) lives in Charlotte, N.C., where I've visited on my annual late-winter treks. And e-mail has been a great way to keep up with Mary Ann McCarthy McArdle ND '75, who lives in North Andover, Mass."

Kathy Paterno Knise (McLean, Va.) writes, "Living near Washington, D.C., is great, as we (husband Dan and three sons ages 20, 18 and 15) get lots of visitors. Katie Ryan Brady lives nearby; she and Phil ND '73 also have three sons, all who are attending or have graduated from Notre Dame. Recently, Katie and I were lucky to get a couple of visits from Janet Ryan **Grasso**, a flight attendant for American Airlines, when she was visiting one of her sons at Georgetown University. We marveled at how Janet keeps it all so together, with five boys and one girl, while flying all over the world. We also just had a wonderful visit with **Susan** Peters in New York City. Sue is vice president for executive development for General Electric. It was great to re-hash our days rooming together in District of Columbia."

I was delighted to hear from Paula **Homer**. It seems like yesterday that I first heard her lovely voice singing De Falla's Spanish Songs in the Moreau Little Theater. Paula is director of opera at the University of North Texas in Denton, Texas, and is producer and stage director for each production, which, this season, included Romeo et Juliette, A Midsummer Night's Dream, and Suor Angelica.

And just as it got quiet in my in-box, Gloria Ybarra-Morris showed up. "Lots has happened in my life since about 2000," she writes. "Sadly, I went through a surprising divorce, but even more surprising, I reconnected with the love of my life and am now happily remarried. My husband, Perry Morris, has brought me great happiness, two grown children, Amy and Andrew, and two beautiful grandchildren, Amaya and Kwame, who all live in Minneapolis. My three (McCracken):

Richard graduated from the University of Oregon in '05 and is currently teaching English in Himeji, Japan; David graduated from Boston College in '06 and is a second-year law student at Loyola in Chicago; Emily is a senior at Gonzaga University scheduled to graduate on Mother's Day, hooray! Interestingly, Perry's son is also a BC graduate, so I was razzed by multiple family members during this past football season. I have been back to the judiciary since 2003; I am a judge with the City of Phoenix Municipal Court. I would love to hear from Saint Mary's College grads passing through Phoenix and can be reached at gybarra1@cox.net."

Pat Greene Wilton now lives in Cleveland with her husband Dick and four children. The eldest, Rick, will be graduating from Miami University in May with a business degree and then be off to work in Chicago. Pat herself worked in accounting until her twins, Stephanie and Stephen, were born, and since then has been a homemaker. They are now 17 and will graduate high school in June. Pat's youngest, David, is now 15 and a high school sophomore.

As for me, over the holidays I did a few signings for my novel, Who Have the Power, and am now in the midst of finalizing the CD I recorded based on the cabaret shows I do here in New York City. And I continue to work in medical advertising. My novel opened up some invitations to interesting things: In February, I attended a Victorian ball in honor of President Lincoln's birthday at the Union League in Philadelphia. I got laced into a Victorian gown with hoop skirt and danced quadrilles, waltzes, and a rousing Virginia Reel!

Well, I thought I was done, but more e-mails came in!

Greetings came in from Rory **Devine** (La Jolla, Cal.), busy with her 15-year-old son, and admitting to being a "helicopter parent." Ellen Connolly Arens (Park Ridge, III.) savs hello, as does Genevieve Musick Goss (Fincastle, Va.), who added, "As a married day student in my junior and senior years, I'm not really a 'player' in alumnae news; however, the education I received was top-notch, the experiences very positive, and the memories quite fond."

Why, thank you, everyone's a player! That means you, '75ers. You have my address, so please send me an e- or snail-mail any time. A blessing on you all, and please, as my mother always signed her notes, stay well and be happy!

From the Courier Office: Aimee Beckmann-Collier has been elected president of the North Central Division of the American Choral Directors Association, ACDA is a 20,000-member organization of choral professionals working at all levels of teaching and music-making. As ACDA North Central president, Aimee will serve on the national leadership team. She has previously served the organization as president of the Iowa Choral Directors Association. chairperson of the 1992 ACDA North Central Division conference and the 1995 ICDA Summer Symposium, and editor of both the division's publication, Melisma, and ACDA's publication, Sounding Board. The Drake University Choir, which she conducts, was chosen by audition to perform at the 2002 North Central Division conference, for which Aimee also served as Immersion Day chair

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From Beth: Ann Coia writes that she is an adult nurse practitioner at Niagara Hospice in Lockport, N.Y. She works on an 8-bed inpatient facility and a 10-bed residential unit. She's been working with hospice patients for the last seven years. She is currently single and lives with her two cats, Pussywillow and Amanda. She loves nursing and has progressed to CNS in oncology in adult health.

Donna Anania-Reich has been married to Chuck ND '77 for 29 years. Donna and Chuck met while schooling abroad in Rome (1974-75). They have one son, John, who attends Creighton University in Omaha, Neb. Donna retired after teaching for 30 years and was named the LaSallian Educator of the Year from Pittsburgh Central Catholic High School. Her retirement came from the decision to care for her mother back in Des Moines.

Cynthia Melczek lives in Gahanna, Ohio, and is starting her 23rd year with the Department of Defense.

**Stephanie Capparell** is an editor at The Wall Street Journal and has also released a new book, The Real Pepsi Challenge, about some of the first

African Americans to be hired in U.S. corporations. In April 2007, Stephanie participated in a panel based on the book for the CWIL conference "Women as Intercultural Leaders," held on the Saint Mary's campus. Stephanie believes hiring managers will be inspired by this book and dedicate themselves to greater diversity in their companies.

From Deb: I want to share a quick note about my August 2007 job change, in case there are some H.R. experts out there who wouldn't mind networking with me. I'm new to many aspects of this field and am always in search of helpful resources. After 30 years as an educator (twelve as a teacher and eighteen in school administration), I am now the human resources coordinator at Indianapolis' Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School (Grades 9-12), with a staff of 133. I really enjoy being at Brebeuf and learning lots more (every day) about a very interesting field. Again, H.R. folks, drop me a line if you don't mind if I send you a question or two on occasion! Jay N.D. '77 and I are parents of Joe, a senior at Brebeuf who has applied to Notre Dame. As this note is written, we are playing the waiting game and hoping March passes quickly and the news is good.

Many thanks to co-columnist Beth for gathering news for this edition's column. She did the hard work of seeking it out, and I was fortunate enough to hear from two of our classmates after the Courier's winter edition hit the mailboxes (in which we pleaded, as always, for some class news). I'm so happy to include those notes below. Keep them coming by sending yours to Beth or to me. Thank

Mary "Harvey" Lanois Kastelic wrote: "I am happy to say that my daughter, Anna Patricia Kastelic, is a first-year at Saint Mary's College. She is living in Holy Cross Hall (3rd floor, t-wing) and is in the nursing program. She must take a few summer school courses, however, since she is following in my footsteps and heading off to Roma next fall. The Rome program is somewhat difficult for nursing majors, but taking a few labs during the summer is a small price to pay for spending time in Rome! I am very jealous. Anna met up with John Reich (the handsome son of Donna Anania-Reich and Chuck ND '77) at one of the games this year. Although John attends Creighton University, he's still a loyal Notre Dame fan and it was nice to finally get our first-years to meet. (The two most attractive fans

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Members of the Class of 1979 celebrated at the ND-UCLA game in October 2006 (left to right): Wendy Griffin Lineman, Ann Stockwell, Debbie Spangler Barbanel, Gail Shahade Cari, and Peggy Dahm Salin.

there, if we do say so ourselves!) So far Donna, Chuck, and my husband, Brian, and I have yet to get together ... but we're hoping to manage to get to Rocco's one of these times.

"Also, while we were getting Anna moved in and attending all the festivities for parents and new students, I couldn't help but notice a familiar face. As it turns out, Mary Jo Hester Norell '78, has a daughter in Anna's class. So, we had a little reunion of our own at the legacy luncheon. It was all too short, since I didn't realize it was Mary Jo until we were leaving."

Another name from the past came up through Donna Reich when Donna went to a book signing. The author was none other than Anna Monardo. Well! Anna Monardo made such a pleasant impression on me during my college years as a fellow English major that my daughter has the same name. So Donna was sweet enough to have Anna autograph her book for me and sent it to me as a gift. I treasure it—and I recommend it. Anna Monardo is now my favorite author. I suggest you all visit Anna's Web site and catch up on her stellar career as a writer You will also see that she hasn't changed a bit. She's as beautiful as she always was. (I'd say she's using a college photo, but she sent me a Christmas card with a photo of herself and her adorable son. Leo, so she's apparently just found a Fountain of Youth.)

I also hear from Tom Sheahan ND '77 every now and again. He and wife Susan are thriving in Illinois with their two sons. We were agonizing about the football team this year—I, of course, blamed my daughter. Tom seemed to think it had something to do with the offensive line.

Occasionally, I go back and look at my little Rome yearbook—such fond memories. I always remember all the "arkies" and the wonderful personalities that they were. I miss them all. Coming back to campus has been a real treat. (Although, I can do with fewer trips—it seems as though Anna has a break every few weeks!)

Thank you, and Beth, for all your efforts to keep the scoops coming!

Mary "Harvey" Lanois Kastelic (proud mommy of Anna '11, and maybe Sarah '15???), yikes!!!

I also received the following note from Joan Richtsmeier: "I have seen more Saint Mary's friends in the past five years than I have in the past 25 years. The group that I went to Angers with in 1974-1975 met in Paris during the summer of 2005 and then went on a barge trip through Burgundy for a week. What a great trip!"

That sounds wonderful! We'd love to hear more about it, from Joan or a fellow traveler, for our next column. Joan has her PhD and is a professor of anthropology at Penn State. I highly recommend that you check on what our former classmate is doing (I know I'm impressed!) at http://getahead.psu. edu/. It's fascinating.

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I was really pleased to hear from Debbie Spangler Barbanel! She and four friends met at the Morris Inn for the Notre Dame-UCLA game in October 2006 and sent a photo. Included in the weekend were Debbie, who lives in Los Angeles, Gail Shahade Cari of Chicago, Wendy Griffin Linehan of Austin, Texas, Ann Stockwell of Chicago, and Peggy **Dahm Salin** of Carmel, Cal. Husbands and families also attended.

Debbie also wrote that she and her husband, Alan, attended their 25th law school reunion at the University of San Diego, and she hopes to attend our 30th reunion next year. She and Alan both practice law in Century City and live in the Bel Air area of Los Angeles with their seventh-grade son, Tristan.

I also heard from Jerri Plumb Kelly, who continues to live just north of Orlando, Fla. She is athletic director at Lake Brantley High School, which has 3100 students and 51 teams. She is currently trying to raise \$650,000 for a turf stadium field, the first in their county. "The hours are crazy, but the sports and helping the athletes play at the next level are very rewarding,"

Keep those e-mails and letters coming! Our 30th reunion is next vear. Can vou believe it?our next column. Thank you so much!

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Jan Meyer Benjamin was recently divorced and has sole custody of her twins, Harvey and Alyssa, 12. Jan writes that "at the time of my divorce, I was married 22 years. While some may consider this a sad event, ending my marriage was one of the best things I've ever done for my children and myself. In November of 2007, Jan and her children went with Kate McCullough to South Bend to attend the Notre Dame-Duke game. "It was the first Notre Dame football game I've attended since graduation, and, thankfully, it was one of the two games that the Irish actually won this year! The weather was miserable but it was

truly amazing to see all the changes on the Notre Dame/Saint Mary's College campuses. We had brunch at Tippecanoe Place on the Sunday following the game; another blast from the past"

Melissa McLean DeBot's second daughter was accepted to Notre Dame, and she will likely be joining her sister in Farley Hall next year. Also from Missy: "Gaynor McCown's husband and friends have made a large donation to the new academic building, Spes Unica Hall, in Gaynor's memory. She will be recognized on the donor wall in the building. We are also nominating Gaynor for an alumnae award. Gaynor passed away in 2005, and she was a champion for education reform."

Jackie Merritt Educato has been married to her college sweetheart, John Educato ND '83, for 21 years. They have two children, Elizabeth, 17, and Thomas, 14. Jackie has worked for Novo Nordisk for 21 years and specializes in diabetes. Currently, she is an institutional diabetes care specialist. The Educato family's latest adventure was an 11-day tour of Italy, France, Switzerland, and England in July of 2007. Jackie keeps in contact with classmate Mary Beth Kerger Shew, who has three daughters: Elizabeth in 8th grade, Kathleen in 5th grade, and Theresa in 2nd grade. Jackie occasionally runs into another classmate, Teresa Fatum Shank, who works as a nurse in Grand Rapids, Mich. Jackie writes that another friend some may know, James Ferlman ND '83, better known as "Stoney," now has a son named James attending Notre Dame as a freshman.

The daughter of **Kelly McLaughlin** Gruscinski is currently the student body president of Saint Mary's College; understandably, Kelly writes that she is a proud mother. Mickey Gruscinski '09 is majoring in history. Kelly's other children are Tim, a sophomore at Kent State University, and Kevin, 13.

Here is some news from **Heidi** Krumdieck McAuliffe about a mini Saint Mary's College reunion in Washington, D.C., Heidi's home. She writes that a few classmates recently gathered in Washington to celebrate some birthdays and to see the Notre Dame-Georgetown men's and women's basketball games. Along with Heidi and her husband, Mike McAuliffe ND '83, were Nora Barnicle from Chicago, Lisa Keeley-Cain and her husband, Tom ND '83, from Haddonfield, N.J., and Cathy Gibbons Morrissey from Harrisburg, Pa. They joined local Washingtonians Mary

Eileen Shelley Morrissey and her husband, John, Mary Loeser **Shawhan** and her husband, Kirk ND '84, and Maura O'Neil Kahn. "The weekend was terrific. Despite very cold temperatures for Washington, D.C., we attended the women's basketball game on campus at Georgetown and then walked to Mass at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in the neighborhood. Lisa and Tom brought their kids: Ryan, 15, Sean, 12, Erin, 10, and Aidan, 7; Cathy brought her daughter, Abbie, 14; Mary and Kirk brought their kids: Tom, 17, Molly, 15, Dan, 13, and Jack, 6: Mike and Heidi's kids were there as well: Annie, 13, Carrie, 11, and Patrick, 6; along with a few of Mary Eileen and John's kids: Sara, 13, Erin, 11, and Clare, 5. We topped the weekend off with a visit to the Red Door Salon and Spa."

Elizabeth Sinnott Pash has opened an antiques business in New York City. It is called Elizabeth Pash Antiques and features 18th, 19th, and 20th century antiques and decorative pieces. For anyone in the area, her contact information is Center 44, 222 East 44th Street, New York, N.Y. 10017, and her Web site is www.elizabethpash.com.

Nancy Haggerty-Steer met her husband, Fedor, while teaching on the Caribbean island of Curacao, and they were married while teaching in Thailand. Fedor is Dutch Canadian. They then moved to the United Arab Emirates and taught there for a couple of years. Their daughter, Nathalie, was born on Oct. 6, 2004, and their son, André, was born on March 6, 2007. Nancy writes that they feel incredibly lucky to be blessed with children so relatively late in life. Currently, the family is living in Naples, Fla., on nearly three acres of land near the Everglades. Nancy and Fedor are sharing a 4th-grade teaching job so they can also share the child-rearing duties. Nancy notes that "bringing up our children has been the most challenging and rewarding endeavor we've ever experienced."

#### **Elaine Suess**

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Greetings, classmates! Just a few bits of communication this time from your classmates; the first news coming from Maureen Meagher Orsini. Mo shares that she and the family moved from Batesville, Ind., and joined some of you in the northwest Chicago suburbs when husband Tony took a

job with Texas Pacific Group. Maureen continues training and competing in triathlons and notes that she "just" does Sprint and International Distance but not Ironmans. I don't know about you, but I'm impressed at what comes after the "just"—forget about what she doesn't do! As it relates to competing, Maureen also is amazed that "at 45, I can swim, bike, and run faster than I ever have in my life!" Are any of you taking on similar challenges? Let us knowl

I also received a short note from San Franciscan Kathleen White Weinstein who was in search of Annie Sawicki's contact information. Kathleen talked about being a biology major and using some of the information she learned at Saint Mary's with her kids. She also noted jokingly: "It shocks me now as I watch Animal Planet that most of those bizarre things we studied in school are factoids available to a 5-year-old! What will they be studying when they matriculate to college?" I know that some of you have kids in college now, so perhaps you can provide us with an answer to that rhetorical question!

Also, speaking of Annie Sawicki, did any of you see her in the Notre Dame commercials airing at halftime of a few of the football games? She did a great job!

What else is going on? I just took a quick trip to South Africa to meet up with a friend taking a trip around the world. It was really beautiful! I'm sure some of you have had travel experiences you might want to share with us! Let us know in time for the next Courier deadline of Sept. 1. Hope to hear from you soon! Take care

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#### Karen E. Crespy

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Congratulations to Kara O'Leary, the new Saint Mary's College Director of Alumnae Relations! Kara left Notre Dame at the end of February after 18 years, most recently as assistant director of recreation facilities and director of sports camps in the Office of Recreational Sports. Kara is a past member of the College Board of Trustees and is the most recent past president of the College Alumnae Association Board of Directors.

More congratulations go out to Linda Dvorak Gilbert and Keith on the arrival of Caitlyn Marie on Oct.

25, 2007. Proud big sister, Caroline, 3, is happy to have her new sister in their The Woodlands, Texas, home. Also adding the ranks of future "SMCers"...Zoë Elizabeth arrived on Feb 5 2008 to the waiting arms of Rebecca Jasper and her husband, Scott Seibert. Zoë weighed in at 6 pounds and 14 ounces and 19 inches—just the right size for brother, Isaac, 2, to hold. Katie McShane and husband Paul Hyde also celebrated the arrival of their son, Francis "Frankie" Maclay, on June 20, 2007. And one more baby girl arrived for Maria Koch Pogwist and Adam. Their first child, Lily Sarah, was welcomed on Nov. 12, 2007. Katy Burns is Lily's godmother.

October 2007 found Sheila Feeley, Rachel Chua Brown, Julie Stautberg, and Jen Sante Soller celebrating their 40th birthdays, with spouses, over a wild pre-Halloween weekend in the French Quarter. Honorary "SMC Chick" and good friend Ilyas Mohuiddin joined the group with his wife. Ilyas enjoys running marathons and often wears his Saint Mary's College sweatshirt for the races in honor of his friends. Go, Ilyas!

Kudos to Julie, who was re-elected to her position as a Hamilton County (Ohio) municipal court judge this past fall. We love our Judge Julie! And a round of applause for Rachel, who was appointed chief of staff for Women's and Children's Hospital in Lake Charles, La.

Jen continues her work as a parttime dentist, but is mostly "rocking the stay-at-home scene." She is a big proponent of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in her home area of Wexford, Pa., and volunteers for many of her kids' activities. Last fall, Jen joined her children in Tae Kwon Do to develop some mad ninja skills.

Jen MacDougall Bero has been back in the Detroit area for seven years and loves it—especially with her parents only five minutes away! She teaches 5th grade at St. Joseph School in Lake Orion, Mich., where her son, Payton, 6, just finished kindergarten, and daughter Erin, 10, completed 4th grade. Both Jen and Erin hope they are in the same class next year! Jen's husband, Pat ND '90, MBA '96 continues to run his consulting business from home. She and Anne **Bader** get together a few times a year. Last summer, Anne joined Jen and her kids on a fun July trip to Mackinac Island; and in October, Anne and Jen stayed at the Inn at Saint Mary's when they attended the Excellence in Teaching conference at Notre Dame. The Beros get to South Bend several

times each fall, and Erin and Payton are already talking about Saint Mary's College and Notre Dame as their college choices.

Anne is enjoying life in Avon Lake, Ohio, where she has been teaching at St. Joseph's for 19 years—coincidentally; the same number of years since we graduated! After teaching 2nd grade and 4th grade, Anne now teaches 3rd graders and admits they are her favorite!

Time has flown by for Rebecca Davis Paulsen, and she's been busy! After graduating from Saint Mary's, Rebecca received her MBA from Notre Dame, married Ed in 1995, and had three children: son Kelly, 9; daughter Juneau, 6, and son Davis, 3, all of whom play hockey (God help her!). She has been in public accounting for 10 years and is now a vice president of tax at US Bank. And she ran her first marathon just before turning 40 last fall—seems to be a theme with our class! The Paulsens live on four acres on a small lake in Wisconsin, and in between commuting to Minneapolis, she tries to grow things in her garden. Over the years Rebecca has stayed in touch with Claude Renshaw, MaryAnn Merryman, and Jean Kerich (the Saint Mary's track coach); as well as Cheryl Brienzi Wenzel, her roommate during the Notre Dame MBA years.

Kate Murray Harper has also been busy, and having fun, the past six months! On Feb. 10, Grace Anne arrived to the Vienna, Va., home of Kate and Scott. She was happily welcomed by Ryan, 3, and Sarah, 2. And 18 years later, Kate is still at KPMG.

In August 2007, Kate and Mary Carol Buhrfiend Honquest hosted a baby shower for **Katie Scott Kummer** and her husband, Tim, before the arrival of their daughters, Allanah and Aideen on Sept. 23, 2007. Corinne Pfender Noyes and Liz Lunzer

Wallace were also at the shower. Katie, Tim, and their daughters live in Alexandria, Va., and Katie is a partner with Ernst & Young. Mary Carol lives in Elmhurst, Ill., with her husband, Mike, and their children: Danny, Shannon, Michael, and Matthew. Corinne lives in Lexington, Mass., with her husband, Tim, and daughters Maia, 8, Julia, 6, and Clara, 3. Liz lives in Mendota Heights, Minn., with her husband, Ben, and children Julia and Peter.

In September, Lisa Montpetit Brabbit, Noel Reymond Christmann, Nora McQuillan Coleman, Trish Ruth Erickson, Rosie Mahar Crogan, Mollie Mahar Gonda, Lynda Bensaia Peterson, and Kate traveled to Captiva Island, Fla., for a 40th birthday get-

away celebration. The group missed having Jill Tomko Cafarelli and Katie along, but Jill had other plans and Katie was busy with her newborns. Husbands and children were left behind and the all-girls' vacation proved to be a wonderful time at a beautiful resort, with good food, yummy drinks, and great friends.

Lisa and her husband, Bob, live in Woodbury, Minn., with their two daughters, Emily, 10, and Allison, 7. Lisa is the assistant dean for external relations and programs at University of St. Thomas School of Law. Noel lives in New Orleans La with her husband Paul ND '89, and their children, Carrie, 11, and Robert, 8, and works part-time at Entergy Corporation. Nora works for Anixter Corporation and lives in Hawthorne Woods, Ill., with her husband, Kevin, and their four children: Emma, Grace, Claire, and Quinn. Trish is a managing director at Deutsche Bank and lives in Winnetka, III., with her husband, John, and children, JP, 4, and Jacqueline, 1.

Canfield, Ohio, is home to both Rosie and Mollie. Rosie and Brian enjoy life with their children: Brian "Buzz," 7, Sean 6 and Shannon 4 Rosie works in her father's ophthalmology office. Mollie and Joe have five children: Maria and Amanda, 9, Alissa, 8, Michael, 6, and Theresa, 4. Mollie is a stay-at-home mom for her five and also watches Rosie's three children.

Jill and Rich ND '89 live in Vernon Hills, III., where Jill is a stay-at-home mom to John, 10, Lauren, 8, and Amy, 5.

Lynda lives in Whitefish Bay, Wis., with her husband, Jim, and their daughters, Hannah, 10, a 5th grader, and Ella, 7, a 1st grader. After 10 years in the insurance business and eight years as a stay-at-home mom, Lynda went back to school to become a teacher and absolutely loves it—she believes she's found her passion. Lynda completed her studies—including student teaching—in June 2008 and is licensed to teach K-8th grade full time this fall. Only eight more credits to get her master's in teaching!

Karen Crespy has been traveling and welcoming District of Columbia visitors. Last October, Katy Burns and Karen took off for a trip to London—just as Karen changed jobs. She is now the Internet marketing director at Healthy Directions. A Notre Dame MBA classmate of Karen's put them up in his London-area flat for the week. Unusually beautiful weather made for a great time in London and Bath. Katy continued on from London to Germany to visit friends while Karen had to return to her new job.

Karen also made a February trip to Grand Rapids, Mich., (heading the wrong way for a winter break!) for a lovely, long weekend visit with Barb Moorhead Vedders and her family, Joel, Abby, 10, and Jack, 7. Barb continues to work part-time as a floor nurse at Spectrum Health-Butterworth and volunteers at her children's school. Barb also met up for dinner with **Jenny** Rode, who moved back to Grand Rapids and is working as a writer for Spectrum Health publications.

Over the long President's Day weekend, Karen welcomed Karen Krok Hasler's husband, Doug ND '88, and son, Oliver, 7, in from Elkhart, Ind. They stayed at Karen Crespy's place, enjoyed great weather, and saw lots of District of Columbia sites.

Julie Parrish Pagel left Malt-O-Meal after 17 years to return to school for a nursing degree. Julie is married to Gene and has three children: Joey, 13, JT, 11, and Cady, 4.

Anne Palamaro Wynne moved from Jacksonville, Fla., in October 2007 and arrived in Pickerington, Ohio, with husband Jamie and children: Joe. 17. Annabel Grace, 8, Christa Marie, 7, and Joshua, 5.

Remember to include your class reporters on address and e-mail changes! Thanks

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#### Jennifer Danahy Stewart has

"retired" from the corporate world to stay at home with her kids, Lizzy, 7, and Liam, 6. She and her husband, Jon ND '92, now live in Plano, Texas, where Jon is vice president of marketing at EDS. "I seem to be just as busy as before retirement, only now I spend my days volunteering at the kids' school, etc." Jen frequently sees Barb Geelan Wareham '94 in Dallas.

Patty Scully LaValle still reads the Courier religiously, although she lives half-way around the globe in Shanghai, China. She reports that she and husband Mark ND '92 are on a one- to three-year stint in China Mark works for KPMG. They have two daughters: Alexa, 9, and Callie, 4.

#### Colleen M. Morrissey

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Thanks to everyone for the updates; I had so much news that I had to cut it in half. Please rest assured that I will include the omitted news in the next issue! My deadline is Aug. 27.

First, thanks to Maureen Buckley **Everling** for starting a Facebook group for the Class of 1995! To join, create a profile at www.facebook.com and join "Saint Mary's College Class of 1995."

Trish Genovese Conlon and

husband Morgan welcomed Will

Thomas on March 22, 2008. Will

joins sister Aubrey, 3. Molly O'Brien Adduci and husband John welcomed their third child, Jane Eileen, on Dec. 20, 2007. Jane is little sister to siblings Patrick, 4, and May, 2. Nancy Mulcare Zgutowicz and husband Andy welcomed Peter Mark on Jan. 28, 2008. Peter joins siblings Jack and Caroline. Meredith Dodge Melinder and husband Jeff welcomed Flise Julia on Oct. 25, 2007. Elise is little sister to Kirsten and Annika, and to late brother Jackson. Stephanie Jackson Reitter and husband Jim welcomed their first child, Eleanor Ann, on Oct. 10, 2007. Ellie was born at 24 weeks' gestation. She weighed 1 lb., 8.5 oz. and was 12 inches long. Stephanie and Jim were overjoyed to finally bring her home in February 2008, On Nov. 30, 2007, Nancy Waibel Maharaj and her husband, Anthony, had their second child, Michael Anthony, who joins daughter, Madeline, 4. The family has moved back to Pennsylvania from Florida. Nancy and Anthony are both physical therapists, and Anthony is preparing to attend physician assistant school in May 2008. Jamie Nilson Balkin and her husband, Matt, welcomed their first child, Josie Elizabeth, on Aug. 27, 2007. On Oct.10, 2007, Elizabeth Fennel Austin and husband Dac of Atlanta welcomed their second child, Evelyn Fennell. She joins big sister Maura Metts, who adores having a little one to play with. Tina Gruben Nester reports that she and her husband had their third child, John Anthony "Jack" in September 2007. Jack joins Catie, 6, and Libby, 3. Tina continues to be busy teaching kindergarten. Hilary **Humm-Beatty** and husband Bill had their first child, Mary Isabel Humm Beatty on Oct. 18, 2007. Hilary has taken extended maternity leave from her relief veterinary practice to stay home with Mary. The family continues to live in Oklahoma, where Bill is an Air Force officer stationed at Tinker Air Force Base, In November 2007, Maria Myers Gamble and her husband, Ed, welcomed their second child, Sullivan Thomas, who joins sister Ainsley, 2.

The Gambles live in Audubon, NJ, and Maria is a research chef for Campbell Soup Company, where she works on most of the soup brands such as Select and Chunky. On March 11, 2008. Sherry Doehrman Puglise and husband Brian welcomed baby Marissa Lynn, who joins brother Braden, 2. Sherry has left her job of seven years at Infinia Business Technology in order to stay at home with the children; she also enjoys being a Mary Kay consultant. Kathleen Petit Milas and husband Wayde welcomed their third daughter, Grier Ella, on Feb.6, 2008. From Kathleen: "Grier now joins proud big sisters Gwen, 6, and Grace, 4. We are also honored and blessed to have Julie Peterson Krolczyk as Grier's aodmother."

**Audrey Comrie-Dormanen** writes, "My husband, Steve, and I are still in Chicago. The past year has been an incredible one, as we welcomed our first child into our lives. Claire Elizabeth was born on April 22, 2007." Audrey continues to work selling on-line advertising and integrated programs on Web properties for Meredith Corporation, publisher of Better Homes & Gardens, Ladies Home Journal, Fitness, and more. She shares that Katie Caputo Brockway and husband welcomed their first son, Connor, in January 2008.

Jennifer Zolkowski Welstead e-mailed, "We welcomed a new baby boy, John Patrick Welstead III, on May 2, 2007. He joins his two big sisters, Eilene (2000) and Emma (2002). Godparents are Rod and Beth Goodwin Johnson '94. We are still living in Marietta, Ga. This June, my husband and I will be celebrating our tenth wedding anniversary." Jennifer works as an oncology certified nurse in the Atlanta area. Darlene Hanner Newman and husband Ted welcomed their second daughter, Grace, on Oct. 1, 2007. Grace joins big sister Colleen, 3. For the past six years, the Newmans have been living in Aurora, III., where Darlene is enjoying staying at home with the girls. Nicole Visceglia **Rodgers** writes, "I stopped working on Sept. 7, 2007, to enjoy my maternity leave and await the birth of our baby, due on Oct. 1. Much to our surprise, instead of attending my baby shower the next day, Sept. 8, we ended up going to the hospital when my water broke at midnight. My husband, Dan, and I were really surprised and thrilled that the boy we were convinced we were having ended up being a beautiful baby girl, Cara Nicole. Proud "nana" is my mom, Linda Jerzykowski Visceglia '66. I am currently home

enjoying the time with Cara and will be back at work at the end of April."

Veronica Torres Theodoro moved from New York City back to St. Louis in the summer of 2005. "In October of that year my husband, Danny (Brown University '93, '97), and I welcomed our first child, Fabiola Patricia Theodoro. When we moved back to the Midwest, I guit my job at the United Nations and decided to take time off from work to be with Fabi full-time, which I love. We live in the Central West End, a great little neighborhood in the middle of the city, in a 100-year-old home...a far crv from our one-bedroom apartment in Manhattan! I'm in touch regularly with Nancy Strzelecki Tai, who is completing a master's degree at Northwestern; Laura Stach Miller, recently married and a school teacher in Chicago; and JoAnne Pavin, who runs her own successful wellness business, also in Chicago. I see Carolyn Gill '96 and a publishing professional, on a regular basis as well. If there are other SMC graduates in the area, I'd love to get together. I can be reached at 2scribble@gmail.com.

Wendy Betz Chapman completed graduate school in 2007 and was promoted to senior vice president of Madison Center in South Bend, Ind., in September 2007. She and husband David are parents to Corin, who is in first grade, and Paddy, 16 months. Kara Wegener Jariwala is working in Silicon Valley at Cisco in the search marketing field. She reports, "Love my life and work in California. We moved out of our small condo to a house with our 3-year-old son, Nalin." Kath Cunningham Samulski shares that she and her husband, Adam, will celebrate their tenth anniversary in July. Their daughter, Kelly, 5, will begin kindergarten in the fall. After teaching for several years, Kath has been a stayat-home mom since Kelly's birth and is scheduled to complete a master's program in instructional technology in August. Jennifer Taylor, an editor and writer, married Micah Porter, owner of Minerva Planning Group, a financial planning firm, on Dec. 27, 2007. The family-only ceremony was held in Lovely Lane Chapel on Saint Simons Island, Ga. Micah and Jennifer live in Midtown Atlanta and spend time on the Georgia coast when their schedules allow. The reception was held at the end of March at the Jekyll Island Club on Jekyll Island. Jennifer adds, "We had a wonderful time with family and friends from across the country in the lovely coastal setting. The weather was perfect, so we were able to have the party on the riverfront lawn. SMC alums celebrating with us included Nicole Cioper Janninck, Dyana Leon, and Kim Varzi '97."

Carly Burnham has been busy! She writes, "I had two "babies" in 2007.

One baby (number four) in August 2007, is Isabella Lucia. The other is a two-year Confirmation program called Soldiers for Christ. We were asked by our pastor to write it last year, and after more than a year of hard work, it's being used by many churches in our Diocese of Gallup. All my education finally culminated in a more than 500-page labor of love."

Annika Mitchell wrote: "I'm happy to report that two 1995 grads have reconnected and are now working together. In the fall of 2007, I joined Katie Clancy's law firm, Clancy & Associates, Ltd. located in Chicago's Lakeview neighborhood. We practice in the areas of estate planning. Also, in July 2006, I married Alexander Guzman of Chicago. (We met while walking our dogs—we each had a Lab!) We were married at St. Michael's in Old Town, and bridesmaids included **Jodi** Mordan Bump and Jenny Orr Quinn. Katie Clancy married Ed Scheer of Jackson Hole, Wyoming, in October of 2007. Katie and Ed divide their time between Chicago and Driggs, Idaho. Mary Catherine "MC" Davenport was Katie's maid of honor, but only by a few weeks, as MC married Min Chong in her hometown of West Hartford,

In closing, here is a little news from me, Colleen Morrissey. In July 2007, I decided to leave Columbus, Ohio, for Chicago. Settled in the Lakeview area, I am enjoying Chicago immensely. It has been great catching up with many Saint Mary's friends here. I am working as database program coordinator at Skidmore, Owings and Merrill, LLP, an architecture firm.

From the Courier Office: Mara Divis graduated May 20, 2007. from the Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences, College of Osteopathic Medicine, with a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree. She notes, "That graduation was 12 years to the date that I graduated from Saint Mary's College." Congratulations, Mara!

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Bonjour! I hope this finds you well and enjoying the beginnings of summer. As I write, it's 49 degrees and sunny in Durham...not bad for early March. The flowering trees have begun blossoming and are looking as beautiful as ever, somewhat surprising considering the drought we have experienced this past year. Ignacio and I are doing well and enjoying spring

We had a wonderful time in Illinois in December. We spent the holidays in Lombard with my family. We also spent some time in downtown Chicago and may make that a new tradition. I always love seeing the lights and shop windows (going inside the stores as well) This year we also went to Millennium Park (we didn't skate this time—maybe next year) and Garrett's Popcorn Shop (the Pecan Caramelcrisp is fantastic!).

It's been a bit busy at work, though I have a great class at Meredith this semester. Ignacio is teaching language and literature at Duke, as well as preparing for the summer study abroad program he will be leading again this year (in Madrid). It looks as if I will be able to join him towards the end of the program and stay for awhile, traveling in France and Spain and perhaps Poland as well, where he has been invited to speak at a conference in mid-July. I will keep you posted!

For now, I give you our classmate updates. There is exciting news from many classmates—enjoy!

Many of our classmates have welcomed new additions to their families. Ellen Duggan Ariston writes: "On May 10, 2007, my husband, Michael, and I welcomed with joy our first child, daughter Chloe Duggan. Unfortunately, I had to miss reunion since Chloe was just two weeks old at the time, but I hear it was a great time! Aunts are **Beth Duggan Van** Horn '83 and Patty Duggan Otto '87. Chloe took her first trip to Chicago last summer to visit Laura Smith Nocera and her daughter, Molly. She's also had a visit from Allison Carroll Wallace and sees Shannon Heaney on occasion. I'm working part-time as an account executive at a marketing agency in St. Louis and enjoying spending as much time with Chloe as possible.

Maria McCauley VonderBrink e-mails: "I was very sad to miss the reunion this summer, but I was very pregnant at the time and, sadly, could not travel. My husband, Tom, and I welcomed a precious baby girl into the world, Elizabeth Jane, on July 3, 2007. Her big brother, Matthew, adores her already! Matthew is now 21 months, and Elizabeth is already four

months. Lam at home right now on maternity leave but will be returning to work at Oakland Children's Hospital in the pediatric intensive care unit. We currently live in the Bay area and love it! It is wonderful to be close to my parents. We are busy now packing for our first family trip. We are leaving tomorrow for Hawaii. It should be interesting with two little ones!"

Erica Williams Porter and husband Robert welcomed their third child in fall 2007. On Oct. 2, 2007, Robert L. Porter III joined brother Davion, 9, and sister Alanna, 5. Erica writes: "I still love teaching but have taken a break to be a full-time mommy! What a joy!"

The year 2008 has brought several new arrivals as well. Kimberly Fleming Christenson writes: "Our family has grown. We welcomed our daughter, Charlotte Mary, on Jan. 23, 2008. Her older brothers, Andrew, 8, Emmett, 6, and Henry, 3, are so excited to have a sister. We are currently living in Mansfield, Conn. My husband is working as a professor at UCONN."

From Leigh Anne Hutchison Cipriano's husband Jerry: "We welcomed Vincent Isidore Cipriano to our lives on Feb. 19, 2008. He is an adorable little boy with a small head of brown hair and hazel eyes. He is gentle and so alert and loves to look around and study everything!"

From Michele Kuhlmann Nelson's husband Calvin: "It's a...baby boy! Andrew Craig Nelson was born on Feb. 25th, 2008. Andrew and Michele are doing fine."

Congratulations to all! In other news, Anna Rafaj Rosenberg, husband Stuart, and children Alexis and David went to the Czech Republic for two weeks to celebrate Anna's dad's 80th birthday in his native country. They had a wonderful time!

Another classmate who has enjoyed European travels recently is Diane Grant. Diane sent news of her recent travels and other updates as well: "So, while I was sad to miss the reunion this year, I was comforted that the reason was that I was visiting Ireland at the time. It was my first trip back since I was on the Ireland Program in '94. While much had changed, the feeling of being 'home' returned instantaneously. My fellow Ireland program-mates were also missing from this reunion as they insisted on making a mini-reunion in October to attend my wedding in Chicago, I was so honored that **Marv** Kane Mudron, Ashley McArdle, Collin Shaughnessy Conaway, Kathleen McGurk McConville, and

Karen Godwin made the time and journey to be with me on this day. It was the first time we had all been together in nine years! Mary Kane and husband Shamus live in Joliet, Ill., with daughters Ceselie and Kayla. Ashley McArdle and Juan took their first trip away from newborn Zachary and joined us from Ft. Wayne. Traveling all the way from Denver, Collin and Greg shared stories and pictures of their daughter, Abigael. And, Kathleen and Tim journeyed in from Kansas City, giving grandparents McGurk a weekend with sons Murphy and Kevin Karen and husband Ronan O'Neil, who met via the Ireland program and married after living in Ireland for several years, also recently welcomed their first daughter, Fiona. It was amazing to have the love and support of these friends as I celebrated this special occasion with my new husband, Brian Nevin. And while much certainly had changed in all of our lives, what remains the same is the treasured bond of friendship that was a gift from our time at Saint Mary's. I admire the recent entry from Mary Gladys Turner Enderle '57 my mother's (Diane Donovan Grant '57) classmate and friend, who shared stories of their 50th reunion celebrations. It fills me with hope to think that 40 years from now, our class will have that experience and that our friendships will continue to grow in the same way they have these past 10 years."

Melissa Sanchez Kellas sends updates on her life: "I was lucky enough to attend reunion this past June with Lidija Mitrius Fremeau and our husbands. We had so much fun that we vowed to be back for every single reunion. The campus looks so beautiful and promising with all the new buildings; yet, it still contains

so much of the feel of Saint Mary's. And hearing the President speak was definitely a highlight!

"I have never written for our class news column, but most everyone knows I married Matthew back in 1998. We live in Huntley, Ill., and have four beautiful children: Parker will be 7 in March, Isabella is 5, Liam will be 3 in June, and Emily just turned 1. Things are always busy at our house with four kids, but we love it. I will be celebrating 11 years of dedicated service at Hewitt Associates. They have been wonderful to me; I enjoy telecommuting two to three days a week, which allows me to be involved with the kids and their activities.

"Matthew and I will be celebrating our 10-year wedding anniversary this June with a trip to Cancun. My parents have willingly offered to take the kids for a week so that we can celebrate our big milestone. We cannot wait."

Thanks to Facebook, I have reconnected with Marian Kelly Mangoubi and my freshman-year roommate, Allison Carroll Wallace. Marian married David Mangoubi in December 2006. She works for Interactive Media doing ad traffic.

Allison writes: "After graduation, I lived in Ohio for a few years and then Chicago, where I lived in Wrigleyville for about five years. That is where I met my husband, Eddie. We were married in Oak Park, in the same church in which Eddie's parents were married. We moved to Rockford, III., four years ago. Eddie owns a small construction supply business and I work as a donation coordinator with Gift of Hope Organ and Tissue Donor Network. We match organs with qualified recipients waiting on the national transplant waiting list. My job is very fulfilling and rewarding, and I really would not trade it for the world. Eddie and I will

be coming up on our third anniversary this June. We don't have any kids yet, but we do have a 110-pound Bernese mountain dog named Darby!"

I received a late e-mail from **Melissa Fosse-Dunn**, who lives in Hollywood, Cal. She writes, "My first feature film was actually just released to DVD today! Not the theatrical release I'd hoped for, but I guess you gotta start somewhere. I play the female lead in *Bad Meat*, which also stars Chevy Chase and is from the creators of *The Onion newspaper*. I have another movie coming out in October, *Knife to a Gunfight*. That one will be released theatrically, but initially only in New York City and Los Angeles.

"A couple years ago I won an Emmy for a Superbowl commercial I did. That was pretty cool. When I am not acting, I work as a chef.

"I still talk to Jennifer Peterson, Corrine Hanrahan, Tonya Weger, Liz Flood '98, and Sarah Theineman Jollay '98. If anyone is out here in Los Angeles, I'd love to see them."

Many thanks to all who contributed to this column. It was wonderful hearing from all of you and I thank you for continuing to keep in touch! I look forward to hearing from even more of you next time. For now, enjoy the summer and the time with your loved ones. Celebrate and enjoy each day! À la prochaine, mes amies!

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From the Courier Office: Faye Lenahan Berlage writes, "On March 31, 2006, I gave birth to Robert "Bobby" James Berlage. He joins his sister, Bethany Sue, born Sept. 5, 2003. In June 2007, I received my master's of arts in teaching from National Louis University. I am currently substitute-teaching and staying home with the kids, but I plan to start a full-time position in a year or two."

Emily Bailey Quiney writes: "Maura O'Brien Houseworth, Sarah Martin White, Marie Kane Masters, and I all met up in Chicago in March to celebrate our 30th birthdays and have a weekend away from the kids.

"Maura is currently working for Boeringer-Ingleheim Pharmaceuticals as a drug representative in St. Louis, Mo. She and her husband, Ben, have 16-month-old twins, Hannah and Henry, and a son Aidan, 3. They have quite a busy household. "Marie works as a nurse anesthetist in Cleveland, Ohio, at Cleveland Clinic Health System and MetroHealth Medical Center. She and John have two kids, Caitlin, 5, and Jack, 3. The family lives near Cleveland, Ohio, where they just finished building a hourse."

"Sara and her husband, Greg, live in Racine, Wis., with their yellow lab, Abby. Sara is working for Merck Pharmaceuticals in the vaccine division. She has a large territory that includes Milwaukee and Chicago areas.

"I live in Spring Lake, Mich., with my husband, Colin. I am currently working for Spectrum Health Butterworth as a nurse practitioner in the OB triage department. I have two daughters, Bailey, 19 months, and Lyla, 9 weeks, and they keep us very busy. We are almost done remodeling our dream house on the lake"

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**From Molly:** The Belles of 2001 have been busy! Thanks to all of you who sent in updates.

Kendra Klink recently became an event manager at Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum. She plans any type of event—from weddings to company meetings. She has already become the most requested event planner at the museum. Lori Bond has been working for a pharmaceutical company, Sandoz, for almost five years. Recently, she was promoted to senior contract analyst, giving her more opportunities to travel to visit customers and attend tradeshows. Kate Middlemas Kessler, who recently welcomed her second son, Anderson James (A.J.), writes, "Well after three years at Discover, I decided it was time to move on and, on New Year's Eve, started a new position with Baxter Credit Union's marketing department. It looks to be a great position! And my commute got a little shorter, too!" Colleen Dolphin is working as a graphic designer in downtown Minneapolis. Colleen has published a few children's books and designed the covers for some nonfiction books as well. Colleen says,

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

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"I feel lucky to have found a career in which I can use my degree in fine arts. I hope to start using my illustrations in books as well."

News from Italia: Mirella Siciliano continues to live in Milan. Italy, working as a cosmetics buyer for almost five years now for La Rinascente, an Italian department store similar to Neiman Marcus in the states.

After working in Cincinnati for three years, Kathy Ubert moved with GE Aviation to Boston nearly four years ago. Kathy says, "I work in the Supply Chain Information Management organization (IT) as the alignment leader for the business. Basically, I lead standardization and teaming efforts with all of the Supply Chain subsidiaries, joint ventures, and start-ups around the world (seven in 2007). In addition, my primary role this year is to complete the integration of ten businesses joining the Supply Chain due to a recent acquisition. In the evenings, Lattend Boston University, working to receive an M.B.A. in 2009. I also own a renovated condo in developing downtown Lynn, Mass., and serve as a trustee on the condo association"

Julie Scheib Martin shares some great news, "I received the Outstanding Secondary Social Studies Teacher of the Year award for the state of Pennsylvania for 2007, given by the Pennsylvania Council for the Social Studies. Also, I am finishing my master's in school counseling at Duguesne University and will graduate in August of 2008." Congratulations, Julie! Leticia Baltes teaches high school German classes, beginning to advanced levels, in Northern Kentucky. She balances her teaching with motherhood. Her daughter, Isa, is 9 months old—crawling and trying to talk. Tish reports that Isa is the most precious gift.

On Sept. 15, 2007, Mary Wisniewski married Sean Serrahn, an Illinois Institute of Technology graduate, at Little Flower Catholic Church in South Bend, Ind. Saint Mary's College bridesmaids and friends in attendance included Maarin Erbacher, Victoria Butcko, Amy Dooms Taylor, Aly Leddy Clements, Jenny Bradburn, Brooke Lawrence '99. Kathleen Urda '97. Jennifer Lombard Kibbon '03, and Teresa Healy Hopper '05. Mary, Jen, and Teresa all currently work for Thomson Quantitative Analytics (TQA) in Chicago. Mary enjoys her career as an international sales engineer for TQA's financial software products. Sean and Mary are living happily in a condo in

Chicago's Wrigleyville.

On Oct. 20, 2007, Cassie Carrigan Kelleher married Matt Kelleher at Church of the Holy Spirit in Schaumburg, Ill. Julie Frischkorn and Molly Strzelecki were bridesmaids. and Cassie's aunt, Kathy Carrigan Collins '76, read the Prayers of the Faithful. Saint Mary's College grads Jami Newcomb and Ang Romano were also in attendance, in addition to the many Saint Mary's College and Notre Dame alums in Cassie's family. Cassie and Matt spent their honeymoon in Waikiki and on the North Shore in Oahu. They now live Des Plaines, III.

On Nov 10 Beth Castricone married Brian Bell (a 2000 Merrimack College graduate). Olivia Smith-Molenaur and Lori Schulte Smithe were both in attendance. Brian is a Boston native and the newlyweds live in the Boston area. Beth also reports, "Apparently I can't get enough of school. After earning my MBA in August '06, I've decided to become a certified financial planner. I start classes at the end of January."

Sherry Desautels married Charlie Prisco ND '01 on Nov. 3, 2007, in Indianapolis, Ind. Classmates Amanda Shock, Katie Kelleher, Mary Ellen McGowan Landry, and Shannon **Ross Perrino** were all bridesmaids On Jan. 12, 2008, Colleen Sullivan married Scott Schaefers ND '99 at Saint Peters and Paul Church in Naperville, III. Fellow Belles Ellen Wright Riley, Lori Schulte Smithe, and Michelle Samreta '00 served as Eucharistic Ministers. Other classmates enjoying the festivities were Cathy Schroeder Ward, Shannon Perrino, Katie Kelleher, Colleen Carey Passolt, Sherry Prisco, Colleen Borkowksi, Molly Kahn, Molly Kleinhenz Wicklander, Amanda Shock, and Stephanie Rosenthal Boreale. Friends from the Ireland Program days included Paddy Homan, the cantor at the nuptial Mass; Mairead Greene, who now lives in Kansas City, and Edel McGrory, who flew in from Ireland.

Molly Kleinhenz Wicklander, her husband, Ray, and their beautiful daughter, Callista Margaret, live in Los Angeles, Cal. Molly and Ray welcomed Callista on Dec. 22, 2006. Laura Brennan Schlidt shares, "My husband Thomas ND '97 and I have some great news to report! We welcomed our first child, Thomas Roman Schlidt, Jr., on Jan. 9, 2008. He is a great baby; we feel so blessed to have him. In addition to being a new mom, I continue to teach 6th grade reading/language arts at Mannheim Middle School in Melrose

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Colorado Club lunch. Top row (left to right): Valerie Maracz Perrone '65, Melissa Montoya Glorioso '05, Anne Kuehne Genson '96. Middle row: Phyllis Sullivan Van Hersett '62, Sarah Sooja Paladino '05, Catherine Perrone Schauer '88. Bottom row: Sheila Flynn Boone '65, Stephanie Provost Hansen '95, Cynthia Meyer Wargocki '99, Patricia Donnelly Spang '69.

Park, III."

**Margaret Sullivan Hatton** shares more baby news, "Michael ND '03 and I welcomed our second child, Rebecca Rose Hatton, on Nov. 3, 2007. Patrick, who turned two on Dec. 31, is doing great and loves his little sister. We named Becca after Rebecca Fortunak, our classmate from Saint Mary's College." What a special tribute.

Jessica Claes Mumaw recently relocated to Michigan with her husband, Ben. Jessica is in her fifth year teaching special education. Christina **Scalo** passed the CPA exam. She has been working in Pittsburgh since graduation and has been with her current firm, Sisterson & Co. LLP, for the past four years. Jennifer Chamberlin Sowell writes, "In July, my husband, Shane, and I moved from Southern California to Louisville. Kv. I still work for the same company (Amgen Inc.) but am now a QA senior associate at their distribution center in Kentucky. And, luckily, I am still able to continue with my progress towards my master's degree in regulatory science through the University of Southern California. The program allows students who are not located in California to attend the lectures on-line and earn their degree." Amanda DeMeester works as a nonprofit event planner in Greenwich Village, New York City, and was

recently promoted to events deputy manager. One highlight of her job is helping to produce an annual concert that features performances by many Broadway stars.

After working for the City of Lansing in Kansas for six years as director of its economic development and Convention and Visitors Bureau, Shanae Tate Randolph recently took a new position as the corporate communications manager for MGP Ingredients, Inc. in Atchison, Kan. Shanae and her husband, Rusty, just celebrated their four-year wedding anniversary; their son, Nathan, is one. Tara Cupelli married Robert Raposa on June 30, 2007. She shares, "In addition to a wonderful new husband. I have two step-sons now, Collin, 8, and Connor, 5. Things couldn't be better. Katie Quinn was able to make the trip."

I, Molly Kahn, recently made some changes as well. In 2006, I continued to teach high school AP Literature and Composition while heading back to school, studying educational administration. I graduated from Illinois State University with a master's in educational administration and foundations in 2007. I recently began a new position as assistant principal of Dunlap Middle School, a building for grades 6-8. I love the opportunity

to work with teachers and students in new ways. I sincerely appreciate all of the Belles of 2001 who take the time to share news and updates with our classmates. Please continue to e-mail your updates!

**From Alyson:** Hello, 2001 Belles! I hope that this edition of the Courier finds you well. Here are the updates!

Kelly Dugan Prina wrote to share, "I married Peter Prina ND '03 in April 2006 in Grand Rapids, Mich. Heather Podraza '00, Julie Norman, Julie Glud, Christine Prina Keane ND '01, and my sister, Mary Dugan '03, were bridesmaids. Then, on March 30, 2007, I gave birth to our daughter, Margaret Mary (Maggie). She's a doll and getting into everything these days! I'm still living in Chicago and working at Abbott Laboratories as a network security engineer, but part-time since Maggie's birth. I still see lots of Saint Mary's College friends who live in the Chicago area."

In other wedding news, Kerry Gallagher Davis was married to Willie Davis on July 15 at St. Leonard's Church in Boston's historic North End. Gina Case served as maid of honor with many other Saint Mary's alumnae in attendance: Martha Avoub, Melissa Grabek Boltz, Tara Butz, Sarah Merrick Granger, Nina Riconosciuto, Mary Suddendorf, Beth Teagan, and Meghan White '06. After a honeymoon cruise to the Bahamas, the happy couple joined family for another week's vacation in Stowe, Vt., at the Trapp Family Lodge. Kerry is a kindergarten teacher at the Perley School in South Bend, and Willie is a police officer in Mishawaka.

Casey Kimball Compton with more joyous news: "I had another baby in September, a little boy, Dustin Wade. I am currently staying home with Dustin and Anna, but I really hope to go back part-time in the near future. Maren Ammerman and I are also planning a trip to Minnesota in August to visit with Mary Suddendorf." Kate Tucker Tamayo added, "On Feb. 5, Danny and I welcomed our first child, a little red-headed boy named Francis Blaise. Two weeks before his arrival, Kate Bowling-Bushey gave me a beautiful baby shower and many Saint Mary's College classmates were in attendance. Danny and I are both working on our MBAs at the University of Chicago. I took a quarter off for the baby but will return this spring." And Allison Sarnecki Morales wrote, "I moved to Pittsburgh after my husband completed graduate school in 2006, and I have thoroughly enjoyed working in development for an allwomen's college. I recently decided to take a break from my position so that I can stay home with our beautiful baby boy, John Paul, who joined our family on Nov. 5." **Stephanie Bissler Arden** added, "In May 2007, my husband, Shawn ND '00, and I welcomed our first child, Charlotte Jane. She is such a precious joy!"

On the move is **Gina Case**: "Bob and I moved out to Huntington Beach, Cal., this past summer. I am currently working as a 5th-grade teacher for the Paramount Unified School District and am very happy there." Also relocating is Annie Rolfes Atkinson, "I am moving to Japan in May! My husband was offered an ex-pat assignment with Toyota, so we are heading to Nagoya for about one year. In other Belle news: Kris Antkowiak married Doug Booi ND '01 at the Basilica in October 2007. Mindy Rennaker and Megan Kwiatkowski were bridesmaids, and I was a reader. It was a beautiful ceremony and a fun reception at the College Football Hall of Fame!" And Colleen Borkowski added, "I moved to the Boston area in January to join my fiancé and am working for the law firm, WilmerHale. It's also an exciting time because my old roommate, Casey Russell, and my sister, Sarah Borkowski '06, are here as well!"

Cindy Traub added a great update, "I am enjoying my second year of teaching at the college level, at St. Mary's College of Maryland. We are a public honors college tucked away on a peninsula between the Chesapeake and the Potomac. I recently took a trip back to St. Louis for Mardi Gras and got to see Mindy Rennaker, Kara Kezios, and Elise Hall '00. Mindy is still with Harris Bank in Chicago, Kara is in law school at St. Louis University, and Elise is with the Pulitzer Foundation for the Arts. Prior to that, I was in the Chicago area in January for the baptism of my niece, Catherine Elizabeth Traub, daughter of my brother Brian and his wife Elaine Licata Traub '96. While in Chicago for Caty's baptism, I had the chance to catch up with Megan Jardina, Katie Claussen Bell, Genny Yavello, and Mindy Rennaker.

Liz Dadosky wrote, "I am the manager of the tasting room and wine club at my same little winery, Curtis Winery in Los Olivos, Cal. I'm living in Shell Beach on the central coast, which quite possibly could be some sort of paradise. I'm not married or near to engagement, but happily dating someone." And Megan McKeon checked in with good news, "I was elected treasurer of the Legal Marketing Association

Chicago Chapter, and my professional work received three awards from the Legal Marketing Association:
Best Promotional Gift, Best Business Development Initiative, and Best in Show (best initiative of the year)." Liz Stark Pardue also had good news, "I have recently completed my master's degree through Western Michigan University in education leadership with a focus on K-12 principal. I continue to be busy with my son, Brady, 2."

Nina Riconosciuto sent in this update: "We had a girls' weekend for Gina Case in Chicago. Tara Butz, Anne Senger, Kerry Gallagher Davis, Beth Teagan, Laura Schlidt, Stephanie Bissler Arden, Gina, and I had a great time catching up. We even got to see Stephanie's adorable daughter, Charlotte, who will be a year old this May. I also saw Melissa Wheeler run her first marathon this past October in Chicago. I'm currently living in the northern Chicago burbs, but looking to buy a house in Evanston with my fiancé." Also in Chicago, Kara DeDecker Monson wrote, "I'm still working at Weinstein and was promoted this fall to a senior account executive! Eric and I also traveled to Ireland and had a fabulous time." And Molly Strzelecki added, "I'm still out here in District of Columbia, rockin' and rollin' and whatnot I continue to work with AOTA as an editor for their magazine. I, too, spent most of the beautiful fall watching football with Heather O'Donnell and Lindsay Landvogt." Anne Senger wrote, "I continue to work for a molecular diagnostics company in Ann Arbor as a biochemist in the research and development lab. We are developing a robotics system for infectious disease diagnostics. Pete and I also took at trip with his family to Sicily last summer for

Mariecruz Segura-Perez sent this update, "I am loving life with the little one, Lily. We will baptize her in March, the weekend after Easter. I'm in my fifth year of teaching, and I love it! Monica Mendoza Shoshone '02, her husband, my husband, and I are going to Puerto Vallarta together in August! We keep in contact and can't wait to finally see each other after so many years." Kathleen Giel shared, "I switched to a new school district and am currently working in Oak Lawn, Ill., as a reading specialist for grades 3-5. I still live in Lincoln Park." And Asha Mukerjee Ruiz wrote, "Kevin and I continue to live in West Chester, Ohio, and we will celebrate our five-year wedding anniversary this June 14. I'm still working as a literacy specialist for

a wedding."

Lakota School District."

And lastly, I continue to enjoy the Pacific Northwest and all it has to offer! Great to hear from you all! Until next time, my best.

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From Amanda: Thanks for all of your updates! The next deadline for the winter issue of the *Courier* is Aug. 25, 2008. You can e-mail smcbelles2003@yahoo.com or any of our personal e-mails.

Lyndsey Brubaker Callan and husband Tim ND '04 were blessed with the birth of their first child, Emily Lynn, on Sept. 15, 2007. Emily loves her Saint Mary's College "aunts": **Kellie Mark Duncan, Katie Zigler Anderson**, and **Sarah Blundy Morgan**. She met them at Sarah's wedding in October 2007. Sarah lives in Kalamazoo, Mich., and Kellie is in Phoenix, Ariz.

Alisha Keller-Hoag graduated from the University of Mary with a master's in education, emotional disorders, learning disabilities, and reading. Alisha married Bryon Hoag on Sept. 22, 2007. Amy Baum Purshotam was her matron of honor. Alisha and Bryon reside in Bismarck, N. Dak. Bryon hauls hazardous materials and Alisha enjoys teaching 2nd grade at Riverside Elementary School.

**Ann Hoover Sinclair** married Euan Sinclair on Oct. 27, 2007, in Chicago, III. Euan is a New Zealand native. Saint Mary's College alumnae in attendance were Annie Kelly, Jennifer Sablich, Nicole Mani, and Susan Almeda. Katie Vincer was the maid of honor. Katie and Ann also met up in Las Vegas in February 2008. Katie graduated from dental school in May 2008 from The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. Katie has started building her own practice but is working for another dentist in the area until her office is ready—in about a year's time. Anne Kelly and Rick Ysasi ND '03 are the proud parents of Ruben James Ysasi, born Aug. 4, 2007. The family lives in Arlington, Va.

Mackenzie McGee Stark applied for residency in radiation oncology and traveled to fourteen cities around the country for interviews, which was fun but exhausting. Mackenzie's graduation from Lovola Medical School will be June 1, 2008. Monica Cannon has many updates. In May 2007 Monica "retired" from inner city teaching. She is considering attending graduate school in 2009 or 2010. Before an 11-day trip to Playa del Carmen, Mexico, in summer 2007, Monica adopted a boxer/beagle puppy named Summer. In December 2007 Monica and her husband, Giacomo Meeker, traveled to Breckenridge, Colo. Monica and Giacomo live in Dallas, Texas.

Melanie Burke married Mark Cameron on April 21, 2007, with four Saint Mary's College ladies in attendance: Kathy Harter Harris '02, Laura Porto as the maid of honor, Mary Clare Ferber '04, and Alicia Miller Cassell '82. For their honeymoon, Mel and Mark traveled to Rome, attended a papal audience in their wedding attire, and met the Pope! Also present in Rome was a group of Saint Mary's women who were announced to the Pope. Mel chimed in with the cheering. They then traveled to Ireland for the second half of the trip.

Elaine Porter Perez and her husband, Tom ND '02, '03, welcomed their daughter, Claire Dorothy, into the world on Dec. 29, 2006. After working for CNA Insurance in Chicago, Elaine now enjoys being a stay-at-home mom full time. In the summer of 2007 Elaine and Tom moved from Naperville, III., to her hometown of La Porte, Ind. They had plans to return to Chicago in the spring of 2008. Nicole Strzyzykowski Mills is teaching kindergarten at her alma mater: Lake Michigan Catholic. Her husband has been deployed with the Army on his second tour to Iraq. He is scheduled to return in early 2009. Continue to pray for all those in our military who are fighting to keep us safe. The Mills family includes Chloe, 4, Bradley, 2, and a third baby! Nicole is keeping very busy, as you can imagine.

Janelle Koop is earning her master's of science degree through Walden University. Janelle is also working full-time in the pediatric intensive care unit in Indianapolis while planning a wedding in Cincinnati! Andrea Rivera moved from Chicago, Ill., to Snohomish, Wash., in August 2007. Andrea is living in the foothills of the Northern Cascades,

teaching science for the Everett Public Schools, and starting an Outdoor Adventure Foods business. Katie Phelan Giganti and her husband, Brian, are in Gaithersburg, Md.

Emma Melero Juarez is in her third year teaching freshman seminar at the Morton Freshman Center in Cicero, III. Emma started grad school in the summer of 2007 through Dominican University in River Forest, III. She is working on a master's in teaching high school English and an endorsement in English as a second language. At Dominican, she met Lyz Carmody '05, who is earning her teaching certificate for art. Emma writes that it was great to meet a fellow Saint Mary's College alumna. On Sept. 8, 2007, Beatriz Cano Mares '05 and Juan Carlos Mares were married in Elkhart, Ind. The following Saint Mary's College alumnae attended: Evelyn M. Gonzales, Erika Brito, Angelique **Ingabire '05**, maid of honor **Mandi** Bahena '05, Veronica Saavedra '05, Jennifer Hernandez '05, Daisy Cruz '05, Jodie Emerick '05, Jennifer Farnbauch '05, Cristina Ortega '06, Angeline Johnson '07, and Adriana Lopez '08

**Emily Miller Klump** married Brandon on April 21, 2007. Emily and Brandon both live and work in Jackson, Mich., as physical therapists.

From Amv: Greetings, Class of '03! By the time you read this, our five-year reunion will have passed. I am sure all the attendees enjoyed returning to our alma mater, reminiscing about past Saint Mary's College memories and making new ones. For those unable to attend reunion weekend, we hope to see you at the next one. Please e-mail Meganne, Amanda, or me, your Courier class reporters, and let us know how you're doing! Now for the updates...

Deanne Czajkowski married Douglas McKenna ND '01 on Dec. 8, 2007, at Notre Dame's Basilica. Amy Greene and Hazel Smith were in attendance. The McKennas had a fabulous two-week honeymoon in Australia, spending New Year's in Sydney, hiking the rainforests in Port Douglas, and visiting the Great Ocean Road in Melbourne. The couple is currently living in downtown Chicago, where Deanne works as a tax accountant at a public accounting firm and also attends MBA classes at Loyola. Doug is in his second year of law school at John Marshall.

Several Belles welcomed little Belles of their own this year. Stephanie Redwanski Belschner and her husband, Artie ND '01, welcomed

a beautiful daughter, Avery Kay Belschner, on Oct. 17, 2007. Avery is growing fast and keeping mom and dad happy and busy.

Marnie McKee Kuhn and her husband, Pete, welcomed their first child, Ella Anne, on Oct. 21, 2007. The Kuhns live in Madison, Wis., where Marnie enjoys a career in medical underwriting and Pete is a doctoral candidate in cancer biology at the University of Wisconsin.

Jill Maxbauer Niemi and her husband, Sam, welcomed their first child, Mara Jean, on Jan. 30, 2008. Mara was born early due to Jill's diabetes, but both mom and baby are healthy and doing well. The Niemis continue to live in Traverse City, Mich., and work for Interlochen Center for the Arts and Plante & Moran.

Candi McElligott has been busy working for Rose Paving Company in the marketing department since September 2007. She recently headed up a public relations campaign to promote the company's groundbreaking job for the Chicago White Sox. She also recently purchased a new home in the Chicago suburbs.

Adrienne Dorbish Pietropaolo continues to work as an attorney in Columbus, Ohio, and has recently taken over leadership of the Columbus/Central Ohio Saint Mary's College Alumnae Club. Adrienne writes, "We are in the process of planning events for the year."

Karen Fink is still enjoying the book publishing business in New York City at the Random House Publishing Group. She welcomed in the New Year with a promotion to senior publicist. After living in Manhattan for several years, Karen decided to cross the Hudson River and now resides in Hoboken, N.J.

In my own news, I continue to live and work in Cleveland, Ohio, where I recently ran into Lauren Smith, who is attending law school in Cleveland. Lauren is also working at a law firm in Akron, Ohio.

From Meganne: I never tire of hearing news of former classmates; it brings me such joy to hear from you! Please continue to be in touch and to encourage your other Belle friends to write to us as well.

Kelly Long writes from Denver, "I have recently found out that Katie Rand and Kate Hoover live in Boulder! Also, I went up to visit Meghan McKeon Doud and her husband, Jeff, at the end of January. Sara Bishop is moving back to Denver at the end of March." Kelly reports that an effort to

re-establish the Colorado Alumnae Club is underway, so if you would like further information, please write to her at KellyLong1219@gmail.com. She will be graduating in June from the University of Denver with an MBA and will then be starting a job with Hitachi Consulting in August.

**Bridget Yearwood** has moved back to District of Columbia and ran into Shaye O'Donnell (before Shaye moved to Florida last fall) and **Erin** Reese at a Gamewatch for Notre Dame last season.

**Bridget Myers** writes from Chicago that **Emily Blaha** finished the Chicago marathon in October despite a record high that day of 89 degrees! Bridget went to cheer Emily on and said that Emily's run for the finish "was a true test of the Saint Mary's College spirit!"

Alaina Indriolo writes that she works on the respiratory floor at Children's Memorial Hospital as a nurse. She, too, completed her first marathon and is looking forward to doing Chicago again. She was also kind enough to write with many updates about our classmates.

Amy Beale Johnson is enjoying married life in her new house in Bloomington, III. She is a speechlanguage pathologist at Easter Seals.

Nina Ready Sina is married and living in West Palm Beach with her two French bulldogs. She recently completed her master's in mental health counseling and works at Behavioral Health of the Palm Beaches as a primary therapist.

Alaina recently had dinner with Kim Corsentino-Keyworth, Kim and her husband welcomed the newest addition to the Cosentino-Keyworth family, a Shorkie puppy named Gracie who keeps them active in the cold Chicago winters. Kim was recently promoted to account executive at Leo Burnett in the Chicago office. She is also in the Continuing Education Program at Northwestern to determine what master's program to choose for enrollment.

Katie Moorman recently relocated to Cincinnati and is a nurse in the neonatal ICU at Cincinnati Children's Hospital. She and her fiancé recently bought a dog.

Katie DeMent Pohlmeyer and her husband have welcomed a baby girl, Claire Ann, to the family and enjoy each day even more with her. Katie is also completing a master's of education. Thanks, Alaina, for sending in so many updates!

Rachael Benkert continues to live

outside of Chicago in Countryside, Ill., and is back in school full time, studying clinical massage therapy at the SOMA Institute. She writes, it's a "total life change and I'm absolutely loving it!"

Josie Bilas Gruver is in her third year of a PhD chemistry program at Cornell University. She received her MS degree in August and has about two years left until she graduates with her doctorate. Josie and her husband, Scott, have two lab puppies, Ellie Mae and Lucy.

Congratulations to **Marianne Jennings**, who graduated with a master's in curriculum and instruction from Concordia University in Riverforest, Ill., this past December. She is currently using her degree as the curriculum director for grade 3-5 at her school, Saints Faith, Hope, and Charity, in the Chicagoland area.

Maria Conticelli just recently returned to Chicago after a two-month journey to Thailand, where she traveled throughout the country and was also certified as a yoga instructor.

Susan Kutz writes that since April 2007, she has been deployed to Iraq with 4th Brigade 2nd Infantry Division as the medical planner. She is planning to redeploy in June back to Fort Lewis, Wash. Shortly after returning, she will leave the Army and move to the District of Columbia to attend a master's program at George Washington University. Susan writes, "I will be very excited to get to District of Columbia and link back up with all the 'SMCers' in the area. I now have five nieces and nephews but do not plan on any kids of my own."

Corrine Negrelli attended Meghan McKeon's wedding last July in Portland, Ore. She, Kelly Long, and

**Elizabeth Moeykens Hoobchaak** were all bridesmaids. She also writes, "Working at Abercrombie is going really well, and I am settling in to Columbus, Ohio, nicely."

In my own news, I am continuing to work with the Saint Mary's College Rome Program in Italy and I am loving "la dolce vita"! Every day is different and exciting, as I am working with Saint Mary's College women during their time abroad. I am riding here in my spare time and have competed successfully in several international horse shows. I find the time to travel around Europe when I can and continue to work on authoring my hook

Last week, I had dinner with **Annie Furman**, who was in town for a biomedical ethics conference at the Vatican. Annie is currently living in District of Columbia, working as a clinical dietician at a hospital and absolutely loves what she does. She is also thoroughly enjoying living on the Virginia side of District of Columbia. I frequently see **Teri Neer**, who is still working with the United Nations here in Rome. It is so wonderful to have a fellow 2003 Belle a mere 15-minute tram ride away!

It is such a pleasure to read about the successes of our fellow classmates, so please continue to send us your news. Several of us have found each other on Facebook; we are finding it a wonderful way to stay in touch—come join us! At the time of printing, reunion will have passed. For those of you who weren't able to join us for this spectacular weekend, please make every effort to come in 2013.

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

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Greetings, Belles of 2005! Here is the latest news from our classmates:

**Heather Hoody** is living in Singapore and working for Jones Lang LaSalle as facilities coordinator for the Royal Bank of Scotland.

**Kelli Getz** graduated from Indiana University in May 2007 with a masters degree in library science. She is now working for the University of Houston Libraries and enjoying the warm weather in Texas.

Annemarie Kennedy reports: In January "it was announced on the *Today Show* that the Boston Harbor Hotel, where I've worked for the past year and a half, was awarded its fifth star by the *Mobile Travel Guide*. We became one of just 41 hotels in all of the 36,000 hotels throughout the United States and Canada to earn such an award. We have all worked so

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Michelle Stanforth '05 is currently serving as the Navigator stationed on the USS CHUNG-HOON (DDG 93), a destroyer based in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Stanforth describes life in the Navy and in Hawaii "an amazing experience." She recently went skydiving and says she's "really living life to the fullest."

hard for this, and I feel as if the hotel is my third family—falling behind my immediate family and my Saint Mary's College family, of course. It is truly a great honor to have been a part of the team that, for the first time, took a hotel from three stars to five stars in just two years! In addition, I was honored to be voted employee of the month in January, which only adds to my excitement for all of our success this past year." Annemarie continues to live in South Boston and is having a blast. She spends all the time she can with her niece, Morgan (mom is Katie Kennedy McLean '00), who just turned two in October. Annemarie also gets to spend time visiting Boston residents Molly Welton, Natalie Zettler Leisinger, and Kelly Doherty.

Zettler Leisinger, and Kelly Doherty She is planning a visit with Sarah Schwartz '07 in Austin, Texas, at the end of February and can't wait to see her other Saint Mary's College girls soon!

**Carolyn Gass** has moved to Denver, Colo., and loves it! She has all of her siblings out there as well as grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins to keep her company.

**Cassie Gerstner** moved back to the States from Japan last summer and is now living in Glen Ellyn, Ill.

**Abby Ragan** has moved to Arlington, Va., to take a new position teaching fifth grade at Westbriar Elementary School. Additionally, Abby is training for the Cherry Blossom, a 10-mile race she will be running in April.

Kate Lauer Kohler married Jeffery Kohler, Jr ND '05 on Aug. 4, 2007, in Saint Paul, Minn. Rebekah Hendricks Thiefels was a bridesmaid, and Genevieve Tauer Meza was Kate's personal attendant. Other alumnae guests included Cathy Grill, Michael Busk ND '05, and Elizabeth Grams.

Stefanie Simmerman celebrated her 25th birthday, her mom's, Shelia Spiel Simmerman '80 50th birthday, and her dad's, Steven (ND '79, '81), 51st birthday in Las Vegas in mid-January, along with her fiancé Craig Sandifer ND '04.

**Meghan Flick** moved back to Michigan and began her master's degree in social work at the University of Michigan. Meghan will graduate in December 2008.

Sarah Brown will graduate from law school at American University in May. After she takes the bar exam in July, she will start a federal clerkship with a judge on the Sixth Circuit in August. This past fall, Sarah was able to go back to campus for a football game and visit with Mary Holland, Lindsay Downs, Theresa Mills, and Molly Ritter '06. Mary and Theresa will be visiting Sarah this summer in the District of Columbia before she moves.

Jodie Emerick finished her MBA

program at Indiana University South

**Haley Samuelson-Couchman** and her husband, Randy, welcomed a baby boy, Owen Samuel Couchman, on Sept. 19, 2007. Haley also recently landed her dream job as a naturalist at McCloud Nature Park in North Salem, Ind. She gets to play in a park every day for a living and run a nature center with year-round programming for all ages

Jill Roberts reports that Gretchen Rosiecki was married to Jason Thorne on Dec.1, 2007, in Chesterton, Ind. Elise Rupright and Julia Adams were bridesmaids. Jill and Amanda Wiehe were also in attendance

Kate Weiss reports that Natalie Bailey was published recently in the Boston Globe Sunday Magazine. Her article "And Beware the Deranged Counselor" was a feature article in the magazine's summer camp special and offered advice for campers from a seasoned counselor. Natalie drew from her experience working at Camp Manitou in Maine during summer breaks from Saint Mary's.

Thank you again for all of your updates! Our deadline for the winter issue is Aug. 25, 2008. Again, please let Kelly or me know if you have not been receiving our e-mails. We have a many e-mails on our list that are not current, but we want to be sure everyone has a chance to submit their news. Hope y'all have a fantastic summer!



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The Class of 2007 has had a busy year since graduation last May! We've set out in the world and begun to make it our own! Here is some news I received from the class.

In wedding news, **Kassie Evans Spencer** married her high school sweetheart on Aug. 18, 2007, in the meadow of The Res in Mishawaka, Ind. Ashley Oberst was a member of the wedding party. They are now settling into their new house with their Jack Russell Terrier puppy, Zoe.

Stephanie Apostoluk sent along news on a Saint Mary's College marriage. Angie Leblang married Joe Wisniewski on Jan. 5 and is living in Mishawaka, Ind.

Also on Jan. 5, Lauren DeLucca married Aaron Leech in New Orleans,

At least two Saint Mary's College women took advantage of the lucky sevens last summer and were married on July 7, 2007. Dana Dreher married Ben Schrader And Meaghan Herbst Arzberger married Eric in Ticonderoga, N.Y.

Kaitlin Cox married Paul Hilger, of Ft. Wayne, Ind. Kaitlin is a registered nurse at Lutheran Hospital in Ft. Wayne on the oncology/medical-surgical floor. Paul is an auto technician at Glenbrook Dodge (also in Ft. Wayne) and a sergeant in the Indiana Army National Guard. Please keep them in your thoughts, as Paul is currently in his second deployment to Iraq—a tour of duty that began in March.

Michelle Turley Koning married Joshua on July 21, 2007, in Kalamazoo. Mich. Amanda David and Shelly Bender '06 were bridesmaids, and plenty of Michelle's Saint Mary's friends were in attendance. She started her job in June 2007 as a registered nurse in the neonatal intensive care unit at Bronson Hospital in Kalamazoo, Mich.

It was great to share job stories with classmates. I am currently an intern at a girls' boarding school in Troy, N.Y., where I teach French I and II. I'm trying to send as many of the girls as I can to Saint Mary's College! Also, in the teaching world, Allison Beyer wrote in to say that she is working in Omak, Wash., at Paschal Sherman Indian School on the Colville Indian Reservation. She teaches reading and spirituality to the elementary grades and says, "It is challenging, but I love it!" I definitely agree.

**Sarah Miesle** is the assistant sports information director at fellow-MIAA school Adrian College in Adrian, Mich. She does statistics, writes press releases and recaps on players and events, updates the Web site, produces media guides for teams, and works with the media to cover the sports. She says, "It's a cool job, but I'm keeping my options open."

In grad school news, Christina Latty is working on a master's in social work at the University of Georgia and will graduate in May of this year. In September, she's planning to move to Madrid, Spain (inspired by her time in Seville with Saint Mary's) to teach English to elementary school children and, eventually, to work in a social work program there.

Sarah Mikrut is enjoying the sunshine in her first year of graduate school at Florida State University as a masters of fine arts candidate in

lighting design.

I was lucky to get to visit Megan **Osberger**, who is spending the year in Lille, France, teaching English. Meghan Honerlaw, Meghan's mom, and Meaghan Arzberger all joined me in a trip with Megan back to Dijon, where we studied in the spring of 2005. They say you can't keep Saint Mary's College women away from their places of study, and I'm sure there are more than just us who found ourselves (or will soon find ourselves) back in a culture we lived in during college days!

In other news, please keep Colleen **Brannagan** and her family in mind as Colleen's dad passed away suddenly on June 15, 2007.

This is a small update for the class since graduation, but we definitely are beginning to make our mark in the world! If you have your own or friends' stories to share, feel free to e-mail me at smcbelles2007b@gmail.com or Lisa Gallagher at Igalla01@gmail. com. Many of the e-mails I have listed were not current. Also, keep in touch by posting on our Facebook group created by Sarah Miesle!

# Save the Date!

President Carol Ann Mooney '72 and College Trustee Paula Dawning '71, event chair, invite African American alumnae back to campus for the inaugural *African American Alumnae Homecoming*.

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