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People Make the Difference

This issue focuses on the modern residential college experience. In what has been dubbed a digital age, when college students can take classes online and information can be delivered at nearly the speed of light, the benefits of a residential experience merit a second look. As my staff and I began planning the stories we wanted to tell, we had to ask ourselves in what ways students benefit by moving away from home to live with roommates they've never met, by walking to an actual classroom everyday taught by an in-the-flesh professor, or by getting involved with philanthropic efforts when they could just make a donation online?

The answers emerged gradually as we interviewed people. Even more revealing than what they told us about projects and ideas near and dear to them, was the way they told us.

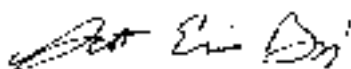
For one story, I went to speak with Professor Phyllis Kaminski, chair of the Religious Studies Department, about iconography. I asked her what happens when you begin combining sacred symbols from different cultures. "Ah!" she said and picked up a book that was lying open on her desk, *Lift Every Voice: Constructing Christian Theologies from the Underside*, flipped to find the right page, and handed it to me, as if she had just been pondering that very question.

Afterward, I went to the library to look up a word in the *Oxford English Dictionary* when Librarian Bob Hohl came over to offer his assistance. When I told him what I was looking for, he too responded with, "Ah!" He picked up a Greek etymological dictionary and looked up the word in its language of origin. I always knew Bob's knowledge was encyclopedic, but I was still amazed to find out he is fluent in Greek. When I said so, he just smiled and shrugged.

Another feature took me to visit Carrie Call, director of the Office for Civic and Social Engagement, to ask her about the Twelve Days of Christmas program she coordinates and what the response has been from Saint Mary's community. "Oh!" she said. "They love it!" Call went on to recount that she began the program at the College because she wanted to replicate a program that she had seen blossom at a church she had pastored in New Jersey.

It didn't stop there. As we talked to people about the new technology in Spes Unica, the new academic building, they lit up. The same happened when we interviewed the faculty of the new communicative disorders major and the families that had been impacted by it.

Excitement was recurrent throughout and the benefits of a residential experience became apparent. Students at Saint Mary's move away from family and in with roommates who begin as strangers and end up as life-long friends. They walk to class everyday in an atmosphere intentionally designed to remind them of how their education is distinctive and what they are called to do with it. They are met along the way by staff members eager and able to help them. They are taught by professors who spend a lot of time pondering big questions and important ideas and who walk into their classrooms impassioned. They become active with philanthropic programs on campus and they get to see the results, the way their efforts have helped people. Every story in this issue illustrates how people interacting with each other—sharing ideas, implementing new teaching methods, connecting people who want to help with people who need it—can be revolutionary.



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Spes Unica

By Natalie Davis Miller

From the rafters to the routers, the newest building on Saint Mary's campus was built to help students stay plugged in and part of a community. The 68,000+-square-foot building houses 18 state-of-the-art classrooms, offices, laboratories, conference rooms, and a café. Faculty, students, and staff can access the outside world and each other through hardwired and wireless internet access.

High-tech doesn't have to translate to isolated and disengaged. Saint Mary's remains committed to the residential experience while it moves into the future with cutting edge technology. This commitment can be seen in the way technology campus-wide is put to use to bringing people together.

In Spes Unica Hall, basic technology in every classroom is the common denominator, according to Janice Thomasson, chief information officer in the information technology department.

Plugged In and

For example, all classrooms have access to computers with internet connection, DVD players, and what Thomasson says is a "hot" item that faculty have embraced—document cameras. Very much like an opaque projector, a professor can lay an object on it and the object will be projected onto a screen.

Two laboratories, or high-tech classrooms, come equipped with a central touch panel, similar to a universal remote. "It turns on all of the equipment in one place without you having to go all over the room. That to me is probably the coolest," says Thomasson.

Mary Connolly, professor of mathematics and management information systems, speaks highly of how the laboratories are used in Spes Unica. Students work on a computer, and the professor has the ability to view their work from his or her computer, as well as share it with the rest of the class. "In our programs we focus on learning to work in a group, getting around a computer," says Connolly. She sees Spes Unica as a "showcase" and adds that the technology in Spes Unica is seamless. "A professor doesn't have to worry about how to use it—it's very user friendly."

Professor Connolly sees this kind of technology as having a real impact on students' educational experience as well as their future. "We graduate people into fabulous jobs," says Connolly.

Staying connected with the world is a priority met through the state-of-the-art videoconferencing equipment located in a meeting room in Spes Unica. The equipment is used in many ways, including staying connected to students participating in our study abroad programs.

The utility of high-tech, however, often depends on unplugged functionality. The furniture in Spes Unica received critical consideration. "We found out that configuring furniture is very important," says Thomasson. "A lot of it isn't even about the technology, it's more about having furniture where you can move it around and easily get a bunch of students together quickly with their laptops." Wireless internet access allows students to stay connected to the internet, as well as each other as they work on projects.

All of this new technology complements the existing technology at the College that professors use to bolster the residential experience. One such program is Blackboard, a learning management system, explains Dan Mandell, assistant instructor of instructional technology. Blackboard is a software

A student reviews class work in one of the comfortable chairs found on the second floor of Spes Unica Hall.

program that facilitates interaction between students and their professors. It encourages small group work, allows for interactive feedback online, and it helps professors to evaluate students' progress.

"It's set up so that students can work collaboratively in groups, which is a little more motivating than struggling alone," explains Mandell. "It facilitates collaboration—students can be in different locations, but working together on the same project."

For professors, Blackboard is a tool that supplements their courses online. Psychology major Michelle Couri '09 is required to use Blackboard for one of her classes. Even though she may be working from the comfort of her bedroom on her laptop, she's staying connected to her professor and other students. "When you have a Blackboard discussion, you go online and you are basically able to take everything you've learned from class—lecture, readings, homework,

Blackboard also allows students to follow their progress in the course, so that they know how they're doing and when it's time to come to me to look for extra help."

Kingcaid also uses other existing technology on campus, such as the language labs in Regina Hall. "In language teaching and learning, the ability to connect with the real world in real time has been revolutionary. Students have already lost their old sense that language is 'book learning,' and know from their own experiences online that the world's cultures all use different languages to communicate," explains Kingcaid. "So the internet has given language teaching an immediacy that was never possible before."

Kingcaid gives an example of learning expressions for weather in another language, and then being able to go online to find out more about that area. "We can get news, cultural pieces, and language practice exercises almost instantaneously. This is an enormous difference from the

old model of relying primarily on the textbook and needing significant money and time to gather and disseminate similar materials to enhance the audio-visual component of

the class," explains Kingcaid. Nursing and business students are also studying language in the Interlangua Lab located on the library mezzanine. The lab is equipped with computers with Web cams and headsets, allowing students to converse with native Spanish speaking tutors in Guatemala.

Whether learning to speak a new language, working through a complicated equation, or collaborating as part of a group, students at Saint Mary's reap the benefits of both cutting-edge educational technology and the personal attention that no technology can replace.

Part of a Community

all material involved—and it gives you a chance to collect information and take it in, then put it into your own words online with the group," explains Couri. "It enhances learning because you have time to reflect—more time than you would sitting in class."

Renee Kingcaid, chair of the Department of Modern Languages, uses Blackboard as both a learning and assessment tool. "I use Blackboard in all of my courses to post daily class activities and homework, provide guidelines for test preparation, and guide the students to online resources for the course," says Kingcaid. "Posting grades on

Students study in the spacious atrium in Spes Unica Hall.



Communicative disorders professor Susan Latham '91 works with Danny, a client of Saint Mary's Speech-Language-Hearing Services.



Ashley Moritz '09 designed a therapy program for Danny, whom she works with each week.

Latham '91 with communicative disorders majors Amanda Blackwell '09, Kendra Fallet '10, and Ashley Moritz '09.



going where we are

By Shannon E. Brewer '03

“Founded by the Sisters of the Holy Cross in 1844, Saint Mary’s promotes a life of intellectual vigor, aesthetic appreciation, religious sensibility, and social responsibility. All members of the College remain faithful to this mission and continually assess their response to the complex needs and challenges of the contemporary world.”

—Saint Mary’s College Mission Statement

Saint Mary’s continues to live by the tenet set by the College’s founders, the Sisters of the Holy Cross, to go where we are needed. This year, with this directive in mind, the College has established a new communicative disorders major. The major, which prepares students for careers in speech and language pathology, audiology, and other speech and hearing professions, has been a minor here since 1995. But according to Assistant Professor Susan Latham '91, coordinator of the communicative disorders program, two very important factors inspired her to broaden the program. “We needed a major program here,” she says, “because the students demanded it, and my profession needs it.” There is a growing need for speech and language pathologists throughout the country, and students with an interest in providing those kinds of services are responding to that need.

With the assistance of the College’s curriculum committee, Latham designed the major program, which became official this year. Now Saint Mary’s provides the only communicative disorders program in northern Indiana. The communicative disorders program is an intensive study of speech, language, and hearing disorders, mild to severe, in populations, infant to elderly. Research and study prepares students to work with the population they choose. They learn, for example, to guide stroke victims through recovery of their speech and language, diagnose and help treat children with speech delays, or work with infants in need of feeding therapy.

For students, the new major is a pathway to another career choice that they have readily embraced. According to Latham’s November 2008 count, there are currently 21 students planning to major in communicative disorders,



Latham '91 and Danny's mom, Kathy Ratkiewicz, watch Danny's therapy session from the observation room.



Ten-year-old Danny works on pronouncing words he'll use in everyday life, like "slushy," one of his favorite treats.

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along with 19 intended minors. Amanda Blackwell '09 is a double major in communicative disorders and education. She is preparing for graduate coursework and an eventual career as a speech and language pathologist (SLP). "I have a strong desire to work with children who have autism," she explains. "While growing up in Columbus, Ohio, I worked with a family who had quintuplets. One of the children is profoundly hard of hearing." Blackwell was fascinated by the job of the SLP who came to work with her young charge. "But it wasn't until I took Introduction to Communicative Disorders with Dr. Latham that I began to seriously contemplate making it my career." Blackwell is now the president of the Communicative Disorders Club, a student group on campus that promotes the profession and brings awareness to the populations the students serve.

Blackwell is already working with the children she's interested in helping after graduation. Perhaps the most profound and impactful parts of the program are the hands-on learning components. "Hands-on learning experiences really enhance learning in the classroom. I don't think we could do what we do on a daily basis without having had some direct interaction with clients," says Blackwell.

Throughout their courses, communicative disorders majors put theory into practice, applying their study and research of speech and language to real-life client situations. They also learn the ins and outs of the speech and hearing sciences and participate in supervised therapy through various internships, volunteer positions, and the Speech-Language-Hearing Services at Saint Mary's College program.

Blackwell and a fellow classmate Ashley Moritz '09, a

double major in communicative disorders and psychology, have been profoundly affected by their work with clients through Speech-Language-Hearing Services. Moritz works with one client, 10-year-old Danny, one day a week as part of a clinical practicum class. Danny has difficulty producing certain sounds and Moritz has designed a therapy program for him, which they work on together during his visits. After five weeks of preparation in the clinical practicum class, Moritz researched Danny's background and spoke with his mother to learn more about his needs. "With all of this information, I came up with some long-term objectives to design the therapy sessions around," she says. But, as with most clients, Moritz finds herself constantly adapting her original plan to accommodate Danny's needs. "As we progress, I am constantly evaluating his performance on the speech and language activities we do. As his communication skills develop, I am modifying the objectives we focus on in therapy to meet his needs."

Therapy takes place in Spes Unica Hall, Saint Mary's new academic building. In the Department of Psychology and Communicative Disorders, there is a lab filled with toys and books, all colorful tools that engage children during sessions. The therapy that takes place here and the bonds students form with their clients are at the heart of the communicative disorders program. "I think that working with Danny has been great," says Moritz. "I feel much more prepared for the career path I have chosen to pursue. Through internships and work experience with children, I have learned to follow each child's lead and to learn what motivates each one of them."

THE Crosses OF Spes Unica



Tau Cross



Triparted Cross



Sun Cross



Chinese Cross



Latin Cross



Tullylease Cross

By Scot Erin Briggs

This is a story of symbols.

Once the new academic building, the longtime dream of more than 600 donors, stood gleaming in the fall light, it needed a name. We needed a symbol, a concise way to refer to this new campus destination, but the name should also reflect both the tradition that is its foundation and the future that it represents. It was, in short, a tall order.

Once suggested, however, the designation was accepted unanimously. It would be called Spes Unica Hall, borrowed from the motto of the Congregations of the Holy Cross and the College: "Ave Crux, Spes Unica," which translates from Latin to "Hail O Cross, our only hope."

At this point in the story, serendipity steps in. Sister Agnes Anne Roberts, CSC, who is Saint Mary's director of facilities planning, happened upon the artwork of PennyLea Mackie while visiting Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise, Idaho, a hospital founded by the Sisters of the Holy Cross. The art she saw was a series of crosses commissioned for the hospital. Sister Agnes Anne returned to Saint Mary's inspired.

A series of paintings was commissioned for Spes Unica. Again, the sine qua non was that the art should represent both the tradition and the future of Saint Mary's. The result was a blending of symbols: the cross as it has been depicted within different cultures. The paintings include Indian, Chinese, and Native American representations, among others. The paintings are bordered with complementary symbols from each culture. The finished art now hangs outside Spes Unica classrooms.

Symbols have an interesting history. The word "symbol" comes from the ancient Greek practice of breaking an object into pieces so that the owners of those pieces could prove their identity at a future date by showing that the pieces fit together. Think of those "best friend" pendants, shaped like a heart (or the symbol for a heart, more properly), where each friend wears half.

This idea of a symbol as a piece of whole, lends depth to the idea that the meaning of symbols can change and that they can be combined to create a new meaning.

"It's a wonderful playground for me to immerse myself in, these symbols," says the artist, PennyLea Mackie, who calls herself "a lover of God." For Mackie, the cross represents "that point where the seen and the unseen meet." The borders "bring it into the material world, onto a more material plane without subtracting from that transcendence. The borders let you feel comfortable enough with the image to immerse yourself in what it symbolizes."

"The cross is an ambiguous symbol," says Professor Phyllis Kaminski, chair of the Religious Studies Department. "A symbol of death," she says, noting that in the time that Jesus lived, execution by crucifixion was common, "becomes a symbol of salvation."

Sister Rose Anne Schultz, vice president for mission, says this symbol of salvation leads students back to the College's mission. "As you pass the cross, you remember that you are loved, that Jesus loves you very much. It's a sign of that love. Anytime you know you're loved, there's an invitation to express that love yourself. How are you willing to give of yourself?"

"These crosses become a symbol of our catholicity with a small 'c' as well as our Catholicism. So it becomes a kind of outreach," says Professor Kaminski. "We are using a traditional symbol to point us in a future direction."

TAU CROSS The Tau Cross is an ancient symbol named after the Greek letter it resembles. Saint Francis of Assisi often told his brother friars that their religious habit was in the same shape as the Tau cross. He exhorted them to go out into the world, wearing this cross like an incarnation of Christ. St. Francis used the Tau Cross as his signature, and it continues to be cherished by Franciscans worldwide.

TRIPARTED CROSS The Triparted Cross represents the Trinity. It is comprised of three vertical and three horizontal arms, all of equal length and arranged in such a way that their intersections resemble basket weaving, each piece integrated with the others in a woven center. The resulting twelve arm ends can also correspond to the twelve Apostles.

SUN CROSS The Sun Cross is one of the oldest and most widespread of spiritual symbols, appearing in Asian, American, European, and Indian religious art. Composed of an equal armed cross within a circle, the four divisions within the circle represent the four seasons, marked by the solstices. In Christian iconography, it most closely resembles the monstrance with the Eucharist displayed in the center.

CHINESE CROSS ON LOTUS FLOWER The mounting of the cross on the lotus flower is a common iconographic motif to be seen on Indian and Chinese artifacts dating from the fourth century. This is evidence of an early Christian presence on both continents. In Buddhist symbolism the lotus flower represents purity and beauty. Ancient Vedic teachers considered the world to be a giant lotus with India, Iran, Central Asia and China seen as its four petals with the Himalayas as its center. The cross at its center symbolizes the rule of Christ over the entire world.

LATIN CROSS The cross on which Jesus died became a later symbol of the Christian faith, replacing the lamb, fish, alpha/omega, and phoenix as emblems. The Latin Cross has become associated with Roman Catholicism and is often shown in different shapes and sizes, in many different styles. When the cross has a figure of our Lord painted or sculpted on it, it is called a crucifix.

TULLYLEASE CROSS Many freestanding upright crosses, depicting a labyrinth of various patterns, were erected by Irish monks in Celtic regions of Ireland. The Tullylease Cross is an 8th century artifact found in the ruins of the monastery founded by St. Berichter in County Cork. The cross consists of a labyrinth of key patterns. The labyrinth is an ancient symbol found around the world. In the Christian sense, it represents the journey of life, or pilgrimage, toward God.

ST. CUTHBERT'S CROSS St. Cuthbert, originally a Celtic Christian, was a medieval Anglo-Saxon monk and Bishop of Lindisfarne in the Kingdom of Northumbria. He is called "Wonder-worker of England" due to numerous and extraordinary miracles celebrated in his name. St. Cuthbert's Cross is a replica of the cross with which he was buried. The cross is seen mainly on heraldic regalia and similar ceremonial dress. It has four equal-length arms to fit the shape of shields in coats-of-arms.

ST. BRIGHID'S CROSS The St. Brigid's Cross is a very delicate looking cross usually made from plaited straw. According to legend, the Irish St. Brigid was comforting a dying pagan chieftain and picked up some rushes from the floor to weave into a simple cross as she told him the story of Jesus' death and resurrection. After hearing the story, the man asked for forgiveness of his sins, converted to Christianity, and then died.

EASTERN ORTHODOX CROSS The Eastern Orthodox Cross is made up of three bars crossing a vertical pole. The top bar represents the plaque bearing Pontius Pilate's inscription. The lower slanting beam represents the footrest, since the Eastern Church believed that Christ was crucified with his feet side by side, and not placed one on top of the other. Its angled position suggests the Cross of St. Andrew, the apostle who introduced Christianity into Russia.

PATONCE CROSS The Patonce Cross is any form of cross which has expanded ends with each arm terminating in floriated points like the Fleur-de-lis Cross. In heraldry, the three petals represent faith, wisdom and chivalry. The four arms spread these to the four corners of the world. As a Christian Cross, the three petals represent the Trinity and the total twelve petals represent the Apostles.

TITULUS CROSS When crucifixions were commonplace it was customary to place a board at the top of the cross listing the crimes of the crucified person. The board on which the proclamation was written was called titulus cruce. If a Christian cross has an inscription, it is most often INRI, since this represents the wording on Christ's cross.

NATIVE AMERICAN CROSS This cross image dates back to the late 19th century, southwestern United States territories. The chevrons and the arrows pay homage to the four cardinal directions while pointing to the center position of the heart. Many followers of Native American spirituality do not regard their spiritual beliefs and practices as a "religion" in the way in which many Christians do. Their beliefs and practices form an integral and seamless part of their very being.



St. Cuthbert's Cross



St. Brigid's Cross



Eastern Orthodox Cross



Patonce Cross



Titulus Cross



Native American Cross

THOUGHTS THAT COUNT:

Twelve Days of



Members of the Saint Mary's community—students and student-athletes, faculty and staff, religious and laity—come together to contribute to the Twelve Days of Christmas program. The "Jingle Belles Rock" shirts many are wearing were sold as one of many fundraising projects this year.

By Scot Erin Briggs

"How much do we really know about poverty and the people who live in poverty?" This is the question that Carolyn Call hopes the Twelve Days of Christmas program raises and begins to address. In its fourth year at Saint Mary's, the program was established by Call, director of the Office for Civic and Social Engagement (OCSE), and has been met with enthusiasm from students, faculty, and staff. "They love it," says Call. "The students here have the biggest hearts of anywhere I've ever been, and faculty and staff are unbelievably generous."

Reaching out to organizations such as the Salvation Army, Saint Mary's Title 1 partner schools, Mental Health America, Grandparents as Parents, and REAL Services, OCSE first identifies people in need. Then the Saint Mary's community

comes together to try to meet their need. This year, fourteen families and more than 25 individuals in need in St. Joseph County received food, clothing, and gifts as a result of the program.

The program includes 12 days of events, a blend of both exuberant celebrations and solemn reflection, designed to both celebrate the season and raise awareness in the spirit of the season. This year, members of the Saint Mary's community sold their art, their crafts, and t-shirts, all to raise money for the program. They also made gingerbread houses, sent candygrams, and decorated cookies and ornaments, and made Christmas cards for children at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center. They gave blood. They learned about other cultures at Multicultural Desserts night hosted by

Christmas

Multicultural Services and Student Programs, learned about the traditions and history of Kwanzaa, and participated in the Latin American tradition of Las Posadas. Advent Vespers and a bilingual Mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe were also held as part of the week's celebration.

Carla Killelea, Principal at Warren Primary Center, a Title I partner school, says the benefits of this program are both tangible and intangible. "Saint Mary's College in partnership with Warren Primary Center is making a difference in a single mom's life with three boys—one is autistic—and making sure their living conditions are appropriate, such as having a furnace that works for the winter. Christmas is the most celebrated Christian holiday and together we can stamp out apathy for the less fortunate, provide hope for those who've lost it, and work together to make this world a better place for all."

Principal Killelea emphasizes that the real gift of a program such as 12 Days of Christmas "is not temporary wealth but hope. Hope is the foundation of belief in one's self because others believe. Hope is the glimmer of faith that sustains us all in our most difficult moments."

One of the powerful effects of this program, both for the giver and the receiver, is the way it can impact their thinking.

"We want to invite people to ask why," says Regina Wilson, assistant director of Campus Ministry. "Why are there women and children living like this? And what's the next step for me? Could I advocate for a living wage? Join Bread for the World?" Campus Ministry is leading awareness-raising efforts with fliers about poverty and its causes. Their fliers include thought-provoking statistics about poverty, such as the fact that children make up 39% of the total poor, that women account for 58% of the low-wage workforce, and that 28 million people between the ages of 18 and 64 earn less than \$9.04 an hour.

"Saint Mary's is a place that wants to educate women ... we talk about changing the world," says Wilson. "If transformation is change, then root systems must change, structural mechanisms and systems that keep people in places of oppression and poverty."

At the same time that students are reflecting on these weighty questions, they also have a lot of fun with the fundraising according to Maura Clougherty '09, president of Residence Hall Association. This year, Clougherty is coordinating the Penny Wars. "Milk jugs sit at the front desk of the residence halls," Clougherty explains. "Pennies are counted positively while silver coins count negatively." So, if a student wants her hall to win and sees that another hall is leading, she can take points away by contributing to the other hall's collection. It all adds up to friendly competition according to Clougherty. "It's a really great idea. It's easy to get involved. You're doing your part even if you can't drive off campus and buy a toy for a child."

Saint Mary's students also hosted a dinner on December 8, feast day of the Immaculate Conception, and invited residents from the Center for the Homeless as their guests.



Office for Civic and Social Engagement organizers of the Twelve Days of Christmas project.

Row 1 (standing, left to right): Assistant Director of OCSE Olivia Barzydlo Critchlow and Director of OCSE Carrie Call
Row 2: Alicia Wilkins, Joellyn Frain, and Anabel Castaneda
Row 3: Lizzy Pugh and Beth Caldwell
Row 4: Caitlin Cummins and Jen Kornel
Row 5: Jayde Kennedy and Emily Tarnacki
Row 6: Alma Bravo

Theresa Klinkhammer '09 organized the dinner. "It is important that, while celebrating Our Lady and Saint Mary's College, we keep in mind those of the community who have not experienced the love and beauty which are a part of our daily lives," says Klinkhammer.

Klinkhammer sees the dinner as having ties to both the past and the future. "I was researching the feast day in the archives in the library and found that there used to be a group on campus called the Sodality of the Virgin Mary," says Klinkhammer. "This group, one of the most popular groups on campus, had a Mass of celebration ... near the feast of the Immaculate Conception. The sodality would have the Mass, followed by a wonderful dinner where one of the sisters or a priest would give a short talk on the Mother of God." For Klinkhammer, holding the dinner on the feast day of the Immaculate Conception is "in some part a remembrance of former times, but also a hope for the future of Saint Mary's College."

Events such as the dinner, offer the best of what this program can teach us according to Call. "I hope that it teaches compassion," says Call. "One of the things we focus on in Catholic social teaching is solidarity: standing with people in their need."

Part of a Community ...Even After You Leave

By Shannon E. Brewer '03

Kim Holly Maher '05 and Ashley Thornburg '05 share a passion for Saint Mary's that has compelled them to stay involved in College life long past their graduation. The two friends and former roommates are now successful career women. They live in different cities and have lives apart from each other. But they make time to reconnect as leaders of the Class of 2005, and participants in their class's gift campaigns. "At Saint Mary's I learned that there is no limit on the ways you can share yourself with the people around you," asserts Maher. These young alumnae make it a priority to give back to the College, which, in their opinion, has given so much to them—challenging academics, lifelong friendships, and preparation for successful careers. It was these experiences that prompted the two friends to donate their time and treasure to the College at an early point in their education.

Maher's and Thornburg's joint participation in Annual Fund efforts began in their sophomore year. The roommates participated in the sophomore Quarters Campaign, encouraging their classmates to participate as well. The Quarters Campaign, now called the Class Gift Campaign, is a way for students to begin raising funds toward their Senior Gift Campaign. During Maher's and Thornburg's tenure, they asked their classmates to give a quarter for each year they had been on campus. The twosome joined forces again for the junior class Quarters Campaign, and then during their senior year Maher and Thornburg decided to co-chair the Class of 2005 Senior Gift Campaign. Both women say the decision was an easy one to make. "Kim and I were roommates for three years and because we were involved in the sophomore and junior class quarters campaign together, it just seemed natural that we would assume that leadership role at the end of junior year," explains Thornburg.

When asked why she decided to chair her class's Campaign, Maher responds with enthusiasm for the Saint Mary's experience and a desire to give back. "As a senior, I was in awe of the experience I had and felt a great deal of gratitude," she says. "By being a part of my class's Senior Gift Campaign, I was able to give back to Saint Mary's, and help my classmates see the value of reciprocating the support we had received over the past four years." Maher is now a third-grade teacher in Manhattan, Ill. She credits her success as a teacher to the example given her by the faculty of Saint





Ashley Thornburg and Kim Holly Maher.

Mary's nationally accredited education program. "In their own ways, each professor I came in contact with helped me to flourish as a student and future educator. I am the teacher and leader I am today because of their support and dedication to this profession." For Maher, supporting the College financially is her way of ensuring that future Saint Mary's students are equally challenged and inspired.

For Thornburg, a coordinator of amateurism certification for the NCAA Eligibility Center in Indianapolis, Ind., and volunteer cheerleading coach, the leadership skills she developed at Saint Mary's continue to motivate her participation. "Saint Mary's gave me the confidence to know that I could make a difference in the lives of others," says the sports enthusiast. During her senior year, Thornburg was not only the Class Gift Campaign co-chair, she was also the public relations commissioner for the Board of Governance (BOG), a member of the PR and Advertising Club, and a member of Lambda Pi Eta, the communications honor society. The communications studies graduate says she's grateful for those experiences and the people who shaped them. "I loved being challenged by my professors and classmates," she says. Two professors in the Department of Communications, Dance, and Theatre in particular, Professor Michael Kramer and Professor Ann Plamondon, encouraged Thornburg to develop the skills that interested her. "Dr. Kramer did a lot in giving me the flexibility and encouragement in class to take on athletic-type projects

as they related to class. Dr. Plamondon helped me get an internship at the sports information office at Notre Dame," says Thornburg. Now she also holds a master's degree in sport administration from Indiana University.

Both Thornburg and Maher want to ensure that the Saint Mary's tradition of educating women lives on, and hope their participation in efforts like the Class of 2005 Gift Campaign will inspire fellow alumnae to give something back. "Saint Mary's is a place that produces some of the best women in the world and so many alumnae want to preserve that," says Thornburg.

John Fotopoulos, associate professor of Religious Studies, attended the Pauline Symposium of the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople for the 2008 Year of St. Paul, October 11–17. This international academic conference on St. Paul was held in various cities of historical significance in Turkey and Greece. The Orthodox Christian Church sponsored the event. Fotopoulos is the only Orthodox Pauline scholar from the United States invited to attend. Fotopoulos is one of the few Pauline scholars in the world to have been invited to the academic conferences of both the Orthodox Christian Church and the Roman Catholic Church celebrating the Jubilee Year of St. Paul. Fotopoulos recently traveled to Rome for the Colloquium Paulinum, a small academic conference of international Pauline scholars that met under the auspices of the Roman Catholic Church.

Vicente Berdayes, professor and chair of the Department of Communication Studies, Dance and Theatre, published an article titled “Official Statistics as Curriculum: Biopolitics and the United States Census in Schools Program in The Review of Education, Pedagogy & Cultural Studies,” 30(2), 85–114. This article discusses a government program that introduces school children to census concepts and practices.

Jeffrey Jacob, professor of music, performed a solo piano recital as part of the Guest Artist Series at Rice University’s Shepherd School of Music. He also gave a lecture-recital for graduate students on contemporary American piano music. He also performed a solo recital at Texas Lutheran University.



Fotopoulos



Berdayes



Jacob

Frances Kominkiewicz, associate professor of social work, authored a chapter in an internationally published book titled “Facilitating Young People’s Development: International perspectives on person-centered theory and practice.” Kominkiewicz’s chapter, “Freeing Children to Tell Their Stories: The utilization of person-centered and experiential psychotherapy in child welfare investigations,” appears under “New therapeutic methods.”

Jerome L. McElroy, professor of economics, 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. 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).

While on sabbatical, **Thomas R. Platt**, chair of the Department of Biology, presented a seminar titled “Deer, lungworms, the Canadian Rockies and...Malaysia?” He made

his presentation to approximately 100–125 students and the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine at University Putra Malaysia, Kajang, Malaysia, on March 3. At the 69th Annual Meeting of the Association of Southeastern Biologists, April 16–19, 2008, Platt and D.A. Zelmer presented “Structure and similarity of Helminth communities of six species of Australian turtles.” Additionally, Platt and J. Sharma presented “Symbiotic association of a monhysterid nematode in the perianal folds of stinkpot turtles” at the fifth International Congress of Nematology, July 13–18, 2008 in Brisbane, Australia. Platt’s exhibition of drawings “Taxonomy” was on display in the Sister Rosaire Gallery in the Moreau Center for the Arts from August 29, 2008, to September 26, 2008.



Kominkiewicz



Platt



Russ

Terri L. Russ, assistant professor of communication studies talked to hundreds of college-age women from two other higher education institutions for her new book *Bitchin’ Bodies*, which was released September 25. As a communication instructor, Russ’ book is largely made up of recorded dialogue of young women talking about their bodies. The book’s title is a double entendre. In popular culture, the ideal body is often referred to with the adjective *bitchin’*. As a verb, *bitchin’* means complaining. Russ believes that by listening to women talk about their quest to have an ideal body, we can better understand how body dissatisfaction impacts all women.

Susan Vance, professor in the Department of Business Administration and Economics, attended a Roundtable Discussion on Financial Education in the Hispanic Community in Washington, DC, on June 10, 2008. The discussion was sponsored by The Financial Literacy and Education Commission, which is part of the U.S. Treasury. The keynote speaker was Treasurer of the U.S. Anna Escobedo Cabral.

Bonnie Bazata, associate director of the Center for Women’s Intercultural Leadership (CWIL), and **Joy Evans**, assistant director for scholarship and research at CWIL, along with students Adriana Lopez ’08, Sarita Fritzler ’08, and Razia Stanikzia ’08, 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 CWIL. CWIL 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. The publication provides campus practitioners with information about successful diversity initiatives around the country as they design their own diversity programs, civic engagement initiatives, and global learning opportunities to prepare students for today’s complex world.

60th Reunion Record-Breaking



Left to right, top row:

Kathleen McCaffery Ward, Martha Finke Faulhaber, Rita Hanley Hupp, Sally Fox Shannon, Katherine McNamara Monaghan

Left to right, middle row:

Marguerite Chenal Jans, Lila Chenal Milford, Carolyn Powers Powell, Rosemary Kisgen Mullahey, Ruth Ollinger Harwood, Harriet Enneking Moser

Left to right, bottom row:

Jeanne Remlinger Clark, Dorothy Wick Cornwall, Alice Simons Chermak, Regina Milligan Sweeny, Rosemary Gauer Costa

Not pictured: Mary Lou Quinlan Loughlin and Betty Terstegge Dougherty.

When it comes to staying connected, the class of 1948 wrote the book on it.

These octogenarians have stayed in touch with each other and the College over the last sixty years since they graduated from Saint Mary's. Eighteen classmates returned for Reunion 2008, and much of the credit for such a large number of participants is due to active classmates Carrie Powers Powell and Harriet Enneking Moser. They worked with the Alumnae Relations Office to include a special note to the '48ers in the reunion invitations, and then they followed up by phone, e-mail, and postcards to a number of their classmates.

"Many of the people who have been faithful in the past were unable to attend because of family concerns, and then some showed up who hadn't been there in 60 years!" says Moser. Two classmates, Rosemary Kisgen Mullahey and Mary Lou Quinlan Loughlin came from as far away as California. "It's always wonderful seeing classmates, those I see fairly often, and those who I see rarely," says Moser. "On a couple of occasions I recollect, connecting with a classmate whom I hadn't known well in school, and wish I had. That was particularly nice."

Carrie Powers Powell says returning to campus is "joyful as always" and has attended most of the reunions since she graduated. Of the last reunion she says, "It was especially good to see those who had to make a maximum physical effort to be present."

Both Moser and Powell note the physical changes of the campus, with the addition of new buildings such as Spes Unica Hall. "Every time I return to Saint Mary's it seems that another building has been erected, and they always seem to be building new dining halls," says Moser. "What is called the 'old' dining hall was to us a new one. As for my classmates, well, new wrinkles do have a way of appearing each year—including mine."

Powell and Moser stay connected with each other as well as other classmates via phone, letters, e-mails, and Christmas cards. The two also have a passion for traveling, and have traveled together, including two trips to Europe. Moser, who describes herself as an "obsessive-compulsive traveler," says the broadness of the subject matter she studied while at Saint Mary's helped her to enjoy the good things in life. "My liberal arts background provided the basis for a greater enjoyment." When she's not globetrotting, she's a zoo volunteer educator.

Powell reflects on her Saint Mary's education, and remembers a class that both she and Moser shared, Survey of Fine Arts 101, taught by Sister Marie Rosaire. "Our trip to Tuscany with the Saint Mary's alumnae and families in 2006 was probably the culmination of our fine arts education, because we saw so many Renaissance art treasures together!"

Whether they're on the road, across "the pond," or making a return trip down the Avenue, these two will surely stay connected to each other, and to the college they love. "Saint Mary's is my college and I have always proudly announced it as my alma mater," says Moser. "I am extremely impressed with its progress—actually somewhat overwhelmed."

Alumnae Memorial Scholarship Honor Roll

November 16, 2007 – November 4, 2008

In Memory Of

Stephen Amer

Adaline Stefanac Cashore '70

George S. Brengel

Mary Ryan Buddig '81
Ann Kiefer Casey '83
Chicago Advisory Council
Gretchen Ann Flicker '93
Amy Cunningham Goodwine '91
Dona Duncan Hotopp '63
Veronica Henry Kessenich '70
Ann Korb '54
Jo Ann G. MacKenzie '69
Barbara Jacobs Mueller '74
Francine White Quigley '86
Jean Ricchiute
Marne Roark Roche '68
Margaret Sullivan Slankas '68
Jennifer Mooney Stevens '74
Kathleen Huisking Sullivan '68
Barbara Wolfston Urrutia '74
Ann Meagher Vander Vennet '59
KrisAnne Josetta Wilson '01
Susan Zurcher

Agnes Lauck Darko '42

Wayne and Linda Adams
Robert and Mary Beth Braitman
James D. Kemper
Lewis and Terry Mumford

Dolores David

Mary Lou Ley Delaney '47

Vallary Dawning

Deborah Johnson Schwiebert '74

Kathryn A. Faccenda

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Jane Ragen Fahrner '50

Helen Kennedy Ryan '50

Etta Failla

Patricia Podesta Crumley '65

Karla Schultz Goodyear

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Walter Kavanaugh

Maureen O'Brien Doyle '67

Mary Lennon Kennedy '21

Helen Kennedy Ryan '50

Mary Agnes Majewski Kinnucan '54

Beverly Bierbusse Campbell '54
Jane Flynn Carroll '54
Lorraine Nigro Cervanyk '54
Rose Marie Murphy Foley '54
Ann Korb '54
Mary Ann Fellingner Ryan '49
Ann P. McCullough '54
Marlene Gaubinger McGinn '54
Jacquelyn Casey Morsch '53
Janell Wenzel O'Barski '54
Olga Nelson Connor
Joan A. Rossi '54
Margaret H. Schultz
Rena Bianucci Sereno '54
Judith Jones Sullivan '54
Jean Zimmerer Thomas '54
Rosemary Winters

Helen Ridgely Lauerma '41

Helen Lauerma Thoesen

Nancy Stoll Lyman '82

Virginia Lynch Collins '62
Francine White Quigley '86

Grace Sullivan McGuire

Adaline Stefanac Cashore '70
Dagny Lenon Diamond '49
Ann Korb '54
Georgina Voll '48

Mary Lou McGill

Karen Zagrocki McDonald '76

Charlotte Hanley Morrill '44

Genevieve Clare Morrill '98

Barbara A. Mudd '54

Lorraine Nigro Cervanyk '54

Sister M. Alma Peter, CSC

Ann Korb '54
Kathryn Houser Sanford '42
Deborah Johnson Schwiebert '74

Dorothy Abel Purcell '44

Joseph P. Campolo
David and Wendy Shapiro
Jacqueline Mullins Stent '87

Evelyn Reed

Barbara Borchers Bernath '66

Patricia A. Manfroni Russ '79

Julia Schneeman Gough '79

Erin White Schaefer '54

Judith Jones Sullivan '54

Maxine Trompeter Waltman '40

Michael and Margaret Smith

In Honor Of

Pamela Carey Batz '70

Adaline Stefanac Cashore '70

Jennifer Veselik Bourjaily '88 and

Ann Bourjaily-Maney '82

Rita Conley Bourjaily '56

Reverend Drew Wood

Susan Greco Chambers '77

Liesl Yost '05

Camille Sullivan Yost '66

The Alumnae Memorial Scholarship

Established in 1994 by past and current members of the Alumnae Association Board of Directors, this endowed scholarship fund enables donors to commemorate a cherished relationship or special occasion with a lasting gift to the College. Scholarship recipients are selected by the College in accordance with financial aid guidelines. Preference is given to relatives of alumnae.

2008–2009 Recipients

Kristin Hingstrum '09

daughter of Shawn Foley Hingstrum '72

Erin Valencia '11

daughter of Colleen Cannon-Valencia '81

Maura Sommers '11

sister of Erin Sommers '07

Elizabeth Wade '11

daughter of Jennifer Janecke Wade '82

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African American Alumnae Homecoming

Shaping a Better Future

"This weekend is as much about the future as the past," commented President Carol Ann Mooney '72 in her welcome at the opening of the African American Alumnae Homecoming. The weekend gave current students, alumnae, and administrators the opportunity to talk openly and honestly about past experiences as well as plan for the future. The event also addressed one of the goals of the President's strategic plan to diversify Saint Mary's campus.

Participants included Juanita Boozer Bay '52, the first known African American graduate of the College, and Paula Dawning '71, a member of the College's Board of Trustees, and members of the student club Sisters of Nefertiti. At the opening reception, the alumnae were presented with red roses from members of the student club, further illustrating the importance of the student-alumnae connection.

Alumna Karen Love '83 expressed feelings about the weekend in a letter summarizing the experience. In closing out her letter she stated, "For whatever may or may not come of it, my experience on this weekend, at Saint Mary's, was one of kindness and caring, and it came from a humble place in the heart of the College. We are needed. What is most striking about the group of administrators with whom we met is their sincerity and commitment to constructive engagement and change."

Love concluded, "This is an amazing time for our country and our world, and much healing can take place, even in small places."



African American alumnae pose with members of the student club Sisters of Nefertiti.



Mary Lou Mullin, director of major gifts, Board of Trustee member Paula Downing '71, and Elaine Meyer-Lee, director of the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership, share a laugh at the opening reception of the African American Alumnae Homecoming.



Kristle Hodges '10 presents a rose to alumna Nancy Harris Funches '66.

Panel Discusses Interpretations of Constitution

Assistant Professor Michael Kramer teaches the importance of the Constitution to his students and the campus community. For the past four years the College has hosted a Constitution Day Panel for students, faculty, and staff. Kramer has organized the past two. The 2008 panel took place in September. It featured Amy Cavender, assistant professor of political science, Peter Gehred ND '01, case manager at United States House of Representatives, and attorney Brooks Grainger, husband of Elizabeth Dobrzykowski Grainger '92. The three spoke about their interpretations of the Constitution and its application in their professions.

The Panel is an event that echoes the topics Kramer explores with his students. A communications professor, he teaches courses on persuasion, political communication, public address, and rhetorical criticism. "From a communication standpoint, First Amendment freedoms are absolutely critical to an inclusive and vibrant society," he explains. "Freedom of speech, press, assembly, and petition all have profound implications on our communication practices. Also, other constitutional issues such as separation of powers, due process, and equal protection are at the heart of much of our public dialogue and debate. Students need to know about these issues to understand much of what is going on today."



Constitution Day Panel members (left to right): Brooks Grainger, Asst. Professor Amy Cavender, Asst. Professor Michael Kramer, and Peter Gehred (ND '01).

Kramer hopes students went away from the panel with a wealth of perspectives on the Constitution and its application. They should understand, he says, that politicians, lawyers, scholars, and citizens all interpret the Constitution and its meaning in a variety of ways.

Outstanding Accounting Alumnae Award Recipients



Kate Murray Harper '89 and Katie Scott Kummer '89.

This past October Kate Murray Harper '89 and Katie Scott Kummer '89 returned to campus to receive the Outstanding Accounting Alumna Award. They also shared career advice and anecdotes with the College community. "I think that it's important for the students to see the success women can have after they've left Saint Mary's," says Harper. Harper is a partner in KPMG's Structure Finance Group and Kummer is

an audit partner with Ernst & Young, LLP, both in McLean, Va.

Harper received a bachelor in business administration. She says she appreciated the Writing (W) requirement, noting that today's employees often lack writing skills. "More and more, I'm encountering people who cannot write well thought-out sentences, convey ideas, prepare analysis, and write in an easy to understand, meaningful way. I don't think I appreciated back then what I think people should appreciate today, which is the value of the liberal arts education and being able to write well."

Kummer received a bachelor in business administration, with a minor in Italian. She spent a year studying in Rome and she says the experience brought to light that the world is a small place. "It helped me to appreciate that Italians have the same issues, concerns, and desires as those in the U.S."

Both Kummer and Harper look to retired professor Claude Renshaw as a mentor. "It's his dedication to his field that I appreciate. It has helped me realize the impact I have on people that work for me—and I make sure I show them a personal commitment and interest in them," says Kummer.

This points to what Harper says was the best part of being a student at Saint Mary's—the friendships. "You make lifelong friends and start relationships with the professors," says Harper. "The relationships here just can't be beat."

Poet Advises Students, “Don’t Be Afraid to Take Chances”



To write about a poet is to write about his words. But in the case of Richard Tillinghast, his physical presence makes an argument for talking about his aesthetic first. Reading in the Welsh Parlor in Haggar College Center, Tillinghast, a tall man, first stood behind the podium then moved to the side of it, comfortable without a microphone. Tillinghast wore gray tweed cuffed pants, a medium blue pinstripe shirt, a navy blue and cream polka dot tie, and a brown and tan jacket with patches on the elbows. The only other accoutrement needed was glasses. He delivered, wearing signature round, black-rimmed specs. Meeting him for the first time one would have to say, that man is a writer. And his words proved no less so.

The distinguished poet and writer has been visiting Saint Mary’s College since 1984. He returned October 15, reading from past work and his new books, *Finding Ireland*, and *The New Life*.

In between readings, Tillinghast imparted bits of truth, humor, and glimpses into his life. A scholar and former classmate of the poet Robert Lowell, Tillinghast told the story of visiting Lowell’s father’s grave. Lowell had written about his father’s tombstone in a poem, and Tillinghast discovered that what was written wasn’t factual.

“Gosh, if a poet will lie about his father’s tombstone, he’ll lie about anything,” recounted Tillinghast. But, he added, “Sometimes one needs to lie in order to tell the truth.”

On advice to writers he said, “Try to be someone on whom nothing is lost,” good counsel borrowed from writer Henry James. Tillinghast continued, “Notice everything. Don’t be afraid to feel intensely. Don’t be afraid to take chances, go out on a limb. Pretty soon the whole tree will be gone.”

The New Life

The new life
means deciding to leave,
shaving your head,
putting your things into two shopping bags
and getting on a bus.

excerpted from: *The New Life*,
poems by Richard Tillinghast,
Copper Beech Press 2008

Turning Trash into Treasure

Saint Mary’s Environmental Action Coalition opens the Free Store

You’ve heard the phrase. “One man’s trash is another man’s treasure.” According to Ashley Cook ’11, president of Saint Mary’s Environmental Action Coalition (SMEAC), the concept is one that can help change our planet for the better. “Many people throw away perfectly good items,” says the biology major. Cook and her fellow SMEAC members have opened up the Free Store in the basement of Le Mans Hall to “capitalize” on used goods supplied by the campus community.

The Free Store, which is open twice a week and manned by members of SMEAC, is a place where students, faculty, and staff can bring their old things and trade them for new things. Or they can simply make a donation or pick up something that suits their fancy. Cook says the whole initiative really emphasizes the *reuse* in *reduce, reuse, recycle*. “The idea is that the Free Store is a place for everyone to bring things they don’t want anymore, but that could be of interest to someone else,” says Cook. The store has a great collection of items, from shower caddies and ironing boards to shoes and CDs.

Students can scout out treasures at the Free Store in Le Mans Hall.



Alumnae Deaths

Eugenia Haggart Cassady '30, November 26, 2007.

Constance Scully Lockrem '35, May 17, 2008.

Frances Rolles Kenney '40, November 22, 2007.

Berenice Santucci Ventrella '40, January 25, 2008.

Florence Molyneaux Hargrave '43, mother of Susan Hargrave Bell '74 and grandmother of Dorian Wolff Ellsworth '97, July 28, 2008.

Sister M. Margery "Ruth" Mitternacht, CSC '44, September 16, 2008.

Dorothy Abel Purcell '44, mother of Alicia Purcell '74, Andrea Purcell Katz '82 and Adria Purcell Hall '85, sister of Kathleen Abel Curry McAndrews '46, Friday, October 3, 2008.

Helen James Lutz '46, December 31, 2007.

Joan Cooney Kearney-Childers '50, September 20, 2008.

Erin White Schaefer '54, August 26, 2008.

Sister Celeste M. Huszcza, DML '60, June 18, 2008.

Marjorie Ann Neuhoﬀ '61, cousin of Barbara Neuhoﬀ Schlachter '67, August 28, 2008.

Margaret "Peggy" Kabbes Norgren '78, sister of Martha Kabbes Hesse '75, August 4, 2008.

Patricia J. Raaf '81, daughter of Angela Courter Raaf '39, sister of Angela Raaf Widdel '72, Barbara Raaf Wolff '75, Maria Raaf Medlock '78 and Susan T. Raaf '82, niece of Marie Garofalo Raaf '42, cousin of Nan Raaf '69 and Monica Raaf Huso '73, September 16, 2008.

Theresa M. Biondo Flick '85, August 23, 2008.

Rebecca "Becky" Anne Dulin '90, niece of Mary Beth DiGann '74, September 28, 2008.

Family Deaths

Alfred P. Adornetto ND '54, father of Lisa J. Adornetto '80 and Caroline Adornetto Caudill '84, August 26, 2008.

Rocco Ameduri, father of Gina M. Ameduri Loebach '81, September 6, 2008.

Ernest P. Barlock M.D., husband of Virginia Oppenheim Barlock '48, son-in-law of the late Anna Mathias Oppenheim ex '17, brother-in-law of

Marita Oppenheim Larkin '43, Sister Ramona Oppenheim '50, and Rose-Marie Oppenheim Dilenschneider '54, uncle of Susan Larkin Heintz '73 and Mary Dilenschneider Condon '87, May 20, 2008.

Paul T. Berndt, father of Carol Berndt Kruszewski '68 and Mary Berndt Lovett '70, October 1, 2008.

Rose Mary Corcoran, grandmother of Stephanie Artnak '04 and Shannon Artnak '05, July 31, 2008.

Charles W. DeGroote, father of Kimberly DeGroote Miller '88, August 21, 2008.

Timothy J. "Tim" Diener, brother of Michelle Diener Filicchia, '81, September 7, 2008.

Clayton "Brad" Doss Jr., husband of Patricia Ciocca Doss '70, February 7, 2008.

Peter Deibler Dunne, son of Mary Ellen Deibler Gleason '49, April 10, 2008.

William H. Dyer, husband of Dorothy Szweda Dyer '79, father of Denice Dyer Wasikowski '75 and grandfather of Heather Marie Wasikowski '06, May 3, 2008.

Jeannette Eyerly, mother of Jane Eyerly Kozuszek '58 and Susan Eyerly Pichler '61, August 18, 2008.

Arthur F. Field, III, father of Karen Field McDowell '78, and grandfather of Kristin T. Heath '07, August 2, 2008.

Raymond P. Harris Jr., brother of Jane Harris Conley '56 and Mary Harris Russell '65, August 10, 2008.

Louise Hart, mother of Carolyn Hart Irvine '66 and grandmother of Amy Irvine '93, July 13, 2008.

William V. Holik, husband of Mary Jo Brown Holik '49, July 28, 2008.

Edward D. Holtcamp, father of Linda Holtcamp McVoy '74 and grandfather of Molly McVoy '01 and Katie McVoy '03, September 23, 2008.

Paul Anthony Hudak, father of Anne Hudak Meyer '85 and Kathryn Hudak '91, May 13, 2008.

Rexie S. Jernigan, father of Amber Leigh Jernigan '03, August 9, 2008.

Edward M. Kalamasz, father of Karla Kalamasz Abbott Detwiler '78, December 29, 2007.

Robert E. Kasten, husband of Patricia McGuire Kasten '65, May 5, 2008.

Edward R. Kenefick, father of Kristin Kenefick '90, September 24, 2008.

Marion Klein, December 29, 2006, and Robert J. Klein, August 22, 2008, parents of Mary Jane Klein Kefalas '82.

Eugene "Gene" Knop Jr., husband of Karen Finkenbinder Knop '81, March 20, 2008.

Terry L. Lantry, husband of Judith Bloss Lantry '61, July 8, 2008.

Esther E. Lanchsweerd, grandmother of Keri Lanchsweerd Sackowski '01, August 1, 2008.

Carolyn Malburg, grandmother of Kristyn Fogle '08, August 20, 2008.

Maria Lucci, mother of Laura Ann Lucci '08, September 11, 2008.

Mary Ann Mclsaac, mother of Cathy Mclsaac Branigan '85, September 7, 2008.

Jeffrey O. McGeary, husband of Ann Rockenstein McGeary '65, June 19, 2008.

Frederick C. Shafer, husband of Rosemary Hardig Shafer '49, and uncle of Janet Shafer Sabo '84, August 2, 2008.

Richard A. Spiering, grandfather of Victoria Spiering '05, July 20, 2008.

John R. Tobin Jr., M.D., father of Mary Kay Tobin '73, July 29, 2008.

Camiel Robert "Bob" Van De Walle, father of Debra Van De Walle Skwarcan '77, October 9, 2008.

Edward L. Varga, father of Sharon Varga Hughes '67, September 21, 2008.

Donald C. Weiden, father of Mary Weiden Gruenes '83 and Amy Weiden Williams '86, August 4, 2008.

Hazel Ruth Yuhas, mother of Kathryn Yuhas Kwinn '70, June 9, 2008.

Marriages

Karen Bush Schneider '73 and David Havrilla, November 9, 2007.

Karen Young Smith '85 and Scott, December 31, 2007.

Bridget Farley La Bar '90 and Richard, September 13, 2008.

Maureen Abood Parish '90 and Mark, August 9, 2008.

Dorothy Gass Lower '92 and Brian, April 12, 2008.

Alison Spohn Kavulich '93 and Larry, August 2, 2008.

Lara Mattison Bauman '95 and Brent, April 18, 2008.

Mary Flynn Freeburg '96 and Chris, September 13, 2008.

Catherine Freiesleben Ramsey '97 and John, July 25, 2008.

Lisa Budzynski Ezell '98 and Stephen, August 2, 2008.

Beth Schafer Coyne '99 and Kevin, June 21, 2008.

Tina Alley DiSanto '99 and Michael, October 6, 2007.

Robyn Chmielewski Albert '00 and Mike, August 2, 2008.

Kathleen Giel Alessi '01 and Thomas ND '03, August 2, 2008.

Autumn Palacz Andronis '01 and Peter, October 20, 2007.

Christine Diana Crissman '01 and Eric, May 17, 2008.

Nina Riconosciuto Eilers '01 and Tom, August 23, 2008.

Amanda Shock Johnson '01 and Matthew ND '01, April 19, 2008.

Gina Case Kasper '01 and Robert, March 29, 2008.

Carolyn Kelley '01 and Jorge Aguilera, July 25, 2008.

Mary Wisniewski Serrahn '01 and Sean, September 15, 2007.

Jennifer Turner Stachler '01 and Adam, September 24, 2005.

Katie Quinn Veeneman '01 and Joe, August 9, 2008.

Jennifer Wyatt Bennett '02 and Matthew, May 24, 2008.

Katharine Miller Quinn '02 and Sean, September 29, 2007.

Kari Larkin Espel '03 and Patrick, October 4, 2008.

Lisa Hudes Frey '03 and Eric, June 21, 2008.

Kelly Long Jackson '03 and Chris, July 19, 2008.

Janelle Koop Keller '03 and Joseph, July 5, 2008.

Stephanie Janiczek Nora '03 and George, June 21, 2008.

Kathryn Moorman Rahrig '03 and Chris, April 2008.

Allie Higgins Rittenour '03 and Michael, May 10, 2008.

Merideth Pierce Sullivan '03 and Jesse, August 2, 2008.

Mary Pendergast German '04 and Christopher ND '04, September 20, 2008.

Jennifer Urgonski Keck '04 and Christopher, October 18, 2008.

Elizabeth Gerard Mann '04 and Joshua, May 24, 2008.

Trish Kisor Melchert '04 and Frank, June 28, 2008.

Elizabeth Diehl Newcamp '04 and Jeffrey ND '04, August 16, 2008.

Kathleen Lebiecz Poteracki '04 and Adam, July 28, 2007.

Erin Krombach Groves '05 and Jonathan, February 16, 2008.

Sarah Harward Haywood '05 and Christopher, March 29, 2008.

Roselyn Boyle Heck '05 and Chris ND '05, July 26, 2008.

Births & Adoptions

Sherry Green Antonetti '88 and Marc ND '88: Paul Raphael Anthony, September 17, 2008.

Pattti Sullivan Weber '89 and John: Thomas "Tommy" Bernard, July 30, 2008.

Lisa Cellini Doyle '90 and Kevin ND '89: Luke Robert, September 2, 2007.

Jeanine Cook Lamb '91 and John: Gabriela Catherine, April 18, 2006.

Margaret Belin Temeles '91 and David: Luke, February 28, 2008.

Lisa Reading Folkers '92 and John: Cecilia, June 8, 2008.

Laura Neppi Considine '94 and Tim: William Anderson, May 27, 2008.

Ann Mercorella McAllister '94 and John: Liam Devine, June 20, 2008.

Andrea Cox Sullivan '94 and James: Conor William, August 2, 2008.

Tara Belden Bell '95 and David: Sophia Araminta, April 23, 2008.

Christine Singer Kasman '95 and John: John Singer "Jack" Kasman, August 12, 2008.

Nora Coletta McMerrell '95 and Mark: Mary Kathleen, September 8, 2008.

Sherry L. Doebrman Puglise '95 and Brian: Marissa Lynn, May 11, 2008.

Christina Wilschke Stoval '95 and Bill ND '95: Spencer Jameson, March 21, 2008.

Molly Brewer Velasco '96 and Robert ND '95: Adam Nicholas, August 20, 2008.

Brigid Keyes Fitzgerald '97 and John: Anne Maureen, December 10, 2007.

April Sass Johnson '97 and Jay: Andrew Thomas, July 16, 2008.

Anne Poore Keith '97 and Corey: Parker Francis, October 6, 2008.

Janet Kelley '97 and Albert-Laszlo Barabasi, Izabella Kelley Barabasi, February 8, 2008.

Marian Kelly Mangoubi '97 and Dave: Abigail Kelly, August 21, 2008.

Katie Boyle Walicki '97 and Rich: Sean Michael, April 14, 2008.

Kristi Dawson Flaherty '98 and Brian ND '97: Kaitlin McKenna, July 1, 2008.

Julie Kochman Soose '98 and Ryan ND '98: Lydia Stella, April 23, 2008.

Colleen Thomas Dewan '99 and Kevin ND '99: Grace Marsha, July 1, 2008.

Courtney Wagner Kelly '99 and John: Shea Elizabeth, February 2008.

Rachel Villarreal Keyes '99 and Thomas: Samuel Mateo, September 21, 2007.

Jennifer Mazurek Miles '99 and James ND '99: Sean Thomas, October 14, 2007.

Trish Haigh Peterson '99 and Kelly: John Kelly, March 16, 2007.

Lori Gundler Reyes '99 and Chris: Lillie, June 22, 2008.

Melissa Hanson Wright '99 and William: Amelia Hanson, October 30, 2007.

Lauren Oppolo Bukovac '01 and David: Anna Kathleen, July 30, 2007.

Kelly Sterritt Clancy '01 and Bill ND '99: Kaitlyn Grace, July 17, 2008.

Cortney Litka Couture '01 and Jeff: Olivia Taylor, June 30, 2008.

Maureen Flannery Crowe '01 and Mike ND '01: Twins, Timothy O'Day and Michael Thomas, May 3, 2008.

Kerry Gallagher Davis '01 and Willie: Eva Marie, June 6, 2008.

Mary Sweeney Gates '01 and Chris: Lucas James, July 15, 2008.

Julia Peterson Hannan '01 and Philip: John "Jack" Philip, July 11, 2008.

Mary Ellen McGowan Landry '01 and James: James Hugh, March 22, 2008.

Ellen Wright Riley '01 and Michael ND '01: Maeve Irene, June 11, 2008.

Lori Schulte Smithe '01 and Thomas: Thomas Charles Smithe, III, March 17, 2008.

Jennifer Turner Stachler '01 and Adam: Elyse Josephine, May 2, 2008.

Kathryn Willkom Stopczynski '01 and John: Jacob "Jake" Alexander, April 26, 2008.

Andrea Herek Wetters '01 and Keith: Jack Thomas, April 17, 2008.

Monica Councilor Wohlberg '01 and Matt ND '00, '02: Aaron Mathew, March 12, 2008.

Meghan McGinty Anderson '03 and Ben ND '03: Drew Thomas, February 28, 2008.

Melanie Burke Cameron '03 and Mark: Esther Megan, March 28, 2008.

Caitlin Duffey '03 and Kevin Abramson: McCauley "Mickey" McFarland Abramson, May 11, 2008.

Nicole Strzykowski Mills '03 and Daniel: Aribel Ray, July 2, 2008.

Elizabeth Thomas Smith '04 and Micah: Devin Thomas, August 4, 2008.

Miranda Mikulyuk VanNevel '05 and Tom: Alexandra Renee, August 14, 2008.

Jane McGroarty Sampaio '06 and Humberto: Sofia McGroarty, August 1, 2007.

Sister Rosaleen Dunleavy, CSC

Sister Rosaleen Dunleavy, CSC, a long-time professor of biology at Saint Mary's College, passed away on December 18, 2008. She was 95. Sister Rosaleen's career at the College spanned four decades, from the late 1950s to the late 1990s. She taught for 22 years and spent 12 years at Saint Mary's as the director of the College's archive, where her organizational skills from her science background served her well.

Biology, the study of life, was Sister Rosaleen's area of expertise, and the students soon absorbed the respect she had for all forms of life including their own. Biology professor Thomas Fogle came to the College shortly after she retired from teaching in 1977, but knew her very well, and her legacy of commitment to the sciences. "Sister Rosaleen taught microbiology and cell biology. She was a talented teacher who believed wholeheartedly in educating women. She believed that a rigorous study of science was good for young women and very appropriate to their education," Fogle said.

In 1998 the College awarded her the President's Medal for recognition of outstanding community service and contributions to the life of the College. In 2005 Saint Mary's established an academic scholarship in her name.



Grace Sullivan McGuire



Picture from the 1950 *Blue Mantle* which recognized the pictured professors as: Mr. Harold J. Dulude, Dr. William Downey, Mrs. Joseph McGuire, Mrs. Paule Louise Simon, Mr. Robert J. Polacek, Mr. George Finn.

Associate Professor Emeritus Grace Sullivan McGuire passed away on February 27, 2008. McGuire served the College for 38 years, from 1942, when she was hired by Sister Madeleva, until she retired in 1980. She initially taught in the Department of Speech and Drama and directed theatrical performances. In the 1950s McGuire moved to the Education Department, and in 1964 she was named director of student teaching. McGuire was awarded the Spes Unica award in 1961, which recognizes a faculty member's eminent service to the College in some particular aspect of its development. The award citation read, "For loyalty to Saint Mary's College; for selfless service to her students often offered with valiant courage; for wisdom and prudence in counseling many student teachers over many years; for unflinching tact in public relations, Saint Mary's college this year, the fiftieth anniversary of its department of education, chooses to present this award to the Supervisor of Elementary Student Teachers, Mrs. Joseph McGuire." McGuire's daughter, Kathleen McGuire Urda '73, and granddaughter, Kathleen Urda '97, both attended Saint Mary's.

Colorado

The renewed Colorado Alumnae Club is getting off to a good start. Our first meeting was in March. We met at a restaurant in Lone Tree, and discussed what functions we would like to have during the year. A Founders' Day event was first on everyone's list, followed by a student send off, student care package party, and another purely social event. We celebrated Founders' Day in October, with Mass and then lunch at a restaurant in Highlands Ranch. We are fortunate to have an alumnae board of directors' member, Phyllis Van Hersett, in our club, so we get current campus updates at our get-togethers.

And it makes us all so proud to hear how well our alma mater is doing!

In April of 2009, we will have a student care package party. Since our first two functions have been held just south of Denver, we're hoping for a volunteer in the Castle Rock area to host, so that some of our Colorado Springs alumnae can make an event. Our 2009 Founders' Day celebration will be held in Golden, hosted by Kim Lynch Frye '75.

For more information, please contact Sheila Flynn Boone '65 at sfbmfb@comcast.net, or by phone: 720-851-0985. Dues (\$20) may be mailed to Cindy Meyer Wargocki '99 at 5811 South Jericho Way, Centennial, Co 80015.

Philadelphia

The Philadelphia Club enjoyed a fall Founders' Day brunch at Simon Pearce on the Brandywine. An intimate group of alums enjoyed meeting and re-connecting with each other while overlooking the beautiful scenery of the historic Brandywine river.

The club participated in a community service project organized by Lisa Minichillo McGrath '93. Alums provided clothes, supplies and monetary donations for mothers and infants at the Buck County Woman's Shelter.

If you are interested or have suggestions for the Philadelphia Club, please contact Katie Smith '93 at (215) 280-1122 or krsmith1014@yahoo.com.

Cleveland

Founders' Day was celebrated with liturgy at Saint Ann's Church in Cleveland Heights on Sunday, October 26. A lovely reception followed in the church rectory. Many thanks to Molly McVoy '01, Linda Holtcamp McVoy '74, and Carrie Powers Powell '48 for co-chairing the event.

Exam care packages were prepared at the home of Donna DeCrane Panzica '78 on Monday, November 17. Thanks to Donna and to everyone who donated their time and goodies for the exam care packages. The students certainly appreciate our time and consideration.



Colorado Founders' Day, October 12, 2008, Highlands Ranch, Colorado (standing, left to right): Club President Sheila Flynn Boone '65, Susan Buzbee Canham '75, Kim Lynch Frye '75, Shanna O'Connor '04, Alumnae Board of Directors Member Phyllis Sullivan Van Hersett '62; seated, left to right: Club Treasurer Cindy Meyer Wargocki '99 (holding Kara, SMC 2028), Barbara VanDersari Slocum '96, and Stephanie Prevost Hansen '95.

We brought back one of our popular events for the holiday season: the annual Christmas Cookie Exchange. It was held on Wednesday, December 3, with great participation and enthusiasm. Alumnae enjoyed the evening immensely with the exchange of Christmas Cookies and holiday cheer.

Plans are underway for events in the spring, including our annual meeting, a social event, and a community service project. If you are interested in hosting an event or would like to be more involved, contact Cheri Petride Miller '79 at 440-526-8966 or at clmiller8457@earthlink.net.

The Des Moines Club

Celebrated Founders' Day by welcoming Director of Alumnae Relations Kara O'Leary to a brunch hosted by Aimee Beckmann-Collier on November 8. Alumnae representing classes from 1943 to 2002 attended and all enjoyed Kara's informative presentation about the College.

The club will engage in a service project in February 2009 with details to be sent to area alumnae early in the new year.

Arizona

Gayla Spenney '97 organized our annual "Freshman Send-Off" back on Sunday, August 10, starting with mass at Franciscan Renewal Center (The

Casa) followed by lunch at the Grand Lux Café. We were able to "send off" two incoming first-year students, Erin Chastain and Sarah McCroy, as well as their families.

On Saturday, November 1, alums gathered for an "ND Game Watch" and we were able to welcome Kate Reimann '05 to the Phoenix area.

Saturday, November 16, Lisa Coury '98 organized a group to run in the 9K benefiting Maggie's Place, a home for expectant mothers.

The weekend before Thanksgiving we will be collecting food items to be donated to My Sisters' Place, a women's domestic violence shelter and Catholic Charities organization.

The first week of December we will be getting together to bake cookies and assemble "finals" care packages for current Arizona students.

Please feel free to get in touch with me, Kelly Cook-Lewis '97, if you have any questions or suggestions for our Arizona Club! kclewis@cox.net

Dallas-Fort Worth

The Alumnae Club enjoyed a visit from Saint Mary's business professor, Claude Renshaw, in October while he was in Dallas to give a presentation to the American Women's Society of CPAs. Many thanks to Jennifer Danahy Stewart '93 for hosting a delightful reception for him and the local alums who were able to attend. Our annual Christmas Dinner and Mass took place on December 8. Several local

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Philadelphia, from left to right: Katie Smith '93, Bobbie Schnaus McCarthy '66, Patti Daly Blacker '80, Julie Strazzabosco Graham '85, Susan Tate Fitzgerald '81, Pat Miller Witt '60, Jennifer Rasmussen Turkos '94, Christine Delaney Kennedy '93.

alums gathered at the home of Ellen Neuhoff Elpers '80 to celebrate mass in honor of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and to share a traditional holiday meal. It was a lovely evening and we greatly appreciate the Elpers for having opened up their home to us for this special occasion. Wishing you all a Happy New Year!! Check out the Club's Web site to find out what we have planned for '09!

St. Louis

The St. Louis Club is back! In August, close to thirty St. Louis alumnae gathered for drinks at Araka Restaurant in Clayton. We had a fabulous time! Please contact Kara Kezios at klk9906@yahoo.com to get on the Evite list for upcoming events and Annette Canale at annette@annettecanale.com if you are interested in joining the book club!

Twin Cities Alumnae Club

The Twin Cities Alumnae Club celebrated Founders' Day with a Mid-Morning Tea on Saturday, October 25 at the Lady Elegant's Tea Room in the St. Anthony neighborhood of St. Paul. Even though the gathering was intimate, alumnae in attendance had a great time socializing with a pot of warm tea and a four-course. Thank you to Kelly Roles (1992) and Jennifer D'Anastasio (1999) for co-chairing the event!

In addition, this year the club has taken on a service project of collecting donations for The Women's Life Care Center, which provides a Learn and Earn education program for women and families by which they earn credits that can be redeemed for baby items of their choosing. The philosophy of the center is "a hand up not a handout." They believe it is in the clients' best interests not only to become responsible for their families but to become a productive member of society. In addition, the center provides free diapers and formula to clients, free pregnancy tests, and financial and material support to all women affected by unplanned pregnancies. If you would like to learn more, please contact our service coordinator, Ann Spiess Clark '97 via e-mail at annsmc@aol.com or by phone at 651-340-9100.

Finally, the Twin Cities Alumnae Club will continue to plan and host monthly Young Alumnae Social Hours, Book Club Discussion, and Mommies & Tots playgroups. For more information, please contact the club leaders via e-mail at smtcalumnaeclub@gmail.com

South Bend

It has been a busy fall for the South Bend Alumnae Club. On October 11, alumnae gathered at Between the Buns to watch Notre Dame play the University of North

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Dallas-Fort Worth: (center) Professor Claude Renshaw, (clockwise from left) Ellen McQuillan Drake '92, Carolyn Madison '05, Monique Sondag (sister of alumna Andrea Schweitzer), Andrea Sondag Schweitzer '00, Linda Kawecky '79, Mandy Strauss '98, Liz Cantu '08, Jennifer Danahy Stewart '93.

Carolina. The following week the club held its annual Founders' Day Dinner 16 at Saint Mary's in Haggar Parlor. Approximately twenty-five alumnae gathered together to share a meal and commemorate the founding of Saint Mary's College. Following dinner, Saint Mary's senior and student trustee Courtney Parry discussed her experiences at Saint Mary's, her role as student trustee and her future plans following graduation.

Many of the club's alumnae indicated that they would like to have more community service opportunities. To that end, the club planned two events to make the holidays more special for those less fortunate in our community. In November, the South Bend Club provided Hope Ministries with 80 pies for its Thanksgiving Day meal. Then, in December, the Club gathered at the local YWCA to wrap the Christmas gifts donated for the children living at the shelter.

Finally, in an effort to make the holidays brighter for our own Saint Mary's students, the club delivered homemade cookies and candies for our local students to enjoy as they studied for finals.

Chicago West

The Chicago West Club wrapped up their Annual Book Club meetings in October. Many thanks to all our hostesses and book club participants,

and to Anne Murray McDermott '85 for coordinating the dates/books/locations. Anne is working on the 2009 list, and it will be linked to the club Web site as soon as it is available.

We stayed busy this summer and fall, enjoying some regular activities as well as new ideas. The annual Student Send-off was hosted by Julie Griffin Murphy '74 and her daughter Kaitlin Murphy '09 in July. In September we shared a regular Dinner Out to the Sunflower Bistro in LaGrange hosted by Patty Piercy Cushing '90. Finally, the annual Christmas Party, also hosted by Patty Cushing, was held on December 4, just prior to holiday stress. A relaxing time to gather with friends and share Christmas tales, the group collected gifts for the People's Resource Center's Share the Spirit holiday campaign, as well as care package treats for Saint Mary's first-year students from the club area.

Our creative juices were flowing this year, and among our new events was a "Class of the 80s" Girls Night Out at the Salt Creek Wine Bar in LaGrange. We appreciate Laura Harris Walsh '87 and Anne McDermott's efforts for arranging this event. It was also our first event using the e-vite system which was well-received. Next was a Saint Mary's Game Night of Fun for couples hosted by Kristin Simono Newell '91 and her husband Mike on Friday, November 14. This event filled November despite not having a book club meeting. It also allowed

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Des Moines (standing, from left to right): Cindy Jones Helgason, Michelle Nagle Lickteig, Sarah Sullivan Bigelow, Aimee Beckmann-Collier, Loral Baker Kirke, Kim Hermann Darr; seated, from left to right: Kara O'Leary, Jeanne Sohm Thyberg.

us to collect new games for the PRC's Share the Spirit campaign. We played board games and made some new friends—this just may become an annual tradition!

Finally, the club wants to recognize Joanne Tracy Marsh '69 for creating and hosting monthly Lunch Bunch gatherings in 2008. Joanne chose different restaurants and rotated each month to a new city—encompassing our large club boundaries—from Geneva to LaGrange. Lunch fell on the 2nd Thursday of the month at noon, and invited anyone in the area to join her. The turnout varied by location, but feedback has been great. Everyone really appreciates a mid-day event to get connected with the club. We're looking forward to a new Lunch Bunch list for 2009. Thank you Joanne!

The club will make a few board member changes for 2009. Watch for the annual newsletter to arrive in January/ February. As always, if you are interested in getting more involved, please get in touch with Alison Spohn Kavulich '93 at irishannie93@yahoo.com. We'd love to have you join us!

Chicago East

The Chicago East Alumnae Club held a scholarship fundraiser at 1154 Lill Studio on Tuesday, September 16, in Lincoln Park. Fifty alumnae and friends browsed 1154 Lill's expansive assortment of styles and fabrics and designed one-of-a-kind bags, while catching up with classmates and friends. The event raised over \$500 for the Chicago Endowed Scholarship. Thanks to Genevieve Morrill '98, who chaired the event and her committee, Francesca Casaccio, Martha Conlin '93, and Lindsey Cotter McKenzie '03.

On November 16, 2008, the Chicago Club celebrated Founders Day at St. Teresa of Avila parish in the Lincoln Park neighborhood. In recognition of the needs created by the current economic situation, in lieu of a raffle, the Club collected canned food items for St. Teresa's food pantry. Thanks to Karen McDonald '76 for organizing the event. The club will have a more formal celebration of Founders' Day on Sunday, February 8, 2009, to coincide with Blessed Basil Moreau's birthday (February 11). Watch the list-serve for details and if you have any questions, contact Karen McDonald '76 at kzmcdonald@msn.com.

The book group and wine club meet monthly, check the listserv for what Chicago East alums are reading and drinking each month.

To join the listserv or for general questions about the Club, contact Genevieve Morrill '98 at gcmorrill@yahoo.com.

Pittsburgh

The Pittsburgh Club just celebrated its 80th Anniversary! In honor of that benchmark, the Club hosted President Carol Ann Mooney, her husband George Efta, and Kara O'Leary '89 and Jessica Stuijbergen '99 from the Alumnae Relations Office at a reception held at the Pittsburgh Rivers Club. After a lovely speech, President Mooney shared cocktails and hors d'oeuvres with the members of the club in attendance.

As the weather changes, Pittsburgh alumnae should look in their mailboxes for our Club's newsletter. The upcoming edition will give details about the spring luncheon. This year we are planning on a mother/daughter tea.

The board of directors is working on a comprehensive database and directory for the alumnae living in and around Pittsburgh. If you are receiving club mailings and do not wish to any longer, please contact Colleen Miles at colleenbmiles@gmail.com to have your contact information removed from the club directory.

Want to help plan events and maintain the club? The club is always looking for energetic alumnae to be on its board of directors. If you are interested, please contact Colleen Miles at colleenbmiles@gmail.com for information.

Carolinas Club

The Carolinas Club congregated at Kara Pearce Schroer's '04 house on November 16 for their annual Founder's Day Brunch. Sarah Tynan '04, Christina Vellucci '93, Barbara Borchers Bernath '66, Sue Thompkins '65 and Katy Karr '06 were in attendance. The club welcomed their new president, Sarah Tynan, and thanked Kara for her leadership and hard work over the past few years as president.

The club met again on December 7 in Davidson for the annual Notre Dame/Saint Mary's Christmas party. Many alumnae attended the event and enjoyed conversation and excellent food. The Carolina's next event will be in March for the Spring Luncheon. Please contact our new president, Sarah Tynan at 704-728-8281 for more details.



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I spoke with **Pat Webb Oertley** today. Her new address is 754 S.W. Industrial Way, Bend, OR 97702. She loves her new three-story townhome (with elevator) in a newly redeveloped section of the city—very lively! Her art studio is in the city, and she presently is exhibiting 20 of her paintings. She is enjoying the diversity of ages and nationalities in her immediate surroundings, all built around a square.

Sally Tiedebohl Billingsley

was in town this past spring for two grandchildren occasions in St. Charles. Sally, **Marie Murnane Walsh**, **Claire Daley Archibald**, **Mary Ellen Deibler Dunne Gleason**, and I met for lunch. Since that time, Sally's 44-year-old daughter was diagnosed with breast cancer, so please add her to your prayer list. Claire's oldest grandson is off to college. Their family reunion was at her sister Jane's and included 109 people.

Sadly, I report that Mary Ellen's son, Peter Dunne, died on April 10.

Also sad news. Sue Wagner

Broeren's grandson, Matt, died on May 17. Her entire family—38 in all—were in town to celebrate Sue's 80th birthday. Sue said it turned out to be a four-day celebration.

Mary Ellen told me that **Sue Caron Riley's** son was married in August.

Emily Dennard Sant Amour has kept me up to date on **Mary Jo Brown Holik**, who has Alzheimer's disease. Mary Jo's loving and devoted husband, Bill, died in July. Mary Jo has since moved into a nursing home.

Emily and Jack rented a very large house in Santa Rosa, Fla., for two weeks in August for a reunion with all their children and grandchildren—23 in all.

I had a very enjoyable reunion with **Gloria Clark Allan**, another friend of Mary Jo's, in August. Gloria came into Chicago from her home in Florida for a long weekend and visit with her son, who is living here now. We met for lunch in the city, and I will have to say that she looks terrific!

Mary Ann Fellingner Ryan had a delightful trip to Aspen this summer with two of her children, Carol and Mark. They heard Condoleezza Rice speak on an interesting interview forum. A regular highlight for her is attending vespers at a Trappist monastery. She also had two

invitations to daughter Ellen's new cabin in Northern Wisconsin.

Jean Herman Bittner's husband died in July 2007. I have tried to reach her. Perhaps we'll have news of her next time.

Please remember our 60th reunion in June, 09.

Sadly, we will no longer be entertained, as we have been for so many reunions, by Mary Majewski Kinnucan '54 impersonating Sister Madeleva. Mary died in February, and she will be missed by our class, as well as her Class of '54 who so generously shared her with us.

God bless you all—until June at Saint Mary's. Nancy

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The leaves are changing color here in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, so Dick and I will return to our condo in Northville for the winter months in a few weeks. Seven of our nine children visited us at the lake this summer. We had a good time. One day, while lunching at the nearby George Young Golf Complex, my granddaughter informed me that a 2008 graduate of Saint Mary's was there celebrating with her family. She was the granddaughter of a lady who attended SMC in 1944 from near St. Louis. I did not get the new graduate's name, but this was very unusual due to the remoteness of this area.

A letter from **Mary Terry Bader** arrived in July encouraging us to have hip replacements if needed. Mary has had two hip replacements and is much more comfortable. She took a cruise down the Mississippi on a riverboat as part of her high school reunion. She also took a trip to visit her daughter and son-in-law in Maine.

There is no other news of our class, so I will close with best wishes to you all."

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I was not able to attend reunion, so **Joan Randag Maloney** ("Randy") kindly offered to report on it.

First, though, I have a few things to add. I phoned four of you in the middle of last week, and **Mary Cay**

Jordan Westphal phoned me back.

She enjoyed reunion and was back at her desk working when she called. Mary Cay's children live in St. Louis and Chicago, and she has seven grandchildren. She, Randy, **Carol Gill Sutherland**, and **Ellen Sheehan Berek** are meeting for lunch in Chicago this fall. Mary Cay hears from **Celia McGuire Forristal**, who lives in Iowa and winters in Palm Springs. Celia's health isn't the greatest, and she just couldn't get to reunion by herself.

Pat Kerper Moriarty and her husband, Joe, have moved to the condos at Notre Dame, and I have a note from **Mary Jane McKeon Gray** that she and Ed have so much family in South Bend, and so many friends in the retirement home that they, too, will move there next year. Ed is recovering from a second knee replacement, and they were looking forward to summer.

I promised you that I would add a line about being on vacation with a big family instead of being at reunion. I was really sorry that I did it wrong and couldn't get to reunion, but the week in Tuscany with 18 of our 30 family members was wonderful. We had an enormous house with 10 bathrooms and dining tables both indoors and outdoors that fit us all. My favorite moment was when a going-on-six-year-old granddaughter asked me, "Grandma, when did this house stop being a castle?" I assured her that it still is a castle, and that satisfied whatever her fantasy needed. Actually, the house was three years old, and we loved all its mod cons!

I thank Randy for doing my work for me this time, and with help from my classmates, will do better next time.

From Randy: As we checked into our hotels, The Inn at Saint Mary's and the Hilton Garden Inn, we were greeted with a personalized bottle of wine from the Easley Winery in Indianapolis, Ind. It was sent by **Joan Crawford Easley** from their family winery. Each label had Saint Mary's Reunion 2008 and our name. How cool was that! Thanks, Joan! We gathered in the evening to toast you and to wish that you had been able to join us.

Because of emergency surgery on the way from Florida to Minnesota this spring, **Liz Wolter Paul** called and said she would not be able to come to reunion as she had planned. She was to fly to Chicago and drive down with me. Tests found cancer, but when I last talked to her, she was doing well and planning on going to Florida as usual in October.

Since **Ellen Sheehan Berek** lives just few miles from me, **Jo Ann Phillips Kostelas** and I convinced her that she should go to reunion, even if one of us had to put a cot in our room. When we arrived, there was a double room available for the two of them in the new Hilton. Ellen's son lives near her in Glenview, and she has a young granddaughter to take care of after school some days. A week or so after reunion, she flew up to Minnesota to visit with **Ann Haskins Kelly**, and they caught up on the news. Anne doesn't drive now, due to progressive macular degeneration. She does have several children and grandchildren in the area who are a big help to her.

Liz and I were to meet **Anne Glosser Wolfe** for breakfast on the morning we left for Saint Mary's. Anne was visiting her son in the Chicago area; however, she was unable to meet due to arrangements with other friends and was heading back to Arizona that weekend. Since the death of her husband, Jack, Anne has been doing some traveling—usually taking tours.

About a week before reunion, Carol called with a great idea: Friday dinner at the Studebaker mansion in South Bend. So Carol, Mary Cay, Ellen, and I enjoyed an elegant dinner there and caught up on our news in a quiet and charming environment. Carol just bubbles with enthusiasm and kept us moving. Mary Cay is still working at her plastics business and is doing well. She gets to travel, and is planning on a visit to Chicago with Carol in October, along with any of you classmates in the area who can make it.

I had a nice chat with **Marguerite Edwards**, who said that she would try to hop on the South Shore and meet us. She is still active with the Gary Civic Center Symphony but isn't making violins at this time! She used to drive to Saint Mary's from Gary just to visit the bookstore but no longer!

Just before reunion, **Muriel Flanagan Cullen** e-mailed that Dick was not doing well, so she would not be able to attend. A few days after my return, she sent a notice of Dick's death. Our sympathy and prayers to Muriel and all the family. A note from her a bit later said that she is doing as well as can be expected. She has three grandchildren at Notre Dame and a granddaughter, a graduate of Saint Mary's, working in Chicago. A trip was planned with her two sons and their wives to attend the ND-Michigan game in September.

Transportation for "Older Than Golden" ladies was most welcome,

with a choice of autos or trolleys to Notre Dame, then large or small carts for buzzing around campus—all with chauffeurs. The Saint Mary's campus has many new buildings, walkways, and roads—with some still under construction. Around campus, I had my walking pals of several reunions: **Ann Bronsing Klein** and **Connie Stempien Deighan**. We wandered through Holy Cross visiting our old rooms, the newer Arts building, and the Welcome Center. A large new facility takes the place of the old Rec, with food most any time, and a nice outdoor space. I finally was able to visit Riedinger House, where all the home ec students lived for a quarter or semester.

Because of two children, spouses, and three grandchildren in Naples, Jim and I go for part of the winter. This last season I was able to talk to **Ann Sullivan Bajc**, who was getting ready to leave for Chicago in a few days. Ann's daughter works for the *Chicago Tribune* and has several children, too. Jim and I met for lunch with **Mary Maher Stablein** and husband Bill toward the end of our stay. They are looking great—enjoying golf and entertaining lots of children and grandchildren while there.

Mary Jane bought a Saint Mary's notebook for everyone to write some comments to send Lorry. I ended up with the book and sent the four notes on to Lorry!

The Older Than Goldens had Friday dinner in the Stapleton Lounge. **Margaret Wodetzki** and her husband, Richard Johnson, were at our table. They are still active in Jackson, Miss., with the University and other projects. Townies **Mary Curley McDougal** and **Barbara Norton Powers** joined us both evenings for dinner and conversation afterwards. Our meeting place was not the assigned room but the hotel breakfast room. We looked at old photos, caught up on news of other classmates, and mostly jogged each other's memories.

Jodie Biddle Adler toolled around campus and stayed up with the rest of us in spite of some health problems. Saturday evening after the banquet, the weather was so nice that we walked and talked our way back to the hotel. She and Joe have been living in Sarasota, Florida.

Other classmates attending were New Yorkers **Betty Kiley Roach**, **Joan Hoffman DeCrane**, and **Jo Ann Lyden Soch**. From Oregon came **Madeleva Millar Steffens**; from Texas, **Meg Grignon Tormey**. Between these far points came

Peggy Curtain Hutchinson from Pennsylvania, **Lois Welch Donovan** from Iowa, and **Pat Doyle Mulligan** from Chicago. Everyone agreed it was a most wonderful time.

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Charlie Wolf has made a generous donation to our endowed scholarship fund in memory of **Joan Hemingway Wolf**, who died two years ago. Charlie indicated that he intends to make annual contributions. What a wonderful way to honor our late senior class president. Thanks, Charlie, on behalf of our class and all the young women who will benefit from the fund!

I heard from **Joan Kershaw Putnam**, who had finally reached **Jeanne Jenk Goen**. After several days, the floods in Iowa ended just two blocks from Jeanne's home.

Kitty Nolan Calacci reports that the general area of Iowa City was hard hit. Kitty continues, "Typical of Iowans, they scraped most of the mud off the streets and buildings and are starting to rebuild...some serious field damage along the rivers in Iowa and Illinois...slow growing season." Kitty met **Maureen Sullivan** this spring on campus, and they toured the new classroom building. "Very impressive," she says. The dedication of the new Spes Unica Hall was on Oct. 20.

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God Bless any "news sharer"! This column, due Sept. 1, comes during a dry period of communication during the lazy days of summer.

I did hear from **Jacque Buckley Hobbs**, who had glowing memories of reunion. Jacque retired Dec. 1, but her employer convinced her to return one day a week. The Hobbs' 14th grandchild arrived last January.

I had a delightful phone call from **Mary Taylor Spalding** ("Chickie") in late spring. She and Tom had a wonderful visit last winter with Dave and **Mary Lou Reedy Ahlering** at their condo in Boca Raton, Fla. **Kitty**

Lannan Galligan '56 and Tom have a condo in the same building, so they all had a marvelous time reminiscing. [Ed. Note: Sadly, Kitty died June 13, 2008.]

This summer, the sharp eyes of **Pat Hoag Ziperski** caught a reference to Sister Mary McCauley, sister of the late **Monica McCauley**, in *Time* magazine and the *New York Times*. Sister, as a pastoral administrator at St. Bridget's in Postville, Iowa, has been aiding residents in this small northeast Iowa town after an immigration investigation and dispute.

Did you notice that the brochure advertising this fall's Saint Mary's trip to Greece and Turkey quoted our **Katie Perry**, who enjoyed the last Tuscan trip? Our sympathy to Katie, whose long-time friend, Joe Kaye, died this June. Prayers also to **Peggy Kearin Carey**, whose brother, John, passed away in April.

Ruth Keefe Herman was in Chicago in June. Her purpose was to help her daughter, Judy, and husband Mike move into a newly remodeled condo. Mike has special requirements after a disabling accident last year. Ruth did report that **Pat Smith Parish** visited her in Washington, D.C., in April, and they had a wonderful time enjoying the city.

In June, seven of us appreciated the beauty of the Outer Banks in North Carolina, while staying in Nags Head. The group included **Peggy Balfe**, who just sold her home on Cape Cod but remained on the Cape in a condo, **Sheilamae Shannon O'Hara**, **Dee Kiley LeFevour**, **Mary O'Connor**, **Katie Carroll**, **Josie Murphy Vorda**, and myself. In August, **Mary Lou Ahern Colfer** and **Janet O'Connell McCue** made a trip to Traverse City, Mich., to attend the surprise 50th anniversary party of Jim and **Pat Bauervic Leonard**. The party was arranged by Jim's and Pat's children. Janet had been a bridesmaid in the wedding, as was **Jeannie Haenn Rainey**. (Jeannie's family travel plans kept her from joining the celebration.) Pat is taking their children on a trip to Croatia in September. Jim and Janet McCue's daughter, Colleen Groves, has left for a year's stay in Hong Kong with her family. Colleen's husband, Phil, is the son of **Anne Keating Groves**.

I want to share with all of you a heartwarming letter I received recently that was addressed to **Eva Haas Dolan** and me on behalf of all members of our class. Allison Betourne is now a first-year student at Saint Mary's and the recipient of the Class of 1957's endowed scholarship. Allison wrote, "As soon as I talked to a representative

from Saint Mary's, I knew that it was a special place. I visited and fell in love. I immediately felt at home and wanted to attend the College...The scholarship means so much to my family and me. Your generosity has enabled me to experience Saint Mary's. It is great to know that I have the support of the entire Class of 1957 behind me this year." Allison's eloquent thank you should be shared with all of you. How good to know that we are making a difference.

REUNION June 4-7, 2009

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Can you believe that we will be seeing each other come June to celebrate our class's wondrous milestone? Fifty-four years have passed since we arrived on campus in September 1955 and strutted to our state songs in the Pebble. I particularly remember **Thamer Sacco Riley** and **Sue Linbeck** when we sang *The Eyes of Texas are Upon You*—they did everything in a big way. We all have fond memories of our years at Saint Mary's, and we get to relive them and renew our friendships on campus June 4-7. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Barbara Kelley Toepp and husband Bud celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last summer with a trip to Cancun, Mexico, with their children and grandchildren. Barbara has lost track of her Saint Mary's friends who were in her wedding. If anyone knows the whereabouts of **Vi Kovacs Fischer '57** or **Pat Quinlan Sullivan '58**, please let Barbara know at BurtToepp@prodigy.net. **Sue Brown Bapst** and Bill also celebrated 50 years of wedded bliss last spring with a large weekend celebration in Jasper, Ga., their hometown. Over 150 family and friends attended. We were graciously invited but due to a prior commitment were unable to attend.

On a sad note, **Mary Kay Moran Smith's** husband Tom, passed away May 15, 2008. Mary wrote, "Tom's death came suddenly after he began treatment for esophageal cancer. God called him while he was sleeping." **Jeanne Mavigliano Conley's** former husband, Tom, also passed away after a lengthy illness. Our prayers and sympathy are with Mary and Jeanne and their families.

Prayers are needed for **Ann**

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Congresswoman Donna Christensen (D) '66, who represents the U.S. Virgin Islands, received an award from the Century Council on July 23 for her efforts to fight drunk driving and underage drinking. The Century Council is a national not-for-profit organization funded by distillers fighting drunk driving and underage drinking. Thirty-seven members of the House of Representatives received the recognition.

Sewall Joins AACTE Board

Dr. Angela Maynard Sewall '68, dean of UALR's College of Education, has been selected to serve on the board of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE).

AACTE, a national association of higher education institutions and organizations, is dedicated to promote learning by all students through high-quality, evidence-based preparation and continuing education for all school personnel.

Alumna Recognized for Service to Persons with Disabilities

Maureen Barber-Carey '72, will receive the EP Maxwell J. Schleifer Distinguished Service Award on July 27. The award is the highest honor given by EP Global Communications, publisher of *Exceptional Parent* Magazine. The late Maxwell J. Schleifer is the founder and former editor-in-chief of *Exceptional Parent* and was an advocate for people with disabilities and other special needs.

Alumna to Teach Mini-Course on Human Clinical Trial Research and International Drug Development

Saint Mary's College was proud to welcome back to campus alumna **Mary Anne Luzar '72**, PhD, Chief of the Regulatory Affairs Branch, Division of AIDS, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health. Dr. Luzar, who works on international AIDS research for the Department of Health and Human Services and is originally from Greencastle, Ind., taught a not-for-credit mini-course called "Human Clinical Trial Research: The Complex World of International Drug Development," October 6-9.

Executive Alumna Appointed to Girl Scouts Board of Directors

Girl Scouts of the USA has added **Susan P. Peters '75** to its National Board of Directors. Peters was elected and confirmed on Nov. 1 at the 2008 Girl Scout National Council Session/51st Convention in Indianapolis. Peters is a vice president at GE (General Electric) and leads executive development.

Indiana Governor Appoints Alumna as Superior Court Judge

Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels announced his appointment of **Margot Fisher Reagan '77** as St. Joseph Superior Court Judge on October 24, replacing retired Judge William T. Means. Reagan has been in private practice since 1989 and is a partner in the law firm of Tuesley, Hall, Konopa, LLP, in South Bend. She earned a law degree from the University of Notre Dame and received a bachelor's degree in business administration from Saint Mary's College.

Alumna wins Outstanding Teaching Awards

Kathleen Kilway '85, a chemistry professor at University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC), recently received the University of Missouri President's Award for Outstanding Teaching. University President Gary Forsee presented Kilway with the award at a ceremony in Columbia, Missouri, on June 5, 2008. The honor carries with it a \$15,000 stipend and invitations to participate in teaching forums throughout the University of Missouri system. Earlier this year, Missouri Governor Matt Blunt awarded Kilway with the Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Alumna Promoted to VP at American Forest & Paper Association

Elizabeth VanDersarl '92 has been promoted to vice president of government affairs of the American Forest & Paper Association (AF&PA). In her new role, VanDersarl will manage the association's advocacy efforts in Washington, DC, as well as on the state and international levels.

Alumna Launches Campaign for House Seat

Gabrielle Campo '03 was recently selected by the GOP to run against incumbent Rep. Andre Carson (D) in Indiana's 7th District in December's Congressional election. The world traveler, social worker, and advocate for children and families, is currently the director of Theology on Tap Indianapolis. Theology on Tap provides those in the Indianapolis area with an informal platform to meet and socialize, while strengthening their faith.

Librarian Alumna Honored for Inventiveness

The Pennsylvania Library Association in Valley Forge honored **Colleen Miles '03** with the New Librarian Honors Award this week. Miles is a librarian at the Upper St. Clair Township Public Library near Pittsburgh, where she has been for four years. The award honors a librarian who has been in the profession fewer than six years and whose inventiveness and originality improves service.

Meagher VanderVennet as she continues undergoing treatment for lung cancer. It is a rough road for Ann but her faith and her dear husband, George, sustain her on this difficult journey to wellness. Prayers are also needed for **Colleen Taffee Goldkamp Harmon**, who has been diagnosed with lymphoma. She will be in treatment for six to eight months. **Sharon McGee Sittin Bradshaw** e-mailed that she had spoken with Colleen. "She sounded strong, like her old self. She's in her third week of this series, and if all goes as planned, she should be finished in October. After that, she will need regular blood testing so she won't be able to go too far." Colleen's daughter, Kathy, was recently diagnosed with breast cancer but has completed radiation and is doing well. She is the mother of three children under the age of 5.

Marty Gillis Esrig and Aaron recently hosted us and the Bradshaws for dinner in their lively home in Laguna Beach. We had a fun evening catching up on news of all our families. Murray and Sharon continue to be very involved with ballroom dancing and attend dance clubs wherever they travel. Aaron and Marty are avid golfers and spend a good deal of time at their desert home on the links.

I visited my sister, **Betty Benford Belfiore**, in Venice, Fla., for a week in May in between a baptism, three Holy Communion, three confirmations, and two graduations! Gerry and I had a busy spring. Betty visited me in July for our ladies' beach week on Balboa Island and then we headed 26 miles across the sea for a few days on Catalina Island.

Next week, Gerry and I will fly to Milwaukee to meet up with Tom and **Sarah Sceales Mulcahy** to attend the San Diego State and Michigan games at Notre Dame. We hope to see Bud and **Mary Hughes Enright**, Jim and **Betsy Finneran Kennedy**, George and Ann VanderVennet, and Brian and **Carol Podesta Foley**.

Also next week, 20 of our classmates who are on the Reunion planning committee will be meeting at Saint Mary's in final preparation for our big weekend. In making travel plans next June, be aware that reunion for the Class of '59 will commence on Thursday instead of Friday.

My next deadline is March 1. Hope to hear from you!

From the Courier Office: Rosalie Riegle reports the joyous wedding of her oldest daughter, Kathryn, to Donny MacMillan in August. After the wedding in Colorado, the couple feted

friends and relatives on the Leelanau Peninsula in Michigan and Rosalie hosted a Sunday shrimp boil on the shores of Lake Michigan.

A highlight of last winter was a trip to Syria, where Rosalie met students in the Iraqi Student Project, including **Randa Adil**, who received a full scholarship to attend our own Saint Mary's. "Saginaw Valley State University, where I taught for 33 years, also gave a full scholarship, and I've been providing support for Jaafar Raad, who has matriculated in computer engineering. These are wonderful young people who have been through incredible hardships. I'm so thankful to the institutions that have provided the scholarships and the generous friends who are providing their living expenses."

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It's been a good summer, and I've enjoyed my flowers at home and in my "adopted" gardens at City Hall; but, as usual, I'm ready for the next season to begin. That's one of the things I enjoy about living up here in the woods... the scene is always changing. Before too long, the geese, ducks, and loons will gather to start their trips south, and the leaves will start to fall. After that, my wish is for a lot of snow. Bring it on!!

Peggy Hill wrote from New York to say she was most pleased to report that she now has her first grandchildren—twin boys, Declan and Dashiell, born to daughter Stephanie in February of 2008. Peggy's other news is that she is producing a revival of David Mamet's play "Speed the Plow." It originally starred Madonna in her only appearance on Broadway.

From Door County, Wis., **Anne McGovern Gerard**, recapped her last 46 years—from meeting and falling in love with her husband, Bill, to marrying at Notre Dame, and then on to her five children and 10 grandchildren. Anne is a broker associate with Properties of Door County, LLC, and loves living in and selling Door County. Her "Door" is always open to Saint Mary's and Notre Dame friends who come to visit.

An e-mail from **Judy Halter Enright** in Brighton, Mich., reported that her painting *Power to Superpower* had won first prize at a Saginaw, Mich., art exhibition. The prize included a one-person show for the month

of October 2008. This painting can be seen on Judy's Web site: www.judyenright.com listed under Series 21.

Sherry Reardon Gibbons wrote from Glen Carbon, Ill., that she and husband John enjoyed a delightful trip to Japan in June 2008 to celebrate the baptism of their granddaughter, Margaret Maire-Therese Riordon, born to daughter **Judy Gibbons Riordon '86** and her husband, John. The proud grandparents also participated in the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for grandson Patrick Riordon. Sherry and John had great fun sightseeing, shopping in Japanese stores and malls, eating many kinds of Japanese food, and, especially, taking a ride on a "bullet train."

From Santa Fe, N.M., **Beth Mackin Baxter** sent news that it had been two years since her colon cancer diagnosis, and she seems cancer-free except for some lingering side effects from chemo and radiation. In the spring of 2008, Beth and husband Bob enjoyed a week in Bangkok and three days in Hong Kong. In October, they will return to Bonita Springs, Fla., but she will miss the desert, mesas, and mountains.

Emery Reistetter in Annandale, Va., shared some history and loving remembrances of his wife, **Donna Sheridan Reistetter**, who died unexpectedly on May 15, 2008, while in rehab at a local nursing home following surgery for a broken left tibia. Donna had Type I diabetes since she was 9. In recent years, she suffered a stroke, two heart attacks, and then underwent triple bypass surgery in the spring of 2003. The leg break happened when she experienced a low blood pressure episode and fainted while walking with a walker from her bed to the bathroom.

Emery and Donna met their freshman year, when she was at Saint Mary's and he at Notre Dame, on the Notre Dame campus—ironically, on their way to the bus stop following the Notre Dame-Navy game pep rally. They were married in 1963. Emery describes Donna as a courageous and valiant woman, a wonderfully beautiful, lovable wife, and a caring mother. Despite battling Type I diabetes that required at least one insulin injection a day (in the last few years, five injections a day were required), Donna immersed herself totally in her life as the wife of a Navy nuclear submarine officer and as a mother.

Susan Fitzgerald Rice sent word from Los Angeles that she plans to join **Mary Cotter Fee** at a high school reunion in Evanston, Ill., in October

2008. She also organizes a monthly luncheon for the Los Angeles Alumnae Club. She and husband Don enjoyed a Notre Dame trip to Italy in the summer of 2008. Her seven grandsons, all of whom live nearby, remain a joy.

Despite the disclaimer of "how calm her life is," **Mary Roemer** reported from South Bend, Ind., that she spent two weeks in Vienna with her daughter and three grandchildren—there for a year on a Fulbright. She also spent four additional days in Paris with two granddaughters, ages 19 and 17, a long-ago promise to each other. In September 2008, Mary plans to travel to Rochester, N.Y., for the wedding of **Mary Ann "Cookie" Cooke Campbell's** son, Matthew. In the "small world category," she discovered that the mother of her next-door neighbor was best friends in high school with **Lenore Hennebry Madden**. To finish with her "calm life," Mary stills enjoys her work as a family therapist, with doses of culture provided by the Notre Dame Marie P. DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

I truly appreciate hearing from all who answered my request for news. I hope to hear from more of you next time. My next deadline is March 1, 2009. And keep in mind... **Our 50th reunion is only 2-1/2 years from now!**

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Terry Abbatemarco Comiskey writes she has, with husband Mike, ND '60, four grown sons and three grandchildren. She continues teaching part time, and is involved in Soroptimist International, a business and professional women's volunteer service organization. Terry seems active, very content, and accomplished. But we still wish she had attended Reunion 45. **Eileen Delaney Jones**, a kidney transplant recipient, writes from Omaha, where she graduated from Duchesne and taught for 18 years. Then she married, adopted Jimmy, now 28, and Bill, 27, and sounds quite pleased with her life. **Myrna Walker Hall** has retired from the vice presidency of development of Women and Infants Hospital of Rhode Island, sings in choir in Providence, but is soon moving to Maine with husband Howard, to enjoy their retirement which she is

"loving." Myrna stays in touch with **Phoebe Blake**, **Joan Dorgan**, and **M. J. Pauli Landry**. **Ann Purcell Perini** reports four married children, four grandchildren, and involvement with the San Francisco Fine Arts Museums.

Nancy Van Etten Haske teaches sixth grade at her parish school in Omaha and is active in the St. Vincent de Paul Society. **Cathy Ryan Condon** showed up at our reunion looking like a 12-year-old, the envy of all our 66-year-old bodies. **Kathy Wiedl Mettler** brought a healthy-looking Steve to reunion and attributes prayer, ours and that of others, for his well-being. She continues her medical practice in Atlanta and boasts thirteen grandchildren. **Diana Castaldi**

Scheeler, retired from teaching, is coordinator for her parish Respect Life group, and volunteers at the Women's Center. She sent a picture of herself with ten darling little people. **Patty Greeley Lechman**, a water colorist and retired teacher, is now very active in her church: lector, Eucharistic minister, and teacher of baptism classes to adults and first communion classes to fifth and sixth graders. She's particularly proud of daughter **Laura Lechman Rodriguez '97** having been recognized by the Cardinal for her work with confirmation classes in their diocese. **Mary Clemens**

Becker, a community volunteer and spiritual director, very proudly boasts of her first grandchild, daughter of Holly '87. **Pat Martin** writes of her continued involvement with the Art & Environment committee of her church, and as an advisor for Deborah's Place in Chicago. **Judy Durlak Romz** belongs to the contemporary choir of her church and does much sewing and quilting for charities. **Barb Bernhard** continues as development director of the Congregation of St. Joseph. **Susan Hoehn Sullivan** did not like retirement, so is "providing academic advising and support to students in occupational programs and students with disabilities." This is her Alzheimer's prevention plan. Good for you, Susan! **Mary Beth Miller Gemperle** and **Dick** are very involved volunteering in their parish and with the homeless in Seattle. They also enjoy opera, travel, and the theater. **Susie Duncan Lawler** continues her decorating business while involved in numerous volunteer activities. And she tells jokes! **Judy Reardon** is now a Ph.D. in psychology, the preparation for such being her "anti-senility plan." **Margaret Nutting Ralph** continues as teacher and author at Lexington Theological Seminary. "In my next book, I am thanking Sr. Maria

Pieta and Father Thomas Heath. Each had a profound effect on me." **Beverly Troxler O'Grady** continues as an investment advisor in New York, "trying to" retire. **Judy Galle Falout** and husband enjoy amateur photography, even with work in galleries in Door County, Wis. **Peggy Woodin Green** is a lector and Eucharistic minister, and with her husband is section rep for (Diocese of Beaumont) the Knights and Ladies of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem. **Joann Vanek** is the director, Statistics Program for Women in Informed Employment: Globalizing and Organizing and is an active member of the Voice of the Faithful. Joann and **Gail Donovan**, who moved to New York recently, have enjoyed lunching from time to time. **Barbara Beemsterboer Claire**, with ten children and ten grandchildren of her own, continues working with special needs children as a case manager and "actively practicing a spiritual path called *A course in Miracles*." **Maggie McMahon Adrian** has visited with our dear **Lynne Baur** and reports her to be the ever-busy whirling dervish we've always known her to be. A true inspiration to all of us. God bless ya, Lynne. And **Kathy Owen** continues the pleasant life of a retired old maid in Chattanooga, volunteering for Ronald McDonald House, Volunteers in Medicine, and my church. Life is good, it seems, for all of us. I'm so impressed with the volunteerism among us. Please keep it up, as people need us and God's waiting.

Reunion was the best yet—for 55 of us. The rest of you were sorely missed but are definitely expected for our grand fiftieth. Please begin that mindset today. Love to all.

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On May 16, SMC '65 Belles from the Washington, D.C., area held a luncheon at The Irish Inn at Glen Echo, Md., a delightful spot near the C&O canal towpath. We were so delighted that some out-of-area alumnae could join us: **Mary Ellen Kinney Baruch '64** was visiting **Marcia Black McMahon** from Tucson, and **Therese McCaffrey McConville** brought **Claire Donohoe O'Mara**, who was visiting from New Jersey. Other attendees were **Janine Renaud Burns** (who drove up from the Virginia Bay country), **Theresa Lapenta Silio**, **Pat Sears Kraemer**,

Char Carroll Daniels, and **Terry Miltich Murphy**. It was a delightful lunch and a spirited conversation, complete with news, photos, and plenty of laughs. There were many walks down memory lane, and we lingered so long at the table that Char had to get back to her office before we took the picture. Now we can't wait to do it again.

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Hello, dear classmates! Once again I am delighted to share the updates that you have been so good to send me. I received several e-mail responses to my pleas for news and phoned a few of you, so I will jump right into the reporting!

Becky Golubski Bahu responded with her news since graduation. "I never left South Bend—except for vacations, of course! I am working with the St. Joseph County Public Library in South Bend as branch services coordinator. I received my MLS in 1974 from Western Michigan University and have been with the public library system here since our Saint Mary's College graduation, with seven very different job experiences throughout the years. My husband and I met in 1977 on a blind date arranged by library patrons who were mutual friends, and we married a year later. My husband was a widower, originally from Palestine, who was working in South Bend. Without the contact arranged by these mutual friends, I doubt we would have ever met each other! We have a daughter, Jean, who is finishing her BSN at Indiana University South Bend. I run into classmates from time to time, and that is always a wonderful experience."

Prudy Schober Smith e-mailed with a personal and professional update. "Chris ND '67 and I have lived in the Gettysburg, Penn., area for 35 years. We have three children and four grandchildren. Chris has retired from 35 years at Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, Md., where he taught sociology. I taught high school art for 25 years and have recently retired to work on my own art full time. I enamel forged copper wall sculptures. I have my work at a gallery in Gettysburg and at CircaArts in South Bend. I also have a website: www.prudyсенamel.com." Prudy added that she and Chris

had **Janice Misuriello Horan** and her husband, John, visit for a week in August. They have remained close friends and see each other a couple of times each year.

From Cambridge, Mass., **Maryanne Wolf** sent news. "Let me tell you about a few good things, each with a bittersweet edge. I just finished a book that took seven years to write: *Proust and the Squid: The Story and Science of the Reading Brain*. It has been translated into eight languages already and has been both a great joy and a great responsibility for me to finish. Recently an *Atlantic* cover article "Is Google Making us Stupider?" used part of my book as its platform for worrying about whether the intellectual development of our children—particularly their capacity for 'deep reading' will be truly altered by immersion into digital media and the digital mode of dealing with information. I am suggesting that we need a societal discourse on how we can both preserve our present reading brain and move inevitably into the digital epoch already at our kids' fingertips.

"As for my personal life, my husband and I just took our last child to college, and even though I have seen a thousand parents do this with their children, I was quietly devastated by the experience and feel like my heart is missing one more part. Since I was an 'older mother' (especially older than my dear roomie **Helen Meihaus Canfield**, who has *grandchildren* who read!), I thought that this stage of life might have its benefits—e.g., not going to soccer matches at sixty. I miss every moment of it already."

I'm going to jump in here as both a book lover and an "older mother" myself! When my husband, Roy, and I retired to North Carolina in July of '06, I, too, ached for my role as mother. Our older daughter had recently graduated from The College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia, and had just left for an internship in Kenya. Our younger daughter started college in Aug. of '06 at East Carolina University. Granted, Greenville, North Carolina is and was a whole lot closer than Kenya, but I did feel an unspeakable void. While it wasn't a cure-all, I did appreciate reading *The Empty Nest*, which is a compilation of essays from 31 writers describing their own empty nest experiences. I know many of you classmates are grandmothers, but I offer the book suggestion to those of you trying to separate from hands-on mothering roles, or at least trying to define new long-distance mothering roles.

Next, I'm happy to include a wonderful update on several of you, courtesy of **Alison Whittaker Rink**. "Tom and I are regularly in touch with **Betsy Beck Cormany** and her husband, Tim, and **Phyllis Redgate Finn** and her husband, Dan. We all get together at least three times a year (in Cincinnati, Connecticut, and Florida) and have traveled together to Hawaii, the Caribbean, Ireland, Mexico, and France. We are in the process of planning a trip in 2009 to celebrate our fortieth anniversaries.

"Betsy and Tim, both retired, live in Stamford, Conn. Their vacation in Florida for three months each winter. Betsy enjoys playing bridge and golf, tending her beautiful gardens, and volunteering in her community. Phyllis and Dan reside nearby in Greenwich, Conn., and also spend winters in Florida. Phyllis is a member of several choral groups, plays golf, and is a community volunteer. She and Dan are the proud grandparents of two (soon to be three) little girls. Tom and I have lived in the Cincinnati area for 34 years. He is a tax and estate planning attorney...and isn't even thinking of retirement! Our son, Collin, and his wife have two daughters, 3 and 7. We are truly blessed, as they live approximately five minutes from us. Our son, Brian, lives and works in Philadelphia. I love to play tennis and paddle tennis, and also volunteer in our community.

"Phyllis keeps in touch with **Alice Fanning Horney** and sees her each year in Florida. Alice and John live in Atlanta and enjoy their many grandchildren. Phyllis also communicates with **Janie Kirkhoff Johnson** and loves receiving photographs of her three grandchildren.

"I am in touch on a fairly regular basis with **Mary Bramlage Minton**, who lives in the Chicago area. Sadly, Mary's father, who lived in Cincinnati, passed away last year. At the funeral, I was able to visit briefly with Mary and say hello to her children, Melanie and Michael.

"I hope that this finds all of you and your families happy and healthy. Betsy and Phyllis join me in sending warmest regards to everyone!"

From further west, Denver, Col., **Mary Ann Tavery** wrote, "I can't believe I've been retired for seven years, but I love the extra time. I spend more time with my husband, Willie, doing outdoor things like biking, hiking, and skiing. I visit my parents more often (I'm so lucky to have both of them), and I spend more

time with my siblings and friends. I love volunteering for the Denver Art Museum, which has a wonderful education program that includes tours and talks. I get more out of the museum than I put into it. Willie and I have been traveling for over 30 years. In July 2008, we visited China. Highlights for me were a scenic cruise on the Yangtze River and seeing the terra cotta figures guarding the tomb of Emperor Qin near Xian. We enjoyed having my sister, Sue Tavery Brennan '71, and husband, Terry ND '71, on this trip."

My latest update from **Margaret Roberts Richards**, serving as a Peace Corps volunteer began, "As you have read and heard, a couple of weeks ago the Russians and Republic of Georgia had a small war. Well, if your family was killed in the ethnic cleansing and house burnt down, not so small ... I was assigned to the area of Eastern Europe/Central Asia. I could have gone to Georgia and been there one week before becoming a volunteer. Ever so glad not to have that experience! Learning life here is enough excitement for me ... I am more settled into daily life in Fushe-Arrez. I am taking more things as natural—that really are not. They are my new normal ... "Margaret's e-mail and blog were in our last class column, but they are worth repeating here. I know you all will be interested in seeing her photos of Albania and reading more details of her new life. I'm also sure she'd love to receive your good wishes and prayers! Her contact info is margaretjrichards@gmail.com and <http://margaretalbania.blogspot.com/>.

While flipping through our community's directory not long ago I came across a familiar name ... **Michael Farnam**! I called and discovered that we are indeed neighbors here in Wilmington. We hope to get together in the near future. Mike and her husband, Rick Norman, moved here about four years ago from the Bay area of California after selling several of their horses and downsizing. Mike retired from her advertising business but not from her riding! She still has one horse, which she rides frequently. Mike's daughter and family live here in Wilmington as well, so she is thrilled to have that family (which includes two boys) in town. Her other daughter lives a bit north of New York City and also has two children, a boy and a girl.

Several of you thanked me for writing our column, and I appreciated your very warm comments. I am happy to put your news together for our

section of the magazine twice each year. I am including the next e-mail along with its compliment because it's a shout-out to our whole class as well. **Theresie Ambrusko** responded to my e-mail request for help on this issue with the following news.

"First, I want to thank Joyce for doing this column. I really look forward to reading news about our class (I always thought we had a great class!), and we owe it all to Joyce for actually getting this done. I have been living in San Francisco since 1990. My husband and I came here from Minneapolis, and I took a job as general counsel of a construction company. We were not able to have children, so we adopted a baby girl in 1992. Ten days later, my sister Sara was murdered. I spent the next five years going to trials and working with the police and district attorney. Her husband was convicted of arranging her murder. By the time the trials were finally over, it was time for me to spend time with our daughter, and I have been a stay at home mom/volunteer since 1998. Now she is in high school, and I am going to go back to work. If any of you come to San Francisco, please call. It has been way too long since I have seen anyone from our class. And I hope that you all come to reunion!"

Just to reinforce Theresie's wishes of getting us together again ... be sure to get a new calendar for 2009, immediately circle the dates of June 4–7, and plan to attend our 40th reunion! Take good care of yourselves, and thank you again for writing and calling!

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Ann Therese Darin Palmer has graciously written for me this time.

Congrats to **Peg FitzGibbons Higgins**, recipient of the Saint Mary's 2008 Distinguished Alumna Award, which President Carol Mooney gave to her at the June reunion.

While working in demanding jobs for Citibank and KPMG in Chicago, Connecticut, and Singapore, Peg has never stinted on the time she devotes to Saint Mary's. Her involvement has included the roles of *Courier* class reporter, co-chair of the Chicago Club's programs supporting Saint Mary's 1996 capital campaign, and member of the President's Alumnae Advisory Council.

Peg also has served as president of the Mental Health Association of

Greater Chicago, and board member of the Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence and the Leadership Council for Mercy Homes For Boys and Girls.

In 2005, Peg and her husband, Don, relocated from Chicago to Mount Pleasant, S. C., where she's a Junior League member and ALS advocate.

Judy Fong Clavin, senior technical analyst for Computer Science Corporation's GBS Americas/Consulting Group, lives in Torrance, Calif. At our 35th reunion, she was able to rendezvous with **Nancy O'Donnell Guhman**, **Pat Haffey Clemency** (president of Make A Wish Foundation of Greater New York), **Lorraine Foley**, **Maureen McPhee Donhauser**, **Cathy Szczerbienski Mathews**, **Mary Ellen Hayes Schaefer**, and **Peggy Klaybor Weber**. "Due to family illnesses, **Jan Rewers McMillan** couldn't attend, but we kept her informed by phone as we revisited our old haunting grounds," says Judy.

Judy's proudest moments this year? Celebrating her children's graduations. Her son completed a master's in civil engineering/environmental studies and her daughter graduated from high school and is bound for UCLA.

Kathy Brems Durbin is still working part-time at Providence Hospital in suburban Detroit in the Stat Lab. "I want to thank everyone for their prayers for our son-in-law, who's doing very well after his liver transplant," she writes. "Bridget graduated from Georgetown in May, and she and Lindsay both became engaged last summer."

Mary Ann Hornback Egan teaches English at Loyola Academy in suburban Chicago. Mary Ann and her husband, a Cook County judge, went to Spain and Rome this summer on an Ignatian Pilgrimage.

Teaching with Mary Ann at Loyola Academy is **Jane McCormick Carney**, a fine arts instructor. This summer Jane, also a painter, was awarded a residency at the Vermont Studio Center. Four of Jane's paintings were installed in the Prudential Building in Chicago, where they will be displayed during the coming year.

Mary Ann Weis Fenimore and her husband Mark "are enjoying retirement since Mark sold his software company six years ago," Mary Ann writes. "It was so special having my three college roommates, **Peg FitzGibbons Higgins**, **Teresa Trenor Wilkins**, and **Mary Jo Geffert Lahr**, at my daughter Michaela's wedding last year." Speaking of Mary Jo, she continues to work as an optician in Cambridge, Mass., and is a

"proud grandmother."

Because this year's reunion conflicted with the wedding of **Kathy Breitenbach Zarnacki's** daughter, some classmates chose to have a delayed reunion in June at **Dede Stevenson Cable's** Colorado vacation home, writes **Mary Anne Madden Hoffman**. Among the highlights was consumption of a Dainty Maid Red Velvet cake.

Of the eight women, including Dede, Kathy, Mary Anne, **Teresa Aversa Maganzini**, **Rozy Owens**, **Mary Friedman Slattery**, **Mary Beth Curosh Finkey**, and **Nancy Weber-Curth**, Nancy came the farthest. She divides her time between Iraq and Vermont.

Mary Anne's daughter, **Meganne Hoffman '03**, is resident director of Saint Mary's Rome Program. Mary Anne and her husband, Howard, were in the first class of Rome participants. Last year, Mary Anne taught career development classes at Indiana University's business school.

"My art work has changed from watercolors of still lifes and landscapes to Mickey Mouse, Elmo, and Curious George for my third grandchild, expected in October," writes **Teri Maloof Kratus**, who just celebrated her 34th wedding anniversary with Gene Kratus ND '72. "Since my four children are grown, I've enjoyed playing golf, traveling, and best of all, staying connected to my SMC friends. Volunteering on various charities is still a large part of my life."

Cathe Moran, an IBM senior human resources partner in Chicago, and **Beth Lombardi Oliva** recently spent an evening with **Pat McCracken**, visiting from Tennessee. "It was a great to catch up and hear about Pat's life in Tennessee and about Beth's adorable grandsons," says Cathe. She and **Anne Rogers Roche** "also had a long, laughter-filled lunch with **Denise Donofrio**, in Chicago visiting family."

Mary Kay Davy Mulvaney had an extremely busy summer. On her summer calendar: Daughter Katelyn's graduation from Notre Dame; son Bobby's from high school; two European trips, including teaching a course overseas; and work related to heading Elmhurst College's honors program.

Ann Therese Darin Palmer, a *BusinessWeek* and *Chicago Tribune Business Section* freelancer for almost twenty years, also is racking up miles: Guam-Saipan with one of her two Marine Corps sons; Hawaii, where both sons are stationed; and a trip to

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Lourdes, where A.T., a breast cancer survivor, volunteered for a week helping chronically-ill Americans.

Susan Oglesbee Payne is an economic development consultant. She lives with her husband, David, in a vineyard in the Finger Lakes region of New York State. "A special thanks to all for their prayers and support while dealing with breast cancer," Susan writes. "Almost to the finish line and doing well."

In Chicago, **Claudia Traudt** "Muggs," is a lecturer-artist in the University of Chicago's Basic Program of Liberal Education. "Our SMC buddies realized every five years was too infrequent to reunite," writes Muggs, "so, for many years, we've gathered in 'house-swamings' yearly."

Among the ten hostesses nationwide are **Maribeth Cashman Coughlin** and **Carol Wangberg Haines**, both of Massachusetts; **Suzanne Head McAuliffe**, Syracuse; and **Anne Faherty** and **Sharon Ames Nelson**, South Bend. "My treasured Grandma **Rosie McCullough Sullivan '11** always lived the truism: 'Your Saint Mary's friends are friends for life,'" writes Muggs.

Carol Riordan is vice-president of programming and personnel at the American Press Institute in suburban Washington, D.C. In April, she visited Saudi Arabia for the opening of the Prince Ahmed bin Salman Applied Media Institute, the first of its kind in the Middle East.

Recently **Jan Leibold Zorn** joined MonoGen Inc. in suburban Chicago as vice-president of regulatory and clinical affairs. In August, Jan, husband Peter, a retired German high school teacher, and their four children—all in healthcare professions—went on an Alaskan cruise. Recently Jan visited with **Kathy Murphy-Keedy**, a career placement counselor, who lives near East Lansing, Mich.

Stay tuned for details on our mini-reunion in Chicago: March 2009.

Finally, thanks to everyone for the prayers, Mass cards, and support during the last two years, especially everyone at my dad's Chicago and Detroit memorial Masses: **Julie Webb**, **Mary Gay O'Neill Kay**, **Mary Beth Denefe Anderson**, **Kathy Brems Durbin**, **Mary Lou Gorno '72**, who read at the Chicago Mass, **Marianne Palmer '00**, **Teri Maloof Kratus**, who drove round-trip same day from Cleveland to Detroit, and Susan Oglesbee Payne. A wow! to Susan, who flew from New York City where she'd had breast cancer chemotherapy the day before to read at the Detroit Mass.

—A.T. **Darin Palmer '73** pinch-hitting for **Mary Kay Davy Mulvaney '73**

From the Courier Office: Mary Anne Madden Hoffman writes: "Celebrating their 35th graduation took on a special meaning for a group of the Class of 1973. The 'Big Eight' has managed to see each other with some regularity each summer in Chicago for a 'girls' weekend. This year was a special trip.

DeDe Stevenson Cable, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., arranged for the other seven (**Nancy Weber-Curth**, Burlington, Vt., **Kathy Breitenbach Sarnacki**, West Chester, Penn., **Teresa Aversa Maganzini**, Chicago, Ill., **Rozy Owens-Salem**, Ore., **Mary Friedman Slattery**, Parkland, Fla., and **Mary Anne Madden Hoffman**, Indianapolis, Ind.) to come to her vacation home in Durango, Col., for an extended weekend visit this past June. The women took in the Western sites and savored the chance to be together and visit leisurely. DeDe and her husband, George, thought of everything to make the visit memorable—from luxurious and spacious accommodations to delicious food and even great weather. One of the highlights of the visit was seeing DeDe's mother, **Pinkie Wolff Stevenson '42**, who is the niece of Sister Madeleva. Her energy and enthusiasm inspired us all. She recently had a hole-in-one! The group is already looking forward to another chance to see each other!"

'75

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Way back then, in February 1975, I was sitting on the stage floor with **Kathy "Kate" Burke** (who had just played an electrifying *Medea*) and talking about future plans. Kate said she planned on teaching theater, which is what she's doing: she is associate professor of voice and speech at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. But from the note she sent me, it sounds as if she's hardly there! Recently, Kate presented at a conference on translation in Dublin sponsored by the University of Roma Tre. At Glasgow's Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama, she taught New York City and American southern accents. And, she has facilitated voice and preaching skills workshops for Baptist pastors at the invitation of Richmond, Virginia's

Ray and Ann Spencer Network for Congregational Leadership. (Kate also coaches Catholic clergy, she says!)

On other travels, Kate drove south from Charlottesville to visit her niece, **Jennifer Burke Harris '89**, in Baton Rouge, La., then continued on to Innerarity Point, Fla., to see **Mary Jo Emmanuel Hanover** and Dennis, ND '74. Mary Jo is now business development services coordinator for the city of Baton Rouge, a position that requires extensive national and international travel. (Kate sang at Mary Jo's wedding in Pensacola back in August '75.) Over at Mary Jo's parents' house in Pensacola, they were joined by **Christine Broderick Emmanuel** and **Miriam "Mimi" Donnellon Kimball** and Jim, ND '74, whose daughters also graduated from Saint Mary's (**Shannon Kimball '99** and **Casey Kimball Compton '01**). Kate writes, "The dinner sparked much conversation of the merger that never was, and yet there was so much rich experience to recall."

Kate also spent a few days this summer in San Diego, Cal., with **Mary Clare Cullen Parme** and Bob, ND '75, recalling "those freewheeling days and nights in Augusta Hall." Mary Clare's son just graduated from Notre Dame's law school and has joined a San Diego firm. A bonus of that visit, writes Kate, "was an intense discussion of faith and family life with Mary Clare's uncle-in-law, Father Len, who works in admissions at Notre Dame. Father Len gave us all his blessing before we went our separate ways."

Lots of us, not just Kate, have been on the move!

While visiting family in Des Moines, Iowa, **Sue Sarcone** had dinner with **Aimee Beckmann-Collier**. (Sue and her husband, Mitchell Schneider, own a real estate company in Washington, DC.) Aimee is director of choral music at Drake University, where she's been teaching for 20 years, and, as noted in the Summer *Courier*, was elected president of the North Central Division of the American Choral Directors Association (the professional organization for America's choral professionals).

When **Janet Wertheimer Kelly**, Germantown, Tenn., came to Chicago in August, she and **Kimberly Hendricks** went to see the air and water show along Lake Michigan and then had lunch. They hadn't seen each other in 23 years! Kimberly writes, "If you or anyone else comes to Chicago, call me! There's lots to see and do here!"

Kim Lynch Fry, Golden, Col.,

writes that **Gail Eichorn Kroeger**, Naperville, Ill., will visit her in Colorado in September. (Kim added that Gail lost her husband, Doug ND '74, in 2002.) We hope to hear about that get-together soon; it'll be Gail's first trip to Colorado.

And after 27 years of living in the same house in Centralia, Wash., **Denise Boulac** moved to a new home on a mostly treed five acres in Oakville, Wash. (that's southwest of Seattle and northwest of Portland). Denise says that she enjoys working with kids—it keeps her young. That's obvious: She's in the second half of her 32nd year as a special education teacher, her 20th at the high school level, her 19th year as assistant girls' tennis coach, and her 20th as assistant boys' tennis coach! Denise has been teaching in Chehalis, Wash., for 28 years so far. "I will teach until I figure out what I want to do when I grow up and am open to suggestions on that front. Truck driving looks good from here (less paperwork)!"

Patricia O'Loughlin Erickson—okay, Trish (Atlanta, Ga.)—has been keeping in touch with her roommate during junior year, **Marjorie Fuchs Begin**, who lives in Boston, Mass., and although they haven't seen each other in years (they're threatening a South Bend reunion), they still keep up, perhaps because both have daughters about the same age. "Margie is such a great person, and I was so lucky to be her roommate. Our relationship is such a great example of the power of fate—being randomly matched as roommates in McCandless and growing into fast friends in spite of the march of time and distance." They haven't been able to make that reunion yet, "but we will!" says Trish.

Sara Morrison Cusick, Carrollton, Texas, writes that her son, 1st Lt. James Cusick, is once again deployed with the Marine Corps, this time on ship. He was last docked in Kuwait. Their son-in-law, Capt. Julian Flores (daughter Katie's husband), a pilot in the Marine Corps, was just deployed to Iraq for his second tour of duty there. And daughter, Helen, and son-in-law, Joey Dahlgvig, became parents for the first time on July 3, 2008, so Sara has a lovely granddaughter, Emma Ann Dahlgvig.

Also becoming grandparents for the first time were **Genevieve Musick Goss** (Fincastle, Va.), her husband, John, now enjoying newcomer Caroline. Genevieve is teaching at nearby Roanoke College and is active in land conservation.

Busy sending her daughter off to

school, **Sharon McKernan Gottlieb** writes, "I find myself thinking back to the late summer/fall of 1971. So much has happened in my life since leaving Saint Mary's in 1975." Sharon has been living in the Washington, D.C., area, working at Merrill Lynch for 13 years before marrying Mark Gottlieb in 1988. They now have four teenagers—two in college and two at home in Fairfax Station, Va. Along with keeping up with her busy household, Sharon manages all the finances for Mark's various companies, is treasurer of her son's high school marching band (over 200 strong!), and an active volunteer for both church and community. "It makes for a sometimes crazy but rewarding life. Our entire family has traveled all over the world, and God has blessed us immensely."

Kathleen Clapp wrote that she is working as a psychologist in Albuquerque, N.M., and for the past year has been director of the domestic violence treatment program with the Second Judicial District Court in collaboration with the University of New Mexico: "It is challenging and inspiring."

Kathleen McFadden Devine, Chagrin Falls, Ohio, near Cleveland, informs us that her husband, Brett, retired from Nestle after 34 years. Katie is a freelance business writer, who, after 10 years of full-time public relations work, spent the next 20 years taking assignments and doing volunteer work for her children's public school, her parish (Saint Joan of Arc), and the Cleveland chapter of the Christ Child Society. Daughter Cathleen, 23, graduated in '07 from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, and lives in New York City, in Gramercy Park, working in sales and marketing for News Corps. Katie wrote, "I'm so jealous. She is living 'the life' in Manhattan and having a ball." Her youngest, Patrick, just graduated from high school and is going off to Columbia College in Chicago this fall. Patrick is already winning awards for his photography in gallery showings. Katie writes, "I hope to touch base with many of my Saint Mary's friends in Chicago, now that I will be visiting there more often." (Chicago is beginning to sound like the place to gather!)

And finally, **Patricia Lauerman Nobbe**, Oshkosh, Wis., and her family gathered outside the Le Mans entrance on May 9 to dedicate benches honoring her mother, **Helen Ridgely Lauerman '41**, and her aunt, **Mary Ridgely Root '37**. She praised **Addie Stefanac Cashore '70**, of the Donor Relations office for coordinating

a very special ceremony.

By the way, according to Saint Mary's Web site, these teak benches "are built to endure and provide perpetual tributes for members of the Saint Mary's family. A plaque for personalized inscription is included for display on each bench." The cost is \$2500. Something to think about...

Please keep writing. It's wonderful to hear from you. Spread the word! Send me a note any time! And... stay well and be happy, you and yours!

'77

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Jane (Janie) Ann Schiltz writes that she has two young children: David, 9 and a fourth grader, and Katherine, 7 and a second grader. Both children were adopted as infants from Guatemala. They are active and enjoy visiting the SMC and ND campuses during football weekends. Janie remains with Northwestern Mutual, where she began right after her law school graduation. While she's spent her entire career with one company, she's not had the same position. She is currently the vice president of the business markets group and responsible for the sales and marketing activities in the business market. She said her undergraduate degree in business has been a great background for her career.

Suzanne Baker Cox writes that she and Jim are busy with their four children. Three are now in college. Her oldest, Kathryn graduated from Smith College; Caroline is a senior at Saint Mary's; and Jimmy is a sophomore at the University of Maine, where he is a pitcher on their baseball team. John, the baby, has multiple choices for his freshman year in college. Some of Suzanne's most precious memories are of her years as a Saint Mary's student—particularly the one spent in Rome during her sophomore year.

On a personal note, my dad, Dr. Eugene Campanale, former department head of education, has recently undergone heart bypass surgery. While looking forward to a quick recovery and early release, he instead spent nearly three months in the hospital with multiple difficulties, including several times where his body almost didn't make it. I'm glad to say he's had his "miracle birthday" and reached the age of 80 the last week of August. If anyone would care to drop him a line, I know he'd love hearing

from you. His address is: P.O. Box 839, Notre Dame, IN 46556-0839.

From the Courier Office:

Stephanie Temme writes: I am currently a math support specialist at a middle school in Germantown, Md., and still ride horses in my spare time. My husband, Brian ND '78 is the director of projects for Jacobs Engineering Group based in Arlington, Va. Aiden, our son, is in his second year as a cadet at the United States Military Academy at West Point. Our daughter, Hannah is a senior in high school and has been applying to colleges. She also earned her Girl Scout Gold Award by creating a small library for the National Children's Medical Center in Washington, D.C. Both of our children are competitive swimmers. Aiden was the captain of his high school team and was recruited by the Army Black Knights. He also qualified for and swam at the Junior Nationals in Orlando, Fla., his senior year in high school.

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I recently received a note from **Linda Kaweck** containing both sad and happy news. She wrote: "The first bit of sad news was the sudden death of Greg Harry ... husband of **Rosemary Serbent Harry '79**. He died in a traffic accident in October 2007. **Colleen O'Brien Schiedler** and **Gina Kubicki Ogden** and I attended the funeral in Seattle, Wash. Rosemary has since relocated to Connecticut, to be close to family. Rosemary has an 11-year-old daughter, Nicole, who seems to be adjusting well to all these life changes thrown at her in the past year.

"On a happier note, my freshman-year roommates and I (Rosemary, Colleen, **Ann Marie Calacci**, **Marie Vitali Black**, and I) took a trip to the California Wine Country to celebrate our 50th birthdays this past January. While there, we stopped at the Sapphire Hill tasting room to see another classmate: **Anne Giere**. Anne and her husband, Tim Meinken, own Sapphire Hill Vineyards.

I also just returned from the SMC campus this past weekend. I was there for the ND-Michigan game and also for the Alumnae Board of Directors' meeting. I have just begun a three-year term on the Board. It was great to be on campus, and I look forward to our 30th Reunion."

As Linda notes, our 30th reunion is just around the corner, so please plan on attending!

From the Courier Office:

Elizabeth S. Scheurer writes: "I was promoted to principal clinical research scientist at Boston Scientific Cardiac Rhythm Management (formerly the Guidant Corporation). I facilitate clinical research studies out of the research department. My work typically involves technology that is eight to ten years from a product application, if at all. It's very cool and very risky stuff. I also have two patents pending—one in an area of neuromodulation and the other in the renal space. (Sorry, but I can't be more specific until the Patent Office officially assigns our company the patent.) I will be attending the European Society of Cardiology meeting in Munich this August and will be presenting data on one of my studies.

"I still hear from **Nancy Lang**, who is at Johns Hopkins practicing in pediatric oncology and from **Kim Rusnak Sandler**, who lives and works in La Jolla. I spent a great weekend last summer with Nancy touring Maryland and the Naval Academy, which is beautiful. I also made my annual trek to La Jolla to be a total slug and hang out on Kim's balcony looking at Scripps Pier. Kim recently changed design firms and is enjoying her new business situation."

Lisa Morel Las is entering her fifth year as CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Will and Grundy Counties in Joliet, Ill. In June, her daughter, Lauren, graduated from Harvard University, where she was a four-year NCAA Division I volleyball scholar athlete.

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Patty Sehn Ruffin reports: "Rick ND '81 and I just emptied our nest—sending our youngest, Will, to Creighton in Omaha. Middle child Andrew is a senior at Duke, and our eldest, Julie ND '07, is living and working in New York City. As we approach our 50th birthdays next year, we are grateful for good health, faith, family, and friends."

Roberta De Pieroi-Perkins reports: "**Joan Grabowski '82**, **Patricia Williams**, **Ann M. Trucano '82**, and I are all meeting over Labor Day weekend for our annual SMC Chick Reunion in Rapid City, S. Dak., at Ann's

home. We are all looking forward to three glorious days of reminiscing and making new memories...I have had the fortune to finally meet two fellow Saint Mary's graduates here in Key West. I was attending a garden club meeting at which the guest speaker was **Coleen Fitzsimmons '98** of the Monroe County Mosquito Control. I was so surprised to learn that she is a Saint Mary's graduate with a BA in biology—just like me. Over Christmas, I was talking to another woman at a party and we got to discussing Indiana. Lo and behold, she is also a graduate of Saint Mary's: **Marianne Loner Schipperleit '71**. The three of us feel so lucky to have found each other with our college in common. Happily married to my wonderful husband, Reef Perkins, I continue to do ad sales here in Key West."

From **Martha Maggio Merizon**: "In July, **Jane Kopec Bentkowski**, **Cathy Sweeney Dunn**, and **Maria Bladowski Sobczak** flew out to Sun Valley, Idaho, to spend six days with me. Highlights of the visit included a day of white water rafting on the Salmon River, a chair lift ride up to the top of the famed Sun Valley ski resort, and a hike to a lake in the Sawtooth Mountains. I loved having the gang in my home and even hosted a cocktail party so that my Sun Valley area friends could meet my dear Saint Mary's friends."

From **Ann Coryn Lohmuller**: "In July, **Maureen Daly Martin** traveled from Boynton Beach, Fla., to Bettendorf, Iowa, to visit me. We then went to Glen Ellyn, Ill., to visit **Julie Evans Detmer**. All drove to South Haven, Mich., and met up with **Kim Kosier Schoone** (Norcross, Ga.) and **Deb Carey** (Chicago) for a weekend of fun at the Detmers' Lake Michigan cottage. (The last get-together was in 1995 at a Notre Dame game.) So many laughs and SMC good times were shared. This mini reunion is destined to be a yearly event!"

From **Katie Walsh**: "The St. Louis Alumnae Club had an excellent happy hour at a local restaurant. I saw **Anne Lynch Pittman** in July when she and her husband, Tom, and daughter Brigid came through to celebrate the 4th and Tom's birthday."

From **Teresa Gorno-Reid**: "This is a big year for us—my youngest, Grace, will be making her First Holy Communion and my oldest, Evangeline, will be graduating from our parish school and selecting a high school. (Alice is thriving in 5th grade but is anxiously waiting for even one of her five missing front teeth to grow in!)"

From **Nancy Roach Stauder**: "I moved recently to Raleigh, N.C., as I am engaged to a wonderful man whose job has taken him to the Raleigh area. My job allows me to move—which is very good. I will miss getting together with the New Jersey alumnae club, since it is currently run by **Dawn Parker Santamaria**. My son is in graduate school in Savannah, Ga, and my daughter is attending Rowan University in Glassboro, N.J."

From **Mary Ryan Buddig**: "I am finally done with grammar school at St. Isaac Jogues after 15 years. Sarah is a junior and Jennifer is a sophomore at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. Erin is a senior, Margaret is a junior, and Bobby is a freshman at Hinsdale Central High School."

Ann Elliott Simsarian writes: "I am thankful to live in southern California. My husband, Greg, is an emergency medicine physician at Saddleback Memorial Hospital in Laguna Hills. I am home raising two boys: Aris Elliott, 12, and Douglas Gregory, 9. They are both in Scouts, piano, band, and baseball. My volunteer positions consist of Boy Scout committee member, catechist, Cub Scout den leader, and PTO auditor."

From **Beth McPherson**: "I live in Long Beach, Calif. I've been in Catholic health care my entire career, first with the Holy Cross Health System in several locations (sponsored by the Sisters of the Holy Cross) and now with St. Joseph Health System in Orange, Calif. My area of work is mission integration, i.e. how we integrate the mission and values into the infrastructure of the organization and how we develop lay leaders to lead a faith-based ministry. I love to travel! Last year, I participated in the beatification of Fr. Moreau in Le Mans, France with the CSCs. This year, I am taking a group from St. Joseph Health System on a pilgrimage to the place in France where the Sisters of St. Joseph were founded."

"I stay in touch with **Kathy Keegan** and **Kathy Kane Kegg**, who both live in Houston. Kathy Keegan works for Halliburton and goes to interesting places like Dubai. Kathy Kegg has four kids: Katie, Matt, John, and David. I also hear from and see **Angie M. Brown** occasionally. She is a mom of three—two boys, one girl—and is an IBM executive in Washington D.C. And **Mary A. Sullivan** lives near Spokane, Wash. She is the world's best teacher—both in special and primary education."

"I missed the 25th reunion because I was traveling in Croatia and did not keep track of the year, but I will plan to

go to our 30th. I was a CSC for 20 years and then felt called to be a lay person in the church. I am very fortunate to have great relationships with many of them and still stay connected by offering some consulting services."

Karen Parrott Lilley writes: "I live with my family in Beverly Hills, Mich., and work part time for Abbott Laboratories as a medical nutritional sales rep, now celebrating 21 years with the company. I have been married to Kurt Lilley for 12 years and have two girls: Lizzie, 10, and Julie, 9."

From **Molly Woulfe**: "I spent a week in Palm Springs with my sweetheart's family, returning freckled, not tan. Trip highlights included Joshua Tree National Park, watching the lunar eclipse in the desert, and a visit to San Clemente, where I was born. Son James turned 16 in April, and Liam became an official teenager in July."

Maggie O'Neill writes: "My daughter, Clare, is a senior, and Maeve is a freshman at the Academy of the Holy Cross in Kensington, Md. It is run by our dear CSCs. It has a great community feel and provides an outstanding education that reminds me in so many ways of Saint Mary's; plus, many of the names and symbols are familiar: Moreau, Madaleva, cross and anchor."

Catherine Shaughnessy Brennan writes: "We are on our 13th year in Michigan. John continues as a law professor at Cooley Law School. I am working as a case management nurse at the Ingham Regional Wound Care Center in Lansing. In January, we took our three children, Eddie, 17, Clare, 14, and Kevin, 11, to New York City, where we had a wonderful dinner with **Adri Trigiani**, her husband, Tim, and her adorable 5-year-old-daughter Lucia. Joining us at dinner was Adri's sister, **Toni Trigiani '82**, who has her own professional organizing business. We also saw ND grad Mary Testa in the play *Xanadu*, which was hilarious."

Mary Kay Ramelow Green reports: "Several years ago I decided to leave my job and was at a loss for what to do next. My last day was a Friday, and on Sunday, there was a blurb in our church bulletin about a job at St. Patrick Church in Lake Forest. On my first day, one of my new co-workers asked if I had gone to Saint Mary's (she spotted the ring). Turns out, not only were we both Class of '81, we both lived in Le Mans junior year. Our paths had never crossed in South Bend, but now **Kathy Wadsworth Newcomb** is one of my most treasured friends! In May, my husband, Jon, and I flew

out to Denver to surprise my SMC roommate **Pat O'Brien Harrington '80** for her birthday. We had a great time reminiscing. My son, Kevin, graduated from Miami University in December, and Pat's daughter graduated this past May. Now my daughter Ashley is a senior at Miami and Pat's daughter, Kelly, is a sophomore. Next weekend, **Mary Maloney '84** is coming out for the ND game and then spending a couple of days with us."

From **Maureen O'Brien Kohler**: "Our daughter, **Katie Kohler '09**, has been writing for *The Observer* since she set foot on campus. She enjoys the challenge and the small paycheck, but I'm not sure she enjoys the long hours that often end at 2-3 a.m. Her junior year, she served as the Saint Mary's editor and has been appointed assistant managing editor for the 2008-09 school year." Way to go, Katie!

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Thanks to all who filled out the questionnaires that were sent out prior to the reunion! You might recall that the questionnaires included a space to write about a personal triumph, so you can read about those in this issue.

Melinda Albert lives in Garland, Tex. Her personal triumph: "Helping my mom fulfill a life-long dream of starting/owning her small business. In August 2005, Merle Norman Studio & Spa opened for business. The experience has been an adventure. I am truly grateful to be able to share this experience with my mom."

Barbara Case Andrews lives in Munster, Ind. with her husband, Steven. They have four children: Chip, 21, Carolyn, 19, Billy, 17, and Becky, 15. **Kathleen Culhane Battis** lives in Chanhassen, Minn. She and her husband, Timothy, have two children: Christine, 19, and Thomas, 17.

Rene Holthouse Chronert lives in Riverside, Conn. She and her husband, Stephen, have two sons: Thomas, 17, and Michael, 15. **Lisa Fornataro-Clerici** lives in Beaver, Penn. with her husband, Frederick, and their three children, Cameron, 14, Lena, 9, and Maylee, 5. Lisa homeschools all three kids. She writes of her personal triumph: "I traveled around the United States lecturing others in my profession about treatment of patients with tracheostomy. I also published a

text on the same subject. My husband and I traveled twice to China to bring home our beautiful daughters."

Eileen O'Connor Cox lives in New Jersey with her family. Eileen's personal triumph: "Raising four children! Past president (2004-2007) of Social Service Association of Ridgewood and Vicinity, a local organization serving needy families with emergency financial assistance, food and food vouchers, childcare assistance, clothing and shoes in the northwest Bergen County, N.J. area."

Margaret Meek Duggan works as a bookkeeper in Buffalo. She and her husband, Michael, have three children, Maggie, 18, Michael, Jr., 16, and Mary Catherine, 13. **Loretta Barrett Evans** and her husband, Jerry, live in Lynchburg, Va., where Loretta is an administrative assistant in the Dean of Students Office at Lynchburg College. **Karen Bossy Feller** and her husband, John ND '82, live in Palm Desert, Calif., and have four children: Kyle, who will graduate this year from Villanova; Kaitlin, who will graduate from Saint Mary's in 2011; Alek, 16; and Emma, 8. **Beth Wentling Gales** owns Gales Designs, a jewelry design company in Lancaster, Penn. She and her husband, Charlie ND '82, have four children: Kate ND '07, Kristin ND '11, as well as Michael, who attends Penn State, and Mark, 13.

Meghan Brady Gies and her husband, Joseph, live in La Canada, Calif. Their children are Thomas, 22, Linnea, 19, and Callan, 13. **Liz Kentra Gorey** lives in Carrollton, Ga., with her husband, Rian, and their children Erin, 16, and Aidan, 13. Liz is a physician at an ear, nose, and throat practice. **Sharon Xaver Guess** lives in Columbia, S.C., where she is a CPA. Sharon's children are Nichole, 22, Amanda, 19, Sarah, 16, and Hannah, 8. **Mary Jo Russo Henke** and her husband, Edwin, live in Rhinebeck, N.Y. Their children are Kathleen, 19, Patrick, 17, Timothy, 15, and Paul, 13. **Mary Laue Iberle's** son, Tim, is a student at Western Illinois University.

Paris Wilson de Ivanishevich's personal triumph: "Balancing my family's life throughout our different moves (different countries and cultures), an 80% traveling husband, and learning something new every day."

Maura Kahn's personal triumph: "I resigned from my company last July, took a four-month sabbatical and got my priorities back in order. Now, I am doing consulting work with small biotech companies. During this time, I am also volunteering on the Obama

for President Campaign and I spent a week in South Carolina prior to the primary." **Carole Dziminski Klautt** lives in Dallas. She and her husband, Dave, have three children: Stefanie is a freshman at Texas Christian University, while Davin and Caroline are in high school. Carol's personal triumph: "My husband and I celebrated our 20th anniversary in Ireland and saw **Nora Barnicle**. I also hiked the Grand Canyon rim-to-rim—24 miles in one day!" **Fran Spaniola-Lutz** is a registered nurse in Hudsonville, Mich. She and her husband, Barry, have two children, Nate, 18, and Cara, 15. **Mary Jo Gill Lynch** writes that "after 15 years at home raising my children, life has altered my perspective. I am back in school pursuing a nursing career while volunteering in hospice care."

Mary Beth Kinsella Malloy lives in Newtown Square, Penn. She and her husband, David, have five children: Maureen, 24, Maggie, 14, Michael, 12, Bridget, 11, and Danny, 8. **Mary Eileen Shelley Morrissey's** oldest daughter, Colleen, is a student at the University of Georgia. **Monica Dornbach Munson's** personal triumph: "I am working on a master's in organizational development." **Marianne Orsinelli Misiti** lives in Mentor, Ohio. She and her husband, Vincent, have five children: Bianca, 15, Gabriella, 13, Domenic, 11, Olivia, 9, and Mario, 6. **Mary Beth O'Brien** is a trust officer at LaSalle Bank in downtown Chicago

Maria Groff Reynolds and her husband, F. Fisher Reynolds III ND'82, live in Houston, Tex. Maria is a second-grade teacher at an all-boys school. She and her husband have two boys and two girls who are in middle and high school: F. Fisher IV, Stephen, Maria, and Virginia. Maria's personal triumph: "Raising four beautiful children who are very spiritual and deeply devoted to God, friends, and family. I am so proud of them. They've turned out so beautifully and are a wonderful source of love and friendship for me! (They're also terrifically successful and handsome!)" **Mary Sweeney Roddy** is a pharmacist in Charlottesville, Va. Her children are Sarah, 20, and Katie, 16.

Patti Zukaitis Russo is the associate director of the Monroe Owen County Medical Society in Indiana. She and her husband, Charles, have three children: Michael, 24, Rebecca, 22, and Samuel, 20. **Ellen Placey Wadey** is now, in addition to her co-hosting/producing duties of a Pittsburgh-based NPR radio show, an adjunct instructor of literature and professional writing at Columbia College in Chicago. Ellen's

personal triumph: "I've been able to keep a small non-profit afloat for the last six years in a very difficult arts market. I'm actually using my degree. I've completed a novel manuscript."

Kim Kisling Walsh and her husband, Jim, live in Glenview, Ill. and are parents of Kaitlin, 18, Jimmy, 17, Conor, 14, Jack, 9, and Matthew, 4. **Cathy Reddy White's** personal triumph: "I consider my children my greatest triumphs (as I suspect many mothers do). I am particularly proud that they did well in high school and were accepted to two great colleges (Notre Dame and Wake Forest), where I hope they will continue to develop into well-rounded, public spirited, and spiritual adults." **Beth Bunker Williams** has relocated to the Midwest. She and her husband, Kent, have moved from Texas to the Naperville home where Beth's parents used to live. Their children are Kent, Jr., 15, and Kate, 13. **Julie Lowins-Zielke's** personal triumph: "Finding so many ways to share my creativity that I explored as an art major at Saint Mary's: through teaching my children, teaching in school settings, tutoring children in need, and continuing to make art."

Finally, the news from the Harrison home front is that we are getting ready to send another child off to college. Our second oldest, John, will be a freshman at Tufts this fall. It's an exciting time, and it brings back memories of starting at Saint Mary's all those years ago.

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Greetings, classmates! I've not heard much from you in the last year, but I have been in touch with **Sheila Donahue**, who owns a successful marketing communications business in Chicago. She's been very gracious in receiving my calls for advice as I make my own foray into the entrepreneurial world.

I did hear from one classmate, **Debbie Hickey**, unfortunately, with some very sad news: "It is with great sadness that I am e-mailing you. My roommate for all four years at Saint Mary's, **Theresa Biondo Flick**, passed away on Aug. 23. She was like a sister to me, and I can't recall a Saint Mary's memory that doesn't include her. She was a true inspiration of late, and valiantly fought every 'health-related' curve ball that came her way. She

leaves behind a son, Ben, and her husband, Rick. I am really thankful for the good friends—**Anne Gilmore Feith, Maryellen May, Meg Rowley, Mary Ann Potter** Ruthmeyer, and **Trisha Glomb Ladner**—who joined me for the funeral in Hamilton.

"I am also sorry to relay the news that **Cathy McIsaac Branigan's** mother passed away on Sept. 7. She was a frequent visitor to Saint Mary's when we were in school and always brought great food to Cathy and her friends. I have talked to Cathy and her old roommate **Ellen Byrne Willertz** recently. Cathy is doing her best, but as she said 'has her ups and downs.'"

Thank you Debbie, for sharing the news of Theresa's passing, along with news of Cathy's mother.

If you have news you're willing to share with us, please send me an e-mail before the next deadline, March 1. Thank you!

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Hello, everyone! It's been a while (to say the least) since there has been anything to report from our class! Please e-mail or mail me your personal update for inclusion in future issues. If you're like me it's disappointing to open the *Courier* to the update section and watch the dates go from 1985 to 1989 with nothing in between

Kathy Kynch Dapper reports that on Aug. 21, she and husband Bob took their oldest daughter, Katie Dapper, to Saint Mary's as a member of the Class of 2012! Kathy discovered that **Linda Joerger Cross's** daughter, Jessica, is also a first-year student—even living in the same dorm as Katie. Jessica will be marching with the Fighting Irish in the ND band. Kathy enjoyed visiting with Linda and her husband, Tom, at the Legacy luncheon sponsored by the Alumnae Relations office. She was excited as well to find out that she and daughter Katie will be on the same "reunion cycle," meaning that when Katie celebrates her 5-year reunion, Kathy will be celebrating her 30th with the rest of us. (Gulp! Did that number 30 make any of the rest of you catch your breath?) Kathy admits that it is quite an adjustment not having Katie at home, but she is happy about the opportunities that await her at Saint Mary's. Kathy's youngest daughter, Sara, is a sophomore in high school. She is learning to drive and is a

cheerleader for Cathedral High School. Kathy volunteers at school and hopes to make it to a few ND football games this year.

Anna Gaffney Conway reports that her daughter, Clare, a freshman in high school, is also learning to drive. Caroline is in 8th grade and son Stefan is in 5th grade. She continues to substitute teach in their school district.

Mary Elizabeth ("Liza")

Wheeland Luhmann writes that they continue to live in the St. Louis area and enjoy it very much. She and Mark have three children: Matthew, 11, Anna, 9, and Kate, 7. They go to the parish school and are growing way too fast. Liza works part-time as a registered nurse for a call center run by Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital. She enjoys her job and is fortunate to be able to work from home. She

loves keeping in touch with all her Saint Mary's friends and misses those college days!

Elizabeth Hughes Boice and husband Don live in the Rochester, N.Y., area with their two sons: Owen and Zachary. She is a technical writer. All is well!

As for me, **Elisa Cullina O'Neill**, I have been blessed to experience many travel opportunities this year as a result of my children's interest in music. In December 2007, our family joined the Waubonsie Valley High School marching band on a trip to Florida. Son John, then a freshman, is a trombone player in the band. The band had the opportunity to march in a parade at Disney World, then march in the Outback Bowl parade and play at half time with other high schools from across the country. Between their musical engagements, band members had plenty of time for play in the Disney theme parks. Our family was able to enjoy this trip together. In March 2008, my daughter, Melissa, then a junior, participated in the high school choir trip to Italy. I was pleased to be chosen as a chaperone for this great trip! The kids sang at a Mass in St. Peter's Basilica and had two nighttime concerts—one in Rome and one in Florence. It was a beautiful trip! Rome, Sienna, Florence, and Venice in five days! To top it off, in May 2008, my youngest son, James, 12, was named the Midwest Regional Champion of Irish music in his age group for the tin whistle. That meant that he was qualified to compete for the world title in Ireland. So, the O'Neill family packed our bags in August 2008 for a two-week trip to Ireland. We had the opportunity to travel for a week before settling into Tullamore, County Offaly for a week. James attended music school and then competed for the world title. He played beautifully, and it was clear he belonged there to contend for the title. While he did not take the title, James certainly gave the Irish a run for their money! The suitcases are tucked away and life is back to normal. My husband, John, is the senior vice president of civil engineering for a firm in Chicago. I continue to substitute teach between my various volunteer commitments with the school and church.

PLEASE let me hear from you for the next update! I am sure more people care about and want to hear about you than you know!

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I hope this New Year finds everyone doing well. Reminder: our 20-year reunion (wow, where did the time go?) is in June! Call, text, write, or e-mail your friends and classmates, and make plans now so we can have a great turnout.

Jackie Benchik-Osborne shares wonderful news. With the help of her husband, John, her twin sister **Marilyn Benchik Klimek**, and her mom, **Rosemary Boughal Benchik '61**, Jackie beat stage-three breast cancer! Jack, 12, Marirose, 9, and Sean, 7, know she had cancer and are happily moving forward and enjoying life with their mom. Last fall, Jackie presented the initial draft of her study in education to her dissertation committee and hopes to graduate from the University of Illinois at Chicago in May. Congratulations, Jackie!

Samira Kamel Gozaine connected via Facebook from her home in David, Panama. She was back in the U.S. last summer and spent time with **Christine Hobart '90** for the first time in 13 years. Samira is considering sending her girls to the Saint Mary's art camp this summer—sounds like a great idea!

From Ashland, Wisc., **Linda Baily Dunk** sent news that she ran her second marathon last October. She completed her first one in just under four hours and hoped to do the same, or better, in her second. Linda would love to hear from any classmates who have tackled marathons.

Running in a different way (and probably many different directions!) are our new moms, who are surely on the go after little ones... **Megan FitzGerald Burke** and Patrick live outside of Cleveland and welcomed their first child, a baby girl, Kyleigh Elizabeth, on May 20, 2008. **Patricia Sullivan Weber** and John greeted baby #4 on July 30, 2008. Thomas "Tommy" Bernard joins Danny, 9, Clare, 6, and Bridget, 5, at their home in Winfield, Ill. **Patti Swain Stark** and **Katherine Wetoska** attended the baby shower thrown for Patricia. Katherine lives in New Lenox, Ill., where she works as the president of Wetoska Packaging and is looking to buy a new house.

Nominate a distinguished friend

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

Each year the Alumnae Association honors deserving alumnae who have made significant contributions to the College or in her field. Please take a few minutes to nominate an alumna. Submit her name, class year, and why you think she should receive an award. Nominations must be received by February 20, 2009. Graduate and non-graduate alumnae are eligible for the award. Please send nominations via e-mail, fax, or mail to the Alumnae Relations Office, Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN 46556. E-mail alumnae@saintmarys.edu; fax (574)284-4749.

Distinguished Alumnae Award

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

Alumna Achievement Award

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

Humanitas Award

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

Outstanding Young Alumna Award

The nominee should exhibit leadership in her personal, professional, or volunteer accomplishments and also in her involvement with Saint Mary's College. Alumnae from the classes of 1994–2007 are eligible for the award.

Patti has been a stock broker in downtown Chicago for over 17 years and is working at UBS. She and her husband, Mark, have four children: twins, Dylan and Griffin, 9, Ryan, 6, and Kelly, 2. Last summer, the Stark family vacationed at the Wisconsin Dells and enjoyed every slide in the water park (bruises prove it!). Patti confesses that she's starting to like sports. After taking up tennis—and loving it—she's even softening to ESPN's perpetual presence in her home.

Kim Kihnke Laninga shared some great video from the Laninga family winter in Northern Michigan. If you want to be jealous of a natural skier, watch Kim's daughter, Lilah, 2, take to the slopes on YouTube by searching for "laningahomevids."

Linda Dvorak Gilbert and Keith vacationed in Cancun and recently moved into their newly constructed home in Houston with their daughters Caroline, 4, and Caitlyn, 17 months. Linda continues to work full-time at Hewlett-Packard. She took a July 4th trip to see Patti Swain Stark and enjoyed the Oak Brook fireworks with her.

More classmates met up for fun...

Heidi Hirschle Hexamer and **Carrie Deane Corcoran** spent an August day in New York City sightseeing with Heidi's girls at the Central Park Zoo and Dylan's Candy Bar. **Lisa Montpetit Brabbit** and **Jenny Doroff Sedivy** met in Chicago with their mothers and daughters for a day at the American Girl Store. The Brabbit family also spent time with **Nora McQuillan Coleman**, her husband, Kevin, and their four children. The Colemans were traveling to their family cabin in northern Minnesota when they were persuaded to take an overnight detour to visit with the Brabbits. The families spent time boating and tubing on the St. Croix River and the husbands managed to get in a round of golf.

Karen Crespy traveled from Bethesda, Md. to spend a jam-packed, long weekend in Chicago last July. She stayed with **Katy Burns** in her downtown condo, and they enjoyed a day-long festival in Crystal Lake, a visit from Katy's parents, and a boat trip along the lake front with Katy's brother, Tommy. Karen took one day to ride the South Shore to meet up with **Jackie Brody Tavitas '91**, and they spent the day on the Saint Mary's and Notre Dame's campuses. She was lucky to find **Kara O'Leary** in her office for a nice visit. Before heading out of town, Karen also took the train out to La Grange for lunch with **Karen Luby Burton**. It was a busy and wonderful weekend.

Jackie and Karen tailgated before the Navy game in Baltimore along with several of Karen's Notre Dame friends. Karen also went to the ND-Purdue game and met up with **Barb Moorhead Vedders**, her husband, Joel, and their children, Abby and Jack. Before heading back east, Karen met up with **Karen Krok Hasler** and her girls, Rebecca and Eleanor, for Sunday Mass and brunch.

Kara Cudzilo Nasif went international for her vacation. Along with her husband, Mahar, and their two sons, she took a trip to Egypt to see Mahar's relatives. This was the Nasifs' first trip back to Egypt in 8 years, and was the first trip on a plane, boat, or train for her boys! Everyone traveled well, and her sons enjoyed meeting their grandmother, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Becky Jasper Seibert and husband Scott packed up the house and kids, Isaac and Zoë, and headed to Jamestown, N. Dak., for Becky's new supply chain job with Goodrich. Realtor **Margo McMahon** is selling Becky's home in New Hope, Minn.

Theresa Kress Marks has started a blog from her home in Kihei, Hawaii, about living in harmony with nature. You can find "The Green Mama" at greeniemama.blogspot.com. Theresa will explore practical ideas for reusing items, simplifying life, composting, growing herbs and plants, and of course, keeping chickens; as well as a variety of subjects for living a green life: plastic bags, permaculture, reusing water, climate change, crops of the future, alternative energy, and more.

Make plans now and we'll see you on campus in June!

From Alison Spohn Kavulich: Alison wrote, "I married Larry Kavulich on Aug. 2, in Le Mans Hall at Holy Spirit Chapel." Alison's college roommate, **Anne-Marie Schommer Miller '93**, was a bridesmaid. Also in attendance were: **Julie Griffin Murphy '74**, **Kristin Simono Newell '91**, **Patty Piercy Cushing '90**, **Linda Beaty Collins**, and family.

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Hello, Class of 1995! As a reminder, my next deadline for the summer edition of Class News is Feb. 25, 2009. My only news to report is that I have bought a condo in the West Loop area of Chicago; I love the short commute

to work. Please note my new address and phone number, although my e-mail will stay the same. Thanks to everyone who writes in and keeps our class news so fun to read!

On April 18, 2008, **Lara Mattison** married Brent Bauman in an intimate setting at his family's cabin in the mountains of Pennsylvania. The following day, they held a reception for family and friends at the Antique Auto Museum in Hershey, Penn. Lara was a beautiful bride and the reception was lovely. The Baumans now reside in Camp Hill, Penn., near Harrisburg.

Jennifer Taylor Porter reports that after her December 2007 marriage to husband Micah, they hosted a reception for family and friends in the spring. Jennifer shares, "Our reception was held over the past weekend at the Jekyll Island Club on Jekyll Island, Ga. 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 alumni who celebrated with us include **Nicole Cioper Janninck**, **Dyana Leon**, and **Kim Varzi '97**."

Tara Belden Bell and her husband welcomed their second child, Sophia Araminta Bell, on April 23, 2008. Sophia joins big sister Samantha.

Tanya Wilson Meagher writes, "I am still living in Northwest Indiana with my husband and four boys: Sean, 10, Michael, 8, Joseph, 4, and Nicholas, 1. We are insanely busy with sports. My sister, **Sonya Wilson Dumont '96**, had her fourth baby as well. Baby Alex joined big sisters Anna, 8, Alysabeth, 2, and big brother Aaron, 6."

Maryse Pflum Naman and husband Mark have some updates, "We are so blessed to have three beautiful children in our lives, Mia, 4, Madison, 3, and Mason, 18 months. I am still practicing social work; however, it is now on a part-time basis. I currently work three days a week as the school social worker at Monroe Township High School in Monroe Township, N.J., and love each and every minute of it! I was very disappointed to have missed our 10-year reunion in June 2005 and am looking forward very much to our next class reunion so that I can reconnect with old classmates."

Kate Curran Ross writes, "It's hard to believe that it has been 13 years since our time at SMC. It is nice to know, however, that our group of friends still keeps in contact with each other. We would like to believe our lives are glamorous, but going to bed at 10 p.m. has replaced getting ready

for the Linebacker at 10 p.m.! I live in Wheeling, W.Va, with my husband of 10 years, Mike. After teaching at St. John Central Grade School for nine years, I am now at home with Madeline Kathleen, 3, and Emily Karolina, 1. Motherhood is very busy! **Caroline DeChatelet Olsen** lives in Chicago with Eric and her three boys, Matthew, 7, Daniel, 3, and Andrew, 2. Caroline works part time as a service coordinator in a social work agency. **Kathy Maruna Corwin** has been married to Steve for 13 years. After many stops with Steve's naval career, they are now located in Pensacola, Fla. Kathy has two children, Josh, 6, and Maddie, 4, and works as a recruitment consultant for Morningstar Consulting. **Cyndi Herman Doherty** and her husband, Gary, live outside of Sacramento, Cal., with their children Allison, 5, and Kevin, 3. Cyndi works part time at a child care center. **Kristen Faherty Konowicz** and Matt live in Columbus, N.J., with their children Owen, 3, and Ethan, 1. Kristen is on leave from her teaching job but plans on getting her learning consultant certificate. The rest of the gang lives in the Phoenix area. **Alison Sciaudone Kozel** and Mike have been married over nine years and have Abby, 6, Emma, 3, and Matthew, 1. Alison works part-time as a speech language pathologist for children birth to three months but enjoys her "mommy" time more. **Karen Flach Pescatore** and James have been married 10 years and have Claire, 6, Anthony, 5, and Jake, 1. Karen teaches in a middle school. She and Alison get together often with **Colleen Lanigan Bowen**, who is married to Chris. Colleen stays at home with Callie, 4, and twins Paige and Meghan, 2."

Mary Catherine Sullivan Payne is on the move again! In spring 2008, she wrote, "This summer will bring another move, this time to Fort Riley, Kan., where Matthew will join the First Infantry Division, though we have no specific unit assignment as of yet. We expect to be there about two to three years, so it'll be a good opportunity to be homeowners again and to make new friends. As involved as the kids have gotten with their activities this year, it shouldn't be hard. Carmen, 6, is getting ready for spring soccer, and Rosa, 5, and John, 3, couldn't be more excited about their first recital. Rosa is enjoying ballet, and John has fun with his acrobatics class. John continues to do well with his diabetes, and even got an insulin pump last fall—what a blessing! So far, Anna, 16 months, is just glad to be along for

the ride! We hope to plug right in to similar activities when we get to Riley, and will also be looking for a Catholic homeschooling group to participate in while we're there."

In August 2008, **Nancy Mulcare Zgutowicz** and husband Andy packed up their family and moved from Glen Ellyn, Ill. to Hingham, Mass., just outside Boston. They are settling into East Coast life as Jack, 5, started pre-K, Caroline, 3, entered preschool, and Peter, almost 1, enjoys staying home with his mom.

Christina Wilschke Stoval and husband Bill ND '95 became the proud parents of Spencer Jameson on March 21, 2008. His big siblings Will, 6, and Natalie Ann, 4, absolutely adore him!

On May 19, 2008, **Lisa Baumann Musielewicz** and husband Ted Arch ND '96 welcomed their second child, Lydia Ilene. Lydia joins big sister Helena. The Musielewicz live in Columbus, Ohio.

Chris Singer Kasman writes, "John and I welcomed our third kiddo on Aug. 12, 2008:- John Singer "Jack" Kasman. He joined his two big sisters, Tessa, 4 and Ava, 3. **Bridget Bartley McGuire** recently moved to Singapore with her husband, Andy, who took a position with CAT, and 2-year-old son, Danny. Sounds like they're doing great and enjoying Singapore! Also, please keep **Tina Gruben Nester's** 6-year-old little girl, Catie, in your prayers... at the end of May 2008, she was diagnosed with ALL (Leukemia) and has spent most of the summer in Memphis at St. Jude's Hospital. She's doing really well and is in remission now in Peoria but still needs lots of strength and prayers."

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Bonjour to all from Greensboro, N.C. (about an hour from Durham)! Ignacio and I bought a home here and moved in late July for new jobs at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Ignacio is an assistant professor of Spanish, and I am a lecturer of French. Classes started on Aug. 25... so far all is well!

We are still settling into our new home and think that may take some time. It is difficult to find the energy to organize a house when you return from work! We are getting to know the town better and are getting lost far less than we did in the beginning. My favorite culinary finds so far are Riva's Trattoria, an Italian restaurant downtown, and Ganache, a bakery

with Chocolate Dreamz cookies that are mouthwateringly delicious!

Before moving here, we spent a good part of the summer in Europe—in France and Spain. It was wonderful. Sevilla is truly a *maravilla*—you should definitely plan to visit if you haven't already. And, if you are ever in Arles, France, make sure to go to *Le Criquet*... at least once.

As I write this, it is 83 degrees and sunny in Greensboro. As you read this, it is probably much cooler so please take a few moments to prepare yourself a cup of tea, coffee, or hot chocolate and come back to spend a few minutes catching up with some of our classmates. *À tout de suite!*

Several of our classmates welcomed little ones in spring and summer 2008. **Katie Boyle Walicki** and her husband, Rich, had their third child, Sean Michael, on April 14, 2008. Katie writes: "Sean Michael joins his big sister Bridget, 5, and brother Ryan, 2. I am really enjoying staying at home with them. We continue to live in Jackson, Mich. My husband works as the general manager of a car dealership in town."

Marian Kelly Mangoubi and husband David welcomed their first child, Abigail Kelly Mangoubi, on Aug. 21. Marian writes: "Dave and I are adjusting to our roles as parents but are loving absolutely every minute of it. Abigail actually sleeps quite a bit at night, which is nice. She's also somewhat laidback and yet strong-willed. It's amazing to have a child. You find yourself wanting to watch them every minute of the day as they're so peaceful."

April Sass Johnson and husband Jay also welcomed their first child this summer. Andrew Thomas Johnson was born July 16. April writes that "Andrew is precious and, for the most part, a good sleeper... we are feeling very blessed by all of that."

Congratulations to Katie, Marian, and April and others of you who have had recent additions to your family. (If you haven't written yet, please do, as we would love to hear your news!)

Michele Kuhlmann Nelson sends an update on her family: "We are well but busy, as always. Cate is almost done with her first year of school, Cari's dance recital is coming up, and we battle Anna daily over one thing or another. Andrew is growing well and remains very easygoing. I'm busy organizing, always organizing some thing or other, trying to keep up with all the 'stuff' that goes along with four kids. The days are flying by." As for how her three girls are adjusting to

their new brother (born Feb. 25, 2008), Michele says "the girls are doing quite well, weathering all the changes that Andrew has brought. They are thrilled with 'baby brother' and so he gets lots of sometimes-gentle, sometimes not-so-gentle love pats and kisses. Anna is especially vigilant and runs to tell me when he is crying, even if I am in the room! She is also right beside him whenever he makes the slightest noise. Cate and Cari are interested in him, but not to the same extent. My 'little mama' Anna is quite sweet."

Christine Riesenberger Davis and her family are also doing well. Son Ryan is now 4 and daughter Paige is 2. Christine writes that she is "doing the Komen three-day walk in San Francisco the first weekend in September. 60 miles over 3 days! I am nervous and excited!"

Alex Norris Pfeifer shares an update from Down Under: "Things are going fine here. Patrick starts kindergarten (they call it prep here) in February, so that will be exciting for him. Mark is in the process of looking for jobs and we're planning on moving back to the States in summer 2009. It's been great here, but I really miss being in the U.S. I have no idea where we're going to move to though..."

Another classmate on the move is **Regan Doherty**. Regan e-mailed me in late July with some exciting news: "I've accepted a job as a writer at a new magazine in Bahrain that focuses on economics throughout the Gulf region. I'll be covering finance in Qatar and the United Arab Emirates, which means I'll get to do quite a bit of travelling throughout the region on a regular basis. I'm moving over there Aug. 15 and am really excited about it! It's a great time to be in the region, which is financially booming. I am hoping to improve my Arabic skills, too."

"I was in Bahrain a few weeks ago looking at apartments and getting to know the city. Bahrain itself is tiny but highly westernized. Dubai, Abu Dhabi, and Doha (Qatar) are all close by, so I should get to know the region fairly well. Also, Northwestern's journalism school (Medill) just set up a campus for undergraduates in Doha, so I'll know a few people over there."

"I'll be the only American on staff. The magazine is run by a British group and all the writers/editors are from the UK. I'll keep you posted on my adventures in the Gulf!"

Please do, Regan, and I hope others of you will keep me posted on your adventures as well! For now, I wish you a blessed holiday season.

Enjoy the time with family and friends. I wish you all the best in 2009! Take care, *mes amies*, and *à bientôt!*

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Tina Alley was married on Oct. 6, 2007, in Covington, Ky., to Michael DiSanto. They met in San Francisco about four years ago. Ironically, both Tina's and Michael's families live within 30 minutes of one another back in the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky area, so they decided to have the wedding in their hometowns. **Meggie Fischer Spartz** was a bridesmaid and **Marge Schugt, Karen Kellner, Meghan Nash Cannavan, Charise Desmarteau Oelger, Aimee Ellis, and Carey O'Neill** were all there for the big day! Michael and Tina continue to live and work in San Francisco, where he is a corporate attorney and she is an HR business partner for a technology company.

Kristin Liptak Williams '98 lives in Bedford, a suburb of Cleveland about 20 minutes from downtown. She married Ryan Williams on Dec. 28, 2002. He is a teacher in Cleveland Heights and the head varsity football coach for the Beachwood City Schools. They have two children: Katie, 4, and Jake, 1. After SMC, Kristin worked for a short time at Sea World in human resources and then went back to school—at Notre Dame College in Cleveland—to become a teacher. After teaching 1st grade for four years at a Catholic school in Bedford, she is now an at-home mom and enjoys experiencing watching her children grow.

Jen Mazurek Miles and her husband, Jim ND '99, are enjoying time with their son, Sean Thomas Miles, born Oct. 14, 2007. Jen started the 2007–2008 school year, and now stays home with Sean.

After completing her time with the Air Force, **Amy Townley Bellenbaum** and her husband live in Grayslake, a northern Chicago suburb. They both work in North Chicago.

Melissa Hanson Wright moved from Chicago to Washington, D.C., about four years ago. On Oct. 30, 2007, Melissa and her husband, Bill, welcomed their first baby, Amelia Hanson Wright. They currently live in Arlington, Va. She has returned to work part-time at the Office of the

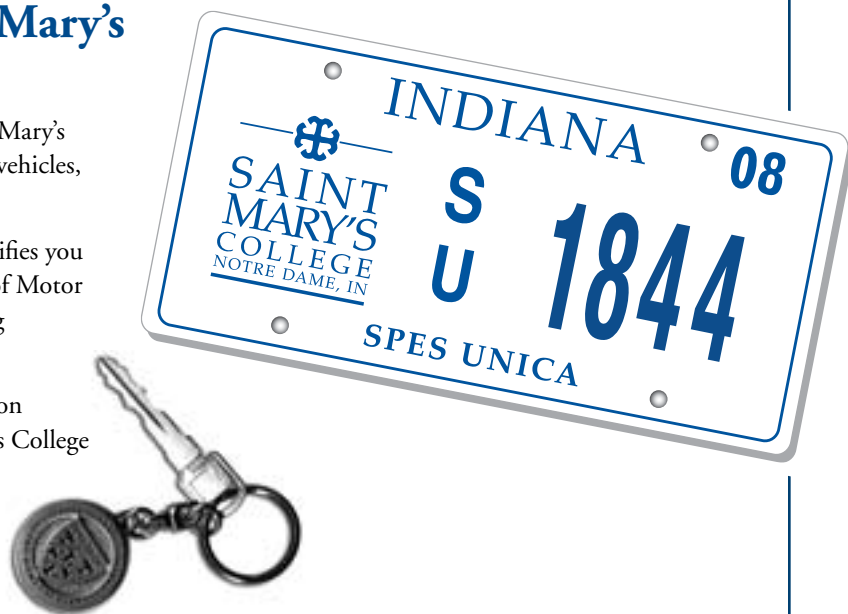
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Director of National Intelligence—in the Inspector General's Office.

Melissa also wrote that **Courtney Wagner Kelly**, her husband John ND '98, and big sister Carlin welcomed their second daughter, Shea Elizabeth, in February.

Rachel Villarreal Keyes and her husband, Tom, welcomed their second son, Samuel Mateo Keyes, on Sept. 21, 2007. According to Rachel, he looks just like his big brother, William.

Thank you so much to so many of you who joined the Saint Mary's Class of 1999 group on Facebook. To join, create a profile at www.facebook.com and join "Saint Mary's College Class of 1999." Facebook is a great way to catch up with everyone and see pictures, too!

Kelly Madden Manzo is currently teaching AP World History and World History at Sharon High School. Kelly and her husband have a son, Drew, who will be 2 in January. She was able to catch up in July in Wrigleyville with **Whitney Conrad, Kim Kusack, Mary Liz Tully Lehman, Kelly Herro Fikri**, and **Heather Showalter Stepan**.

Carah Smith Tabar and her family moved to the States this summer from Scotland and are now living in the Virginia Beach area. If anyone needs to get a little sun-n-sand let Carah know.

Lori Gundler Reyes and her husband, Chris, welcomed a baby girl on June 22. Named Lillie, she joins big sister Mia, 2.

Jennifer Peterson is the proud mom of three children: Reed, 5,

Gwendelyn, 3, and Olivia, 1. She started up her own website (www.sugarlocks.com), which now carries over 700 personalized items that she embroiders. Married to Greg, they will celebrate their 7th wedding anniversary in October!

Trish Haigh Peterson and her husband Kelly welcomed baby John Kelly (Jack) on March 16, 2007. Kelly and Trish were married in 2001. She finished her master's in reading literacy through Walden University in 2005 and has been teaching 2nd grade at a local public school. Since Jack was born, she has been job sharing—teaching three days a week with her teaching partner taking the other two. Trish is so happy that her two younger sisters are now sophomores at SMC, and her brother is a sophomore at ND. The Haigh tradition continues at ND-SMC.

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Maureen Flannery Crowe and husband Mike welcomed a double bundle of joy. Twin sons Michael Thomas and Timothy O'Day were born on May 3. After some time in the NICU, the boys are home and thriving.

Lori Schulte Smithe and her husband, Tom, welcomed their first child, son Thomas Charles Smithe III, on March 17, 2008. What a way to celebrate St. Patrick's Day!

Mary Ellen McGowan Landry and her husband, Jim, welcomed baby boy James Hugh Landry on March 22, 2008. Mary Ellen reports that she's not sleeping like she used to, but "He's so beautiful and a very smiley, happy baby!"

Ellen Wright Riley, husband Mike Riley ND '01, and son Aidan welcomed baby girl Maeve Irene on June 11.

Elizabeth Rockwell Noonan, her husband, Tim ND '01, daughter Colleen, and son Timmy relocated to Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates for Tim's work.

Kathy Fech Thompson started a new job as pastoral care minister for Christ the King Catholic Church in Des Moines, Iowa.

Jill Fenske Boerstler writes, "After working for over five years as a buyer in purchasing, I am continuing my career path with the Sisters of St. Francis Health Services (based in Mishawaka, Ind.). I recently received a promotion to contract analyst, and I will now load and maintain system-wide and locally-negotiated contracts, research pricing discrepancies, and help ensure contract compliance. I will finish my master's in hospital administration in spring of 2009, and I am grateful to already utilize some of that education! It's been difficult to balance the work/school/life

combination, but I thrive increasingly on stress!"

Julie Norman shares, "I'm still working for ESPN as an associate producer in event production. I work primarily on the NBA but also cover other sports throughout the year (Winter X Games and Wimbledon to name just two highlights thus far). I also just relocated from our NYC office to the ESPN headquarters in Bristol, Conn. I'm living in Bloomfield, Conn., which is near West Hartford. It's quite a change from the crazy lifestyle of Manhattan, but I am excited about the new chapter in my life in Connecticut. I also just attended **Kathy Giel's** wedding last weekend in South Bend/Elkhart. Kathy married Tom Alessi ND '03 and it was quite the SMC-ND party! **Erin Martin Williams, Mirella Siciliano**, and **Katie Paccione** were bridesmaids. Other Belles in attendance: **Julie Glud, Kelly Dugan Prina, Betsy Zack, Heather Podraza, Autumn Palacz Andronis, Allison Webb DeMong**, and **Julie Scheib Martin**."

Kate Middlemas Kessler started a new job back on New Year's Eve in marketing for Baxter Credit Union in Vernon Hills, Ill., celebrated the one-year anniversary of her Mary Kay business, and filmed an Esurance commercial back in April that's running nationwide right now on many basic cable channels. You can check her out on the Esurance homepage.

Amanda Shock married Matthew Johnson ND '01 on April 19, 2008,

in their hometown of Dayton, Ohio, at Saint Mary's Catholic Church. Many ND and SMC friends attended, and Amanda was lucky enough to have five Belle bridesmaids: **Teresa O'Neill, Sherry Desautels Prisco, Katie Kelleher, Molly Kleinhenz Wicklander, and Jennifer Turner Stachler.**

Eric Fontaine married **Colleen Borkowski** on May 3, 2008, at Our Lady of Loretto. Colleen shares, "My sister, **Sarah Borkowski '06**, was my maid of honor and my SMC bridesmaids included **Colleen Carey Passolt** and **Cathy Schroeder Ward**. Other SMC grads in attendance were classmates **Katie Kelleher, Colleen Sullivan Schaefer, Sherry Desautels Prisco, Amanda Shock Johnson, Shannon Ross Perrino, Stephanie Rosenthal Boreale, Brook Hughes, Casey Russell, Maura Frailey '04, Kathleen Fisher Leppert '98, Jennifer Johnson Barth '74, Mary Buehl '06, and Natalie Lutz '02.** Crazy how many family members are SMC grads! For the time being, we are calling Waltham, Mass. (the Boston suburbs) home." Congratulations, Colleen and Eric!

I, **Molly Kahn**, recently moved to Dunlap Valley Middle School, a brand-new school, as assistant principal. The experience of opening a new building has been exciting and challenging.

Again, Belles, thanks for your willingness to share updates.

From **Alyson Leatherman**: Hello, 2001 Belles! Per usual, our class has lots to report, so let's not delay: Jennifer Turner Stachler checked in for the first time with this update: "After graduating, I moved back to my hometown of Dayton, Ohio, where I passed my nursing boards and started working as a renal/diabetes nurse in the largest Dayton hospital, Miami Valley. I married my grade school/high school/college sweetheart, Adam, on Sept. 24, 2005. My matron of honor was Teresa O'Neill, and two of my bridesmaids were Amanda Shock Johnson and **Michelle Johnson**. In 2006, I took a job on a postpartum unit at Miami Valley, and shortly after, became pregnant with our first baby. We welcomed a beautiful baby girl, Elyse Josephine, on May 2, 2008."

Julia Malczynski chimed in: "I've been living in the Boston area since the summer of 2003. I currently work for a company called New Union Work Systems, a software company that helps labor unions and grassroots organizing campaigns manage and organize their data. I work in the support/training/documentation end

of things. If any Belles are in the Boston area, I'd love to see you and/or hear from you. My e-mail address is julia.malczynski@gmail.com."

And **Annie Rolfes Atkinson** wrote: "I'm currently living near Nagoya, Japan! My husband is here on an assignment with Toyota until February, and we're trying to see as much of the country as possible."

Weddings and babies are the latest and greatest, so here is all the blessed news: **Gina Case Kasper** wrote: "I married Robert Kasper on March 29, 2008, in Huntington Beach, Cal. Our reception was held aboard the RMS Queen Mary in Long Beach. **Tara Butz** was my maid of honor, while **Kerry Gallagher Davis, Stephanie Bissler Arden, and Nina Riconosciuto Eilers** were bridesmaids. Other Belles in attendance were **Molly Strzelecki, Sarah Merrick Granger, Melissa Wheeler, Beth Teagan, Nora Byrne, and Kerry Butz '07.** I just started another year of teaching for Paramount Unified Schools. I have made a change in grade levels, now teaching 6th-8th language arts, and look forward to a year of new experiences. In June, I traveled back to South Bend to visit Kerry Gallagher Davis and to meet her beautiful new baby girl, Eva Marie."

Nina Riconosciuto Eilers shared: "On Aug. 23, I married Tom Eilers. Tara Butz and Gina Case Kasper were bridesmaids. Also in attendance were: **Melissa Wheeler, Sarah Merrick Granger, Stephanie Bissler Arden, Anne Senger, Beth Teagan, Molly Strzelecki, Asha Mukerjee Ruiz, Laura Brennan Schlidt, and Kerry Gallagher Davis.** We just returned from our honeymoon and are moving in to our new house in Winnetka, Ill., over Labor Day."

Kelly Sterritt Clancy caught us up: "On April 17, **Andrea Herek Wetters** and Keith welcomed their adorable son, Jack Thomas, in Bay City, Mich. Andrea is starting her fifth year teaching English in a Bay City high school. She also completed her master's in teaching from Saginaw Valley State University during the spring. On May 17, **Christine Diana** married Eric Crissman in Ann Arbor, Mich. I was a bridesmaid along with **Andrea Herek Wetters, Alice Fox Fasula, Mary Wald Duncan, and Molly McVoy.** And, on July 17, my husband and I welcomed our beautiful daughter, Kaitlyn Grace, in Grand Rapids, Mich."

Julia Peterson Hannan added: "My husband, Philip, and I had our second son this July. John Philip

("Jack") was born on July 11, 2008. We are so excited to have him join our family."

Autumn Palacz Andronis shared: "On Oct. 20, 2007, I married Peter Andronis at St. Francis of Assisi in Orland Park. We honeymooned in Hawaii for two weeks...the wedding and honeymoon were perfect. We also built a new home in Orland Park."

From **Monica Councilor Wohlberg**: "On March 12, 2008, my husband Matt ND '00, '02 and I welcomed our first child, Aaron Mathew. I continue to work in strategic planning and corporate wellness at Saint Mary's Hospital in Connecticut. Balancing work and being a 'Mommy' is hard at times, but all is very rewarding."

And **Mary Gates** reported: "Chris and I welcomed our third son, Lucas James, on July 15. His brothers, Charlie, 3 and Andrew 1, are thrilled to have another boy around. We are very blessed."

In further exciting baby news, **Katie Willkom Stopczynski** wrote: "Jacob (Jake) Alexander was born on April 26, 2008. We are still living in Brentwood, Cal. After being blessed to be able to stay home with my daughter, Madilyn (Maddie)—she will be 3 in December—I will be going back to work for Banana Republic as a merchandise presentation supervisor in September 2008. I am so excited to be getting back into the retail field!" And **Lauren Oppolo Bukovac** added: "My husband, David, and I welcomed a baby girl on July 30, 2007. Anna Kathleen has just turned 1. I decided to take a break from my advertising career in Chicago to spend time with her while working part-time on a non-profit restoration project in an underserved community."

Lindsay Landvogt wrote: "It's been a busy summer here in Washington, D.C., with lots of yummy dinners at Molly Strzelecki's house, a trip to Miami for the 4th of July, and a long beach weekend in Delaware about a month ago. Kicking off the summer back in May, **Allison Sarnecki Morales** came to visit **Heather O'Donnell** and me, and with her came her son John Paul (who is the cutest little guy ever!). As the summer winds down, I'm closing in on almost a year as a senior convention sales manager, a role I was promoted to with Marriott Hotels and Resorts at the end of 2007. It's been a challenging year with much to learn, but I've enjoyed the opportunity and look forward to continuing on this road for at least another year."

From **Stephanie Shevick**: "I'm busy teaching biology and coaching volleyball at Lake Central High School in St. John, Ind." **Melissa Wheeler** checked in to say: "I am moving back to California and starting pharmacy school at the University of California, San Francisco in September!"

Melissa Grabek Boltz wrote: "Matt and I are still living in Chicago, in the Portage Park area. We bought our first house about two years ago and are planning a trip to Europe (Holland, Germany, and France) in December. I am still working in the early intervention system (birth-3 years, Spanish/English kids) for ICG Rehab as a speech language pathologist and recently became a supervisor. Matt continues to work for WGN radio as the producer/engineer for the Pat/Ron show." And **Jessi Taberski Barnett** reported: "I have a new addition to my family! Our little girl, Olivia Layne, will be 1 this October. My three-year-old twin boys are so sweet and precocious! I am still working at Memorial in the PACU."

Megan Shaughnessy added: "I am in my fourth and final year of an internal medicine/pediatrics residency at the University of Michigan and will start applying for infectious disease fellowships soon. Before starting the fellowship, Kurt and I plan to move to Africa for 10 months to work/volunteer in a hospital. We are currently trying to decide between offers in Tanzania and Zambia. After our time in Africa, we are hoping to settle back in the Minneapolis area."

Christine Draper wrote: "I am a full-time personal trainer and group fitness instructor. I've started taking classes to work on a degree in exercise physiology, and I'm planning to go back to school soon for physical therapy. I recently spent a weekend in San Diego with **Martha Hartwich, Adrienne Galvez, and Amanda Myers.** Amanda has made a HUGE move to Japan to teach English to Japanese students for a year."

Tara Butz wrote: "I just finished up a fabulous wedding weekend for Nina Riconosciuto and Tom Eilers at the Knickerbocker in downtown Chicago. Gina Case Kasper was one of the other members of the Class of 2001 in the bridal party. It was great to catch up with everyone. This year, I am teaching 3rd grade, still out in Barrington. I am taking last year's 2nd-graders with me."

And **Beth Kledzik Davis** sent this news: "**Carolyn Kelley** was married in the Dominican Republic on July 25. I couldn't make it, but her sister, **Janet Kelley '97**, did as well as **Tish Baltes.**

Katie Quinn was married in New York on August 9—to Joe Veeneman from ND. **Meghan McCormick** and **Tara Cupelli Raposa** were in attendance. I just keep plugging away at my new job as of January—I work for a linen manufacturer doing their marketing to the hospitality industry.”

And lastly, I am starting my third year this fall as a high school counselor and still loving it! I'm proud to report that I ran my second half-marathon in June with my students as part of an after-school running program that I initiated with colleagues. I spent my summer relaxing, running, hiking, and enjoying all that the area has to offer. Great to hear from you all! Until next time, my best.

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From Amy: Greetings, Class of 2003! I hope that your summer was filled with lots of fun, sun, and relaxation. I can't say that mine was too relaxing, but it was very nice. We had gorgeous weather in Cleveland (a rarity for us in the Great Lakes!), so that made summer much more enjoyable. Now for the updates:

Stephanie Janiczek married George Nora ND Ph.D. '07 on June 21, 2008, at Holy Spirit Chapel in Le Mans Hall. Alumnae in attendance were: **Candice Janiczek Arriola '00**, **Colleen Weigel '02**, **Sandra Alaniz '04**, **Jodie Emerick '05**, **Esther Probst '06**, and **Ximena Williams-Olivera '06**. **Suzie Schugt '04** served as one of Stephanie's bridesmaids. Stephanie and George are living in West Palm Beach, Fla., where George is a post-doctoral researcher in chemistry for Scripps Florida and Stephanie is a therapist at the Children's Place at Home Safe.

Janelle Koop married Joseph D. Keller on July 5, 2008, in Cincinnati, Ohio. **Christine LaVigne Osburn** and **Meghan McGinty Anderson** were bridesmaids in the wedding. **Adrienne Dorbish Pietropaolo**,

Stephanie Redwanski Belschner, **Cindy Cvangros McCutcheon**, **Katy Disinger**, **Amy Greene**, **Beth Didier Krieg**, and **Kim LaVigne '07** were in attendance. Janelle and Joe recently moved into a house in Noblesville, Ind., and are excited to start their lives together as a couple. Janelle is in her second year of her master's degree in nursing and continues to work full-time in the pediatric intensive care unit at Peyton Manning's Children's Hospital at Saint Vincent's in Indianapolis.

Merideth Pierce married **Jesse Sullivan** ND Ph.D. '07 on Aug. 2, 2008, at Holy Spirit Chapel in Le Mans Hall. **Lorri Wright**, **Lauren Dasso Stalter**, **Adrienne Dorbish Pietropaolo**, **Amy Greene**, **Candi McElligott**, **Katie McVoy**, **Kendall Reidlinger Ymalay**, **Karen Schaff**, and **Linda Holtcamp McVoy '74** were in attendance. **Renée Donovan Genetti** and **Mary Dugan** were bridesmaids. The Pierce/Sullivan reception was held at the Morris Performing Arts Center and Palais Royale in South Bend. The couple honeymooned in Costa Rica and currently resides in Providence, R.I.

Amber Taylor O'Rourke and husband **Howard** ND '02 welcomed their first child, **Howard Timothy** ("Little Howie") on Feb. 7, 2008. Amber is enjoying being a full-time stay-at-home mom. Her husband is in his third year of residency, specializing in radiology, at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center.

Meghan McGinty Anderson and **Ben Anderson** ND '03 welcomed their second son, **Drew Thomas**, on Feb. 28, 2008. Meghan writes that son Luke, 2, is a great older brother. Luke was recently diagnosed with Wilms Tumor (a childhood kidney cancer) and is undergoing treatment. Meghan, Ben, and their families appreciate all thoughts and prayers that have come and continue to come their way.

Christine LaVigne Osburn has been living in Milwaukee for the past year while her husband, **Matt** ND '03, teaches ROTC at Marquette University. Christine writes, "I love being a stay-at-home mom to Elizabeth. She keeps me busy as she discovers new pieces of furniture to climb on every day. We're taking a Mommy-Daughter dance class in the fall. Elizabeth already has great rhythm and loves music of all kinds, including rap, which she showed off quite a bit at her Aunt Janelle's wedding reception last month." Christine also is starting a new work-at-home career as a medical transcriptionist and recommends it to any other nurses out there who want to stay at home.

From Amanda: Thanks for all of your updates! The next deadline for the summer issue of the *Courier* is Feb. 25, 2009. You can send us any new contact information, too. It was great seeing everyone at the five-year reunion! I can't wait for the next one!

Melanie Burke Cameron welcomed **Esther Megan Cameron** into the world on March 28, 2008. Melanie is also successfully running a freelance writing, editing, and web design business, **Renee de Burgh**.

Nicole Strzykowski Mills and her husband, **Daniel**, were blessed with their third child on July 2, 2008: **Aribel Ray Mills**. Daniel is stationed overseas in Kuwait so he was not there for the birth, but he received lots of pictures. **Chloe** is 5; **Bradley** is 3.

Lisa Hudes married **Eric Frey** on June 21, 2008. The wedding was held in Virginia, and they spent two weeks in Costa Rica for the honeymoon. **Tita Moreno** and **Marnie McKee Kuhn** were bridesmaids.

Mackenzie McGee moved to Royal Oak, Mich., a suburb of Detroit, to start her residency in radiation oncology at Beaumont Hospital. Just before that, she had the chance to attend **Erin Moran Crill's** beautiful wedding. Mackenzie's husband, **Joe**, is still in Chicago for his job, so she is doing lots of traveling.

Monica Cannon-Meeker stopped working full-time and has now opened a tutoring company. Monica tutors students in Highland Park and works as a substitute teacher for the district as well. After an illness, Monica's husband is back on track to graduate from medical school in 2010. They traveled to Breckenridge, Col., for Christmas 2007 and Big Bend National Park the last weekend in May. Monica wishes she could have made it to the reunion, but hopes to be there in five years!

Ann Hoover Sinclair opened her new store, **The Fig Tree**, in Chicago last August. Take a peek at www.thefigtreechicago.com.

From Meganne: **Erin Moran** married **Ben Crill** in Indianapolis on June 21, 2008. SMC grads in attendance included **Torie Cox**, **Meganne Hoffman**, and **Mackenzie McGee**, as well as **Cathe DeCleene**, the director of women's health at Saint Mary's. Erin made a beautiful bride. Congratulations, Erin!

Kelly Long Jackson graduated in June from the University of Denver Daniels College of Business with her international MBA and started working for Hitachi Consulting. She is traveling a lot, but writes that she is enjoying the project she is working on. On July

19, she married **Chris Jackson** in Vail, Col. **Torie Cox** and **Meghan McKeon Doud** were bridesmaids. Other SMCers in attendance included: **Sara Bishop Nelson**, **Kara Beck**, and **Corrine Negrelli**.

Corrine is enjoying life in Columbus, Ohio. Recently promoted to associate designer, she is happy to report that she is still with **Abercrombie and Fitch**. In August, she had an opportunity to celebrate an upcoming event with **Bridget Myers**, **Torie Cox**, and **Amy Wall** at a party in Cleveland and traveled to Vail, Col., in July for Kelly's wedding. There, she was able to catch up with **Meghan McKeon Doud**, **Sara Bishop Nelson**, **Kara Beck**, and **Torie Cox**.

Lauren Hofer is in the midst of her final year of pharmacy school at Auburn and can't wait to announce herself as Dr. Hofer!

Allie Higgins wrote to report that she married **Michael Taylor Rittenour** on May 10 in the U.S. Virgin Islands. After a small wedding and honeymoon, they held a reception in her hometown of Elizabethtown, Ky., on June 7. Several SMC grads made the trip to help them celebrate: **Sarah Stegmaier**, **Leslie Kleczek**, **Erin Maloney '02**, **Shannon Maloney '99**, and **Katie Harrison '04**. Mike and Allie are living in Alexandria, Va.

Alaina Indriolo wrote with fantastic updates from so many of our classmates! Alaina is still working at Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago on the respiratory floor and writes that she is "busy traveling from Florida to Las Vegas and a few places in between!" She let us know that **Katie Moorman Rahrig** was married in April to **Chris Rahrig**. Attendants were **Alaina Indriolo**, **Nina Ready Sina**, and **Adria Hamel**. SMC alumnae in attendance were **Nicole Garcia '04**, **Rachel Fanning '04**, and **Emily Storer Perkins**. "We had a great time and danced the night away to some Linebacker favorites. Katie is currently residing in Cincinnati, Ohio, and working as a neonatal ICU nurse at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center."

Brooke Wilkins Curry writes that she is the manager of the Anytime Fitness franchise in Granger, Ind., with her husband **Derrick Curry**, ND '04. She is spending most of her time personal training and teaching fitness classes.

Nina Ready Sina is still living in West Palm Beach and working as a therapist.

Katie DeMent Pohlmeier and her husband are busy with **Claire**, who will be turning 1. Katie graduates



Come to Ireland & Poland with us



Great news! The Saint Mary's Alumnae Association has been invited to partner with the University of Notre Dame Alumni Association Travel Program. Not only will we be able to expand our travel offerings, but we will also be able to continue to focus on our traditions and values with an emphasis on the educational and religious character common to both institutions. This new partnership, however, will not come at the expense of our current travel program. Saint Mary's will continue to host one or two trips each year that are exclusive to our alumnae, family, and friends of the College. Over the years Saint Mary's has hosted trips to places such as Tuscany, Hong Kong, Peru, Spain, and Ireland.

While Notre Dame offers over 45 trips each year, Saint Mary's has agreed to participate in only programs that are exclusive to Notre Dame alumni. A member of the Saint Mary's community will travel with the group and we will be heading to the following destinations:

■ Ireland

Ennis

June 19–27, 2009

\$2,695 per person, plus airfare

Set on Europe's outskirts against the waves of the Atlantic Ocean is a rare land—the legendary Emerald Isle. Begin your exploration in Ennis, County Clare, and travel to the ancient Burren and windswept Cliffs of Moher. Visit Bunratty Castle, the most complete and authentic medieval castle in Ireland, then continue to Bunratty Folk Park, whose recreated 19th-century village provides insight into the life of bygone days. Cruise to the Aran Island of Inishmore and marvel at the cliffside fortress of Dún Aengus. Appreciate the country's epic literary heritage at Coole Park in County Galway, with its beech tree bearing W.B. Yeats' initials and the 16th-century tower of Thoor Ballylee, where he resided.



In addition to a member of the Saint Mary's College Alumnae Relations staff accompanying the trip, Father John Pearson, CSC, will serve as our tour host for this trip. Fr. Pearson is assistant superior at Moreau Seminary at Notre Dame and the campus minister at Saint Mary's.

Don't miss this opportunity to explore Ireland, a captivating island of legend and history, lively villages, and peaceful countryside.

■ Poland

The Legacy of Pope John Paul II

July 11–18, 2009

\$1,649 per person, plus airfare

Enjoy a week in Pope John Paul's Poland. Start in Warsaw with guided sightseeing featuring the Cathedral of St. John and the Warsaw Ghetto, followed by an excursion to Niepokalanow and its Franciscan Friary, founded by St. Maximilian Kolbe. In Czestochowa, visit the Shrine and the famous Black Madonna, an image and devotion Pope John Paul II held very close to his heart throughout his life. Visit the remains of the former concentration



camp in Auschwitz, as well as the Martyrdom Museum and St. Maximilian Kolbe's cell. Next is Krakow, the city where Pope John Paul II served as archbishop. Guided sightseeing includes Wawel Castle, St. Mary's Church, and the world-famous Shrine of Divine Mercy. Also enjoy an excursion to the Pope's hometown of Wadowice. Visit his birthplace and boyhood home, as well as Kalwaria Zebrzydowska, one of Poland's most famous shrines and a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



For more information about these trips, visit:
saintmarys.edu/alumnae-travel

in December with a master's in education.

Caitlin Duffey is the proud mama of a baby girl named McCauley McFarland Abramson ("Mickey" for short) who was born on Mother's Day 2008, May 11. Born with lots of black hair, she is the light of her mom's life. Congratulations to Caitlin and her husband Kevin Abramson!

In personal news, I am starting my fourth year with the Rome Program. I had a blast at our class reunion this past May and truly enjoyed spending time with 2003! I am already looking forward to the next gathering. It was a beautiful weekend! I spent the summer in Elkhart, Ind., working on a horse farm and made several trips to campus to visit my sister, Jenny Hoffman '10. Driving down the Avenue never gets old—and campus looks great!

Keep your updates coming! As always, it is a true joy to hear what you are up to.

From the *Courier* office:

Gabrielle Campo is running for Indiana's 7th Congressional District seat. She has yard signs that read "She Has My Vote" and the other, "Another Democrat For Campo."

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Hello, Class of 2005! It was great hearing from all of you who sent in updates. We would love to hear from others! Please continue to update us with your contact information so that we can keep in touch.

Kim Holly Maher reports that she married John Maher on July 12. **Ashley Thornburg**, **Margie Schaffner**, and **Megan Beauchamp** stood up for Kim. **Rachel Casciari**, **Michele Firmstone**, **Elisabeth Baldwin**, **Kate Lohmuller**, and **Anne Mahoney** were also in attendance. Kim and her husband recently built a new home in Manhattan, Ill.

Lindsay (Downs) Valencourt reports that she married Jesse Valencourt on June 28 in Indianapolis, Ind. **Mary Holland**, **Sarah Brown**, **Jill Roberts**, **Theresa Mills**, **Ellice Gregg Bedel**, **Christina Schmidt**, and **Molly Ritter** '06 were in attendance.

Pamela Kane married David Kelly, ND '04 in April. Pam's wedding was full of Saint Mary's grads, including maid of honor **Amy Kane '08**, Pam's mom, **Linda Montella Kane '73**, and guests **Shannon Artnak**, **Annie Basinski '04**, **Allison Black**, **Jennifer Concannon**, **Emily Creachbaum**, **Therese Cullen**, **Andrea George**, **Michelle Biersmith Hennings '04**, **Tricia Michalak**, **Katie Noble**, **Maureen MacDonald Rousseve**, **Katie Taylor**, and **Emily Wagoner**.

Julie Breen reports that **Michelle Cooper** married Richard Knox last December. **Kendall Krische** was the maid of honor. **Julie**, **Becky Davies**, **Angela Saoud**, and **Amanda Wiehe** attended the wedding reception in Iowa in February. Michelle recently moved to Missouri and works for Deloitte. Kendall is currently working as the preschool director at a Catholic school in southern California. Julie is teaching at St. Ben's as a kindergarten teacher on Chicago's north side.

Jenny Foertsch married Mark Zepf ND '04 on June 14 at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at Notre Dame. Jenny reports that it was a beautiful day. **Elisabeth Baldwin**, **Carey Batz**, **Anne Mahoney**, **Kate Lohmuller**, and **Quinn Shern Nelson '02** were all bridesmaids. Mark is currently living in New York City, and Jenny plans to join him after she graduates from Ohio University's medical school in 2009.

Jill Roberts graduated from Chicago-Kent College of Law on May 18 and sat for the Illinois Bar in July. In September, she started a one-year judicial clerkship at the Department of Justice immigration court in Detroit, Mich.

Jessica Sloan recently accepted a job with Marist College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. She is one of two resident directors for the college's program in Florence, Italy. Her time will be spent utilizing her experience and passion to ensure that other students have a meaningful and memorable time in Florence. Jessica is looking forward to her return to L'Italia and cannot wait to have some gelato.

Cynthia Rodriguez just moved to Dallas, Texas, where she works as a bilingual family therapist for Youth Villages. Cynthia says that she doesn't know very many people out there and would love to hear from any SMC ladies in the area!

Erin Krombach Groves married Jonathan Groves in Dallas, Texas, on Feb. 16. The couple honeymooned in the Dominican Republic and recently traveled to SMC, where they were able to visit with Sr. Francis Helene at the

Getting Married? Expecting?

We'd like to help you celebrate, but we can't print news about future weddings or babies. When your plans become reality, please let your class reporter or the *Courier* office know, and we'll gladly print your news after the fact.



convent. They are now living in Dallas. Erin is the fourth grade team leader for an elementary school in Plano, Texas. She is also pursuing her master's degree in curriculum instruction and counseling.

In the beginning of August, **Adriana Puente** started a new job at True Partners Consulting, LLC in downtown Chicago. Adriana completed the first semester of an executive master's in taxation program at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. (She notes that Professor Renshaw would be proud!). She said that the program is pretty rough, but she has learned a lot and somehow had a lot of fun as well. She will graduate in May 2009 and then move on to take the CPA exams. She is still living in the city with **Veronica Saavedra**, who just participated in the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Walk in the Chicagoland area. Veronica was able to raise even more than her monetary goal and completed the three-day, 60-mile walk for the cause!

On July 13, **Cassie Gerstner Kaplan** married Giordan Kaplan in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Her wedding party included **Lyz Carmody** and **Jodie Emerick**. Cassie and her husband recently purchased a home in Wheaton, Ill.

Cortney Watson is currently a graduate student at the University of Michigan in the public policy program, entering her second year this September. She spent three months in Cambodia working as a women's rights advocate/researcher focusing on domestic violence and women's access to justice.

Margaret BonDurant moved to Chicago and is working for Modern Luxury Media (which publishes *Chicago Social* magazine).

Roselyn Boyle married Chris Heck ND '05 on July 26 at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. **Lucy Andaloro** served as the maid of honor, while **Maureen Garavan**, **Jess Jandrain**, **Sarah Paladino**, **Courtney Shaffer** and **Michelle Stanforth** were all part of the wedding party.

Shannon Greenwell-Wright married David Wright in St. Louis on Oct. 27, 2007. **Molly McCavitt** and **Elizabeth Anderson** were both in attendance.

Meghan Flick married Stefan Schmelzer on Aug. 23, 2008. **Danelle Duffy** was part of the wedding party. Meghan and her husband are living in Fenton, Mich., until Meghan graduates with her master's degree in social work from the University of Michigan.

This past summer, Michelle Stanforth was involved with RIMPAC 2008, a Navy exercise involving 10 countries across the Pacific Fleet. In July, she returned to Saint Mary's for Roselyn Boyle (Heck)'s wedding. Then, back in Hawaii, she was able to enjoy another mini-reunion with **Mary Kartheiser '04** and fellow Belle swimmer **Julie McGranahan '04**, who were vacationing on the island. In October, she left her station in Hawaii and moved to Tampa, Fla. where she started teaching navigation and seamanship at University of Southern Florida's Navy ROTC program.

Sarah Harward Haywood reports that she married Christopher Haywood on March 29, 2008, in Denver, Col. **Lisa Christiano**, **Maria Corso**, **Claire Higgins**, and **Marianne Rutz** traveled across the country to be there for Sarah's big day. Sarah and her husband are now expecting and can't wait to welcome the little one in mid-February.

In August, I met up with Jodie Emerick, **Erin Korreck**, **Abby Ragan**, and **Meghan Scallen Welch** in Washington, D.C. Abby is working there as a teacher and logging quite a few miles running in various races and giving tours of the Capitol to her visiting friends and family. Erin graduated in May with a master's degree in sociology from Indiana University- Purdue University Fort Wayne. I graduated from Chicago-Kent College of Law on May 18, took the Illinois Bar in July, and am currently spending my time job hunting in the Chicago area.

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From the Courier office: Kelly Ann Hickey writes that she was married to Matthew Lilly ND, BA '05, JD '08 on June 28, 2008, at Our Lady of Grace Church in Edina, Minn. Kelly's cousin, **Lindsey Krawczun '09** was the maid of honor. Classmates **Anne Spyhalski** and **Lauren Briatta** were bridesmaids. **Bridget Borg** delivered the first reading, **Bridget Green** helped bring the gifts to the altar, and **Kate Fenlon '08** was a Eucharistic Minister. **Kathryn Roth Lilly '76** was the mother of the groom. A reception was held at the St. Paul Hotel in St. Paul, Minn., following the ceremony. Also in attendance at the ceremony and reception were a cousin of the bride **Kate Hickey Devine '87**, **Carolyn Logan**, and **Sheila Gallagher Dillon '76**. Kelly and Matt have relocated to Charlotte, N.C., where they will begin their life together.





Please join us for Reunion '09

June 4–7, 2009

Thursday, June 4

3 P.M.

Registration begins

Friday, June 5

9 A.M. – 5 P.M.

Alumnae continuing education opportunities

5:30 P.M.

Eucharistic liturgy—honoring the Jubilee class of 1958 and all “Older than Golden” alumnae

6–8 P.M.

Class dinners

8:30–midnight

All-class party

Saturday, June 6

8–11 A.M.

Alumnae continuing education opportunities

11 A.M.

Presidential address: Carol Ann Mooney '72

Noon–2 P.M.

Picnic and class photos

2–4 P.M.

Special class gatherings

7 P.M.

Reunion banquet: *program highlights include presentation of the annual Alumnae Association awards and the Reunion Gift Campaign awards*

Sunday, June 7

9:45 A.M.

Sunday liturgy

11 A.M.

Champagne brunch

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